

Grande Dame Writes Book of Memoirs

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New York—Mrs. August Belmont owned the wherewithal to become a hostess with the mostest, had she wished.

Instead, one of the last of the grande dames of high society chose to devote her life to causes.

Now in her 70s, she still is busy with them, has found time to write her memoirs, but is far more interested in planning the future than reminiscing about the past.

"I never was a great party-giver, nor a great party-goer," she said in an interview in her spacious Fifth ave. apartment overlooking Central Park.

Mrs. Belmont, a handsome gray-haired woman with light blue eyes and a lively sense of humor, was an actress of considerable note when a shipboard meeting led to marriage into the socially prominent banking family. She was a contemporary of one of the Four-Hundred's most famous hostesses—the late Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr.

Recalls Great Names
Her book, "The Fabric of Memory" (Farrar, Straus and Cudahy) is chock-full of names and personal sidelights on the famous of three generations—King George, Will Rogers, Richard Harding Davis, Caruso, George Bernard Shaw, to name a few. Shaw wrote "Major Barbara" especially for her, but she never played the role, much to his irritation.

Mrs. Belmont observed that the death of Mrs. Vanderbilt

few years ago marked the end of an era—the passing of the old-fashioned society leader. But she seemed to have no regret.

"Society leaders. Where are they now?" she said. "Who owns a place big enough for 300 house guests? Now, entertaining is at a club or hotel. The circumstances don't provide for the same leadership."

Mrs. Belmont has been active since 1917 in the American Red Cross; in its nursing committee, helped establish what is now the community service society; was the first woman elected to the board of directors of the Metropolitan Opera association; founded the Opera Guild in 1935 to further the cause of opera nationally, and has backed numerous other social and philanthropic projects.

Was Famed Actress
There was no big headlines about a "Cinderella bride" when in 1910 actress Eleanor Robson married August Belmont, a widower with three sons. "Oh, it was startling enough at that time for an actress to marry society," she said in the interview. "But we hadn't gone around talking about our engagement... although the immediate family knew of it for a long time and accepted me with all kindness. I closed in a play in Brooklyn one day. We married the next. There were no children of this marriage. Belmont died in 1924."

Today, she lives in comparative modesty, wintering at the apartment in New York and spending summers in "A little cottage with a giant view" in Northeast Harbor, Maine. She no longer is active in breeding and racing thoroughbreds—the Belmont track in New York is named for her husband's family.

"I christened Man O' War, the greatest of them all," she recalled. "I loved the horses just as dearly as my husband."

Knut Rockne, great Notre Dame football coach, was killed in a plane crash near Bazaar, Kan., March 31, 1931.



GHOST OR SAUCER?—This eerie object was photographed by Edwin G. Leadford from his car at about midnight on Nov. 6 near Anaheim, Calif. Leadford described the object as cigar-shaped and said it flickered with a reddish cast light. His exposure was a tenth of a second at f4.5 on Tri-X film with a 103 mm. focal length lens.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

London—Former U.S. Ambassador to Russia George F. Kennan, on the position of Russian Communist chief Nikita Khrushchev today:

"Having reached that pinnacle of power he is very isolated and exposed in his occupancy of it. Plainly this is not a stable situation. I cannot believe that it will be of long duration."

Honolulu—Capt. Sam Read, chief press information officer at Pearl Harbor, on the disappearance of a Pan American World Airways plane en route from San Francisco to Honolulu:

"There are many theories to be explored in the sudden and mysterious disappearance of a huge plane. However the explosion theory is receiving priority."

Washington—Thomas K. Finletter, former Air Force secretary: "The Russians have made it clear they are making a drive for control of outer space, and they are ahead of us in this drive... It must be our national purpose, regardless of the cost, regardless of what we have to give up, to see to it that we control outer space."

London—Ingrid Bergman, on seeing that a fire was burning in the grate in her London hotel room: "Ah! At last I can get warm."

Taurus Visible Among Fall Constellations in Heavens

By FAY BENTLEY

Taurus the Bull, one of the loveliest of the autumn constellations, is now plainly visible on any clear evening. Three outstanding features, the Pleiades, the Hyades, and the first magnitude star, Aldebaran, simplify the identification of this celestial picture.

The Pleiades, a star cluster resembling a tiny dipper, were discussed in this column recently. Let us now turn our attention to the Hyades, a second star cluster in Taurus.

This V-shaped group of rather dim stars forms the face of the Bull. The vertex or tip of the "V" represents the animal's nose. Beautiful, orange-red Aldebaran, the only bright star in the Hyades, forms the Bull's right eye. The rather dim star at the end of the upper arm of the "V" is the left eye. Aldebaran is located at the end of the lower arm of the "V".

Tips of Horns

To the left of the two arms of the "V" are two stars that mark the tips of the animal's horns. Some faint stars to the right of the vertex of the "V" represent the front legs of Taurus. The Bull is supposed to be swimming with only the shoulders, head, and forelegs above the water.

One legend tells us that the Hyades were daughters of Atlas and half sisters of the Pleiades, who were so saddened by the death of their brother, Hyas, that Jupiter placed them in the sky to honor their devotion.

Another myth says that the Hyades were the nymphs of Nysa who cared for the boy, Dionysus, son of Zeus and the Theban princess Semele. In gratitude for this service, Zeus placed them in the sky as stars.

Stormy Weather

In ancient times the Hyades were known as the "rainy ones" because stormy weather was experienced at the time of their rising in November and again when they disappeared in May.

Although this star cluster contains about 100 stars, only six are usually visible to the naked eye.

During the early part of November, Taurus the Bull will be slightly south of due east and well above the horizon by 6:30 p.m. To find this star picture begin with the Pleiades, a hazy patch in the sky that contains a very tiny dipper. Directly beneath the Pleiades, orange-red Aldebaran will be twinkling gaily. The distance separating Aldebaran and the Pleiades is about twelve degrees or a little more than twice the distance between the Pointers in the Big Dipper.

Remember that Aldebaran, the right eye of Taurus, is located at the end of the lower arm of the "V". With this in mind, the Hyades can be distinguished. Then look to the left for the two stars forming the tips of the horns. The distance between the "V" and the tips of the horns is about the same as that separating the Pleiades and the Hyades.

According to ancient lore, Jupiter, the king of the gods who was wandering on earth in mortal form, fell in love with the beautiful princess, Europa, as she played in the garden with her ladies-in-waiting. When the god approached the princess, she became frightened and fled.

The next day Jupiter, in the form of a beautiful white bull, won the confidence of the princess who decided to take a ride on the gentle-looking animal. As soon as she was seated the bull plunged into the sea and swam with her to the mainland of Europe. Once more assuming mortal form, Jupiter told Europa that he had carried her away because of her great beauty.

The princess soon became reconciled and lived happily in the magnificent castle provided for her. Jupiter then placed a bull in the sky and adorned it with two beautiful star clusters, the Pleiades and the Hyades.

HILTS

Bridge Club Meeting Held

Hilts — The Contract Bridge club met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. William Wiley on highway 99, south of Hilts.

A birthday cake was served honoring the birthday of Mrs. Fred Haynes, who was presented with a gift from all the members.

Those playing bridge were Mrs. Fred Haynes, Mrs. Malcolm Robinson, Mrs. E. Spannaus, Mrs. M. G. King, Mrs. Art Blanchard, Mrs. H. G. Thompson, Mrs. Frank Ohlund of Hornbrook and the hostess, High prize was awarded to Mrs. Ohlund and low to Mrs. Blanchard.

Mrs. Worth Sanford returned home recently after undergoing major surgery at the Sacred Heart hospital in Medford.

Miss Lillian Rawhouser of Hornbrook was a guest of Miss Smith Friday.

Manuel and George De Avilla of Yreka visited at the Don Wilcox and Johnny DeAvilla homes Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Gwinn are spending several days at the home of Gwinn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Martin, in Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry De Place Jr. and family of Yreka visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Audomar De Clerck and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graves left Sunday morning for Ono, in Shasta county, to spend a week's vacation with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Philip York.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Rastall and children Letha Zerbee and Jake Stackwell, left Sunday for Wisconsin where they will make their home. Both his and her parents reside there.

Mrs. Louis Dettmar was called to Oroville Thursday by the illness of her aged mother. She returned home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dawson of Ashland were overnight guests at the home of Mrs. Dawson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Barrow Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barbera of Redding were in town on business Wednesday.

Attending a district meeting of Lumber and Sawmill Workers' union officials in Redding Saturday were M. G. King and Louis Oakley. Accompanied by Mrs. King they later called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Barbera.

Mr. and Mrs. E. De Avilla and sons of Yreka called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ferguson on Sunday.

Mrs. Ernest Palone and daughter Patty, and Mrs. C. Anderson of Klamath Falls were overnight guests Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Spannaus.

John De Avilla, who underwent major surgery twice within a period of two months and has been convalescing at the home of a sister near Yreka, recently returned to his home here.

Miss La Wana Trinca acted as candlelighter at the recent wedding of her dancing instructor, Miss Karen Adele Johnson to Harry E. Hopkins in Yreka.

Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Silf were Mrs. Jake Lindner of Mt. Shasta and Jack Kennedy of San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rushton and son Ronnie, of Medford, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Williams. Accompanied by the Williams, they also visited relatives in Yreka.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Foggiano and daughter, Lena, drove to McCloud recently, to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Zanatto.

Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Josephson of Oroville spent a recent week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dettmar. The women are sisters.

Housewife Aroused From Deep Trance

Chicago — (AP) — A Rip Van Winkle housewife was aroused from hypnotic hibernation Saturday skeptical about having slept five days in a "heavenly" trance.

Mrs. Nora Hughes, 27, expressed disbelief when she was awakened by hypnotist Edwin L. Baron from the deep sleep in which he placed her last Monday.

"When are we going to start?" she asked Baron groggily.

When told she had been dozing peacefully 20 to 22 hours daily since Monday, the East Gary, Ind., mother of three children replied:

"You can say it but I won't believe it."

Dr. Daniel Thomas, Gary, Ind., who examined Mrs. Hughes after she woke up, said she had gained four of the five pounds she hoped to realize in the experiment, jumping from 102 to 106 pounds. Her pulse and respiration were normal, Thomas said.

John Fitch demonstrated a steamboat for the first time in 1785 when he attained a speed of three miles an hour using 12 mechanical oars.

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