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STATEMENT ISSUED BY MR. BROKAW

Charges That Divorce Proceeding is a Scheme to For ce Money From Him

DID NOT ABUSE WIFE

Just Before Mrs. Brokaw Resumed Stand in Divorce Case Today Her Husband Issued Statement of His Side of Case—Charges Mrs. Gould and Family With Trying to Wrest Money From Him—Claims to Have Been Grossly Misrepresented by Wife—Says He Will Prove That He Did Not Mistreat Mr. Brokaw.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Dec. 13—Just before Mrs. W. Gould Brokaw resumed the stand before Justice Putnam, in the supreme court at Mineola, L. I., today in her suit for separation and \$60,000 alimony against her millionaire husband, Mr. Brokaw issued a statement in writing, charging that the whole proceeding is only one to force money from him and that since its beginning many propositions have been made to drop the case if he pay out a large sum to his wife.

Mr. Brokaw's statement follows: "I have been grossly misrepresented by Mrs. Brokaw and members of her family. The charges made have no foundation—in fact, are made to injure me in the public's eye and to compel a large money settlement. Proposition after proposition has been made to me by the plaintiff's side to abandon the case if I would pay a large sum of money. I have refused on each occasion. The case was instituted for only one purpose, namely: to obtain money. I have fully determined not to be meaged. I never lifted my hand against my wife nor did I abuse her. This will be satisfactorily shown by a number of witnesses."

Mrs. Brokaw resumed the stand for further cross-examination by John F. McIntyre, counsel for her husband. Mr. McIntyre said that he would be compelled to use the entire day in the cross-examination and might not end it with the close of court today. Mrs. Brokaw settled herself in the witness chair, as fresh and as pretty as ever and as free with her wonderful liquid eyes. She did not seem to be afraid of the ordeal before her. Her husband sat beside his counsel and kept his eyes away from her as she answered Mr. McIntyre's questions.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT SPRING HOPE

In the worst fire Spring Hope has ever experienced, a number of dwellings and stores were burned here today. The building burned were—Hotel Margaret, a new brick building one brick store and the Methodist church. Methodist parsonage, one dwelling, and a wooden livery stable with two horses.

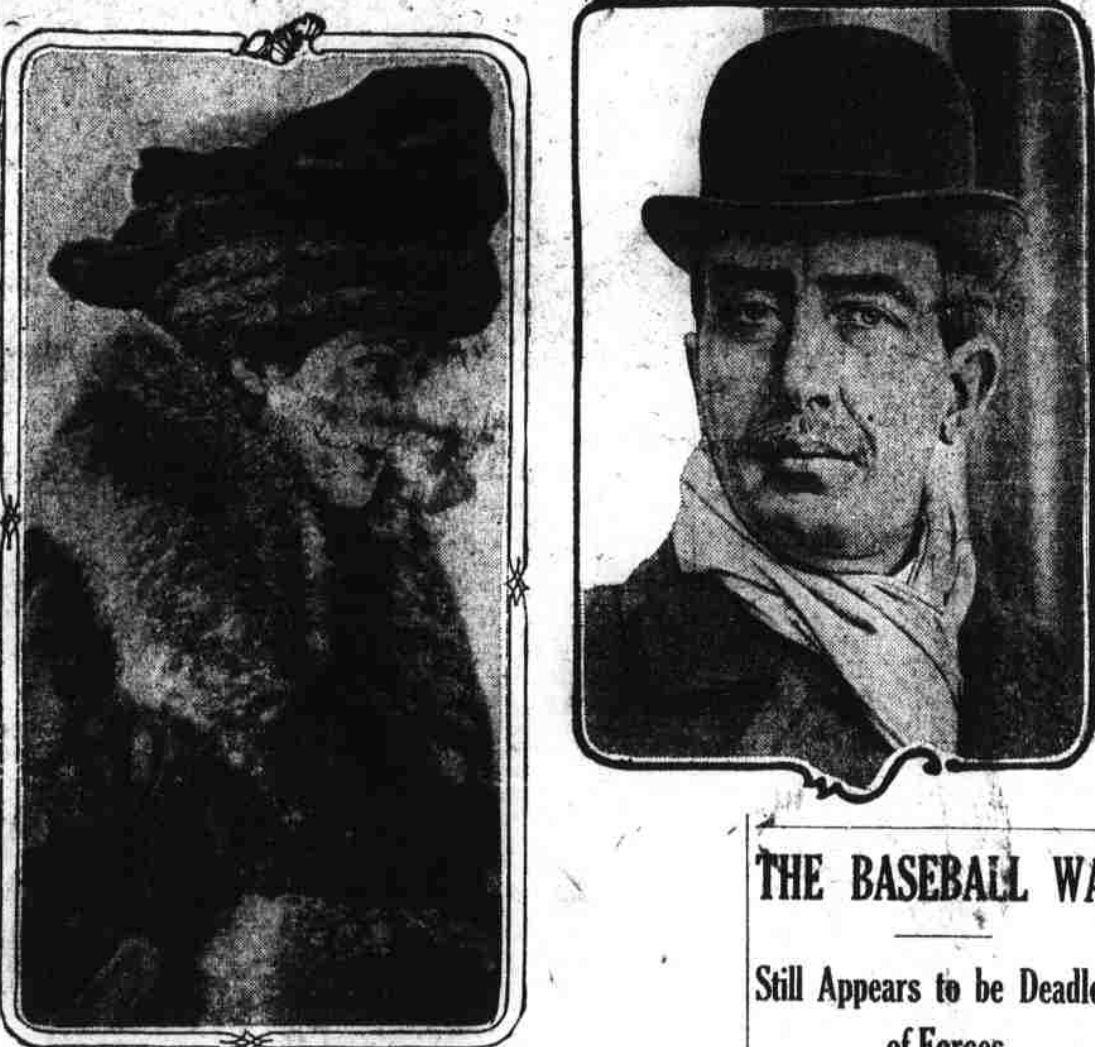
The fire was discovered at two o'clock this morning and is believed to be of incendiary origin.

When discovered, the stables which adjoined the hotel were one solid mass of flames and it took hard work to save the other buildings of the town, including the Leader office. The goods were carried out, being damaged considerably but most of this loss is covered by insurance.

The burning of the handsome hotel is a hard blow to the town. Mr. R. E. Copeland, of Kingston, was to have sold it tomorrow at auction.

The loss will be at least \$15,000, pretty well covered by insurance.

Shapshots of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gould Brokaw



Snapshot of Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw, taken as she was leaving the court in Mineola, L. I., after her second day's recital of the grounds of which she seeks a divorce. She told her story in a rich velvety voice and gazed from lawyers to judge with her large wistful eyes, which, her lawyer says are the cause of the whole trouble. Her husband fancied, according to her lawyer, she was "making eyes" to every man she saw. But she wasn't.

Snapshot of W. Gould Brokaw, taken as he was leaving the courtroom, where he listened to his wife's story of his treatment of her. Mr. Brokaw listened to the recital without emotion. Once in a while he drew his lavender silk handkerchief from the left coat of the vest of his crew but that was his only diversion.

JOHNSON WANTS COLORED JUDGE

(By W. W. Naughton.) San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 13—Johnson's demand that the referee in the coming fight be assisted by two judges and that one of the judges be a colored man, has created some little amusement. Jack Gleason, who ought to know says that Johnson evidently conceived the notion after he had signed articles, and that it is too late now to embody new provisions of the Jeffries-Johnson contract.

It has been remarked that even if Johnson's wish was complied with, the negro would be at a disadvantage unless a mulatto were chosen for referee. Then the color line, so far as the judges were concerned, would be properly observed. It would be a case of half black and half white clear through.

Tom McCarey of Los Angeles remarked that all the world loves a game loser and that it was far from him to speak disparagingly of the Jeffries-Johnson mill because he had failed to land the attraction.

If Tom had stopped there we could have slapped him on the shoulder and said: "Good boy, Tom," but he went right along and worked off more innuendo, respecting the big mill than was contained in the pages of comment written by the captious critics of the east.

McCarey said that if he told all he knew about the affair it would scorch the columns of newspapers and he gave it as his opinion that there would be some interesting development between now and the date of the championship fight.

If McCarey is a square sport, it is up to him to be more explicit. If he knows any reason why the Jeffries-Johnson contest should be regarded with suspicion, he should tell what he knows in plain words.

Jack Root is the latest claimant in the matter of being invited to assist Jeffries in his training.

NEGRO ATTEMPTS CRIMINAL ASSAULT

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 13—The second attempt into days to commit the unnameable crime was made this morning. The would be victim a young working girl on her way to work in the half darkness of the early morning. The negro seized her but was frightened away by her screams for help. The first attempt made near the same spot on Church street Saturday night and the police believe the same man is responsible for both attempts.

KING LEOPOLD AT DEATH'S DOOR

(By Cable to The Times.) Brussels, Dec. 13—King Leopold's physician today issued the following bulletin: "King Leopold passed a quiet night but conditions are unimproved."

No hopes are entertained of the Belgian monarch's recovery. All night long Cardinal Mercier, archbishop of Mechlin, was by Leopold's side. It was reported today that he had administered extreme unction to the ruler.

At the bedside, too, were Prince Albert, the heir presumptive, and his wife; Premier Schollaert, and Baron Goffiner, secretary of the king. Princess Clementine, the third daughter of the aged king, arrived at the palace early today.

Drops of the legs added to the seriousness of the situation. Two weeks ago the king's condition first became alarming. He appeared for a time to improve, but yesterday suffered a relapse.

At that time he insisted on being told the truth regarding his condition. Then he summoned his secretary, and with him went over many important details, preparing for the worst. After that, he put himself in the hands of Dr. Thioriar and Dr. Steinson and their associates, but proved at best a testy patient, and on Saturday insisted on taking a ride, over the protests of the doctors.

Further conference of members of the cabinet were held today after the announcement that there had been no improvement.

Adrift in a Dory. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Portland, Me., Dec. 13—After being adrift in a fourteen foot dory for twenty-seven hours and rowing twenty-five miles in the face of a heavy gale, Joseph Bennett, aged fifty-four and Carl Newcomb, aged fifteen, arrived here with several inches of water in their craft.

They narrowly escaped death from freezing. Bennett and Newcomb left Chebague on a fishing trip and were blown off shore by the gale.

THE BASEBALL WAR Still Appears to be Deadlock of Forces

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Dec. 13—When the national commission convened here today at National League headquarters, the baseball war which has been threatened for several weeks came to a head. With the National League meeting twenty-four hours away it appeared as if there would be a deadlock between the forces that urge John A. Heydler as the next president of the National League and those backing John M. Ward. Peacemakers' efforts to smooth matters over had apparently failed and it was predicted that the contest would be a war to a finish.

With President Ban Johnson, of the American League, giving them his moral support, Barney Dreyfus and Garry Herrmann today continued to lay their plans for the re-election of Heydler. The story from Cincinnati that they were ready to bolt to the American League in the event of Heydler's defeat caused much gossip today, but was not generally credited. The National League election fight gives this line up today:

For Heydler: St. Louis, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and Boston.

For Ward: New York, Chicago, Brooklyn and Philadelphia.

Ban Johnson is the center of some mystery today because of his threats to throw a light upon the much-talked-of bribery attempt of 1908. With his arrival today it was hoped that some of the mysteries of that famous case would be cleared up. Johnson, in his first threat to tell all about it, made the proviso that the withdrawal of the opposition to Heydler would insure his silence. Johnson has been quoted as saying that the bribery case went higher up than it appeared to at the time it was investigated.

The National League fight comes to a crisis tomorrow with the annual meeting. Tomorrow also the baseball writers association meets, and the next day the American League leaders get together.

There are a host of well known ball men in New York. Among the latter arrivals being Fred Lake, of Boston; T. B. Murnane, president of the New England League, also of Boston, and James McGuire and Charles W. Somers, of Cleveland.

An attempt to draw from Horace Fogel, the new president of the Philadelphia club, the real purchasers of that organization, was predicted today as one of the features of the National League meeting.

Boy Decorated for Bravery. (By Cable to The Times.) London, Dec. 13—King Edward today decorated a boy, Tom Lewis, with the Albert medal for bravery. In the Newport dock disaster last July Lewis went into the collapsing sand pit to rescue an embombed man.

North Carolina Postmasters. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 13—The following fourth-class postmasters were appointed today: North Carolina: Boonefield, Washington C. Green.

HOUSE MAY HAVE BUSY DAY TUESDAY

Indications Are That When It Meets Tomorrow it Will Get Down to Business

WILL BE PENSION DAY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 13—Indications are that the house, when it meets tomorrow may get down to business and do a little work. While the committees started in last Monday to tackle the bills that were introduced during the extra session, but few measures will be reported between now and the 21st, the expected date of the beginning of the holiday recess.

Under the order made when the house adjourned Friday tomorrow will be private pension day—District of Columbia Appropriation Bill Has Been Completed and is Ready to Report as is a Bill Giving Land to the Andersonville National Cemetery—"White Slave" Traffic Bill May Also Be Reported and Indications Are That Bill Will Pass.

Under the order made when the house adjourned last Friday tomorrow will be private pension day but there are several matters that may come up by unanimous consent. The bill authorizing the acceptance by the United States government from the Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, of a proposed gift of land adjoining the Andersonville national cemetery, in Georgia, was unanimously reported to the house last Friday by the committee on military affairs. It is not improbable that this will be passed tomorrow.

The District of Columbia appropriation bill has been practically completed and may be reported tomorrow, in which event an effort will be made to dispose of it before adjournment for the holiday recess.

Representative Mann, of Illinois, chairman of the interstate and foreign commerce committee, may report his bill prohibiting the "white slave" traffic and will endeavor to make an arrangement for its early consideration. Indications are that the bill will pass, practically by unanimous vote.

The military affairs committee has completed hearings on the army bill, and Chairman Hull expects to have that measure ready to report to the house by Wednesday.

It is the intention of the leaders to push the appropriation bills ahead of all other measures so that the house will have more time to consider legislation recommended by the president. There is every reason to believe there will be enough bills reported from the committees to keep the house busy until the recess adjournment is taken.

Senator Hale's determined opposition to the authorization of more than one battleship at this session of congress promises a stubborn fight in the senate when the naval budget comes up for consideration, particularly in view of the fact that both the president and Secretary Meyer recommend the construction of two Dreadnaughts. When the Maine senator relinquished his chairmanship of the naval committee to become the head of the committee on appropriations, succeeding the late Senator Allison, Senator Perkins, of California, went to the top of the navy committee's list. He is strongly in favor of two battleships. Senator Hale is still on the navy committee, however, and is recognized as a powerful influence in that body. He is also at the head of the public expenditures committee and extremely desirous of making a record for economy in the carrying out of the president's policy in this respect.

A plan of compromise has been suggested and talked over with the secretary of the navy. This includes the substitution of small craft such as destroyers and submarines in place of the repair ship recommended by the president and Secretary Meyer, and while it is estimated would cost more than \$2,000,000, exclusive of machinery.

Perhaps another million might be added for the small craft in which it is shown by the naval year book just issued that the United States is not keeping pace with such naval powers as Great Britain, France and Japan.

It is believed Senator Hale would agree to this plan if one of the

HON. HORACE LURTON.



Dreadnaughts were eliminated from the program and which would thus save about ten millions of dollars in the appropriations. Secretary Meyer has indicated a willingness to dispose with the repair ship and agree to the authorization of the smaller craft instead, but is unwilling to yield his recommendation for two big battleships. Members of the naval committee are at work upon a plan to bring about an agreement by the time the bill reaches the senate.

JUDGE LURTON GETS JUSTICESHIP

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 13—The president this morning sent to the senate the name of Judge Horace H. Lurton, of Tennessee, for the United States supreme court to succeed the late Justice Peckham, and George A. Carpenter, of Illinois, to be United States district attorney for the northern district of Illinois.

There are rumors today that the nomination of Judge Lurton may be opposed for confirmation when its consideration is taken up by the committee on the judiciary. The arguments used against him are that he is too old and that in one instance he withheld judgment in a property case for nearly seven years.

The complaint comes from lawyers in the district where he has presided. Furthermore, they are Republicans who object to placing a democrat on the United States supreme court bench. Judge Lurton's friends are confident, however, that these objections will be overcome and his nomination confirmed.

TRANSPORT DIX HELD UNDER ORDERS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Portland, Ore., Dec. 13—The transport Dix is today held under orders from Washington, having been halted as she was about to sail for Manila. It is believed that she is to carry marines to Nicaragua and 500 men of the marine corps are in readiness at the Vancouver barracks.

The Dix has been relieved of her cargo. General H. P. Maus, commander of the department of the Columbia, declared today that he knew nothing definite of the intentions of Washington in regard to the marines at Vancouver. The men could sail without delay.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast till 8 p. m. Tuesday. For Raleigh and vicinity: Rain and colder tonight; Tuesday fair colder. For North Carolina: Rain and colder tonight; Tuesday fair colder. The disturbance that covered the southwest on Saturday has moved northeast and is now central over Indiana. It is attended by a brisk high winds and by an area of precipitation that covers the eastern portion of the country. The rainfall has been heavy over parts of Alabama, Georgia, and western North Carolina. The disturbance is being followed by colder weather over the Mississippi Valley. Snow is falling at Memphis.

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BLIND TIGER WORKS SLICK TRANSACTION

The Hebrew Liquor Dealer's Scheme Was Slickest Game Seen in Many a Day

NEW STILL FOUND

S. Berman is Arrested For Selling Whiskey and 229 Pints Are Found in His Possession—Officers Saw Transaction and He is Nabbed and Locked Up—Revenue Officers Find New Still in Northern Part of the County—No Clue Yet as to Who Murdered Jim Kimble—Noted Negro Poet to Lecture in Durham. (Special to The Times)

Durham, Dec. 13—In the recorder's court this morning S. Berman, a Hebrew, was up for having 229 pints of liquor about his system Saturday night and was caught in the act by Officers Klapp and Perry.

The Hebrew tiger was before the court Judge Sykes Saturday and was discharged on the same count. Everybody felt that Berman had been convicted, but Judge Sykes took no chance. The same officers had made the arrest the day before and had seen the sale. Saturday night they went to his home, watched the transaction and later took a search warrant which they read before they proceeded. They were prepared for the revelation then, finding in the house and behind the walls of the room 229 half pints still in the paper case. They think there is still more whiskey.

Berman's way was dead end. He had a habit of backing to a place with his hands behind him, while the purchaser drew the whiskey from the rear and laid the money in his hands so as to frighten the officer who had to identify the money. It had worked the first time, but failed the second. The officers saw two sales.

The fellow was brought to the station and he put up bond in the sum of \$200. The amount found upon his was the third largest taken here in four years.

Revenue officers have been spending some time in the northern part of the county, finding new stills and working with the county officers in the arrest of somebody connected with the recent murder of old man Jim Kimball recently.

The belief that he was murdered by moonshiners is strong, the old fellow himself fearing that he was to go that way. But there has been nothing that even tended to connect anybody else with it, the supposed cause of reporting not being borne out. Kimball had been often attacked, more through mischief, the officers believed, than anything else, and it is doubted by them whether a report from him would have caused anybody to notice him.

In the meantime the illicit distilling has gone on pretty much as it pleased, and the revenue officers seem to be the only ones who get the tip often.

James E. McGirt, editor of McGirt's magazine, and the most noted negro poet in the country, will give a reading from his own works tonight at White Rock Baptist church and he assumes the role of Mephistopheles in the original theme "Stronger Than Death."

The colored literate has received substantial encouragement from Ella Wheeler Wilcox and is unquestionably the equal of Paul Lawrence Dunbar in his own line. He circulates the magazine widely and is among that style of optimistic writers who can see hope for his race in the south.

Rev. K. D. Garrison, of New Albany, Ind., is here to supply the vacant pastorate of the Gospel Tabernacle church, which had been pastored by Rev. E. E. Johnson until recently.

Mr. Farrison is of the Christian Missionary Alliance, and is said to be preparing himself for foreign work. His father was a minister. Mr. Johnson is now in New York City doing evangelistic work.

The funeral services over the remains of Mrs. A. G. Mangum, who died suddenly at midnight Friday, were held yesterday morning from the home on Main street and the burial took place at Waverly Hall burying ground, the ancestral home of the Mangum.