

MRS. REID'S HISTORY ONE OF BLACKMAIL

Adventure Lives by Wits, Outside Pale of Society.

WOMAN NOW IS IN JAIL

Forgery and Trips to Prison and to Insane Hospital Figure in Libel Suit Answer.

The extraordinary story of an adventuresome woman was revealed when the answer to the Oregonian in the \$100,000 libel suit brought by Patricia Reid was filed in the state circuit court.

It was the story of a woman outside the pale of society—a woman who lived, and lived well, by her wits. Forgery, blackmailing, "badger" games—innominate arrests, two trips to a state prison, confinement in the insane hospital—were charges included in the newspaper's reply to the woman's demand for payment for a ruined reputation. In view of the character of the woman, John P. Logan, representing the publication, asked that the suit be dismissed.

Patricia Reid gained considerable publicity in Portland last July when she hired a theater and conducted a series of exposes of so-called "psychologists" in general and one Orlando H. Miller in particular. The woman had previously been associated with Miller in Seattle; Miller had been attacked by the press of that city and driven out and a woman, on account of bad checks, was arrested and jailed. When released from the Seattle jail she came to Portland and again took up the limelight in this city.

Woman Now Under Arrest.

At present she is under arrest in San Francisco. She is wanted by Portland authorities on forgery and bad check charges, while postal authorities also are said to hold a warrant for her arrest on a charge of fraudulent use of the mails.

Mrs. Reid's extraordinary history commences in 1916, when she first appeared on the Pacific coast. Prior to that time no attempt was made to check up on her performances.

The woman first became involved in serious trouble when she was arrested at Oakland in December, 1915, on a charge of issuing worthless checks. She was released on May 8, 1916, was convicted by a jury of obtaining money under false pretenses. Sentence of ten years in San Quentin was suspended on the woman's promise that she would voluntarily enter St. Agnew's hospital for the insane and remain a patient for one year.

Mrs. Reid, then known as Evelyn Von Dohlen, soon tired of the hospital and returned to Oakland. She was immediately arrested, the parole revoked and her commitment to the penitentiary issued.

Until October 31, 1917, she remained a convict in the prison. She was paroled on that date. On April 1, 1918, she married Moses Rosenkrantz at San Jose, while still on parole from prison, but the husband on learning of her legal status, left her in May of that year.

Bad Check Charge Placed.

For almost a year Mrs. Reid managed to keep out of the clutches of the law. On March 15, 1919, she was arrested at San Diego on a charge of issuing worthless checks. She was convicted and two months later was back in the woman's section of San Quentin prison under the name of Evelyn Rosenkrantz.

Her lawyer carried her case to a higher court and the woman's imprisonment was reversed. The woman was ordered back to San Diego for a retrial. County authorities, rather than submit the case to the jury again, allowed her to plead guilty to the charge. She was again sentenced to the penitentiary for two years, but was paroled and placed on probation.

Then followed, in kaleidoscopic fashion, a series of adventures on the woman's part, adventures which netted her considerable financial gain. Rosenkrantz managed to secure an annulment of his marriage to the woman. She married another, E. M. Carlton of San Francisco, by threats of exposure. It is claimed, How Carlton was tricked—how the clever woman preyed on his fears of exposure—is a tale that would fit well with Boccaccio's—a tale that could not be repeated by any newspaper.

Carlton Gets Divorce.

Carlton, however, soon learned the woman's true character and in December, 1920, secured a divorce from her at San Francisco. During this trial a San Francisco physician gave evidence of the woman's physical character. She was incapable of bearing children, the physician claimed, because of an operation which had been performed at her own request.

In 1921, Mrs. Reid appeared in Vancouver. She made frequent trips to jail, being arrested four times in a little over six weeks on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses and of theft.

During the past year the woman's adventures have been many and varied. "Psychology" marriage, blackmailing and issuing worthless checks have been her means of living.

In January she inserted a matrimonial advertisement in a Seattle newspaper. A few days later Audrey V. F. Barton, English resistance man, fell into her trap. He visited her in Tacoma; then returned to his home at Seattle.

On the night of February 1 an automobile drew up to Barton's home. Mrs. Reid and a lawyer climbed. Barton had seduced the woman, the lawyer claimed, and unless he immediately married her prosecution would follow.

Barton Kept Prisoner.

Barton was led away to a Tacoma hotel, kept a virtual prisoner for the night. The following morning the marriage took place. But Barton had little money, and attempted to transfer all of his personal property to a former sweetheart.

was jailed again and again dodged the penalties of the law.

"Psychologist" Miller was then holding forth at Seattle. Mrs. Reid joined his staff. But Seattle newspapers learned of Miller's criminal past and commenced an attack on him. Mrs. Reid gave up another bad check and the police led her off to jail. Miller left the city and came to Portland.

For attacks on Miller, delivered at the Star theater while Miller was holding forth in the Peoples-theater last July, created considerable comment in Portland. But local people refused to treat either of the pair very seriously. Miller found "psychology" unprofitable. Attacks of the press, Mayor Baker and various civic clubs hastened his departure from the city.

Mrs. Reid Ordered Away.

On August 3 Mrs. Reid was halted before Deputy District Attorney Mowry, Chief of Police Jenkins and Detective Captain Harbo and told that her presence was no longer desired in Portland. She agreed to leave.

It was as a result of the news of her appearance before the officials that Mrs. Reid based her claim for the \$100,000 for a ruined reputation. Her suit was filed by three local lawyers.

But the woman did not drop from sight. Six weeks ago she passed another worthless check at Clatskanie, Oregon, and was arrested. When a deputy sheriff called for her managed to settle the bill and was allowed to go free.

The foregoing history of this extraordinary adventuresome simply touches on the high spots of her career—her open encounters with the law. As is always true in matters of this character, there are hundreds of victims who refuse to prosecute who would give anything rather than allow the spotlight of publicity to be thrown on their relations and dealings with such a woman. So, in addition to this story of arrest, imprisonment, hurried and forced marriages, is a weird story of blackmailing—of prominent men walking, like flies, into the web which this spider-woman had woven. Some were Portland men, some were Seattle men. Rumor has it that several of the well-known men of Astoria have no desire to see her prosecuted for fear that she reveal their relations with her.

Woman Is Jailed.

Mrs. Reid is in jail in San Francisco. Worthless checks have caused her trouble. The strong arm of the federal law is now reaching out for her as a result of blackmailing letters sent through the mails.

Whether Mrs. Reid will appear in Portland to press her suit against The Oregonian is a matter of much doubt. Inspector Swennes of the local force, has a list of worthless checks which she issued while in Portland. He also has a warrant for her arrest.

Reputation Held Notorious.

In attacking the woman's claim for a judgment against the newspaper, Mr. Logan set forth much of the woman's past as an evidence that such a reputation as she possessed could not be damaged, that she is a person whose character for morality, integrity and honest dealing is notoriously bad and that she was not or could not be injured by the alleged libel. The lawyer further contended that in view of all facts, the public was entitled to know the details of the meeting of the officials, at which time the woman was ordered from the city, and that as she held herself forth as a public character in a theater, the public had an interest in and was entitled to be informed of her actions.

ACCIDENT FUND LOSES Supreme Court Sanctions Trans- fer to General Fund.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Because \$215,535 appropriated by the last legislature from the accident fund to pay operating expenses of the department of industrial insurance, on the ground that the industries should bear a portion of the administrative expense of the fund.

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TRICYCLES FOR LITTLE GIRLS

Broadcasting from KGW

ONE of the rarest musical treats ever offered in a radio program will be broadcast from The Oregonian studio, KGW, tonight. The program includes numbers by the soloists and chorus of St. Mary's cathedral, and has been arranged by Frederick W. Goodrich, director and organist. Mr. Goodrich will preside at the piano.

Not only is it significant because of the caliber of artists who are to take part, but it consists entirely of rare and beautiful Christmas music. Over three weeks have been devoted to preparations for the concert and every one of the 11 numbers is a gem of music. Alice Genevieve Smith, the harpist who has achieved such a triumph last week, will play a harp-piano number, with Frederick W. Goodrich, and such soloists as Rose Friedle Giannelli, Miss Genevieve Clancy, soprano; Mrs. Tina Sutfield, soprano; Miss Margaret Givler, soprano; Miss Young, tenor, and Ben L. Markee, baritone, and chorus.

Four fine artists will give another mixed program of solos on Wednesday night for KGW listeners. These are: Miss Helen Harper, violinist; Miss Jean Harper, pianist; Jane Burns Albert, soprano, and O. A. Olson, basso-profundo. The first three are artists who have been heard before in radio concerts.

NEW BUILDING PLANNED GEARIN ESTATE MAY ERECT TWO-STORY STRUCTURE.

Use by Financial Institutions at Sixth and Stark Streets Contemplated.

A two-story, class A building will be erected at the southwest corner of Sixth and Stark streets in the near future, if plans now contemplated by the Gearin estate are carried out.

It was reported yesterday that plans already have been drawn for a building at that location which would be designed especially for the use of financial institutions. A three-story wooden building now occupies that corner and the plan contemplates wrecking that in the near future.

The erection of the proposed structure would be another step in making Sixth street the center of financial institutions in this connection it is reported that several financial institutions are considering the building at that location which was recently purchased by Porter Bros. and renamed the Porter building. At the time the \$1,000,000 structure was purchased, J. D. Porter said that Porter Bros. bought it because they

Alleged "Fence" Arrested.

B. R. Birch, said to live at the Navarro hotel, was arrested yesterday by Deputy Constables Watkins and Drahot on a charge of receiving stolen property. He was released on \$250 bond and will have a hearing this week before District Judge Hawkins.

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All Commissions Also Are Slated to Go.

CENTRALIZED POWER AIM

Lower Taxes Promised, But Real Object Is Declared to Be to Hand Out Patronage.

(Continued From First Page.) state treasurer, the entire management of state functions is to be invested in the commission of five, according to the report. The work will be broken up into five departments, with a commissioner at the head of each, and the oversight is the governor. No more close political corporation could be devised.

Pierce Warned to Go Slow.

Mr. Pierce has been advised by well wishers that he must not play the democratic game too strong. There are but four democrats in the state senate out of 30 members, and if Mr. Pierce is to have control of the upper branch of the legislature. A measure which would place in his hands virtually all of the patronage in the state would, in all probability, meet with stubborn resistance from enough republican members to prevent its passage, even though the house should adopt the bill.

Pierce Writes Letters.

Governor-elect Pierce has written letters to legislators already, soliciting support for some of his ideas. One plan he proposes is placing highway commissioners on a salary basis instead of having this service rendered gratuitously by public-spirited citizens. Mr. Pierce, when in the senate in 1919, introduced a bill to give each highway commissioner a salary of \$4000 a year. Political gossip says that one reason why the governor-elect wants the commissioners to draw a substantial salary is that he will then have little difficulty in finding men for the positions. Under the present system of no compensation it has been said that it is easier to find half a dozen men to appoint as United States senators than to find one with the special requirements for a successful highway commissioner. Attempt to make the highway commissioners salaried jobs will be opposed.

More Trouble in Offing.

Another matter which will precipitate controversy is Mr. Pierce's attitude toward salmon hatcheries. He is, according to the statement he made at Ontario a few days ago

prepared to slash this appropriation. Of the 50 members of the lower house, 15 have written to K. K. Kubli, who will be speaker, asking for appointment on the ways and means committee. Some of the 15 also want a place on the roads and highways committee and a position on the committee on assessment and taxation. The committee on capitol building and grounds which is considered a graveyard committee, is actually being applied for—an unprecedented request.

Sniff of Moonshine Lays Rodent Cold in Death.

Rat's Body and Uncorked Carboy Mate Evidence of Tragedy.

SOME careless person forgot to cork the carboy. A curious rat ventured along, took one sniff of the stuff, then dropped dead.

No. it wasn't prussic acid nor some poison gas in liquid form. It was simply moonshine whisky.

It's the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth and is vouched for by United States Marshal Hotchkiss and his entire force of deputies. The tragic story of the rat's demise came to light yesterday when Federal Judge Wolverson ordered the destruction of several hundred gallons of moonshine whisky stored in the vaults in the basement of the federal building. When the marshal, with his assistants, entered the vault the unfortunate rat lay beside the open carboy.

"If anyone thinks we're joking about the deadly effect of that stuff, let him go to the open carboy and sniff it. He should have been there when we opened the vault. The stuff had been there for several years, and instead of growing better it seemed to grow worse with age. It was the foulest imitation of whiskey I have seen since entering office."

The entire collection of liquor which had accumulated during the last few years, was poured into the traps leading to the sewer.

BARBER PROTESTS FINE RIGHT TO PRACTICE TRADE ON SUNDAY ASSERTED.

Action Started in Circuit Court to Determine Legality of "Barbering" on Sabbath.

Is it illegal for a barber to do "barbering" on Sunday?

Through a petition filed in circuit court yesterday by Otto Schwabe, Portland barber, attempt will be made to show that a barber may trim whiskers, scissor out a "bob" and otherwise pursue his daily vocation on Sunday without violating the law.

Schwabe was arrested in September on a charge of violating the Oregon law by "barbering" on Sunday, according to the petition. He had a hearing October 19 before District Judge Delch. He was found guilty and fined \$10.

HENRY THIELE HONORED Women Make Up Combination Bouquet for Henry Thiele.

It had been suggested from the audience to take up a collection for a bouquet for Henry Thiele in appreciation of his three week's lectures on "Better Cooking" and "The Advantages of Gas for Culinary Purposes." This suggestion was not acceptable to those in charge, as the lectures, demonstrations and food served were all furnished free by the

Portland Gas & Coke company. Another scheme was substituted. Each lady who so desired was advised that she could bring a carnation or a chrysanthemum on Friday, the farewell lecture. So many did this that Mr. Thiele felt almost embarrassed, as not one, but seven bouquets were thus formed during last Friday's lecture.

At the close of the last demonstration prolonged applause marked the occasion and nearly a hundred women lingered for almost an hour to ask the well-known chef some question or other.

The range used was one of the very latest "Reliable" ranges with the "Lorain" oven heat control. The interest displayed in it by the hundreds and hundreds of visitors has been so marked that the gas company changed its last order and told the factory to equip all the ranges ordered with the Lorain oven heat control.

Especially on Sundays this new control is a blessing to the wife. Just before going to church she puts the raw potatoes, meat, vegetables, etc., in the oven, sets the Lorain at the 350-degree mark, goes away and when the family comes home from church dinner is ready, literally following that part of the commandment which says: "In it thou shalt not do ANY work."—(Adv.)

Chehalis Elks Hear Official.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—George L. Harrigan of Tacoma, district deputy exalted ruler, made an official visit to Chehalis Elks Thursday night. One candidate was initiated, Earl E. Miller of Kelso. Presentation of a fine chimes clock by Robert Fechter & Son, Robert Fechter Jr., both of whom are members of the local lodge, was a part of the programme. The clock has been installed in the lodge room.



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