



ROYAL GUESTS AMONG THE YACHTSMEN—The handsome club house of the Royal Canadian Yacht club on Toronto Island, where the Duke of Connaught and Princess Patricia were guests recently. Many people prominent in Canadian society were present.

MME. ALBANI'S WEALTH HAS TAKEN WINGS; FAMOUS SINGER IS TEACHING MUSIC

LONDON, Sept. 3.—Mme. Albani, the American singer who took her operatic name from the city of Albany, N. Y., who has lived in London for several decades and who has published her memoirs under the title "Forty Years of Song," is in desperate financial circumstances, according to a report quietly circulated among her friends.

Albani's career belongs to the last generation, as she made her debut in 1870. But, like Patti, she has regularly given a concert each year in London, which English people have crowded to hear because they loved the singer and remained loyal to her personality in spite of the decay of her powers. Patti is one of the richest among the operatic song birds, but she has taken her yearly toll from London audiences and they have given it to Albani with the same generous fidelity. Yet comparatively few among them have realized how great has been Albani's need in recent years.

Victoria and Daughters Fond of Her

She leaped into fame in Bellini's "La Sonnambula," in Italy, and then in a repertoire of Italian operas in London became established as one of the greatest prima donnas in the world. She was a celebrated court singer in Berlin through the influence of Empress Frederick, who, like Queen Victoria and all her other daughters, loved herself Albani's devoted friend. She toured in Russia, in-

dia, South Africa, and many times came over to the United States and Canada. Victoria gave her years ago the English order of merit, which Florence Nightingale's friends were not able to obtain for her until shortly before she died. The king of Denmark and the German emperor also decorated Albani.

In the height of her world-wide popularity she married her manager, Ernest Gye. He helped her amass a fortune on the operatic stage, and then, as younger singers were arising, she retired with enough to live upon in luxury for the rest of her days. But Mr. Gye conceived the idea that he could turn it over several times upon the Stock Exchange, and his wife gave him every penny they possessed, only to find in a few years that it was all lost.

Albani then returned to the music stage, and her concert tours, while not so richly productive as her operatic career had been, were simply successful, and in a few years the family was established in Park house, South Kensington, one of the stateliest mansions of the district, where the singer received her friends among English royalty with as much dignity as if she had been a duchess.

There were numerous entertainments there of the quiet order, which Princess Christian, a great friend of Albani, particularly liked, and which Queen Victoria herself enjoyed. They were not fashionable during King Edward's reign,

but they have come into vogue again with King George and Queen Mary. And many people remembering what a favorite of Queen Victoria Mme. Albani was, have wondered why she was not among the hostesses of the new reign, along with so many other quiet, conservative women who have returned to active leadership in London society.

Old Home is for Sale or to Let

But visitors going past Park house these days will find it shut up and dilapidated, not having been occupied for several years, and with forlorn signs of "To Let" and "For Sale" conspicuously upon it. For Mr. Gye staked his wife's fortune for a second time upon the fickle rise and fall of the Stock Exchange.

And Albani, the most devoted wife in the world and Queen Victoria's model of what a great prima donna should be in her private life, finds herself now in an obscure little dwelling, not far from Park house, trying to keep the home going by giving vocal lessons. Her only child, a young man who is in a banking house in the city, addresses his mother and has signified his intention of taking care of her in her old age.

Albani herself has taken the final reverse of fortune with the greatest courage and is indefatigable with her pupils, showing no false pride and frankly soliciting all the assistance her friends could give by sending new pupils to her. Proudly she informed The World correspondent this week that three of her scholars will take part in the coming Hereford festival, one of the chief musical events of the year.

She will be 60 years old on the first day of November.

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Edmonton, September 3.—"Early in 1914 steel will be connected between east and west on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway system, or such at least is the present outlook," declared Morley Donaldson, vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway on his return to the city this morning after a tour of the system from east to west. A special in which Alfred Smithers, chairman of the board of directors of the G.T.P., and Miss Smithers, E. J. Chamberlain, president, and Mrs. Chamberlain have travelled through the Dominion during the past two months.

"No fewer than 3,000 men with 20 steam shovels are at work on the line which is being built through the mountains from the eastern end," said Mr. Donaldson. "The chairman and president are thoroughly satisfied with the progress that has been made. We are now giving most serious attention to the road and if it is found that the road is in good shape west of this point the regular service will be extended some miles west in the near future."

"The large dry dock which is now being built at Prince Rupert will cost when completed from \$700,000 to \$800,000. It will be the largest dry dock north of San Francisco."

Discussing the labor situation Mr. Donaldson said that great improvement had taken place. While the company could make use of more men, the work of construction was not being seriously impeded at the present time. From 50 to 70 men are leaving Prince Rupert daily by boat to take jobs on grade and on steel gages.

There is now no strike, or at least the company is not affected by any, said Mr. Donaldson. "A considerable number of men have left construction to come down to the plains for the harvesting."

LABOR DAY IN TORONTO

Toronto, Sept. 3.—The celebration of Labor Day in Toronto was marked by the usual feature of a big parade of the trades unions, a record breaking attendance at the exhibition, huge invasion of visitors and a varied program of sports.

The day was dull but after a brisk shower at noon the rain held off. Over 5,000 men walked in the labor parade from Queen's Park to Exhibition Park where the annual games were held. The railway and steamboat officials report that the crush of traffic exceeded all expectations.

The soccer game between Cleveland and Toronto, the Tecumseh-Toronto lacrosse match, the Winnipeg-Toronto cricket matches, and the international polo match were all well patronized.

COAL SUPPLY WILL BE
SUFFICIENT

New York, Sept. 3.—Officers of the New York Coal Merchants' Association are agreed that there will be a serious shortage of coal throughout the east this winter, no matter how much is mined during the next two months. The suspension of mining in April and May, it is declared, will be under the most favorable conditions, a supply one-tenth less than normal this winter.

Independent operators, who are not bound by the schedule prices of the coal carrying companies, have begun to sell anthracite at a premium of 25 cents a ton and upward. The officers of the Coal Merchants' Association insist, however, that there is no necessity for becoming alarmed, because the anthracite will be distributed in such a way that there will be no serious stress.

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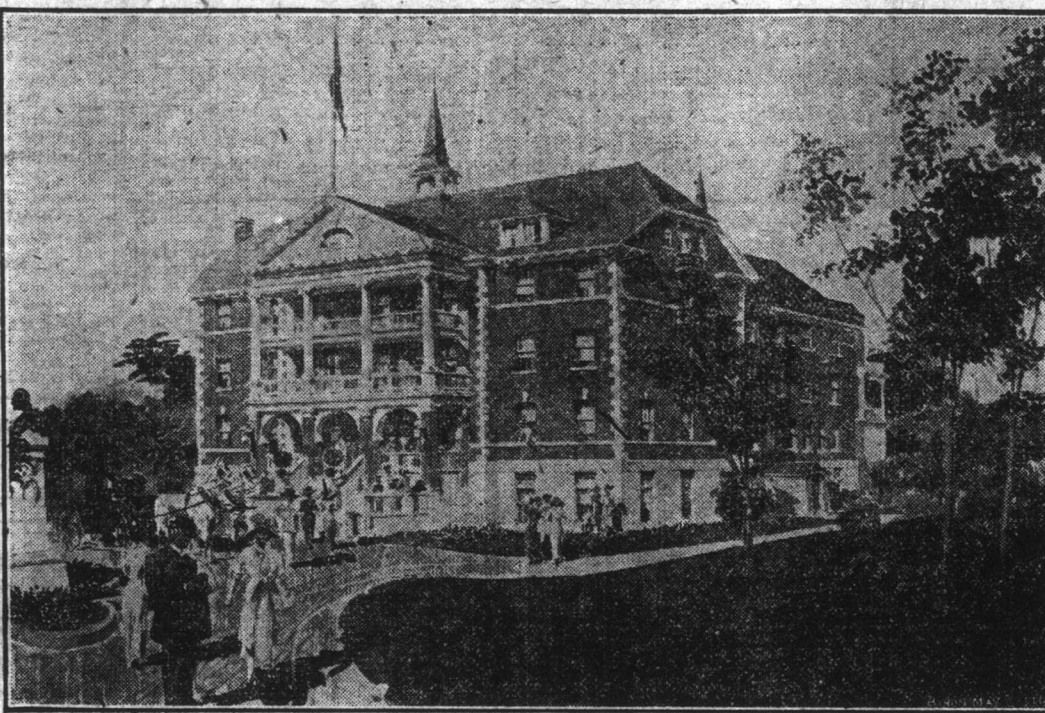
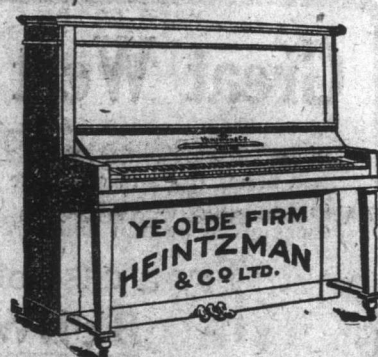
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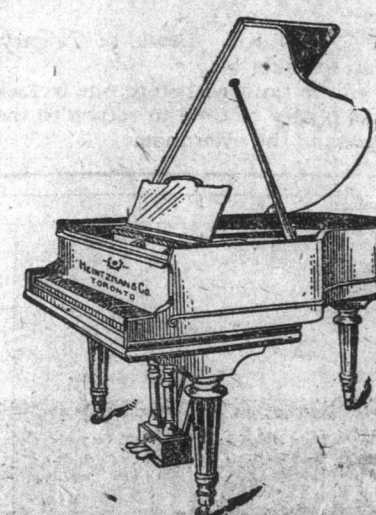
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