

as the entertainment of the day. The concert as usual, will be given by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Eric DeLamarter, conducting, while the entertainment will be "The North Shore Varieties" which is everything that its name implies and is modeled after the revues which are presented for adults in the regular theatres. Children 12 years of age and under are admitted free to these concerts. Seats are free for everyone.

Notable Bill

Another notable double bill will be presented on Thursday night, August 14, this being "The Secret of Suzanne" and "La Vida Breve." Mme. Lucrezia, Bori will appear as Suzanne in the former work and likewise as Salud in "La Vida Breve." There is none of the shorter operatic works more complete in every detail than "The Secret of Suzanne." It is polished, speedy in action, beautiful in score and highly amusing in its comedy. The role of Suzanne fits Mme. Bori perfectly as she reveals herself in playful mood. Mr. Tokatyan will appear opposite her as Count Gil and Marek Windheim will be Sante, the dumb servant. Mr. Papi will conduct. "La Vida Breve," Da Falla's Spanish work which is sung in its original language at Ravinia, is equally complete as opera, but it is opera of an entirely different kind from that of "The Secret of Suzanne." It is tragedy, life laid bare, the emotions wrought to white heat. That one artist should be able to assume two such contrasting roles in one evening is one of the miracles of opera, yet Mme. Bori does it with consummate ease. Mr. Tokatyan will likewise appear in this opera as Paco, the faithless lover, and Mme. Bourskaya and Louis D'Angelo have outstanding character roles. Others are Mr. Defrere, Miss Falco, Mr. Oliviero, and Mr. Cehanovsky. The ballet will be headed by Miss Page and Mr. Scott. Mr. Hasselmans will conduct.

Puccini's "La Boheme" holds equal place with his "Madame Butterfly" among the best liked operas of the more modern school, and this classic

will be given again on Friday night, August 15. Queena Mario will appear as Mimi, the flower girl, and on this occasion Giovanni Martinelli will be heard as Rodolfo, a great dramatic part which fits this great singer-actor like the proverbial glove. Miss Maxwell will be Musetta. Mario Basiola, Desire Defrere and Virgilio Lazari will form the trio of Bohemians and Paolo Ananian will appear in the two character parts. Gennaro Papi will be the conductor.

"The Bartered Bride"

On Saturday night, August 16, "The Bartered Bride," Smetana's operatic gem of the Bohemian school which has just been added to the Ravinia list will again be presented. This work is sung according to the German libretto at Ravinia having the title "Die verkaufte Braut." It is comic opera in every sense of the word, its action unfolding a story that is amusing at every turn, yet its score measures up to grand opera standards being filled with music which all the world knows and loves. Mme. Rethberg will be heard as Maria, the sprightly and much sought heroine who has her own ideas of what constitutes love. Mario Chamlee will be opposite her as Hans, while Louis D'Angelo and Marek Windheim will have two of the best comedy parts that ever found their way to an operatic stage. Others in the cast are Miss Maxwell, Miss Falco, Mr. Cehanovsky and Mr. Ananian. There is much dancing—Bohemian folk dancing for the most part—in which Ruth Page and Blake Scott are featured. Louis Hasselmans will conduct.

The fifth annual Polish concert will take its place in the national concert series on Sunday afternoon, August 17. The program, consisting of Polish music, will be played by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Eric DeLamarter, conducting, while Mme. Ina Bourskaya, mezzo-soprano of the Ravinia Opera forces and Michel Wilkomirski, violinist, will be the soloists. The second half of the program will consist of ensemble singing by the Polish Arts club choir. On Sunday

night, August 17, "Carmen" will be the operatic offering. Mme. Bourskaya will have the title role and Edward Johnson will be Don Jose. Mario Basiola will sing the part of Escamillo and Lola Monti-Gorsej will be Michaela. Others are Miss Maxwell, Miss Falco, Mr. Oliviero, Mr. Cehanovsky and Mr. D'Angelo. Miss Page will dance "La Flamenca" in the second act and Mr. Hasselmans will conduct.

Chicago to Be Host to 600 Conventions During Next Six Months, Report

More than 600 conventions with a collective attendance exceeding 500,000 persons will be held in Chicago during the next six months, the Chicago Association of Commerce announces.

Two of the outstanding gatherings will be the meeting of the Interstate Merchants Council, a trade group sponsored by the Association of Commerce, to be held the week of August 4, and the National Air races, to be

held August 23 to September 1. The merchants' meeting is expected to draw approximately 3,500 persons while the air races will attract at least 100,000 out-of-town persons.

Discussing Chicago's growing popularity as a convention center, John L. Coyne, executive of Mandel Brothers and vice-president of the Association of Commerce, in charge of its convention bureau, stated: "Chicago has come to its position as a convention center by no mere accident. It has taken real work and effort. Practically every large hotel in Chicago is busy constantly, through its representatives in other sections of the country, encouraging out-of-town organizations to meet here.

"Also, I believe I am safe in saying that very few fraternal and business organizations of any note whatsoever meet anywhere in the United States without being personally approached by representatives of Chicago's Association of Commerce with sound economic reasons for staging their future meetings in Chicago."

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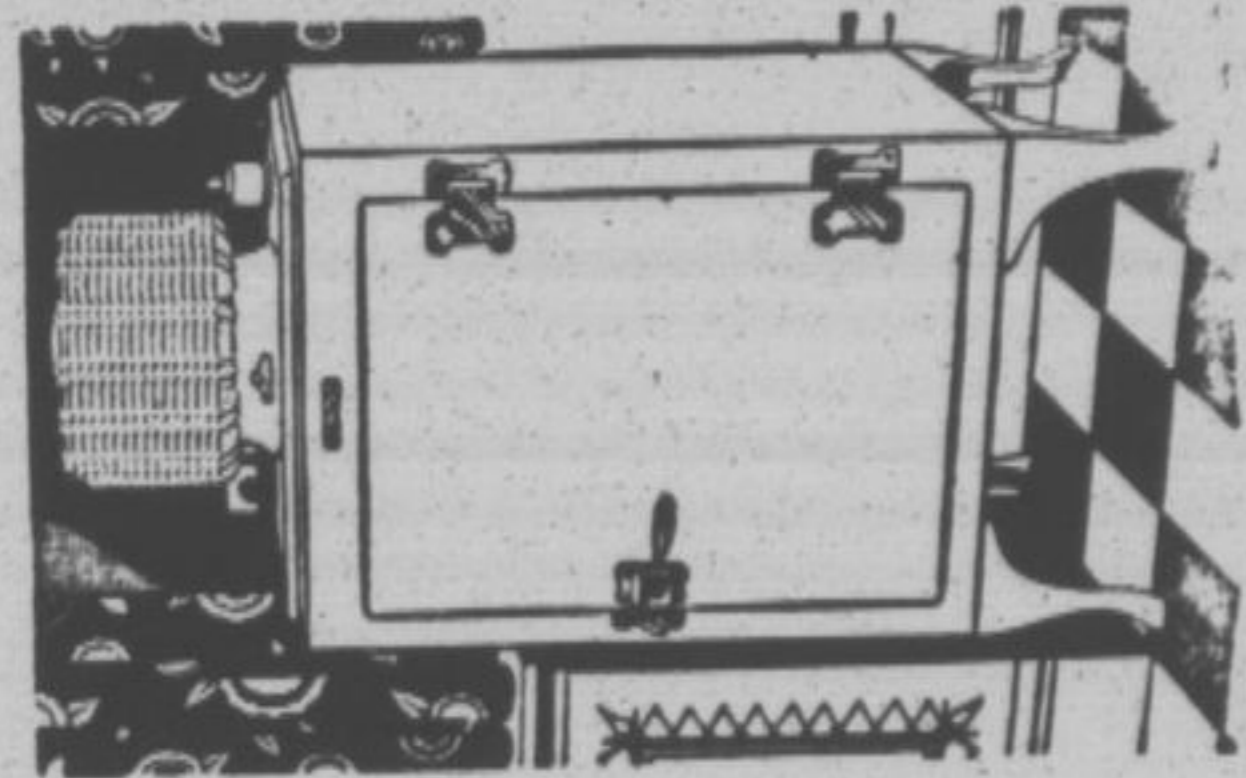
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