

COLLAPSE OF THE MRS. EDDY SUIT

Detailed Account of Failure of "Next Friends" to Prove Incompetency.

OPINION OF THE EXPERTS

Mrs. Eddy Proved Entirely Competent to Manage Her Own Affairs. There Is No Question as to Her Soundness of Mind.

There has been received in Portland a detailed account of the famous Mrs. Eddy equity suit that has been proceeding in the case of the "next friends." This account, which was sent out by the Christian Science committee at Concord, N. H., says in part:

"The famous so-called suit in equity which was instituted through George W. Glover and his daughter, Mary E. Glover, and others, charging that Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy, discoverer and founder of Christian Science, has been incompetent to manage her business affairs and that she has been controlled and dominated by certain of her followers, has suddenly collapsed by a motion of the plaintiffs.

"For months charging charges concerning the condition of Mrs. Eddy and the conduct of her near supporters have been blazoned forth to the public, and announced for the great next friends have given out the impression that startling disclosures were to be made that they would be able to prove Mrs. Eddy's incompetency, and in the hands of designing men who were not giving proper account of her income.

"After months of noisy boasting it now turns out that the so-called 'next friends' and their counsel are not able to produce a scintilla of evidence in favor of their allegations, but that they have made their charges without the slightest provocation, that they never have had the slightest evidence, but have manufactured their charges out of whole cloth.

"No Doubt of Her Competency. Ever since the filing of the bill, the 'next friends' through their counsel have made repeated statements to the public press as to what they expected to prove and the evidence they claimed to have in hand but which they asserted could not be disclosed at that time, but when opportunity arrived would be offered and would sustain and prove each and all of the allegations in their bill relating to the incompetency of Mrs. Eddy and the imposition and restraint that were imposed upon her by all those that were surrounding her.

"There could be no more complete and higher vindication of Mrs. Eddy and no stronger admission of failure on their own part than their voluntary act of asking dismissal of the case that they have themselves instituted. Such a disposition of the case must be in the minds of all fair-minded persons that even a finding of the masters in favor of Mrs. Eddy could possibly have to concede that the evidence they had offered was so slight that they themselves recognized that it was not even sufficient to submit to the masters for their consideration.

"Shrewdness of Investments. During the time which has elapsed since the institution of this suit, it has developed in various ways that with the exception of Mr. Calvin A. Frye, Mrs. Eddy's faithful secretary, none of the ten defendants had the slightest knowledge of Mrs. Eddy's business affairs nor had ever handled a dollar of her money. It was also shown by the affidavits of expert accountants that Mr. Frye had very carefully given account of Mrs. Eddy's affairs and that when he closed them up he had made errors against himself, so that there was due him something over \$600.

"It was also discovered that Mrs. Eddy had manifested a shrewdness in her investments and in the general management of her affairs which is seldom equaled even by the most painstaking and careful business men.

"Another point of interest to the public is the disclosure that Mrs. Eddy is surrounded by trusted friends of her own choosing, who are unusually attentive and careful regarding her interests. The case was defended by General Frank S. Streeter, his partner, Allen Hollis, General Edmund G. Eastman, Samuel J. Elder and Hon. William A. Foster. Great credit is due these men for the calm, considerate, indulgent and judicial manner in which they conducted their case.

"During the progress of the case it has been thought advisable by Mr. Streeter, counsel for Mrs. Eddy, that an expert alienist, whose honesty, reputation and competency could not be questioned, make a thorough study of the case and be prepared to pass judgment thereupon if it became necessary. It was thought advisable that this alienist should be the very best which this country affords, in order to make the testimony as strong as possible according to the justification which he might find, and to this end Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton was chosen.

to see that others were put right, which implied a power of attention which would not exist in an individual of weak mind. She possessed a perfect knowledge of her surroundings and the duties and obligations of those who were serving her.

"My visit to her house was made on the afternoon of August 12, at 2 P. M. I found her to be an elderly woman, of delicate frame, and evidently somewhat affected by the heat.

"No Evidence of Mental Disease. "Throughout the entire conversation she showed no evidence whatever of any mental disease. She did not manifest any delusions, which she probably would have done had she been a paranoiac, as it has been asserted she was, nor did she once refer to malicious animal magnetism, which I understand was alleged to be an evidence of her state of mind.

"From my knowledge of the case, from careful study of all the letters and documents submitted to me, and from my examination of Mrs. Eddy, I am firmly of the opinion that she is competent to take care of herself and manage her affairs and that she is not coerced in any way. In fact, it would appear as if she takes the initiative upon all occasions.

"Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton has had probably the largest experience of any alienist in this country in court, having commenced his career about 25 years ago. He has appeared in all the important cases in his own state in New York, both civil and criminal.

"Doctor Hamilton has the proud distinction of being the only expert in the Thaw murder case who expressed an absolute and unqualified opinion about Thaw's mental condition, which was subsequently adopted by both the defense and the prosecution, but he was not allowed to testify by either, although he surprised the entire country by his independent stand.

"General Streeter's Address. After Mr. Chandler made his motion to dismiss the suit, General Streeter made the following address: "If Your Honor please, in behalf of Mrs. Eddy, my associates, the Attorney-General, Mr. Eastman, and Allen Hollis join me in the following motion: That the masters proceeding with this hearing and determine the questions submitted, namely, Mrs. Eddy's competency to manage her business affairs March 1, 1907. Upon this motion I desire to speak briefly and perhaps more temperately than the circumstances would justify me in speaking.

"If we are allowed to proceed, we will show you that on February 12, Mrs. Eddy began to arrange for the entire management of her property during her life, and to make liberal provision for her kindred during that time.

"She is an honored citizen of this state, entitled to the protection of its courts. She is the founder and head of a great religious organization, with many hundreds of thousands of devoted followers. On March 1 last she was living peacefully in her own home, surrounded by faithful friends of her own choice. She was possessed of a large property, acquired almost solely from the sale of her religious writings. It will some time appear that after providing liberally for her own kind, she was a devoted mother, and that she was a devoted citizen.

"This trial has been proceeding five days, and with the exception of her own examination before you, the only evidence submitted is a few letters selected out of thousands written by her, and a few fragments of her other writings. Upon the charge that her money has been misappropriated, that her property was not safeguarded, not one word of testimony has been introduced. The charge that she is incompetent has utterly collapsed, and now these altruists, who pretended and resented to the world that they brought this suit as her friends, for her protection and in her interests, have made their public confession to the world.

"I speak not only for Mrs. Eddy, but for every other aged citizen of this state whose property, person and religious convictions are now endangered.

"In their name, and in the name of this aged and honorable and honored woman, we respectfully demand that a finding of competency be made by Your Honor upon this issue thrust upon her and submitted to your decision by the court."

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Applicants for Agricultural Land in Forests Furnished Blanks.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 5.—That the application for listing of agricultural land in National Forests may be made as easy and simple as possible for the homeseeker, the Forest Service has issued a blank form which is expected to prove of much benefit to applicants.

Intending settlers were formerly informed that no set form of application was necessary, but that they should describe the land accurately in a letter to the Forester. In attempting to comply with these instructions, applicants would frequently omit some very necessary facts, and sometimes the descriptions of the land were so indefinite that an examination was not warranted, because forest officers would not have been able to locate the claim from the description.

The new form is very simple, and will assist as much as possible in order to avoid the necessity of a return of application because of indefinite descriptions. Applicants who fill out this form will avoid delay in the examination of the land they wish to enter, it may be obtained either from the Supervisors of the various National Forests or upon application to the Forester, Washington, D. C.

The work of examining land for which applications have already been made is progressing rapidly in all the National Forests, and all of the applications now of record will be acted on during the next two months. When National Forests are created, agricultural land is carefully excluded, but it is impossible to cut out

Badly-Managed Exposition Barely Pays Expenses—Entire South and Other Exposition States Will Forgive the Debt.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 2.—There is a sneaking suspicion around Washington that the Government will never recover the \$1,000,000 loan that was made to the Jamestown Exposition. Loans of this character are always doubtful propositions—from the Government standpoint. When the Southern men in Congress asked for the loan there was a general winking among men of the appropriations committee, and some fear was expressed that the loan would ultimately be converted into a gift. That suspicion is stronger now than ever.

Up to the present time the Exposition has not paid back a cent on the loan, and yet the first payment is fully a month overdue. The payment was not made because the Exposition did not have the money. As a business venture, the Jamestown fair is the greatest money-losing show of the kind ever held. Much of the loss might have been avoided had the Exposition been arranged by practical business men. But instead of planning a small exposition on a modest scale, the board of managers laid out an exposition on a grand scale, involving the maximum expense for preparation of grounds and erection of buildings, and when the grounds and buildings were finished they found they did not have material enough to fill them. There had been great waste of material and time, and of course of money, simply because the Exposition was built on too large a scale.

Barely Pays Expenses. Just how the gain receipts compare with the actual running expenses, to say nothing of the cost of installation, nobody outside the Exposition officials can say, but from all reports it is not likely that the receipts are any more than enough to keep the show going. Under such conditions it is utterly impossible for the Exposition to pay back to the Government the \$1,000,000. The probability will rise in Congress next winter, after a bill to convert the loan into a gift, and after debate back and forth, the bill will be passed.

Strong Backing in Congress. Jamestown was strong in Congress because the entire South was behind the Jamestown bills. More than that, men from states which have heretofore had expositions could not do otherwise than support the Jamestown appropriations. The Northwestern delegations, in return for Southern support of the bill making an appropriation for the Portland Exposition, had to aid Jamestown; the Illinois delegation could not forget the big appropriation for the Chicago Fair; the Missouri delegation had not forgotten the appropriation for St. Louis, and the New

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Filipino Learns Railroading.

Middletown (N. Y.) dispatch to New York Times.

Raphael Angleria Dimayuga, a member of a prominent Filipino family of Iloilo, Batangas, Island of Luzon, and a protege of E. H. Harriman, is in this city to study the building and operation of the Erie Railroad, with a view to turning his knowledge to account in the building of railroads in the Philippines.

Mr. Dimayuga was formerly one of the right-hand men of Aguinaldo, who caused the American Army so much trouble in the Philippines. He still corresponds with Aguinaldo. In 1894 he was elected to the Philippine Congress, but he had been educated in Germany and returned to the Philippines to lead a revolt against the Spaniards, was captured and shot on the spot, without trial.

Mr. Dimayuga has already worked as a section-hand and has been in the office of the company at Jersey City. Soon he will enter the large freight house in this city and remain until he understands the work thoroughly.

CHARLES NEVENS HOLMES.

Cygnus and Corona.

BOSTON, Aug. 30.—(To the Editor.)—During these few remaining weeks of our summer vacation we ought not to neglect looking for Cygnus and Corona, two constellations high in the heavens, the first inclining somewhat towards the eastward and the other being situated more to the westward. Cygnus is a large cross-shaped constellation of five stars, close by the brilliant blue star Vega. Corona is a bright semi-circle of minute stars, near the great star Arcturus. Cygnus (the swan) is also called the Northern Cross, whilst Corona has received the name of the Northern Crown.

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Humor of Robert Fairbanks.

New Haven (Conn.) Dispatch.

Robert Fairbanks, son of the Vice-President, has been elected an editor paper.

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War on Canadian Thistles.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 5.—(Special.)—A campaign against Canada thistles is now being waged in some parts of Linn County. Under the terms of the new state law, several of the road supervisors in this county are forcing property-owners to make an effort to rid their farms of the pests.

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