

FIANCEE OF ASTOR GETS THREATENING LETTERS BY SCORE

Miss Madeline Force Receives Many Anonymous Communications Concerning Her Approaching Marriage.

(By the International News Service.) Newport, R. I., Aug. 12.—Having run the gauntlet of criticism from bishops and ministers all over America on her approaching marriage with Colonel John Jacob Astor, Miss Madeline Talmage Force, the beautiful debutante, is now facing a new peril. Many threatening letters, most all of them written by young women, were received by her today.

The precise nature of the threats is closely guarded by Mr. and Mrs. William Force, parents of Mr. Astor's fiancée, who assert that they do not regard them seriously.

Miss Force and Mr. Astor were the central figures today at the Newport dog show. Indeed, with the exception of the exhibitors, nobody paid any attention to the dogs.

"There's Astor and his bride-elect!" screamed one stout woman who saw them for the first time today. Miss Force was so startled that she turned her right ankle in turning to get away.

RECTOR THREATENS BISHOP SMITH WITH ACTION FOR SLANDER

Philadelphia, Aug. 12.—The assertion that he contemplated a slander suit against Bishop Mackey H. Smith, because of the stand his superior took against him for his biting sermons on the Astor-Force wedding, was made tonight by Rev. Dr. George Chalmers Richmond. He declared also he would seek satisfaction through church authorities for letters from the bishop, in which he says his acts were referred to as "blasphemous" and himself compared with a "naughty boy who makes faces, not daring to do more."

Dr. Richmond bitterly attacked the bishop as a member of the smart set and intimate of the idle rich, who luxuriates in a large income, maintains palatial residences and is or has been pronouncedly fond of the material pleasures of life.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 12.—No minister in Newport will perform the Astor-Force marriage ceremony, according to Rev. William Stafford Jones, who seeks satisfaction through church authorities of the ministers' union.

The first objection is because Colonel Astor was divorced on statutory grounds, and it is common gossip his wife's life is open to serious criticism," said Dr. Jones. "I see nothing for him to do but to go to a justice. Such a union would have standing in law, but not in the church."

CHILDREN ATTACK SIMPSON'S WILL

Estate of \$25,000 Is Left to One Son, Which Rouses Brother and Sisters.

(Special to The Journal.) Hillsboro, Aug. 12.—Brother and sisters arrayed against brother in a legal battle for the property of a dead father is the first case of any moment to be heard by Oregon's ex-governor R. O. Stevenson, now county judge of Washington county. Two days have been occupied in the hearing of the petition to set aside the will of John H. Simpson, a pioneer who died May 29, 1910, leaving an estate valued at \$25,000, and the case may not be concluded Monday. The will, after making bequests of \$5 each to the contesting heirs, gave the estate to the widow during her life. After her death it was to pass to Franklin H. Simpson, a son. The petition alleged incompetence of the elder Simpson because of advanced age to make a proper will and also undue influence. The contestants are Hettie A. Johnson, Emma J. Howley, John M. Simpson, Jr., and Jessie A. Purvis, all living in Washington county, except the latter, who lives in California. Whatever the decision of the probate court, the case will undoubtedly be appealed.

Another case in which a family difference over property interests figures is that of John Kennington against his son, Albert Kennington, which is being heard in the circuit court. The father seeks to oust his son from his place near Tualatin, and as preliminaries there have been arrests of the son on a charge of assault on the father and of the father on a charge of assaulting his son's wife. The son is defending the present suit claims a contract by which he removed from Indiana two years ago to Oregon, the alleged agreement being that in exchange for caring for his father the property would be given him.

A Danger Eliminated. One danger from the moving picture machine is eliminated by a Frenchman's invention of an electric light, in which the current is switched on and off so rapidly that it is not detected by the eye, but resting the film and lens from overheating.

American Type Copied. A Russian locomotive works has closely copied the American "Prairie" type in building five high speed engines for use on the line from St. Petersburg to the Austrian frontier.

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Can Eighteen Year Old Bride-to-Be of Col. J. J. Astor Wield Social Sceptre?



Miss Madeline Talmage Force.

Colonel John Jacob Astor.

New York Society Ponders Hard Over Perplexing Problem

(By the International News Service.) New York, Aug. 12.—A mere girl of 18 years is soon to become the mistress of all the palatial homes and the millions of John Jacob Astor. She is Miss Madeline Talmage Force, who is to become the bride of Mr. Astor in the fall.

Friends of Miss Force are wondering how she will acquire herself as the mistress of the big Astor mansion in Fifth avenue, of the great Astor estate at Rhinebeck, N. Y., and of the palatial Astor home at Bar Harbor, Me.

"Can she hold her place as the acknowledged social leader of New York?" they ask. "Is she old enough and tactful enough to receive and hold the homage of New York society folk?"

Miss Force was known as a bright pupil at Miss Spence's school, which she left only a short time ago, but the fact remains that she is only 18 years old. And after she has wedded Mr. Astor, she will have to be a mother to his son, Vincent, 19 years old—a year older than she—and to Muriel Astor, 10 years of age.

Before she met Mr. Astor a year ago, Mrs. Force is or made any pretension of belonging to the "400." Now she finds herself confronted with the probability of becoming the leader of that set.

Since the one and only "Mrs. Astor" who was Mrs. William Astor—held sway over the social destinies of Fifth avenue folk, there has been a sort of unwritten law that an Astor must be the leader of the "400," or the "600"—call it what you will. After the death of Mrs. William Astor, Mrs. John Jacob Astor, formerly Ava Willing, of Philadelphia, was crowned as the social leader here.

But she could not get along with her husband. She sued him for divorce, and it was granted. Meantime she had gone over to England to live.

Her departure left the "400" without a leader. Who was there to take her place? No one. It is true that at the opera some ambitious grande dames tried to seize the sceptre left idle by the passing of Mrs. Ava Astor, but they had a dismal time of it. Although they tried to be social queens, no one noticed them, so they might just as well have gone hours at parties. But in this simple life of a maiden just entering a certain social circle she found many diversions. These were entertaining young men, girls of her own age, who giggled and ate bouquets and never thought a thing of the world's cares.

On the day of her marriage the future Mrs. John Jacob Astor will find a different kind of life entirely. If wedding bells send out joyful peals for her, they will also toll a full share of cares, worry and work.

First of all, the new Mrs. Astor will have to see that the numerous homes of her husband and herself are kept in first class order. Mr. Astor, himself is a sort of "organizer" systematizing this. His one great hobby is "a place for everything and everything in its place."

DR. IS SUSPECTED OF FORGERY OF DIARY

(Publishers' Press Leased Wire.) Seattle, Aug. 12.—That forgery is one of the elements of the case being prepared against Dr. Linda Burfield Hazard, fasting specialist, awaiting trial on a charge of murdering Miss Claire Williamson, a wealthy and educated English spinster, became known this afternoon. Experts in penmanship have been called in to examine a diary kept by Miss Williamson. Intermingled among the notations of household recipes are accounts of her treatment by the woman starvation practitioner. From day to day these entries ran until Claire Williamson, who died May 19 at Dr. Hazard's institute at Starvation Heights, across the bay from Seattle, became too weak to write. Day by day the characters grew more frantic and the thoughts more disconnected.

In the back of the book, isolated from the entries of the date at which it purports to have been written late in April, is a penciled page, entitled "My Wish," which tells of the love and tenderness of Dr. Hazard, and says that Dr. Hazard is to have various valuables formerly belonging to Miss Williamson. It tells of the cabin at Starvation Heights, to be called Claire cabin, to be used for religious purposes and to be endowed with an annuity of \$5 pounds in accordance with a purported codicil to Claire's will. It expresses a desire that Dr. Hazard's sister and one of the nurses shall have certain jewelry.

Margaret Conway, a nurse in the Williamson family for many years, found the diary. She declares the writing a forgery.

Dr. Hazard, who is charged by Dorothy Williamson, sister of the dead girl, with starving her sister to get her fortune, will be tried in November.

New Form of Irrigation Pump

(Special to The Journal.) Boise, Idaho, Aug. 12.—L. A. Larson has invented a new form of irrigation pump which is on exhibition here. It is said to deliver water at a height of 60 feet at very low cost of operation.



Mrs. Ava Willing Astor, divorced wife of Colonel John Jacob Astor.

as a debutante she had to keep late hours at parties. But in this simple life of a maiden just entering a certain social circle she found many diversions. These were entertaining young men, girls of her own age, who giggled and ate bouquets and never thought a thing of the world's cares. On the day of her marriage the future Mrs. John Jacob Astor will find a different kind of life entirely. If wedding bells send out joyful peals for her, they will also toll a full share of cares, worry and work. First of all, the new Mrs. Astor will have to see that the numerous homes of her husband and herself are kept in first class order. Mr. Astor, himself is a sort of "organizer" systematizing this. His one great hobby is "a place for everything and everything in its place."

POSTAL PLUM NOT SHAKEN DOWN YET

Squire Farrar Still on Job at Salem Just as He Has Been for 15 Months.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., Aug. 12.—Renewed interest in the unusual spectacle of one of the fattest postal plums in the state hanging unshaken on the tree for over 15 months after its "shake-down" was due has been aroused in Salem by the return from Washington, D. C., of a prominent business man, who while at the national capital attempted to find out why the overdue appointment of the Salem postmaster had not been made.

Salem has the only first class post-office in the state outside of Portland and when Squire Farrar's term of office expired in April, 1910, several aspiring candidates fell into line. Among them were Hal D. Patton, John Rowland, F. B. Southwick and Squire Farrar, himself. It is generally understood that the job is at the disposal of Congressman Hawley. Suppose he resigned until after election. When the appointment failed to be announced the candidates grew more resigned and the public lost interest. Friends of the candidates, however, are not napping.

OREGON IS POOR REFUGE FOR O. WITTY, SPENDER

(Special to The Journal.) Colfax, Wash., Aug. 12.—One year in the Monroe reformatory was the sentence given Otto Witty, who was brought from Salem, Or., today by Deputy Sheriff Cole. Witty pleaded guilty to having sold four horses and harness belonging to Will Sellers of Diamond. Witty was using the horses in harvest and sold them and the harness for \$150, using the money to attend the Seattle A.-Y.-P. fair, dodging the officers for two years. Sheriff Carter having made several trips after him.

REPRESENTATIVES MAY BE AT FAULT

Major Kutz Failed to Get the Proper Support on Opening of River, Alleged.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Topeka, Kans., Aug. 12.—The Kansas Agricultural college has sent here a carload of long-tailed, lean, lanky hogs. Fat porkers are barred. The entire worth of the hogs depends upon the length of the tail of each pig.

The college uses the blood of diseased hogs to secure anti-cholera serum. The blood is drawn from the hog's tail. When the end of the caudal appendage has given up the serum, it is bandaged up and the hog is permitted to manufacture more serum, whereupon the tail is cut again. When the tail is gone, the hog's usefulness is gone, so he is killed and his blood injected into another long tailed porker. A hog with three kinks in his tail is worth \$20; one with two kinks is worth \$15. A pig that would be worth \$100 for breeding purposes would be no good for the college, because the tail might be short.

Crushed Beneath Motor Truck

(United Press Leased Wire.) Pasadena, Cal., Aug. 12.—Fritz Pohner, 39, was run over and almost instantly killed by a big automobile truck here today. He was riding a bicycle and turned directly in front of the automobile truck, which crushed his chest.

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ELK MOUTHS WATER FOR BIG CLAMBAKE

Go by Hundreds to Astoria, Ahead of Time; "Tonquin" Is Blown Up.

(Special to The Journal.) Astoria, Or., Aug. 12.—Members of the local lodge of Elks are entertaining hundreds of visiting brethren today as a prelude to the monster clam bake to be tendered them on Clatsop beach tomorrow.

Old acquaintances were renewed and cards were exchanged prior to the parade and afterward today, and tonight the visitors are witnessing "The Tonquin" blown to atoms by Seattle made fireworks.

Portland lodge sent down a big delegation on the Monarch and the through beach trains were loaded. The Saturday special S. P. & S. had 294 passengers aboard for Astoria tonight, and most of them were Elks and their wives.

The plans of the chowder party call for the Elks' special trains to leave here about midnight for Clatsop beach. There is to be a ball game in the morning, the big chowder party at 1 o'clock, sports in the afternoon and a beach bonfire at night. The return is scheduled for about midnight next night, and by then it is expected that 1500 gallons of chowder will have been disposed of.

Included among the star features is a monster water wagon, borrowed from Astoria's street cleaning department. It is empty, without a hose to refill it and crowded with Elks, who are riding upon it. This outfit is the big feature of the centennial pageant tomorrow and thousands who are not Elks will join the merry party on the beach. There also will be numerous recruits, drawn from among the regular beach colonies.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS FLOURISH IN 4 CITIES

(By the International News Service.) Washington, Aug. 12.—The total postal savings banks deposits at Chicago, Boston, St. Louis and New York for the first five days operation beginning August 1, was \$109,824, distributed as follows: New York \$26,664, St. Louis \$12,597, Boston \$14,774, Chicago \$56,109.

At New York during five days 712 accounts were opened.

The gyroscope has been applied to the picture camera tripod to steady it while photographs are being taken and thereby produce clearer films.

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