

RICH SINGER TIRES OF POOR HUSBAND

Marie Rappold, Opera Star, Says "I Want Divorce and He Won't Let Me Have It."

SHE LIVES IN LUXURY

Physician Who Gave Earnings to Train Her Voice Says Wife Can't Have Divorce "for Her Own Good."

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Christmas would have been more enjoyable to Mme. Marie Rappold, the famous soprano of the Metropolitan Opera House, if her husband, Dr. Julius C. Rappold, a struggling physician, had consented to her obtaining a decree of divorce...

Mrs. Rappold lives in humble rooms on Flushing avenue, Brooklyn. Mme. Rappold in handsome furnished and elegantly appointed apartments in New York. Dr. Rappold's income is a mere pittance, while that of his wife is a competence fitted to one of the nobility.

Her Apartments Elegant.

The singer was seen in her home in the Hendrik Hudson, at Riverside Drive and 113th street. She and her daughter had just come in from an automobile drive. In the sitting-room were great bunches of American Beauty roses. The furniture was mahogany, and everything denoted taste as well as luxury.

"As soon as I began to earn money I paid my full share of all expenses, and more than my share. He has never paid a cent for Lillian. I have paid for her education. I have borne all her expenses. It was I who bought and paid for every gown I have worn since I could earn anything. Yet he talks about pride, about money causing the trouble, of not wanting to live with me because I made more money, as if I begrudged him any or ever had. Why, he makes a good income himself. But no gentleman would say such things. No, we are just unfitted for each other."

"I Want a Divorce."

"I want a divorce. I have no grounds to sue for one. He will not let me have it. He does not love me. Why, then, does he want to keep me here? He says to love me through life? He says we move in different spheres. Why doesn't he let me have life? Even if I loved me desperately, if he was a real man with red blood he would give me my divorce and then enter the lists and fight to regain me like a man and a gentleman. He wants to be a rich man. He wants to be a rich man."

Are you sure he does not love you still?" asked the reporter.

"He has never made love to me. He hasn't even called for two years," she said. "Now, if you loved a woman," she asked, with a little laugh, "and really wanted her, do you think you would leave her long in doubt about either?"

Doctor's Rooms Plain.

There were no American Beauty roses with four-foot stems or mahogany furniture last night in Dr. Rappold's home on the first floor of a squalid-looking house on Flushing avenue. It consists of a tiny reception-room, a small consultation-room and a bedroom. The walls were fairly covered with pictures of his daughter and wife. Dr. Rappold told his story simply and without bitterness. At the end he said:

"If it had all to be done over again, knowing what would follow, I would go through it. My wife is a genius and should be allowed her career. Yes, I would again make every sacrifice to have her voice trained and I glory in her success."

"Why do you object to a divorce?"

"Unhappy Marriage Feared."

"She has never asked me for a divorce in the first place. But I would not let her have one for her own good. She might marry someone with whom she would be unhappy and worse things might come."

"You see I have thought it all out," he continued. "My wife has risen far above my sphere. She and her friends are too high for me. I do not feel comfortable in their society, and I know they regard me as a boor. I cannot afford to live as she lives, and, thank God, I have still too much pride to allow my wife to spend her money on me. There may come a day when we can be together again, but I will never give her cause to divorce me. She can believe that."

MAYOR'S SINCERITY PIVOT

Chicago Christian Endeavorers Want Him to Set Example for Police.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Mayor Harrison's sincerity in causing the city civil service commission to begin a law enforcement department is being tested on next month by the directors of an open letter addressed to him by the United Chicago Christian Endeavor societies.

The letter says it is written with a view of having the Mayor "set an example" for the police force by way of forbidding the expected New Year's revelry.

In the petition it is recited that members of the police follow the example of their superiors in enforcing laws, and particularly, says the letter, they watch the city's Chief Executive "work out the administration policy."

It quotes state law and city ordinances forbidding the sale of liquor on Sunday, and asks him to order the police to see that on New Year's eve—Sunday night—no liquor be sold.

RICH OPERA STAR WHO BEGS HUSBAND TO LET HER HAVE DIVORCE.



MME. MARIE RAPPOLD.

GIRL NOT KIDNAPED

Police Believe Violet Buehler Is Near Chicago.

HOSPITALS ARE WATCHED

Vandeville Actor Wanted by Authorities to Aid in Clearing Mystery Said to Resemble That of Dorothy Arnold.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Inspector Nicholas Hunt, who has been in charge of the investigation into the strange disappearance of Violet Buehler, today declared that he was convinced the girl was not kidnaped and expressed the opinion that she had been taken to some institution in or near Chicago. He compared the case to the disappearance of Dorothy Arnold, the New York heiress, who vanished in December, 1910.

"Then, too, I want to have a little talk with a certain South Side physician. This doctor had an office near the Meyers Hotel and is said to have met Violet occasionally. He will be summoned to my office and I will ask him a few questions."

"In some respects the Buehler case is similar to that of Dorothy Arnold, who disappeared a year ago and never was found. Both are heiresses and both are said to have had numerous admirers. It is possible that the result of the search will be the same in both cases, but my men are doing everything in their power to clear up the Buehler mystery."

Inspector Hunt said the police were trying to find Walter Eugene, a vaudeville actor, who formerly lived at the Meyers Hotel. Eugene is said to be in Aurora and the authorities there are hunting for him.

Lieutenant Thomas, of the Hyde Park station, admitted today that he gave the Buehler girl a diamond.

"I have known the Buehler family a good many years," he said. "I had a diamond which the girl admired very much and she asked me to let her wear it."

CAROLS SUNG TO SICK

Quarantined School Teachers Are Serenaded by Choir.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Following Christmas services at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, the choir serenaded the E. L. Brown home, at 409 West Eleventh street, where five city school teachers are quarantined for scarlet fever. Miss Beatrice Williams, one of the teachers, is a member of the choir.

Those who participated in the Christmas carol were: Miss Laura Brown, Mrs. Lulu Wawers, organist; Mrs. R. B. Rinehart, Mrs. Katherine Busby, Miss Smith, Harry G. Smith, Clement Scott and Chaplain W. G. Lloyd.

BELL MERGER IS PLANNED

Consolidation in Nine States Intended for Economy.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—An operating amalgamation of the Bell telephone interests in nine Southern states will be voted on next month by the directors of the companies involved, it was learned here today.

The proposed change is part of the movement for greater economy by the American Telephone & Telegraph Company. It was announced.

ROOSEVELT BOOM DEFINITE

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braska incident, whereby it was made apparent that Colonel Roosevelt's name will go on the Presidential preference ballot at the primaries, possibly with only a local manifestation. But with respect to the organized movement,

states have been divided into groups, with a general assigned to each division, and plans have been laid to have the subordinate officers look after each political entity.

At present it is impossible to connect certain Roosevelt boomers with the central organization that is known to exist, but it is significant that Senator Borah, of Idaho, who makes no bones of his intention to affect a Roosevelt stampede if that can be accomplished, is directing a campaign in four Northwestern States today—Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Montana. Senator Borah refused to affirm or deny reports regarding a centralized Roosevelt organization.

Lyon Busy in Texas.

In the South, according to today's information, Cecil Lyon, National committee man of Texas, is looking after the situation. He will start the Roosevelt stampede in that quarter, unless roped, thrown and tied so that he cannot exercise his prerogatives as a free and independent living creature. This interest on Mr. Lyon's part is separate, or partly separate, from the scheme of getting a control of Southern delegations which is being projected through agents now canvassing that field.

Finally, it may be said there have been secret conferences about the general situation and organization laid out, but it is significant that in some one to give orders and an acknowledgment of allegiance on the part of others to the extent of taking these orders.

Admiral Dewey is 74

HERO OF MANILA BAY HOLDS INFORMAL BIRTHDAY PARTY.

President Taft Among Old Friends to Offer Congratulations to Veteran Naval Officer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Admiral George Dewey celebrated the 74th anniversary of his birth today. Twelve years after all other naval officers are by law retired from active service, the Admiral was busy at his desk. He received a few old friends at his home tonight, among the callers being President Taft.

The Admiral believes the secret of good health is congenial employment. His walk is as brisk, his handclasp as firm and his energy as abundant as that of a man many years younger.

He appeared in his office promptly at 9 o'clock and went into his work. At intervals he was interrupted to receive greetings and congratulations of almost all the senior officers of the Navy and Army and then again he laid aside official papers to scan some telegram or letter of birthday greeting.

The Admiral said he would head the line of naval officers that would pass in review before President Taft at the New Year's reception at the White House next Monday.

Woman to Be Governor's Secretary.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 26.—For the first time in the history of the State of Michigan, unless Governor Osborn changes his mind, a woman will become private secretary to the Governor, Miss Mary Hadrick, of Marquette, for several years private secretary to Charles S. Osborn, and now in Governor Osborn's office as his executive clerk. It is understood, to be appointed his secretary, to assume her new duties January 1. Though prominent in politics for a number of years, Miss Hadrick is not a suffragist.

Knees Became Stiff

Five Years of Severe Rheumatism.

The cure of Henry J. Goldstein, 14 Barton Street, Boston, Mass., is another victory by Hood's Sarsaparilla. This great medicine has succeeded in many cases where others have utterly failed. Mr. Goldstein says: "I suffered from rheumatism five years, it kept me from business and caused excruciating pain. My knees would become as stiff as steel. I tried many medicines without relief, then took Hood's Sarsaparilla, soon felt much better, and now consider myself entirely cured. I recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla effects its wonderful cures, not simply because it contains sarsaparilla, but because it combines the utmost remedial values of more than thirty ingredients. Get it today. In usual liquid or chocolate tablets called Sarsapills."

TACOMA GIRL IS TIRED OF SCANDAL

Gertrude Leo Will Not Return to New York to Testify Against "Oom."

BERNARD IS CLEVER MAN

Principal in Science of Tantrik Cult Says Brahmin Teachings Have Fascination as Does Accused Instructor.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Gertrude Leo, the missing New York witness in the case against "Oom," Miss "omnipotent," otherwise Pierce Bernard, head of a Sanskrit school of Hindu philosophy, who about a year ago was accused of improper practices in connection with his school, and who is again facing charges, is in Tacoma. She is with her parents at 515 South Fifth-second street.

Miss Leo said today that if the case against Bernard depended upon her testimony, it was due to fall again. Under no circumstances, she says, will she go back to New York to testify against Bernard.

New York reports said an allegation had been made that Miss Leo and Miss Zella Hopp, the two chief witnesses for the state, were paid to leave New York. Miss Leo, who is a prepossessing girl of 20, denies this story.

"Why," she said, "if they knew what a hard time I have had since, trying to keep my head above water, they would not say I was paid to leave New York. I left that state of my own free will. I will admit that I was advised that if I did leave nothing could be done to me. Miss Hopp was the principal witness for the District Attorney's office, but without my corroborating evidence, the prosecution failed, I understand."

Miss Leo said the teachings of Brahmin have a strange fascination for her and for other young people as well. She first met Bernard, the Brahmin "prophet," as he has been called, in Seattle, and then went to New York and became a member of the school. She maintains Brahmin teachings are good, though she has not seen Bernard personally and of his actions.

Bernard Clever Man.

"Bernard," she said, "is one of the cleverest men—I believe the cleverest man—I ever met. He may do things at the school which he could be convicted for, but he is so smart that the blame always falls on the boys he has found him and not on himself."

Miss Leo is the sister of Mrs. E. H. Miller, of 612 South Tacoma avenue, who is now in New York. Mrs. Miller started the original case against Bernard and induced Miss Leo to leave "the school." She carried to the District Attorney of New York information which caused him to take up the prosecution of "Oom" that failed. Miss Leo has been here several weeks, but expects to go away soon, she said.

Miss Leo said Bernard's red book, "Introduction of the Science of Tantrik," is given only to those initiated into the mysticism of the cult, who then exercises complete control over them.

"Those he cannot control by his teachings," she said, "he dismisses from the school. Bernard is not a hypnotist at all, as has been suggested."

SCHOOL CENSUS INCREASES

Clatsop County Gains 40 in Year. Boys Outnumber Girls.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—The complete returns from the recent school census show that of the children of the school age of Clatsop County, there are 2266 boys and 2245 girls or a total of 4511. This is an increase of 40 since the census taken last December when the total was 4471. The per capita tax will be \$8 a pupil.

Major-General Hodges Dead.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Major-General Charles L. Hodges, U. S. A., retired, died here today after an illness of several months. General Hodges was born in Rhode Island, March 13, 1847, and entered the volunteer service at the outbreak of the Civil War, when he was 14 years old. In 1865 he entered the permanent establishment and served continuously up to March 13 last, when he retired.

Big Season Closed, Factory Rests.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—The box factory at Shippen, owned by the California Fruit Cannery Association, has just closed down after an unusually busy season, shipments of 210 cars having been made, nearly twice as many as last year. The plant will reopen March 1 instead of April 1, as heretofore, as the year of 1912 is expected to furnish bigger business than the past year, and the increased number of mills in the vicinity assures enough material to keep the plant running a long season. The reason for shutting down

STEEL TRUST GAINS TIME

Rockefellers Only Interests Not Asking for Extension.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 26.—United States District Attorney Vreeland, in the United States Circuit Court, announced today that a further extension of the steel trust, which was granted for the filing of answers in the suit of the Government for the dissolution of the United States Steel Corporation, has just closed down from the first Monday in January to February 1 in the case of the United States Steel Corporation itself and for 25 or 30 other defendants in the suit.

The extension was granted by Vreeland.

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land with the approval of the Department of Justice. The only defendants out of the entire 15 who have not asked for an extension of time are John D. Rockefeller and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. The Minnesota groups of mining and land companies secured an extension some time ago to January 15, and thus far they have not asked for further time. It is believed all of the defendants who ask for it will have their time for filing answers extended to February 1.

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