

MAE WOOD TELLS HOW UNITED STATES SENATOR MADE LOVE

Omaha Woman on Witness Stands Tells of Aged Statesman's Wooing.

HIS LETTERS ARE READ IN COURT.

New York Enjoys Sensation of Divorce Case in Peculiar Controversy.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, May 19.—Mae C. Wood, the Omaha girl, who is suing Senator Thomas C. Platt for divorce, alleging that the senator formally entered into a marriage contract with her on November 9, 1901, on the witness stand, identified copies of several letters which she said were received by her from Mr. Platt.

They were mainly of an affectionate nature, in several there were interesting sentences on other affairs, one being "Your letter has cheered me up so that I am almost reconciled to Odell's election."

A picture of the senator was shown upon which was written, "To my little wife."

Couple Held Hands.
In telling how this was written, Miss Wood said, "Well, I was sitting in his lap. Part of the time, he held my hand and part of the time I held his hand. We wrote it together. The words 'little wife' were written by him I think."

"Miss Wood said that Senator Platt came to her room in the hotel with two men and formally acknowledged her as his wife, before these two men. Senator Platt was not in court today.

The following letter was admitted in evidence over a protest by Mr. Platt's counsel: "My little bride to be, I have made all arrangements. You are not to say anything to anybody. You are to obey my instructions implicitly. I enclose card to hotel. You will be there at four o'clock and have room 158. I am an old fool but you will never regret this step. Lovingly, Tom."

Letters Worth \$50,000.
The counsel for Senator Platt late today concluded the cross-examination of Mae Wood by questioning her about a release she gave Abraham Hummel, the former lawyer in 1903, in which she agreed to accept \$30,000 in settlement of her claims against Platt. She declared yesterday that the release was secured under duress, but she said that she had accepted some of the money. Although Miss Wood had signed a release and declared in her accompanying affidavit that she gave the alleged Platt letters to Hummel as her attorney, she denied today that she had retained Hummel as counsel. She declared that she could have obtained \$50,000 for the letters. Mae Wood said today she was paid \$7,500 for the letters. She did not know where the money came from, she said.

Platt Eighty Years Old.
Senator Platt is about eighty years old and is several times a millionaire. He made most of his money out of the express business. He has been a leading figure in New York politics for years and has been prominent in national politics since his election to the senate from New York. The case against him by Mae Wood has been dragging along for years. Her home is in Nebraska but she held a federal position in Washington for sometime and while in this capacity she claimed to have made his acquaintance which she says resulted in the marriage which he denies. Mr. Platt a few years ago married a dashing widow, named Mrs. Janeway, but their married life has not been happy.

LAND FOR IDAHO.
Bill Ceding State Million Acres Passes House.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, May 19.—The House under suspension of the rules passed the bill allowing the Idaho reclaim district one millions acres belonging to the public domain.

GRAND JURY NOW ON CASE

Threatening Letters Sent to Officials Investigating Guinness Case.

(By Associated Press.)
LAPORTE, Ind., May 19.—The grand jury convened today to investigate the mystery surrounding the death of the fourteen persons at the farm of Mrs. Belle Guinness. Prosecutor Smith has received another letter from Brooklyn, N. Y., threatening death unless he resigns office or drops the Guinness investigation. The chief of police has been similarly threatened.

TROUBLE OVER BODY.

Relatives May Not Accept Corpse Said to be Jennie Olson.

(By Associated Press.)
LAPORTE, May 19.—The issuing of a death certificate for Jennie Olson and turning over the body to relatives in Chicago puts the official stamp of identification upon one of the bodies found on the Guinness farm regarding which there has been so much controversy. Although identified by a brother, many refuse to believe the girl dead. Seven unidentified bodies, including one female, were buried in the Potter's field today.

TONIGHT is the night. Dance at Skating Rink. Everyone come and have a good time.

GIRL'S BODY WAS IN CANAL

Miss Bertha Vanderbilt, Missing Five Days, Found Drowned.

SUSPICION OF FOUL PLAY.

Coroner Holds Death Accidental But Other Authorities Disagree With His Findings.

(By Associated Press.)
PRINCETON, N. J., May 19.—The body of Bertha Vanderbilt, an assistant at the Princeton University library, was found floating in the Raritan canal about a half mile from Carnegie Lake aqueduct. She disappeared last week.

Mrs. William Robinson of New York, told the police of Princeton that the night Miss Vanderbilt disappeared she saw an automobile with another young woman and man, said to have been a Princeton graduate, who was a suitor of Miss Vanderbilt while in college. He went to Princeton Wednesday to attend the Cornell-Princeton baseball game.

Some portions of Miss Vanderbilt's clothing were missing but there were no signs of foul play except a few scars which may have been the result of rolling about the bed of the stream for the past five days. Dissatisfaction was shown by some of the authorities of Mercer and Middlesex counties, with the decision of the coroner of the latter county who decided that Miss Vanderbilt was accidentally drowned.

PULP MILL BURNS.

Plant Near Saulte St. Marie Destroyed With \$350,000 Loss.

(By Associated Press.)
SAULTE ST. MARIE, May 19.—The pulp mill of the Lake Superior Corporation in the Canadian Soo, across the river from here, was destroyed by fire. The loss is \$350,000. It is reported that two men are missing.

DRINK CRAZED MAN KILLS BABES

WILLIAM J. HANNA, SLASHES HIS INFANT CHILDREN'S THROATS WITH RAZOR AT SAN FRANCISCO.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19.—William J. Hanna, a well to do plumber, of 1114 Tennessee street, cut the throats of his baby son, Burton, his baby daughter two years old, with a razor early today. Both will probably die. He then invaded the apartment occupied by his wife and three other children, two girls and a boy, aged four, five and seven, and announced, "I have killed the two

babes and now I am going to kill all the rest of you."

Mrs. Hanna jumped from the bed grappled the armed maniac and in the struggle to prevent him carrying out his threat was frightfully beaten about the head and face, but managed to hold her husband until the children, clad in their night robes, fled into the street. She then followed them.

Hanna then locked himself in the room with his two victims. The police broke in and found him holding the boy up by the leg and in the act of drawing the razor across his throat. Hanna was overpowered and handcuffed. He was crazed by drink.

TO PUNISH TWO BANK LOOTERS

Officials of Defunct Pittsburg Institution Will be Sentenced Soon.

(By Associated Press.)
PITTSBURG, May 19.—Henry Reiber, the paying-teller, and John Young, the auditor, of Farmers' Deposit National Bank, who embezzled \$1,100,000 will be sentenced tomorrow.

CITY FUNDS TIED UP.

Pittsburg Officials Have \$1,500,000 in Closed Banks.

(By Associated Press.)
PITTSBURG, May 19.—More than \$1,500,000 of municipal funds are tied up indefinitely as a result of the suspension of the Allegheny National bank. The suspension of the bank leaves the city with practically no available funds.

SAYS CHARGE ISN'T TRUE

Capt. Chas. Bailey of Portland Denies Allegations of Capt. Olson of the Alliance.

PORTLAND, May 18.—Captain Charles Bailey, master of the tug tug Tatoosh, denied in toto on the witness-stand every allegation made by Captain B. W. Olson, of the steamer Alliance, about being guilty of any unseamanlike conduct while offering to tow the disabled craft into the Columbia river December 2 and 3. He testified that the Alliance was unmanageable and had the storm continued through the night of her second stay, on the outside Captain Olson confided to him that he intended to head her toward Puget Sound.

Bailey swore that he did not dicker with Olson over the towage charge, but explained of him that he could not attend to such matters. It would have to be left to the owners after they got into the river. He further stated that he did not try to frighten the passengers as testified to by Olson, never having exchanged a word with them. He said that two of the passengers asked him what he would charge to take them to Astoria, but he made no reply whatever.

Relative to the telegraph message which had been given to Bailey the following day, from F. P. Baumgartner, agent of the Alliance and which Olson said had been withheld from him for two or three hours, Bailey said he delivered it on the end of the hawser which he placed on board the Coos Bay liner. He said that on orders of officers of the Alliance the hawser was thrown overboard. Again Bailey says he had the hawser and message put on the Alliance and this time the note was picked up and read and a tow was accepted.

Owing to a rough bar he declared that he did not go alongside of the Alliance until rather late, as he knew it would be impossible to take her to the inside until about 4 o'clock, when the tide would be right. When he did approach sufficiently near so as to be heard he stated that he asked Captain Olson if he still refused to accept a tow.

"Olson refused," said Captain Bailey, "but I told him I intended to take him anyhow, whether he agreed to it or not. It was then I threw a line on board with the message."

Captain Olson's testimony was wholly along the line of the complaint which he had filed with the inspectors, charging Bailey with unseamanlike conduct, which has been published. He reiterated that the tugboat skipper tried to frighten the passengers and withheld an important telegram from him sent by F. P. Baumgartner, of the California & Oregon Coast Steamship Company, an hour and a half before delivering it. In all essential points Olson's testimony was substantiated by the following passengers who were on the Alliance at the time: F. N. Clark, J. G. Stephens and A. A. Ansozge. Purser Harry Skinner also gave similar testimony.

Witnesses for Bailey were Captains McVicar, Staples and Cann, C. H. Haddix, C. Toser and Charles Tinsley. The hearing was concluded, and it will be a week or more before a decision is rendered.

WILL buy your good potatoes. See F. S. Dow.

BATTLESHIP FLEET WILL PASS COOS BAY AT UNKNOWN HOUR

CELEBRATION IS FATAL TO ONE

Isaac J. Davis Killed at Eureka, Cal., While Welcoming Fleet Today.

EUREKA, Cal., May 19.—During the demonstration here this morning over the passing of the Atlantic battleship fleet, an old cannon exploded killing Isaac J. Davis and injuring others.

The old gun was brought out by enthusiasts who wanted to fire some salutes for the men-of-war off Humboldt Bay. It was defective or overloaded, exploding and breaking into many pieces.

SKINNER NOW AGENT HERE

Well-Known Purser of Alliance Assumes New Duties in Marshfield Today.

Harry Skinner, for several years purser on the Alliance and well-known and liked by everyone on Coos Bay who has come in contact with him, today assumed his new duties as agent of the company in Marshfield. Tom James of North Bend, who has been acting agent since Mr. Shaw resigned a few weeks ago, turned the business over to him.

The Alliance reached Coos Bay at 6 o'clock last evening, having been delayed by the strong head wind down. However, she established a new record for loading and unloading. In addition to discharging the fifty odd passengers who came down from Portland, she unloaded 175 tons of freight here and at North Bend, loaded a carload of sashes and doors at North Bend, took on other freight here and about sixty passengers and sailed at 12 o'clock last night. The haste had to be made because she is due at Astoria Wednesday morning to take excursionists out to see the fleet.

Many Leave Coos Bay.

The following was the outgoing passenger list of the Alliance:
J. S. Walker, D. E. Jones, wife and two children; C. E. Jones, D. B. Higgins, W. Wilkins and wife, T. D. Minot, W. L. Gregory, H. S. Smith, J. F. Glenn, E. F. Bonner, J. E. Reynolds, F. W. McMichael, T. H. Minot, W. W. Gage, Fred Hoffman, J. O. Stemmler, Mrs. W. W. Gage, O. L. Ragan, D. D. Hughes, A. L. Hickling, Father Donnelly, John Mahoney, Mrs. E. Burkhardt, A. Anderson, Robert Norberg, Gust Lund, Perry W. Bennett, Joe Gristler and C. Stringfellow.

Many From Portland.

The Alliance brought in the following from Portland:
Mrs. A. Bansch, Chas. Frodelius, Mrs. L. M. Perry, H. Geice, G. Marchand, W. A. Lebt and wife, Orlin Lebt, W. E. Clarke, Mrs. Clodfelter, L. S. Parke, P. J. Brix, P. A. Rarick, Mrs. J. A. Roberts, Mrs. M. F. Meyer, Florence Meyer, Jas. Hibberd, M. L. Day, W. R. Whipple, Chas. Thorson and wife, N. F. Throner, W. L. Jones, A. S. Rich, P. A. Price, Chas. Thom, Blanche Throner, O. A. Freeman, E. Siler, C. F. Willis, Dollie Graham, Geo. Crancer, Mrs. Rich, F. A. Gordon, Jr., Thos. Huden, V. P. Edwards, Stanley Bartlett and four steerage.

WILL REVIEW THE FLEET.

President Roosevelt to Greet Them On Their Return.
(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, May 19.—The twenty-four battleships will be reviewed by President Roosevelt February 22 next, the date of the return of the Atlantic battleship fleet. The Wisconsin and the Nebraska were built on the Pacific coast.

Plans of Many to See Great Armada Here Are Spoiled By the Change.

WAS RUNNING AT FOURTEEN KNOTS.

Unexpected Speed Maintained By Vessels on Route to Puget Sound.

(By Associated Press.)
LOS ANGELES, May 19.—The United States wireless station was in communication with the flagship Connecticut at midnight. The fleet was then 165 miles north of San Francisco and steaming fourteen knots in heavy seas.

The above Associated Press dispatch received by The Times shortly before noon is the only definite intelligence concerning the whereabouts of the fleet that has reached Coos Bay today. Rumors of all kinds have been afloat.

Last night Secretary Walter Lyon of the Chamber of Commerce, received a telegram from the San Francisco Examiner saying the fleet would probably not reach Coos Bay until Wednesday noon although it left Frisco at 11 o'clock Monday morning. This would allow for more time than it is generally believed that the fleet will need in covering the 376 miles.

According to the Associated Press dispatch above, the fleet will pass Coos Bay sometime tonight. This is probably correct because if it had been otherwise, Rear Admiral Sperry or someone connected with the fleet would have undoubtedly notified someone on Coos Bay.

Czarina Won't Go Out.

It was definitely decided this morning, on account of the lack of definite information, that the Czarina would not make any trip out to see the fleet. A number of Coos Bay people were planning to go out to the beach to spend this afternoon and evening in hopes of catching a view of the fleet.

Meanwhile, the others who hoped to see the fleet are thinking of a poem that has something about "Ships that pass in the night."

Harry Skinner of the Alliance, stated that late Saturday afternoon the Astoria Chamber of Commerce received a message from Rear Admiral Sperry that the fleet would reach the Astoria bar about noon Wednesday. The message further stated that the fleet would be off Humboldt Bay at Eureka, Cal., about 6 o'clock Tuesday (this) morning, off Brandon, between 6 and 8 o'clock tonight and pass Coos Bay between 10 and twelve o'clock tonight. The fleet will come to anchor off the Astoria bar for an hour or so, allowing the hundreds of excursionists from northern Oregon to see them. The Roanoke and Alliance will take out about 1,000 people.

F. S. Dow, who saw the fleet at San Francisco, says that the regular speed of the fleet is ten miles per hour. This they maintained on the trip around the horn. At this rate, he figures they would reach Coos Bay after being out of Frisco about 37 hours, or pass here about 3 o'clock tomorrow morning.

BLOW UP CAR.

Dynamite Used on Track in Cleveland, Ohio, Today.

(By Associated Press.)
CLEVELAND, May 19.—The trucks of a Superior Avenue car were wrecked this morning and the windows were broken by the explosion of dynamite. It was filled with passengers and a panic resulted but no one was hurt.

Notwithstanding the widespread disorder which prevailed last night, the Municipal Traction Company claimed today to have more cars in operation than at any time since the strike started.