

STILLMAN'S CASE POINTS TO MORAL, DECLARES CRITIC

Inadequacy of Divorce Laws and
Need of National Tribunal Are
Seen by Woman Attorney.

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New York, March 26.—What kind
of a father is it who deliberately
will sully the name of his children's
mother and blast the careers of his
children with notoriety and disgrace?
"If Mrs. Stillman were guilty—as
as hades, and her husband's own
hands quite clean I can think of no
reason why he should have raised
them against her.

"If it is true that they are soiled
as stories and allegations indicate, I
I'd say that he is just plain blundering
to do what he did."
"That action shows to what degree
our social fabric has degenerated
it will permit of such assurance on the
part of any man."
This was the statement today of Miss
Lucille Fugh, young society woman and
attorney.

NATIONAL LAW URGED
Miss Fugh is particularly interested
in the double triangle that exists in
the Stillman case. She believes that
the outcome of social conditions which
she would remedy by a national divorce
law.

"That law, as she explained it today,
would facilitate obtaining of divorce
decrees throughout the country by mak-
ing incompatibility of temperament
ground for legal separation.
"I would, however, check the tendency
to be blown into the divorce court every
passing breeze by providing for division
of all property accumulated during the
marital period, on a fifty-fifty basis
between husband and wife."
Miss Fugh continued:

"Such property division would pro-
vide for the future of the wife and
children. You see, it would not be fair
for the husband to be free to go out
and make money while the wife was
obliged to remain at home and bear
children, and then for the husband to
obtain everything if they should sepa-
rate.

REAL LOVE REQUISITE
"It all goes back to the old story
of a man and woman entirely at odds
with each other in instinct, disposition,
ambitions, and in every way, living to-
gether because of a tie imposed by civil
law. Certainly no religious law really
would counsel such a marriage.

"The only real marriage is that in
which the man and woman love each
other."
"From a somewhat casual knowledge
of the Stillman case, I believe hopeless
incompatibility existed between the
husband and wife. What otherwise
would send either party to a marriage
court so far afield?

"I believe divorce laws sufficiently
relaxed to make possible separation of
a man and wife living at such cross
purposes would preclude the distaste
that has come about in this case, espe-
cially that falling upon the children,
innocent victims as they are.

"Of course we never shall get into
real man and wife equality until women
become educated to self reliance and

MYSTERY WOMAN IN STILLMAN FAMILY ROW



Mrs. Florence H. Leeds, former chorus girl, who is named in the answer given by Mrs. James A. Stillman to her multi-millionaire husband's suit for divorce. Mrs. Stillman charges that the banker is the father of Mrs. Leeds' 2-year-old son.

Independence.
"Man never has gotten away from
the idea that woman is a chattel.
Woman has heard it so much that she
believes it, too!"
"Once realizing that she is not a
slave, but a woman being entitled to
all of a man and not just protection
of his home, she will be fortified with
a weapon to fight her own battle."

"I fancy that Mr. Stillman believed
action begun by him would force Mrs.
Stillman into a panic and silence—
being the one who had the money."
"About these poor little babies—it
shows what a state our laws are in,
when a man can question his own child,
"I believe that so long as the par-
entage of a child can be proved, that
proof should be all that is necessary
to insure a child his interest in the
father's estate."

"It is not fair that a child born in
wedlock should be assured position,
while one otherwise born should go
through life with a stigma on its
name."

"As a people we are too keen about
the laws of man and not enough gov-
erned by laws of nature."

"WIDOW LEEDS" AT STILLMAN MANSION, SWEARS WITNESS

Banker's Wife Hears He Entertained
Former Chorus Girl in
Home During Her Absence.

(By Universal Service)
New York, March 26.—Affidavits
that Mrs. Florence H. Leeds was en-
tertained by Banker James A. Still-
man in the Park avenue home where
he had lived with his wife and
children, and called it "home" are
in the possession of attorneys for
Mrs. Stillman.

This dramatic accusation was made
in affidavit forms by lawyers for Mrs.
Stillman Friday by Frank Murphy, who
until a few days ago was in the em-
ployment of Stillman as chief steward of
the yacht Modesty, Stillman's palatial \$350,-
000 vessel.

SAW MRS. LEEDS
An affidavit by Murphy, supported by
the testimony of servants, it is said,
who were employed in the Stillman
menage at the Avignon, 270 Park ave-
nue, where the Stillmans for several
years made their own home and where
Mr. Stillman now lives, declared:

"I went to work for Mr. Stillman last
March, and while awaiting assignment
on the Modesty, met then in commis-
sion, I was assigned to duty at 270
Park avenue. One afternoon in April
Mr. Stillman brought the young woman
known as Mrs. Leeds to his home."
"Mrs. Stillman, I heard at that time,
was not living in the apartment. I
never saw Mrs. Stillman in the Stillman
home, but I did see Mrs. Leeds there."

DECISION NEXT WEEK
Other developments in the Stillman
divorce tangle, the fascinating drama
of society, Wall street and the North
woods, were:

1. Supreme Court Justice Morschauer
let it be known that he will render
his decision upon Mrs. Stillman's mo-
tion for \$75,000 counsel fees and \$120,-
000 per year alimony early next week.
At that time, he said, he will also
order that all papers submitted by both
sides and attached to the alimony pa-
pers will be filed.

2. Mrs. Leeds, the woman of mys-
tery in the case and the only figure of
prominence who has not been found by
the detectives for Mrs. Stillman or by
the newspapers since public interest in
the case was aroused, may be in her
old haunts in New York. She is known
to have started north from Miami.

NEW NAME IN CASE
3. A new name appears in the case.
"Henry K. Smith" signed his name as a
reference for Mrs. Leeds in her recent
request for passports to Cuba. She made
a "flying trip" to Havana and return,
without disembarking at the Cuban
port. "Smith" swears that he had known
the "husband of Mrs. Leeds" for 15
years. A dozen or more witnesses are
declared to be ready to testify that
James A. Stillman, president of the Na-
tional City bank, is "Franklin Harold
Leeds," who is known as the "dandy"
of Jay Jr., the 2½-year-old son of Mrs.
Leeds.

4. An additional statement by Fred
Beaupre, the north woods guide who
is charged or credited by Stillman with
being the father of little Guy Stillman,

supports the sensational charges made
yesterday that Mrs. Stillman is the vic-
tim of a vicious "frame up" and "black-
mail" plot.

SERVES HER BREAKFAST
Placed under no prohibition of secrecy
by the lawyers for whom he made the
affidavits, Murphy, told the substance
of the matters sworn to by him. He
said:

"I told about witnessing scenes of
intimacy between Mr. Stillman and
Mrs. Leeds—scenes that I merely
stumbled upon in the course of my
duties. I met Mrs. Leeds first at 270
Park avenue, when Mr. Stillman brought
her to his home one afternoon. She was
alone.

"Then I saw her frequently aboard the
Modesty. Often she remained over
night.
"In my statement I told about a fish-
ing trip the middle of February that
we started but did not complete. We
were going to the island of Bimini,
owned by a Western millionaire friend
of Mr. Stillman.

"On the Saturday night Mr. Stillman
and Mrs. Leeds went to a dance at the
Flamingo hotel. They were quite late
returning to the Modesty.
"They remained all night on the yacht.
Next morning about 11 o'clock Mr. Still-
man directed me to serve Mrs. Leeds
breakfast in her stateroom. He always
spoke of her formally as Mrs. Leeds.
She called him 'Jay.' She told me she
was a widow.

LOOKED SALLOW
"Strawberries and cream, buttered
toast, jam and coffee, as I remember it,
made up her breakfast. I found her in
bed. She had on no 'makeup' and looked
rather sallow. Her skin that looked so
lovely later contained a good many
clearly visible freckles. Her mouth, too,
without the 'makeup' was straight and
had not the 'cupid bow' effect that
appeared in public.

"She ate her breakfast and less than
an hour later we headed for the open
sea. Soon we ran into headwinds and
the waters roughened. I wondered how
Mrs. Leeds was standing the trip, but
soon she appeared, supported by Mr.
Stillman.

SEEMS TO CUT SQUAB
"She wore only bedroom slippers,
lingerie and a kimono. She was pale
and looked deathly sick. He half
carried her to a deck chair. Then she said
that she hated a rough sea and couldn't
go on. Mr. Stillman summoned the cap-
tain and ordered him to turn about and
head again for the quiet waters of the
Miami Causeway."

"Thus ended the wonderful fishing
trip.
"In Miami Mrs. Leeds was known as
the 'Widow Leeds.' I thought at first
she was the famous Mrs. W. B. Leeds.
Then I heard her talk and watched her
table manners and I knew I was wrong.
Mr. Stillman, always a modest gen-
tleman with her, taught her how to cut
a squab. She also sought to cultivate a
taste for alligator pears, but never could
quite succeed.

"Mr. Stillman is a brainy man. I can-
not understand his fascination for her
unless the explanation lies in the little
boy, Jay Jr., who is a 'ringer' for Mr.
Stillman."

**Changes Under New
Code Are Announced**
Olympia, Wash., March 26.—The per-
sonnel of the department of labor and
industries, organized under the admin-
istrative code, has been announced by
Director Ed Clifford as follows: Har-
ley L. Hughes, supervisor of safety; E.
S. Gill, supervisor of industrial insur-
ance; C. H. Younger, supervisor of in-
dustrial relations; Mrs. Delphine John-
son, supervisor of women in industry;
Dr. F. A. Bird, chief medical advisor;
Captain V. W. Harris, statistician, and
John Holland, safety engineer.

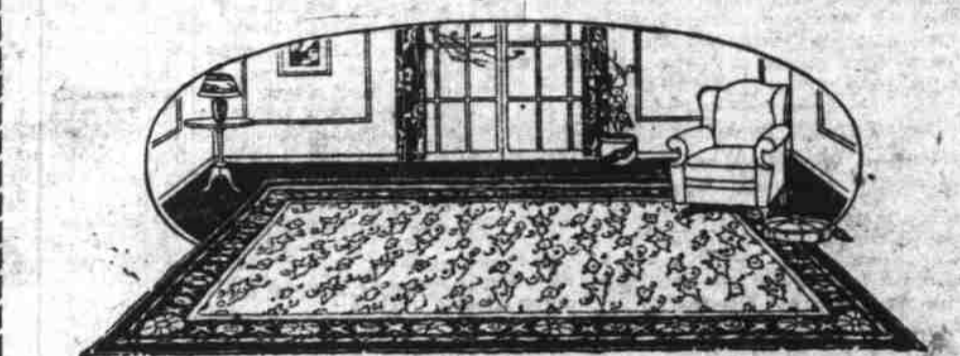


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