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THE NOTORIOUS M'KEE DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS

Husband Answers Allegations Concerning His Alleged "Stilgy" Character

SAYS HIS WIFE COST OVER A HALF MILLION

The Little Red Note Book Plays a Prominent Part in the Gossip Surrounding the Case—Counsel For McKee Tells With Dramatic Effect How Mrs. McKee, Formerly of Nashville, Tennessee, Delinately a Frivolous Dream to Her Husband—"Oh, My Darling Lover Boy, Will You Ever Realize How Much I Love You?"—Beginning of a Narrative That Gossip Lovers Will Find Opportunity to Jeigh in Reading As the Famous Suit Progresses.

- What A. Hart-McKee Says His Wife Cost Him.
Advanced to former wife in order to get divorce, \$90,000.
Paid for magnificent string of pearls, \$60,000.
Gave her other jewelry worth \$90,000.
For gambling, wine and high living in Monte Carlo.
Advanced to pay her gambling debts, \$3,300.
Lent her to cover gambling losses, \$16,120.
To make good her losses at gambling table, \$2,400.
Paid her bills for wine amounting to \$5,527.
Miscellaneous expenses, \$62,000.
Grand total, \$329,347.

(Special Cable to The Times.) Paris, March 21.—As a preliminary to the astounding accusation which he will make in his client's defense in the divorce court on Wednesday, Counsel for A. Hart McKee, who is suing his wife for divorce, has given an interview, in which he refutes Mrs. McKee's allegation that her husband was stingy. Indeed, Lawyer Labori declares that McKee's wife cost him almost a half million dollars and he has gone into details in giving forth this information to the public, asserting that his figures are authoritative.

Today for the first time McKee's little red note book" took a conspicuous part in the gossip surrounding the case. M. Labori says that his client took particular pains to jot down each item of expense incurred through his wife. This note book will play an important part in the trial before it is finished. It is also expected that letters from rich Pittsburgers and New Yorkers will also be read, as these have been solicited by H. Sellers McKee, the father of Hart. It was not until today that an inkling was given of the financial settlement made by McKee upon his first wife, who was formerly Miss Lydia Sutton, of Pittsburg. It would appear from the figures given out by M. Labori that the first Mrs. McKee has received at least \$100,000 in a lump sum, not to mention alimony.

M. Labori told with dramatic emphasis how Mrs. McKee, formerly Mrs. Hugh Baxter Tevis, of Nashville, had delinately a frivolous dream of her husband. According to the lawyer Mrs. McKee dreamed that Gerald Hughes, a man whom she had jilted to marry Hugh Tevis, had shot her father. Mrs. McKee wrote a letter to her second husband, telling of the terrifying effect which this vision had had upon her.

M. Labori will lay before the court correspondence between McKee and the second Mrs. McKee, written at the time the first wife was suing for divorce and also letters written subsequent to this time. One letter is from an attorney, Marshall, of Pittsburg, who represented McKee when his first wife sued for divorce. At that time McKee and Mrs. Tevis were in Paris together.

It was sent to Mrs. Tevis and reads as follows: "Unless Hart returns to New York alone immediately Pittsburg proceedings will be stopped and decree rendered impossible. His being alone will remedy situation." Immediately on receipt of this message McKee sailed on the Savoie for America. This is a portion of a letter from Mrs. Tevis which followed him: (Continued on Page Seven)

DUKE GOES TO GET CONSENT CORNT TO WED

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, March 21.—Hurrying to Rome to obtain the formal consent of the Italian court before the announcement of his engagement to Miss Katherine Elkins, the Duke of the Abruzzi sailed today aboard the Lusitania.

The stubborn opposition of ex-Queen Margherita to the match and her insistence that the duke marry a princess of noble blood, it is said, has been the only bar to the formal betrothal of the cousin of Italy's king to the wealthy and beautiful daughter of Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, but despite the opposition of Queen Dowager it has been known for several weeks in court circles that the marriage would take place. The duke has determined to marry the girl of his choice, and the Official Journal today for the first time admits that the cousin of the king and Miss Elkins are engaged.

Beast with difficulty on all sides, the duke remains firm in his purpose to wed Miss Elkins, and believes that once he has overcome the objections of his cousin all obstacles will be removed. The only question which has agitated society is the uncertainty of the position Miss Elkins will occupy should she marry the duke.

The sturdy Americanism of the Elkins could not adjust itself to a morgantic alliance.

The high spirit of Miss Elkins also precluded all thoughts of such a match, and her friends say she told the duke that unless she could be received with due ceremony at the Italian court she would never consent to marry him. It is known that the king has been won over by the duke and that the queen dowager is the only one who stands in the way of the match. Therefore the duke of the Abruzzi suddenly determined to go to Italy to win over the obdurate queen. None who know him doubts that he will be able to obtain her consent.

It is even reported that at the special request of the king the pope had already provided a special dispensation for the marriage.

It is said the king may confer a title upon Senator Elkins to render legal the marriage of the duke and a commoner's daughter.

STORM DID NO GREAT DAMAGE

Beneficial in Holding Early Fruit in Check

SNOWFALL WAS GENERAL

Reports From the Snow Zone Tell An Encouraging Story of Escape of Early Fruit Trees From Fatal Blight—On the Whole it Looks Like the Snow Was Rather a Good Thing From the Fruit Crop Point of View—Amounted to Blizzard in Truck Section of Virginia.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Roanoke, Va., March 21.—Four inches of snow fell here yesterday. The fall lasted six hours and was one of the heaviest of the season. Beyond a retarding of early fruit and vegetables the damage will be slight.

Bristol, Va., March 21.—Snow fell throughout southwest Virginia yesterday. The sudden change will be beneficial in holding in check peaches and other fruit. This time last year peach trees were in full bloom.

Norfolk, Va., March 21.—A heavy snow yesterday with a northeast wind reached almost the proportions of a blizzard. The fall was almost as heavy as any during the winter. It is believed that the snow has not injured the early truck crops or fruit.

Floods in West Virginia.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Wheeling, W. Va., March 21.—The fourth flood for the Wheeling district within five weeks reached its crest last night with thirty-nine feet, six inches.

There is much distress among the poor, and already measures for relief are being put through by the board of trade and the city authority. Fortunately the weather has moderated and the suffering therefore was not so great as a month ago. Trolley lines, some of the steam roads and many industries are interfered with by the high water and the city's jobbing business is at a standstill. Over 1,000 residences are flooded. Last night the Volunteers of America, at their Southside station, fed over 500 people who had been driven from their homes.

LEAPED INTO DEATH RIVER

Jilted Lover's Desperate Act and Its Fatal Result

LYNCHERS ON HIS TRAIL

Tragic Ending Today in Chicago of a Romance That Had Its Beginning in Far-Away Palermo—Italian Sought to Kill Woman Who Rejected His Suit—Badly Cuts An Infant in Her Arms—Enraged Mob Seeks Vengeance and to Escape Lynchers He Leaps to Death in Calumet River.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Chicago, Mar. 21.—Driven to bay after he had murderously attacked a young woman who jilted him to become the bride of another, Nicholas Fortuna leaped into the Calumet River and drowned himself at Blue Island to escape the fury of a mob in close pursuit.

It was a tragic ending to a romance that had its beginning in far-away Palermo, in the Mediterranean Sea. The victim of Fortuna's wrath, Mrs. Rosie Dibluse, is at St. Francis Hospital in Blue Island suffering from three wounds inflicted with a razor. A six-month-old baby, niece of Mrs. Dibluse, who was unintentionally slashed across the head by the frenzied Italian is under a doctor's care at the home of her parents, where the assault was committed. Fortuna was at the saloon of Angelo Marteno and some of his friends began to chaff him for being jilted. He invited everybody in the place to drink with him. This was the toast he gave:

"I no care for woman who give me de shake lika dat. Some day maybe she be sorry she not marry Nick."

He remained drinking at the saloon several hours and then went to the home of Pietro Orsino where his sister, Mrs. Dibluse, was still staying. As he entered the house Mrs. Dibluse was sitting in a rocking chair holding her brother's baby. Fortuna rushed upon her with a razor and began slashing. The first blow of the blade fell upon the head of the infant, cutting a deep gash.

Mrs. Dibluse let the child drop to the floor to save it from further injury.

She then endeavored to keep off the drink-crazed man but was unable to ward off the blows. After slashing her twice across the head and once on the shoulder he fled from the house.

Captain of Police McAver was notified by telephone. After a long chase Fortuna was caught sight of on Ashland avenue near Stony Creek. The river was ahead of him. He could hear the shouts of the mob in pursuit to "kill the dago," and there being no avenue of escape, he hurled himself into the stream and was drowned.

United States Marshal Claudius Dockery today received a telegram from Deputy Collector W. C. Pool informing him that Deputy Marshal H. C. Reece was wounded by blockaders last evening in a raid near Spout Springs, Harnett county. The telegram was very meagre, but stated that the wound was not serious and that Mr. Reece had been carried to the hospital at Sanford.

Mr. Reece lives at Siler City and has headquarters at Sanford. Deputy Collectors Pool and C. M. Babbitt left Raleigh Thursday afternoon for Harnett county. They were joined by Mr. Reece and all three must have participated in the raid.

Mr. Dockery is waiting for more information in regard to the shooting and the raid and if he hears nothing further this afternoon will telegraph to Sanford. The wounded man was one of the most popular of the collectors, and it is hoped that his injuries will prove but slight.

Details of the Story.

Mr. R. L. Burns who arrived in Raleigh today from Sanford, brought particulars of the affair at Spout Springs yesterday. The officers located the still and found two negroes at it. One negro, by the name of Johnson, raised a Winchester rifle and fired at Mr. Reece, the ball entering just above his heart and lodging in his vest at the back. Mr. Reece dropped to the ground and the negro attempted to shoot Mr. Pool and would have succeeded had a shell not lodged in his gun. Mr. Pool and Deputy Collector J. B. Holland closed in on the negroes and after a scuffle captured one of them. Johnson ran off and Mr. Pool fired three times at him and it is believed one of the shots took effect.

Both negroes were armed with Winchesters. The distillery was destroyed.

Marshal Reece was carried to Sanford today and was able to walk from the train to the hospital. Mr. Burns says the wound, while serious, is not dangerous and the wounded man will be all right again in a few weeks.

Governor Guild's Condition Today. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Boston, Mass., March 21.—The condition of Governor Guild is reported unchanged this morning. It is said, however, that Dr. Winslow, the family physician, has informed Mrs. Guild to be prepared for the worst.

MIS-SPELLED WORD: CRAYON

Thousands Were Hunting for This Word

C. A. SEPAK WINS IT

The Word Was Found in the Advertisement of the Office Stationery Company and Was Spelled "Craon"—Great Interest Was Taken in the Contest in City and All Over the State.

Mr. C. A. Separk found the mis-spelled word at 3:45 p. m. yesterday and reported it to The Times' office at that hour. Never before in the history of the city have the people been so interested in a contest. The Times' office has been flooded with letters and telegrams from all parts of the state from people who thought they had found the word. It is very evident there are thousands of people, both in the city and throughout the state who read the local ads, placed in this paper. Mr. Separk is one of the best known men of Raleigh and it gives us pleasure to present him with the year's subscription to The Times.

The word appeared in the advertisement of the Office Stationery Company, and was spelled crayon when it should have been spelled crayon. The people have enjoyed the contest and the merchants got the benefit of the race.

H. C. REECE SHOT BY BLOCKADERS

Deputy Marshal Wounded in Raid Yesterday

IS TAKEN TO SANFORD

Wounds, According to Telegram Received Today, Not Serious—Was With Collectors Pool and Babbitt. Home is at Siler City and is Popular.

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CROOKED ABE SAILS AWAY

Left for Europe Today Under Disguise and Alias

CASE OF THE UNDER-DOG

Notorious Little Jew Lawyer, Who Has Been Mixed Up in so Many Questionable "Professional" Transactions, and Who Has Just Completed Term in Sing Sing Penitentiary, Adopts An Alias and Boards the Big Lusitania to Seek Health Abroad—Complains of Newspaper Treatment.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, March 21.—Abe Hummel sailed for Europe today on the steamship Lusitania under the alias of Herman Newburger. He occupied stateroom No. 79 on the upper promenade deck and in the next state room, No. 68, were his nephew Abie Kaffenburg, Mrs. Kaffenburg and Kaffenburg's mother. The little disbarred lawyer who was released Thursday from the Blackwell's Island prison, after serving ten months for his connection with the Dodge-Morse conspiracy, will stop in London as the guest of Toddy Michaels, the theatrical manager at the Hotel Savoy for more than a week and will then proceed to Marienbad to take the cure. Later he expects to spend much time in Paris and the south of France.

He will return to this country in the late fall, probably, to embark in the real estate business. While a prisoner on the island he is said to have made a considerable fortune as a real estate speculator.

Although Hummel spent a gay night last night in Manhattan no one was at the sailing of the Lusitania to see him off and none sent flowers or notes of condolence. At 7 o'clock last night he sat down to a wine dinner with about a dozen other men who had been as well known along Broadway and as first nighters as was Hummel. The spread was in the nature of a farewell dinner to Hummel and was in an out-of-the-way restaurant on the west side, where there was no intrusion. There was much drinking and merry-making. One rumor also had it that there were several women dancers to enliven the feast.

Hummel did not leave there until nearly midnight, and he was then driven directly to the Cunard line pier, where he boarded the Lusitania. He went to bed at once.

Before the ship sailed today Hummel was up and made this complaint, which indicated that his mind is burdened with much bitterness:

"This is a merry case of the under-dog and I am the dog. It is a case of jumping on the fellow that gets the worst of the deal. I got mife and am still getting it. I have been mighty good to the newspapers in this town, furnishing them with more good stories than all the other lawyers put together. And what do I get? Do you see what they say about me? Their treatment is outrageous."

"But I am done with them. I ask no odds of anybody, and when I come back I will show them that I can get along. I got a raw deal all the way through. They made me the goat from the start and I had to stand for it."

When reporters sent cards and notes to Hummel he refused to reply. Abie Kaffenburg, who did not spend the night on the ship, volunteered to speak when he went aboard.

"My uncle does not wish to make any statement, but I will say for him that he will recover all the prestige he has lost. He will come back and make a bigger fortune than he did in the law business."

DELEGATES INSTRUCTED TO VOTE FOR CANNON

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Salem, Ills., March 21.—Republicans of the twenty-third congressional district met here yesterday afternoon in delegation. Former Congressman Dixon, of Ramsey, presided. W. F. Bundy, of Centralia, and A. H. Jones, of Robinson, was chosen delegates to the national convention and instructed to vote for Joseph G. Cannon for president.

A CALL TO ARMS BY FEDERATION OF UNION LABOR

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, D. C., March 21.—Unanimous opposition to Secretary Taft, the defeat of every candidate not friendly to organized labor, and the placing of its own candidate in the field is understood to be the salient feature of a call to be issued by the American Federation of Labor here directing that monster mass meeting be held by union men all over the United States on the third Sunday and Monday in April.

The stand taken by labor with regard to the approaching campaign was decided upon by this convention just closed here, which was attended by national and international presidents of unions comprising over three million men.

It is planned, it is authoritatively stated, to have the various local, state and national federations go on record with regard to candidates of their respective series, and where candidates are found of the party known to be inimical to labor, every effort is to be made to defeat him. Should all regular candidates be opposed to labor legislation labor is to put out its own candidates and to secure all pledges possible to bring about his election. In this it is said that the affiliated labor organizations will have the support of the farmers union, over 300,000 strong, heretofore not affiliated with the American Federation.

The labor convention is understood to have gone on record as to be opposed to Secretary Taft for president and in favor of making the most stubborn fight in the history of organized labor to bring about the defeat of every legislator whose record does not appear favorable to the unions.

A committee composed of President Gompers, Vice President O'Connell and Secretary Morrison, of the Federation of Labor, has been delegated to raise the funds for the carrying out of the formulated plans by getting every union man in the country in line.

The call for mass meetings in April will be the first definite step and it is estimated that nearly three million men will meet and ratify the platform adopted at the convention at this time.

DEATH IN A BIG HOTEL BLAZE THIS MORNING

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Pittsburg, Pa., March 21.—Two men were horribly burned and will die, four others were seriously burned, and one side of the New Eagle Hotel, the largest in McKees Rocks, was destroyed by fire resulting from a gas explosion early today.

The seriously injured: Andrew Norward, aged 49, body burned, may have inhaled flame, will probably die.

C. W. Hiburn, aged 35; face and entire body seared, condition critical.

Others injured: Christian Dornbocker, Nicholas Dornbocker, Edward Cerezo, Albert Cerezo.

The property loss was about \$20,000.

LONGEST FLIGHT OF AEROPLANE

(By Cable to The Times.)

Paris, March 21.—Henry Farman, the aeronaut, made at Isay yesterday afternoon the longest aeroplane flight ever known, circling more than a mile and a half in two minutes and fifteen seconds.

This was the best of three successive flights.

LIVED 18 DAYS WITH SKULL FRACTURED

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Charlotte, N. C., March 21.—Geo. Gifford, after living eighteen days with five fractures of the skull and with open fractures extending to the interior of the brain, is dead.

S. Q. Barnes, his alleged assailant, was released from jail upon \$6,000 bond, following habeas corpus proceedings. The injured man attended to his work several days, not suspecting his serious condition, until seized with convulsions.

INSANE PATIENT DEAD UNDER COT IN A HOSPITAL

Detectives Assert That Young Matron Was Undoubtedly Strangled to Death

MYSTERY SURROUNDS SENSATIONAL AFFAIR

Mrs. Marguarite McCue, a Young Brooklyn Matron, Found Today With a Sheet Tightly Wound Around Her Neck and Quite Dead in Hospital Ward—Body Lying Under the Cot Which the Woman Had Been Occupying—Lest Her Mind Two Days Ago and Was There for Treatment—An Impossible Statement Issued by the Hospital Authorities, Which Does Not at All Coincide With the Views of the Police—Suspicious Developments.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, March 21.—Mrs. Margaret McCue, a young Brooklyn matron, was found strangled to death today under her cot in the Kings county hospital. A sheet was tightly wound around her neck several times and indicated that much strength had been used in effecting her death.

Detectives who were sent to the hospital by the coroner declare that the young woman had been murdered and mentioned the fact that two nurses were in the room constantly and intimated that a belief that another patient might be implicated.

The hospital authorities issued an impossible statement to the effect that Mrs. McCue probably had killed herself by rolling off her cot while the sheet became entangled about her neck. Mrs. McCue was in a straight jacket, she having become violently insane on Thursday and four detectives believed that for that reason alone it would have been impossible for her to roll a sheet up into a rope and then wrap it about her neck in such a manner as to strangle herself.

Mrs. McCue became a raving maniac at her home at 11 Flushing Avenue, two days ago, and tried to hurl herself from a window. She was transferred to the observation ward at the Kings county hospital by the police and it had been planned she would be permanently transferred to the Kings Park Hospital for the insane.

She was so violent that she was placed in a straight jacket with her arms held down to her side with straps and canvas bandages. The doctors had reached the conclusion last night that Mrs. McCue was hopelessly insane.

When the doctors informed the coroner by telephone of the death of Mrs. McCue they said it was an accident and that there was no other way in which she could have met death. On being questioned further they admitted that two nurses had been in the room at the time Mrs. McCue fell from her cot. They still persisted that the woman had wound the sheet about her own neck and the coroner ordered the body sent to the morgue for an autopsy and asked the police to investigate.

The police learned that the woman had been placed in a ward where several other persons were under observation and that she had annoyed them greatly by her continued hysterics in which she would scream and yell almost constantly. It was said that she greatly disturbed the sleep of the patients, whose condition was not as hopeless as her own and the detectives intimated that this might have proved a motive in the mind of some other patient.

After an official investigation the coroner agreed that Mrs. McCue did not kill herself through accident or design, but that she had been murdered by some one else.

When the detectives reached the hospital the two nurses who were said to have been in the ward at the time Mrs. McCue was killed, had gone off duty. But neither of them had gone to their rooms in the hospital and an investigation showed that they had left the place.

Detectives were sent out to find them and bring them before the coroner to make a statement.

NEW B. & L. ASSO. FOR WINSTON-SALEM

(Special to The Times.)

Winston-Salem, N. C., March 21.—A charter will be forwarded to the secretary of state tonight for the incorporation of another Winston-Salem building and loan association, making the third. It will begin business with \$200,000 paid in, and with one million capital authorized,