

'LA TRAVIATA' SCORES NICELY

**Tokatyan, Basiola and Pareto
Applauded**

BY J. T. . .

Armand Tokatyan made his first appearance with the Ravinia Park Opera company in "La Traviata" Tuesday evening, July 8. His Alfredo Germont was pleasing. His earnestness in rendering the love songs with Violetta brought the "moon" days to the audience as is seldom done. Even when he makes a public scene after he meets Violetta with a new man, Alfredo is not neglected.

Mario Basiola was the pet of the evening with the audience. His explanation and pleasing song to Violetta in the second act brought "Bravo" from several listeners. It was a strong appeal that even a person not knowing a single word of Italian could feel the strength of.

A charming Violetta, from the opening scene in the salon of her own home when she meets with Alfredo, who has come to Paris to make his fortune, until her death scene, there is hardly a moment that she is on the stage that we have a feeling that she is not part of us. Graziella Pareto goes through the part in fine manner, except her death scene which appeared a little abrupt.

Verdi's "La Traviata" will be repeated Sunday evening, July 13. By that time Armand Tokatyan will probably have recovered more fully, and he no doubt, will be able to reach some of the high notes he slipped over at this performance.

The program for the coming week brings several new pieces. "Fedora," which in the opinion of many, was one of the best operas given at Ravinia, will be sung Tuesday evening, July 15. "Romeo and Julie" will have a showing Wednesday, July 16. "Car-

men" has been placed for Thursday, July 17.

On Friday evening, July 18, "L'Amore Dei Tre Re" will be an attraction that many music lovers have been waiting for this season. "The Secret of Suzanne" and "Pagliacci" will both be sung Saturday, July 19. The Sunday evening rendition will be "The Barber of Seville."

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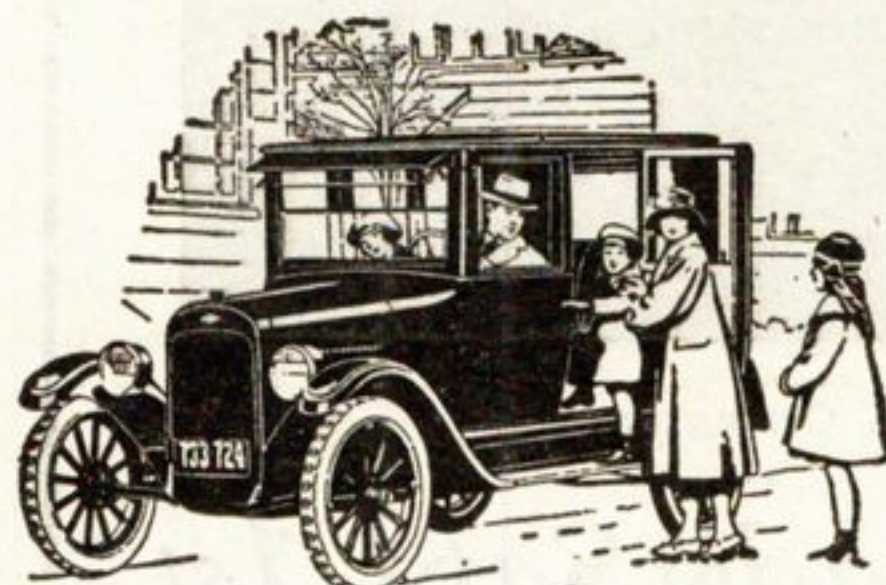
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