

RICH YOUNG MAN FINDS WIFE NOTORIOUS CROOK

Millionaire's Bride Had a Series of Robberies Which Aroused Suspicion.

DETECTIVE FINDS HER TO BE THIEF'S SPOUSE

Spent Her Dupe's Wealth in Sup- porting Her Real Husband, Who Upon Exposure Agrees to Live Abroad With Woman.

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, June 17.—Detective L. A. Newcombe of this city has received from London a cablegram announcing the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Gomez Williams at the Hotel Cecil. This cablegram marks the introduction to the final chapter of a remarkable criminal career.

Gomez Williams is said to be a well-known western crook, and Mrs. Gomez Williams, formerly Miss Beatrice Bambridge of California, is the same young woman who in Chicago in the spring of 1901, married the son of a New York millionaire of high social position, whose name is at present kept secret. The wedding was the sequel to a very short courtship. The young man knew nothing of his wife's family connections but was infatuated with her beauty and charm of manner. His family decided to make the best of the matter and received the young woman kindly and with every consideration.

Extravagance Her Fault.

She seemed to have but one fault—extravagance. From the first she spent more money than seemed necessary. Her husband had a large income and made her a generous allowance, but she was always in debt and had to have more. Her ability to get rid of cash increased steadily.

On top of this the young wife became the victim of robbery after robbery. Her jewels were stolen again and again. Once in Paris where the jewels were stolen while the couple were stopping at a hotel, the house detective after patient work, intimated to the husband as delicately as could be done that perhaps his wife was afflicted with some peculiar malady which caused her to rob herself.

The young man's father, a shrewd man of affairs, finally began to worry about her expenditures and the frequent loss of her valuables. Finally he talked the matter over with one of his confi-

dential friends, the president of an important railroad. This man advised the father to lay the whole matter before the personal counsel of the railroad president. This was done.

Was a Former Thief.

Mr. Newcombe in a short time established the identity of the extravagant wife of the young millionaire with a young woman who with her real husband, a crook named Wilson, had been implicated in a series of mail box robberies in New York in 1881. At that time the detective learned from Wilson and his wife, that they had been compelled to leave San Francisco after a series of robberies and that they had been mixed up in several burglaries in Omaha, Chicago and Philadelphia.

"After I had satisfied myself that the young millionaire's wife was the Mrs. Wilson of 1881," said Mr. Newcombe today, "I notified the old financier. He directed me to tell his son and have the agony over with him. When I told the young man he became angry and said I was crazy, as his wife was not born 25 years ago. I insisted his wife was at least 41 years old and that she was about 15 when I arrested her in 1881."

"I told him the maiden name of the woman I arrested was Beatrice Bambridge. He admitted that was his wife's name but said she came from Kentucky and not California."

Proof of Double Life.

"The young man was clearly in love with his supposed wife and demanded stronger proof, so I arranged to confront the woman with evidence of her criminal career."

"The next afternoon we were seated in the library of the millionaire's home when the old gentleman brought his daughter-in-law. As politely as I could I told her who I was and who she was. She indignantly declared I was a falsifier. Confronted with proofs, however, she finally confessed."

"Papers were drawn up by which the woman agreed for a substantial consideration to leave the United States and remain abroad. She left the house that same afternoon accompanied by myself and the lawyer she has since agreed to take us to Gomez Wilson."

Crooks Live Abroad.

"Wilson readily agreed to take his wife abroad and live there. He had them follow until they took a steamer and arranged by cable to have them shadowed on the other side. Wilson said they would go to the Hotel Cecil. He kept his word."

"It was none of my business to inquire into the uses to which the woman put the large sums of money and jewels given her by her dupe. That everything went to Wilson I am positive. He lived on the fat of the land during the six years his wife lived as the wife of a wealthy man. Whether Wilson threatened her with exposure and so forced her to supply him with money, and then her own jewels, or whether she did it voluntarily, because of love for the man, are questions I have never been able to answer to my own satisfaction."

GUILTY VERDICT IN IDAHO CASES

After Being Out Thirty- Four Hours Jury Convicts Land Swindlers.

WEALTHY LEWISTON BANKERS FACE PRISON

Borah's Political Supporters Found Guilty of Conspiracy to Defraud the Government Out of Its Public Domain.

(Journal Special Service.)
Moscow, Idaho, June 17.—After being out for 34 hours, the jury last night in the land fraud cases returned a verdict of guilty to two of the five counts of the indictment against the defendants, signing conspiracy to defraud the government out of its public lands, George H. Kester, Wm. Dwyer and Wm. F. Kettenschach, acquitting them on the remaining three counts. The counts on which the conviction was obtained, were the cases in which Kester and Wilson are accused of filing on land for the defendants, for which they received \$5 an acre.

The jury reported this morning to the court and were discharged. An appeal will be taken.

Big Fish Caught.

William F. Kettenschach and George H. Kester, president and cashier respectively of the Lewiston National bank, have always been considered the big fish of the north Idaho land fraud investigations, and although not officially conceded, it has been generally believed that with their conviction the rest of the cases will be dropped. The Kester & Kettenschach timber land holdings in the Clearwater valley number some 10,000 acres, the largest amount held by individuals in the timber belt. This land has been acquired in six or seven years and is worth over \$250,000.

At the time of his election to the presidency of the Lewiston National bank Kettenschach enjoyed the distinction of being the youngest national bank president in the United States. He is 30 years of age and has lived in Lewiston since a child. His family has been closely identified with the development of the state and is one of the most prominent and wealthy ones in north Idaho. Kettenschach's uncle, Frank W. Kettenschach, is president of the Idaho trust company and the Kettenschach grain company, the latter one of the largest grain companies in the state. Kettenschach succeeded his father as head of the Lewiston National bank several years ago, the latter having organized it from the old John Bessary private bank.

Supporters of Borah.

Kester has also resided in Lewiston since childhood, and has been identified with the bank in the capacity of teller and cashier for over 15 years. He has taken an active part in north Idaho politics and it was the Kester-Kettenschach-West faction of the republican party in north Idaho which supported William E. Borah for the United States senate. Borah being chief counsel in the present case, although not actively engaged before the jury on account of his presence at Boise as prosecutor in the Steunberger murder case.

William Dwyer, the timber cruiser convicted jointly with the bank officials, came to north Idaho eight years ago from Wisconsin. He has been operating out of Lewiston in the Clearwater timber belt and has always been charged with being an agent of the bank in the timber transactions in which Kester and Kettenschach have been involved.

During the entire progress of the land fraud cases Kettenschach and Kester have discouraged references to the Lewiston National bank, feeling that they would rather have the stigma of indictment attached to themselves as individuals. The bank does the largest commercial business in the north Idaho and its reputation is carefully guarded by its officials and directors.

SILVER SERVICE FOR BATTLESHIP KANSAS

(Journal Special Service.)
Philadelphia, Pa., June 17.—At the League Island navy yard today the battleship Kansas, one of the most recent additions to the American navy, was presented with a handsome silver service, a gift from the state of Kansas which the warship was named. The presentation was accompanied by the usual speeches and was presided over by distinguished party headed by Governor Hoch, and including Secretary of State Denton, State Auditor, National States Treasurer Tully, Attorney General Jackson and Adjutant General Hughes. The state officials were accompanied by their wives.

The silver service is one of the finest ever given to an American warship. The service is of beautiful creation and design, its massiveness being enhanced by its simplicity. Each piece is decorated with the state seal and other appropriate emblems. In addition to the silver service the Kansas party presented to the ship a set of handsome flags donated by the Kansas branch of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

KEEP ANNIVERSARY OF BUNKER HILL BATTLE

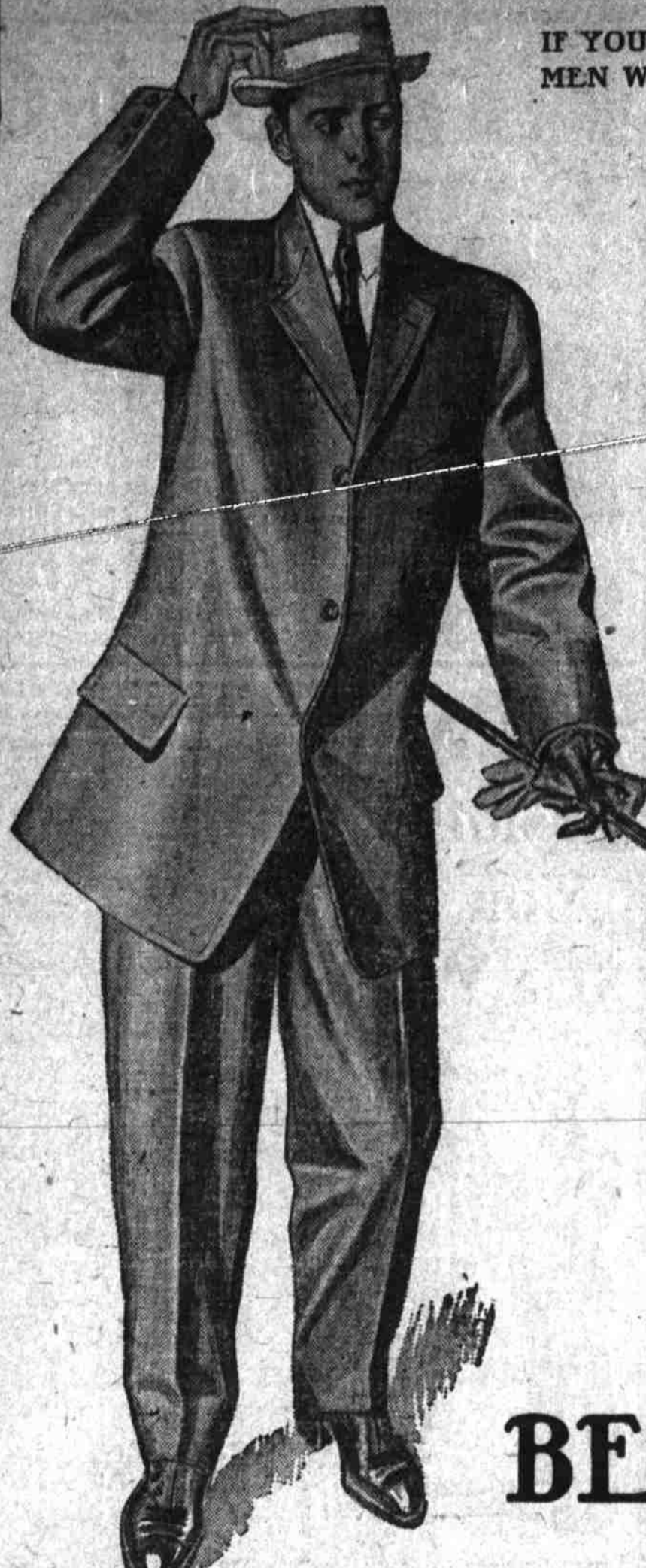
(Journal Special Service.)
Boston, Mass., June 17.—Although this is not a legal holiday, practically all the business activities of greater Boston were suspended today in observance of the 122d anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill. The patriotic celebration centered at the usual place in Charlestown, the scene of the famous fight. The celebration began at daylight with an extensive explosion of fireworks. Two large parades were held in Charlestown, one consisting of military, naval and civic bodies, including marines from the local barracks and ships now at the Charlestown navy yard. The other parade was an electrical pageant with handsome floats. Many athletic and other out-door events were held during the day.

BIDS OPENED FOR NEW BATTLESHIPS

(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, D. C., June 17.—It is expected that some time this week bids for the Delaware and Utah, the two 20,000-ton battleships which were authorized by the last session of congress, will be opened at the navy department. Both vessels when completed will exceed the English battleship Dreadnaught in power and strength.

It is expected that at least five contractors will put in bids for the construction of these two vessels. They are the Fore River shipbuilding company, the Newport News shipbuilding company, Cramps of Philadelphia, the Bath, Maine, iron works, and the New York shipbuilding company of Camden, New Jersey. It is not expected that the government will construct either of the vessels.

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