

SUIT OVER PEARLS INVOLVES \$380,075

Gems Reported to Be From Royal Russian Family.

AMERICAN WOMAN BUYER

Full Price Alleged to Have Been \$1,500,000 by Plaintiff in New York Case.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—The unwritten law of gem dealers against divulging the identity of their patrons is prevailing in the matter of the ownership of the \$380,075 pearl necklace purchased within recent months from Cartier, Inc. by an American woman living out of town. The best guess—and it is only a guess—is that the necklace was bought in Paris from some member of the refugee colony whose fortune was wrecked in the revolution, but who managed to keep from the clutches of the bolshevik a priceless historical heirloom which later found its way to this country.

Credence is lent to this by the fact that Leopold Benguiat, one of the brothers who is suing Cartier, Inc., for \$380,075, as the alleged unpaid portion of their share of the transaction, is now in Paris, and the common knowledge in the jewelry trade that a great deal of this firm's business is transacted in that city.

Interview Is Refused.

Paul Cartier and his colleagues in the jewelry firm refused emphatically to discuss either the origin of the necklace or its American purchaser. It has been a policy of the firm for 80 years, they said, to maintain an unwavering silence with regard to clients and customers, and that policy would be continued regardless of the amount of public interest aroused over the suit.

By an ever so gentle shrug of the shoulders, however, Jacques Cartier, one of the junior members of the firm, intimated that little belief could be placed in the theory that this necklace came from the vaults of the Romanoffs when the revolutionists stormed the walls of the Winter Palace in Petrograd and looted a great deal of the royal family's most treasured possessions. That it is of Russian origin—it bears on its clasp the likeness of Catherine the Great—nobody would deny, but that it once graced the throat of the last empress remains a moot question.

Vital Benguiat—the only man perhaps who would be willing to divulge the ownership of the million dollar trinket—is ill in bed in a New York hotel, and his brother, Benjamin Benguiat, proprietor of an antique shop, would not have him disturbed.

Plaintiff Is Sick.

"He is so ill," he said, "and there are so many calls upon him. It is better that you should wait until we establish our claim in court. Perhaps, though, you might see the lawyers."

The fact that an American woman was able to purchase a necklace of 285 pearls of graduated size clustered in five strands and looped with a great deal of a past sovereign without creating a ripple in the jewelry market of Maiden Lane and Fifth avenue lent plausibility to the theory. Jewellers follow such purchases closely; keep tabs on prices and the withdrawals of pearls from the open market in the same manner that stock brokers watch the ticker, but two experienced traders working quietly in conjunction with a great jewelry house were able apparently to dispose of a fabulously priced article without any one's being the wiser.

Reconstructed from the best reports available, it seems apparent that the Benguiat brothers obtained the necklace in Paris, brought it to this country and sold it through Cartier to a third person. It was not until the action was filed that the sale became public.

Price Declared \$1,500,000.

The Benguiat brothers alleged that an agreement was made with the fifth avenue firm whereby the piece was to be sold on commission at the best price obtainable above \$500,000, and that instead of the necklace being sold by Cartier, Inc., for \$225,000, as stated by the firm, it actually brought \$1,500,000. Although the Benguiats have received already \$450,000, they alleged that \$380,075 more is due them.

The Cartier firm declared that this statement has absolutely no foundation in fact, and that the complete answer to the charges will be filed by their attorneys within a short time. Maurice Leon, of counsel for Cartier, produced a letter written to Judge David Leventritt, counsel for Benguiat, in which he protested against the Benguiat suit, contending that it had been brought to cause annoying publicity to the Cartier firm, and was virtually an attempt to frighten his clients into complying with the demands.

Intimidation Is Alleged.

One paragraph of the letter read: "We can only deduce from the inclusion of such manifestly unfair statements in the complaint that it is Mr. Benguiat's purpose to seek to exert pressure on our client by causing to be published this defamatory matter in the hope that he will be induced on his client to comply with money demands, which they regard as entirely unjustified."

One of the contentions of the Benguiats is that information of the sale by Cartier was withheld from them for some time. It is admitted by counsel for Cartier that the news did not reach the two brothers immediately, Mr. Leon explaining that they were both absent in Paris, had left no address and had no representative in this country.

WEAK OFFICIALS REBUKED
Prohibition Needs Law Enforcement, No More Laws, View.

"If prohibition is to become permanent and a success it will depend altogether upon the proper enforcement of the prohibition laws," declared W. J. Herwig, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Oregon, in a sermon at the Central Presbyterian church yesterday morning.

"If prohibition will become unpopular and a failure it will be because the prohibition laws are a farce and are not enforced. Now the greatest immediate need in Oregon is not more prohibition laws, but to have one of the very best prohibition laws and ample laws to make prohibition effective. But I say, and say it earnestly, that the greatest imperative need is an awakened conscience among the better classes of people and the temperance forces, demanding the enforcement of law by the proper constituted law enforcement officers, and then a great movement in every part of the state to back

every honest law enforcement official who is living up to his oath of office in the enforcement of law.

"Temperance forces and those who believe in law and order must see to it that no man is nominated at the May primaries and the November election who is not in full sympathy and accord with the enforcement of not only the prohibition law but all laws alike.

"Has not the time come when those who violate the law should understand that the people are swinging about for a devastating march against them and all their works, including the flabby, crooked and treacherous public officials who have been aiding them in their defiance of law? The time has come, friends, when an aroused and indignant public conscience must put the bit into the mouths of fractious officials and of drastically teaching aliens that this is America and that he who strikes at our constitution strikes at the heart of us all. We must rebuke, without mincing words, respectable and wealthy citizens who sit in some of the banks and business houses and by their actions violate the prohibition law, preach and practice treason to the young people's laws of the land. We must speak and not wait."

SERIES OF SERVICES NOVEMBER

Chinese Chorus and Chinese Ministers Heard by Congregation.

An interesting series of services are being held at the White Temple on Sunday nights during the temporary ministry of Dr. Arthur S. Phelps of San Francisco. Last night a Chinese chorus sang, Chinese ministers offered prayer in their native tongue and there were songs also from the sweet and young people's chorus.

Dr. Phelps spoke on "The Light in the East," where he has been a wide traveler. Taking as his text, Isaiah 60:1-3: "The morning cometh, and also the night," he said in part:

"One hundred and fifty thousand alarm clocks have been sent to China by an enterprising American manufacturer. The awakening of China is said now to be a certainty. Methods of Christian service, more advanced than ours, are employed in the orient. There are splendid union churches and I spoke in a union theological school at Manila, one of the young ministers being an ex-prize fighter.

"Thriving populations are calling to us. The people of India, clapping hands, would go three times around the earth at the equator; 25,000,000 people, 320,000,000 gods. If Jesus had begun to preach to one whole village each day when on earth, he would yet have got through with them. Said Morrison, in China: 'If 100 years ago now there shall be 1000 Christians in China, it will be a miracle.' At the close of that 100 years there are more than 250,000,000.

"We need a Hoover for India. There are tribes there so poor that they live in trees, without clothing, and fight with Jackals for carrion flesh. Do you wonder that the Buddhist religion looks forward to the annihilation of desire, as their heaven, when 40,000,000 in India go to bed hungry every night, on 3 cents a day wages? Along roads in the orient may be seen discouraged people, who have lain down to die. Their religion, in some places, is wiler than any sin we know in America. When I hear people say their religion is as good for them as ours is for us, I want to say: 'You deserve to have your daughters born over there.' Religious temples are often supported by prostitution."

POPE, LORD BRYCE PRAISED
Tribute Paid Departed Men in Sermon of Rev. Mr. Constant.

At the Highland Congregational church last night Rev. Edward Constant spoke on the late Lord Bryce and Pope Benedict XV.

"It was rather significant that these two fine men, products of religion, both of widespread influence, should pass away on the same date. Their spheres of activity were distinct, yet adjoining and even overlapping. Bryce stands out as a scholar and historian, also with a vision of a real statesman, not afraid to advocate a just cause even though unpopular. No man outside our citizenship better understood and appreciated American life and institutions. America extended to him the hand of fellowship with hearty good will because he had that spirit which corresponded to the ideals of genuine democracy. He was a consecrated humanitarianism, unspiced by honors or official position.

"As regards Pope Benedict XV, it should be with unfeigned pleasure that a Protestant minister utters a word of tribute for the late head of the Roman Catholic church. The traditional faith of that historical communion had a splendid exponent of its ideas in the late pope. He who was at times spoken of by others as 'the prisoner of the Vatican' by no means shut himself off from world affairs. He came to the pontificate at a critical moment, and men noted the purity of his life, his wish to promote peace and how his heart was touched by the sufferings and calamities of the nations. Differ as much as we may from the church to which this man belonged, we should gratefully acknowledge his splendid Christian character."

GRESHAM AFTER \$10,000
MONEY TO BE USED FOR NEW IRON COMPANY'S PLANT.

Business Men to Start Drive for Cash, to Be Secured by Mortgage on Building.

GRESHAM, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—A committee of three has been appointed by the Gresham Business Men's association to solicit money for the erection of a \$10,000 building to house the proposed plant of the Pacific Malleable Iron company. The building would be constructed on a three-acre tract, which has been obtained by the company east of the factory occupied by the Beaver State Motor company.

The proposed company will be incorporated for \$50,000. It is headed by Mr. Moore, who has had a number of years' experience in malleable iron work and who, at present, is a mathematics teacher at James John high school. A. M. Allard, chemistry teacher at Benson Polytechnic and formerly connected with the Northern Malleable Iron company of St. Paul, is secretary and treasurer of the organization. Mr. Keaton, who was associated with the Moline Flow company in the east, is vice-president with which to construct a building and buy machinery. The money will be secured by a first mortgage on the property and building, paying 7 per cent interest, and will be due in five

years. The money can then be withdrawn or invested in stock. The company will also invest a \$100 amount to be used jointly in construction and purchase.

It was explained this would be the only malleable iron company on the Pacific coast with the exception of the one in San Francisco. Pig iron would be brought in as ballast at a cost of \$30 a ton. The freight rate on malleable castings from the east amounts to \$30 a ton, it was said.

\$33,196,706 GIFTS MADE
Work of Rockefeller Foundation in Year Covered by Report.

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