

When Pavlova Danced

Why Sousa Would Not Stop the Band: The 'Cellist in the Wings' Stories of the "Swan" Dance

Life is often careless of its geniuses. writes Trevor Allen in John O'London's Weekly. Fifty years ago—on January 21st, 1882—Anna Pavlova was born two months prematurely in St. Petersburg. She was so weak and puny that her parents decided to baptize her at once. For months she was kept in cotton-wool; the spark of life in her burned but faintly.

At the age of four, when she was playing near a tea-table, she pulled the cloth, overturned the samovar and scalded her left hand, which bore the mark of the accident all her life. One of her earliest teachers to recognize her unusual gifts, Paul Gerdt, had to scheme to save her from over-fatigue, for he was afraid her physique would never stand the strain of strenuous work.

HER LOVE OF NATURE

Yet she passed out of the Imperial School at seventeen with the grade of "first class," and by sheer effort of will, hard training, and self-discipline rose to an eminence in art which enabled her to dominate rapt audiences all over the world.

Country life proved not only her salvation, but inspired her with a love of nature which found expression in her dancing in after-life. For the sake of her health she was placed in the care of her grandmother at the city, where her young senses could delight in the pageant of the seasons. She loved spring flowers, snow-clad forests and never forgot them. As the years passed—says her husband, M. Dandré—in a devout biography, "Anna Pavlova"—her feeling for nature strengthened; she loved the play of sunbeams, verdure in all its various hues, the falling of autumn leaves, the outlines of trees in misty gloom, she loved even rain; all these gave her happiness.

A DANCER BORN.

Whatever she learned of technique at the Imperial school, where she was an assiduous student, there is no doubt that she had an intuitive sense of beauty which was fostered by her early influences, and partly the result of her physical frailty. Svetlov, a connoisseur of ballet, was sensitive to this in describing her debut as a young girl:

Slender and graceful as a reed, and as supple with the ingenious face of a girl of southern Spain, ethereal and light, she seemed like a fragile and elegant Sevres statuette. But every now and then she struck up attitudes and poses in which something classical could be felt. She had the feeling that here was something individual, something that was learnt by rote at school.

M. Dandré was always conscious of this intuitive background to her technique. He has never seen her, he says, at work before a mirror. "A dance formed itself in her soul." After hearing the music played through several times she would blend it with figures formed in her mind and express it first by movements of her arms and then slowly translate the movement into dance "as if listening to the song in her soul."

SOUSA WENT ON PLAYING.

Like every genius, she received tribute from fellow-artists as well as from the public. One in New York, Sousa asked her to dance to one of his waltzes. She agreed, but explained that it would be necessary to cut it by about half. Sousa concurred, and the rehearsals were satisfactory, but to Pavlova's consternation, did not make the "cut" in the actual performance. She and Volinin had to go on, partly repeating, partly improvising, and at the end were so completely exhausted that they could hardly walk to the stage. When Pavlova complained to Sousa afterwards, he replied: "Madame, I did not forget it, but I was so happy that Pavlova was dancing my favorite waltz, that it was quite beyond my power to end it so quickly."

CASALS COMPLIMENT.

A visit to Mexico City coincided with that of Pablo Casals, the famous cellist. He complimented M. Dandré that the "Dying Swan" was not being played as it should be for Pavlova, and suggested that he should be allowed to play by himself for her, but

that she should know nothing of the change. It was arranged that he should be smuggled into the wings and play from there:—

At last the blue lights were turned on and the dance began—the heavenly execution of the great musician, combined with the art of Pavlova. As I watched her, I saw her open her eyes wide at the very first sounds. Then as she danced she slowly came nearer and nearer to Casals, until that moment knowing nothing of the change we had arranged. He told me afterwards that when he saw her approach with wide-open eyes, he had to close his own, lest his agitation should not be able to continue playing.

This "Swan" dance which crowned her fame for world over was the work of a moment of inspiration. Pavlova had agreed to perform at a big charity performance in St. Petersburg, and approached M. Fokine with a request to stage something new for that evening. He suggested taking the music of Saint-Saens, and in about an hour composed the famous dance-poem. Her greatest reward came when Saint-Saens himself told her in her dressing-room one night:—

"Do you know, Madame, that it is only to-day after seeing you dance that I have understood what a beautiful thing I have written."

Her last thought was of the "Swan" when, in January, 1931, she died of pleurisy at The Hague. Pavlova's breathing grew fainter and fainter. About midnight she opened her eyes and with difficulty raised her hand as if to beg to be allowed to play the sign of the cross. A few minutes later Marguerite (her maid) looked up and saw that she wanted to say something. She bent down and Pavlova said:—

"Get my 'Swan' costume ready."

Those were her last words.

M. Dandré writes of the artist more than the woman, but with a devotion and understanding which will commend his book to all lovers of the ballet and revive old enthusiasms in the hearts of all Pavlova's admirers.

Five Species Supply 90% of Cut Lumber

Douglas Fir, Spruce, White Pine, Hemlock and Cedar Leaders in Production

Canadian forests rank second only to agriculture in their contribution to Dominion production, and they provide a fourth of the net production of Canadian manufacturers. Five tree species are the source of over 90 per cent of the lumber cut of the Dominion. They are Douglas fir, spruce, white pine, hemlock and cedar. There are in Canada approximately 160 different species or varieties of plants reaching tree size, of which 21 are conifers and form 80 per cent of the standing timber. Of the 90 species of hardwoods the most important are birch and maple.

The Douglas fir of the Pacific coast yields more lumber annually than any other single species in America. This tree is not found in Canada east of the Rocky Mountains, the greater part of the lumber being produced in the coast region of British Columbia. This is Canada's biggest tree and from it larger structural timbers can be obtained than from any other in America. It is chiefly used for structural purposes but on account of its attractive appearance it is also extensively used for interior finish. The wood is also important in Canada as a material for railway ties and mining timbers.

The five native spruce species are all of commercial importance, providing nearly one-third of the total production of lumber. Spruce pulpwood is used in preference to all others, and forms over two-thirds of the total quantity of pulpwood used in the raw or unmanufactured state. Spruce is also used for railway ties, poles, cooperage and mining timbers. White spruce is the most abundant. With black spruce it ranges from Labrador to Alaska, extending northward almost to the limit of tree growth and southward into the United States. The red spruce is confined to the Province of Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. Its wood is considered to be of greater technical value than any other spruce species. The Western species, Engelmann and Sitka spruce, are confined to the interior and coastal regions of British Columbia respectively, and the trees attain great size in this region.

Yorkshire Pudding

One cup milk, 1 cup flour, 2 eggs, 1/2 teaspoon salt. Mix salt and flour and gradually add milk, stirring to make a smooth paste. Beat whites and yolks of eggs separately and add to first mixture. Cover bottom of pan with a thick coating of beef fat poured out from roast. Heat well and pour in batter. Bake 20 minutes in a hot oven, basting after it is well risen with some of the "drippings" from the roast. Break in squares for serving.

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-57 and 18-57. The grid is 10 columns wide and 10 rows high. Numbers are placed in the starting squares for the words. The grid is as follows:

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Horizontal

1-Boring tool

4-Celebration

8-Ship timber

11-To yelp

12-To shine

13-Habitual practices

15-Purple

17-Huge

19-Preposition

20-Facility

21-Fold

22-Pronoun

23-To summon

24-By very much

26-Precious stones

27-Unit

28-Auxiliary verb

29-To block

30-Pronoun

31-Frontiers

33-Pronoun

35-Goal

36-To what degree

37-Color

38-Style of letters

40-Youth

41-To forward

42-Number

43-Nothing

44-Male swan

45-Pronoun

46-Portuguese title

47-To cajole

60-Pipe

62-River in Egypt

54-To trifle

55-Night before

56-Worry

57-To understand

Vertical

1-Deed

2-Askew

3-Shaped like ancient harp

4-Insipid

5-Incalculable period

6-Preposition

7-Coal

8-Carpet

9-Exists

10-Mohammedan princess

14-Drunkards

16-Wrath

18-Within

21-Partaining to

22-Passover

23-Border

24-Chill

25-Tree

26-Slang: fuel

27-Meat

29-Molsture

31-Glove

32-Barrow

33-Invasion of Europe

34-Goal

35-Tool

37-First appearances

38-To recommend

39-To result

40-Points

41-Heavenly body

43-Negative

44-Ball of yarn

46-Study

48-Deer

49-To look over

51-Part of "to be"

53-Pronoun

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

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Mrs. Hartwell's Run-Down Health Restored by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, She States.

"I have derived great benefit from Dr. Williams' Pink Pills," writes Mrs. Lorne Hartwell, Oshabruck Centre, Ont.—"My health got poor: indigestion followed, and I was nervous and irritable. My heart was also bad. I got up in the morning more tired than when I went to bed. My weight was reduced, my ambition shattered, my memory uncertain. I was unable to do my housework and I was so discouraged that life was a burden. A friend advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. While taking the first box my appetite revived. The daily use of the Pills for a time restored my health."

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Italy Goes on Building

Rome.—No sooner had the inauguration of the new edifice for the Ministry of Corporations taken place than Premier Mussolini announced a project for another great public building to serve the double purpose of housing in an imposing edifice the exposition which is now being held on the Via Nazionale in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Fascist regime, and at the same time provide an appropriate home for the National Directorate of the Fascist party. The building will occupy a site on the Via Impero, which runs from the Piazza Venezia to the Colosseum.

That the program of public works all over Italy is not going to slacken was also demonstrated at the same time by a royal decree in the Official Gazette announcing many new projects to which the State is contributing or which it is financing entirely.

The contributions will amount to 56,000,000 lire (\$2,800,000) and include such things as the completion of the Palace of Justice at Salerno; of a new hospital at Perugia; of the restorations to the Cathedral of Spoleto; the Castle of Celano and the vault of the Colosseum. A total of 20,000,000 lire will go toward the execution of engineering works in north and central Italy.

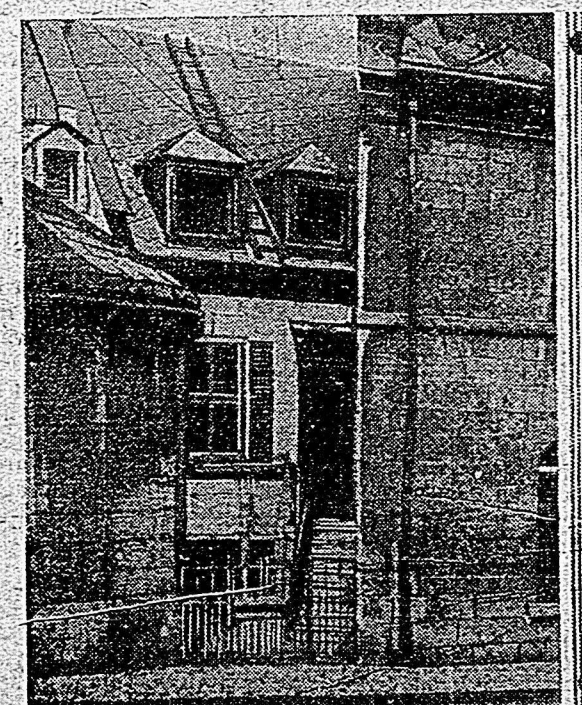
NEUTRAL

A discussion had arisen in the club upon the subject of tariffs. The principal protagonists, having exhausted their arguments, appealed to the only other person present, a wealthy but not particularly well-educated member.

His tactful reply was: "No, gentlemen, I ain't going to side neither with the one nor the other. If you don't mind I'd prefer to remain quite putrid."

"George Bernard Shaw has taught many people to pose and to think what they really do not think," Booth Tarkington.

+ Do You Know? +



That the narrowest house in Canada and probably the narrowest in North America is located at No. 6 Doncona Street, Quebec City? At the top of the front steps it has a maximum width of 7 feet 9 inches. It was built in 1848 and rented for \$5.00 a month. It is still occupied.

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Owl Laufs

Suitor (sighing)—"Well, since you don't want to marry me, perhaps you will return the ring."

Girl (snapping)—"If you must know, your jeweller has already called for it."

Andy—"How is it Harold has two caddies and you none?"

Roger—"One's mine; he keeps track of Harold's see. For me."

A woman may have a mind of her own all right, but she reserves the right to change it as often as she pleases.

College Student (to professor)—"Is there a word in the English language that contains all the vowels?"

Professor—"Unquestionably."

College Student—"What is it?"

Professor—"I've just told you."

February Shorts

The trouble is that men who drink like a fish don't drink what a fish drinks. Life should be a route, not a routine. Space is about all some college students take up. A boy does as his father does, not as his father says. No man can add to his greatness by belittling others. The man with an axe to grind is never particular whose grindstone he uses. When a man asks for criticism, he is usually seeking praise. An apple caused the first downfall of man, but peaches have handed the business since that time. The less work a man has to do, the more he tires other people. It doesn't pay to fight other men's battles unless you are a lawyer.

One youth has solved the problem of what to do with Christmas cards. He saves and uses the nicest ones for book marks. The others he throws away.

Never spread an ill report about your neighbor unless you first take great pains to ascertain if it is true—and then don't do it anyway.

Let's do all the business we can honestly.

Have all the fun we can reasonably.

Do all the good we can willingly.

And save our digestions by thinking pleasantly.

The teacher had written 97.2 on the blackboard and to show the effect of multiplying by ten, rubbed out the decimal point. She then turned to the class and said:

Teacher—"Now, Alfred, where is the decimal point?"

Alfred (without hesitation)—"On the eraser."

If you must quarrel with a woman, be sure to pick a pretty one. If you quarrel with any other kind you may get angry.

We always sob while looking at a cute, pink-nosed little pig, because we know it will eventually become a big, fat, dirty old hog.

Doctor—"What is the most you ever weighed?"

New Patient—"One hundred fifty-four pounds."

Doctor—"And what is the least you ever weighed?"

New Patient—"Eight and a quarter pounds."

Gems from Life's Scrapbook

Expectation

"When the destination is desirable, expectation speeds our progress."—Mary Baker Eddy.

"Expectation ends only in heaven."—St. Kentjerm.

"'Tis expectation makes a blessing dear."—Pope.

"All earthly delights are sweeter in expectation than enjoyment; but all spiritual pleasures more in fruition than expectation."—Feltham.

"Every beginning is cheerful: the threshold is the place of expectation."—Goethe.

"Anticipation and hope are twins."—Moseau.

"Anticipate the difficult by managing the easy."—LaZtree.

"Remember, Disraeli had to wait long for success, but he never lost sight of the goal."

First Batch of British Planes Sent to Persia

London.—The first batch of a big consignment of British single-seater and two-seater fighting airplanes for the Persian air force are on their way to Teheran. Other batches are to be sent at intervals until the whole contract, aggregating in value about \$1,000,000 and covering full flying equipment for three squadrons, has been filled.

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Weeklies Held Vital Factors

Survey Indicates They Are Gaining Prestige in Advertising Field

Truckee, Calif.—Stanley Barier, editor and publisher of the Republican here, recently asked prominent state, civic and industrial officials of California to express their opinions as to the worthwhileness, or otherwise, of the small town newspaper of today.

So many and interesting were the replies received—all of them favoring the small town paper—that the United Press released a story about the survey, from Sacramento, October 13, under the by-line of Homer Roberts.

"The small town newspaper is the most powerful influence in public life today," ran the story.

Instead of losing prestige, it is steadily gaining. The home town editor is the most important individual in his community.

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"These and many other observations encouraging to the small town newspaper publisher were expressed to Stanley Barier, editor and publisher of the Truckee (Calif.) Republican, in a recent survey to determine whether the community newspaper was losing its punch."

"I was curious to know just what the leaders in business and public life thought of the small town newspaper," said Mr. Barier. "I wanted to know if such papers, especially the weeklies, were an important factor in our national life, or whether their influence was weakening. The replies speak for themselves."

Among the prominent Californians quoted in the story was A. P. Giannini, head of the Bank of America, who stated: "Perhaps I can best answer you by stating that the Bank of America relies upon 220 newspapers of this state, of which, of course, the majority are in small towns, to carry its message to the people of California. Our advertising in the newspapers week in and week out, a policy which we have pursued for over seventeen years. During the first seven months of 1932, when conditions were at their worst and many other advertisers were curtailing their expenditures, our appropriation was increased. We are more than satisfied with the results, both for ourselves and for California. We have added over \$51,000,000 in deposits with 130 new depositors."

Lord Cecil is Honored

London.—A portrait of Lord Cecil of Chelwood, painted by Philip de Laszlo, was presented to Lord Cecil by Stanley Baldwin in the absence of Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald and unveiled in the great hall of University College. The portrait is in recognition of Lord Cecil's service to the maintenance of peace and to the cause of international co-operation and goodwill. A replica has been painted by Mr. de Laszlo for the League of Nations. The Prime Minister wrote to Sir John Stavridi, who presided at the ceremony:

"Please tell Lord Cecil that this edifice of peaceful co-operation on which he has done such magnificent work is going up. Were it a material structure it would, I believe, be clamoring to house a copy of Mr. de Laszlo's portrait long before the original has found its ultimate and most fitting inclusion in the National Portrait Gallery reserved for our great men and women."

ONE FRIEND.

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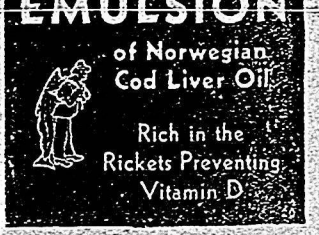
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