

Wilton Lackaye and May Irwin.

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—If the Canadian public were aware of the "esteem" in which Wilton Lackaye, who is believed to be at present appearing in Canadian theatres, and "May Irwin," another stage celebrity who frequently visits Canada, apparently hold things British, it is probable they would meet with a rather cool reception when next they invite the patronage of a Canadian audience. Nor would the press of the Dominion be inclined to give these actors so much kindly free publicity if their pro-German sentiments were known.

The New York papers of June 11th contained reports of the anti-British mass meeting held in Madison Square Gardens on Saturday night, June 10th, on which occasion several thousand United States Irishmen hissed and denounced Great Britain. It is stated that Wilton Lackaye was master of ceremonies at this meeting.

—The following press despatch from Clayton, N.Y., leaves no doubt as to the sentiments of "May Irwin":

MAY IRWIN HOSTESS TO ESCAPED GERMANS.

"Clayton, August 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Eisfeldt who, in public life are May Irwin and her husband, came to Clayton this morning for a short time. While in the village, Mr. Eisfeldt became acquainted with the two Germans and invited them to visit Irwin Isle later in the day. The Germans accepted, and this morning they left for the summer home of the well-known couple who are summering near this village.

"Mr. and Mrs. Eisfeldt had invited a number of their friends to be present when the two young men arrived. Dinner was served at noon, and during the course of their visit the two distinguished guests told the story of their escape from Canada."

The two Germans referred to escaped from the Fort Henry internment camp, near Kingston, Ont. Later "May Irwin" wrote her "story" of the entertainment of her two "distinguished guests." The first two or three paragraphs are enough:

"Irwin Island, Clayton, N.Y. — The unexpected guests at my dinner table on Saturday brought in the spirit of a Deutschland. There were two of them.

"Sustained by the same indomitable courage that had impelled the crew of that submarine to bring their craft safe into Baltimore Harbor, and home again, these young Germans had made their escape from the detention camp at Kingston, Ont.

"'It's great to be free,' said Erwin John. His companion, Willy Erubacher, smiled.

"They had crept out under cover of the still, dark sky and the rougher St. Lawrence river, crawling through the marshes, fighting through the thickets, here forcing the lock of a bathhouse, there plunging for yards in the very wake of one of the white-breasted patrol boats sent to seek them," etc., etc., ad nauseam.