

Aug, 6th, 1932

Dearest Tallulah:

I dont write very well on the machine, that is not as perfectly as the typist who writes ten thousand letter as year, as my stenographer does-- but I reckon you'll be able to read what I have to say. I'm afraid it wont be very pleasant--but I feel that I must say it. A friend ^{friend} to me she had heard the manacurists in a Beauty Parlor here snickering over your interview in "Motion Picture" for September, and so she went out and bought it. Afterwards she gave it to me to read and I was so humiliated ,so grieved, that I lay away all night in tears.

If you said the things about your self that Gladys Hall said you said, and said them for cold print-- you dont need a secratary-- you need an attendant. If you didnt say them, then that interviewer needs a jail sentence. There are several serious consequences that will follow as I look at it.

1. Your luster as a star has been tarnished.
2. Your employers would have every ground on that basis to disciplin or penalize you which means a cut-in on your salary.
3. Your enemies will have a festive time of Ha-has, and
4. The best your friends can say is that Marlene's "dish of champagne" had made you drunk.

Now ofcourse I take it for granted that you were having a lark with the reporter with no thought that she was going to make your words sound like the yapping of a hot canine locked up in the kennel. There should be some restraint put on publications that would publish such damaging stuff about a professional man or woman whose living



depends upon their good name. Your following has lost some of its enthusiasm any way on account of the poor stories they have given you to play. This disgusting statement about your private life will llop off a good many more. A heroine must arouse enthusiasm not repulsion. You have been left no more privacy than a crossroads sign board. I dont doubt but you said some of the things you are reported to have said, but they wrere "just between us girls". That that woman should have placed you in this demuded position of indecent exposure before the public is criminal.

I do not doubt but your father will take it up with Will Hays. If you got damages from the London paper for reporting that a woman slapped you, your lawyer ought to put the "Motion Picture" magazine up against the wall and blast it to pieces with a machine gun.

In saying all this I hope I have made you realize that you have done your self and all thise who have pride in you, a great injury, and that you will refuse to give out any other interview that your Producers dont read and O.K. That's your only safety if you are going to repeat this sort of things: "I want a man." and the like of that hot stuff.

I suppose you will never want to see or hear of me again. I dont know how you will take this letter. I mean it for your good, ju st as I used to spak you when you were a kid. But if you dont see it that way, this is long, farewell from an old gladiator who has been fighting battles of one soert or another all her life.

With love and grief--

Aunt Maudie

