

### STAGE HAND RIGHTS ACTRESS WIFE'S SUIT

#### Custody of 14-Year-Old Daughter Is Sought.

#### HUSBAND HELD JEALOUS

#### Frances E. Hoyle, Now on Boards at Local Theater, Accuses Mate of Death Threats.

Though he met her, loved her and married her when she was playing in a "wine room" house in Portland, Walter G. Hoyle, stage hand and scenery expert, strenuously objected to his wife, Frances E. Hoyle, working the boxes in a Spokane entertainment palace some months after they were married, he testified on the witness stand yesterday in defense of a divorce suit brought by the wife and being heard in the court of Circuit Judge Stapleton.

By offering his own services behind the scenes, he was able to force a concession from the manager of the place permitting his wife to dance and sing on the stage without the requirement that she mingle with the patrons and encourage them in the purchase of liquid refreshments, asserted Hoyle.

**Husband Declared Jealous.**  
Throughout their married life Mrs. Hoyle has continued her professional career while her husband has continued to abide by the terms of the divorce, prepare carnival floats and sit idly in the wings, biting his nails in jealousy when his wife received the advances and caresses of stage lovers, according to her story. Lack of domesticity in the life has been responsible for the divorce proceedings, which are being fought by the husband for possession of their 14-year-old daughter, Mrs. Hoyle testified.

At present Mrs. Hoyle is "on the boards" at a small local theater and her husband complains that she frequently leaves there at night with one Fred Lewis in a closed automobile and does not get home until late. On the witness stand Mrs. Hoyle testified that she was with nothing improper, but indiscretion.

**Wife in "Vandeville."**  
"Those were only 'prop guns,'" explained Hoyle on the stand. "We have lots of them about the house, but they are no good. The firing pins are out of most of them. I never kept them loaded."

The Hoyles were married in Portland in 1916 and since that time have traveled about the country together. Mrs. Hoyle continuing her vaudeville performances and her husband assisting in work behind the scenes, they have been happy until recently when their divorce hearing should be concluded today.

One of the most bitterly contested divorce suits which has occupied local courts recently is that of Violet Miller against Solomon Miller, "drug" lawyer, charging alienation of affection, flirting with other women, committing unlawful surgical operations, bootlegging, selling narcotics and receiving stolen property. Miller, sitting in Portland in a family quarrel of violent nature in which witnesses for both sides have spilled animus all over the courtroom during sessions on the stand.

**Miller Drug Store Owner.**  
Mrs. Miller married June 5, 1918, and is the mother of a 24-year-old daughter, accuses her husband of beating her, calling her vile names, flirting with other women, committing unlawful surgical operations, bootlegging, selling narcotics and receiving stolen property. Miller, sitting in Portland in a family quarrel of violent nature in which witnesses for both sides have spilled animus all over the courtroom during sessions on the stand.

**Sister Important Witness.**  
Dora Miller, sister of the defendant, was an important witness for the defense yesterday afternoon, testifying to numerous alleged occurrences while she was visiting at her brother's home. Several of the most sensational quarrels between the pair had retired for the night, she testified.

John Loser filed suit for divorce in the circuit court yesterday from Adela Y. B. Lozer, whom he married at Vancouver, Wash., in January, 1923, saying that she abused and threatened him and finally left him.

George E. Minnelly, aged 29, through his guardian, Florence J. Minnelly, a sister, filed suit for divorce from Thelma E. Minnelly, whom he married August 5, 1921, asserting that she nagged him and struck him.

During the last three years, Henry H. Ingalis, whom she married in Clatsop county in 1924, has been paying constant attention to other women, complains Catherine Ingalis in a divorce action filed yesterday in the circuit court for divorce from Oscar L. Liehe, alleging cruelty and desertion.

**Guard Company Captain Named.**  
ROSEBURG, Or., March 23.—(Special.)—Avery L. Roser was elected captain of the local machine gun company of the Oregon national guard last night to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Captain C. L. Stoddard. Captain Roser enlisted in the national guard as a private before the recent war and was discharged as a sergeant. He assisted in the formation of the local machine gun company and was made a second lieutenant later being promoted to a first lieutenant. Lyle E. Marsters was appointed first lieutenant. Mr. Marsters was a sergeant in the Royal Canadian flying corps. Alvin Knudson, who was made a second lieutenant, was a first lieutenant of artillery during the recent war and saw service in Europe.

**Store at View Burned.**  
VANCOUVER, Wash., March 23.—(Special.)—Fire destroyed the general store at View last night. View is the far northern end of Clarke county. The store was owned by B. F. Wickler, who, with the family lived in the second story. The family retired at 10:30 o'clock last night, but Mr. Wickler was soon attracted by the crackling of fire. He looked into the store and found it a blazing mass. A small amount of furniture and a little clothing was saved, and the automobile in a garage near the store was not damaged. There was a large stock of liquor cases, made public here tonight.

### YOUNG MASHER IS CURED BY DAY IN JAIL AND \$25 FINE

Prisoner Placed Where He Can Flirt With Women Prisoners but Refrains and Thereby Wins Release From Bastille.

**ROUGE-CHEEKED,** eyebrowless "masher" who tries to stir up a flirtation with E. G. Schmiedell Jr., 25-year-old salesman, is simply out of luck. Yes, ma'am, she can't even get started because—well, he took the cure under the able direction of Municipal Judge Rossman. Schmiedell was arrested Monday when he accosted a young and attractive married woman and sought to induce her to flirt with him. Instead, she called a cop and had him carted off to the jail house.

Police commissioner yesterday admitted the charges. He was repentant. He wanted another chance. He'd learned his lesson and would never err again.

"I hope you are right, my boy, but I am going to give you the acid test," Judge Rossman decreed. "I will have the jailer take you upstairs and place you in a jail corridor where you will have an opportunity to flirt with the women prisoners, if you so desire. We have them in all shades and sizes, colors and sizes. If you can withstand their attempts to flirt with you for the rest of the day, I think perhaps you will be cured."

And the jailer forthwith escorted the dapper young salesman up into the "booths" where he would be on parade before the eyes of the feminine prisoners.

Five o'clock came and Judge Rossman was about to call it a day. He got in touch with the jailer. "Has Schmiedell attempted to start a flirtation with any of the women prisoners?" inquired the judge. "Nary a one," replied the jailer. "He wouldn't even give 'em a pleasant look."

"Well, let him have his freedom," the judge ordered. "It is evident that my prescription has helped the patient."

In addition to the test which the young salesman has to undergo in the jail, Judge Rossman also ordered him to pay a fine of \$25, which he did with alacrity.

It had been a long, hard winter, with more than the usual allotment of snow and rain and freezing weather. So, when spring ushered in a day of balmy air, four Portland men thought they would celebrate with the first picnic of the year.

The river bank near the foot of Gibbs street was selected for the picnic rendezvous. Nor did they neglect their refreshments. For instance, there was a plentiful supply of denatured alcohol. But in the event that this would run out, one of the picnickers was thoughtful enough to take along a little cargo of canned heat. Any north end "bum" who has tried it will tell you that there is nothing better than canned heat for a real "kick."

The picnic was progressing nicely when a couple of cops broke up the outdoor party. They had quaffed their entire supply of denatured alcohol and were gloriously drunk and willing to open up the canned heat when the patrol wagon arrived.

In police court yesterday they unflinchingly admitted they had made an unwise choice of picnic refreshments and assured Judge Rossman they'd never do it again. And the judge was willing to be reasonable. He assessed them each \$5 and sent them to

**AIRCRAFT TO MANEUVER**  
**COAST DEFENSE TO BE OBJECT**  
**OF EXTENSIVE TESTS.**  
Fortifications Will Be Directed by Aviators Against Attack From Enemy Fleet.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—Extensive maneuvers to determine the military value of American coast defenses, when operated in conjunction with modern aircraft, are being planned for the coming summer by the war department. Under orders from Secretary Weeks the program of testing will consist of a series of coast artillery and army air service operations.

Both branches are recognized as having the most important part in the coast defense, they never have been tested jointly nor has their personnel ever been trained in tests to co-ordinate coast defense work. It was expected that the tests would include three important phases of land and air warfare, anti-aircraft target practice against air targets, to determine the vertical range at which bombing planes could operate without being subjected to effective fire; bombing practices against coast defense installations; and the effects of aerial bombing on such targets, and combined target practice at extreme coast artillery ranges.

### FRENCH ATTITUDE TREATIES FACTS

#### Intention to Imitate U. S. Senate Is Intimated.

#### CONFUSION IS POSSIBLE

#### If Figures Are Raised, Italy Would Do Likewise and England Then Would Be Problem.

BY MARK SULLIVAN.  
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WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—(Special.)—The intimation from France that the parliament of that country is going to imitate our American senate and initiate a prerogative of adopting reservations to international treaties is gravely disturbing. We have all been assuming, with too much complacency perhaps, that with ratification by the United States senate the thing is over and done.

But it is a fact that action has not yet been taken either by France or by Japan on the treaties arising out of the Washington conference. We have taken ratification by those countries for granted because in the past it has been the practice to ratify, without change, any treaty negotiated by the competent heads of nations. This has been the practice as to every country except the United States.

**Practice Appeals to Others.**  
It is now apparent that the lead taken by the United States senate in the case of the league of nations and in the case of the present treaties as well has begun to appeal to some of the foreign parliaments as a good practice to imitate if for no better reason than pride and prerogative.

It would do no harm and create no confusion if the French parliament should restrict itself to adopting merely the same reservation that the American senate has adopted. But if the fundamental matter of the matter should be thrown into the boiling pot of French politics something very serious is bound to ensue.

The ratio of capital ships given to France by the Washington conference was 1.75 as compared to 3 for Japan, 5 for Great Britain and 5 for the United States. One intimation coming from Paris is that the French parliament may attempt to raise that nation's ratio to 2.50. If France does this, Italy is likely to do the same.

**Italy's Position Recalled.**  
At the recent conference Italy took the position that she must have the right to have at least as large a navy as France should attempt to raise her ratio to 2.50, and if Italy should attempt to do so, France would undoubtedly take notice.

The position of Great Britain at the Washington conference was that she would not attempt to raise her ratio to 2.50, but would insist on 2.00 and Italy should do the same. It would be impossible for the combined navies of any two European powers, if France should insist on 2.50 and Italy should do the same, to exceed the ratio of the United States.

The Washington conference treated France handsomely. The theory of the Washington conference and the only possible theory upon which any naval limitation could be arrived at was to take the actual navy of the world as they existed on November 12, the opening day of the conference. Taking the navies of Great Britain, America and Japan as they stood on that day, each of these three was required to scrap 40 per cent of its existing strength.

By that France was made an exception. Favor was shown to France, and she was not called upon to scrap anything.

France on November 12 had about 164,000 tons of capital ships. If she had been treated on the same basis as the other three nations and if she had been required to scrap 40 per cent of her existing strength, she would have been reduced to about 102,000 tons. In fact, she was given about 175,000 tons.

**French Navy Increased.**  
In this respect the treatment of France was unique. France was the only nation permitted to have more ships in the future than she actually had the day the conference opened. What France was doing was to take her standing of November 12 as the basis, but go back to a time when she had a larger navy relative to the others, or to look forward to a time when she may be able to build a larger navy.

This sort of hypothetical situation and all this sort of argument about special needs is exactly the kind of thing that was excluded from consideration in the Washington conference. It was realized that if the Washington conference should engage in a debate about hypothetical navies or theoretical adequate navies or special needs it would get nowhere.

**Question Is Plain One.**  
It was a plain question of stopping competition in the building of navies. If it had been decided not to stop competition the United States, Great Britain and Japan had and have the resources to build navies many times the competitive naval building that France could hope to build.

If France had been successful at the



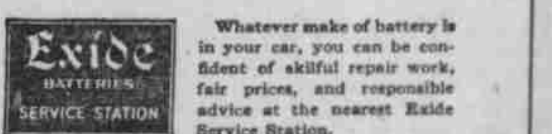
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**MODERN GIRL TO BE BARRED FROM MATRIMONIAL RACE.**  
Eligible Youth of New Mexico Town Taboo Immodest Dancing, Bobbed Hair and Other Fads.

**Troubles Traced to America.**  
France, of course, has abundant reason for unpleasant emotions about the American senate. Many of her worst troubles have been caused by the failure of our senate to ratify the league of nations and the treaty of guarantee which Wilson promised France.

**Natorium Stockholders Elect.**  
NEWPORT, Or., March 23.—(Special.)—The stockholders of the Newport Natorium company held their first business meeting last night and elected officers for the ensuing year. George Wilcox, B. F. Baker, C. O. Hawkins, George Ashcraft and Wilcox were elected as board of directors. C. O. Hawkins was elected president, B. F. Baker vice-president, George Ashcraft secretary and George Wilcox treasurer. The building committee was instructed to hasten the construction of the building and heating plant so that the swimming tank will be open by June 15.

## She could eat anything—without indigestion or sleeplessness

FOR a long time she had been troubled with gas after her evening meal. The distress was most painful after eating potatoes or other starchy foods, of which she was very fond.

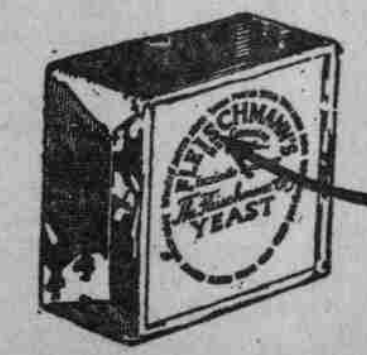
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**RAILROAD MEN ROBBED**  
Two Lost Watches and Some Cash but Holdup Is Not Found.

GRANTS PASS, Or., March 23.—(Special.)—Two railroad men were held up by a lone robber last night and robbed of their gold watches and about \$5 in cash. A northbound freight train was searched but none of the 48 hoboes on board answered the description of the robber. The office of the local cement plant was also entered, and several articles taken.

No clues have been found in either instance.

Orpheum matinee today, 15-25-50-Ad.