

An Exploded Secret

By EMMA BLAKE

The French ship Arago sailed from New York for Cherbourg, France, in March, 1915, loaded with munitions of war for the allies. She had been out six days, and two of the voyage remained, when one of the passengers, a man, appeared at the door of the captain's cabin on the upper deck, slipped in hastily, put his finger to his lips to enjoin silence and stood for a moment waiting, evidently endeavoring to conquer some strong emotion. Then after turning the key in the door he said almost in a whisper to the astonished commander:

"Captain Le Moyne, this vessel is in imminent danger."

"How so?" asked the captain, starting.

"Write me out a promise of immunity, that I shall be treated in every respect as any other passenger aboard and that you will take no action except such as I approve and I will tell you."

The captain demurred for some time, cross questioning the man in an effort to get out of him something of what he had to say without making any promises. But the man shut up like a clam and would say nothing further except that there was a strong probability that the ship would be wrecked that night. Finally Captain Le Moyne gave in, wrote out a bond such as the man required, and he told his story.

He said that in the stateroom next to his he had heard two men talking. He could not hear all they said, but had heard enough to lead him to believe that they were emissaries of either the German or Austrian government, who had been sent to blow up the ship and send the cargo of arms and ammunition to the bottom. He had heard distinctly one of these men say to the other, "Very well, we'll do it tonight."

The captain started to leave his cabin when his visitor took the key from the lock and held it in a tight grip while he added:

"Remember your promise—if on examination you see anything that looks like an implement of destruction you will not throw it overboard, but place it where it can do no serious damage to the ship."

"Why do you stipulate for that?" asked the captain.

"Because I do not wish to be responsible for property destroyed by mistake. I should never forgive myself for doing so, and I would lay myself liable to damages that might take all I have."

This satisfied Le Moyne, who had no more relish for destroying harmless property than his informant.

The captain obtained a pass key and, accompanied only by the informant, went to the stateroom. There they found a box about the size of a suitcase with a sliding cover, which was locked. Putting his ear down to the box, the captain fancied he heard a faint ticking, but was not sure. His informant also listened and declared that he could hear nothing. But he was a trifle deaf and could not hear a watch tick without putting it close to his ear.

The captain was for leaving the box overboard at once, but the other demurred, reminding him of his promise. Le Moyne averred that the lives of the crew and passengers were of more value than any promise, whereupon the other said:

"In the first place, captain, if you don't keep this matter a secret you'll have a panic aboard your ship; in the second place you can make all safe without the risk of laying you and me liable for damages in the destruction of what may be valuable property. All you have to do is to attach a line to the box, drop it overboard and let it float a couple of hundred yards astern."

The captain was so anxious to get rid of the article that he consented. Two strong iron handles were attached to it, one at either end. Producing a line, the captain secured it to one of these handles and ran it through the other for greater security. The informant suggested that it would be best to take it to his own stateroom, to be kept till after dark, that he might not attract attention, then drop it over the stern. To this he added a suggestion that it had better be put in place of the log for recording the ship's progress, which was hung out from the stern. The captain, not wishing it to be known that there were persons aboard intending to blow up the ship, assented to the delay, which was little more than an hour.

As soon as it was dark the informant carried the box to the stern, where he found the captain waiting for him and no one being near, it was lowered into the water, the line paid out and the box end attached to the reel. As soon as this was done Le Moyne breathed easier, though he was by no means sure that the persons who had intended to blow up the ship had not other contrivances for the purpose.

One morning when the Arago was sailing near the French coast Captain Le Moyne went aft to look for the floating box. He could not see it even with his binoculars. In fact, it had disappeared. He sent a steward for his informant, but the man could not be found.

Nor was he or the box ever heard of. When the Arago reached port detectives who had been called from New York came aboard to arrest an absconding bank cashier who had taken a hundred thousand dollars of the bank's funds.

The Extreme Limit.
"How did your cake turn out, my dear?"
"Pretty badly, I fear. Even the children wouldn't have a second piece."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

As the Twig Is Bent.
Knicker—What became of the boy who was kept in at school? Blocker—Grew up to be the man who was detained at the office.—New York Sun.

Man is only miserable so far as he thinks himself so.—Sanazaro.

Executor's Notice to Creditors.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON.

In the matter of the estate of David H. Hendery, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of Jackson County, Oregon, Executor of the estate of David H. Hendery, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same duly verified to the undersigned Executor, at the office of the County Recorder, in the Court House in Jacksonville, Oregon, on or before six months from the date of this notice. Dated May 15th 1915.

CHAUNCEY FLOREY,
Executor of the Estate of David H. Hendery, deceased.

Notice of Final Settlement.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR JACKSON COUNTY.

In the matter of the estate of John D. Whitehead, deceased.

Public notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of Jackson County, Oregon, the final account of his administration of the estate of John D. Whitehead, deceased, and that the Court has fixed Monday the 21st day of May, 1915, at the hour of 10 o'clock, A.M. of said day, at the court room of said court at the county court house in Jacksonville, Jackson County, State of Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said account and for the settlement of said estate.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified and required to make or file their objections to said account on or before the time aforesaid, fixed for the hearing and settlement thereof. The date of the first publication of this notice is April 24, 1915.

M. L. BALDWIN,
Administrator of the estate of John D. Whitehead, deceased.

Summons.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON.

George William Cooling and Charles Schack, Plaintiffs,

-vs-
Fred L. Heath, William H. Mead, William A. Barnhill, Carria Schock, Charles Schock and also, all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants.

To Fred L. Heath, William H. Mead, William A. Barnhill, Carria Schock, Charles Schock and also, all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, the above named defendants:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You and each of you are hereby notified that you are required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and cause on or before the expiration of the time so prescribed in the order for service of summons herein upon you by publication, to-wit: on or before the expiration of six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, namely, on or before June 12, 1915, and if you or either of you fail to so appear and answer, for want thereof the plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in the complaint herein, a succinct statement of which is as follows: that a decree be entered herein decreeing plaintiffs to be the absolute owners in fee simple of the following described property, situated and being in Jackson County, State of Oregon, to-wit:

The North half of the Southwest quarter, the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter, and the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 11; and the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 14, all in Township 35 South, of Range 2 West of the Willamette Meridian.

That deed in plaintiffs' chain of title to the aforesaid property from Nicholas Webber to Henry Weydeman, recorded in Volume 6 at page 261, of the Deed Records of Jackson County, State of Oregon, be declared to have been executed by Nicholas Weber, an unmarried man, and that the cloud caused by the failure of said deed to recite such fact be removed and plaintiffs' title be quieted as to the same.

That the purported will of Henry Weydeman described in the complaint and proven and admitted to probate in the County Court of Jackson County, State of Oregon, on February 23, 1904, be declared to have been executed by Henry Weydeman and that the cloud caused by the mis-spelling of his name in said will, as aforesaid, and in the other papers, records and files of the administration of his estate in said court be removed and that plaintiffs' title be quieted as to the same.

That the plaintiff Charles Schack and his deceased wife, Carrie Schack, be

declared to be the grandchildren and residuary legatees and devisees intended and named in the will of aforesaid Henry Weydeman as such and that the cloud caused by the misspelling of their names in said will as "Carria and Charles Schock," be removed and that plaintiffs' title be quieted as to the same.

That the deed in plaintiffs' chain of title to aforesaid property from William A. Barnhill and William H. Mead, recorded in Volume 105 at page 184 of the Deed Records of Jackson County, State of Oregon, be declared to be a deed absolute and to be an absolute termination of the mortgage transaction described in the complaint herein and that the same was not given, as security or as a mortgage and that plaintiffs' title be quieted as to the same; that it be decreed that the last mentioned deed was executed by William A. Barnhill and William H. Mead, both unmarried men, and that the cloud caused by the failure of said deed to recite such fact be removed and that plaintiffs' title be quieted as to the same.

That all claims of the defendants adverse to plaintiffs' title be determined by a decree of this court and that by said decree it be adjudged that the defendants and each and all of them have no estate, interest, lien or right in or to the premises herein described or to any part thereof; that each and all of said defendants, designated and unknown, be forever enjoined and debarred from asserting any claim whatsoever in or to above described land or any part thereof, adverse to plaintiffs' and that plaintiffs have a decree for such other and further relief as to the court may seem equitable.

This summons is published in the Jacksonville Post, a weekly newspaper printed and published and of general circulation in Jackson County, State of Oregon, by order of the Hon. F. M. Calkins, Judge of the above entitled court, dated April 30, 1915, and wherein it is ordered that summons herein be served upon you by publication thereof in said newspaper once a week for six consecutive weeks, and you are therein ordered to appear and answer the complaint herein filed against you on or before the expiration of six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons.

The date of the first publication of this summons is May 1st, 1915, and the date of the last publication and on or before which date you are required to appear and answer is June 12, 1915.

H. K. HANNA,
Attorney for Plaintiffs.

Notice To Creditors.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR JACKSON COUNTY.

In the matter of the estate of Cornelius C. Beekman, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have been duly appointed executors of the estate of Cornelius C. Beekman, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Jackson County, and have qualified as such.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same with proper vouchers and duly verified, to the undersigned, at the late place of business of said Cornelius C. Beekman, known as "Beekman's Banking House," in Jacksonville, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Date of this notice and of the first publication thereof is May 1st, 1915.

CARRIE C. BEEKMAN,
BENJAMIN B. BEEKMAN,
Executors of the estate of Cornelius C. Beekman, deceased.

Citation.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON.

In the matter of the Estate of K. Fields, deceased.

Citation to heirs non-resident and unknown.

To George Beck, Will Beck, and all unknown heirs of the said K. Fields, deceased and all other persons interested in said estate:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson County, in the Court room of the Court House of said County at Jacksonville Oregon, in said County, on the 15th day of June, 1915, at one o'clock P. M. of said day, at a regular term of court held at that time, then and there to show cause, if any you may have, why the real property belonging to said Estate, should not be sold and order of sale for the same should not be made forthwith, as in the petition of the administrator of said Estate prayed for, said land being situate in township 38, Range four West of the Willamette Meridian, in section seven therein, and described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of said section thence running North 14 rods, thence East 22 and 6-7 rods, thence South fourteen rods; thence west 22 and 6-7 rods to place of beginning, containing two acres more or less. All being situated in Jackson County, Oregon.

Witness the Hon. F. L. Tou Velle, County Judge of the above entitled Court.

Date of first publication May 1, 1915.

F. L. TOUVELLE,
G. A. GARDNER,
County Clerk.

Notice of Bank Liquidation.

Notice of Voluntary Liquidation of "Beekman's Banking House", at Jacksonville, Oregon, and to Creditors thereof to present claims.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executors of the estate of Cornelius C. Beekman, deceased, have duly obtained the written consent and authority of the Superintendent of Banks of the State of Oregon, for the voluntary liquidation of "Beekman's Banking House", owned and conducted by said Cornelius C. Beekman, at Jacksonville, Oregon, and that they will forthwith, pursuant to and under said written consent and authority, place said bank in voluntary liquidation.

All creditors of said "Beekman's Banking House" are hereby notified to present their claims against the same to the undersigned, at the place of business of said bank, in Jacksonville, Oregon; for settlement and payment, and all depositors thereof, having either general or special deposits therein, are requested to withdraw the same without unnecessary delay.

Date of this notice and of the first publication thereof is the 1st day of May, 1915.

CARRIE C. BEEKMAN,
BENJAMIN B. BEEKMAN,
Executors of the Estate of Cornelius C. Beekman, deceased.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale.

J. C. Brown, Executor of the Estate of Josephine Edmonds, Deceased, Plaintiff,

-vs-
Ernest A. Heffer, et al, Defendant.

By virtue of an execution and order of sale duly issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon in and for the County of Jackson, State of Oregon, and dated the 13th day of April, 1915, in a certain cause therein, wherein J. C. Brown, Executor of the Estate of Josephine Edmonds, Deceased, as Plaintiff, on the 5th day of December, 1914, recovered a judgment against E. A. Heffer and Kate Heffer his wife, for the sum of One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-two and 77/100 (\$1992.77) Dollars with interest thereon from said 5th day of December, 1914, at the rate of 8 per cent per annum and One Hundred Ninety-five (\$195.00) Dollars Attorney's fee, and the further sum of Thirty (\$30.00) Dollars costs, together with the accruing costs of sale, which said judgment was entered and docketed in the office of the Clerk of said Court, on the 5th day of December, 1914, and is of record in Volume 22 of the Circuit Court Journal at pages 66 and 67 thereof.

I am commanded by said Execution and Order of Sale to make sale of the hereinafter described real property to satisfy the above named judgment, attorney's fees and costs and accruing costs of this sale, I will therefore on

Monday, 17th Day of May, 1915, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., at the front door of the Court House in Jacksonville, Jackson County, State of Oregon, offer for sale and will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, subject to redemption as is by law provided, all the right, title and interest of the defendants above named, in and to the following described real property situated in Jackson County, Oregon, to-wit:

An undivided one half interest in the East half of the South-west quarter and the South-west quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 14, Township 37 South Range one West of the Willamette Meridian.

All of said undivided one half interest in and to the above described real property will be sold at said time and place in the manner provided by law for Sheriff's sales under execution to satisfy the judgment above named, together with the attorney's fees costs and accruing costs of sale.

W. H. SINGLER, Sheriff.
By E. W. WILSON, Deputy.

Summons for Publication.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR JACKSON COUNTY.

Kenneth B. Barnett, Plaintiff,

-vs-
O. R. Chaffee, T. S. Hutchings and O. C. Boggs, administrators of the estate of Guy Chaffee, deceased, Defendants.

To O. R. Chaffee and T. S. Hutchings, the above named defendants:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You and each of you are hereby notified and required to appear in the above entitled court and cause and answer the complaint of the plaintiff now on file therein against you, within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons which is the 3rd day of April, 1915, and if you fail to appear and answer within the time required, for want thereof the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the full sum of \$200, and plaintiffs' costs herein to be taxed.

This summons is served upon you by publication in the Jacksonville Post, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, published in Jackson County, Oregon, once a week for six consecutive weeks, by order of Honorable F. M. Calkins, Judge of the above entitled Court, said order having been made on the 30th day of March, 1915.

Date of first publication, April 3rd 1915.

GUS NEWBURY,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

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