

MYSTERIOUS WOMAN INSISTS THAT SHE IS DUCHESS BUCKINGHAM

Mrs. John Mitting Says Also She Is Princess Kovaleski; Daughter Next in Line.

HUSBAND IS ENGLISHMAN

Marriage Declared to Be Morganatic and to Have Occurred when the Husband Only 15 Years Old.

Breathing threats of death from vengeful Russians for those who would investigate and make public her story, Mrs. John Mitting, who claims to be a Duchess Buckingham and the Princess Kovaleski of Russia, was taken before Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin, superintendent of the women's protective division at police headquarters, this morning for further investigation.

Twin Brother Killed in War

Her twin brother, Prince George, Duke of Buckingham, was killed in Russian Turkey, she claims, in the fighting, and a 21-year-old son now fighting in the trenches of France in the French army.

Present Husband Saver

The name Mitting, it was learned yesterday was acquired through marriage with John Mitting in Sydney, Australia, about a year ago.

Tells Dramatic Story

Telling her story, she spoke passionately when referring to her parents and speaking of the misfortunes of the immediate relatives, as for instance the death of her twin brother, Alexander, she cried continuously.

Police Holding Child

As for Amy, she is in one of the public detention homes of the city held apart from her parents until she can prove that she belongs to them.

Says Child Was Stolen

Mrs. Mitting declares that the girl was stolen from them in Sydney, following repeated attempts, when she was 15 months old.

Two Days More

Of our business year. —We take our annual inventory on Feb. 1, and close our year's books with the last day of January.

OVERCOATS

Our entire stock of fancy shirts at these reductions: \$1.50 Shirts now at \$1.15, \$2.50 Shirts now at \$1.85, \$3.00 Shirts now at \$2.25, \$4.00 Shirts now at \$2.95, \$5.00 Shirts now at \$3.85.

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CHILD'S MOTHER DECLARES SHE IS OF NOBLE BIRTH



Amy Mitting, who was found in basement of Trinity church and whose parent tells sensational story that she is Duchess of Buckingham and Princess Kovaleski.

SPRING SIGN SEEN IN PLEA TO DVEST CITY HEALTH CARS OF TAG

Dr. Marcellus Tells Council Label on Auto Is Drawback to Department.

First signs of spring and warm summer nights, when long automobile rides are really rides of bliss, were noticed today when Dr. M. R. Marcellus, city health officer, through Mayor Albee, filed a request with the public health bureau.

Undue Influence Denied

In 1913 Miller and his wife conveyed to their daughter some 522.86 acres of land at Lake Labish in Marion county.

Woman Not Controlled

Mrs. Miller in turn conveyed the lands in the Lake Labish region to J. O. Hayes as part of a contract in the performance of which he was to reclaim the lands through drainage on his own expense.

Former Fireman Is Dead

William L. Keller, a retired member of the Portland fire department, died on Sunday at the age of 56 years.

Serbians Under Arrest

Assistant Game Warden H. Clark arrested three Serbians at Columbia slough Saturday night on charges of using a bag net for the capture of game fish, contrary to the fish and game laws.

Will Hold Hearing On the "Trust Act"

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Brother Killed in Turkey

"My poor twin brother, he was killed in the war only three months ago. He was a general, and was known as Alexander the Younger. He was fighting for the Russians, and was killed in Turkey."

Brother Was Stabbed

"The duke of Buckingham took the baby when she was three years old. But when we were three years old, he was stabbed in the groin so he could never be a father."

Brother Hemmerl Passed

Mrs. Emma Hemmerl, who died in this city January 23, was a native of Wisconsin, aged 57, and had resided in Portland for the past 14 years.

House Peters at the Sunset

The Lake Labish lands are of the character known as beaverdam, but only of value for cultivation if reclaimed. Hayes, who is a San Jose capitalist, paid \$25,000 for them.

BRISTOL'S CONVENTION SET AT NAUGHT BY FEDERAL COURT RULING

Mother of Wana Miller Alexander Stuart and San Jose Man Win Big Suit.

NO COMPULSION FOUND

Court Holds Woman Gave Deed Voluntarily to Property at Lake Labish and in Klamath County.

Contentions of Attorney William C. Bristol in behalf of the estate of Wana Miller Alexander Stuart, deceased, contentions of undue influence and conspiracy involving Oregon property with a potential value of \$500,000 were set at naught in the United States district court this morning when Judge Wolverton handed down a decision against the complainant and in favor of the respondents, Mrs. Sarah E. Miller and J. O. Hayes, of San Jose, California.

PET NAMES' PASSED IN CONSIDERATION OF PET STOCK QUESTION

"You're Liar," Says Mann of Multnomah, and "I'll Bite Your Ear Off."

Salem, Or., Jan. 23.—The pet stock industry came to a head during the first personal combat of the session in a meeting of the house committee on expositions and fairs at noon today when Mann of Multnomah threatened to bite an ear off of L. S. Ellerman of Lewis, because of differences which have sprung up between the two over the question of an appropriation for the pet stock industry.

Tunnel District Bill Is Introduced

Primary Purpose Is to Facilitate the Construction of Big Bore to Connect Washington and Multnomah Counties.

Salem, Or., Jan. 23.—A bill was introduced in the senate today by Farrell of Multnomah county providing for the construction of tunnels by counties. The bill creates a tunnel district on the same lines as irrigation districts.

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