

TIERNAN'S TANGLE IS GETTING WORSE

Sister-in-Law Now Factor in General Mixup.

IOWA "WIFE" NO QUITTER

Couple 'Reconciled' for 24 Hours, But New Complications Make Outcome Puzzling One.

BY GENEVIEVE FORBES.
(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.)
SOUTH BEND, Ind., Nov. 27.—Professor John P. Tiernan and his wife, Augusta H. Tiernan, have been "reconciled" for 24 hours.

As a result of their plan to "start all over again," Mrs. Tiernan is seriously ill from nervous collapse, which came as a climax to a series of violent domestic quarrels. Professor Tiernan has openly threatened to return to his wife, his ex-legal wife of one day, Mrs. Tiernan's sister came from Chicago to urge the couple to "stop disgracing the family," George Sands, attorney for Tiernan, did not appear in court today to dismiss the professor's cross-bill for divorce from Augusta Tiernan.

Otherwise, the reconciliation stands. As a complex tangle of inconsistent sensational surprises, the Tiernan-Tiernan domestic patchwork jumbles into insignificance the unique legal snarl in the Tiernan-Poulin paternity suit.

Unable to stand the strain of her husband's bland references to Blanche, or to conquer her own primitive jealousy, Mrs. Tiernan, in the midst of a hysterical outburst of indecision collapsed and became unconscious late this afternoon. Neighbors who had heard the violent quarrelling, grew alarmed when the screams stopped suddenly. Fearing the woman had taken poison, they rushed to the Tiernan home, where they were informed that Mrs. Tiernan was under a doctor's care as the result of a complete nervous collapse.

Militant Sister Appears.

The South Bend professor has Augusta Tiernan just where he wants her, but he doesn't seem to want her. He suggests a reconciliation and dares her to return to him. He flaunts in the impassioned face of the woman primitive hints of intimacy and revulsion of love for Blanche Brimmer-Tiernan the girl he married illegally Saturday, two days after Judge Montgomery had granted him a divorce from Augusta.

The prologue to the Tiernan's domestic problem play came early this morning. After a night spent as husband and wife, the couple determined to get away from the past, "even the furniture," began to ticket their furniture preliminary to its sale. They admitted there were still certain domestic adjustments to be made, but declared they wanted a chance to make a go of it.

As the professor had tagged the library table with a \$15 price mark, and Mrs. Tiernan had scribbled "\$1" on the table runner, her sister, Mrs. Frances Pulaski of Chicago came rushing in, horrified at the way everything is talking about you. With some pleading and sympathy Mrs. Pulaski urged her sister to make her decision final and to stand by it, but to be perfectly sure that Tiernan would stick with her if she returned to him.

The scene that followed was not pleasant. Charges, taunts, insinuations, tears, screams, and through it all three frightened children huddled in a corner, dodging each gesture of their parents.

Mrs. Tiernan Hysterical.

"He's told me so many lies, I can't believe him," screamed Mrs. Tiernan. "How do I know he told me the truth about Blanche? Oh, let me go! Truth about Blanche? Oh, let me go! Truth about Blanche? Oh, let me go! Truth about Blanche? Oh, let me go!"

The "truth," which is driving the woman to the verge of indecision, thought, possibly action, is whether or not Tiernan's ex-legal wife of one day is his "wife" or not, only whether she must share her husband even as he, by her own confession, shared her with Harry Poulin.

Tiernan, as a zoologist, prods two hostile species to see their reactions, pricks again and again the primal jealousy which his wife is unable to conceal. By constantly referring to the good-looking Blanche, Professor Tiernan seems to reciprocate the affections of Mrs. Blanche Brimmer-Tiernan, who, at home in Marshalltown, Ia., declares she will "make Tiernan hang for this" if he deserts her.

Meanwhile the legal problem becomes a delicate one. The fact that the Tiernans admit the resumption of full marital relations presents a new angle in the event that the professor's cross bill is not dismissed.

Women May Settle All.

In the event that the rehearing set for December 11 is held, it is reported that one witness will be E. M. Menning of Logansport, Ind., an ice man who is said to have delivered ice at the Tiernan home one day just as Professor Tiernan knocked his wife to the kitchen floor.

With no reputation of the reconciliation, with all plans ready for a public sale of everything next Friday, Mrs. Tiernan still suffering from nervous collapse, and demanding to know the truth from Blanche, it may develop that the strange corollary to the paternity suit will be settled between Blanche and Augusta with the man for whom they are fighting standing by, as a legal expert studying "a case."

Cement Freight Hearing Set.

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RADICAL ELEMENTS TO CONTROL HOUSE

Labor-Farm Bloc Is Strong in Next Congress.

SENATE INVASION HEAVY

Coalition Programme Calls for Assaults on Rail Laws and Relief for Agriculture.

BY ARTHUR SEARS HENNING.
(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27.—Labor and agriculture—if they hang together—will control the house of representatives in the next congress and come close to dominating the senate.

More than a majority of the 435 members of the house elected November 7 last were endorsed by either labor or farm organizations, or by both, in accord with the scheme of affiliation of the labor and radical farm groups. More than three-fourths of the senators elected likewise had the endorsement of labor or agriculture, or both.

Important Programme Outlined.

With this powerful influence in the next congress, labor and the radical farm elements will endeavor to procure the abolishment of the railway labor board and the repeal of the railroad profit provision. If not the repeal of the entire Esch-Cummings transportation act. Anti-strike and industrial court legislation will be stubbornly opposed.

The coalition programme also calls for extended rural credit and other legislation for the benefit of the agricultural interests.

Mr. Gompers' Score Card.

Here is Mr. Gompers' senatorial score card as set forth in his statement:

Chief Hazeltine has the largest divisional area in the country, requiring 48 hours to traverse from one end to the other, not including Alaska.

STREET JOB IS FILLED

Seattle Council Names Major Rice

Over Mayor's Protest.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—An attempt to break the deadlock between Mayor Brown and the Seattle City Council over the appointment of a superintendent of streets was made today when the council, ignoring the mayor's latest plea for his preferred candidate, elected Major George M. Rice to fill the vacancy.

Major Rice was nominated and elected by a vote of five to four, refusing to vote. Rice is a civil engineer and an overseas veteran.

TWO STABBED IN FRAY

One Man Is in Aberdeen Jail and Other in Hospital.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—As the result of a stabbing affray on the Aberdeen waterfront early Sunday night, Frank Lindholm was in the city jail today and H. Lelvo was in the Aberdeen General hospital with a severe knife wound in the shoulder and many body bruises.

Lindholm, bleeding from two knife thrusts, was found lying in the grass at an East Aberdeen street. About 8 o'clock he was taken to the hospital and later removed to the jail on a charge of drunkenness.

Trestle Complaint Hearing Set.

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peril any friendly feeling you may have had for me," said Mr. Dana as he started his talk.

"I have just learned that the Community Chest, that should have been filled last week, is one-third full and one of the chief factors in the slow progress of the drive is the apathy of Portland women. They have pulled down their blinds and refused to answer the door bell and would not respond to telephone calls. Fifty precincts of the city are not covered because it has not been possible to enlist women to make the necessary contacts with the residents of those sections.

Chest Not for Men Alone.

"This is so inconsistent with woman's nature that I am reluctant to credit this actual condition of affairs. The most famous contribution to charity in all history was made by a woman, the widow's mite. All human experience is illuminated by acts of nobility and sacrifice on the part of women.

"When you think of the Community Chest, you must vision it as being a chest of boards and nails, not that at all. It is a waiting, motherless baby's cry, a white-haired mother's wail, an old man's despair, its emptiness is made of empty hearts and empty hands. Portland women should do their part in filling it. This chest is not a work for men alone. It may be that they could fill it of themselves but that is not the plan. The chest is one of the essential things to arouse the mother heart of Portland."

More Workers Needed.

More women workers are needed at headquarters. Fourth and Alder streets and Mrs. Brandt held the hope that an awakening will come so that hearty co-operation will be given by the women of Portland and the campaign speeded to success.

All generals held a conference in the afternoon with Chairman Sammons at headquarters and although the delay in completing the canvass was deplored, it was agreed that all needed to bring about success is a little more attention to detail, checking back and gathering up the loose ends. Every one of the division heads was of optimistic and determined mind. The drive will go forward with increasing momentum, it was declared.

Colonels Gather Today.

At noon today all colonels in the campaign will gather at the Portland hotel for a business luncheon where plans will be discussed. This luncheon, as in all other gatherings of drive workers, will be paid for by each participant.

Tomorrow noon at the Multnomah hotel there will be a big luncheon for all workers enlisted in the drive. All are asked to be present at that time and report on their experience, the hope being to tighten up the organization where weak spots have developed and bring about increased efficiency for the remainder of the canvass.

Encouraging reports came to headquarters yesterday from number of sources. For example, there was the Powers Furniture company with its 90 employees and 90 subscribers, the total being \$1134, which was 20 per cent over last year, making these workers 100 per cent.

There will be a variation from the usual noon luncheon today. There will be no ceremony at the old postoffice corner other than raising the rung in the ladder that points to the new daily total. Two fire wagons have been enlisted in the drive and they will ramble through the retail section, stopping at prominent corners and permitting Frank J. Loneragan and Arthur W. Jones to make brief speeches for the chest from the equipment. There will also be temporary indicators on the wagons, so that the noon total will be proclaimed there and also solicitors will be on hand to take down subscriptions.

Elton Watkins will carry the message.

House Members Are Listed.

Mr. Gompers also lists by name the 158 members of the house "elected either because directly supported by the American Federation of Labor non-partisan political campaign committee or because of its opposition to their opponents." Of these 97 are republicans, 57 democrats, one farmer-labor, and one independent.

In these political activities the federation's campaign committee raised and expended \$4928. Mr. Gompers calls the result gratifying though "lack of funds proved a hindrance in sending out speakers," but "we utilized the activity of the American Federation of Labor organizers" and Mr. Gompers and other officers of the federation were active in campaign work.

WOMEN SNUB APPEAL

(Continued From First Page.)

Summary talk yesterday noon at the luncheon of the Women's Research club at the Multnomah hotel by Marshall M. Dana, director of the chest publicity committee. He spoke freely, without mincing words, and after the big gathering of women had heard the speech they talked it over with spirit between themselves.

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