

MAJOR HANSON OF GEORGIA CENTRAL SUED FOR DIVORCE

Fair Divorcee Is Named in Bill as Being Responsible For Rupture

THE DEFENDANT IS WELL KNOWN HERE

Mrs. Hanson Alleges That Her Husband Called Her Bad Names

ATLANTA, Ga., August 18.—Charging her husband, Major J. Fletcher Hanson, president of the Central of Georgia railroad with infatuation with a Mrs. Horner and cruel treatment, Mrs. Cora L. Hanson, of Macon, Ga., today filed suit for divorce in the Superior court in this city.

Mrs. Hanson in her bill, alleges that her husband in 1907, became infatuated with Mrs. Horner and paid her devoted attention, notwithstanding divorce proceedings were pending between Mrs. Horner and her husband, and that Mr. Hanson insisted that she receive Mrs. Horner as her guest in her home at Macon.

Would Not Receive Her.

Mrs. Hanson declares that she associated with Mrs. Horner, to protect the reputation and peace of the family, hoping the major's infatuation would cease, "but knowing that the unfortunate relations of her husband with Mrs. Horner were already the subject of a great and growing scandal and being sure a compliance with her request would mean disgrace to her husband and peculiar and insupportable degradation and humiliation to herself, she refused his request to continue to receive her." The major's reply, she avers, was a threat to "give up everything and leave the state."

Finally she agreed to give the major up if he would support her. He wanted her to sign a statement to the effect that their separation was due to "irreconcilable differences," however, she says, and this she would not do.

Called Her liar.

Mrs. Hanson is now in California, while the major is in the Middle West. Mrs. Horner is said to be in New York. Mrs. Hanson declares that Major Hanson called her a liar.

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SUTTON A SUICIDE,— VERDICT GIVEN BY COURT OF INQUIRY

For Second Time Officers' Court Puts Responsibility For Naval Academy Tragedy Upon The Dead Man.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, August 18.—With the publication of Acting Secretary of the Navy Winthrop's approval of the findings of the court of inquiry that Lieutenant James N. Sutton, Jr., of the United States marine corps, was directly and solely responsible for his own death at Annapolis nearly two years ago, the famous Sutton case became a closed incident so far as the navy department is concerned.

Escapes All Punishment.

Too much time has elapsed since the incident, in the opinion of navy officials, to undertake any proceedings against the persons whose conduct in the case has been made the subject of criticism by the court, but informal ways of these criticisms, which will both serve the purpose of an admonition to them and of presenting to them the view taken by the department of their conduct.

Although Mr. Winthrop in his endorsement speaks of the lax state of discipline existing at the time of Sutton's death, he says that conditions have improved, that splendid discipline prevails at this time and that he is confident that the unfortunate situation previously existing will not again recur.

The marine school of application is now located at Port Royal, South Carolina, under the attention of Lieutenant Colonel Cole, who is regarded as a very excellent and able officer and who Mr. Winthrop feels will see that the institution is maintained at a high state of efficiency.

Lieutenant Sutton is directly and solely responsible for his own death which was committed, either intentionally or in an effort to shield one of the persons restraining him, and

his death was not caused by any other injury whatever.

This was the verdict of the naval court of inquiry which verdict has been approved by the Judge Advocate General of the Navy, and by Beckman Winthrop, assistant and acting secretary of the navy.

Court's Findings.

The court also finds that Lieutenant Utley failed in his duty as senior officer present, in permitting Lieutenant Sutton to run away and arm himself.

That Lieutenant Pevan, officer of the guard, failed in his duty in not disarming Lieutenant Sutton by force, while in front of his, Sutton's, tent.

That Lieutenant Willing, officer of the day, failed in his duty in not immediately assisting by force in helping to disarm Lieutenant Sutton when he arrived on the scene before the fatal shot was fired.

That the charges of wilful murder and conspiracy to conceal it, made by the complainant, Mrs. Sutton, mother of Lieutenant Sutton, are purely imaginary and unsupported even by a shadow of evidence, truth or reason.

The court recommends, however, that in view of the youth and inexperience of Lieutenants Utley, Willing and Pevan, at the time, and of the altogether unusual conditions of excitement, threats and danger during the above mentioned fray, that no further proceedings be taken.

A Little Scolding.

In approving the findings and recommendations of the court and the judge advocate general, acting secretary Winthrop says:

"By its concurrence in the opinion of the court and of that expressed in the minority report, the department indicates its thorough disapproval of the lax state of discipline shown by the evidence to have existed at the Marine School of Application prior to and at the time of the death of Lieutenant Sutton."

The results of this inquiry have brought serious discredit not only on the officers directly responsible for the conduct of the institution but on the entire navy.

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BECKMAN WINTHROP
Assistant secretary of the navy who has just approved the findings of the court of inquiry in the Sutton case.

CORPORATION TAX LAW TO BE TESTED IN COURT

President Taft Warned That Its Enemies Will Attack Constitutionality of Pet Measure—Is Ready to Fight for It.

(By Associated Press.)
BEVERLY, Mass., Aug. 18.—Reports which are reaching Beverly daily from Washington and New York that the constitutionality of the new corporation tax law is to be tested just as soon as an effort is made to collect it, have not disturbed President Taft. The president declared they were all anticipated.

Mr. Taft himself a lawyer of some eminence, and father of the corporation tax law, is thoroughly convinced that the law will stand any test that may be applied. Mr. Attorney General Wickersham, a corporation lawyer of note, and Senator Good, publisher of the tax press, of the tax bill and the measure, are confident they believe will stand any attempt to nullify it.

To Confer on Message.

Attorney General Wickersham is coming to see the president today. Mr. Wickersham has some pertinent questions which he is to discuss with the president before the cabinet meeting on Friday. He believes that the constitutionality of the law will be tested in the courts, but that by amendment it can be made all right.

These subjects will be the principal recommendations in the president's message to congress next December.

By his speech of acceptance, in his inaugural address, and during his campaign tours, President Taft definitely committed himself to the so-called "Roosevelt policies" and declared that the principal aim of his administration would be to establish the necessary machinery to enforce these laws.

Commission Overworked.

According to Mr. Taft's view the machinery to enforce the laws on the statute books is now inadequate. He believes that the interstate commerce commission is so overcrowded with work that the long delays incident to its investigations and decisions under existing conditions work a hardship alike to the railroads and the complainants with grievances.

The president also believes that under the Sherman anti-trust law as it stands today there is much to be done with legitimate business, but that by amendment it can be made all right.

He believes that the condition of the law departments of the various government departments which have to deal with railroads and other interstate corporations and trusts is so full of loopholes and defects as to render it almost impossible to enforce the laws which the president has set himself to.

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HOTTER THAN EVER BLAST FROM HADES SCORCHES SOUTH

Unparalleled Records Were Made in Many Mississippi- Valley Cities

MANY ARE OVERCOME BY INTENSE HEAT

Weather Bureau Promises Relief From Three Days Siege of Sizzle

MOBILE, Tenn., August 18.—Three deaths, two at Little Rock and one at Jackson, Miss., were caused today by the intense heat, which continues to hold this section of the South in its grasp. New records were created by the climbing mercury through Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, and little hope of relief is held out. The highest mercury reached here today was 94 degrees and towards night a breeze afforded some relief, but it was only local.

MOORE TEMPERATURES.

ASHESVILLE	79
Dallas, Tex.	111
Fort Worth, Tex.	113
Shreveport	110
Jackson	105
Natchez	105
Mobile	102
Little Rock	101
New Orleans	100
Vicksburg	99

At Jackson a record breaking mark of 105 degrees was established, at Little Rock the mercury climbed to 101; at Natchez, Miss., it soared to 105; at Shreveport, La., a record mark of 110 degrees was registered; Fort Worth, Tex., experienced no relief and the mercury soared to the 113 mark; at Sherman 107 degrees was registered and the maximum at Vicksburg set a record for the past twenty-five years. All records were broken at Dallas when 114 degrees was reached in mid-afternoon.

WORSER AT NEW ORLEANS.

NEW ORLEANS, August 18.—What is believed by the local weather bureau officials to have been the climax to a period of intensely hot weather in New Orleans was reached at 3 o'clock this afternoon. At that hour a temperature of one hundred degrees was registered, the highest, with one exception, recorded in New Orleans during the last thirty years. The record high temperature is 102.

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SHOT HER LOVER RATHER THAN SEE HIM WED ANOTHER

Young Woman After Her Ar- rest Hoped he Would Die of Wound

FIRED ANOTHER SHOT AS HE BEGGED TO LIVE

Love Run Mad For Seven Years Ends In Tragedy In Augusta

AUGUSTA, August 18.—In a fit of jealousy this afternoon Elvira Todd, a young white woman about twenty-two years of age, entered the office of the Central of Georgia freight depot and probably fatally shot Cashier D. Richard Watson.

The young woman claims that she has for the past seven years been infatuated with Watson who is a young man. She claims that he held out a ray of hope for her until a few days ago, when he "threw her over." In a statement given out tonight she says that she loved "Dick" and could not see him marry another woman.

Begged for Life.

The first shot went wild, but the second penetrated his collar and grazed the Adam's apple. The next shot broke his right leg just above the knee, and from this wound Watson fell to the floor of the office. He begged for his life, but standing directly over his prostrated form, the last cartridge in the pistol was fired, which entered his chest just about an inch above the heart. She aimed at his heart. This bullet penetrated the left lung and passed out of the body through the shoulder blade. The shooting was done with a thirty-two calibre pistol, six shots being fired, three taking effect.

Watson was hurried to the city hospital where he was given surgical attention and the unfortunate girl put under arrest. When she was arrested she said:

"I love the ground Dick walks upon, but I will not let him marry another woman. I hope I have killed him. She is being held without bail. Young Watson's condition is considered very critical by the hospital surgeons."

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BIDS ARE OPENED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TWO MODERN BATTLESHIPS

Will Be of the Dreadnaught Class, Larger Than Any Ship Now in Navy.

WILL COST MILLIONS

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, August 18.—Lowest bids for the construction of the battleships Wyoming and Arkansas were submitted today to the navy department by William Cramp and Sons of Philadelphia, and the New York Ship Building company of Camden, N. J. Tenders were also made by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company of Newport News Va., and the Fore River Shipbuilding company of Quincy, Mass.

The Cramp yard submitted two bids, one at \$4,450,000 and another at \$4,475,000. As both ships cannot be built by the same yard, the Camden yards bid of \$4,675,000 is considered as lowest for one of the vessels.

The Newport News company offered to build a battleship for \$4,750,000, according to the navy department's plans. Two bids were made by the Newport News yard, under class two—the departments plans as to hull and equipment but the company's designs as to the machinery. These bids were \$4,680,000 and \$5,010,000 respectively.

The vessels are to be of 26,000 tons each, the largest ever undertaken by the American naval establishment, with an increase in tonnage in this class of vessels being from 20,000 to the size of the original American Dreadnaughts, the Delaware and the North Dakota.

CHICAGO'S WICKEDNESS DROVE YOUNG STUDENT OF SOCIOLOGY INSANE

Handsome Young Woman Becomes Raving Maniac in Washington.

WAS WRITING PLAYS

(Special to The Citizen.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 18.—Her mind temporarily unhinged by worry over the evils she found investigating and trying to portray on the stage, the social life of Chicago, Miss Matilda Murr, a handsome young actress, twenty-three years old, is undergoing treatment at the Government Hospital for the Insane.

The physician in charge of her case believes she will recover and her mother, Mrs. Francis Murr, of 2775 Indiana avenue, Chicago, is here, expecting to be permitted to take her daughter home in a few days.

This is the second time within the last two years that Miss Murr has been driven to the straits of insanity. Her mother stated that the comedian's work and was engaged in writing a play when she disappeared from her home last week.

From the incident it is believed the young woman gave up her movements it appears she was in New York for a day or two and stopped with a friend, Mrs. Johnson, at 255 West Fifty-Fifth street.

THIRTY ARE INJURED IN COLLAPSE OF A FLIMSY BRIDGE OVER RAILROAD

Was Closed for Repairs and The Injured Were Walk- ing Across It.

TEN ARE BADLY HURT

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, August 18.—Ten persons were injured seriously and twenty others narrowly escaped tonight when 250 feet of the Twelfth street bridge over the river collapsed. None was killed so far as was known.

The bridge was closed on the west approach for construction work on a railroad viaduct underneath. The accident occurred just after a street car had run part way across the bridge and thirty passengers had alighted to walk over the damaged portion to take another car. The passengers were hurrying in a hurried group when there was a loud rattling, followed by a crash and the roadway sank beneath them carrying many to the pits below.

Many escaped by clinging to sidewalk timbers. Those with the car wheels began the work of rescue and most of the injured were taken out before the police and ambulances came. Several suffered broken legs and arms and internal injuries. Traffic on three railroads was delayed for an hour to the accident.

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OFFICERS DESTROY STILL; ARE SHOT FROM AMBUSH

Fired Upon by Someone Concealed in Bushes After Breaking up Plant.

SHREVEPORT, La., Aug. 18.—Dwight Reynolds, E. M. Gentry and John C. Gentry, three officers of the United States army, were shot and wounded tonight near a field built up with aerodromes to house artificial birds.

Reynolds was shot in the chest and Gentry in the back. The third officer was not hurt. The officers were on a patrol when they were ambushed.

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RHEIMS FULL OF STRANGE LOOKING CRAFT OF THE AIR

Field Built up with Aero- dromes to House Arti- ficial Birds.

REIMS, August 18.—A vast training field for the army, located near Rheims, France, near Ardennes, in preparation of action was all begun next Sunday, and through the following Saturday and Sunday, the air will be filled with aerodromes and aeroplanes. The field will be built up with aerodromes to house artificial birds.

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Group H. Gentry, the American inventor, is being up his repaired machine and anxious to resume the trial flights interrupted by his accident.

Mr. Sommer, the French flyer, is planning to travel from Bay to Rheims on his machine.

Two aerodromes will take part in the race for artificial balloons, which comes off August 26.

HARRIMAN COMING HOME TO CLOSE UP BIG DEAL

Report Is That He Has Con- trol of the New York Cen- tral.

(Special to The Citizen.)
NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—E. H. Harriman has suddenly decided to return home two weeks earlier than he had planned, according to a report current in Wall street yesterday. His return was said to depend upon his ability to get a satisfactory accommodation. At his office nothing was known of any change of plans, but the stock market became excited at the announcement.

Harriman's return is understood to be in connection with the New York Central reorganization. Union Pacific is well known purchaser of control of New York Central, partly by taking the Vanderbilt holdings and partly in the open market. Official announcement of the fact has not yet been made.

In the last six months Union Pacific has sold stock to various other railroads to the amount of about \$50,000,000, and has put this cash into New York Central stock, thus gaining control. It is Harriman's intention to merge the New York Central, Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and Chicago & North Western into one company.

This will give him a transcontinental railroad. His plans were defeated last December when orders were given to the architects to provide for Union Pacific offices in the Grand Central station now being constructed.

This deal by Harriman will be the most important, from the point of view of millions and money involved, ever put through in the history of Wall street. It will involve more money than was paid by France at the end of the war with Germany. The stock and bonds to change hands will be greater than those of the steel trust.

THAW WILL FARE NO BETTER THAN THE OTHER LOONIES

Except by Orders Will Have to Live up to the Rules of the Asylum.

MATHEWAN, N. Y., August 18.—Harry K. Thaw ate his supper tonight at the Matteawan state hospital for the criminal insane. He arrived at the institution ten minutes before seven o'clock this evening after a trip under escort from the White Plains jail where he was forced to leave after several days' rattle following the adverse ruling of Justice Isaac N. Mills on his application for release on a habeas corpus writ as a sane man.

Dr. Amos T. Baker, assistant superintendent of Matteawan and two attendants brought Thaw back to the asylum from which he has fought so hard to obtain his release.

At both the White Plains and Matteawan stations a curious crowd assembled, hoping to get a glimpse at the young millionaire, but the prisoner paid little attention to the demonstration.

Beginning tomorrow the slayer of Stanford White will resume the monotonous routine of the asylum life. Superintendent Lamb of the hospital said tonight:

"There will be no changes at all regarding Thaw's incarceration here. He will be subjected to the same rules as before he left to go to White Plains."

"I did not take it from Justice Mills' decision that Thaw was to have any special privileges. We will follow the court's orders, however, and if Thaw is not satisfied he can appeal to the courts."

MOONSHINER KILLED.

RALEIGH, N. C., August 18.—John Brinson, a moonshiner who resisted arrest and started at an officer with a gun when trapped at an illicit distillery in Pitt county last night was shot and killed by Sheriff Tucker and deputies. Brinson was an old offender. Two others captured at the still were landed in jail.