

WHO'S WHO - and WHEREFORE

"Flo" Leeds Revives the Stillman Case



"Flo" Leeds, correspondent in the James A. Stillman divorce case, is back from a trip abroad. She was detained at the pier three hours by customs inspectors, because she could not prove the \$50,000 worth of jewels in her possession were bought in the United States.

"I have come back rejuvenated mentally, physically and spiritually. I feel much better. I never did anything really very wrong. The world will understand some day," she told reporters. Mrs. Leeds traveled on shipboard under the assumed name, "Mrs. K. Lincoln," and few aboard knew her identity.

Coincidental with her return there is gossip in great variety concerning the celebrated divorce case. Mrs. Leeds says Stillman has deserted her for a new lady friend; that he has discontinued payments for the support of her son; that she is broke as far as cash is concerned. She hinted that she may sue the banker to force him to support the four-year-old boy, Jay.

A third woman, Mrs. Joseph T. Talbert, widow of a Chicago-New York banker, is mentioned in the gossip. Stillman's friends make the retort courteous by saying that he "gave 'Flo' a million," in one form or another, and that she and Jay are in no danger of the poorhouse. Gossip also had it that Mrs. Stillman and Mrs. Leeds might get together to do something or other to make Stillman uncomfortable.

Gould Millions Cause Complications

A new portrait of Mrs. George J. Gould, widow of the American financier who died recently in France, is given herewith. The first wife, Edith Kingdon Gould, died suddenly on the golf links in November, 1921. The following May he married Guinevere Jeanne Sinclair at Lakewood, N. J. Immediately afterward the couple went to Europe to make their permanent home.



Mr. Gould's seven children by his first wife, Edith Kingdon Gould, were: Kingdon Gould, Jay Gould II, Marjorie Gould (Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel), Vivian Gould (Lady Decies), George Gould, Edith Gould (Mrs. C. L. Walwright) and Gloria Gould.

American gossip has it that high society and high finance both probably will be stirred by a bitter fight over the estate left by George J. Gould. Three children born to Mr. Gould's second wife, are expected to be the focal point of the contest. A supplementary action meantime will be defended by the executors of the deceased in the suit involving George Jay Gould's accounting for the \$80,000,000 estate of his father, the late Jay Gould.

Chief Collins of the Chicago Police



Herewith is a good portrait of Chicago's new chief of police, Morgan Collins. He has been in the force for a generation and has a nation-wide acquaintance with police authorities. Just now Chief Collins is a busy man in his effort to clamp down the lid and clean up the city. The Chicago crime commission's latest report says his efforts are being successful. There are fewer burglaries, robberies and murders and the percentage of penalties inflicted in the criminal court has risen.

"The attitude of the public toward crime continues to become less tolerant," said Henry Barrett Chamberlin of the commission. "The activity of the new police administration, improving conditions as regards employing agencies are the most important factors."

Chief Collins has established an advisory board of police captains sitting as a public hearing board and the reformers are having an inning. They propose the addition of a number of chaplains to the force; a juvenile department to watch over youngsters; the employment of radio to capture auto thieves and other criminals; a card index of criminals, and so on.

Husband of Krupp Heiress in Prison

The heavy prison sentences imposed by the recent court-martial upon Dr. Krupp von Bohlen (portrait herewith) and the other Krupp directors tried for instigating opposition to the French at the Krupp plant at the time of the shooting have been confirmed by the court of revision. The convicted men will be transferred to prisons in France while their counsel appeals to the court of cassation.



Dr. von Bohlen, who married the Krupp heiress, was tried by a French court-martial for conspiracy against the public order and the security of the French forces of occupation. He was sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment at hard labor.

Directors Bruhn, Hartwig and Oesterlen were given fifteen years each. Four other Krupp officials—Schaeffer, Cuntz, Bauer and Schraepfer—who were accused of taking their action from unoccupied territory, received additional sentences of five years each because of their absence. In addition to imprisonment, the court imposed a fine of 100,000,000 marks—roughly \$3,000—on the accused.

STRONG SERMON AT DAVIDSON

Prominent Louisville Minister Urges Importance of Having Faith.

Charlotte.—The baccalaureate sermon by Rev. J. M. Vandermulin, D. D., president of the Presbyterian Seminary, of Louisville, Ky., and the annual address before the Y. M. C. A. by Dr. D. N. McLaughlin, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of Norfolk, Va., were the outstanding events of the first day's program of the 87th Davidson College commencement.

Dr. Vandermulin, speaking in the morning particularly to the 81 graduates in the class of 1923, took as his subject, "Whither," and spoke from Hebrews, 11:8: "By Faith Abraham Obeyed, Not Knowing Whither He Went."

Dr. Vandermulin said man is placed here to use his career for humanity's sake. Woodrow Wilson debating in the halls of Davidson College that there were other callings in life of equal importance with the ministry, did not realize when he chose law and pedagogy and finally politics as his life's work that he was to formulate the only plan which could save the civilized world, a plan which even in first defeat is showing its true worth. "We must tune our life to the divine plan," said the speaker. "The same wind that drives one ship out to sea will keep another from leaving port. The divergence is in the acting of the sail."

Strawberries Rotting in Fields.

Whiteville.—Despite the fact that many berry growers made small for crops out of their crop this year it seems a crying shame to see thousands and thousands of crates of the finest berries rotting on the plant from overripeness the glutted market having made it unprofitable to pick them while in condition. After the regular markets closed down many growers continued to pick and ship by express. The returns after cost of picking crates and expressing had been met were too small to justify the time taken from other crops and car load after car load of fine berries have simply ripened and rotted on the plants.

The Columbus county town which establishes a canning factory will be performing a distinct service to the growers in its territory. It will enable those growers to harvest and market at a profitable thousands of dollars worth of berries which under present conditions go to waste each year when the northern markets become glutted.

Secretary of War to Improve Bragg.

Fayetteville.—A special dispatch to the Fayetteville Observer from Washington says Secretary of War Weeks plans to go before Congress in the fall with a request for an appropriation of several million dollars for the improvement of camps throughout the country.

One of the principal aims of the requested appropriation of the dispatch says is to provide funds for the erections of permanent buildings at Fort Bragg located just outside this city. It is said two million dollars will be asked for this purpose.

At Fort Bragg headquarters it was said that no information had been received regarding the project outlined in the dispatch to the Observer.

Fort Bragg Soldier Found Dead.

Natural causes was the cause of the death of First Class Private Horace K. Neal of Battery C, 17th Field Artillery, who was found dead on his cot in the regimental barracks at Fort Bragg, according to the report of a military board of investigating made public. The report followed an autopsy on the body of the dead man. There was no evidence of violence or of unnatural causes of any kind, the investigators stated.

Neal's home is at Henrietta, N. C., where his father, Edgar Neal, resides. The body was sent to Ellenboro, this state for burial.

Merchants to Hold Meeting.

Statesville.—Additional speakers for the 21st annual convention of the North Carolina Merchants' Association, to be held in Statesville June 19-21, announced in a bulletin issued by State Secretary Paul Leonard, include Mr. Bertram Reints, of New York, editor of the American Cloak and Suit Review, "the garment trade authority" and known throughout the mercantile world as a business writer and speaker, and J. P. D. Withrow of Hollis, president of the Appalachian Merchants' association of Knoxville, Tenn., who has been so successful in the operation of a rural or country store that his fame has spread beyond his home community.

Four Stills in a Single Round Up.

Near midnight on the Suggs farm, in Gardner's Township, as Sheriff O. A. Grover and posse were rounding up a bunch of negro moonshiners they were fired on by one of the distillers seven times from an automatic pistol. The fire was returned by the officers and Fred Smith and Lee Parner were arrested while several escaped.

Four stills were captured, three were in operation and one was ready to start, and about five hundred gallons of beer and a quantity of sugar was taken.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL

Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR JUNE 17

ESTHER, THE PATRIOT QUEEN

LESSON TEXT—Esther 4:13-15.
GOLDEN TEXT—"Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"—Esther 4:14.
PRIMARY TOPIC—Esther, the Brave Queen.

JUNIOR TOPIC—What Esther Did for Her People.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Esther's Heroism.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—A Study of Patriotism.

I. Esther Made Queen (Chapters 1, 2).

This drama took place in the Persian court, where Ahasuerus (Xerxes) sat upon his throne, surrounded by his princes and servants. Six months of festivity were drawing to a close, arranged by the king in order to impress upon the people of his mighty empire the fact of his greatness. The last days of this feast were marked with drunken debauchery. In a drunken frenzy the king commanded Vashti to come before the people to display her beauty. Vashti showed her independence by refusing to obey. She was instantly deposed. In providing a queen to take her place, the most beautiful maidens in the empire were brought together from whom the king might make a selection. The choice fell upon Esther, a maid of the Jewish captivity. The king did not know that she was a Jewess, but God knew, and He put her there for a purpose.

II. Haman's Plot Against the Jews (Chapter 3).

1. The Occasion of (vv. 1-6). For some reason Haman was given chief place over the princes. Though all bowed before him, Mordecai, Esther's cousin, stoutly refused to do so.

2. Its Nature (vv. 7-15). Haman desired to lay hands upon Mordecai for his insubordination, but hesitated. Instead of such drastic action he laid a plot to destroy all the Jews, and thereby take vengeance on Mordecai, who he learned was a Jew. He made the king believe that the Jews were an unprofitable people and induced him to order their annihilation, promising to bring into the royal treasury an enormous sum of money.

III. Haman's Plot Foiled (4:1-8:14).

1. Fasting Among the Jews (4:1-3). When Mordecai and his people perceived all that was done they put on sackcloth and ashes and cried to God.

2. Mordecai's Charge to Esther (4:4-14). He sent to Esther a copy of the decree and charged her to go before the king and make supplication for her people. Esther pointed out the difficulties in the way. Possible death awaited her should her uninvited presence not meet the approval of the king.

3. Esther's Daring Adventure (4:16-5:2). Mordecai pointed out to her that her own life was endangered. She might meet death by venturing into the king's presence. She would surely meet death were Haman's plot not foiled. When thus brought face to face with duty, the heroism which so frequently has characterized her race moved her to undertake the hazardous task and prayerfully carry it out. After three days of fasting and prayer she put on her royal apparel and stood in the king's court, winning his approval.

4. Esther Pleading for Her People (5:3-7:6). Esther knew that an easy way to the heart of the king was through his stomach, so she invited him and Haman to a banquet. She proposed a second banquet, at which she planned to make her request known. During the interval some strange things took place. A gallows was built upon which to hang Mordecai, at the heartless suggestion of Haman's wife. And the king, during a sleepless night, was moved to search the court records, where he found that Mordecai had not been rewarded for saving his life. So, in order to express his appreciation for this act of heroism on the part of Mordecai, he gave orders obliging Haman to do honor to the one he was preparing to hang. At the second banquet Esther pointed out Haman's wicked plot to kill the Jews and asked of the king that her people be saved. In his wrath the king ordered Haman hanged on the gallows which had been prepared for Mordecai.

5. The Counter Decree Issued (8:5-14). The original decree could not be reversed, so a counter decree was issued which enabled the Jews to defend themselves. This was dispatched to the furthest parts of the kingdom. At the appointed time there was great slaughter and the Jews were saved. God granted relief and the Feast of Purim was instituted as a memorial of their deliverance.

God's Plow.

The frost is God's plow, which He drives through every inch of ground in the world, opening each clod and pulverizing the whole.—Fuller.

Brink of a Precipice.

Every lie, great or small, is the brink of a precipice, the depth of which nothing but Omniscience can fathom.—C. Reade.

Curses Like Chickens.

Curses are like young chickens, and still come home to roost.—Bulwer.

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Much Soil Unsurveyed. Slightly more than one-third of the United States has been surveyed by the bureau of soils of the United States Department of Agriculture. A little more than half of this area has been covered by detailed surveys showing the extent and distribution of the various soils by types; the rest has been covered by reconnaissance maps showing the soils in larger groups. There are in some of the western states large areas of mountainous lands and deserts, where there is no immediate prospect of irrigation, or of grazing, and for which there will likely be no need of soil surveys.

Says Teethina Saved Her Baby From the Grave

"I actually believe Teethina saved my baby from the grave, for she was the sickest little thing you ever saw for six weeks," writes Mrs. B. W. Wamble, Route 4, Elba, Ala. "She had the best treatment we could give her, but seemed to get worse instead of better. When we stopped everything else and gave her Teethina she got better right away, and now she is a laughing, playful little darling and eats anything."

If Mrs. Wamble had given her little one Teethina at the first sign of trouble she would have been saved many anxious hours.

Teethina is sold by leading druggists or send 30c to the Moffett Laboratories, Columbus, Ga., and receive a full size package and a free copy of Moffett's Illustrated Baby Book.—(Advertisement.)

The Real Reason. Her husband is suing for a divorce. "What is the trouble?" asked a neighbor. "Oh," replied the unhappy woman, "after you've lived for thirty years with a man, raised four children, looked after them in sickness and in health, taken care of the house and cooked three meals a day for him, it's pretty hard to compete with the charms of a young flapper who has never even dipped her hands in dish water."

Many a man who joins in the anvil chorus would be ashamed to play second fiddle.

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