

MADAME HELENA MODJESKA ANOTHER LIFE ON THE STAGE

Time hurries on with such incredible speed, and with the ebb and flow of the playing-going population is so unceasing, that the name of a Helen Modjeska will be nothing but a memory—if that—to thousands of men and women today. Many years have elapsed since she retired, but those who once saw and heard Modjeska can never forget her. The charm and music of her voice, the enthusiasm of her character, the fire and earnestness she threw into every character she attempted, made her a recollection dear to the long-experienced player. This truly brilliant actress was the daughter of Michael Opto, a music master of Cracow, in Poland, and was born on October 12, 1844. At the age of 17 she married her husband, M. Modjeszewski, euphonically abbreviated on the bills to Modjeska, and in the autumn of the same year—1861—commenced touring with company of strolling players in a little town of Austrian Poland named Bochna. The troupe was under the management of her brother, Felix and Joseph Beuda, and in the party of wanderers was developed a genius who was destined to make a name throughout the world. In a few months after her debut she was promoted to a larger stage in Lemberg, Galicia, and went from there to take the conduct of the theatre in Cracow, the chief town of Boukocia, where she remained until 1865, although on account of ill-health her performances were few, and, moreover, the disturbance to theatrically caused by the Polish insurrection was inevitably serious.

EARLY APPEARANCES.
Up to this year, 1865, Madame Modjeska had scarcely ever appeared except in light comedy parts, and her special delight was to exercise her vocal powers in vaudeville. Engaged to appear at the National Theatre in Cracow, a house which attracted almost all the young talent that afterwards lent distinction to the Polish stage, Madame Modjeska created an excellent impression. She was left a widow at the age of 21, and two years afterwards married Count Bozenta Chlapowski, a Polish patriot and journalist, and almost immediately made her first appearance at the Imperial Theatre in Warsaw, where her success was brilliant and emphatic. She not only occupied the position of leading Polish actress—that she had won by her own merits—her husband became a neutral ground where the whole artistic management of the drama and comedy of the city were in her hands.

RESOLVED TO LEARN ENGLISH.
Suddenly she resolved to learn English and to play in English. Her difficulty presented itself. There were more Spanish than English-speaking people in Los Angeles. Modjeska migrated to San Francisco at the end of January, 1877, and in the following August, after hard study of the language, played in "Adrienne Lecouvreur" at the California Theatre. Her success was indisputable, and she immediately engaged for New York, where the metropolitan public fully endorsed the verdict passed upon her powers.

"Adrienne Lecouvreur" was written for Rachel by Schreie and Legouve, and its first presentation was in the Theatre Francaise on April 14, 1849. Oxford played it in Italian; John Oxenford turned it into "The Begging Lady" with the late Modjeska, and afterwards the late Amy Sedgwick, as the heroine; Sarah Bernhardt, countless lesser lights have been seen in it continually since. At the close of a brilliant engagement in New York, Modjeska went on a starling tour through all the principal cities of the States, and on her return to Europe, in 1879 the Polish patriots received her with immense enthusiasm, and loaded her with honors. But the test of England was still to come. It took place on May Day, of 1880, at an afternoon performance given at the Court Theatre, when the Prince and Princess of Wales—now King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra—attended to witness the efforts of one whose fame had long preceded her. The play had been adapted from the much-discussed "La Dame aux Camellias," which, as the reader, first saw the light at the Theatre du Vaudeville in 1852. Dumas' play has never been so attractive in England unless supported by the strongest acting, and the version written by Mrs. James Mortimer—the one in which Modjeska appeared—had led to a great scene at the Princess's on the evening of its presentation, six years previously. It was then that the late Mr. William Rigold came forward and reminded the claqueurs in the noisy audience that there was a lady (Miss Helen Barry) on the stage.

ENGLISH TRIUMPHS.
Of the players associated with Modjeska in "Heartsease" on the occasion of her English debut may be mentioned Arthur Dacre, G. W. Anson, the late Miss Le Thiere, and Miss Winifred Emery. Her foreign accent notwithstanding, she achieved a decided triumph, although the fact that she was thirty-six years of age did not escape observation. Mr. Dutton Cook said of her: "I really think that, since Mollie Almee Desclée, I have seen no actress upon the stage so expert as Madame Modjeska in strengthening and enriching her histrionic portrait-painting by means of minute touches, or so curiously practiced in the personal details and individual fitness of the business of the scene. She has a foreigner's restlessness and variety of gesture—that free movement of the wrists and fingers which is denied to our native players generally; but all she does, even to her least considerable actions, seems to pertain naturally to the character she personates, and to further its exhibition and the development. Her power of pathetic expression is limited, perhaps; I have known, at any rate, far less accomplished actresses more apt to draw tears from the audience. But she has passion at command; she can surrender herself to

SCORES OF THOUSANDS OF CHRISTIANS SLAIN; 15,000 IN ADANA ALONE

BEIRUT, April 25.—The situation in Asiatic Turkey is one of extreme gravity. How many thousands have been massacred cannot even be estimated, because the disturbances have been so widespread that it is impossible to secure details of the happenings during the past few days. The latest estimate of the number killed in the village of Adana reaches approximately 25,000, and thousands have been driven to death in the towns of other districts. The state of siege which several of the places are undergoing, has the inhabitants to the verge of starvation and each day brings its tales of further atrocities and the depths of misery and despair to which the savagery of the fanatics has brought the people.

Several warships are now in these waters, but the disorders are so far-reaching that the efforts of the powers to restore normal conditions have as yet hardly been felt. The French cruiser Jules Perry arrived here today, and left almost immediately for Latakia, where swarms of refugees are pouring in. British, French and German warships are at other ports, and marines have been landed to quell disorders as far as possible at the more important points.

Immense Bands.
One of the missionaries at Alexandrette, Mr. Kennedy, with 400 Turkish troops, has gone to the relief of Deourty, an Armenian village on the coast where 10,000 people within the walls are besieged by immense bands of Kurds and Christians. Only two days ago a British warship returned from that place, the governor having refused the commander permission to land a relief party. The water supply has been cut off from the town and the besieged are suffering greatly on that account. The children are drinking out of animal tracks after a shower. There was incessant firing on Greek subjects sent out under an escort yesterday.

Confirmation has been received of the burning of the Armenian village of Kessab. All the men and many women and children have been slain. The American property of Kessab was destroyed. Miss Chambers, an American missionary, is safe.

A British warship has been ordered from Alexandrette to Suediah, where conditions have become worse. All the property of the Christians at Dejoz-Berkeh has been destroyed. The total loss is unknown, but it will be enormous. Reports state that Hadin, in the village of Adana, is on fire. There are five American women quartered here, including Miss Lambert, who has been sending out appeals for help; Miss Virginia A. Billings and Miss Bowman. The authorities have refused permission to Messrs. Lawson and Chambers, also American missionaries, to go to their relief. Frantic appeals for protection and for food are coming in from all sections. Beirut is quiet.

FESTIVE SPOOKS PLAY
PRANKS IN COTTAGE
Candies Jump Into the Air and Stones Leap Right on to the Roof.

LONDON, April 24.—A curious "ghost" story comes from the West, vouched for by many local residents, and firmly believed in by many more.

The scene of the doing of this "prank" was a cottage in a remote spot near Symonds Yat, seven miles from Monmouth, and got far from the river. Here resides William Vaughan, head game-keeper to Admiral Pearson, and Mrs. Vaughan.

A few weeks ago the cottage was a quiet enough retreat for a hermit. It is the constant resort of scores of curious "spook" hunters, whom the game-keeper's wife finds nearly as harassing as the weird happenings that have startled the neighborhood.

The mysterious demonstrations began one day when inanimate articles are alleged to have first showed a tendency to move of their own accord. This is said to have developed to an amazing and very unpleasant extent.

To a reporter who visited the house Mrs. Vaughan declared that candies had jumped from the shelves and furniture were said to have been hurled about the room, and that boots and leggings and other articles had vanished out of the house and returned again. Once while she was cooking, she said, a pen stood in front of her with the nib stuck in a piece of wood.

On the roof of the cottage are many stones which some people, including Mrs. Vaughan, gravely assert jumped from the ground of their own volition. Mrs. Vaughan who, as will be noted, is more than a little superstitious, adds that these things happened because she was bewitched. The family have occupied the cottage for eight years.

During the last few days inexplicable movements of articles of clothing and furniture were said to have been seen by many persons.

So alarmed was the husband at the occurrence that he armed himself with a gun, but found nothing to shoot at.

And so for the present the situation remains. Meanwhile, Mrs. Vaughan, declares that if the rumour of ghost investigators continues she will look up the house.

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ANOTHER ITALIAN SOLD THE ARDENT
FREdericTON, April 25.—Camille Segasta was fined \$50 on Friday at Yuletown by Commissioner Ferris for keeping liquor for sale. A barrel of liquor found in Segasta's possession was ordered destroyed.

The weather continues very cold and the river is falling. The log driving company have yet several spare barrels to put out. There are no logs whatever running as yet.

OTTAWA CAPTURES MUSICAL TROPHY
MONTREAL, April 25.—The Earl Grey musical trophy was won again this year by its present holder, the Ottawa Conservatory of Music. No decision was announced in the dramatic competition, nor for the Margaret Anglin bracelet, awarded the best lady player. The Toronto companies, the players and the "Garrison Club" appeared on Saturday night and their excellence took the score up date and played the decision in doubt. It will be announced during the coming week from Ottawa.

JAPANESE CAPTAIN A CHINESE REBEL
YOKOHAMA, April 25.—A Japanese, Captain Kippu Kato, has been deprived of his rank at his own request, and has joined the Chinese revolutionaries at Tokio.

It is reported that Marquis Katsura, the premier, alarmed over the serious developments, has ordered the minister of justice not to investigate further the opposition press claim, as he fears it may result in the implication of his political club in Dalce.

The constitutionalists have been badly hit, the arrests already made including ten of their deputies.

BRUTAL ATTACK MADE ON WATCHMAN AT SAND POINT
Andrew Hamm, city watchman at Sand Point, was badly beaten by two drunken sailors who attacked and killed the watchman on the C. P. R. steamer Montezuma on Saturday evening about five o'clock.

The sailors had been in the city and were under the influence of liquor. They started to walk along the trestle work back of the immigration building at Sand Point, and fearing that they would fall from the trestle Mr. Hamm started to follow them. When he saw the sailors he tried to stop them, but they were too drunk and he was hit and he took the count.

The watchman left the sailors and hurried down the shed for help. When he returned the sailors had escaped through the back of the building and Marshall searched the steamer last evening but failed to locate the sailors.

Love cannot behave itself uselessly. You can put the most untutored persons into the highest society, and if they have a reservoir of love in their heart, they will not behave themselves unworthily. They simply cannot do it. Kennedy Knox, Toronto, will get D.D.

MAUD (who has answered the doorbell herself)—"George, you must not come into this house tonight. If you love me, darling, fly at once and do not let my father discover your presence."

George (tragically)—"Oh, Maud, my darling, what serpent has entered our Eden to wreck our happiness. Speak girl, speak."

Maud (fearfully)—"Father has just had the gas bell."

Hurry is the death-blow to calmness, to dignity, to poise. The old-time courtesy went out when the new-time hurry came in.—W. K. Jordan.

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COY GIRL, 70, SUES FICKLE WOOER, 73
Mrs. Vanderbeck Tells How James Pullis' Love Took Wings With His Bank Book.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Coyly steps forward Mrs. Margaret A. Vanderbeck, blushing acknowledgment of the burden of seventy summers, when her case is called before Judge Demarest, in the Circuit Court of Hackensack. It is a case of breach of promise and the defendant is that gay young blade, James Pullis, who has just turned seventy-three. The time is yesterday and the case is called before Judge Demarest.

SISTERS PROBABLY FATALLY INJURED
MONTREAL, April 25.—Startling a fire in a boiler in which there was but little water, led to an explosion this morning in the convent of the congregation of Notre Dame at Cote St. Paul this morning, as a result of which the superiors, Sister Nom de Jesus, was probably fatally injured, and Sister Duboulet and a little girl injured. All three were in the boiler room at the time.

SLEIGHTS OUT IN MONTREAL.
MONTREAL, April 25.—Montreal has been in the grip all day of one of the worst snow storms of the winter. Snow came down in large quantities and was driven by a wind, which at times attained velocity of blizzard.

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