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MAUD ALLAN

The statement that Canada cannot touch the heart of old London is evidently no longer true. The complaint has frequently been made that the London people are so self-absorbed that the British citizen from overseas who visits the empire's metropolis finds himself unnoticed, and in a general way as lonely there as if he were in the heart of a Canadian, Australian or South African wilderness. The name Canadian has not awakened that personal interest and eagerness of welcome which the citizen of a great Dominion might, in his self-consciousness, anticipate.

Maud Allan has changed all that. Maud Allan is a Canadian dancer, and she has gone straight to the heart of London. In the Standard of Empire of May 23rd appears this statement: "Miss Maud Allan, the Canadian dancer, whose performances at the Palace Theatre have made her quite the topic of the hour, has been honored by Royal patronage in the matter of giving a series of her classical dances before the King and Queen after their Majesties' dinner with the Earl and Countess of Dudley at 7, Carlton gardens, on Thursday. It is long since any performer on the musical stage has captured London's favor and attention so thoroughly as Miss Allan has succeeded in doing."

So far so good. But the Standard of Empire of May 30th has two references to Miss Maud Allan, by two writers, who regard her from somewhat different standpoints, yet agree that she has certainly captured London. One of these writers attributes her wonderful success to her art, while the other appears to think it is due to her shape. For Maud is shapely and does not withhold knowledge of the fact, either from royalty or the gallery. Thus one of these writers remarks:

"During the past few weeks Londoners have been tumbling over one another to see Miss Maud Allan. The lady is a graceful and accomplished dancer, and some of her light fluttering poses are altogether delightful; but I am afraid that she would hardly draw so well but for the fact that in her 'Salome' dance she appears with practically no more clothing than Eve wore in the Garden of Eden. There is no harm about it, of course, for, after all, no great injury is done by seeing a beautiful woman much as nature made her. But my French friend, the Vicomte Hippolyte de Nulle-Terre, whom I took to see this chaste display, was a good deal astonished. 'Ma foi,' he gasped. 'Maud Allan's body is an Angleterre-la pudique Angleterre!'"

One detects in this writer's observations a certain lack of enthusiasm, perhaps even a suggestion of caution, or of reluctance to do justice to London's complete capitulation to Canada, as represented by Miss Maud Allan—indeed, some persons might even say they were characterized by a degree of racism, not unmingled with cynicism. Therefore we turn with joy to the other Standard writer, who has the artistic temperament, and who discovers poetry in bare arms and legs and diaphanous gauze, and who truly interprets to us the psychology of Miss Maud Allan's wonderful conquest of the affections of king and peasant. Hear this witness:

"This popular dancer from Canada continues to have many imitators, but no rivals, so far as London is concerned. Miss Allan danced for the king and queen the other night at the house of Lord Dudley, and received the congratulations of their majesties. The special madames at the Palace, the most fashionable variety theatre in London, continue, in order that Miss Allan may give more extended selections from her repertoire than is possible at the regular evening performances, and although they have been

going on now for months, it is still difficult to obtain admission to them unless one's seats are reserved well in advance. Although Miss Allan's dresses are extremely abbreviated, so classic is her style that there is no trace of suggestion in it. She does not give us a new art form—or, perhaps, a revival from the early world. She does not give us 'dances' in the ordinary sense, for they lack entirely the usual set motions and 'steps' and the conventional figures. They are really the translation of poetry and music to movement, inspired by an appreciation of the beauty which is in all art, and expressing varying emotions in terms of gesture, pose, and dancing, with an extraordinary vividness and grace. Miss Allan, clad in the most diaphanous of gauzes, with legs, feet and arms quite bare, avoids all suggestion save that of classic aloofness. Sensuous as are many of her movements, there is nothing of sensuality in them. She moves as though she were blown by the wind, so entirely absent is all trace of effort. The sinuous undulating movement of the arms from shoulder to finger tips has the likeness of the serpent. 'Salome,' the most sensational of Miss Allan's dances, and the one which doubtless attracts most, is, artistically, the least successful of her efforts. Her interpretation of Mendelssohn's 'Spring Song,' Rubenstein's 'Valse Caprice,' and Chopin's 'Marche Funebre,' are, each in its different way a sheer delight."

To the lay mind, this would appear to be the conclusion of the whole matter. There really does not seem to be anything more to be said—so far as London is concerned. But what shall we say of Manchester—which sends steamers to St. John in winter, and makes pretence to be a second metropolis of the Empire? Manchester, according to a cable of Sunday last, avers its face and declines to look upon Miss Maud Allan. "The Watch Committee," says this cable, "refuses to allow Maud Allan to dance in Manchester." The idol of London, the pet of royalty, the despair of art, the crowning triumph of nature, and the joy of Canada, is the rejected of Manchester. In such an exigency there does not seem to be anything we can do to give adequate expression to our grief and indignation. But we might begin by lopping off the subsidy to the Manchester steamships, and urging Maud to come home by way of New York.

The announcement that Sir Hibbert will not run in Pictou county in the federal elections will keenly disappoint the Conservatives of Nova Scotia. Sir Hibbert's return to federal politics at this time was regarded as a source of strength, and his decision as announced today was quite unexpected.

Dr. Daniel's point that government railway excursions should be advertised in opposition as well as government papers commended itself to Hon. Mr. Graham. It was certainly a reasonable proposition, and should have suggested itself to the business management of the road.

The Presbyterian general assembly has instructed its committee on church union by many members that a satisfactory basis of union can be arranged.

There is universal interest in the visit of King Edward to the Emperor of Russia. The event is regarded as one of great international importance.

The N. B. Telephone company has declared a dividend. It should next proceed to improve its service.

ANOTHER PARIS
MURDER MYSTERY

Wealthy Retired Banker Stabbed to Death in His Mansion.

Paris, June 9.—With the mystery of the murder of Adolphe Steinheil and his mother-in-law, Mme. Japy, yet unsolved, the police have been confronted by a new mystery in the discovery of Auguste Remy, a wealthy retired banker, seventy-seven years of age, stabbed to death with a dagger in his mansion in the Rue de la Republique. The murder occurred some time Saturday night, and money and jewels of great value are missing. The finding of a carafe of wine and three glasses that had been used suggested that the three persons supposed to have been implicated in the Steinheil murder might be responsible for this crime.

MISSOURI WIT.

A number of representatives were facetiously discussing the resources of the state of Missouri one afternoon, when Mr. Call, of Massachusetts, observed to Mr. Lloyd, of the first-named state:

"Lloyd, I am told that Missouri stands at the head in raising mules."

"It seems to me," retorted Lloyd, "that is the only safe place to stand in the circumstances."—June Lippincott's.

ONE HE'D GLADLY FOOT.

Mother.—"My dear, I'm afraid your choice of William as a fiancee doesn't quite meet your father's approval."

Daughter.—"Well, ma, you know how dad objects to my Bills on principle."—Boston Transcript.

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Who has more whims than womankind

And never seems to know her mind.

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Who doesn't meet me at the train—

Whetting remarks profane.

As home I foot it in the rain.

My motor.

Who's always getting out of whack

And makes me work with wrench and jack.

Until my hands and face are black.

My motor.

Who tried to climb a wayside tree

And tumbled backward onto me.

Who broke my arm and sprained my knee.

My motor.

Who pitches me from my seat pell-mell,

And mounted on me when I fell.

So I was woe in getting well.

My motor.

Who costs me more for wear and tear

Than my collapsing purse will bear.

Who taught me how to drink and swear.

My motor.

Who is it drags me into debt.

And makes me fear the sheriff's threat.

Who other than my pride, my pet—

My motor.

—Puck.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

VERY DOUBTFUL.

New Curate—"How's your wife, James?"

James—"Er's very doubtful. Her

doubts as to whether she's better, and I doubt

as to whether she's worse."—(Punch).

A GIDDY ONE.

"You want a girl's portrait to boost your

ad?"

"Yes, I know," said the manufacturer.

"How many of your girls do you think would

go along with a brand of safe glass?"

(Philadelphia Press).

NO ALTERNATIVE.

Footpad—"Fork over your money, now, or

I'll blow your brains out."

Whisper—"Blow away, my dear fellow!"

A chap can get along in New York without

caring but he cannot without money."—(Puck).

BASEBALL ITEM.

"Little boy, do you ever swear?"

"No, ma'am, 'ceptin' when 'Pa' nacksary

and I gotta do it."

"When is it necessary to swear?"

"When de umpire calls 'ye out on two

strikes an' a ball.'"—(Chicago Tribune).

A LEGISLATOR.

"How did the Hon. Thomas Rott manage

to be sent back to the Legislature?"

"Oh, as he had been a member of that

body for ten years, it was generally con-

sidered that he was not good for anything

else."—(Life).

NORA WAS CANDID.

Nora—"Piss, ma'am, O! wish to lave."

Mrs. O'Connell—"What's that?"

Nora—"I wish to lave the whole

house and its contents, and I wish to lave

the whole of the family."—(Punch).

A HAIR RAISER.

"I hear Whitten, the author, has dropped

the philosophical essay, and is devoting

himself to a popular book of the hair-raising

kind."

"So he is."

"It is very startling!"

"Not at all; it is a treatise on the care of

the scalp."—(Hullmore American).

ONE POINT IN HIS FAVOR.

A witty priest was once visiting a "self-

made" millionaire, who took him to see his

seminary library.

"There," said the millionaire, pointing to

a table covered with books, "there are my

best books."

"Ah," replied the wit, as he glanced at

the books, "I'm glad you don't cut them!"

—(Pick-me-Up).

HAMILTON ELECTION
OFFICIALS, CHARGED
WITH FRAUD, SKIP

Toronto, June 9.—Chief Smith of Ham-

ilton is likely to get into trouble for

neglecting to arrest William Lawson and

Henry Dillabaugh, election officials, who

are mixed up with an attempt to sell

ballots. It is said Smith informed the

returning officer, and missed the chance

of arresting the men when they came to

make the deal. They appear to have

skipped.

THIRTY INJURED IN
WABASH TRAIN WRECK

Stevensville, June 9.—A Wabash pas-

senger train running at full speed left the

tracks one mile west of here this morn-

ing about 4.30. About 30 passengers were

injured. Most of the coaches were com-

pletely wrecked and several passengers

were removed by chopping away the

wreckage.

The wreck is supposed to have been

caused by spreading rails. Four ladies

from the western states were taken to

the Buffalo hospital.

PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY
IN FAVOR OF CHURCH UNION

Winnipeg, June 9.—The Church Union

debate occupied the greater part of the

afternoon and evening. Principal Patrick

said that the proposed union would affect

congregational liberty but little and eld-

ership not at all. The history of the

ministry would not be rigidly applied nor

the permanent pastorate. Probation-

ers would disappear as would also

candidates.

The motion of which Principal Patrick

had given notice of Saturday asked the

committee to go on and complete its la-

bor. He thought that at the end of

twelve months a basis of union might be

reached.

Dr. Murray, Halifax, seconding the mo-

tion, cited the success of previous unions

within the Presbyterian church in Canada

and the progress of similar negotiations in

Czech, China, India, Africa and Aus-

tralia.

Dr. Campbell, Montreal, led the oppo-

sition, deprecating the efforts towards or-

ganic union. He thought the people had

not responded to the appeal for union,

indicating an attitude of timidity and fear.

Union would involve a compromise and

departure from time-honored methods.

Prof. McKay, Vancouver, who seconded

the amendment, feared Principal Patrick's

resolution would divide the church.

A vote was taken late in the evening

and Principal Patrick's resolution carried

by a large majority.

WANT JOHN MITCHELL ON
TICKET WITH BRYAN

Dallas, Texas, June 9.—At a conference

of leading Democrats of Texas, including

many members of the Democratic state

executive committee, John Mitchell,

former president of the United Mine

Workers, was indorsed for vice president

on the ticket with W. J. Bryan, and a

national campaign in the interests of the

labor leader was launched.

ONE WAY.

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