

HUSBAND GRILLS WIFE WHEN ON WITNESS STAND

James J. Mears Conducts His Case in Stormy Divorce Suit Brought By Wife, Who Charges Cruelty.

A husband conducting the cross-examination of his wife in a suit for divorce, with torn and bloody shirtwaists and locks of hair pulled from her head as exhibits on a table close by, presented before Judge Gatens in the circuit court this morning.

Not less unusual were the pointed questions that James J. Mears, acting in the dual role of plaintiff and attorney for himself, shot at Mrs. Blanche Mears, who in her complaint accuses him of a long series of cruel treatment.

Mears succeeded in starting the tears from his wife's eyes while she was on the stand by his merciless questions. By his taunting remarks across the table he also provoked the rage of Seneca Fouts, who represents Mrs. Mears.

Fouts strode around the little courtroom for several minutes to control his feelings, after exclaiming he would "lick" Mears if he dared and would meet Mears at any time. He apologized to the court for this remark, and Judge Gatens and Deputy District Attorney Ireland, who represents the state, calmed the attorney's wrath.

Mrs. Mears identified large bunches of hair which she said her husband had pulled from her head. She also identified the remnants of three shirtwaists which she said had been worn by Mears while she was wearing them.

There was a distinguished and would-be witness at this time, and Judge Gatens called the court for this remark, and Judge Gatens and Deputy District Attorney Ireland, who represents the state, calmed the attorney's wrath.

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Mrs. Mears said she was not an adventuress. Mrs. Deane, who has been a teacher in the Phillips school, and has nursed Chinese, mandarin, said she held the highest recommendations from noted men.

She said she never in her life met such a cruel man. The case was finished at noon and a divorce granted to Mrs. Mears. Her husband alleged she became tipsy and "unmanageable" at times, and said the shirtwaists were torn in scuffling which she was trying to control.

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REDUCTIONS IN COST OF LIVING

Retailers in Line With Wholesalers and Consumer Is Helped Some.

United Press Special Wire. New York, April 21.—Mr. Consumer is happy today because the "high cost of living" has taken a slump. The retailers have announced reductions in the prices of foodstuffs. Until today, although the wholesalers have announced reduced prices, the retailers have kept the price at the same old high water mark.

The average citizen was not affected by the reduction of the wholesalers, but was buying old stock off the retailers' shelves at the same old figure. The action of the wholesalers in explaining that there had been a drop helped to force the retailer to put marked down tickets on the stuff that goes on the table.

Here are some sample reductions: Flour—Reduced 1 1/2 cents. Beans—Reduced 1 cent a bushel. Potatoes—Reduced 35 cents per barrel. Eggs—Fifty per cent lower than six weeks ago.

Barley—One 2 cents per bushel. Onions and onion products—Fifteen per cent lower. Canned goods—Reduced nearly one third.

The frush of fresh vegetables and fruits has helped to erumpire retailers' prices. The wholesalers say the fresh market has been pouring into the city long on pork and similar products, and are very heavy loads.

And there is more good news for the "ultimate consumer." The prices of salted meats every description will drop before the end of the week. The usual summer reduction in the price of salt pork, amounting to \$1.50 per barrel, was announced Tuesday by the agents of the meat trust.

It was the desire of Mrs. Vera Frohmayer, the girl wife of E. P. Frohmayer, to be "an American woman" that caused the suicide of the young husband Tuesday evening at the little home at 431 Schuyler street.

Mr. Frohmayer is nearly prostrated because of his wife's tragic death. According to his story, when his son and Vera Druze were married a month ago, the girl knew absolutely nothing of the duties of a housewife.

She did not know how to cook, or sew, or keep the little home that was provided for her by her husband. Hoping to remedy her deficiency, young Frohmayer took his bride to his old home, believing that she would be willing to learn from his mother how to keep her own home.

The plan failed to work, according to Mr. Frohmayer, for the bride still played on the piano, made daily trips to town and made up at night in her mother's bed. He learned to learn the housekeeping. Her husband was paying her board and she was not a hired girl, she said, when asked to aid in the household for the purpose of learning how to cook and bake and tidy up the house.

All American women went to town in the morning and came home in the afternoon, and she was an American woman, she said.

She was not to return to the city, and did not return that night. She came home the next afternoon, and then went to her parents' home, 750 East Ankeny street.

The young husband sought her out, and they were reconciled, after which young Frohmayer rented the cottage on Schuyler street. Peace failed to visit the little home, however, and the bride packed up her belongings and returned to her parents. Tuesday evening Frohmayer came home and found the house locked up and his wife's belongings taken away. He broke open a window, entered the deserted home and shot himself.

Little interest was shown this morning by Mrs. E. P. Frohmayer when she viewed the remains of her husband, who committed suicide yesterday at their home at 431 Schuyler street. The young wife went to the city morgue shortly before 10 o'clock, and after one glance at the dead husband turned away and went home.

She was 18 years old when married, March 17. The funeral of Frohmayer will be held Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the chapel of Dunning, McEntee & Gilbert.

Mascagni Coming to America. (United Press Special Wire.) New York, April 21.—Mascagni, the great Italian composer, will visit San Francisco during his proposed American tour, according to William J. Leahy, who will bring him to this country. The composer has made known his desire again to meet his friends on the Pacific coast, and Leahy stated that in all probability Mascagni would go to San Francisco and lead his great orchestra in his latest compositions. He will arrive here early next December.

Postmasters Confirmed. (United Press Special Wire.) Washington, April 21.—The senate has confirmed the following Washington Postmasters: William F. Kavanaugh, Olympia; Arthur M. Blackburn, Snohomish; Daniel Crowley, Vancouver; Perry Ross, Wenatchee; L. E. Hardy, Kelso.

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7 MEN ARRESTED BY GRAND JURY

True Bills Against Five for Passing Forged Check; Two Women Free.

Seven indictments were reported to Presiding Judge Morrow by the grand jury in circuit court today, and five of the number charged the defendants with passing forged checks. Another accuses Elmer Robinson of assault with intent to rob, while the remaining indictment is secret; the defendant not being under arrest.

Rosie White, who was recently sent from the county jail to a hospital because of an attack of the measles, is set free by the reporting of a not true bill. She was charged with stealing \$120 and a \$20 lock and chain from John Olson. Lena Salles, another woman prisoner, is freed by failure to return an indictment. She was accused of stealing \$48 from the house of Alice W. Thompson.

C. Stephens, alias C. Stephenson, is twice indicted on a charge of passing forged checks. He is alleged to have obtained G. L. Greenfield with a \$27 check and to have passed another for \$20 on J. A. Johnson.

Norman Henderson is likewise twice indicted. He is accused of passing off a \$5 bit of bad paper on R. H. Bakker and to have "touched" R. Glover for \$7.50.

Ralph L. Buckley is charged with passing a \$100 bad check on S. V. Johnson. The check was on a Tacoma bank and was signed with the name of the Bank and Review, by Charles E. George, treasurer.

Elmer Robinson and John Doe are charged with assault on L. C. Sheldon on April 9, with intent to rob.

REGULARS SCAPED JUST THE SAME

Fowler Withdraws Anti-Capton Resolution—Panic Lasts Forty Minutes.

Washington, April 21.—After frightening the regulars, arousing the anger of the speaker and deluging the insurgents and Democrats by the concentered fire of the anti-Capton resolution, Charles N. Fowler of New Jersey today withdrew the resolution he had offered providing for a committee on committee, and then dropped it into the basket to be taken up with the regular legislative list.

"I would like to have this resolution referred to the rules committee," was his parting shot.

When the speaker's gavel fell, the regulars, having consumed 40 minutes, now withdraws his resolution, as he has a perfect right to do," growled the speaker, and he says he puts it into the basket.

The house applauded wildly as the speaker again brought to it as Fowler's desk. Cannon was angry at Fowler's attempt to deprive him of most of his powers.

He declared if everyone introducing a bill or a resolution desired to call the attention of the house to it as Fowler did, the house would be in session for 10 or 20 years.

The regulars were relieved at avoiding another rules fight. The Democrats and insurgents were delighted with the apparent fright of the regulars.

SHORN LAMB BACK TO OLD ELLENSBURG

Ellensburg, Wash., April 21.—"I can trust my neighbors as I am coming back to Ellensburg to live," is the substance of a letter received from Louis Guilbert, the Ellensburg rancher who was fleeced out of \$10,000 in San Francisco by wire tappers. He said seven months ago he was in San Francisco and he was fleeced out of \$10,000.

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KITCHENER MAKES CAMPAINS ANGRY

His Lordship to Be Interrogated Regarding His Changed Itinerary.

(United Press Special Wire.) Ottawa, Ont., April 21.—Officials and citizens alike are severs in their criticisms of Lord Kitchener for his action in avoiding Canada on his recent visit to America.

When Kitchener landed at San Francisco he stated that important business called him to England and for that reason it would be impossible for him to visit the western part of the dominion.

Members of parliament intend to ascertain the nature of his avoiding Canada. With this in mind, Major Curry of North Borneo announces that he will ask the following questions: "Is the government aware that Lord Kitchener, the distinguished soldier of the empire, late commander-in-chief in India, on his way from Australia to Great Britain, passed through the United States, avoiding Canada and the All-Red route, the importance of which, from an imperial, strategical standpoint, it should have been his duty to examine?"

"Did the government or the department of militia extend an invitation to Lord Kitchener, the distinguished soldier to visit Canada? If not, why not?" "Did any correspondence, official or unofficial, pass between the imperial authorities and the government or any department or official relative to the proposed visit of Lord Kitchener? If so, what was its nature?"

Articles of all descriptions pass through the custom house, but it has more a long time since anything of more interest than a bottle of hookworms, which arrived there this morning, has made its appearance.

The hookworms were sent to the custom house, presumably because the officials thought that there would be a duty on them, as the bottle came from Manila. Officials say, however, that there is no duty on them and they will probably be forwarded immediately to the other end of the island.

ROSE CITY WAITS ITS SEWERS LAID FIRST

The Rose City Park Improvement league does not want to have pavements laid in that district until there are sewers, water mains and gas mains laid.

The league will also take up with the water board the question of putting a large main in the district. At the present time there is no fire protection and the residents desire not only that protection, but more ample service as well.

A committee was appointed to confer with the park committee of the council about the setting aside of a park in the district. There are seven blocks in the district, the middle of the district which can be had for a park site, and the league is anxious that the city buy the property and convert it into a park.

OREGON-ELECTRIC MAY NOW ENTER ALBANY

Albany, Ore., April 21.—By unanimous vote the city council at its session last evening, passed the ordinance granting to the Oregon Electric railway a franchise to enter Albany. The ordinance, which was presented at the last special meeting, was amended in several particulars but the changes were not important.

The ordinance must be approved by the mayor before it will become effective.

HOOD WOMEN MAY BUILD \$10,000 HOME

Hood River, Ore., April 21.—That Hood River will be a happier home for the cost of \$10,000 seems assured. The American Women's league, under whose direction the building will be erected, has secured a sufficiently large membership to erect a building at this cost.

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DREDGE TO WORK AT WILLAMOOK Channel Through Hoquarton Slough to Be Opened to Commerce.

Major Jay J. Morrow, corps of engineers, United States army, in charge of this district, today sent a telegram to Tillamook, notifying the master of the government dredge which is there to go ahead and dredge out the channel to Tillamook, the chief of engineers having, on the recommendation of Major Morrow, granted \$1000 for the work.

During the winter the channel to Tillamook, through Hoquarton slough, shoaled and the people of Tillamook asked permission to use the government dredge which is there, saying that they would raise the money to pay for the work. There was no provision in the rivers and harbors bill to cover just such a case, but Major Morrow took the matter up with the head of the department, recommending that the work be done by the government, with the result that General Marshall, chief of engineers, set aside \$1000 to cover the cost of the work. This amount is considered sufficient to run the dredge for the remainder of the fiscal year, and it will have \$500 when the new rivers and harbors bill is allowed.

Major Morrow said that the work of clearing the channel to Tillamook would take about a month and a half, the cost of running the dredge being about \$250 a month. He said that the dredge might be at work already as he had notified the master to go ahead and if the allotment was not allowed the town would furnish the money.

NAVAL BILL HAS NOT YET PASSED

Provisions for Deepening Willamette From Portland to Oregon City to Be Inserted.

(Washington Bureau of the Journal.) Washington, April 21.—The naval bill authorizing the deepening of the Willamette river channel to Sellwood has not passed. The committee of the Senate on Commerce and Navigation has communicated with the Oregon delegation asking support for the measure, but Senator Bourne stated today that their wishes would be covered by a provision to be inserted in the bill for a survey from Portland to Oregon City which has the same purpose of deepening the channel.

JAMES COLE TAKES UNTO HIMSELF A BRIDE

James Cole, former deputy United States district attorney, has forsaken the ranks of the bachelors and yesterday at noon was married to Miss Lucille Genevieve Dooly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Dooly.

The ceremony was performed at noon by Father O'Hara and the bride and groom left on the afternoon train for Seattle and British Columbia points for a two weeks' trip. Upon their return to the city they will make their home in a bungalow, prepared by Cole, on East Eighteenth street, between Brasse and Knott. They will be at home after May 1.

REASSURING REPORTS FROM TROUBLED CHINA

London, April 21.—A special dispatch from Peking says that the American cruiser Cleveland arrived at Yochow, across the Yangtze, late from Chang Sha. It reports that the uprising at Chang Sha will probably not reach serious proportions.

In other parts of China, particularly Y. T. Chang, reports similar to that at Chang Sha, are taking place. The Mission school at Y. T. Chang is reported burned. The rioting there is said to be more serious than at Chang Sha.

T. R. NOT MEDDLING, BUT TALKING AT WILL

New York, April 21.—The Outlook today received a cabled message from Dr. Lyman Abbott denying that Roosevelt would meddle in European politics. Roosevelt declared that he would speak only when invited to do so, and that then he would express his personal views freely and frankly.

Charges Against Pinchot.

At an informal meeting of some of the members of the Port and Tillamook navigation committee the charges made by E. H. Swenson, master of the Norwegian steamer Rygis, were looked into. The first occasion when the captain says that no pilot was on hand, the Port of Portland had not taken over the pilotage. On the second occasion it is stated that the pilot was there, but saw no sign of the tug on the third occasion, April 18, the pilot was necessarily absent on a tugboat, according to the evidence brought out. A further investigation will be made, it is stated.

Hoo Hoo Meet at Medford.

Cottage Grove, Ore., April 21.—Snark F. H. Rosenberg of the southern district will hold a demonstration at Medford on the first Saturday in May, instead of April 22, as intended, the Hood River of that section not having its date in trim for the trial on the latter date. A special train will be run from the Willamette valley towns, and it is expected that it will be attached a special car of the Portland Black cat.

Pipe Line Hids at Grove.

Cottage Grove, Ore., April 21.—The city council will receive proposals on April 23 for the construction of a pipe line from Cottage Grove, a distance of 14 miles, to connect with the present system, and also for the construction of a reservoir in connection therewith. All bids must include the purchase of the 140,000 ft. of pipe, which is to be furnished by the contractor at not less than 75¢ per ft.

Free Named for Pinchot.

Washington Bureau of the Journal. Washington, April 21.—Secretary Ballinger today directed the removal of the name of Gifford Pinchot from the title of the new national park for Gifford Pinchot. Only one other is named after a living man, the great sequoia in Sequoia national park.

HAWAII'S READY FOR THE COMET

Observatory Built by Public Subscription and Equipped for Stargazing.

(United Press Special Wire.) Honolulu, April 21.—The observatory in the Kaimuki section of this city, which was built for the purpose of observing Halley's comet, has been opened and the public has been invited to inspect the structure. The building was erected by popular subscription. It is substantial and is equipped with appliances suitable for observing the stars. By special arrangement those who helped defray the cost of construction are allowed admittance to the building at any time.

Yesterday morning an attempt was made to observe the comet as it rose, but owing to the presence of a heavy cloud bank on the eastern horizon the comet was not seen. Another attempt will be made today.

ERRING HUSBAND CAUGHT WITH AFFINITY

Walter J. Bracking, mining engineer from Wallace, Idaho, and Miss Ida De Wolf, cashier at the Crescent restaurant, were arrested last evening on complaint of the former's wife. The couple were arrested in a room at 34 East Thirteenth street, where they have been living as married people.

Mrs. Bracking has been living at 107 East Tenth street, and has had considerable trouble of late. She alleges it is all due to the influence Miss De Wolf has over her husband. The wife recently charged her husband with assaulting her in a hotel at Vancouver, Wash., and she is said to be with a young woman from that town. Bracking and Miss De Wolf were released on bonds. The case will be heard Tuesday in the municipal court.

THIS IS NIGHT OF BIG M. A. A. CLUB CARNIVAL

The spring carnival of the Multnomah club will attract attention tonight at the Armory. An elaborate program has been prepared by the members of the club proper and the ladies' annex. Robert Krohn has the direction of the program. A huge stage has been erected for the evening's performance. This will be the most elaborate exhibition ever given by the Multnomah club. Proceeding the program, which begins at 8:15 o'clock, the Third Regiment band will give a concert from 7:15 to 8:15 for the entertainment of those who come early to procure seats. The full program for the evening is as follows: Overture, Christensen's orchestra; waltz drill, Night Juniors; horse, Day Juniors; dumb bells, girls' class; parallel bars, Night Juniors; swimming, Day Juniors; horn pipe, drill, girls' class; tumbling, Landauer, Rymal, Wetzler, Smith, Hale, Bowman, Daly and Olson; Indian clubs, girls' class; fencing, ladies and seniors; table, Night Juniors; horizontal, Bowman, Irwin and Cherry; gavotte, intermediates and girls; Dutch game, ladies and seniors.

REFORM IN ELECTION OF THE JUDICIARY

Martin L. Pipes and S. B. Huston will be the speakers at the meeting of the Multnomah county bar association next Tuesday night on the subject, "A Non-Partisan Judiciary." It is expected they will have some interesting things to say concerning reform in this direction and the meeting will be open for general expression of opinion on the subject. The meeting will be in department No. 1, at the courthouse.

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USES BEDCLOTHES TO HANG HIMSELF

Patient at Sanatorium Ties End of Improvised Rope to Transom.

John Pedersen, a resident of Fell, Or., who was sent to the Mountain View sanatorium the first of the month for treatment, killed himself this morning by hanging with an improvised rope made from the bedclothes.

The man was found hanging in his room by the nurse at 7 o'clock this morning. At 5 o'clock, when the night nurse made his last round, the man was in bed, apparently asleep. When the day nurse made his first round, about an hour afterwards, he found the man hanging in his room, having tied parts of a sheet to the transom and then to his neck. The man was dead when found by the nurse. Pedersen was troubled with melancholia, but so far as known had not shown suicidal tendencies since his commitment.

RUTH WILSON WILL NOT LOSE EYESIGHT

(United Press Special Wire.) San Francisco, April 21.—Ruth Wilson, the 18-year-old victim of an acid thrower, will regain her sight, according to a bulletin issued today by the physicians who have been attending her. The girl was removed from Mount Zion hospital to her home late yesterday. The bandages were taken from her eyes, and a thorough examination of the left eye, which was burned by the acid, convinced the specialists that the eyeball was not permanently injured. The search for Van Camp Redfern, the young man who is wanted in connection with the affair, is being continued. Thus far no trace of him has been found.

Weno Man Defends Mining Claim.

Weno, Nev., April 21.—Attorney Warren of the town of Bishop, Cal., is seeking the arrest of Mrs. Kate Wells, her brother and son, who are alleged to have mined upon him at Altair, a mining camp, where the Wellises and Warren have disputed claims. Warren claims that when he attempted to enter the claim he was fired upon by Mrs. Wells, who was mounted on a cow pony and armed with a rifle. He alleges her relatives took up the fight and injured a bystander. Warren attributes his escape from death to poor marksmanship. He has asked for warrants for the arrest of the Wellises.

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