

AMERICAN MAIDS
HOLD OWN WITH
FOREIGN SINGERS

Present Opera Season Brings
Unusually Large Number
Forward.

By NEA Service
CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—American
maids with American-made voices
are giving imported tral-las the run-
around in a merry race for suprem-
acy. There is proof in the debut
this season of Yankee-bred song-
birds with the Chicago Civic Opera
Company here.

With ample funds to pick with and
all the world to pick from, it is a
signal honor that the opera guard-
ians should go about the cities and
villages of America first of all in
their quest for stars.

Heretofore, Europe has been the
hunting grounds of most opera es-
tablishments. Employment of for-
eign-born and schooled artists to
charm the town-wearers in the front
boxes has been the regular thing.

But little Florence Misgen, one of
this season's Chicago Opera re-
cruits came fresh to the operatic
stage from the seclusion of her con-
vent school. The father who gave
her his fond blessings is a country
storekeeper at Prescott, Wis.

Letter Won Hearing, Fame
Florence is tall, beautiful and a
red-head. In her idyllic surround-
ings she was a stranger to paint,
powder and lipstick until coming to
the big city for the first time. No
hairedresser ever had touched her
locks, and she got the big trial sim-
ply by writing a girlish letter asking
for a hearing.

They write her name now in in-
candescent glass, one of the sea-
son's lyric sopranos.

With Florence came Anna Hamlin,
daughter of the late tenor, George
Hamlin. Anna is a Chicago girl.

Lorna Doone Jackson, find No. 3,
was born in Marissa, Ill., a small
hamlet near St. Louis. Opera has
been her goal ever since she was a
little girl and became inspired by
Madame Calve, a famous singer, who
later took Lorna to France as her
guest and pupil.

Louise Loring, the fourth Amer-
ican girl, comes from Providence,
R. I. She studied music in New
York and made her first operatic
debut at Flume in Bellini's "Norma,"
in 1912.

Jewish Cantor Fifth
These four and Albert Rappaport,
former cantor in a Chicago Jewish
synagogue, give America five new
representatives in the Chicago opera
ensemble, as compared with only
seven recruits from the whole of
Europe.

Practically all the more impor-
tant roles of the local company,
which requires a fortune yearly for
its maintenance, are being filled by
Americans. There are Mary Garden,
Charles Hackett, Charles Marshall
and others who are giving the im-
ported singers the keenest kind of
competition.

Just now the race is neck and

Freckles and His Friends

By Blosser



JOHNSON PLANS
STRONG FIGHT ON
SELLING OF SHIPS

Records One Constructive
Piece of Work for Pres-
ent Congress.

Times Washington Bureau,
1822 New York Avenue
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The
one constructive piece of work un-
dertaken so far at this session of
Congress is Senator Hiram John-
son's investigation of the proposed
sale of the American Merchant
Marine.

Johnson intends that it shall be
even more constructive before it is
ended.

"We have already accomplished
two things," says Johnson. "We
stopped the sale of the vessels just
as it was to be consummated. And
we have aroused an intense interest
in the creation of a merchant ma-
rine. It is hoped that the committee
will do something more than ordi-
nary committees. I don't intend
that it shall simply fade out at the
end of its hearings. It will attempt
to put its views in writing and pre-
sent a definite policy of some kind
for the creation and permanent
maintenance of a merchant marine."

Testimony brought out by John-
son at hearings indicated the nature
of the fight against continued Gov-
ernment operation of the ships
which netted the United States \$1-
600,000 profit during the past six
months.

These three causes were assigned

as militating against a merchant
marine:

First, apathy and lack of knowl-
edge of the situation.
Second, the fact that the only
Americans who have any knowl-
edge of operating ships on the north
Atlantic are men who work for the
big companies that own large
amounts of foreign tonnage.

Third, and most important, John-
son believes, is the propaganda that
flows out from big competing lines
on the north Atlantic.

These companies have organiza-
tions that spread completely over
the country. In many cases they
are allied with big trunk line rail-
roads and the spirit of those organ-
izations is to do away with the possi-
bilities of building and operating American
ships. They have huge advertising
accounts and they extend their in-
fluences still farther through inter-
locking directorates.

"This situation precludes us from
doing that which is essential for the
national defense and which is es-
sential for our economic wellbeing,"
says Johnson.

The shipping board proposed to
sell five ships of the United States
lines for \$200,000 each, which is
about half their present market value
if used on any route, and much
less when their established trade
is taken into account. It proposed
also to lease the Leviathan and four
companion ships for ten years at a
rental of \$1,000 a ship a month.
That would reduce the income of
the United States from its vessels
from approximately \$3,000,000 a
year to \$60,000.

Johnson halted the sale the night
before it was to be made by rush-
ing a resolution through the Senate.

KILLS WILD HOG
CYCLONE, Mo., Jan. 6.—The first
wild hog seen in the Ozark Mountain
region in nearly seventy-five years
was killed recently by William

Drake, a farmer of near Cyclone.
Drake found the hog feeding upon
acorns. Three doses of buckshot
brought it down. Its tusks were
nearly an inch thick.



DR. W. B. CALDWELL
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ten years, according to figures re-
ceived at the United States Depart-
ment of Agriculture.

In 1915 the rolls of farm business
organizations contained the names of
about 500,000 members. In Decem-
ber, 1925, this number had grown to
2,500,000.

From a percentage standpoint the
largest gains in membership were
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occurred in the western north cen-
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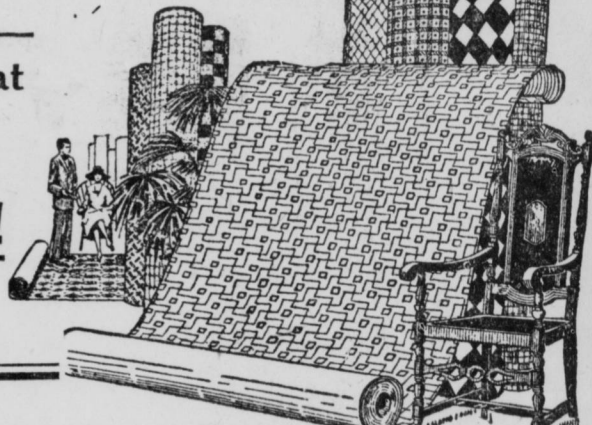
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