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SCRAMBLE FOR HIS MILLIONS

Silent Smith's Relatives Come In a Flood

SOME SECRETS TOLD

His Wealth Came Not from an Uncle, But a Distant Relative—The Beautiful Divorcee Whom He Married May Have a Hard Fight Before Her.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, April 19.—The great secrets in the life of the late James Henry Smith, better known as "Silent Smith," were bared today, when it was announced that a contest would be made for the \$75,000,000 he left.

When Mr. Smith died a few weeks ago in Japan, while on his bridal tour, it was said that the vast fortune that he inherited from his supposed uncle, George Smith, of London, would go to his bride, the society leader, who was formerly Mrs. William Rhinelanders Stewart.

With the promised contest of this disposition of the great estate comes the discovery that Mr. Smith's mother, three sisters, two brothers, cousins and nephews and nieces are living.

His death also divulged the family secret that he was not a nephew of the man who bestowed the scores of millions upon him, but was a distant relative.

The eccentric and wealthy George Smith was a cousin of "Silent Smith's" father. Until these disclosures were made today it was supposed by James Henry Smith's closest friends that he was wholly without blood relations, and his manner of life led them to presume that he was absolutely alone in the world.

Quick Work After Divorce. When Smith purchased the great mansion left by the late William C. Whitney, in Fifth avenue, it was assumed that his bachelor days were about to end—that he was really becoming homesick. Then, when the beautiful wife of William Rhinelanders Stewart posed as the matron and hostess at the gorgeous entertainments with which he thrilled society, rumors of a romance spread.

When Mrs. Stewart took up a residence in the divorce belt of Dakota, the rumors increased and they were confirmed a few hours after the divorce was granted by the marriage of the couple.

The revelations today startled society. Very few had known that Lady George Cooper of London was the sister of "Silent" Smith, and that old George Smith, the principal owner of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, was a distant relative instead of an uncle.

When James Henry Smith and his sister Mary, now Lady Cooper, were children, George Smith undertook their education. Lady Cooper sails today from England for America to meet the body of her brother, which will reach San Francisco from Japan on April 28th.

"Silent" Smith's mother, Mrs. Beatrice Smith, is now living at 1220 Ridge avenue, Evanston, a suburb of Chicago. She is 90 years old.

Other relatives of Mr. Smith now living, and whom his most intimate friends had not known of, are Mrs. Victor Rossbach, wife of a business man, whose headquarters are in Chicago, and Mrs. J. N. Mills, wife of a well-known Presbyterian minister, sisters, who live in Evanston; George A. Smith, a brother, who lives in Philadelphia; William S. Mason, vice-president of the City Bank of Evanston, and George G. Mason, superintendent of the Aberdeen division of the Chicago, Minneapolis & St. Paul Railroad, uncles; Mrs. Frederick Voss, wife of an attorney in Evanston, a niece.

It is expected that Mr. Smith's body will reach New York on May 3, and his body will be interred in Woodlawn Cemetery on May 4th.

DESPAIRING CHILD WIFE A SUICIDE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Frederick, Md., April 19.—Mrs. Mary Heiser, the seventeen year old wife of Raymond Heiser, of Frederick, died in the city hospital here last night from the effects of bi-chloride of mercury tablets taken by her with suicidal intent some days ago, following a quarrel with her husband, who threatened to leave her.

Heiser has been mixing from Frederick since his wife took the poison.



Picture shows Mrs. Chas. Holman, mother of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, who says that she would have killed Stanford White had she known the truth

BLIND LOVE FAITHFUL

Refuses to Believe Man Is Jail Guilty

Supposed to be New York Crook. Creekmore Refuses to Return to That City Without Requisition Papers—Will be Forthcoming.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Richmond, Va., April 19.—Sergeant Gay, of New York police force, arrived in Richmond this morning to take charge of George Creekmore, alias George Aye, who is charged with the larceny of jewelry and clothing to the amount of more than \$1,000.

Creekmore refused to return with the sergeant without requisition papers, and was accordingly sent back to the city jail to await their coming.

A well known young woman of this city is in love with Creekmore, who passed himself off as a lieutenant in the United States secret service. Several months ago, on a trip to New York by a steamer, she was introduced to Creekmore, who paid her marked attention.

When she returned to Richmond, Creekmore corresponded with her and made several visits to this city to see her. When arrested, Creekmore is alleged to have stated to the police that he intended marrying this girl on his trip. Every arrangement had been made for the wedding.

In spite of the evidence against the young man, the girl insists on believing him innocent. She has visited him several times at the jail. Creekmore refuses to say more than that he will return and marry her when he has succeeded in refuting the charges against him in New York.

Sergeant Gay says the New York police had been searching for Creekmore for months. He said that Creekmore was by profession a waiter, and that in that capacity he had worked in several of the best hotels in New York city. It is alleged, robbed the guests, jewelry and clothing were the only things the man would touch on his predatory excursions.

LOILO IN HEAPS OF FIERY ASHES

(Special Cable to The Times.) Manila, April 19.—A report from Holo, Panay Island, says that town has been practically destroyed by fire and 25,000 people are homeless. The loss of life will be heavy, but at present no estimate can be obtained. The people are panic-stricken and the small constabulary force is unable to preserve peace and prevent looting by the natives.

THE TREATY AND STATE'S RIGHTS

Root Speaks on a Phase of A Landslide For Mrs. McLean as President

TREATY WITH JAPAN LOVE OF DAUGHTERS

How It Bore Upon the California School Question—Under the Constitution He Declares That No Question of State's Rights Was and is Involved in This Matter.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, April 19.—Secretary of State Root opened the first meeting of the American Society of International Law with an address on "The Real Questions Under the Japanese Treaty and the San Francisco School Board Resolution." The society was organized less than a year ago, but already has a membership of more than 600 distinguished men.

This is its first annual meeting. The welcome to the city was extended by E. P. McFarland, president of the board of commissioners of the District of Columbia.

Many representatives of foreign governments were present and listened with deep interest to the treatment by one who had such an intimate association with the negotiations of an international incident which held the attention of the world but a short time ago.

The other, or anti-administration side of the San Francisco question may be presented tonight when Richard Olney will discuss the right of foreigners in the United States in case of conflict between federal treaties and state laws.

Prof. Willoughby, of John Hopkins; Dr. Drapeau, Lewis, of the University of Pennsylvania, and Prof. Gregory, dean of the Iowa University of Law, will also speak on the subject.

Admiral Stockton, C. C. Hyde, of Boston, and Everett F. Wheeler, of New York, followed the secretary of state in a discussion as to whether immunity from capture during war is non-offending private property upon the high seas would be in the interests of civilization.

The advisability of trade is contravened of war being prohibited was a subject treated more formally by Judge Advocate General Davis, U. S. A.; Judge Elliott, of St. Paul; Hannis Taylor, and others.

The president will give a reception to the members at the white house tomorrow afternoon. The crowning event of the meeting, however, will be the banquet Saturday night, when Secretary Root will officiate as toastmaster, and Joseph H. Choate, former ambassador to England, will speak on "Justice and Peace."

General Horace Porter, formerly ambassador to France, will discuss "International Conferences." Richard Olney, who was secretary of state in President Cleveland's cabinet, will talk about "International Law from an American Standpoint," and Right Hon. James Bryce, the British ambassador, will tell about the "necessities of international law."

TRAGEDY IN LUMBER CAMP NEAR WILSON

(Special to The Evening Times.) Wilson, N. C., April 19.—Last night at a lumber camp near here, Heseiah Clemmons, a tall, thin, white, brother negro, Harris was arrested here this morning. He confessed the crime, telling your representative the following story:

"Harris and I occupied quarters together. I wanted to move my things. He cursed and struck me and afterwards shook me."

"As Harris was a larger man than myself, I went off and got a pistol and shot him three times."

The shooting occurred near Kenly. The police there were advised to watch the train for Clemmons, and he was pulled off a freight train.

BATTLE AND CAPTURE OF ESCAPED CONVICTS.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chattanooga, Tenn., April 19.—Ten of the twelve who lately escaped from Durham mines have been re-taken.

Four were re-taken Thursday near Trion factory after a battle in which one white convict was mortally wounded. Five were re-taken Wednesday, three miles south of the Tennessee line. Two of the five had sustained serious injuries from falls, and one was completely exhausted from hunger.

The other two are yet at large. It is reported that many depredations have been committed by them in the territory surrounding Durham and the farmers have been searching for them in armed parties.

THE HALL RANG WITH CHEERING

A Landslide For Mrs. McLean as President

LOVE OF DAUGHTERS

Mrs. Eleanor Howard of Virginia Named by the Opposition Receive Only 105 Votes, 511 Being Given Mrs. McLean—Mrs. Patterson Vice-President for This State.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, April 19.—Cheers after cheer rang through Continental Hall when Mrs. Ammon, of Pennsylvania, chairman of Tellers, announced the re-election of Mrs. Donald McLean as president general of the society.

Mrs. McLean's election had been conceded over by members of the opposition party, so the landslide which came to her was no surprise to the "insurgents" although it proved of keen satisfaction to Mrs. McLean's adherents. They stood in their places shouting, waving handkerchiefs and clapping their hands.

Mrs. McLean stood bowing repeatedly by her gratification in the result of the election.

The vote was 511 to 105 in favor of Mrs. McLean against Mrs. Eleanor Washington Howard, of Virginia, whom the opposition put up yesterday in order that Mrs. McLean might not have a unanimous re-election.

Mrs. McLean received an ovation when she came into the hall this morning. Her progress to the stage was interrupted at every step by enthusiastic daughters anxious to congratulate her for the victory she had won, despite the fact that as an insurgent she had been elected.

When she reached the chair, the bugler, still sounding a call Mrs. McLean was cheered to the echo.

A Loving Cup. When the result had been announced Mrs. Binsnell, of Ohio, presented Mrs. McLean with a handsome silver loving cup on behalf of the vice presidents general society. The McLean ticket had full sway throughout. Not a candidate on the "insurgent" ticket went out, and the "administration" forces had a happy time.

The successful ticket follows: President-General—Mrs. Donald McLean, of New York.

Vice President-General—Organizer of Chapters—Mrs. Charlotte Emerson, of Maine.

Vice Presidents-General—Mrs. J. Morgan Smith, Alabama; Mrs. H. S. Chamberlain, Tennessee; Mrs. Alexander E. Patton, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Charles H. Dere, Illinois; Mrs. A. E. Kendall, Maine; Mrs. Charles H. Terry, New York; Mrs. Wallace DeLafield, Missouri; Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, North Carolina; Mrs. B. D. Spillman, West Virginia; Mrs. Eleanor Spencer Mussey, District of Columbia.

Chaplain General—Mrs. Esther F. Noble, District of Columbia.

Recording Secretary General—Miss Elizabeth F. Pierce, District of Columbia.

Corresponding Secretary General—Mrs. John Paul Ernest, District of Columbia.

Register General—Mrs. Amos G. Draper, District of Columbia.

Treasurer General—Mrs. Mabel G. Swormstedt, District of Columbia.

Historian General—Mrs. J. E. Gadsby, District of Columbia.

Assistant Historian General—Mrs. Henry S. Bowen, New York.

Librarian General—Mrs. Helen M. Bynnton, District of Columbia.

BILL SQUIRES TO MEET WINNER

(By W. W. Naughton.) San Francisco, Cal., April 19.—Barney Reynolds, manager of Bill Squires, posted a check for \$5,000 with The Examiner today, accompanied with a challenge in behalf of the Australian champion to the winner of the Burns-O'Brien contest at Los Angeles.

BRYAN WILL BE OUR NOMINEE

And Will Carry the State of New York

SO PREDICTS COLER

He Adds That Roosevelt's Personal Popularity is Largely Due to His Democratic Ideas—State Control Against Centralized Government Will be an Issue, Says Coler.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Huron, S. D., April 19.—Bird S. Coler, of New York, who, with his wife, is a guest at the home of J. W. Campbell in Huron says in an interview:

"Yes I am for Bryan for president and he will be the nominee of the democratic party and will carry New York state against Roosevelt by a good majority. The people of the country have great faith in Mr. Bryan, and his policies which he stood for in 1896 are no longer considered visionary by the business interests of the country."

"President Roosevelt's personal popularity is largely due to his democratic ideas and even Governor Hughes, of New York, is a good enough democrat for me. I would not be surprised to see Hughes nominated with Bryan for vice president, and if these men compose the democratic ticket, they will sweep the country. The issues will be squarely drawn in the next campaign."

"The democrats will undoubtedly make state control an issue, while the republicans will try to centralize that control in the federal government as outlined by Secretary Root in one of his recent speeches. The east is no longer alarmed at Bryanism, and unless the sentiment in the west has undergone a radical change, he will have a large majority in the electoral college. The democrats of New York state are united and in earnest and that state will send a Bryan delegation to the next national convention and in spite of the moes showing and the frantic efforts of the state will pull up a tremendous democratic majority."

In this picture are shown types of the weapons seized by the police of New York in their crusade to stop the practice of carrying concealed weapons. Hundreds of knives and pistols have been taken by the police, and as the experts of the departments figure that 10,000 foreigners in New York habitually go armed it is probable that by the time the crusade is ended New York will have one of the most unique collections of weapons in the world.

PLEADS GUILTY OF ILLICIT RELATIONS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Kenosha, Wis., April 19.—In the circuit court here yesterday afternoon Edwin Conklin, formerly choirmaster of the choir of the Baptist Church at Woodstock, Ill., pleaded guilty to the charge of sustaining unlawful relations with Mrs. Clara Dehaven Murphy of Woodstock, Ill., and was sentenced to one and a half years in the state prison at Waupun. Mrs. Murphy, one of the best known women in the Illinois city, is the wife of Perry W. Murphy, a wealthy real estate dealer of that city.

Charges against Conklin had brought about a church fight. Mrs. Murphy had been tried before the church council, but sentence of excommunication was withheld pending the result of the trial in the circuit court here today.

A score of the most prominent people of Woodstock came to Kenosha to give evidence against Conklin.

DIID SHE HURL BLIND MAN TO HIS DEATH?

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, April 19.—Joseph Smalley, 40 years old, a blind news man, was killed by falling from a third-story window of the building in which he lived at 232 Illinois street. Mrs. Maria Smalley is under arrest on a charge of murdering her husband by throwing him from a window.

The woman is said to have been intoxicated at the time and to have been infuriated because her husband was ill and unable to earn money with which she could buy whiskey.

Miss Olga Cosmas, 24 years old, who lives in the flat at the rear of the Smalley rooms, heard Mrs. Smalley threaten to throw her husband to the street unless he went out to sell papers. The man complained that the weather was too severe and that he was not well.

SUICIDE FOLLOWS HIS FAST LIVING

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, April 19.—"Too many good fellows. It has cost me \$200,000 for a few years of fast living; it would cost me but 35 cents to end it all."

Evidently believing that in death there was an enviable bargain after speaking the above words, John Alington, 33 years old, member of a wealthy family, formerly member of the Chicago Stock Exchange and of the Chicago Athletic Club and conspicuous in business and social circles, went to his room in the Hanna and Hogan Hotel and committed suicide by cutting deep gashes in his wrists and finally turning on three gas jets, after seeing that he had made a bungie out of his first attempt. Relatives say he spent money lavishly and met business reverses which he assigned as the cause for the suicide.

Death of John Findlay. Baltimore, Md., April 19.—John V. L. Findlay, former member of Congress and personal friend of the late President McKinley, died here this morning from heart failure. He had just returned from the peace conference in New York City.



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OUTRAGED BY WHITE MEN UNDER MASKS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Kingsport, Tenn., April 19.—Mrs. Frank Belcher, wife of a prominent citizen of this place, was attacked by masked white men. Two unknown men entered the room in which she and her husband were sleeping shortly after midnight and, with drawn revolvers, compelled the husband to get out of bed and be tied and bound. He was placed in one corner of the room helpless and ordered to lie still on penalty of his life.

Mrs. Belcher was choked and badly beaten, while her husband was beaten over the head with a revolver.

The matter was reported and a posse formed. The posse went in pursuit of the criminals, and a double lynching is expected. The men are said to have worn tight-fitting masks, but Mrs. Belcher says she can identify them.

MARATHON RACE WON BY INDIAN

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Boston, Mass., April 19.—Longboat, the Indian, won the Marathon race, breaking all records.

Bob Fowler of Cambridge finished second in the Marathon race. Longboat beat the record in the Marathon race five minutes.

INVITATION EXTENDED TO BISHOP WILSON

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Asbury Park, N. J., April 19.—Bishop Luther B. Wilson of Tennessee has been invited to fill the president's chair of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, made vacant by the death in China recently of the late Bishop J. N. Fitzgerald.

ARE READY FOR FIRST PAYMENT

Papers Drawn Up for Peace Institute Property

TEACHERS ARE CHOSEN

Prof. H. J. Stockard, Who Has Taught at the School for Several Years, Will Temporarily Take Charge—Property is to be Turned Over to Presbyterians of the State.

The formal transfer of the Peace Institute property to the committee of the First Presbyterian Church in this city appointed a few days since to make preparations for the purchase of the property will take place the first of the week. The papers are now being drawn up and the committee is ready to make the first payment on the property, the total cost to be \$50,000. This committee is composed of Mr. James R. Young, chairman; Governor R. B. Glenn, Mr. Herbert W. Jackson and Mr. George Allen.

It is announced that the property is to be turned over to the Presbyterian Church of this state to be used as a school for girls, and it cannot be told what improvements will be made, if any, until the property is taken over by the church.

Prof. H. J. Stockard, who has been a teacher at Peace Institute for some years will be placed in charge of the institution temporarily, and assisting him next fall will be most of the teachers employed at the school at the present time. Prof. Stockard will, in all probability, be in charge of the school all of next session if not longer. He is an experienced teacher and is thoroughly familiar with conducting a girls' school.

The first announcement that Dr. James Dinwiddie was to dispose of the school property was made in The Evening Times, and it was stated at the time that the Methodists had an option on the property but had decided to allow the Presbyterians further time to make an effort to raise the necessary funds for purchasing it. For a time it looked like the Presbyterians would not keep the school, but they went to work with renewed efforts and have raised the money needed for the first payment, feeling confident that the remainder of the money can be raised and Peace Institute continued as a Presbyterian school. It was at one time owned by the church but it was necessary to borrow money to improve the property and it eventually went into the hands of a stock company, although it continued to be known as a Presbyterian school.

EARTH JARRED AT CHARLESTON

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Charleston, S. C., April 19.—An earthquake shock was distinctly felt here early today. A very perceptible wave motion from west to east was noted.

No damage of any extent resulted, but grave fears were raised that there might be stronger shocks.

The fear of a tidal wave following was also quite general. The shock was most distinctly felt at Somerville, a health resort twenty miles from here, which seemed to be the center of the seismic agitation.

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