

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., scored 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 the American suffragists to have Secretary McKenna for permission to have her daughter examined by 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 laid 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 house of commons 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 she will be able to stand before being reduced to the dying condition that seems necessary for her release. I am not asking you to grant my demand as a favor, but simply as the act of a man who is presumably a civilized being.

(Signed) Zelle P. Emerson.
"Jackson, Mich., U.S.A."

A certain section of Americans in England, indignant at the alleged inhumanity of the United States embassy, have instituted a movement for the removal from the embassy of Irwin B. Laughlin, who is acting as the American charge d'affaires. Mrs. J. J. White of New York has written to President Wilson and other prominent Americans denouncing the American charge d'affaires, giving as their ground his 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 the law. The law must be exhausted before the embassy can intervene.' This statement has given rise to a great deal of discussion at a great meeting in the Albert Hall so that the whole world may know how weak-kneed our embassy has been in the matter of protecting an American girl from torture."

A petition, signed by 150 prominent physicians, including Sir Victor Horsley, Dr. Mansell-Poullin, Dr. Pemberton Peake, Dr. Cuthbert Lockyer and Dr. Octavius Lewin, has been sent to Home Secretary McKenna strongly protesting against forcible feeding in jail, 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 the process had to be discontinued; 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, the American militant suffragist 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.

Charge Laughlin personally investi-



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," "Sweetheart," "Elevating a Husband," etc., perfected arrangements for the appearance at the Grand the week of April 14, for positively the first time 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 price.



MARGUERITE WRIGHT
In "The Spring Maid" at the Grand on
April 14.

ed theatres, the only difference being the substitution of Miss Marguerite Wright for Miss Christie MacDonnell in the title role. Miss MacDonnell, having already made her appearance in Werba & Luescher's new production, "Sweetheart."

Mr. McNaughton is still seen in the leading comedy role and the surrounding roles as well as the entire "Spring Maid" chorus continue in the same hands. Mr. Small feels that in arranging this interesting engagement, he is offering to the Grand patrons probably what is the most auspicious musical comedy treat that this theatre has ever housed and making "The Spring Maid" available at such bargain prices but adds to the importance of the announcement.

"The Spring Maid's" delightful story, entwined as it is with the pretty legend of the Carlsbad Spring, is already familiar to all lovers of light opera and clean comedy, and the charming music of the score has become a household classic. "Day Dreams," "Two Little Love Birds," "Fountain Fay," and "How I Love a Pretty Face," retaining all their beautiful charm.



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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 undertook service until I give you your discharge. You will be paid on such a scale as I direct."

"Rudolf Schweinfurth."

The marshal came forward and was sworn.

"You are a United States marshal?"

"Yes, your honor."

"You submit proof?"

The marshal's credentials were read.

"You claim these prisoners for extradition?"

"Yes, sir."

"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 resist arrest. You are charged with assault if it would delay you in a business which you must have deeply at heart. I know that if I were charged with a tenth part of these crimes I'd never sleep until I proved my innocence. Do you wish me not to wish to prove your innocence?"

The prisoners scratched their heads. "I don't 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. I'll give you a receipt for the cattle. Now clear out, and get to the States before you're interfered with by any law-suits. 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 jurisprudence, asked all hands and the prisoners to dinner. "Of course," he said afterwards to Jesse, "I ought to have committed you and Dale to trial for

homicide, fined you all round for using guns without a license, turned the law-ymen loose on a fat extradition case and impounded the cattle to eat my grass at government expense. As it is, I'll be hanged, drawn and quartered by the politicians, damned by the press and killed for thrashing editors. And I missed all the fun."

After dinner the crowd broke up into little groups. In one corner the American officials were bargaining with Mr. Dale for his Sky-line men to ride with the prisoners and the cattle. By the door stood Mr. Brooke, explaining something at great length to our bored constable. At the head of the long table Captain Taylor was telling me how difficult it was to find a suitable nursery governess for Wee James. At the foot of the table I saw the Mexican whispering to his unfortunate chief—plans for escape, no doubt. Then Jesse joined them, with a present of pipe, matches and tobacco to ease their journey.

"Mr. Smith," said poor old O'Flynn, "this year Sebastian Diaz has been with me these twelve years. He's only a grasser."

"Medio Sangre, senior!" said the half-breed, proudly.

"But he's got the heart of a white man. He's like a son to me."

"I'm proud," said Jesse, "to make your acquaintance, both of you. You are men, all right."

"We fought the rich men what had wronged us, them and their breed. We put up a good fight. Yes, sir! And we wouldn't have missed a mile of that twelve years' trail. It wasn't our way to insult women, Mr. Smith. I liked to watch how he behaved in the Winter Palace. One day a Cosack 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 dueling 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 one who, 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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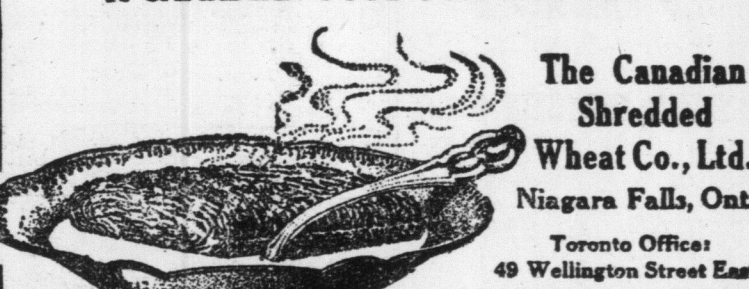
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