

# REPORT BY MADELEINE FORGE

## Tennis Match Recalls Fact Ethel Barrymore Intro- duced Astor to Her.

### CROWDS WATCH PLAYING

All Society's Eye on Debutante as She Gracefully Welcomes Raquet Against Colonel's—Wedding is Awaited.

NEWPORT, Aug. 20.—(Special.)—While Colonel John Jacob Astor and his fiancée, Miss Madeleine Forge, are cruising on the Colonel's yacht, Noma, society on shore continues to discuss the approaching marriage with no flagging of interest. Members of the Four Hundred would not be surprised to hear, the coming week, that the Noma had slipped into some North harbor point and that the millionaire and his charming betrothed had been married.

Leaders in Newport, the Nation's summer society capital, have taken a great liking to Miss Forge. Her virtues and cleverness are being extolled on the verandas of clubhouses and cottages, and many incidents of the Colonel's courtship of the debutante are being told.

While here recently, the Colonel and Miss Forge had several spirited games of tennis, which recall the fact that the couple first met on the courts at Bar Harbor. It was Ethel Barrymore, the well-known actress, whose recent estrangement and reconciliation with her husband, Russell G. Galt, put her prominently in the public eye, who presented Colonel Astor to Miss Forge.

Actress Arranges Meeting. Just a year ago this month, Colonel Astor was visiting friends at Bar Harbor. He was an interested spectator at a game of tennis in which Miss Forge was a lively and leading participant. The athletic vigor and winsome charm of the little tennis player made an instantaneous impression upon the head in America of the house of Astor. He requested an introduction to Miss Forge and Miss Barrymore (Mrs. Galt) arranged a meeting.

Then began the attentions upon the young woman which, although which grew, as the months rolled by, into courtship and then betrothal. It is said that while Colonel Astor was in Europe last Summer, he sent presents to Miss Forge every day. Since that time he has literally showered gifts upon her and many intimate friends of both assert that the Colonel has bestowed a considerably larger sum than the \$2,000,000 reported, upon his bride-to-be. Newport has decided that Madeleine Forge is not beautiful but it does not deny that she is unquestionably pretty and that in her finely shaped head, her glowing countenance and her lithesome figure there is the combination of charm that made Colonel Astor's heart a willing captive.

Society Watches Tennis Game. When Miss Forge and Colonel Astor played tennis on the lawn of the Casino recently, cottagers and clubmen found it convenient to throng the veranda and spread out upon the grass to watch the game. The eyes of all Newport were upon Miss Forge as she gracefully played to win against the Colonel, who plays a good game.

Miss Forge was gowned simply in white, the dress displaying her athletic figure to advantage. She did not, apparently, give a thought to the well-to-do curious onlookers. She played her game and won. The Colonel had given her a slight handicap.

Only once was there a "human touch" to indicate that the opponents in the tennis match were engaged to be married. The eyes of Miss Forge were turned to the Colonel's hands as he was about to drink, and consumed the refreshing draught herself.

Miss Forge has been the life of several parties during the visit of her mother, sister and herself at Newport. There is no doubt in Newport that when she becomes Mrs. J. J. Astor she will take the place in society to which her husband's wealth and prominence will entitle her.

SETTLERS' HOMES BURNED  
Forest Fires Do Damage in South  
End of Josephine County.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—A forest fire of considerable proportions has been burning on the north end of the county. Reports from there are that three settlers' homes and belongings have been burned. One of the settlers had been three years improving his homestead and now he has nothing left to show for it. The fire is alleged to have been started by a lightning bolt.

A. J. Potter, a settler, even lost his shoes, so quickly did the blaze spread, and had to walk barefooted 25 miles to Seaside, where a boat is located. The forest supervisor is looking into the matter with a view of prosecuting the guilty parties. So far this year Rogue river fires have been clear of smoke.

BOY DROWNS IN MOLALLA  
Leslie Paulson, Aged 18, Has Cramp  
While in Swimming.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Leslie Paulson was drowned today in the Molalla River one mile northwest of Canby, near Cummings ranch. Young Paulson was in swimming with several other boys and while attempting to swim across the river was seized with a cramp and sank.

He was 18 years old and his relatives live in Montana, where they were informed of the accident by telegraph this evening. The coroner is awaiting their wishes for the disposal of the body.

Buggy Medicine Man's Fee.  
HUSTON, Wash., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—A letter found in the road near here, written recently to a friend by an Indian "medicine man" living near the Columbia River, gives an idea of the price paid for services where a regular practitioner of medicine is not employed. The letter was written at Tappan, Wash., and translated, reads: "This day (Monday), the way we came, we are about same—no sick. One man sick; his name is Yelchen. I doctor him; and they will give me a rig. I may come with the rig tomorrow with harness. You tell my wife, Yours much."

## CRAFT WHICH MAY BE SCENE OF WEDDING, AND PROSPECTIVE PRINCIPALS THEREIN.



Above, Astor's Yacht Noma—Below, Snapshot of John Jacob Astor and Miss Madeleine Forge.

## ELM YIELDS GOLD

### Destruction of Auto Proves Lucky for Owner.

### CAR BURNS, KILLS TREE

### When Monarch Falls, Treasure Probably Left by Revolutionary Patriot Is Disclosed, With Chest Containing It.

FORT PLAIN, N. Y., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—As a result of the burning of his automobile, Frank J. Ehle, a well-to-do farmer of this city, has been made unaccountably rich. When Ehle arrived at his homestead, which has been in the Ehle family for a century or more, he left the car in the shade of a huge and highly-prized old elm tree in his front yard. He had entered his house, when news from his chauffeur announced that the car was burning. To get the auto away from the tree was out of the question, as the two men feared possible explosions.

When destruction was complete and the men felt safe in venturing close to the spot, they found that the fine old elm had been so badly burned at its base that the only thing to do was to fall the tree. This was done with little difficulty, the trunk having been quite hollow and the fire having eaten well into it. Then came the fortunate part of the misfortune. With roots firmly entwined about it, there was disclosed a good-sized iron chest, and in it were gold coins and gold and silver plate.

The opinion here is that the valuables were hidden by a patriot who had hastened to Oriskany to fight with General Herkimer, and who lost his life along with his commander.

## APPLE CROP MAY BE SHORT

### Picking of Green Fruit Cause of Alarm at Walla Walla.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Serious danger of a crop shortage in apples confronts the valley, says L. M. Brown, publicity manager of the Commercial Club. The picking of green fruit for the early markets and high prices offered for green apples for cooking and shipping are robbing the trees of certain varieties, asserts Mr. Brown, who has just returned from a trip through the Willamette.

Wolf Rivers, Maxson Seedlings and other large varieties are especially in demand now and the high prices are bringing the green fruit into market when it should not be picked for another month at least.

## JAIL QUARTERS CRAMPED

### Prisoners Are in Unsanitary Cage at Jacksonville Temporarily.

MEDFORD, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—"Conditions at the County Jail at Jacksonville are bad," said County Judge J. R. Nell after he had inspected the cage in which 14 prisoners are housed while the new structure is being built. "Fourteen men are crowded into prison space for nine, and the air at night must be vile. There are three small cells in the jail, and they are meant to accommodate a maximum of three men each. To increase the number means to increase the unhealthfulness of the jail and to endanger the health of the prisoners, some of whom may be innocent."

"We are building a good jail that will accommodate 26 prisoners in a sanitary way, but that will not be completed before October 1 and in the meantime the

## PARENTS OF BRIDE SEEK ANNULMENT?

### Newport Elopers, Defiant, Say They Will Re-Wed in More "Liberal" State.

### MRS. GERAGHTY UNDER AGE

### Girl Must Be 21 in Connecticut to Be Married on Her Own Account. Rich Man's Daughter Still Happy in New Role.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—(Special.)—The fact that Mr. and Mrs. Amos Tuck French of Newport, R. I. in talking to their friends refer to their daughter Julia Estelle, who eloped with "Jack" Geraghty as "Miss French" is taken as confirmation of the story, widely told in New York and Newport social circles, that an endeavor will be made to have the marriage annulled.

The elopers were married in Central Village, Conn. The laws of Connecticut provide expressly that a girl does not attain her majority until she is 21 years of age. She cannot marry legally without the consent of her parents until she has reached that age. Geraghty's bride is only 19 years old, according to reports from Newport and from Springfield, Mass., where the couple went after their wedding. Her parents, it is believed here, will endeavor to take legal steps to compel Mrs. Geraghty to return home, following which her legal guardians, who are her parents, may bring suit to have the marriage ceremony declared void.

### Brother to Thrash Bridegroom.

Not only are Mr. and Mrs. French and the bride's aunt, Mrs. Elsie French Vanderbilt, incensed, but Frank French, the bride's brother, has declared that he intends to thrash Geraghty at the first opportunity.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Geraghty declare that if the marriage is declared illegal in Connecticut, they will be married again in a state where the laws are more "liberal." Mrs. Geraghty is quoted in a spirited dispatch as saying that she is determined to stand by "Jack." She added:

"We can get along without any outside help. I am in love and believe so thoroughly in marrying for love that I am willing to wash dishes and make my own bed, if it is necessary."

"In fact," she laughed, "I did both today, did I, Jack?" The Geraghtys were visitors in the home of the bridegroom's cousin, the Harris family. It is a good-sized one and Mrs. Geraghty has been making up for the inconvenience their unexpected descent may have caused by helping with the housework as much as possible.

### Mrs. Geraghty Dresses Simply.

Though she never was stinted for gowns and jewels at home, she dresses plainly and modestly as a young matron. Her only jewelry now is her engagement ring. It was given to her by Geraghty several months ago, but she feared to wear it at home lest her secret be found out.

"You see, we had intended marrying in September," said Mrs. Geraghty. "I actually had decided upon a date and all the rest, and when mamma and the family heard of it it was 'good night' and little Julie was to be sent abroad to get over the 'foolish infatuation.'"

"Now, Julie, as a matter of fact, had thought this out very carefully. I knew what I was going to do, since Jack and I fell in love. So when the little girl was eight or nine months old, we just got our heads together and planned how we could get away."

"The little bride told how kind her new found friends had been to her. 'Society folk,' she said, 'haven't time to be that way.'

### Couple "Keeping Their Heads."

"I don't know why Newport has made such a fuss over this marriage," said Geraghty. "I guess it's because Jack and I are so sure in that atmosphere that they can't imagine anybody but insane persons indulging in it. But Julie and I are not insane. We are keeping our heads under very distressing circumstances, distressing, I say, not to us so much, but to our families."

"It hurts when I read where I am accused of marrying Julie for money. To begin with, she hasn't got any money, and if she had barrels of it, or I had yachts or a seat on the Stock Exchange it wouldn't make either of us any happier than we are."

"I see Julie's brother-in-law, Sam Wagstaff, is fussed up over this 'meat-and-drink' row, as a matter of fact. I don't think he has any more money or as good prospects as I have, so I don't see why he should join the kickers."

It is "Up to Newport" Now. Asked if she expected to have her husband received in the Mrs. Elsie French Vanderbilt set when they return, she said she would not care to be received by them. "It is up to Newport. If Jack is not received I will not be received. I'll stick by him, and if we are not good enough to enter the three-starred old portals, all well and good."

"I have gotten so tired of all the stupidity of society that it won't be any deprivation to me, and I am so happy I don't think I should have time to notice it if I were snubbed, for I shall have eyes for none else but my husband."

"If the family want me to come back to them they shall have to invite us. I won't make the first step."

### KISS TASTES OF POISON

Mother Detects Children's Peril in Time to Save Them.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Poisoned by their mother, Mrs. Ella Bell, of 45 West Thirty-sixth street, and her three small children were saved from death by the mother's quickness in getting aid. One of the children—Ruth, 2 years old—still is in a serious condition at the New York Hospital, where she was taken. The husband and father, John Bell, is a billposter, who goes to work some hours before Mrs. Bell has breakfast with her children.

The breakfast which made them all ill consisted of canned peas left from the previous meal.

Some hours after eating the meal Ruth complained of feeling feverish. Soon after that the other children became ill. One of them began to have a headache, accompanied by nausea. Ruth asked for some water, and her mother kissed her as she gave it to her.

## For Your Hair

### Here Are Facts We Want You to Prove at Our Risk.

### PAINTER COLOR BLIND

### PINK, BLUE AND CRIMSON ALL SEEM TO BE GREEN.

### Man Who Long Worked at Trade Rejected as Applicant for Job on Police Force.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—(Special.)—The police board has rejected the application for a job of a man who, after making his occupation as housepainter and saying that he had worked at the trade all his life, proved to be color blind. The disclosure is believed to account for some of the vivid colors that appear on the houses of Chicago suburbs.

The man, whose name Dr. E. T. Olsen, medical examining officer of the police department, refused to make known, was taking the color test in the examination for applicants for the police force. He had attempted it four times before, and each time the result was the same.

"He says he experiences no difficulty in mixing paints to get any desired color," Dr. Olsen said after he had gone, "but it is my opinion that he is the man who painted three of the houses in a certain block near Lincoln Park. He must have had an order to put them all green for they are all the colors he chose—pink, blue and crimson—and that is what he said the three tassels were."

It is expected that enough eligibles will be procured from the present list of nearly 2000 to fill all wants of the department for a year or more.

## CANCER GONE IN TRANCE

### Operation Performed Without Anes- thesia Is Successful.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Aug. 20.—While she was in a deep trance an operation was performed upon Mrs. Mary Kallinsky of this city for cancer of the stomach, no anesthetic being used, and it is reported at the Riverside hospital today that it was successful and that her recovery is expected. She is still in a trance and is likely to remain in that condition for two weeks, judging by the duration of a previous trance, which lasted six weeks.

Dr. A. L. Hauslechner, of this city, who studied Mrs. Kallinsky's condition when she was previously in a trance, believed that the cancer could be removed with safety while she remained in that condition. The cancer was removed without arousing her, and since the operation her general condition has steadily improved.

## VETERANS' FIGHT 3-SIDED

### Offices Much Sought in Spanish War Organization.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Aug. 20.—The eighth annual encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans was formally opened today with a reception tendered to the 100 delegates who have already arrived by Mrs. Ida M. Galloway, president of the general auxiliary, and her staff.

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drawn from the contest for Command-in-Chief, leaving a spirited three-cornered fight for the place among Maurice Simmons, of New York; John Lewis Smith, of Washington, D. C.; and Oscar T. Taylor, of Pittsburg, all of whom are on the ground with the backing of enthusiastic delegations.

A hard fight is promised for nearly every office, while Louisville and Atlantic City, N. J., are putting up a contest for the 1912 encampment.

### West and Hill to Urge Good Roads.

MEDFORD, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Governor West and Samuel Hill will visit Medford September 20 and address the good roads men meeting to be held here on that date. Mr. Hill has arranged to deliver two talks in the interests of good roads, and the Governor declares he will back up the road advocates.

### Long Name Puzzles.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—The state tax commission believes that it has the star collection of long names, for in reply to its queries for information concerning the

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