

ENGLISH STATESMAN DRIVEN FROM OFFICE BY DIVORCE CASE

LONDON, July 15.—England is having lots of trouble these days trying to decide just how far the private conduct of a public man affects the value of his service to the state. On top of the recent turmoil over the dealings of Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George and Attorney General Sir Rufus Isaacs in American Marconi shares, comes the case of the brilliant Liberal, Capt. Elliot Crawshaw-Williams, until a short time ago member of parliament for Leicester.

When Hubert William Carr-Gomm also a Liberal, representing the London district of Rotherhithe in parliament, whose young and beautiful wife had been one of the most popular members of English society, brought suit for divorce, he named Crawshaw-Williams as co-respondent. Purely in deference to public opinion and to precedent Crawshaw-Williams at once resigned.

Crawshaw-Williams's peculiar creed has produced widespread public discussion, it is altogether unlikely that he will be able to break down past traditions. A note of tragedy is added to the case in the fact that he is a man of strong ambitions as well as of signal ability. Only thirty-four years of age, and having been parliamentary secretary to the chancellor of the exchequer, his early promotion to the ministerial bench was practically assured, but the divorce suit undoubtedly means his political extinction.

ST. SWITHIN'S DAY A WEATHER PATTERN

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 15.—Although—being scientists—they scorned the superstition, some of Uncle Sam's best weather sharps curiously enough marked down today's brand of weather for reference during the next two score days.

This is St. Swithin's Day, ancient English legends have it that if it rains today there will be forty days of rain to follow, and that if it remains clear, there will follow forty days of clear weather. There was a St. Swithin all right, back in the days of long ago and the legend is older than the hills. That seems to be as far as it goes, for one of the ruthlessly unromantic weather bureau sharps today looked up the dope for the same day for twenty years back, and had this to say:

"St. Swithin falls in a month in which more rain falls here in Washington than during any other period of the year. Nevertheless, the record shows that, taking the average for twenty years, of the forty days which follow July 15, the greater part were rainy when St. Swithin's Day was a fine old day. There never have been forty consecutive days of rain or clear weather following St. Swithin's Day, as far as I can learn."

GIANT WHALE SAILING UNDER BLACK FLAG

SEATTLE, Wash., July 15.—The body of a giant whale, bearing a black flag and a lantern with an oil drum made fast to one of its fins is floating in the Pacific today, somewhere off Destruction Island. The derelict mammal was sighted by Captain C. Curtis, of the Union Oil tanker Oleum en route from Port Louis at 9 o'clock Monday morning. He says it was nearly a hundred feet long and stands fifteen feet out of the water and is a menace to shipping. He stopped long enough to decorate it with warning signals.

LARRABEE SELLS HOLDINGS IN PORTLAND FOR \$2,500,000

BELLINGHAM, Wash., July 15.—C. K. Larrabee, South Bellingham capitalist, has disposed of his holdings of real estate in Portland, Or., to a Portland and English syndicate for a consideration of \$2,500,000. The deal is declared to be one of the biggest realty transactions ever closed on the Pacific coast. This information was given out upon Mr. Larrabee's arrival in this city yesterday. Hereafter Mr. Larrabee says he will center his efforts toward the upbuilding of Bellingham.

Fair Weather Predicted.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 15.—Forecast: Oregon; Fair tonight; Wednesday fair, warmer east portion; north-westerly winds.

John Mason at the Page Next Week



JOHN MASON, STAR, HIS LONG CAREER THEATRICAL WORK

John Mason, the star in Messrs. Shubert's elaborate production of the new Augustus Thomas drama, "As a Man Thinks," was born in Orange, N. J., in 1858. He entered Columbia College in 1876, but was never graduated, preferring to adopt a stage career. Louise Leighton, with whom he had appeared in amateur theatricals, was about to make her professional appearance at Broadway's (now Daly's) Broadway Theatre and Mason was engaged to play five small parts for eight dollars a week.

Mason's mother found little difficulty in persuading him to go to Italy to have his voice cultivated. After a year abroad, he returned in 1878, and joined the Maggie Mitchell company at the Standard Theatre, New York, for small singing parts. He then went to the Walnut street street theater, Philadelphia, to do similar work in a stock company.

In 1879 Mr. Mason went to the Boston Museum, making his first appearance there as Careless in "The School for Scandal," and remained with the company four years.

After a season with Nat C. Goodwin, Mr. Mason went back to the Boston Museum as a stock star with Annie Clarke in a revival of the old comedies. In 1890, after playing the hero in "The English Rose," Mr. Mason went to England, where, with George Alexander, he played Simeon Strong in "The Idler" with great success.

Returning to America, Mr. Mason starred in "If I Were You," and then produced "Friend Fritz," adapted for the stage by Stanislaus Stange, with music by Julian Edwards, at Herrman's Theater, New York, which piece he played for several seasons. Mr. Mason also created the part of the hero in Brady's production of "The Cotton King," was Mrs. Fiske's leading male player for years and played for many seasons in vaudeville sketches. The fall of 1907, Mr. Mason supported Miss Virginia Harned in "Anna Karenina," and the balance of that season and for two seasons after starred in "The Witching Hour" by Augustus Thomas produced at Hackett's Theater New York, November 18, 1907. Mr. Mason and his New York company will be seen at the Page July 23.

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SOCIALISTS APPEAL TO GOVERNOR WEST

PORTLAND, Ore., July 15.—Declaring that he was illegally deprived of his right as an American citizen, and of the use of his property, the socialist party has today adopted resolutions condemning the action of the citizens of Bandon, Or., who several days ago deported Dr. B. K. Leach, editor of a socialist paper, on account of editorial utterances said to have been favorable to the Industrial Workers of the World.

The resolution called Governor West to use his executive office in an endeavor to secure redress for the doctor for any damages, either to his person or property, he may have sustained, even though it be necessary to use the state militia to that end.

DUCHESS REFUSES TO PAY HER TAXES

LONDON, July 15.—The leading figure in the wide spread campaign of tax resistance as a part of the woman suffrage crusade is the Duchess of Bedford. Following her refusal to pay taxes, the government levied on the Princess Skating Club of which she is the owner.

"My reason for resisting the payment of a property tax," she explained today, "is that I consider it unjust that women should have to pay taxes when they have no hand or voice in the making of the laws which enforce them. I also wish it to be known that in spite of the tactics adopted by the Women's Social and Political Union, I am not deterred from declaring myself in favor of modified woman suffrage. There are many women in favor of the franchise who have not given the movement any public support because they do not wish to be identified with militancy. By this holding back they lend support to the impression that there is no great demand among women for the franchise. There are also many women who have not studied the question at all and who associate it only with the breaking of windows and the burning of houses. If these women went into the study of woman suffrage they undoubtedly would become ardent crusaders for the cause."

STENOGRAPHER HEIR TO MILLION DOLLARS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 15.—After pounding out folios in the county recorder's office at seven cents per folio, and working long hours each day to support her seven children, Mrs. S. A. T. Jones, a widow, awoke today to find herself the possessor of investments and securities worth more than \$1,000,000, and a vista ahead of carefree days with her children.

Mrs. Jones was notified by cable that a brother from whom she had not heard for a decade had died in the Antipodes leaving her his entire estate, without condition.

She resigned her stenographer's position without delay.

CORONER'S JURY PROBES LOS ANGELES FATALITY

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 15.—A coroner's jury will meet here late today to consider the deaths of fourteen persons in a rear end collision on the Pacific Electric company's short line near the Los Angeles city limits Sunday evening.

An inquiry board named by the railroad and composed of its officials, has rendered a report today which endeavors to place responsibility for the accident upon Motorman Joseph Forster and Flagman E. Bartholomew. The report states, however, that final conclusions have not been reached.

DUPONT POWDER MILLS BLOW UP; NONE HURT

WILMINGTON, Del., July 15.—Two rolling mills of the Dupont Nemours Powder company near here were blown up today by an explosion of one thousand pounds of powder. There were no casualties.

RESENT ATTACK UPON DICK DONALD

Should Edison invent a storage battery compact enough to be used as a watch charm and powerful enough to drive a streetcar twenty-four hours at a cost of five cents, or some German scientist perfect a serum that would prolong life a couple of centuries a wiseacre would spring up in Millinocket or Mattawamkeag, Me., or some other center of knowledge and pick flaws in the work of the great men. The latest "Moses" to "jimmy" his way into port is Jack King, a tailor of Portland. King blames Dick Donald for the defeat of Bud Anderson at the hands of Leach Cross. A resident of Portland, Oregon, has the same opportunity of becoming a sharp on professional pugilism as an Alpine guide has of becoming an expert pearl diver. The following are the vapors of King: "When Donald signed to meet Cross at clean breaks he practically signed away the fight," said Mr. King yesterday. "Buddy's chief asset is strength, and he lost his chance to beat down Cross's guard when Donald agreed to Cross' demand."—Oregonian.

King now poses as the fountainhead of fistic knowledge in Portland. When Bud Anderson and Leach Cross faced each at 3:30 p. m. on the Fourth of July, the agreement as to weight, rules of infighting, breaks, etc., were exactly what both men were supposed to like. Cross is supposed to be as dangerous at close fighting as any lightweight in the game and is just about as rugged as Bud, and one and one-half inches taller, so where Bud was at a disadvantage because of any agreement signed by Donald in regard to the clean breaks it is hard to see.

Bud, nor any of Donald's friends give him credit for knowing as much about the game as a Tim McGrath, "Rawhide" or "Spider" Kelly, but Bud has said on more than one occasion that he will win the championship with Dick Donald as his manager or not at all, so Jack King, et al aspirants for Donald's berth may put away the hammer.

Whether or not Donald lost any prestige in signing with Cross, certain it is that no one ever put over anything on him like the trick "Cherokee" Tom Jones and Wolgast put on King when he journeyed from Portland to San Francisco with the expectation of taking charge of Wolgast's training camp when he met Tommy Murphy in a twenty round draw, only to be given the somewhat unimportant position of looking after tickets on the day of the fight.

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