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PORTLAND WOMEN ARE EASY VICTIMS OF ARCH-BIGAMIST

Mrs. Maria L. Jones Married, Robbed and Deserted—Mrs. Anna De Lude Fiancee of Same Man.

Two women—one of them gaily scornful, a deserted grass widow of a few days; the other a heart-broken fiancee, tearfully awaiting a groom that does not come—are the Portland victims of a modern Bluebeard, supposed to be John Mathias Williams, husband of 150 or more women, now held for trial in a Philadelphia prison. Duped into marrying a man who claimed to be John Madison, and who swindled her out of \$600 soon after they were married, Mrs. Maria L. Jones, 360 Cook avenue, secretary of the Willamette & Columbia Towing company, believes herself to be one of the wives of the archbigamist, Williams, who was arrested on a bigamy charge two weeks ago, after 18 of his brides had been located in various parts of the United States. Married, and yet not certain whether she is a legal wife, and equally uncertain as to the exact identity of the man she married, is the strange predicament in which Mrs. Jones finds herself. Fully as much interested in the man is Mrs. Anna De Lude, 905 Belmont street, who, it is said, was engaged to marry Madison at the time he was the husband of Mrs. Jones.



ARCHBIGAMIST JOHN MATHIAS WILLIAMS.

Mrs. Jones became Madison's bride in the early part of February, but she believes now that she married John Mathias Williams of Philadelphia, whose 150 wives, are scattered from New York City to the Pacific coast. Mrs. Jones-Madison is the loser of \$600 which she gave her husband two days before he left her, after they had been married but a month, and Mrs. De Lude, on the strength of Madison's assertions that he had a beautiful home in Los Angeles to which he would take her, sold her household goods, valued at \$2,000. Just how much of this sum Madison managed to get away with is not known. The story of the victimizing of the two Portland women is in keeping with the methods which Williams has pursued for many months past, according to the telegraphic dispatches published by The Journal April 12, at the time of the bigamist's arrest in Philadelphia.

MRS. JONES IS FIRST CHOICE

On every side in the deserted apartments of the man who spent millions in pursuit of political power and who was raised many times a millionaire, were evidences of pinching poverty, of a hermit-like life in which fire was an unenjoyed luxury, and there was neither gas for cooking, lighting or heat after

MET THROUGH FRIENDS

Madson, as he represented himself to be during his brief sojourn in Portland, roomed on Washington street with some friends of Mrs. De Lude. It was here that she first met him. Mrs. Jones became acquainted with the man through an introduction given by a friend who had met Madison at the Washington street rooming-house.

This was in January of this year. Madison had been in Portland at irregular intervals for some weeks previous. Soon after his introduction to Mrs. Jones he called on her at her home and repeated these visits until the early part of February, when he proposed marriage. Receiving an encouraging reply to his love-making, arrangements were made for a trip to Vancouver, where the couple were married by Judge McCredie in the presence of County Clerk Harry C. Miller and Louis Mebus. Visits Mrs. De Lude. Mr. and Mrs. Madison returned to Portland and the husband made his home on Cook avenue with his wife. He represented himself to be an inspector in the service of the government and Madison frequently was absent for two or three days. On business, he said, out of the city. These were the times when he was playing a double role until March 15, when he told his wife that he was called away and would not return until the end of the week. A few days before he told her he wanted to purchase a couple of buggies and sets harness to continue his work in the surrounding country and asked her to advance the money until he received his check from the government. She did so, turning over to him \$600. Auctions Off Her Goods. Forthwith Madison went to Belmont street and told Mrs. De Lude that he

SOLDIERS FORCED TO ACT AS SERVANTS TO OFFICERS

Men Who Enlist to Fight Country's Battles Become Maids of All Work and Do the Drudgery of Kitchen Girls.

servants of officers, although he admits it is in direct violation of the army regulations for any officer to excuse a man acting in such a capacity from military duty. I have it from the lips of three soldiers, presented to me by one of the best known army officers in the east as men with absolutely clean records and whose word may be accepted as truth, that men who consent to work for officers as "strickers" or "dog robbers" sometimes find themselves doing the ordinary drudgery of kitchen maids. Here are some of the things that are done by men who enlist with the idea that they are going to wear gay uniforms and march behind waving flags to the air of stirring music: They hang out washing, clean lawns, wait on table, wash dishes, black boots, scrub floors and perform similar household duties. The statement made recently by General Bell that enlisted men are not made the subjects of indignities at the hands of officers was laid before Colonel Heiland, acting commander of the department of the east at Governor's Island, and the colonel concurred in his chief's declaration. "Before I had left Governor's Island, however, enlisted men, whose names are withheld to save them from persecution, had told me so many facts about the life of a "dog robber," an epithet applied to the man who becomes an officer's servant, that Colonel Heiland said: "This absolutely astonishes me."

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BOURNE TO SWING ALL PATRONAGE

President to Use All Appointive Power to Control States for Friends of Policy.

New York State First to Feel Big Stick—Hughes Anything but Pleased at Federal Interference in His Behalf—Fulton is Likely to Be Cut Out.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, April 20.—Official announcement today from the White House that the president will use the federal appointive power to control New York state against the enemies of his policies has stirred Washington from center to circumference.

Politicians see in the announcement a declaration of open war on every senator and representative in congress and on every state which does not fall in line with the president and accept his plans fully. Many Republican senators and members of the lower house, who, by opposing Roosevelt on phases of his railroad policy, as well as on his forestry proposals, and their friends, profess to see coercion in the attitude of the chief executive, as now indicated.

The new policy virtually amounts to giving Senator Bourne first place on all Oregon appointments, as the White House regards Senator Fulton as disposed to oppose him on paramount issues.

Close watchers observe Bourne, who remains here still, outwitting the president assiduously and leaving no means unemployed to get into his good graces.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) Albany, N. Y., April 20.—President Roosevelt's pronouncement that he is swinging the axe at the heads of federal officeholders in New York state in order to strengthen the hand of Governor Hughes is far from being hailed with the expressions of joy that were expected to be heard in the Hughes camp, and have aroused the bitterest resentment.

"From a member of the Hughes cabinet after the governor had departed for New York today to consult with political leaders in that city, came an inspired statement which, among other things, made the startling revelation that the governor was not even consulted about the removal of Archie D. Sanders, collector of internal revenue at Rochester, who has precipitated the Roosevelt-Wadsworth fight.

Greek Bearing Gifts. The governor regards the president as a Greek bearing gifts. Hughes followers feel convinced that the president is merely trying to build up a machine for himself in New York state to control the delegates to the 1908 convention, and they are determined that the

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HEAVY LOSSES IN RAILROAD STOCKS

Thirty Per Cent in Harriman Securities and Forty-Three Per Cent Depreciation in Hill Properties the Present Year.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Boston, April 20.—Tables of the values of leading railroad securities in the present stock markets show an aggregate decline of the four great railroads headed by E. H. Harriman and J. J. Hill of \$61,335,923, from the highest quotation of 1906 to the lowest in the present market. The tabulation of the four mentioned follows: HARRIMAN ROADS. Union Pacific, common, \$144,884,474 Union Pacific, preferred, 33,845,717 Southern Pacific, common, 84,612,169 Southern Pacific, preferred, 3,400,000 Total, \$266,742,359 HILL ROADS. Great Northern, \$148,244,314 Northern Pacific, 148,244,314 Total, \$296,488,628 (Special Note: A 20 per cent depreciation in Harriman stocks and 43 per cent in the Hill stocks.)

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"SIS" HOPKINS OF WALL STREET. (WITH APOLOGIES TO "SIS.")

HARRIMAN PLANS NEWPORT INVASION ZIMMERMAN IS FIGHT FOR LIFE IN COLD RIVER

Social Battle for Smart Set Supremacy to Be Waged With the Stuyvesant Fish—Spicy Summer Season in Prospect. Candidates for Mayor Says Town Should Be Cleaned Up and Saloonkeepers Forced to Keep the Law. Five Boys Nearly Perish as Two Who Try to Succor Those in the Water Also Upset Their Own Canoes.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) Newport, R. I., April 20.—Henry E. Eldredge, society man and real estate agent, paid a flying trip to Newport this week, and the report is heard in society circles that he came as a representative of Edward H. Harriman, whose family is planning an invasion of Newport this summer. The city by the sea is to be the social battlefield between the Harrimans and the Stuyvesant-Fishes. Mrs. Fish is having improvements made to cross-ways, showing that her arrival will be much earlier than usual to give her plenty of time to perfect social plans for the season. On Mrs. Fish's staff, known as the social strategy board, will be Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont, known in fashionable circles as the most original entertainer in the "409"; Mrs. Hermann Olerich, who owns the beautiful estate on the cliffs called Roscolle; and Mrs. John Jacob Astor, who will return (Continued on Page Two.)

Every Sunday will be dry when Louis Zimmerman is mayor. At least that is what he promised last night at Sellwood when he addressed the Sellwood Republican club. Mr. Zimmerman was the principal speaker at the rally given last night by the Republicans of Sellwood. There was not a very large audience gathered to listen to the promises of the various candidates, but what was lacking in numbers was made up in enthusiasm. Incidentally Mr. Zimmerman outlined a strict locking down of the lid in the event that he is elected mayor, which is the most radical stand yet taken by any candidate for mayor. "If I am elected mayor of Portland," Mr. Zimmerman said, "every saloon in the city will be closed on Sunday from 1 o'clock a. m. until 1 o'clock p. m. and they will be closed, too." Town Needs Cleaning Up. "I believe that the saloon business can be run and regulated so that it will (Continued on Page Two.)

BRYAN FOR PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

Nebraskan Believes That Railroad Control Will Prove a Failure Though It Should Be First Thoroughly Tried to Satisfy Public—Would Squeeze Water Out of Securities in Purchase.

(Publishers Press by Special Leased Wire.) Washington, April 20.—The Publishers Press is in a position tonight to make the authoritative announcement for the first time that William Jennings Bryan believes that governmental control of railroads tried under the most favorable conditions will prove a failure and that the United States will ultimately be confronted with the direct question of governmental ownership. The following statement, prepared from notes taken during a talk with him on his recent visit to Washington is given with the approval of Mr. Bryan as accurately presenting his views on the railroad question, but with the understanding that it should not be presented as an interview: "Government control should be tried under the most favorable conditions; it should be attempted conscientiously and should exhaust every possibility. It should not be invoked by any one who makes the wish father to the thought, that control will fall and that ownership eventually must come to pass. To whom ever is entrusted the task of executing laws for such control, he owes it to his nation to throw himself vigorously and with honest endeavor into the movement. Control is much more desirable than ownership, and if it will accomplish needed reforms it is the ultimate result most to be desired. Rates should be based on the value of the properties of the common carriers. This valuation should be for the market value of the shares and bonds on the stock exchange, because they are sold in view of the possibility of the producing of revenue, rather than of the actual investment which has been laid out in building the system. "Appraisal should not legitimize at par value existing quotations which contain a certain proportion of water, but existing stocks and bonds should be dealt with exactly according to their real intrinsic per value, and the water should be squeezed therefrom. The law should then prevent further watering of stocks, so that rates may be determined to permit a reasonable return on actual investment. Mr. Bryan doubts that government control will prove to be adequate. He believes that it will be necessary to give the people an honest attempt to solve the transportation problems through government control because they are disposed to believe that control will eventually prove to be adequate. "To put into effect a system of government ownership before control had been honestly tried would be to betray the government with distrust in the minds of the people; and any administration which were to do this would fall. Honestly tried, thoroughly administered, intelligently wrought out, government control, therefore, should be the present program. Ownership by Government. "When control has been demonstrated to be ineffective, then it will be necessary to go to government ownership. As in the past, so in the future, public ownership of railroads will be the least objectionable of the various (Continued on Page Two.)

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