

# TWO SIDES OF WOMAN'S CHARACTER

If You Were Mrs. J. Knode Cooke Do You Think You Would Be Satisfied to Take the Stand She Here Does, or—

If You Were Floretta Whaley Would You Have Consented to Sign This Confession of Misguided Love?

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) Hartford, Conn., April 4.—A copy of the interview with Floretta Whaley, published in San Francisco, was read today by Mrs. Jere Knode Cooke, wife of the former minister with whom Miss Whaley eloped. It evoked indignation from the deserted wife, who is living at her father's residence here. As she read down to those portions in which she herself was mentioned, pity and disgust, mingled with shame and scorn, were the varying emotions reflected in her face. Declining to make any formal reply, she remarked that she was pleased that Cooke, Miss Whaley and their baby boy are not in straightened circumstances. She said she would be better pleased, however, if the couple would forsake their present life, separating and each endeavor by high manhood and womanhood to expiate the offense against God and society. Mrs. Cooke says she will not seek a divorce. She says she has never seriously considered such a step because she feels she cannot stoop to recognize and encourage such an offense as that of which she believes her husband and Miss Whaley are guilty.

San Francisco, April 4.—Floretta Whaley and Jere Knode Cooke, erstwhile pastor of fashionable St. George's church, Hempstead, Long Island, and now day laborer for the support of his former parishioner, are back again in San Francisco. Thirteen months in foreign travel the couple have been compelled to move with the infant boy offspring of their sensational union. They are now domiciled in a comfortable two-room apartment in the residence district and convinced by the fate that has pursued them they have finally decided to step into the light of publicity and for the first time in the hope that the veil of mystery once lifted they would cease to become objects of search and curiosity.

Silence Is Broken. Floretta Whaley, breaking her silence for the first time since the pair fled from Hempstead, avows her devotion to Cooke, or Gerald Balcom, as he is known now, predicts a successful future for the man she has chosen and is as content as the baby boy she holds in her arms for fate stretching out ahead of her. If there is anything in hope and optimism, Floretta Whaley will profit by it.

The following signed statement to the Hearst News Service was obtained from Miss Whaley tonight: "My life since leaving Hempstead has been happy. I feel that I am as truly married to Mr. Balcom as though the ceremony had been performed before an altar and by seven bishops. If I had not loved Mr. Balcom I would not have come west with him, and I regard myself just as truly bound to him as had the church sanctioned our union. God has surely joined us and no human agency shall put us asunder. If Mrs. Cooke obtains a divorce we will be married within the law and take the first opportunity to have the ceremony performed. We are happy and we are honorable. We have a dear baby boy. We love him dearly and we are going to bring him up to love and honor his parents. I am not unhappy. I do not look unhappy, do I? I do not intend to be unhappy. While I realize that our condition is unfortunate, as a good many people would look at it, I am sure we are far happier than hundreds of other persons whose life has not been given so much publicity. We have each other and our boy and we are going on bravely."

## A Hungry Child

Cannot study and make progress in school. The natural waste of tissue in a growing child is increased by study. Improper food soon causes trouble.

## Grape-Nuts

Food for breakfast will carry the youngsters up to noon with clear brains and normal appetite for dinner or lunch.

to meet the difficulties of life. Every one has obstacles to overcome, and while ours may be different from some, they are no more difficult.

Mass No. Reassessments. I have no resentment against Mrs. Cooke. She is the woman who married my husband before I did. She was an obstacle in our way and we had to get around her. We have done so, and the only thing we could now ask of her is that she should make it possible for us to be married and take our place in the world as we would like to.

"I naturally grew to love Mr. Balcom. I have known him since I was 13 years old. Everybody in the parish liked him and I liked him more than the others. Then I loved him and I know he loved me. Three years ago we decided to come away and began saving money to do so. I was not 18 years old and we waited until I was of age. The world has not treated me badly since I came away. I am happier than I would be if I were at home and do not regret coming west. Since I left Hempstead, Mr. Balcom has been able to support me comfortably, and Mr. Balcom has had no trouble in making a good living for the baby and me.

(Signed) FLORETTA W. BALCOM.

# GOMPERS FEARS HEPBURN BILL

## President of American Federation Addresses Judiciary Committee.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, D. C., April 4.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in speaking for organized labor before the house committee on judiciary today, made unmistakable threats as to his course if favorable action on the Hepburn bill amending the Sherman anti-trust law is not taken. Members of the committee had no difficulty in realizing from his plain talk a warning that the laborers of the United States are in earnest, and that the party responsible for the delay in the enactment of the Hepburn bill will meet with the opposition of the labor vote.

"Suppose injunctions are obtained against us," exclaimed President Gompers. "Suppose our funds are taken by damage suits. Our spirit cannot be broken or killed. The organization of labor has lasted for centuries, and it is here to stay. Nothing can abolish it. We may be driven into organizing in secret, but we will never be exterminated."

"And, gentlemen of the committee, the wisdom possessed by the members of this committee attests that men who are allowed to combine in the open, free and unimpeded, are more careful and circumspect than those driven to secrecy, oath-bound secrecy.

"No question before congress equals in importance this proposition to so amend the Sherman law as to give organized labor its rights; rights that it has enjoyed for a century. It ought not to be postponed until a hereafter.

"The workers of this country feel that they have been outraged by the Sherman law, which has now been construed so as to interfere with their inherent right to go on strike in the protection of their rights and their very lives. If I judge the temper of the workmen of this country correctly, and I think I do, we can not wait much longer for relief. And it is certain that we will hold to strict accountability the men or the parties responsible for delay in our securing that legislation to which we are so plainly entitled."

In the course of his speech, President Gompers referred to an unsuccessful attempt he made in 1903 to have the Sherman act amended as he now demands. He remarked that Representative Littlefield of the committee might remember it.

"Yes," interjected Littlefield, "I was one of the seven who voted against it."

A. B. Garretson, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, representing the Railroad Brotherhood, also advocated the bill.

Seth Low of New York, who is the leader of the delegation favoring the bill, asked Garretson whether it was not a fact that many union men feared their right to combine and strike was being seriously threatened by the laws upon the statute books.

"There is such a fear—a widespread fear," replied Garretson, "that is the reason we are advocating this bill."

The hearing will be continued Monday.

## LAWSON SAYS HE HAS MORE NEWS

Boston, Mass., April 4.—Kindly tell your readers not to mind my Monday's advertisement wherein I drive Fair Finance plumb, straight at the heart of the stock exchange, Wall Street and the system. Tell the 12,000 new-made Yukon stockholders they will know more about their investment and the financial robbers who tried to crimp it.

(Signed) Thomas W. Lawson.

## REAL ESTATE LICENSE AS A BOOST FUND

Grants Pass, Or., April 4.—An ordinance is now before the city council requiring \$100 license from every real estate dealer and real estate firm in the city. The ordinance was presented upon the request of real estate men and is for the purpose of preventing curbstone dealing in real estate. The funds thus derived will be used by the city for "exploiting and advertising the resources of the city and county."

It is reported from St. Louis that everything is in readiness for the national convention of the People's party to be held in that city this week. Thomas F. Watson of Georgia is looked upon as the most probable candidate for the presidential nomination.

# LIBERALS IN PARTY FIGHT

## English Political Camp Torn by Row Similar to That of Democrats When Bryan Was First Nominated for President.

(Special Cable to Journal.) London, April 4.—Just such a split as occurred in the Democratic party in the United States when Bryan was first nominated threatens to rend the Liberal ranks in England. The break will bring the Conservatives again into power. The Liberals, with the Radical and Conservative elements acting independently of one another cannot last a day.

Premier Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's personality has held the two factions together so long. No other Liberal leader possesses in their power to control. Sir Henry's days are numbered. He is 71 years old and mortally ill. Though he should linger for a few months more, his retirement is imminent. Already from his sickroom in London he is corresponding with King Edward relative to his resignation.

## Changes in Cabinet.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Asquith will succeed him as party and cabinet leader, and party changes must soon follow. The Liberals themselves are sure of it as their political opponents. The Radical element does not conceal its determination to work the general reorganization, and would rather than let the Conservative wing have its way. The reactionary element would rather merge their identity with the real old Conservative party than submit to extremist domination. The militant Radicals number about two thirds of the Liberals' present majority of 150 in the house of commons. They have it now in their power to control the administration whenever they please by an adverse vote on a party measure and precipitate a general election.

There have been signs of late that the Conservatives will win at this time against the combined Liberal vote. With the latter party there can be no question of a Conservative majority.

Several times during the premier's illness there have been signs of revolt. The breach opened since the first of the year is too wide ever to be closed.

The Radicals are devoted to social reform, and particularly to the work of eliminating poverty in England. They insist on a reduction of naval expenditures and the use of the money on public works, when all the country's idle men can find employment.

## Asquith Is Fighter.

Chancellor Asquith, a red hot Conservative, can no more see the Liberal side of the Conservative than could the Grover Cleveland man sympathize with the Bryanites. Asquith is a fighter, too, a strict disciplinarian, and believes in handling the Radicals without gloves. The Radicals have no first class politicians to lead them. They would like to submit to a minority, either in or out of their own party.

The Liberals stand, in a general way, for free trade, greater moderation than the Conservatives in military and naval expenditures, and of late for a vast reduction in the number of public houses and stricter regulation of the liquor traffic.

## WOMEN SWINDLE FRENCH SOLONS

### Deputies Loan Money to Two Persons Claiming to Be Wives of Constituents.

(Special Cable to The Journal.) Paris, April 4.—The Paris papers are having great fun at the expense of a number of members of the chamber who have been victimized by clever confidence swindlers and suggest the advisability of giving each rural or provincial legislator a special bodyguard to protect him against the wiles of Paris crooks of both sexes.

Women have been used to work upon the sympathies of the deputies who are now mourning the loss of larger and smaller amounts.

The scheme was worked in this manner: About lunch time a lady calls at the deputy's house, having previously been coached with certain information regarding the deputy's constituency. She gives herself out as the wife of one of the most influential electors who has come to Paris with her little boy for an operation.

The doctors' fee has taken the whole of the 1500 with which she had provided herself, and she requests the loan of a sum varying from \$10 to \$40. Her husband, the influential elector, will return the money directly she reaches home.

Some 50 deputies have been victimized. Among the band are two well-dressed young men, "nephews of a distinguished general, who have lost their pocketbooks in the train."

The police of France and Monaco are looking for a young Belgian, M. Pal, who has robbed an aristocratic Russian of \$20,000 francs, and who it is thought is trying to reach America in company with a Parisian actress.

A couple of weeks ago an aristocratic looking young couple arrived at the Palace hotel at Milan. They traveled in great style with many servants, engaged a whole floor and seemed very devoted to each other. Every night the man turned over to the proprietor of the hotel all his wife's diamonds and other jewelry, and he always kept a large amount of cash in the safe.

The other day he told his wife in the morning that he had an appointment with a friend and left the hotel, taking with him a portfolio containing 250,000 francs and all the jewelry which the clerk turned over to him as usual.

When he did not return his "bride" became suspicious, and when she found that he had carried off all her valuables, she sent for the police, whom she told that her name was Zavinia Wotpolia, that she was unmarried and that she had met M. Pal in Switzerland a short time before, had fallen in love, and upon the strength of his promise of marriage had trusted him with everything she possessed.

When a portrait of M. Pal was shown the police recognized a well-known swindler of international fame, who was known to have a love affair with a Parisian actress, seen at Monte Carlo until a few days ago, but she has now disappeared.

It is thought that the couple have taken a steamer from Marseilles for Genoa, but no trace has been found.

## TETRAZZINI HAS A MARVELOUS VOICE

### Fine Recital Given by Eilers Piano House Attracts Crowd of Music Lovers.

The special Tetrazzini talking-machine recital given by Eilers Piano House last evening proved to be a rare musical treat and was attended by a large and representative audience of music-lovers.

The recital was especially arranged by the House of Eilers so as to give the opportunity to hear Tetrazzini, the sensation of the Manhattan opera company, who is heralded as a greater singer than Patti and has met with a reception almost unparalleled.

Her voice is wonderful, possessing extraordinary dramatic and lyric qualities, while the equal of her coloratura work has never been heard before. The case with which she trilled an E in alto in the selection from "Traviata" can only be described as amazing.

The records are unquestionably among the very finest ever made by the illustrious Victor company, reproducing her marvelous voice with all its beauty and power.

Selections by Caruso, Geraldine Farrar and other favorites of the operatic stage were heard, as well as the quintet from the "Meistersinger" and the famous quartet from "Rigoletto." "The Rosary," sung by Schumann-Heink, was heard, too.

Altogether it was a most enjoyable musical evening, given through the courtesy of the Eilers House. Such splendidly arranged and attractive programs will always fill the capacity of Eilers recital hall.

## LA PROSPERIDAD COLONY ASSOCIATION.

James Watson, special agent and lecturer of the La Prosperidad Colony Association of Los Angeles, is in Portland and will establish his headquarters for Oregon in this city. This association has already achieved a membership in every state in the union, Canada and Europe. The equity and soundness of the new cooperative plan on which the colony will be run is universally conceded by all classes. The association holds a concession of 500,000 acres of land in Lower California, in the finest climate on the globe; rich, virgin volcanic ash soil which will rise \$5,000 per acre. Mr. Watson will give a free illustrated lecture in the Alley hall on Tuesday evening to which the public is invited.

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