

that would establish me for life. It would establish a [xxx] that would enable me to branch out for myself. If I were a success at the Oxford, I could eventually launch my own sketches and become a small Karno in my own right.

From his account he describes a people of exaggeration and extreme of the Flat Iron Building over twenty stories high and ladies with long braided plats [plaits] that wiggle their bottoms and walked [xxx]

Return back from America.

[xxx] had left to join burlesque show.

My voice returned and I regain confidence.

Skating, a show my brother wrote for Karno. While Syd was in London, I played the sticks.

I play it having great success.

Reeves is looking for a principle comedian to take back to America. Does not like Sydney for some reason.

He joins Skating as manager and is impressed with me.

Karno would like to keep me in England.

Jimmy the Fearless is not too good. I never liked it in the first place.

describing a country of extremes and [xxx] and spurious values.

It isn't what you steal it's how you steal.

The county fair. Karno and I quarrel. It is a flop because he insists on gags not applicable to the stage.

Wants me to write and collaborate with the author. But the author won't take any suggestions. I can be most unfunny.

~~We [xxx] with Jimmy but my heart is not in the race.~~

Although we play the Moss Stoll [?] tour my heart is not in it. Stoll sees skating from the box at Shephard's Bush Empire but never a smile.

Discouraged. Comes time for new contract. Karno tells me the [xxx] do not like me

I often wondered if she realized what an education she was giving me?

Once we have lost the agony of another's pain, we have lost the poetry of life.

When we have lost our feeling for another's sadness, we have lost the poetry of life.

Dissent is the language of lovers.

We slap a little child for running out into the road only because we love them. We criticize our children's mistakes.

That alarming resolute day came when I had to notify Mr. Karno that my contract had run out and that I needed a raise. And I wrote a letter to that effect.

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I was left in doubt until he became interested in a sketch called the Wow Wows, etc. It would be a success there. So, to my happy relief and excitement, I was chosen to play the principle comedy part in the Wow Wows for the United States. With a wistful feeling that it would be the last time I should ever see London again, for I intended to settle permanently in America, I walked until two in the morning, wallowing in the poetry of deserted streets.

Wallowing in the poetry of deserted streets and my own sadness.

He gets property from star [xxx] on phone.

What do you think of Chaplin?

Rotten! Stinks! No good. He's incompetent.

Thank God I don't believe it. My ego saves me.

I [xxx] unless I get my raise. Six pounds.

Reeves believes in me and works to take me to the USA.  
Double my salary.

They had killed his dedication—his vital course

Note English politics

Compared to USA

Ball games

Woolwich

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She was not of the material world of [xxx] and strength

She trusted him.

This perhaps was her undoing although there was little else she could do with two children. In these days etc? I would [xxx] about [xxx] again.

All cities were alike, I concluded. Some streets were longer, others were wider.

All cities looked alike. Some longer, others wider. Kansas City, St. Louis, Los Angeles, Dallas, Des Moines. The only noticeable difference were those cities built on the flats and the hills. Plant someone in the middle of the main street and it would take a trained eye to discern what city he was in.