

DUNCAN'S LETTERS BREATHE OF LOVE

Husband of Object of Portland Man's Effusions Wants Divorce.

WIFE DEFENDANT'S ALLY

Spouse of Co-Respondent Says Better Half Cannot Help Writing to Mrs. Wolf and Other Married Women.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6.—(Special.)—Aerograms which would turn winter into summer, sweatsuits and candies, blotting paper which dried the ink on burning messages of love and must be interpreted with the aid of a mirror, and the introduction of another bundle of similar epistles of affection from Robert Gordon Duncan to Mrs. Mabel Wolff, of 477 Fifth avenue, formed the principal attraction before Judge E. F. Moran in the Superior Court today where Wilbert Wolff, of the firm of Hirsch & Kaiser, is suing for divorce.

One of the new features of the case is the presence in court of Mrs. Bertha Duncan, wife of the co-respondent and neighbor of Mrs. Wolff, who will go on the witness stand to support the defense of the woman who, it is shown in the testimony, has received burning love letters from Duncan.

Woman Begins Defense.

Today Mrs. Wolff began her defense under the guidance of Edward A. Cunha, of the firm of Weinmann, Wood & Cunha, attorneys and will be on the stand all of the remainder of the day and a part of tomorrow.

She will be followed by Mrs. Duncan, who will tell the court that she does not believe Mrs. Wolff guilty of greater fault than an indiscretion of reading Duncan's love letters and that Duncan is in the habit of writing such letters to other women.

All of this Mrs. Duncan says she knows her husband guilty of Duncan, the little wife believed not help the fault of writing to other men's wives and therefore she does not greatly blame him. To show her faith in his love for her, at the conclusion of the trial, she expects to go to Portland to join Duncan and reside there with him.

When today's exhibits were turned over to Courtroom Clerk Goddard, he was instructed to see that the candy was not consumed. He placed an exhibit mark on the sweets and laid them away with the letters, which, he informed the court, are sealed so that he expected them to melt the candy.

Aerogram Is Exhibit.

Among today's exhibits was an aerogram sent by Duncan to Mrs. Wolff while she was on the steamer Bear from Portland, December 20.

"Bear will dock at 3 P. M. Meet me—Robert."

A blotter with which it is alleged, Mrs. Wolff blotted a letter to Duncan, when held to a mirror shows in Mrs. Wolff's handwriting: "Robert Gordon, Duncan, 2015 North Eleventh street, Portland, Oregon."

Today's letter exhibits contain the following as a sample:

"My Darling—The queen of day dawns near. The mists lift at the sun's coming. Across the desert comes a welcome call, and beyond the sand dunes above the oasis with its papyrus palms carved green against the sky."

"Have you waited a long time for something, thinking the days would never pass to find the day of danger, more beset with uncertainty than all the other days together? Then you know how long this day has been for me."

Time Like Eternity.

"Waiting for something, waiting for somebody may seem long, but to wait for one you truly and devotedly love is quite another matter. The time so spent is longer than eternity."

"Each hour I wait for you grows longer, as the hour of your arrival approaches. The minutes will be as an age. Should I see you leave the car, I believe it would seem like a year before you entered the door. 'Twas the other way when you left. It came too quickly. It flew from my sight."

"After a large number of pages of the same effusion the letter concludes with: 'With love and passionate longing, I bid you adieu until the morrow. Your lover—Robert.'"

Mrs. Wolff, in her testimony, does not deny receiving the letters from Duncan. She admits them, but says she was unable to protect herself from his attentions.

Their first meeting came at a surprise party given Mrs. Wolff by her friends last year, she said, during the absence from home of her husband. At that party Duncan was present and displayed the old game of "Postoffice." Everybody kissed everybody else and Duncan kissed Mrs. Wolff.

POSTAGE STAMPS FORGED

Hitchcock Removes Travers for Tampering With Rare Issues.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Arthur M. Travers, chief clerk to Third Assistant Postmaster-General, was dismissed from the service today by Postmaster-General Hitchcock, who, in a statement, declared that Travers had been guilty of manipulating postage stamps for his own financial benefit.

According to postoffice inspectors, Travers confessed to them that he had manipulated certain rare stamps so as to create a fictitious market value. He also, it is declared, admitted changing the records of his office to show that the stamps should be destroyed after condemnation when they actually were not destroyed.

BEAUTIFUL WOMAN WHO FIGURES IN ARMY SCANDAL WHICH MAY BE REOPENED.



MRS. GEORGE L. BARNETTE.

SMITH TO APPEAL

Disgraced Army Captain May Get New Trial.

FRIENDS STILL HOPEFUL

Declaration Made That Proceedings Whereby Captain Lost His Place in the Army Were Not Fairly Conducted.

PHILADELPHIA, March 6.—(Special.)—Friends of Captain Guy H. B. Smith, who was dismissed from the Army after a secret court-martial trial, declare the case will be reopened, and also assert their faith that Captain Smith will be cleared eventually.

"Captain Smith's attorneys are now preparing their case for an appeal," declared a close associate of the officer today. "We know he did not have a fair trial and we are convinced the wrong which has been done him should be righted."

Mrs. Barnette, wife of Lieutenant-Colonel George L. Barnette, of the Marine Corps, will again be the center of interest in case a new trial is obtained for Captain Smith. It was for alleged conduct in the trial being sworn to secrecy. Notwithstanding this effort, Mrs. Barnette's name came into the case.

The trouble which resulted in Captain Smith's dismissal from the Army occurred while a number of the Army officers and their wives were coming from the Philippines to America.

Mrs. Barnette was the widow of the late Basil Gordon, a wealthy merchant of Baltimore. She married Lieutenant-Colonel Barnette five years ago. She is declared one of the Army's most beautiful women.

GOVERNORS WILL GATHER

Northwestern Executives Asked to Aid in Diverting Immigration.

HELENA, Mont., March 6.—Governors of several states will be asked to meet in Helena May 2 and 4 for the purpose of assisting in the building of the Northwestern Development League for the purpose of securing cooperation between Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota in the matter of securing desirable immigrants for this section of the country and of stopping the flood of immigration to Canada.

The idea for the league was first advanced by Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway. Governor Morris will send out the invitations to the executives of the other Northwestern States.

SULLIVAN'S HEIR IS POOR

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was organized to hold the Sullivan lands, exclusive of the Sullivan building, a large office block taken over by the Mercantile Investment Company, organized by the attorneys interested in the case. The bonds in the Provident Investment Company were worth 50 cents on the dollar, said Mr. Peterson, so that Corcoran obtained \$115,000 net as his share of the Sullivan estate.

"It was in Dublin last August," said Mr. Peterson, "and visited both Corcoran and O'Neill. At that time Corcoran appeared contented and comfortable. He made no complaint about the settlement. There is no truth in the statement that Corcoran received only \$600 in cash and \$5 a week, for I paid him the \$40,000 in cash myself."

Mr. Peterson attributed the statement that Corcoran received only \$600 to the fact that after the case had been in the courts several years a certain lawyer went to Dublin and represented that the case had failed and offered to buy Corcoran's remaining

half interest in the estate for \$6000. This Corcoran agreed to, but learning the true state of affairs, later came to Seattle with O'Neill and succeeded in regaining the rights he had assigned to the attorney.

The Sullivan case was fought through the state and Federal Courts for nearly 10 years. Sullivan had never made mention of heirs and little was known of his past life. He floated into Seattle, the survivor of a shipwreck, when this town was a small village, and acquired property in what is now the center of the downtown business district. When he died, leaving no will, numerous claimants arose to dispute the action of the state, which sought to escheat the estate.

Eventually the claims of all but Corcoran and Hannah Callaghan, both of whom the law firm of Piles, Donworthy & Howe discovered in Ireland, were thrown out by one court or another, and that portion of the estate which had not been eaten up by the court costs was awarded to Corcoran, who had inherited Mrs. Callaghan's rights. When the law firm of which Piles was a member discovered Corcoran and Mrs. Callaghan, they exacted a half interest in the estate as a contingent fee.

While the case was dragging through the courts Mr. Piles was elected to the Senate and the law firm of Piles, Donworthy & Howe was dissolved. The Sullivan case being left in the hands of Mr. Howe. At that time Mr. Piles issued a statement saying that he had sold his interest in the estate for \$15,000. George Donworth, who has since been appointed Federal judge for the District of Western Washington, also sold his interest in the claim, obtaining \$15,000.

BANK BOOKS ILL KEPT

ERASURES SHOWN IN KENDRICK INSTITUTION'S ACCOUNTS.

Guilt of ex-Cashier, Charged With Embezzlements, Depends on Responsibility for Alterations.

MOSCOW, Idaho, March 6.—(Special.)—That the account books of the Farmers' Bank & Trust Company, of Kendrick, this county, have been badly kept and alterations and erasures made in figures, was discovered today in the preliminary hearing against U. S. Grant Evans, ex-cashier, now under arrest for alleged embezzlement of \$15,000 and also held under charges of having falsified the books of the bank in a dozen different instances. The guilt or innocence of Evans will depend upon who can be shown to have made the erasures and false entries.

Cashier Evans and Vice-President E. P. Atchison, who is also agent of the Volunteer-Clearwater Company, were the only persons having access to the books, cash and combinations of vault and safe containing the money. E. W. Eaves, secretary of the Farmers' Bank and Trust company, brought the books of the bank into court, from which Vice-President Atchison, Miss Anna Nelson, the bookkeeper, and he gave testimony. About 30 other witnesses who hold certificates of deposit are to testify, and their original certificates are to be compared with the records. It is thought the hearing will conclude tomorrow.

WEST VIRGINIA MUST PAY

Supreme Court Apportions Debt of Virginia Between States.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The sum of \$1,523,067 was held today by the Supreme Court of the United States to be the proper proportion of the \$3,000,000 old Virginia state debt which West Virginia is under obligations to bear. The court left the final determination of the matter, including the question of interest, to the states.

Justice Holmes announced the opinion. He said the court had regarded the ratio of the valuation of the real and personal property of these two states at the time of their separation as the proper basis for arriving at West Virginia's "just and equitable" proportion of the debt. The court had excluded from this valuation the value of slaves. The ratio, according to the master's report, Justice Holmes said, was as 75 to 25.

Ever since the Civil War, Virginia has been endeavoring to collect from West Virginia what it claimed was the latter's share of the old state's debt. West Virginia was said to have acknowledged her liability in the "ordinance of Wheeling" before she was admitted to the Union, and in her state constitution.

FEDERAL ARMY IN MEXICO TRAPPED

Escudero, Pursuing Madero, is Ambushed in Canyon by Rebels.

WHOLE FORCE SURRENDERS

After Losing 250 Men Killed and Wounded He Finds Retreat Cut Off by New Rebel Force and Gives Up Struggle.

EL PASO, Tex., March 6.—Insurrecto couriers who arrived here from the Mochizuma district today report that a battle between Madero forces and federal troops under Colonel Escudero took place at Plan de Ajam, 15 miles west of Mochizuma, three days ago and resulted in the defeat and surrender of the federals.

Escudero, who left Casas Grandes some weeks ago to aid in capturing Madero, was ambushed in a deep canyon by the insurrectos and lost more than 250 men killed and wounded before he could extricate his command from the trap.

Escudero is reported to have retreated toward Casas Grandes, but found his way blocked by several hundred insurrectos under Colonel Garcia. The couriers say Escudero had no course left save surrender.

SOCIALIST STATE IS PLANNED

Lower California to Be Nucleus of Republic in Northern Mexico.

LOS ANGELES, March 6.—The Times will print the following tomorrow morning:

The Los Angeles junta is meeting almost nightly at 519 1/2 East Fourth street to push the insurrection in Lower California and in the dingy upper rooms of the building used as headquarters have been matured the plans for the establishment of a Socialist government.

"We have advanced our movement in Lower California, backed by the Liberals, far ahead of the movement in progress in the other Mexican states. In Lower California the local leaders yesterday, 'and we propose to lead and not be led. We shall go ahead and establish our own independent government, Mexico as a capital. It will be a much more convenient location than Ensenada and there will be the headquarters of a movement that we hope will eventually react to cover at least the northern half of Mexico."

"While we are in sympathy with the other movements against the Mexican government, it is a sympathy that extends only so far as it looks to the overthrow of Diaz. We recognize that there are three desperate forces in the field, the privileged classes, the Madero we consider, in case of success, would establish simply another regime of capitalism, with possibly some of the present classes covering a large part of the territory under our government."

The Times says men, guns and ammunition are being constantly sent from Mexico to Lower California, and that the hardware stores are enjoying a heavy trade in all kinds of fire arms.

BLANCO IS AWAITING ATTACK

He Spares Hotel Officials in Response to American Pleas.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 6.—General Jose La Tuce Blanco, the rebel leader from the State of Chihuahua, has abandoned the captured town of Tigre, and is awaiting an attack by the regular troops from Zahuatlipa and Mochizuma. General Blanco took as prisoners at Tigre Comisario Carlos Garcia and Comisario Simon Lobo, of Pinar de Teras. Both are held incommunicado. Although these two men are greatly hated by the rebels for their many arrests of insurrectos, General Blanco says that he would spare them because of the plea made for them by the Americans in his camp.

The rebels did not take the arms or ammunition of Americans or of the company stores.

DYKE WORKERS ASK FOR HELP

Insurrectos Said to Be Interfering With Work on Colorado River.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The insurrectos are said to be interfering with the work on the Colorado river.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Cures All Spring Ailments.

Mrs. Marion Bruce, Cumberland, Me., writes: "I have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla for a great many years, and I think it the best blood medicine in the world. I take it both Spring and Fall. This last Winter and Spring I had lost all my appetite and I was all run down. As soon as I began to take Hood's Sarsaparilla my strength came back and my appetite returned. I am now well, do my housework, and no longer have that tired feeling."

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rectos in Mexico are beginning to interfere seriously with the American dyke being built along the Colorado River, according to advices received by the State Department from the contractors, who have made an appeal for the adequate protection of the work.

CANANEA SCENE OF BATTLE

American Copper Mining Town in Mexico Hears Firing.

NACO, Ariz., March 6.—A battle, the result of which is so far unknown, has occurred between the insurrectos and federal forces near Cananea, the big Greene copper mining camp in Mexico.

Passengers who arrived on this afternoon's train from Cananea report that wagon loads of federal wounded were being brought into the town when they left.

Rebels Kill Prominent Man.

MONTEREY, Mex., March 6.—News has been received here that Albert S. Iazunina, a member of one of the most prominent families of this state, was killed by insurrectos near Batopilas, Chihuahua, while trying to protect mining property which he managed. He was engaged to wed a socially prominent young woman of Monterey.

Rebels Fight With Dynamite.

EL PASO, Tex., March 6.—Mail advices from Torreon say that American Consular Agent Carothers has received official advices of severe fighting at Tapia, Durango, in which dynamite was used. The rebels left the city after many had been killed on both sides, and then destroyed the waterworks.

PRATT'S LIFE IS SOUGHT

SPOKANE PRISONERS PLANNED MAYOR'S ASSASSINATION.

Police Arrest Three Men Who Are Said to Have Plotted—Taft Not Marked for Death.

SPOKANE, March 6.—Captured just when plans for assassinating Mayor N. S. Pratt are thought to have reached maturity, John Steele and Stuart Moffett, now in the City Jail, are considered by the police as the murderers of her home in the City Jail. The arrest of the two men came Friday night.

"Until Friday night" declared Captain Burns, "the plan was to wait until after the city election to kill the Mayor. That night our men heard Steele make his report to Moffett, after a visit to the Pratt home, in which he said that the house was guarded day and night."

Detective Burns, of the Spokane police department, after further investigation and conversation with the three men arrested here today for alleged conspiracy with the recent murder of Policeman Sullivan, says there is nothing to connect them with any alleged plot against President Taft, and that he has a plot to assassinate the President lacks confirmation here.

NEARLY 100 DIE IN FLAMES

Moving Picture Theater in Russia Burns—Many Children Perish.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 6.—A moving picture machine in a small theater at Bolzole, in the southern part of Novgorod province, exploded yesterday and set fire to the entire building.

There was a panic among the spectators, and according to the reports received here, nearly 100 persons, many of them children, were crushed or burned to death. Half a hundred others were injured.

The flames cut off every avenue of escape. Fulle attempts at rescue were foisted, but the fury of the flames drove them back.

PET DOG FIGURES IN SUIT

"Teddy" Bites Newsboy Whose Father Seeks \$250 Damages.

ST. JOHNS, March 6.—(Special.)—A black cocker spaniel named "Teddy," alleged to be a "mean-eater," and by others to be "as mild as milk," figured in a damage suit tried before Justice Downs here today. Popular interest was keen in the case and a large crowd was present. The plaintiff, Frank M. Murray, sued Miss Louisa Damann, owner of "Teddy," asking \$250 because the dog bit Leslie, 13-year-old son of the

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ACCUSED MAN DISAPPEARS

Greek Charged With Receiving Stolen Goods Forfeits \$1000.

PENDELTON, Or., March 6.—(Special.)—Cash bail in the sum of \$1000 was forfeited to the county this morning when John Nitson, the Greek foreman accused of receiving the plunder of boxer thieves, failed to appear at the appointed time.

The county will keep the cash while the officers are searching for Nitson.

OPEN SHOPS

United Metal Trades Association Portland

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