

SMUGGLING CASE TO BE CONTESTED

Fashionable Dressmakers of New York Will Fight

MATTER OF MONUMENTS

One of Washington in London, One of Gladstone in Capital of States—Nat Goodwin's Memoirs—Making Business Harder For The Crook

(Times Special Correspondent)

New York, July 14.—Insisting that the government has been ill advised in its prosecution of the firm for undervaluing importations of gowns and lingerie sold to its wealthy patrons here "Lucille, Ltd.", the fashionable English dressmaking establishment of which Lady Duff-Gordon is alleged to be the head, has given notice to the authorities that it intends fighting the case brought against it.

Several weeks ago the customs house officials made a raid on the establishment on the strength of statements issued to have been made to them confidentially by a former employee of the concern, who charged that importations made by the corporation had been given a fictitious value in order to escape the excessive duties imposed on supplies of the character handled by it. The manager and several other officials of the corporation were arrested, preliminary to an exhaustive inquiry into the charges, which are said to cover an extensive period.

Lady Duff-Gordon, who arrived in the city from England the day the raid was made on Lucille, denied that the firm had been engaged in any systematic plan of evading the government out of its customs duties so far as she was aware. She also asserted that she had no part in the direct management of the New York concern, which she said was operating under an agreement by which she allowed them to use her name. When the examination in the case was called the other day, the manager of the corporation pleaded guilty to the charge and indicated his intention of contesting the government's claim.

This attitude is in marked contrast to that of the other defendants caught in the customhouse raid within the last year, who when confronted with the evidence against them confessed to the deceit practiced on the government and made restitution. It has excited much interest and is taken to forebode a stubborn fight.

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to reciprocate the friendly sentiment by a similar courtesy on this side will assume concrete shape.

Goodwin's Memoirs

Although intending it as a joke on Maxine Elliot, his former wife, the memoirs of Nat Goodwin, the comedian, in which he discusses her predilection for entertaining noblemen during their summer vacation in England a few years ago, the riot to think the joke is very much on the actor. The statement of Goodwin that while strolling with his butler through the grounds of the English estate he leased for the occasion, he passed an open window and overheard one of his guests, Lord (name not mentioned)—making love to the glorious Maxine and quizzing her for lack of taste in marrying "such an insignificant, vulgar little fellow," has got New York on its case.

When he says that his wife used him for a stepping stone to histrionic fame and prestige, New York quite agrees with him. For that has been the history of each of his four wives. Goodwin, who is probably the most finished comedian on the American stage has always had a faculty of making money, which he has been ever ready to lavish on the women, who held his fancy for the moment. Unfortunately for him all of his wives have appreciated this and while their obituary has been in the papers, each in turn, particularly Maxine Elliot and Edna Goodrich, her successor in his affections, have conspired to help him spend his money with a free hand.

His confession that Maxine Elliot used him to entertain their guests in England with fifty stories and to pay big bills for the hospitality she arranged for the problem she invited to share in the gay week end parties given at their estate, indicates that she regarded him as a valuable establishment to have around the house when company was coming. The actor, who was smitten with the beauty of his wife, was slow to realize this and the present day realization of it seems to grieve him. That she has been able to maintain as expensive an establishment since she divorced him as she did before the rupture and is now the owner of the half million dollar "Maxine Elliot" theatre in this city, is apparently a matter of some surprise to him and undoubtedly has added to his chagrin. For a long time there has been a report going the rounds that Pierpont Morgan gave her the theatre as a token of his regard for her artistic talents. But whether this is so or not the fact remains that she has it and that none of Goodwin's money is invested in it.

New Way to Outwit the Crook

With the world-wide spread of crimes of cunning and craft, K. M. Turner, an inventor of this city, who has been a close student of Lombroso for many years, declares that society must protect itself in the future by utilizing the aid of science in their detection. The strong popular foreboding as to Statues

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ment against the continued employment of "the third degree" and other harsh means of extorting confessions of guilt from suspects has of late disarmed the authorities of most American cities of one of their most formidable weapons in firing responsibility for crimes and unscrupulous criminals.

This and other scientific devices for getting first hand information from criminals, Turner is certain, would make it almost impossible for a criminal to baffle the authorities and escape punishment for his misdeeds. He predicts that with the development of identification through fingerprints on wood, metal and glass, which has of late attained to the proportions of a science, as shown in a number of recent criminal cases here, a higher order of detective efficiency will be achieved and a smaller percentage of undetected crimes made possible.

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some of the packages being represented as non-dutiable goods and others grossly undervalued. In the hope of checking the new practice, by which it is estimated the government has been deprived of large revenues, the collector has given orders for a closer scrutiny of all mail matter coming to this port.

Through the untimely death of former Mayor Smith Ely, the Rev. Dr. J. H. H. Jowett, a noted English divine, now pastor of the fashionable Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in this city, will lose the \$100,000 he was promised in the spring for the elaboration of the charity work of the congregation. Dating back to the days of Dr. John Hall's pastorate, the church has engaged in extensive charities among the poor of the city. Impressed with the good that had been done in this field, Mr. Ely offered to give the church \$100,000 if it would raise an additional \$400,000 and

HEARTY FAREWELL AT LIVERPOOL

Scene as Canadians Sailed For Home

CONNAUGHT'S SPEECH

Address at The Imperial Institute Won Most Favorable Comment—Nova Scotia's Agent General—Manitoba's Premier Had Talk With King George

(Times Special Correspondent)

London, July 4.—When Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his party left London for Liverpool en route to Canada, the occasion was marked by a scene of much Canadian interest. Among those who had gathered to bid the coronation guests farewell were Lord Strathcona, accompanied by his daughter, the Hon. Mrs. Howard; W. L. Orfitoff, secretary to the high commissioner's office, G. Meli Brown, European manager of the C. P. R. (who travelled with the distinguished party to Liverpool and Lady Borden, who is staying in England to look after her son-in-law, Captain L. B. Mason of the visiting Canadian contingent, who met with a rather serious accident during the royal procession, and Col. Sam Hughes, who was also present.

Previous to the departure of the ordinary boat train, two specials were dispatched with the Canadian troops on board. To your correspondent Major Sharples said before leaving, "We all have enjoyed our stay in England thoroughly; the hospitality has been unbounded, and we take with us to Canada pleasant recollections of the kindness showered upon us. It has been an interesting, instructive and enjoyable time for the whole of the contingent."

Lord Chief Justice, who commanded the overseas troops during the coronation period, witnessed the departure of the Canadian contingent, and as the train drew out, the band of the Scots Guards regiments, one of the most popular regiments in London, played "Auld Lang Syne." It was a stirring scene.

Date of Connaught's Speech

One of the events of the week has been the speech of the Duke of Connaught at the Dominion Day dinner. It astonished the English journalists who listened to it quite as much as the Canadian visitors, and was the topic of conversation which surrounded that of the chilliness of the atmosphere among three or four thousand guests at the uncomfortably crowded reception in the grounds of the Imperial Institute afterwards.

In delivery, as in matter in its intimate allusions to the family life of royalty, as in the affectionate nature of his reference to Canadians, the speech was in perfect taste. One of the guests, a provincial gentleman, remarked: "That is a speech I would have been impossible, from any point of view, for any member of any other royal family to have made anywhere."

So great was the crush to reach the dock rooms, even as late as 11 p. m. that the writer saw several give up the attempt to get in, while many others left almost immediately that they realized just what the congestion was.

The Imperial Institute is not structurally adapted to such a function anyway, while on Friday night there was nothing to show the visitors which way to go to spread themselves out, so that the staircases became blocked. Moreover, it was a chilly evening and those who did find their way to the gardens did not care to stop there.

Probably the royal guests were the main nets that drew all Canada in London to the reception, but as a matter of fact comparatively few presentations were made to the future governor-general and his lady, a fact which probably caused disappointment to many who hoped to bow to royalty.

In the upper Canadian gallery a special exhibition of pictures by the late Henry Sandham, B. C. A. was on view.

Entertained Nova Scotians

J. Howard, agent-general for Nova Scotia, and Mrs. Howard, entertained a party of guests on Thursday last on the occasion of the royal procession to the Guild Hall, which passed Mr. Howard's residence in Pall Mall. Among the guests were Hon. J. W. Armstrong of the legislative council in the Nova Scotia government; M. J. Armstrong of Burma, India, who has just returned after a long spell of missionary work in the east; Rev. Dr. Sedgwick, an eminent Nova Scotia divine; Frederick Campbell, a brother of Rev. P. Campbell of City Temple fame, and who was appointed recently by the Dominion government as emigration agent in the territories of Nova Scotia, Dr. and Mrs. Harris, and Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Jenks, and C. Keith Morris.

Had Talk With King

Now that the great festivities are over opportunities are being formed for closer intimacies and more practical work. That agricultural show at Norwich was a revelation to me, and I would not have missed it for all the functions I have been at, said a western M. P. to the writer.

The premier of Manitoba and the minister of agriculture of Ontario were other who got some practical hints out of their Norwich visit. The former, by the way had a long conversation with King George at Norwich, and was I hear, much struck with his wonderful memory. A good memory for faces as well as for events one of the assets of King Edward, who also had the rare faculty of putting the right name and title to the face he remembered.

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