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WHAT ONE WOMAN DID

Tango on the Wane and English Society Years For A New Diversion—News of Canadians in Empire Metropolis

(Times Special Correspondence)

London, Dec. 18.—People are already talking of the arrangements for next year's court. Every season there are certain changes and a few are mentioned for the future. Although the public are not aware of it, there are no functions which the king dislikes as much as these. The queen, being a good deal of a diplomat, tolerates them with a far better grace, but it is no exaggeration to say that each year the courts get more and more on the nerves of the king.

I am told that a mandate will be issued forbidding women to appear in slashed skirts or without petticoats. The queen has been horrified with some of the dresses she has seen in the houses she has been visiting, and she has been observed nightly at the theatres.

At one of the later courts of last year an amusing scene took place in the dressing room at Buckingham Palace after a woman who wore a slightly slashed skirt had refused admittance to the royal presence. She went to one of the maids in attendance and began to cry. "Why not borrow my muslin apron, madam," replied the girl. "Can I arrange it quite nicely to fill up the opening. One of the maids has already done it for another lady tonight and it was quite pretty." This, accordingly was done with success.

Many women never wear their best jewels going to court. They have splendid imitations made, over which people gush wildly next morning. This is because if the real ones were lost their owners would not dare to advertise as it is impossible to mention that they had lost anything in a royal palace.

Tango Popularity on the Wane.

"I can't be bothered learning that wretched Tango any longer," all the girls are saying. Lady Diana Manners, who may be said to be the leader of the younger set in London society, and was the finest exponent of the new dance, has given it up and its popularity in other quarters is on the wane. Some of the American and continental teachers of it, have made and still are, making a pile, for the uninitiated are yet under the impression that society favors it. A teacher told me the other day that she had made about \$15,000 in giving lessons. The joke is that she hardly knew anything about it herself until she came to Europe. She has been making a guinea every twenty minutes of the day for months.

Some of the worst outsiders had extraordinary success as teachers. I know of one man who is called "the King of the Tango" and who is teaching a duchess and other titled women of the most exclusive circles. Yet four years ago he was an entertainer in a Chicago all-night cafe and more recently still was playing a banjo in one of the worst resorts in London.

There is a great opening for a hostess in London who can introduce something new. Society is jaded at present and is pinning for a novelty. The picture ball is done to death, as was evident to all who were present at the great one the other night at the Albert Hall. Talk of our having no frost this winter! That was frost enough and a fiasco to boot though none of the papers had the courage to say so. Even the genial presence of King Alfonso and his queen did not succeed in thawing the atmosphere. The royalties were yawning and apparently eager for their suppers and as soon as they had them they cleared off home. Nothing particularly roller skating, is also played out.

One of the big art furnishing firms in the West End told me this morning that they had succeeded in securing quantities of remnants of brocade and tapestries which she proposes making into cushions and wall hangings for Christmas presents to her friends.

Close Friend of the Queen.

Though Lady Mount-Stephen is not closely associated with the court, it is doubtful if even those wives of peers occupying the privileged positions of mistress of the robes or ladies of the bedchamber have been favored by Queen Mary with such a degree of intimate friendship, as the wife of the Canadian peer. Lady Mount-Stephen is generally regarded as the closest friend of the queen; and the friendship began many years ago with the Duchess of Teck and her family. This accounts for the annual visit of King George and Queen Mary to Brock Hall, Lord Mount-Stephen's place in Hertfordshire. With the possible exception of the excellent shooting in the Brocket covert, nothing pleases the king so much as to listen to the interesting stories of the early history and development of Canada, which no one can recount more vividly than Lord Mount-Stephen.

As in the case of his friend Lord Strathcona—though in this case there is a special reminder to his daughter—Lord Mount-Stephen has no heir, but he and the first Lady Mount-Stephen adopted Lady Northcote as their daughter when she was quite a child, and made large monetary provision for her. Few English houses enshrine memories more interesting than Brock Hall, though many of them are sad ones. Two notable prime ministers died there; here Lady Caroline Lamb nursed her happy passion for Byron; there she all the lounger which she turned a poet in effigy and in its exquisite

gardens and woods she passed most of her last unhappy years. There William Lamb, destined to be prime minister, rode as a boy on Sir Joshua Reynolds's foot as a reward for patience while his portrait was being painted. There, in the evening of his days, he was visited by Queen Victoria. Thither at one time or another came all the statesmen and ministers of letters of the age.

Brock Hall in the nineteenth century was in the very focus of English politics, for Broadlands and Panshanger were both within reach, and after Melbourne's death Brocklet passed to his sister Lady Palmerston. To Brocklet in 1865 Palmerston retired to die and there is a very characteristic story of his last days there. He seemed at one time to have thrown off his illness, but relying as ever on himself, he determined to test his own strength. He was seen one day coming out of the house with no hat on. Opposite the door was a range of high railings, and Palmerston climbed deliberately over them and then back again. On October 18 Hayward reports to a friend that Clarendon had just seen Palmerston and found him "wonderfully recovered and quite rosy" five days later he was dead.

His son, an equally zealous partisan of Charles I. was created an earl—so grateful was the merry monarch for the services of his family—and was entrusted by the king with blank patents under the great seal for creating titles, a position of great influence. Unlike his predecessors the present Duke has not taken a very large part in the vital affairs of the nation. His interests are largely in his estates and in the hunting field.

Notes About Canadians.

Of the Canadians who are hunting with him, A. E. Ogilvie and B. McLennan of Montreal, arrived some two weeks ago and are enjoying excellent sport. Mrs. Ogilvie and her family are also here and they are taking a place in the neighborhood of the hunt as they expect to stay for several months. H. B. MacDougall, also of Montreal, will arrive in time for the Boxing Day hunt, the biggest meet in the year.

I understand it is possible that they will acquire for the Montreal Hunt Club some English hounds.

A. Johnston, Mr. Duguid, Mr. MacDonnell and Major Kenney, Canadian delegates to the conference on safety of life at sea, attended a dinner given by the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers in Fishmongers' Hall. Alexander Johnston, deputy minister of marine, responded for Canada.

A prominent member of the Lyceum Club, a regular attendant at most of the lectures given by her sex, expressed the opinion that no more delightful addresses had been given than those of Mrs. C. Henshaw, a recently elected Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. Not only was the mastery given of the highest excellence, but she possessed that natural gift of magnetizing her audience which is particularly necessary to the success of the lady lecturer. At the Royal Colonial Institute the other evening Mrs. Henshaw's lecture was unanimously voted one of the most delightful of the season.

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USE THE WANT AD WAY

LOCAL NEWS

Friends are tendering congratulations to Rev. R. A. Armstrong and Mrs. Armstrong on the arrival of a daughter at the Trinity rectory, yesterday.

Miss Edyth Wood at Wanamaker's cabaret tonight, 10 to 12. 1-9

Ungar's Laundry.

The Dredge Workers' Union met yesterday to make plans for several social gatherings which they will hold during the winter.

Andrew McIntosh, son of Dr. McIntosh of Coburg street, broke his leg on Saturday morning in the course of a junior hockey match in Queen's rink.

While Henry Craft and his family were in church last evening, their residence at 308 Duke street, West St. John caught fire from an overheated stove. An alarm was rung in and the firemen forced an entrance and extinguished the blaze after a hard fight. The loss is estimated at about \$200 which is covered by insurance. The house is owned by William Parks.

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George M. Mott, who has been superintendent of the Sunday school of the Waterloo street Baptist church, will leave soon for Moncton where he will make his home. Yesterday afternoon Rev. F. H. Wentworth on behalf of the congregation presented to Mr. Mott a handsome toilet set.

INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN'S ASSOCIATION LOCAL 273 Regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening, January 6 at 8 o'clock, 35 Water street. A full attendance is requested. Business of importance by order of the president. 5785-1-7

W. Watson Dalton, 127 Broad street sustained a fracture of the leg on Saturday evening. He was crossing down Carmarthen street hill when he turned 98 to avoid colliding with some children and struck a telephone pole. Kenneth Jones was also injured on the same hill on Saturday. He had several teeth knocked out.

DID YOU SAVE YOUR CAMEL? Many people have been asking me wondering who the camels so common around the town last few days, belong to.

C. B. Pidgeon in this issue acknowledges ownership and says he will gladly buy all camels at 25c per head. One camel will be redeemed with \$5.00 worth of trade during the Business Humming Sale, Wednesday, January 7th, is Opening Day, so be sure and bring your camel in on that date and get \$5.00 worth of merchandise for \$1.00.

We have been assured by Mr. Pidgeon that the values offered are without doubt the biggest bargains in the wanted merchandise ever shown in St. John, and we are glad to pass this item of news around to our readers.

TEMPERANCE ADDRESS BY REV. M. McCUTCHEON

Rev. Miles McCutcheon gave a very able and practical address at the Gospel Temperance meeting held on Sunday afternoon in Clayton's Hall, under the auspices of Thome Lodge, I. O. G. T. The speaker said in part:—We live in an age when much attention is given to the work of conservation, for instance manu-

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IMMIGRATION

Is Seed Bed in Britain Being Worked Out? CONDITIONS REVIEWED

Suggestion That High Class Sought For Canada is About Exhausted—Australia Proving a Counter Attraction

(Times Special Correspondence.) London, Dec. 16.—Before the close of the year the machinery for securing sufficient men to satisfy the demands of Canada will be in full swing; and the various options finding wide expression for several years past that the dominion would soon ask in vain for suitable settlers for the reason that the seed bed in Great Britain is rapidly nearing exhaustion. The point may be made at once that this indicates no diminution in what John Burns happily called the "seed bed" but how far will this argument hold good? Is it not true that an appreciable percentage of your new citizens this year were of the article?

Several causes are now operating which seem to indicate that we have practically touched bottom. The curliques which Mr. Lloyd George espoused the cause of the country worker masked more than political expediency; it undoubtedly sprang from a knowledge—forced upon him by continual representation—that continued loss of blood in an already anemic agricultural body would result in inertia. On the other side of the political fence we find the Duke of Marlborough—who has resolutely carried out his promise to put historic Blenheim Park under the plough—giving some startling statistics. There are today, he says, a million fewer sheep in England than there were a year ago, as well as fewer cattle and pigs. While he attributes this to the appreciation of the agriculturists, that the government would turn the industry of agriculture, it would be idle to ignore the possibility of the decline in the number of workmen being responsible.

You do not have to look for signs of the serious decline in the number of workmen. What of the strike of Lancashire farm laborers, an event, I believe, unprecedented within the last half century? Take again the frequent and not inconsiderable increases in farm wages in various parts of the country. Add to these the fact that the last campaign in Scotland and Ireland against emigration. Consider that Scottish farmers have offered to pay the expenses of their former workmen now in Canada. In Kent the education committee is endeavoring to meet the need by the establishment of training farms for lads between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one, and the farmers are objecting to this as they believe it will result in the lads leaving the soil after receiving instruction at the expense of the Kent ratepayer.

Sir Rider Haggard, who, in conjunction with his work on the Dominion Royal Commission, has been studying conditions for the last year, was very serious when he said the other day that a farmer he knew the land had been swept pretty clear of young agricultural workers; and as to the superfluous woman of whom so much was talked, she did not exist, for there was no surplus of marriageable women between the ages of eighteen and forty-five.

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Recent Deaths

C. P. R. Trust Fund Criticized—The Prince Albert Million Loan

(Times Special Correspondence.) London, Dec. 6.—The C. P. R.'s new trust fund has been received with a great deal of criticism in financial circles. "It is very seldom that the Canadian Pacific board make financial mistakes," is one comment, "but they appear to have done it this time." One holder of \$40,000 worth of ordinary stock suggests a meeting of shareholders to protest against the action of the directors. Another critic points out that the public have valued "Canadas" because of the hope of the bonus, and that if these hopes are to be deferred for long it is difficult to see that "Canadas" are really worth their present price.

The Prince Albert five per cent loan of \$200,000 met with feeble public response, two thirds being left with the underwriters. This is significant because those responsible for the issue made particular efforts to meet the prevailing financial weather, and at the issue price of 90 the debentures, allowing for redemption, afforded a return of £5.140 per cent. This should have proved attractive enough, but the state of investors' pockets had no doubt been rather severely affected by the large number of similar issues previously floated. Moreover, the Stock Exchange itself gave little support to the issue, holding that Prince Albert, like several other small Canadian cities, is borrowing too freely in proportion to its size.

The prospect for further Canadian municipal issues is not improved by the ineffective offering of this high interest debenture. Money is decidedly tight, and always associated with this condition is a decline in all credits, or what is the same thing, the imposition of such borrowing conditions as are calculated to have the effect of freeing out borrowers. Canada and Canadian undertakings and municipalities have found it necessary to borrow despite adverse conditions, with the result that they came to an increasingly unwilling market which raised higher and higher barriers to borrowing. It may be necessary to borrow despite adverse conditions, with the result that they came to an increasingly unwilling market which raised higher and higher barriers to borrowing. It may be necessary to borrow despite adverse conditions, with the result that they came to an increasingly unwilling market which raised higher and higher barriers to borrowing.

Funerals on Sunday

A very large gathering of citizens, strongly representing the business and professional interests of the city, attended the funeral of John Russell, held yesterday afternoon from his home in Peter street. The funeral procession extended the whole length of that street and well up Waterloo. Service was conducted at the house by Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, pastor of St. John Presbyterian church and at its conclusion the body was borne to the hearse by Mr. Russell's three sons, James V. John and David and R. S. Ritchie, Eustace Barnes and William H. Kolter. Many beautiful floral tributes were placed about the casket. The body was taken to Fernhill and placed in the mortuary chapel.

The funeral of Mrs. Ellen O'Brien took place at 2 o'clock from her daughter's residence, 41 Marsh street, to the Methodist burying ground, where the body was interred. Service was conducted at the home at 1.45 o'clock by Archdeacon W. O. Raymond.