

FASHIONS AND THE HOUSEHOLD

MOTHER'S APPEAL MOVES EMBASSY

American Suffragists Hopeful of Securing Release of Miss Emerson.

HEALTH UNDERMINED?

Request That Own Physician Make Examination Likely To Be Granted.

LONDON, April 3.—(Can. Press).—American suffragists who are fighting for the release from jail of Miss Zelle Emerson of Jackson, Mich., secured their first official success today when Irwin B. Laughlin, the American charge d'affaires, asked the British foreign office to expedite the request made by her to permit her to see her own physician.

On Mr. Laughlin's assurance that the American embassy could take no steps in the matter until Mrs. Emerson's request was in the hands of Secretary McKenna, a delegation composed of Miss Scott-Troy and Baron von Horst and Mrs. Mary Ford of New York, invaded the inner lobby of the house of commons where they persuaded Josiah Wedgwood, a Liberal member, personally to place the matter in the hands of Secretary McKenna. They then informed Mr. Laughlin of their successful onslaught on the hotbed of common sense and later immediately visited the foreign office.

Nervous and Broken Down.

The letter addressed by Mrs. Emerson to Secretary McKenna was as follows: "I am the mother of Miss Zelle Emerson who is now confined in Holloway jail. It was evident to me on my visit that her health had become seriously impaired by her confinement in prison and by your system of forcible feeding. She was also excessively nervous and broken down. I am extremely anxious about her and desire to have her examined by the physician of my own choosing, so that I may know exactly how much more she will be able to stand before being reduced to the dying condition that seems necessary for her release. I am sure you will grant my demand as a favor, but simply as the act of a man who is presumably a civilized being."

(Signed) Zelle P. Emerson, U.S.A.

A certain section of Americans in England, indignant at the alleged inaction of the United States embassy, have instituted a movement for the removal from the embassy of Irwin B. Laughlin, who is acting as charge d'affaires. Mrs. J. J. White of New York has written to President Wilson and other prominent Americans demanding the recall of Laughlin after a failure to protect American citizens.

Embassy "Wak Knead"

During an interview concerning Mrs. Emerson's letter to Secretary McKenna, Miss Scott-Troy stated: "Mr. Laughlin said, 'I am afraid the British Government may refuse to recognize the American embassy if the matter should be taken up by legal methods are exhausted. The law must be exhausted before the embassy can intervene.' This statement has been given to 'General' Mrs. Drummond to be used at a great meeting in the Albert Hall so that the whole world may know how weak-kneed our country has been in the matter of protecting an American girl from torture."

A petition, signed by 150 prominent physicians, including Sir Victor Horsely, Dr. Mansell-Moullin, Dr. Pemberton Peake, Dr. Cuthbert Lockyer and Dr. Octavio Lewin, has been sent to Home Secretary McKenna strongly protesting against forcible feeding in jails, and declaring that "the cases where the operation is resisted are accompanied by immediate risk to the life of the patient. In addition, there is danger of permanent damage to the health both of the body and mind."

Immediate Steps Urged.

Mrs. Emerson had sent a letter to the American charge, Mr. Laughlin, stating that she has received no reply to her letter to the home secretary and urging Mr. Laughlin to take immediate steps in her daughter's behalf. She says that on a recent visit to Holloway jail she found her daughter utterly exhausted, on the verge of a nervous collapse and much emaciated by three weeks' forcible feeding. The tube used by the doctors had torn the lining of the nasal passage to such an extent, she asserts, that she is in danger of permanent damage, but the condition of the nose would probably result in permanent disability, unless careful local treatment was resorted to. In other respects the symptoms displayed by her daughter indicated the immediate need of special medical treatment.

Miss Scott-Troy called on Sylvia Pankhurst tonight with a view to obtaining her assistance to get letters from Miss Emerson smuggled out of jail. The doctors who are in attendance on Miss Pankhurst announced, however, that she could not receive visitors, as the forcible feeding to which she had been subjected while in jail had so affected her health that only at intervals did she display sane consciousness.

MISS EMERSON IS NO MARTYR

Laughlin Says Charges of Harsh Treatment Are Without Foundation.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—(Can. Press).—Charges that Miss Zelle Emerson, American militant suffragette now in a British prison for window smashing, has been subjected to cruel and unusual treatment, are unfounded, according to a report to the state department today from Irwin B. Laughlin, charge of the American embassy at London. Laughlin personally investigated the charges.



THE SPRING MAID COMES TO GRAND

New York Production Will Be Presented at Popular Prices.

The important announcement is made from the office of Manager A. J. Small of the Grand Opera House that Mr. Small, while stopping over in New York en route on his present European tour, as the result of a conference with Werba & Luescher, the big New York producers of "The Spring Maid," "The Rose Maid," "Over the River," "Sweethearts," "Elevating a Husband," etc., perfected arrangements for the appearance at the Grand the week of April 14, for positively the first time at less than \$2 prices, of "The Spring Maid," easily the leader and most charming of all the numerous Viennese operettas. This announcement is of more than ordinary importance, for Mr. Small and Messrs. Werba & Luescher wish to lay particular emphasis on the fact that the production to be seen at the Grand is identically the same seen here and elsewhere previously in the high prices.

Watching the Hotbed, and the Flats or Boxes.

It is unnecessary to disturb the hotbed until the seeds have sprouted. Then water carefully with a fine spray and ventilate daily between nine and ten and three and four. On sunny days attend to the watering early in the morning. The soil must be kept only moist, not soggy. When vapour condenses on the under side of the glass let in a little cool fresh air, with the greatest care of draughts. When the seedlings in any plot show a pair of leaves remove the paper cover that bed, still shading from the sun during the hottest part of the day. On no account allow the temperature to rise above 75 per cent. Should such happen lift the sashes carefully, allowing cool air to enter. When the plants appear too thickly in the row transplant them into another row as soon as they have their second pair of leaves. Never allow crowding as this prevents vigorous growth. Some plants may be transplanted a number of times without growth being interfered with if carefully done. When the time approaches for a final transplanting outside to the garden beds the plants must be gradually hardened by equalizing the temperature within the hotbed with the outside air. This will be done by lifting the sashes carefully and allowing the free air to enter, always guarding against draughts. Finally, remove the sashes entirely, leaving the whole interior of the bed open. A day or so later the plants will be ready for the last moving.

The same attention should be given to the boxes, especially if they have been placed outside, and covered with glass thus forming small hotbeds. If, however, they are kept indoors until sprouting has taken place allow plenty of light and sun, altho the direct rays of the sun should be utilized with caution, and closing the middle of the day shield the tender sprouts by placing newspaper between them and the window panes.

After firm, fairly sturdy plants have been obtained be sure to place the flats outside in a sheltered spot protecting the plants from a too sudden change of temperature, by newspapers or glass; do this several days, until they have become hardened, after which transplanting may take place. In general the care of flat boxes corresponds to that given to hotbeds, the same rules applying in most cases to both.

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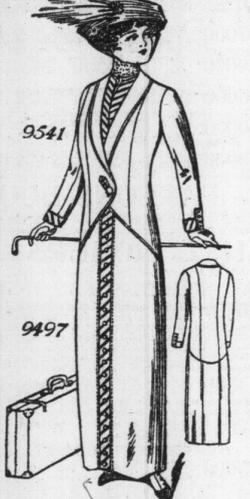
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A MAN IN THE OPEN

By Roger Pocock.

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"Gentlemen," Captain Taylor spoke very gently. "I understand that you, O'Flynn, received two wounds in punishment, and that two of your comrades were killed by the men who avenged this affront. Is that true?" "It's a fact."

"The verdict of the court is, not guilty." "But prisoner, your confession proves the right of the settlers to organize for defence of the settlement until the constable could be brought to their help. All you settlers who have taken part in the capture of these prisoners are engaged by the province as special constables from the day you underwent service until I give you your discharge. You will be paid on such a scale as I direct."

"Sit down," Cyrus Y. Jones. "The other stockman was sworn. You are representative of certain stock associations and submit proof? Right. You claim certain cattle alleged to be stolen and found in possession of the prisoners? Right. You submit photographs identifying certain of these cattle and evidence of theft. And you offer twenty-five thousand dollars reward for recovery of the stock. Pay that money into court and take my receipt."

"Prisoners, you are charged in your own country with robbery-under-arms and homicide in various degrees. Now, I don't pretend to understand to what particular degree you may or may not have murdered people, but it seems to me that being killed even to a very slight extent must be damned inconvenient. I don't want to know whether you're guilty or not guilty, because it's no business of mine. I do know that this official who claims you represents the republic. I have plenty of evidence that you were found in this country under suspicious circumstances, and that you proceeded to make yourselves a general nuisance. If I committed you for vagrancy or assault it would delay you in a business which you must have deeply at heart. I know that I was charged with a tenth part of these crimes I'd never sleep until I proved my innocence. Do you know what my powers are in this matter, but it's evident that the less red tape there is the sooner these men will get the justice they rightly demand. I don't want them. Give me a receipt and engage what men you need for escort duty. You, Mr. Representative, give me your receipt for the cattle. Now clear out, and get to the States before your interference with by any law-abiding official. Constable, hand over your prisoners."

"Mr. Dale and Mr. Smith, will you trust me as a magistrate to make a fair division of this reward? All right. One-quarter goes to Dale, one-quarter to Smith and the other half to be equally divided among you. Is that fair? All right, here's the plunder. Let's get the table in and dinner served. I'm famished."

"So the court rose, and the dear old captain, having I believe, broken every statute in British Columbia jurisdiction, asked all hands and the prisoners to dinner. "Of course," he said afterward to Jesse, "I ought to have committed you and Dale to trial for

"That's all right." "And one thing more. This year Brooke ain't white." "You don't say!" "The outlaw grinned. "You asked him up, right? He joined us out of a Wild West Show last fall. He's never done nothin' to earn hanging or jail, being too incompetent. But he's state's evidence enough to hang us twenty times over. He'll get off."

"Moreover, Jesse, take a dying man's word. That Brooke has an eye on your good lady. He's your enemy from times far back at Abilene. He'll live to do you dirt. That, I sort of hate to talk so of one of my men, and I won't say no more."

"Say, my hands being hurt, will you just reach into my off hind pocket? That's right. There's a gold watch. Take it, my time's up. Give that to your lady from us as a sort of keepsake. Good-by, partner."

"Good-by, friend."

"Addio," said the Mexican. "Vaya usted con Dios!" And the English of this is, "May you ride with God!" From the other end of the room Captain Taylor and I were watching that little scene. Without hearing a word we could understand so well. "Young woman," said the captain, "when I was a younger fool than I am now, I was a naval attaché at St. Petersburg. I'd seen how the Russian Bear behaved at Sebastopol and I liked to watch how he behaved in the Winter Palace. One day a Cossack officer and his son came to make an appeal. Mrs. officer had been a puss and bottled with one of the court officials, so her husband and son wanted leave to go after the man with their guns. They were so miserable that they sat at a table and took no notice of anybody or anything. After they'd been sitting a long time, a man came and laid down a case of duelling pistols on the table beside them. I couldn't hear what he said, but he sat down with them. Presently I saw him shake hands with the general. "Now your husband put something on the table, and sat down with those wretched prisoners, and presently shook hands with one of them. "Your husband and that Russian chap did the very same things in the very same way. Yes, you've married a gentleman by mistake." "I was puzzled. "Who was the Russian?" I asked. "Oh, didn't I tell you? He was the emperor." "After a minute, while I watched my royal man, the captain laid his hand on mine. "Don't let these loafers see you crying," he whispered.

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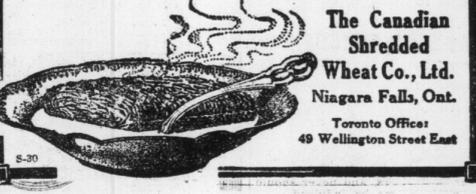
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