STORY ABOUT MISS ELKINS WITHHELD

Joseph Leiter Nearly Gives Away Entire Yarn in Chicago.

HUNTING REPORT SPURNED

Son of Late Levi C. Leiter Refuses to Say Whether American Girl Will Wed Duke of Abruzzi or "Billee" Hitt.

CHICAGO, April 5.—(Special.)—The secrets of the international romance of Miss Katherine Elkins, the Duke of Abruzzi and "Billee" Hitt nearly came out in Chicago today. The rose-colored details of one of the greatest romances of modern times, which has interested two continents and consumed columns of newspaper space for more than two years, were almost given to an eager public.

Joseph Leiter, son of the late Levi C. Leiter, society leader and bon vivant, a close personal friend of Miss Elkins and Mr. Hitt, said he knew all about their romance as well as that of the West Virginia beauty and the Italian nobleman. He reflected a moment, however, and declared what he had heard, was told him in confidence and that he could not tell it. Mr. Leiter, with his sister, Mrs. Colin Campbell, formerly Miss Nancy Leiter, and the latter's husband, Colonel Campbell, a dashing young Irish army man, until recently stationed in India, are established at the Blackstone Hotel for a week.

Wife Stays in Capital.

Mrs. Joseph Leiter, formerly Miss Juliette Williams, of Washington, one of the most prominent society beauties in the East, did not accompany her husband to Chicago. She remained in the National capital, where the scion of the Leiter millions makes his home during the Winter. Mr. Leiter came only with a valet, being followed 24 hours later by Colonel and Mrs. Campbell.

Important business in connection with the Leiter estate brings Mrs. Campbell to Chicago from her London home. She has been at Washington visiting her mother and other relatives.

Denying the truth of stories concerning hunting escapades in Louisiana in which members of a party he was entertaining on board his river yacht were reported to have participated, Mr. Leiter said: "Really, Miss Elkins did not shoot any alligators or ducks or anything in Louisiana. I don't see how all these things get out. We had quite a nice party on our yacht and enjoyed the trip very much, but we did not go around the country shooting everything in sight, as some newspaper stories have indicated we did.

"Floating Palace" Leased.

"And that 'floating palace,' which some papers have called the small craft we traveled in, was not built by me at great expense, but leased for the trip.

"Miss Elkins—Oh, yes, she is a very good friend of ours. Yes, most interesting and beautiful young woman."

"Can you throw any light on her reported engagement to the Duke of the Abruzzi?" he was asked.

"Well, I might; I—I—I—, but I don't think I ought to."

"Do you know whether she is engaged to Mr. Hitt?"

"I'm not going to tell anything; that's for her to do," was the reply.

Colonel and Mrs. Campbell were married in 1904. At that time he was an aide-de-camp to Lord Curzon, Viceroy of India, brother-in-law of Mrs. Campbell, who married the older of the Leiter sisters, Daisy. Lady Curzon died not long after Mrs. Campbell's marriage.

MILITARY REVIEW PLANNED

Oregon Agricultural College to Have Inspection May 5.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 5.—(Special.)—The annual inspection of the cadet regiment by officers of the United States Army will be made an occasion of a military gala day at this institution on May 5.

Major MacAlexander has made arrangements with Captain H. L. Laubach, of the regular Army, to inspect the cadet regiment at that time, and it is probable that a number of distinguished guests, including Governor West and a number of regular Army officers from Vancouver Barracks, will be present. Special trains from the larger cities of the state will be run.

The entire day will be filled with military events. In the morning from 9 to 12 o'clock the annual War Department inspection will take place. In the afternoon from 2:30 until 4 o'clock there will be regimental review and company competitive drill. From 4 until 5:30 o'clock has been set aside for a baseball game. In the evening at 7:30 military maneuvers and special drill will take place in the Armory. From 8:30 until 9 o'clock individual competitive drill will be held in the gymnasium, and the rest of the evening will be left for dancing.

ROPE ENDS PARENT'S LIFE

Cast Out by Rich Daughter Aged Man Hangs Himself.

LA GRANDE, Or., April 5.—(Special.)—Thrown out of his home by his wealthy daughter, who lives at Redding, Cal., it is said, and unable to procure work in Eastern Oregon or at his temporary home with a friend at Cove, Frank Apgar, aged 66, hung himself on the Payne farm early this morning.

The rope was swung from a rafter in an isolated hog pen on the Payne place and was found by Mrs. Payne. Tom Conklin, who has charge of the Payne place reported the case to authorities.

Because of his addiction to drink, friends say, the aged man was thrown out by his only daughter and has been penniless for eight months. He left Cove a month ago, went to Pendleton, but returned Saturday despondent and burying his grief in drink, disappeared, only to be found this morning dead. A son, the only other relative lives at Vancouver, Wash.

Gould-Graham Wedding April 29.

NEW YORK, April 5.—April 29 has been fixed as the date for the wedding of Jay Gould and Miss Annie Douglas Graham, of this city. The wedding, which will be a simple one, will take place in St. Thomas' Church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

AMERICAN HEIRESS, REPUTED SUITOR AND "FRIEND OF FAMILY"

ABOVE—MISS KATHERINE ELKINS. BELOW—AT LEFT, WILLIAM HITT; AT RIGHT, JOSEPH LEITER.

DANDY TAKES STAND

"Beau Brummel" of Reputed Camorrists Is Witness.

COMPLICITY IS DENIED

Giovanni Rapi Says He Had Nothing to Do With Murders--Career as High-Class Gambler in Italy Recalled.

VITERBO, Italy, April 5.—Sleek, well groomed, looking more like a rich clubman than a prisoner before the bar of justice, Giovanni Rapi, reputed treasurer of the Camorra and by far the most intellectual and suave of the 20 prisoners, was a witness today in the trial of the Camorrists.

Rapi, testifying in his own defense, denied that he had any part in the assassination of the Cuccolles and gave the impression to the jury that he returned to Italy and suffered arrest because he was an honest man and wanted vindication at the hands of the government.

In his testimony Rapi laid great stress on his alleged gentility, even asserting his social superiority to the other alleged Camorrists now on trial.

Rapi Is Gambler.

In the past Rapi has been known to officials as a high-class gambler. He founded and operated for quite a time a great gambling establishment in Naples, where aristocrats and millionaires lost great fortunes, sometimes in a single night.

Later circumstances impelled him to leave Italy and he followed the profession of gambling in Paris and London. During his youth he acquired an unsavory reputation through the sudden and violent death of a rival of his for the affections of a woman. He was closely questioned at the time, but nothing could be proved against him.

Rapi, continuing his testimony, said he had been a teacher in the schools of Naples and went to France to find more remunerative work.

"While in France, did you call yourself a professor of the University of Naples?" asked the president of the court.

Prisoner Makes Reply.

To this Rapi replied:

"I do not see why, as I instructed boys who ultimately went to the University, I should not call myself a professor of the university."

Rapi took particular pains to refer to his acquaintance among the aristocracy in Naples. A certain count had invited him to stay at his villa at Castellamare, where he was living with an American. At this point Signor Romueldo, counsel for De Angelis, one of the prisoners, interrupted to say:

"I suppose you acted as interpreter?"

Signor Bovio, Rapi's lawyer, jumped to his feet and shouted: "Shut up; it is not permitted to ridicule an accused man."

Romueldo retorted: "All the lawyers have taken one side or the other."

President Bianchi energetically called for order, and the case went on.

SEATTLE WOMEN AS POLICE

First Vacancy on Patrolmen's List to Be Filled by Fair Sex.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 5.—(Special.)—Women are to be given an equal chance in the police department in such positions as detectives, desk men and patrolmen. This was decided by the public safety committee of the Council today, when a bill was recommended for passage directing Chief of Police Bannick to appoint a special policewoman to the first vacancy in the list of patrolmen.

This action was taken upon the petition of the Federation of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, represented at the meeting by Mrs. Jackson Silbaugh. The committee directs the Chief of Police to appoint a woman to the first vacancy, the appointment to be made from an eligible list to be submitted by the Civil Service Commission.

This bill will give every woman who makes application an opportunity to take the examination, and the Chief will be required to make the appointment from the first three on the list and is not favored by Mrs. Silbaugh and the other women of the W. C. T. U., for the reason that their candidate, Mary E. Brown, may not reach as high a standing in the examination as some other applicant.

$1,000,000 SWEPT AWAY

CLOUDBURST PUTS HALF OF TOWN UNDER WATER.

Railroad Is Put Out of Business, Coal Mines Flooded and 7000 Miners Made Idle.

MIDDLESBORO, Ky., April 5.—Damages estimated at more than a million dollars was caused in Middlesboro and the Yellow Creek Valley last night by a cloudburst. All streams in this section overflowed. Half the town of Middlesboro was under water, which in some instances, was up to the second floors of houses.

Five trestles on the Mingo Hollow Railroad were washed out. Coal mines were flooded and 7000 miners temporarily thrown out of employment.

As far as known, there were no fatalities.

The larger portion of the enormous loss falls on the railroads and the mines throughout Yellow Creek Valley. All trestles on the Mingo and Stony Fort divisions of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad were washed away and it is said it will be at least two weeks before traffic can be resumed.

There is not a house in the business section that did not suffer. At midnight, the water became so high that the fire bells were rung and many persons stepped out of their beds into water. Every wagon in the city was used to take persons from their home to the places of safety.

STORM EXTENDS OVER SOUTH

Flood in Mobile Maroons Many Dwellers Along River.

LOUISVILLE, April 5.—Record rainfall and high winds that swept through portions of the extreme South yesterday and last night, have interrupted train and wire service and left a trail of damage to growing crops.

Reports from Mobile say the rainfall was the heaviest there since June, 1900. Hundreds of persons living in the river part of the gulf city are marooned by high water.

New Orleans reports comparatively small crop damage along the Louisiana Coast, but telegraph wires are prostrated.

Shipping at Gulfport and Dunbar sustained slight damage.

Through Central and Southern Louisiana growing crops were destroyed.

Constantinople Suburb Burned.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 5.—Kadikoi, a suburb of Constantinople, was swept by fire today. One hundred houses and shops were destroyed or burned out. The loss is estimated at $500,000.

POVERTY AT BASE OF SOCIAL EVIL

Such Is Finding of Chicago Commission, First Salaried Board of Kind.

MANY REMEDIES PROPOSED

Constant Repression of Vice and Education of Young on Hygiene and Vocational Training Are Among Recommendations.

CHICAGO, April 5.—Poverty is the chief cause of the downfall of girls, according to the Chicago Vice Commission, the first salaried commission of its kind.

The commission made many radical recommendations in its report to the City Council, tonight, and gave an exhaustive review of the present status of the social evil in Chicago, its past, its causes and means of suppressing it. The recommendations were directly against the European principle of segregation. They were:

Constant and persistent repression of the social evil as an immediate method, with absolute annihilation as the ultimate idea. This by means of:

First, the appointment of a morals commission.

Second, the establishment of a morals court.

Conditions Summed Up.

In summing up present conditions, the report says:

"Most of the police are honest; one standard of morality in Chicago applauds dances by nearly-naked women in the name of art, and condemns dances no worse before less prosperous audiences; men, not women, are the ones 'highest up' in the business administration of the social evil; hotels which 'ask no questions' of their patrons are a great contributing means to wrecked girlhood; prejudice against colored girls drives them into the social evil centers, either as servants or inmates; the 'white slave traffic' is not organized."

Contributing causes are named as follows: Want of the necessities of life, craving for simple luxuries, ignorance, broken promises, deceit of men; but chief of all—poverty. Lack of protection to immigrant girls aids the evil, says the report, and lake steamers with no regulations are fruitful sources of victims. Lack of proper pay for working girls is assailed at great length in bitter terms, and is called the chief reason why young girls fail to resist temptations.

The causes are summed up thus:

Lack of ethical and religious teaching; economical stress on underpaid workers; large number of seasonal trades for women, leaving periods of the year when there is no employment; abnormality; unhappy home conditions; careless and ignorant parents; broken promises; love of ease and luxury; craving for excitement and change; ignorance of hygiene.

Many Remedies Proposed.

Among the recommendations are: Instruction of children between 12 and 16 years old in sex hygiene by personal attention of parents; physical examination of applicants for marriage licenses; better protection for girls; abolition of the fining system against known members of vice districts; an intelligent and ample adult probation system; home for old offenders; an appeal to the chivalry of men; regulation of lake boats; investigation and supervision of employment agencies; laws calling centers of the evil a public nuisance; against allowing messenger boys to go into vice districts; the state to take the place of parent to illegitimate children; comfort stations in the city; municipal dance halls; no liquor at public dancehalls; municipal lodging-house for women; segregation of semi-delinquent girls from delinquents, and an intelligent care and education for them; women officers for the police force; vocational training for older girls in public schools; hotels and homes for working women and girls; vigilance in public parks where girls and women visit, and less liberty for children except under the eye of their parents; and, generally, closer attention of parents to the habits, acquaintances and doings of their children—girls and boys.

Men Who Form Commission.

Among the members of the commission were United States District Attorney Sims, Dean Walter Sumner, of the Episcopal Church; Health Commissioner Evans, Mrs. Ellen Henrotin, Rev. Abraham Hirschberg, Judge Harry Olson, Julius Rosenwald, Bishop Shaffer, Professor Charles R. Henderson, of the University of Chicago; Superintendent John L. Whitman, of the Chicago House of Correction, and Professor Graham Taylor, of Chicago Commons.

WOMAN OF 70 SAVES BABE

Child Tossed From Window of Burning Building Is Unhurt.

FRUITVALE, Cal., April 5.—(Special.)—Alone with her two-year-old granddaughter in a burning house with all escape cut off by the flames from an exploded oil stove, Mrs. M. Haag, 70 years of age, displayed rare courage and presence of mind when she seized the child and rolled it in a pile of blankets and threw it from a window 15 feet above the ground into a bank of soft clay and followed it a second later by leaping.

Thanks to the protection afforded by the blankets, the baby escaped without the slightest injury, but Mrs. Haag was badly burned about the face and hands, in the fire, which completely destroyed the residence of Edward Corpe, this morning, entailing a loss of over $1,000. Mrs. Haag will recover.

WOMAN IS NEGRO'S CAPTOR

She Arrests Black on Charge of Hypnotizing Her Son.

KANSAS CITY, April 5.—Mrs. George M. Loar, wife of a real state dealer in this city, arrested Oscar Bailey, a negro whom she charged with trying to hypnotize her 12-year-old son, Marvel, today, and, keeping the negro covered with a revolver, made him walk ahead of her till she came to a policeman. The arrest took place on the street in a fashionable residence district, where Mrs. Loar found the negro with the boy.

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The negro walked ahead of her two blocks. She turned him over to a policeman. He was fined $50.

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CONCILIATION IS WARD

REPUBLICAN FACTIONS GET TOGETHER IN SENATE.

Insurgents Well Represented on Both Steering Committees and Committee on Committees.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Progressive Republican Senators were given good representation on the steering committee and the committee on committees, which were appointed by Senator Cullom, permanent chairman of the caucus. This fact is generally taken as indicating that the two factions in the Republican party intend to adopt conciliation. The committees are:

Steering—Cullom, Illinois; Gallinger, New Hampshire; Clark, Wyoming; Nelson, Minnesota; Gamble, South Dakota; Brandegee, Connecticut; Smith, Michigan; Borah, Idaho; Brown, Nebraska; Briggs, New Jersey, and Jones, Washington.

On committees — Gallinger, New Hampshire; Lodge, Massachusetts; Warren, Wyoming; Penrose, Pennsylvania; Heyburn, Idaho; Smoot, Utah; La Follette, Wisconsin; Bourne, Oregon; Cummins, Iowa; Bradley, Kentucky, and Bristow, Kansas.

The general understanding is that the Democrats of the Senate will be given larger representation than they have had in the past, perhaps making the ratio about 5 to 4. Last session it was about 7 to 5, and in some cases 8 to 5.

It is likely that the progressives will receive about one-fourth of the Republican representation.

Baron de Constant Speaks on Peace.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., April 5.—In continuation of his peace propaganda throughout the world, Baron d'Estournelles de Constant addressed a large audience here today on "The Conciliation of Nations." He advocated the arbitration of international disputes and pointed out many reasons for the abolition of war as a means of settling political or other questions arising between different governments.

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