

FORMER STAR OF METROPOLITAN OPERA WRITES OF WAR CONDITIONS IN EUROPE



MRS. SOPHIE TRAUBMANN AND DAUGHTER, LEONORA

A Duluthian who keeps in touch with the European situation in the most interesting way is Lionel Traubmann, general manager of the Silberstein and Bondy company. His sister, Mme. Patzowsky, has lived much in Europe, and went abroad in July. She is now in London, from which point Mr. Traubmann receives fascinating accounts of the latest developments from his sister.

Under her maiden name of Sophie Traubmann, Mme. Patzowsky was the idol of Munich and Hamburg. She was prima donna of the grand opera company at Hamburg, singing the leading soprano roles at the time Mme. Ernestine Schuman Heink was the contralto there. She has always been a close personal friend of Frau Cosima Wagner. Mme. Traubmann also sang with the Metropolitan grand opera company in New York at the time when Lilli Lehmann, Max Alvary and Emil Fischer were members of the company, and at the time of her retirement from the operatic stage. 15 years ago, a storm of protest arose from patrons of the opera both here and in Europe. Mme. Traubmann was a coloratura artist, and called by many the American Patti.

Her daughter Eleanore here pictured with her mother, bids fair to become as great a favorite. She has a voice of phenomenal range and power for one so young, and won the plaudits of the members of the Metropolitan opera company recently at a private hearing. Mme. Patzowsky has recently been the guest of her sister, the Countess Van Limburg-Stirum of Holland, whose father-in-law was prime minister under Wilhelm's father.

A portion of Mme. Patzowsky's latest letter from London to her family reads as follows: "My Dear Ones,—

"We have been at this hotel (the Victoria) since Tuesday; Eleanore and I felt very uneasy at Blankenberg when we saw what was going on, the stores closing and food giving out. Some of our friends would not leave, thinking they would be safe there, but the next day they were obliged to leave, and now they are also in London. Mrs. Borden Harriman and other

rich Americans have offered to help me if I should be in need of money. Until today I had to charge everything to the hotel, as they would not take foreign checks or money.

"Europe is in a terrible state. London is the best place to be in, and I intend remaining here at any price until it is safe to cross the sea. The American business men are mad to get home, and all sail third class with their families, and pay a premium, even on a fruit steamer. There are only a few small English boats going to sail. God knows how they will get over. I was offered third class passage on a small boat at \$150 a person but I shall not sail until I get good first or second class accommodations, so I will just remain quietly here in this hotel. Mr. Blumberg and his sisters of the Musical Courier are also here, and there are many people whom I know. Such crowds and excitement I have never before experienced, but it is all very interesting. Such a thing is seen only once in a lifetime.

"The poor Germans are getting it badly. One of our friends cannot use her Hamburg line checks at all, and she is in a cheaper hotel. Here we have music and fashion. Lord Carlisle and others come to see us, and we are having a very enjoyable time. Most of the people, however, have lost all their trunks and will never get them again. Don't worry about us, we are all right. I wish you would send over a New York paper. I want to see what they are writing about the war. It is really terrible."

It will be interesting later to note this celebrated women's comments on the war news as printed in American journals.

Miss Mary Dunn, 529 South Seventy-first avenue West, entertained at a lawn party Thursday evening. Japanese lanterns furnished the illumination and dancing and games formed the amusements for the evening. The guests were: Miss Ethel Overton, Miss Katherine Neubauer, Miss Myrtle Amundson, Miss May Swenson, Miss Ann Neubauer, Miss Allie Onsgard, Miss Celia Swenson, Miss Inga Hessness, Miss Sere Apel, Arthur Renstrom, Seidor Boyd, Al Swanson, Roy Onsgard, Wilfred Boyd, Irvin Amundson, J. Erlingson, H. Hanford, G. Olson and Arthur Nelson.

Mrs. W. C. Perrin, 2322 West Sixth street, entertained Thursday evening. Games and music formed the features of the evening. The guests were Miss Minnie Stevens, Miss Agnes McDonald, Miss Rose Cease, Miss Lillie Ryan, Miss Ruby McDonald, Miss Nina Barnard, Miss Josephine Flood and Miss Teresa Broadwell.

All Modern Maccabees of the city will be entertained at a joint picnic at Fond du Lac Monday. The steamer Favorite will leave the Fifth avenue dock at 9 a. m.

Duluth Council, No. 3, Modern Samaritans, were the guests of the Arnold council Friday evening. Following a meeting the evening was passed in dancing. Those who com-

posed the party were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McWatty, Mrs. Lucy Purdy, Mrs. Laura Merritt, Mrs. C. Crothers, Mrs. P. L. Milley, Mrs. H. M. Sparnitz, William F. Culligan, L. U. Young and Richard Jones. Among those from Alpha council No. 1, who attended were C. E. Lovett, W. B. Henderson, F. A. Noble, A. E. McManus, W. A. Hicken and Dr. William H. Salter.

Mrs. J. H. Altman, 421 First avenue West, entertained at dinner Sunday evening in honor of her cousin, Max Oreckovsky and his bride-to-be, Miss Dora Aaronson of Superior. Covers were laid for 22. The color scheme was red and green. American beauties being the flowers used. Bridge was played at five tables in

the evening. The favors were won by Mrs. J. Altman and Max Oreckovsky. The Oreckovsky-Aaronson wedding will take place in Superior, September 6.

Mrs. W. J. Lawrence, 2009 West Second Street, entertained informally Thursday afternoon, for the members of the Thimble Bee of the Ladies' Auxiliary of B. of L. F. and E. The guests were Mrs. Charles Griffith, Mrs. W. S. Kearns, Mrs. W. F. Brightfelt, Mrs. J. Pachecick, Mrs. John Farum, Mrs. I. LaFone, Mrs. John Shultz, Mrs. Roy Tabor, Mrs. W. F. McDonald of Superior, Mrs. John Cullum, Mrs. George Dingwall of Superior, Mrs. Charles Erickson, Mrs. Henry Verboncoeur, Mrs. Pearl Brightfelt and Miss Frances Bryant. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Kearns and Miss Brightfelt.

Zenith Grove No. 10, Woodman Circle entertained at a picnic Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Donald McLellan, 2510 Minnesota avenue. The table was bright with golden glow, garden flowers being used about the room. The guests were Mrs. J. H. Larkin, Mrs. J. F. Roberts, Mrs. Frank Schmeiger, Mrs. F. A. Sloan, Mrs. George Miller, Mrs. M. Murden, Mrs. Anneron, Mrs. George Blaisdell, Mrs. R. Forsythe, Miss Elsie Schmeiger, Miss Clara Blaisdel, Miss Myrtle Forsythe and Henry Larkin.

The regular meeting of the circle will be held Friday evening, in Forster hall, Fourth avenue West and First street.