

AVGUST ŠENOVA:

Varuj se senjske roke

Zgodovinska povest iz 18. stoletja

(Nadaljevanje)

"Stojte!" je zadonel s pečine glas, Vittorijev glas. "Roparji, vrnite deklet!"

Benečan je norel ko iz uma, ob njem pa se je začudeno spogledovala četa kmetov in arnautskih najemnikov.

"Tebi, da jo dam, pasji sin?" se je iz barke zakrohotal junak. "Na, tole jabolko dobiš, beneški pes!"

Zagrmel je strel, Vittorijo je kleknil na kolena, junak pa je zavpil:

"To jabolko ti poklanja Juriša Orlovic, senjski vojvoda. Pritisnite, junaki, imenu Boga in svetega Nikole!"

Barka je odplula od brega. Arnautski vojaki so ustrelili. Zaman. Zginila je med valovi. Huje in huje je tulil vihar, huje in huje se je penilo morje, po valovih je pa trpoela srebrna mesečina.

Šteli so leto 1600 po odrešenju. Morje se je kakor zelena svila čudovito prelivalo, a mlado

majsko sonce je preko otoka Krka, Raba in Prvica trosilo zlato v valove hrvaške morja; majsko sonce je obsevalo staro zidovje in stolpe mesta Senja, ki je ovenčano z gostim hrastovim gozdom stalo mrko stisnjeno v zavetje med slemenimi Vratnika, Orlovega gnezda in Trbušnjaka. Izven obzidja se je osamljena belila ob morju cerkva "svete Marije na rtu," varno pribežališče pobožnih mornarjev, na vrhu nad mestom pa je čepel kot velik orel utrjeni grad "Nehaj," pred 42 leti ga je bil postavil slavn hrvaški junak Lenković proti osmanski besnosti in, povejmo po pravici, proti krilate-mu levu. (Krilati lev—grb beneške republike.) V senjski luki je stalo nekaj bark pa dve ali tri ladje. Ni čudno. V tem morskem zavetišču je običajno vrve-lo jarnikov iz Trsta in Reke na poti za Jakin in Levant, zdaj pa ni smel nesrečni trgovčič niti zapluti v to ožino, ni smel prjelati niti dve, tri barigle vina

iz Vinodola. Beneške ladje so zasledile vso ožino in iz dalje si lepo videli njihova bela jadra. Beneški pomorski vojskovodja je prežal kakor krilati zmaj na vsako beneško barčico, da jo pograbi z neusmiljenimi kremplji, in pomorščake, če je bila ladja senjska, pobesi na križu svojega broda; na ta način se bo ovenčal z večno slavo pred svojo mogočno gospodarico, prejasno beneško republiko, ki je imela samo en trn v peti—"preklete" senjske Uskoke. Čeprav je poteklo že osem let, je vsaka senjska mati vedela povedati, kakšni krvoloki so Benečani, ako je proveditur (Ital. proveditore, kar so prevzeli Hrvatje v proveditur in pozneje v provindur: Beneški upravnik v provinci ali v zasadenem ozemlju.) Almore Tjepolo v mirnem času sprožil svoje topove na krotki Bag ter dal razbojniško obesiti stotnika, poročnika in dvajset vrlih junakov, ko je s prevaro zavzel mesto. Vrh tega so s trdnjave Sv. Marka na Krku zevali orjaški topovi in, kar je bilo najhuje, Benečani niso več zaupali svojim hrvaškim in dalmatinskim vojakom, zato so najemali čedalje več plačan-cev Arnautov, podivjanih brezdušnih rabljev.

(Dalje prihodnjič)

Zahvala pevskega zbor "Slovan"

EUCLID Ohio—Namenil sem se nekoliko opisati delovanje in aktivnosti zbora Slovan tukaj v Euclidu. Obenem se v imenu pevcev zahvaliti vsem našim prijateljem in sodelavcem, kateri nam radevolje pomagajo kadar jih potrebujemo. Za prav dober finančni uspeh ob priliki koncerta dne 14. februarja v S.N.D. na St. Clair Avenue smo v prvi vrsti hvaležni sledečim: Charlie Vrtovnik, Anton Vaupotič, Andrew Bilicic, Eddie Ivancic za prvostano delo v točilnici. Hvala tudi članom zbora, kateri so priskočili na pomoč pri bari po koncertu. Hvala Joseph Okorenu, ki je prodajal trošne listke to pot, kakor tudi že večkrat prej je svoje delo vestno opravil. Hvala Mrs. John Globokar, ki prodaja vstopnice pri blagajni vedno v splošno zadovoljnost. Hvala našim kuharicam, Mrs. Frances Gorjanc, Mrs. Pauline Durjava, Mrs. Stavanja ter dekletam od zbora Adrijia, katera nam tudi vedno rada pomagajo.

Nadalje tajniku S.N.D., John Tauchar in oskrbniku Tone Meznarič za vsestransko pomoč in uslugo. Hvaležni smo našemu pevovodji, Mr. Anton Subelnju. On se vedno trudi, da so naši koncerti in druge priredbe uspešne. Nadalje Mrs. Vera Slejko za igranje na klavirju. In Mrs. Olga Klančar za blagohotno sodelovanje pri koncertu; Mr. John Grabnarju za lepo igranje na harmoniko; Mr. Martin Antoncic in Miss Ančka Traven, ki sta tako lepo oglašala naš koncert na radijo; Louis Stavanja in Mary Zakrajsek in njenim dekletom, ki so skrbele za red v dvorani.

Tem potom se želimo lepo

zahvaliti tudi vsem, kateri so nam pomagali in priskočili na pomoč v potrebi pri koncertu leta 1953. Ti so: Stanley Dolenc, Charlie Vrtovnik, Max Traven, Eddie Kovacic in članom društva Lunder Adamič, katerih imena sem že pozabil. Najlepša hvala vsem. Lepa hvala tudi Dr. Naprej, št. 5 S.N.P.J. in Dr. Ribnica št. 12 S.D.Z. za nabavo vstopnic iz svoje blagajne. Hvala Lovre Mejač za lep dar naših blagajni. Iskrena hvala rojakom iz Loraina in Barbertona, ki so nas obiskali v tako velikem številu. Posebno še Mr. Arko, zavodemu rojaku iz Barbertona, kateri se je veliko trudil, da je napolnil bus. Škoda, da nas niste poprej obvestili, da pridete v tako velikem številu. Potem bi se mi bolje pripravili in bi vas postregli kakor se spodobi. Tako pa nismo mogli in obžalujemo ter prosimo, da nam oprostite.

Za letošnje naše peve v načrtu več nastopov. Naprimer 30. maja zbor sodeluje pri programu kluba Ljubljana na Recher Avenue, ki praznuje na ta dan 30-letnico svojega obstoja. Ravno tako pri proslavi 50-letnice S.N.P.J. na 4. julija. Poleg teh so na listi še drugi nastopi in koncert v jeseni. Toraj ne bo to leto dosti počitnic za naše peve. Treba bo redno in v polnem številu zahajati na vaje. Sedaj je pri zboru več mlajših moči, toraj upamo, da bodo svoj načrt tudi dobro izvedli.

Naš dolgoletni in vedno aktivni pevec Ciril Ozbič, ki se je kmalu po novem letu ko je padel na ledu, nevarno poškodoval, se je sedaj vrnil iz bolnišnice ter se zdravi na domu. Želimo mu hitrega in temeljitga okrevanja in da bi se kmalu zdrav povrnil v našo sredo.

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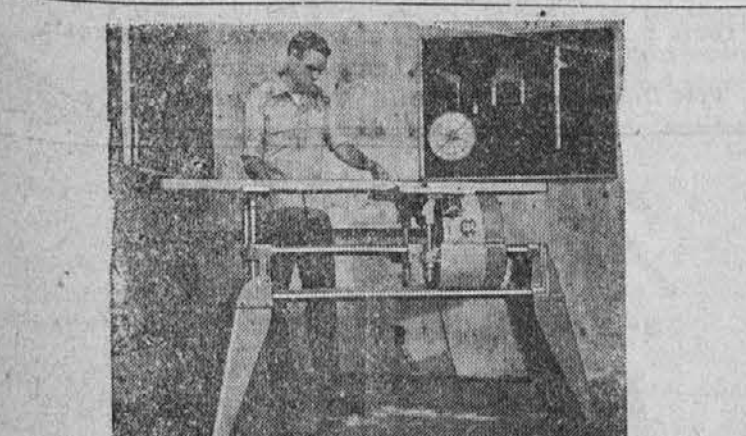
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Zarja Presents Opera "In the Well," April 4th

The public is cordially invited to the premier showing of Vilem Blodek's two act opera "In the Well" by the Singing Society Zarja at the Slovenian Auditorium on St. Clair and East 65th Street on Sunday, April 4th at four o'clock in the afternoon.

This presentation will be unique in that it is the first time this opera will be enacted for an American-Slovene audience, though it has been played to and enjoyed by audiences in Ljubljana and other music centers of Slovenia since its composition in 1867.

Karl Sabina's simple story of the results of old time superstitious beliefs among the peoples of any village in any central European country is cleverly handled and explained in melodious solos, duets, quartets and choral numbers throughout the opera.

The scenes of the opera take place in a deep forest outside a village where Zorana (played by Sophie Elersich) a kindly old sorceress lives in her lonely hut practicing the art of magic in the reading of the stars, the brewing of effective herb potions and the study of mysterious writings.

Upon the opening of the curtain old Zorana is lamenting that the world is fast being driven to ruin by the youth of the day. Interrupting the laments comes young Maricka (Josephine Turkman) pleading for some magic that she might know who will be the man she is destined to marry. Will it be the young lad she secretly loves or will it be the insistent, old and wealthy widower of her mother's choice.

In the beautiful duet, with Maricka, "Mlada ljuba" Zorana tells that, that very evening when the moon is high, the face of Maricka's future husband would be reflected in the crystal waters of the old well in woods nearby, while Maricka, half frightened and half pleased promises to follow the instructions of magic, not knowing the crafty old widower Janez (Frank Kokal) is gleefully listening and

that young Francel (Frank Elersich) too, has unwittingly come within hearing distance of the consultation. In the quartet "Ah, tajno vse" each of principals explains his reaction to the scheme and vows to silence and secrecy to gain his or her end. Upon the finish of the song, Zorana enters her hut, Maricka leaves to be followed by Widower Janez while Francel determines to ask Zorana more about the advise given Maricka.

In the second act, the villagers (entire Zarja chorus) on their way to the lighting of traditional evening bonfires (kresovi) in honor of St. John's Day pass through the forest singing "Naj kresovi plamenijo." The girls in the group decide they should like to gossip a bit and perhaps find their futures in the well, so urge the men to proceed them to the hills to build the fires. An argument ensues but ends quickly as the girls agree to go along as was originally planned. Old Janez remains behind, having hit upon the plan to climb the tree directly above the magic well that his will be the face reflected in the water for Maricka to see. He manages to scramble up the tree just as Francel enters.

In the duet between the two men, Janez expresses his anger with Francel who is telling of Zorana's advise to climb the tree above the well that Maricka may see his reflection in the water. Janez trembling with emotion, loses his balance and falls directly into the well. Francel startled by the noise and the sounds of someone approaching quickly takes to the trees to observe Maricka, singing "Ti moj drag" to her loved one to appear as she looks into the well.

Rather fearfully, Maricka peers into the well and of course sees the despised face of Janez staring at her. She screams and cries she would rather die than accept the destiny allotted her by the watery prediction. In the midst of Maricka's misery, the girls of the village return to read their futures in the water. Maricka cries in warning that there is naught but evil and sorrow in the waters for had it not shown up the hateful image of Janez for her. The girls, laugh unbelievably and determine to see for themselves. They gather round, look into the well just as Janez, cold and dripping wet, emerges to frighten them into screams of terror. The girls quickly regain their composure as they listen to the very human figure of Janez explain that he had stumbled in the darkness, causing him to fall into the accursed well.

At this point Francel seeing Maricka's confusion comes out of hiding and gives the explanation of the Widower's fall, to her and the girls. Maricka blushing admits her feelings for Francel but Janez still in hopes of winning her demands she come with him after all his suffering for her. Maricka defies the old man so that the group laugh him into leaving in anger and shame. Maricka and Francel then pledge their love in the lovely duet "Meni vse sedaj je jasno" and join their happy friend in singing "Zažgemo ognja na gorah" as they leave for further celebration of their holiday.

—Publicity Committee Zarja

Bake Sale

The Progressive Slovene Women of Circle No. 7, are sponsoring a bake sale this Saturday, March 27th at the Butler Bros. Dept. Store on East 222nd Street and Lake Shore Blvd. Various pastries will be available.

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Mr. Chester Baranowski, father of Mrs. Adalyne Cecelic, secretary of Lodge Napredok AFU, is confined to Euclid-Glenville hospital, where he underwent a major operation. Friends may visit him.

Mr. Frank Pozar, 23020 Tracy Avenue, secretary of Lodge Euclid No. 29 SDZ and member of the Sloven Singing Society, underwent an appendicitis operation in Woman's hospital.

In Cleveland

Mrs. Anna Znidarsic of Ilirski Bistrica, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Prime, 15508 Holmes Avenue. She will remain here this week, and then will go to Chicago, where she will visit her two sisters. She is planning on spending a nine month visit in America.

Ho, Ho, Santa Claus in April at Businessmen's Good Will Dance

Yep, that most popular, generous, red cheeked gentleman from the North Pole, namely Santa Claus will break all tradition by "appearing" at the Slovene Auditorium, Friday April 30th, 1954.

Santa will mythically represent the St. Clair Businessmen's Association at which time awards worth dollars galore will be donated by the neighborhood merchants of the St. Clair area, East 55th to East 68th.

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Honorably Discharged

Honorably discharged from the service, was Cpl. Joseph A. Levstek, son of Mrs. Jennie Levstek-Centa, formerly of East 76th Street, now of 26220 White Road in Richmond Heights. Joseph was stationed with the army in Korea and Japan.

Also home from the service, honorably discharged, is Tony Stanich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Stanich of 1225 Norwood Road. Tony served with the army, and held the rating of 2nd Lieut.

"Prescription for Living"

Miss Theresa Kieselbach, instructor in public health nursing at City Hospital in Cleveland, will be guest authority on Soho's award-winning health program "Prescription for Living," Sunday afternoon, March 28, at 4:30 p. m.

The program is entitled "RN: The Story of Nursing" and Miss Kieselbach will discuss with Warren Guthrie the history of the nursing profession and the kinds of public health nurses.

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—Josephine Misic

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Zabukovec of Wickliffe, Ohio, are announcing the birth of their second child, a baby boy, named Jeffrey Edward. Grandparents for the seventh time, are Mr. and Mrs. Matt Zabukovec, 1290 East 170th Street.

Announcing the birth of a baby girl, their fifth child, are Mr. and Mrs. Tony and Mary Babic, 7806 Donald Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cukajne of Evergreen and Bishop Road, Wickliffe, Ohio, are grandparents for the 17th time.

Convalescing

Mrs. Lesko has returned to her home at 718 East 157th Street, after being confined to Lakeside Hospital.

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Obituaries

Femec, Anton—of 854 East 150th Street, 55 years of age. Husband of Pauline (nee Yanesh), father of Mrs. Pauline Mohorich, Mrs. Jennie Mramor, Mrs. Frances Kacsmar, and Charles. Son of Frances, Franklin, Kansas. Brother of Mrs. Jennie Gruden, Louis, Mrs. Mary Kuhel of Kansas, Mrs. Frances Paulin of Kansas, and Mrs. Anna Kocsir of Oklahoma.

Novak, John—Residence at 1180 East 60th Street. Age, 70 years. Member of the Macca-bees, SDZ, and KSKJ. Husband of Mary (nee Pakj). Father of Edward, Mrs. Mary Vesel, Joseph, Mrs. Vera Grace and Frank.

Prpovich, Vincent—Passed away suddenly of a heart attack. 66 years of age. Residence at 6024 Glass Avenue. Member of CFU, SMU, Club Ljubljana, and Dramatic Society Nasa Zvezda (Our Star). Survived by wife Rose (nee Grdin), son Frank and daughter Mrs. Rose Chase. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. Josephine Cukor.

Udovich, Frank—62 years of age. Passed away after a long illness. Residence at 1142 East 72nd Street. Member of SDZ and the Maccabees. Husband of Frances (nee Fabjan-cic), father of Mrs. Mary Anne Zachary and Mrs. Agnes Skully.

Vranich, Kathleen D.—42 years of age. Passed away after a long illness. Member of CFU. Daughter of Anna, sister of Matthew, Louis, George and William.

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Newly Elected Officers

At the annual meeting of the Anton Verovsek Dramatic Society, the following were elected to office, to serve during the 1954 term:

President: Joseph Godec; vice president: Louis Smrdel; secretary-treasurer: Mary Bozich, 19161 Monterey Avenue, Euclid, 19, Ohio; Recording secretary: J. Steblaj. The auditing committee consists of Mary Starman, Anna Vadal and John Koss. Directors are Joseph Godec and J. Steblaj. Meetings are held every first Friday of the month at the American Yugoslav Center on Recher Avenue.

In Florida

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Hartman of North Royalton, Ohio, are vacationing in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. They plan to return home about April 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Beros of the Beros Studio, 6116 St. Clair Avenue, send greetings to their many friends. They are en route to Florida, after spending some time with relatives and friends in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Vacationing

Mrs. Rose Gubanc sends greetings from Florida, where she is vacationing. After spending some time in Miami Springs, she is now in Tampa.

Visitors in San Francisco, California, are Mrs. Jennie Kraincic and Mrs. L. Cebular.

From Fort Lauderdale, Florida, come greetings from Mr. and Mrs. Michael Telich. Mr. Telich is associated with the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada.

Wrestling

A double main event—featuring wrestlers for both sexes—will head promoter Jack Gamson's next Arena show, Thursday April 1st.

Amaya Kato, who bested rugged Len (Cowboy) Hughes on the last card, has been given a chance to avenge a previous defeat at the hands of Ruffy Silverstein.

A new twist has been added for this bout, with judo wrestling allowed—regulation hip-length jackets and all. The toss of a coin will decide whether the opening fall shall be gained under Kato's judo style, or Silverstein's favorite "catch as catch can," manipulations. The second fall will be contested under the other rules. The man gaining a fall in the shortest period of time will again have a choice of style for the final fall.

The girl's bout will mark the appearance of the beautiful blonde bombshell, Nell Stewart. In supporting bouts, Len Montana will meet Kit Fox, Commanche Indian warrior; Andre Drapp faces Bob Giegel, former Iowa football star; and Bob Ford meets newcomer Bob Wer-ver.

Attends Convention in California

Leaving by air last week for California, was Mr. Al Tercek, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Tercek of the Gaiety Bar Inn, Waterloo Road. Mr. Tercek, assistant district manager in Ohio for the Occidental Life Insurance Company is attending a convention in Los Angeles. Accompanying him on the trip is his wife and child.

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