

GEMS GALORE TO GLITTER AT OPERA OPENING

Chicago Gold Coast Will Lead Dedication of \$20,000,000 Theater.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Nov. 4.—With the old guard of her social aristocrats occupying the thirty-six salmon pink boxes and her new generation of bull market millionaires sitting under the soft glow of indirect amber lights down in front, Chicago tonight dedicates her new \$20,000,000 opera house.

Although a large measure of success has attended the attempt of the Civic Opera managers to bring grand opera within the reach of the man in the street by offering him more and cheaper seats, opening night is destined to be a triumph for the Gold Coast.

Those not fortunate enough to speak for their dedication seats six months ago, have no chance to enter the skyscraper "opera home" tonight, even though some of them are said to be offering as high as \$50 for a single seat on the main floor.

Names long associated with social and financial pre-eminence in Chicago appear on the list of those who will occupy boxes. The box on the extreme left of the golden curve has been reserved for Mrs. Edith McCormick, daughter of the duke and former wife of Harold F. McCormick, head of the International Harvester Company.

On the extreme right will sit Samuel Insull, the multimillionaire utilities executive, whose genius for organization brought grand opera to its present state of affluence.

Although there are many new names among the box holders, those who figured prominently in the social and business affairs of the nineties still predominate. In this class are eleven McCormicks, four Swifts, two Dawes, including the ambassador to Great Britain; three Ryersons and two Insulls, but only one Petter Palmer and one Field. The once powerful family of P. D. Armour, the meat packer, is not represented, for the first time in twenty years.

"Aida," spectacular opera which Verdi wrote at the command of the khedive of Egypt to celebrate the completion of the Suez canal, has been chosen as the only one elaborate enough for tonight's dedication. Rosa Raisa will sing the title role, supported by a cast including Cyrena Van Gordon, Charles Martin and Hilda Burke.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS OF CITY GIVEN HONORS

Twenty-Three Get Ranks at Grand Council Fire Session.

Help! You Know Sheila?



"Sheila! Isn't that a pretty name?" exclaimed the young woman who opens the mail in The Times editorial room. She was looking at a picture of Sheila MacDonald, second daughter of Ramsay MacDonald, the British prime minister, who recently visited in this country.

"It's an odd name," the young woman continued. "I wonder if there are any Sheilas in Indianapolis. I never knew any one by that name."

"Let's find out," the editor suggested. "Let's print this picture of Sheila MacDonald and ask Times readers to give us the names and addresses of any Indianapolis Sheilas. I'll bet a box of candy against a pack of cigarettes that there are not more than two

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Horrible threat! Save yourselves, folks, by letting Fannie win the candy. And then you'll be helping the Sheilas, too, for every girl in Indianapolis named Sheila is to receive a one-pound box of candy. Details later.

The Times contest editor is the referee. If you know of any Sheilas in Indianapolis, for the sake of peace in The Times workshop, send him their names and addresses. Hurry! By the way, Sheila is pronounced She-lah—we looked it up in Webster's Dictionary."

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Election to Climax Long Period of Chaos for City

Six Mayors Followed in Ten-Day Parade for Position.

BY EDWIN V. O'NEIL.

The most unusual four-year term for city officials in Indianapolis's history will close Jan. 6 with inauguration of the mayor elected by the Nov. 5 ballot.

John L. Duvall and the majority of city councilmen, who rode in on a wave of Ku-Klux Klan enthusiasm in January, 1926, brought to city hall the most chaotic condition ever known in the history of the federal form of government in any city.

Out of the turmoil came the election of L. Ert Slack, Democratic lawyer and former United States district attorney, to fill the unexpired term of the Republican-Canadian mayor who was indicted and convicted in criminal court for violation of the corrupt practices act.

Seven of the nine councilmen involved in the bribery scandal which occupied the limelight for months, were forced to resign in response to an irate citizenship.

Attitude Nonpartisan

Slack brought to the city hall a dignified and nonpartisan atmosphere. Having served as United States attorney during the war, it was possible for Slack to implant in city employees something of the federal idea of government. Politicians who wanted to keep the reins of the municipality, "died hard." They fought to obtain the office until the state supreme court held Slack legally elected mayor by the city council.

The long-drawn-out litigation was based on the legality of his election by the city council, which declared a "vacancy" after Duvall was convicted and disfranchised. Attorneys said he never had been qualified for public office, although he sat in the mayor's chair nearly two years.

The litigation resulted in an unsettled condition at city hall and failure of bond houses to buy bonds, delaying several important improvements.

Duvall had been advised by friends and enemies to resign and "get out," but he insisted on "sticking it out," despite repeated threats of the "four horsemen" of the council to impeach him.

Duvall Resigned

Finally, on the same day the council met to elect Claude E. Negley, then council president, as mayor pro tem, for ten days, Duvall headed the advice of Ira M. Holmes, Republican lawyer and George V. Coffin lieutenant, and resigned.

Miss Duvall, who a short time before had been appointed city controller, replacing Duvall's brother-in-law, Charles Buser, succeeded to the mayoralty for a few minutes. She appointed Ira M. Holmes city controller and then resigned.

Holmes, according to his own interpretation of the statute, succeeded Mrs. Duvall as mayor and proceeded to take the reins of government. But Negley, whose faction commanded the police department, called in uniformed officers to hold the fort.

Litigation followed. Indianapolis having six mayors in a little more than ten days' time. They were Duvall, Mrs. Duvall, Holmes, Negley, Slack and Joseph L. Hogue, former city controller, who sought to get the office by virtue of an ancient statute.

Many Scrambled for Jobs

To the amazement of politically minded citizens, Slack announced he would conduct a nonpartisan administration in keeping with the spirit of the city manager form, which citizens adopted by vote of 6 to 1. The mayor retained scores of the Republican employees over bitter protest of leaders of his own party who scrambled for jobs.

Slack determined to "be major himself," disregarded the advice of politicians, and selected his own counsel. The mayor set out to "redeem" Indianapolis and started a city-wide constructive program with the view of turning the city over to the city manager form in January in good condition.

The state supreme court prevented the city from adopting the city manager form of government, but the city properties will be turned over to the next administration in the best physical and financial condition in recent years.

An impressive and elaborate inauguration ceremony is planned in the rotunda of city hall, Jan. 6. Slack prefers to turn over the keys to Reginald H. Sullivan, Democrat.

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The accident occurred about 10:45 p. m. Saturday as Vermilya was about to land here, flying a mail plane from Chicago to Cincinnati. The plane was destroyed by fire.

According to Embry-Riddle officials, Vermilya apparently was "zoning the field," diving and then climbing again, as was his custom to attract attention of field employees in order that they would turn on the landing lights, when he misjudged his distance from the ground in the dark.

Inspection of the wreckage indicated he had reached the bottom of the zoom and was about to nose upward when the wheels struck the ground with great force, hurling Vermilya from the plane a distance of about seventy-five feet. Burning gasoline was thrown several hundred feet by the resulting explosion, setting fire to Vermilya's flying suit and burning his hands and face.

Embry-Riddle, Curtiss and national guard field employees extinguished the flames on the flier's clothing and, with the aid of deputy sheriffs, guarded the mail sacks.

Most of the mail was saved. Vermilya died in an ambulance on the way to city hospital. Later the body was removed to the Shirley Brothers undertaking parlors, to be accompanied to the parents' home by Evan W. Chatfield, Embry-Riddle official.

A letter to his mother, apparently written while Vermilya waited at Chicago to start his flight, was found in the youth's pocket.

Vermilya, a cousin of Wright Vermilya, Embry-Riddle flying school director, now touring Europe, was an accomplished flier, with approximately 1,100 hours in the air.

Officials of the company termed the accident due to an error in judgment.

Coroner C. H. Keever indicated he will return a verdict of accidental death today.

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Miss Foster was all wrong, Swaffer said, and in his defense article appropriately headed "He Who Gets Slapped," the critic went ahead to say that her action was not dignified, not even funny—"just stupid."

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An Ohio mother writes this: "I knew our bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar was getting low, but just neglected replacing it. Then one night Sonny awoke us with that dreaded croupy cough, and I fairly flew for our bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar. I am thankful to say the few remaining doses relieved him and he soon rested quietly. But just suppose that bottle had been empty!" Reliable, and for these many years a standard family cough medicine of highest merits. Ask for it. Sold everywhere.—Advertisement

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