

MRS. BROKAW'S SWIT READY MATCH FOR CLEVER LAWYERS

husband's Counsel Unable to Trap Her Into Expected Damaging Admissions

MOVES TO HIM THAT SHE HAS BRAINS LEFT

Society Women From Gotham Motor Over to Hear Famous Trial at Mincola

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The ready wit and cool head of Mary Blair Brokaw, who seeks a decree of separation with alimony of \$60,000 a year from her millionaire husband, W. O. Brokaw, flashed again and again today, through the persistent lodging of her cross-examination.

At another time there was a question of what Mrs. Brokaw meant by "paralyzed," an adjective she applied to Mr. Brokaw's condition on a night when she telephoned for his secretary to take care of him.

At the worst weather an Atlantic coast orthographer can show did not daunt her curiosity today. Many women, richly robed in furs, motored over to Mincola, N. C., through the slush and sleet and crowded the little court room.

Wherein Somebody Lies. Mr. Brokaw gave out a statement in part as follows: "I have been grossly misrepresented by Mrs. Brokaw and by members."

PARTED BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT AGREE ON A NAME FOR THEIR CHILD

Final Rapture Came Just as Rector was About to Christen Little Fellow

WAITED NINE YEARS

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Parted at the altar after they had lived together for twenty-three years, during which time they have raised five children, neither Mr. nor Mrs. Frank H. Barr, of Summit, N. J., will agree to a divorce. The cause of their separation was the naming of their nine-year-old son, Andrew Barr.

According to Mr. Barr, the first word he got of the proposed christening of his son was when he met the minister on the street. He hurried home to join the family party and proceeded with them to the church.

STEERAGE IS MORE FIT FOR PIGS THAN CIVILIZED BEINGS

Conditions Found by Immigrant Agents Repulsive And Unspeakable; Women Subjected to All Kind of Indignities.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—A report on steerage conditions based on information obtained by special agents of the immigration commissions traveling as steerage passengers on different trans-Atlantic steamers was made public today through presentation to the senate with recommendations for legislation to better conditions.

The general report of the commission contains the reports of individual agents giving their experiences on board steamships where they posed as steerage passengers. A woman agent, who was herself miserably insulted and compelled to withstand repulsive privations, said:

"During these twelve days in the steerage, I lived in a disorder and in surroundings that offended every sense. Only the fresh breeze from the sea overcame the sickening odors, the vile language of the men, the screams of the women defending themselves, the crying of children, wretched because of their surroundings, and practically every sound that reached the ears irritated beyond endurance.

Agents of the immigration commission say that on many of the steamships, men stewards and members of the crew as well as male steerage passengers, crowd into the compartments set aside for the women and constantly pass through the passageways of such compartments so that no woman in the steerage has a moment's privacy.

MERRY BASEBALL WAR THREATENS TO BREAK OUT IF WARD IS CHOSEN

Johnson of Americans Warns Nationals that he is Not Wanted

CITES HIS RECORD

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The American league simply will not stand for John M. Ward being elected president of the National league to succeed John A. Heydler according to Ban Johnson, the American league president, who arrived in New York today.

As outlining his position in the matter on the eve of the National league meeting, Johnson gave out a letter dated Chicago, November 30, which he has sent to August Herrmann, at Cincinnati, chairman of the National commission, who was instrumental in ending the war between the National and American leagues in 1903.

TALKS MISSIONS SPEAKS IN BOWERY, SEES BREAD LINE

President Taft After Doing Christmas Shopping Put In Busy Day

ATTENDS CELEBRATION OF DIAMOND JUBILEE

Applauds Missionary Work of Methodists In Dark Continent

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—With a smiling reference to the "attack of the Methodist church on Africa," President Taft addressed an immense gathering at Carnegie hall tonight at the diamond jubilee of the Methodist Episcopal church, called to celebrate the completion of a campaign started in January last whereby \$220,167 has been raised to further the mission work of the church in Africa.

After stating that it seemed to him that the American people acquired a world feeling from the line we undertook to free Cuba, the president said "The mission is a nucleus and an epitome of the civilization that is expected to widen out in that neighborhood. I have heard missions criticized. I have heard men say that they would not contribute to foreign missions at all; that we had wicked people enough at home and we might just as well leave the foreign natives and savages to pursue their own happy lives in forests and look after their own work."

Brussels, Dec. 13.—Leopold II, king of the Belgians, tonight is making a desperate fight with death and the odds are strongly against the aged monarch. As a last resort the surgeon's knife will be tried tomorrow.

RAYNER DEMANDS THAT ZELAYA BE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY FOR MURDER

Advocates Extraordinary Step Against Nicaraguan Ruler

CITES PRECEDENTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Vigorously denouncing President Zelaya for having "murdered" Cannon and Gros, officers of the revolutionary army, Senator Rayner of Maryland advocated the passage of his resolution authorizing the president of the United States to apprehend and try the president of Nicaragua for his crime against the two American citizens.

GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY WANTS MORE PROOF

Will Make no Decision in Cook-Pearry Controversy Without More Data

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The national geographic society will have to receive more proofs of Dr. Cook's claims before it can render any decision as to his right to make such claims.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Forecast for North Carolina: Fair Tuesday, colder in the east portion; Wednesday fair.



KING LEOPOLD II, OF BELGIUM, WHO IS DYING.

KING LEOPOLD AT DEATHS DOOR FACES END BRAVELY

Has Slight Chance of Life Through Operation Which He Urges Surgeons to Perform. Is Pathetic Figure Dying Almost Alone, Hated by Half the World

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During the morning, the king assisted by a notary and solicitors settled his private affairs. He discussed points in his will with perfect composure. In the afternoon he took farewell of the court officials. To Count Gultremont, marshal of the court, his majesty said: "You have served me well for more than twenty years. I am grateful. Before I die I want to tell you so and give you my thanks."

NAMES JUDGE LURTON FOR THE SUPREME COURT

President Nominates Tennesseean and Democrat for High Office

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The nomination of Judge Horace H. Lurton, of Tennessee, to be associate justice of the Supreme court of the United States in succession of the late Justice Peckham, was sent to the senate today by President Taft.

Judge Lurton is a Tennessee man and was appointed judge of the sixth circuit by President Cleveland March 27, 1892. He was a democrat in politics at that time.

PLEASES PARKER

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Alton B. Parker, who was mentioned from time to time as likely to receive the Supreme court appointment which now goes to Horace H. Lurton, said tonight: "I know Judge Lurton, both socially and professionally, and in my judgment, one better equipped for service in that greatest of all courts—the Supreme court of the United States—could not be found. The country is to be congratulated."

SEVEN DEAD IN FIRE

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 13.—(Bulletin.)—Seven persons are dead and several others injured as a result of a tenement fire at Third and Sycamore streets about midnight tonight.

OFF WITH THE OLD ON WITH THE NEW IN JUST TWO MINUTES

Atlanta Woman Divorces Husband And Immediately Takes Another

HAS HAD SOMEWHAT SENSATIONAL CAREER

Married Father's Chauffeur Under Compulsion as She Alleges 14 Months Ago

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 13.—Two minutes after Mrs. Silvery Spear Thomas, daughter of W. A. Spear, well known in financial circles, was granted a total divorce from her father's chauffeur, Russell J. Thomas, in the Superior court today, a marriage license was issued to Marshall C. McKenzie and Miss Silvie Spear.

Miss Spear's divorce was secured on allegations that she was forced to marry the chauffeur because the man had made threats of violence against her father unless the daughter consented to elope with him.

Recalls Elopement. The elopement of beautiful Silvie Spear with her father's handsome chauffeur fourteen months ago, created a sensation. After being married in Atlanta, they left for Charlotte, N. C., where they were arrested as they registered at a prominent hotel.

SEVERAL IMPLICATED IN THE TRIPLE MURDER OF SAVANNAH WOMEN

Husband of One of Them Now Believed to be Guilty and Others are Sought

WIFE'S STATEMENT

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 13.—Developments tonight in the aftermath of the triple murder of last Friday afternoon gave birth to the startling theory that not a single murderer but two or possibly three were engaged in the commission of the terrible crimes.

They declare that the chain of evidence is complete, asserting that some clothing, badly stained, apparently spattered with blood, which was found late today and belongs to Hunter is the final link. This clothing it is declared, was worn by Hunter on the day of the crimes, and a walking cane found in the house of the murderers is declared to have been carried by Hunter on the same day.