

RICH AND POOR SEEK DIVORCE LAW COPIES

1457 Plan to Start Suits
Under New Statute.

STRANGE CASES FOUND

New York Secretary of State Re-
ceives Many Inquiries From All
Parts of United States.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 1.—(Special.)—The number of letters written to the office of Secretary of State Lyons by persons seeking to end their marital status under the new Enoch Arden law, has jumped to 1457. As have been received since March 25, when Governor Miller signed the Swift bill, which makes five years' absence a second ground for divorce in this state.

Written upon all sorts of stationery, from the monogrammed and often scented sort to the cheap pad variety, the letters have all but swamped the law department. Many have come from law firms, not only in the larger cities, but also from hamlets, indicating that there will be many suits for divorce within the next few weeks, based upon the provisions of this new law.

One print of the laws already has been exhausted and, judging from the present demand, the new divorce law in chapter form will rank as one of the "six best sellers of the year."

Secrecy to Be Guarded.

Realizing that many requests have come from persons whose matrimonial troubles have been fraught with much unhappiness and that publicity is the last thing to be desired, Secretary Lyons has made a rule that under no conditions are the letters or the identity of the writers to be revealed.

While some of the letters merely seek a copy of the law, a great many cover a page or more, the writers apparently thinking the secretary of state may be able to offer some legal advice. Some writers pour out their troubles, page after page. One woman, in asking for a copy of the law, said that while her husband had been gone five or six years, she was only too glad to get rid of him, and that all she now wanted was to make it final.

"Hurrah for Miller and Swift!" wrote another woman, adding that the law had opened an avenue of escape to thousands of helpless women who otherwise would remain tied hand and foot for years.

Then there was another woman, a New Yorker, who informed Mr. Lyons that her husband, a professional ballplayer, making the rounds of county fairs, must have "drifted away," for she had not heard from him since 1916, when he was in the middle west.

Judging from the number of requests for copies of the law coming from women, the male sex is more inclined to "beat it" than to leave any forwarding address, than are the women. Probably five of every six letters so far received are from women.

Mr. Lyons received a letter from a well-known artist whose matrimonial troubles were of the "long and hard" variety and who later left New York and has been leading an isolated existence for some time in the Catskill mountains. He also asked for a copy of the Swift law.

While the law is generally known as the Swift divorce law, one woman apparently took it for granted that the word "Swift" indicated speed rather than the introducer of the bill, for in her letter she asked for "the quick divorce law."

With the law already in effect, some puzzling situations have arisen. One man stated that he formerly resided in New York state, but had married a Canadian and had been living in Canada for the last seven or eight years, although still claiming New York state as his home. About five years ago his wife left and since then she has never been heard from. The husband, still living in Canada, is anxious to know if under the present law he can obtain a divorce.

Matrimonial agencies in the middle west, and even as far as the coast, also are interested in the bill, for several have written for copies.

JACK GIFFORD MAKES HIT

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Felix soprano, yesterday afternoon gave a delightful concert, assisted by the Selberling-Lucas Music company. Mr. Keates played one of his own compositions, "Love Letter Days," as an organ solo. The Mrs. Felix then sang the same selection with organ accompaniment. She also gave a second solo, "There Is No Death," and Mr. Keates played as his encore selection of the organ taken from "Carmen."

The Multnomah hotel orchestra played four numbers of popular dance music, and "Scotty" Hoskins gave a trombone solo, "Somewhere in Naples." "Canadian Capers" was played as a piano solo by Karl Gibson.

In addition to the orchestra and solo numbers six new May Victor records were played for the first time.

Another Selberling-Lucas concert, conducted by William Hodecker, will be broadcast from the Oregonian tower this afternoon when the Oregon grill orchestra will play seven selections and feature Monte Austin, baritone soloist, with orchestra accompaniment. Austin will sing three of the seven numbers, "Angel Child," "Down the Old Church Isle" and "Ohio." Eddie Swartz will play "Velma" as a saxophone solo, and the other numbers will be "I've Got My Habits On," "Byoneses" and "I've Got to Have My Daddy Now Blues."

The last part of the afternoon concert will be made up of six more new phonograph records.

RADIO PRIZES ARE AWARDED

Five Benson Polytechnic Pupils
Win With Home-Made Sets.

Joseph Hallbeck, J. B. Weed and Dr. H. A. Lubby, local radio experts, acted as judges Thursday night at the radio exhibit of the Benson Polytechnic school show and awarded prizes to the five best homemade sets on exhibition.

crystal outfit made in a leather check book cover, which could easily be put into a vest pocket. There were about 25 sets on exhibition, all made by the students of the school.

Two big receiving sets with magnavoxes in different sections of the school building entertained the hundreds of visitors to the show with the concert broadcast from The Oregonian tower.

NEW RADIO CLUB ORGANIZED
High School Students Organize for
Wireless Education.

The new radio club for high school students and those out of high school is now fully organized, the officers being elected Wednesday. Last Monday evening the executives met in the Alhambra branch library committee room and drew up the constitution.

Members of this club represent practically every high school in the city. Membership is not restricted to high school students. However, as the grammar school children have a radio club of their own they are not admitted to this new club.

E. F. Pearson, engineer of the Northwestern Electric company, will deliver his second instructive talk to the members of the Alhambra library community radio club at 8 o'clock Saturday night. In addition to his lecture Mr. Pearson will answer all questions on radio that are puzzling the new radio club members.

KLAN PROBE TO START
50 WITNESSES TO BE CALLED
IN INGLEWOOD CASE.

Grand Goblin Reported Busy Obtaining Signatures to Statement of Winery Raid.

LOS ANGELES, May 5.—At least 50 and possibly 100 witnesses will be called in the grand jury investigation beginning next Monday of the recent raid by masked men upon a winery at Inglewood, near here, and the alleged participation therein of members of the Ku Klux Klan. This was stated today at the district attorney's office where preparation of subpoenas continued in progress. The investigation will take at least two weeks, it was added.

Paul Barksdale d'Orr, attorney for some of the persons alleged to have been concerned in the raid, called at the district attorney's office today and said W. S. Coburn, grand goblin of the Klan, was busy obtaining signatures to a statement relating to the affair. The signers, he said, were all concerned in the raid, and were prepared to come forward wherever wanted to tell what they knew about it and to defend their action on the ground they believed they were assisting officers of the law.

POISON VICTIMS BURIED
Whole Village Is in Mourning for
Family Strangely Killed.

L'ORIGNAL, Ont., May 5.—Sympathetic neighbors who spent the night making coffins today tenderly lowered into the ground the bodies of seven members of the Lacroix family who died yesterday after having been mysteriously poisoned.

It was first believed that a meal of wild parsnips caused death, but Dr. Hans P. Gidycz, chief biologist of the central experimental farm, declared today that this herb was not poisonous.

The tragedy, striking suddenly and claiming victims in years from 6 to 75, threw the whole village into mourning. The violent nature of the poison made immediate burial necessary, and 24 hours after the last death all the bodies were beneath the soil of a little Catholic cemetery three miles away.

WILSON USES INFLUENCE
Candidate Asked to Withdraw
From Contest in Missouri.

ST. LOUIS, May 5.—At ex-President Wilson's request, John C. Higdon, local lawyer, today announced he would not enter the race for the democratic nomination for United States senator against Senator Reed and Breckinridge Long, ex-third assistant secretary of state in the Wilson administration.

Higdon recently asked Mr. Wilson's advice in the matter, and the latter replied by asking him "to quit and complicate the contest" by entering the race.

DISBANDING IS FACED
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the present clauses and the French and Belgians are insisting upon new provisions which will be much more drastic.

They are demanding that they must be guaranteed that the Russians will not eventually turn over the property of foreigners to new owners.

BELGIAN CHANGE REPORTED
M. Jaspar Not Expected to Maintain
Opposition to Memorandum.

LONDON, May 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—It is now generally believed, says a Reuter dispatch from Genoa, timed midnight, that M. Jaspar, the Belgian foreign minister, will not maintain his opposition to the memorandum presented to Russia, which it is expected France and Belgium will sign, now framed.

If the memorandum is not accepted, Premier Lloyd George probably will return to London immediately.

BLOSSOM DAY
Salem, Sunday.

The annual cherry blossom celebration in Salem will be on Sunday, May 7. Exercises including addresses by the governor and mayor at the state house at 11:30 A. M. At 2 P. M. autos provided for visitors for trip through orchard districts. At 5 P. M. visits to state institutions.

DAUGHERTY AGAIN IS UP

MORSE PARDON CASE IS DIS-
CUSSED IN SENATE.

Senator Caraway Challenges Attorney-General to "Disclose Facts and Expose the People."

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5.—Discussion of Attorney-General Daugherty's connection with the pardon of Charles W. Morse, New York shipbuilder, from the Atlanta prison, was renewed once again in the senate today with Senator Caraway, democrat, Arkansas, challenging that Mr. Daugherty "disclose the facts and expose the people" to which reference was made by the attorney-general in a statement yesterday.

Senator Willis, republican, Ohio, thereupon put into the record letters from Chief Justice Taft and former Attorney-General Wickersham, denying that Mr. Daugherty had influenced their action in the case. Both letters were written in November, 1915, at which time Mr. Daugherty was a candidate for the senate in Ohio.

Chief Justice Taft, who was president when Morse was pardoned, said in his letter that he desired to "say that in no way did you (Mr. Daugherty) influence me in respect to the application for the pardon of Charles W. Morse."

Mr. Wickersham wrote to Mr. Daugherty that "all you did in that matter (the Morse pardon) was to bring the subject in a perfectly straightforward way as an attorney should before the attorney-general."

"My recollection is that you told me you were counsel for Morse, but that you had declined to present the matter to me," Mr. Taft's letter further said. "The letter to the attorney-general states the case exactly, and I am glad to confirm what he says in regard to it."

"You should have no anxiety whatever from your connection with the Morse case," wrote Mr. Wickersham. "All that you did in that matter was to bring the subject in a perfectly straightforward way as an attorney should before the attorney-general. You made no representations to me, nor so far as I am aware, to the president, in connection with that case which deceived us in any respect."

PORTLAND MAN GUILTY
PAWNBROKER CONVICTED OF
SELLING STOLEN STAMPS.

Morris Silverman, Who Disposed
of Dayton, Or., Securities, Will
Be Sentenced Today.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 5.—Morris Silverman, a Portland pawnbroker, formerly of San Francisco, was convicted in the United States district court here today of having possessed and sold to a San Francisco pawnbroker \$300 worth of altered war savings stamps which had been stolen from the postoffice at Dayton, Or., for \$1300.

Joseph L. Walters, a secret operative from Portland, testified that Silverman's place was a "fence for the bank robbers and yeggmen of Portland." Leon Schneider, who bought the stamps, said that Silverman, under the name of Brown, sold them to him as loose stamps.

Silverman will be sentenced tomorrow. He was convicted on 23 out of 45 counts. The maximum sentence on each count is 15 years' imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000.

Morris Silverman, awaiting sentence in San Francisco for a war savings stamp fraud, was in business in Portland for many years. He operated a jewelry store on Sixth street at one time and later was proprietor of a six-story pool hall. So far as police are aware, this was his first serious encounter with the law.

37 NURSES FINISH COURSE
Good Samaritan Hospital School
to Give Diplomas May 12.

Commencement exercises for the 1922 class of nurses graduating from Good Samaritan hospital will be held in St. Mark's church at Twenty-first and Marshall streets Friday night, May 12, at 8 o'clock, and a reception will be held in the nurses' home between 9 and 11:30 o'clock.

This year's class consists of 37 graduates, whose names follow: Bertha Canaday, Alice Bollinger, Bertha Caroline Frapp, Margaret Esther Giddings, Helen Adeline Scott, Katie Hazel Gowan, Olivia Glover Benedict, Violet Nathaniel Kitchner, Ruth Lillian Koudon, Signa Marie Larson, Wilhelmina Clarence Harvey, Hazel Arbus Gilbert, Mary Malloy, Jean Van Fleet, Marguerite Muehl, Mary Arvilla Pierson, Mabel Tabernus Dalmon, Susan Davis, Evelyn Gilbert, Mary Justine, Mary Ellen Gure, Naude Roselyn Rice, Elizabeth Beatrice McParland, Alice Scott, Alma Reed, Ruth Austin, Ruth Corinne Beal, Alice Winifred Mack, Edith Beat Allen, Ruth Elliot, Stella Eliza Leighton, Ethel Anderson, Bertha Lillian Smith, Mary LaSalle, Margaret Elizabeth Wheeler, Lottie Estelle Haskell, Juanita Clapp and Alice Elizabeth Nelson.

GIFT TAXATION TO HOLD
Mellon to Back Blair in Wilson
Foundation Ruling.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5.—Secretary Mellon was understood tonight to have decided to uphold the ruling by Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair that contributions to the Woodrow Wilson foundation are not exempt the federal income tax law.

Mr. Blair and Internal Revenue Solicitor Mapes conferred at length with Mr. Mellon today and were understood to have reached a final conclusion that the Wilson foundation as now organized and that reincorporation as an educational association would be necessary to permit contributions to the Wilson organization to be free from the provisions of the income tax law.

Professor Latourette in Orient.
TOKIO, April 27.—(Correspondence of the Public Ledger.)—Professor Kenneth Scott Latourette, professor of history at Yale university and author of several historical volumes on Japan and China, will arrive in Tokyo next month to collect material for another book. Professor Latourette was a member of the faculty of the College of Yale in China from 1910 to 1912 and is a member of a number of historical societies in the



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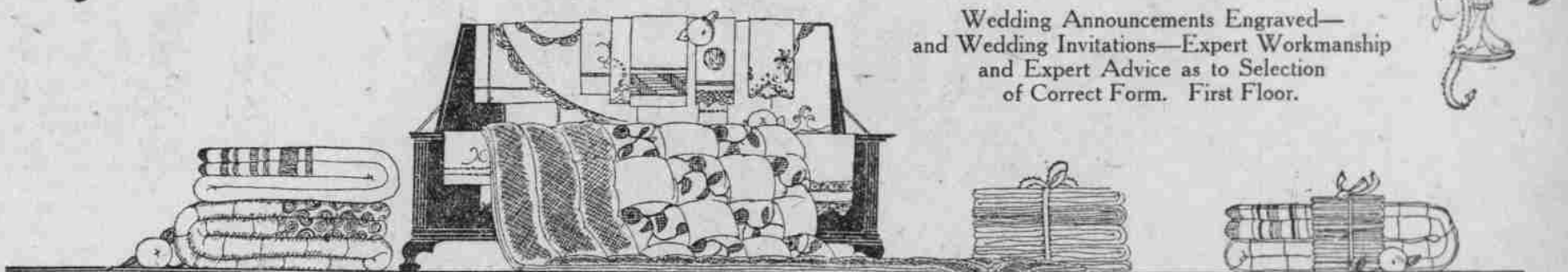
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3. "The Serenade," selection.
4. "Moon River," waltz lento.
5. "Aln't You Coming Out, Melinda," E. Von Tilzer.
6. "Ballet Egyptian," A. Luigini.
7. "Out Where the Wee Begins," Chapman-Philleo.
8. "My Carolina Rose," W. W. Hall.

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