

Chicago And Aurora See Mob Morbidity At Worst

Literally Thousands of Ordinarily Normal Men and Women Have Been Attracted by Grossest Sights and Scandal Details of Divorce and Murder Cases

By J. P. YODER

Chicago, Jan. 30.—Mob morbidity in its most lurid form is rampant today in Chicago and in nearby Aurora. There is a mad rush of trial here for the residents of the slum who would witness that strange mental quiet which leads to insanity. The crowd is so thick that the trial is held in the open air. The trial is held in the open air. The trial is held in the open air.

Which a divorce is granted to her or not, he says, he will never see his wife, his wife, and she says she will not ask it. But her attorney, she says, will be clear. The crowd attending the hearing in the Federal court here is another mob. Monday, that Judge Paul ruled that the divorce should be granted. The crowd was so thick that the trial was held in the open air.

The situation presented is almost unique in court annals of these proceedings. Unlike these divorcing cases when Evelyn Scott and her intimate story, there is no trial. Mrs. Leland says she has absolutely nothing to gain by this divorce. She wants to get away from the man she says she loves almost all of her husband. And if her husband makes the request of the court, she probably will lose custody of her two boys.

But she is not making the usual fight of the defendant in such a suit. She is a witness for her husband, and therefore will bend all her efforts to dispute the rebuttal testimony of the defense. Mrs. Leland is the opposite in every way of Mrs. Carl Case. The minister's wife is a large woman of healthy, ruddy countenance, handsome in a way, vivacious and apparently well below forty years of age. Mrs. Leland is utterly lifeless, her complexion sallow and her lips blue and thin. Her face is lined and she looks ten years older than her husband who is about forty. She insists that hers was a "psychic slip" and refuses absolutely to believe charges made in court that her husband is divorcing her to marry a

Ignored!



Mrs. Robert J. Shepard, formerly 1160 S. 4th St., Aurora, and went to court estate accounting hearing in New York City. She said she had been "ignored" and added that her brother, the late George Gould, had always said women couldn't "keep counsel."

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Washington's "Smart Set" Resentful Statement Miss Harding's Father

Their Version Is That Disappointment In Love Affair Rather Than Excessive Smoking And Dancing Responsible For Beautiful Society Girl's Death

By JOHN J. W. NEVIN

Washington, Jan. 30.—Washington's "smart set" is inclined to resent the declaration of W. P. G. Harding, governor of the Federal Reserve Board of Boston and former head of the Federal Reserve system, that the suicide of his daughter, Miss Margaret Elliot Harding, in Boston, was due to the demands made on her by local society. The bereaved father flatly declared that dancing every night and smoking of cigarettes had broken down his beautiful daughter's health and caused a nervous condition which resulted in her taking her own life.

While society leaders here frankly admit that the social pressure is extreme, and that probably 90 per cent of women smoke as well as dance, they insist that one of the compelling reasons for Miss Harding's act was the shock that followed announcement of the engagement of Stanley Hawks, an attaché of the State Department, to another young woman. Hawks had been devoted to Miss Harding, it was declared, and everyone here had expected that they would be married next summer, although no formal engagement had been announced.

It is certain, however, that Miss Harding, during the ten years she lived in Washington and especially since she "came out" into society, has found the demands on her time very strenuous. Beautiful, and of a very winsome disposition, she has been very popular here and ever since the war has been a factor in the various functions given by exclusive Washington society. Friends here said today that she was an excellent dancer and never missed an opportunity to participate in that exercise.

She was in Washington a few days ago, returning to Boston last Friday, and friends said that she was extremely nervous and complained that she missed her old friends here very much. At that time the an-

nouncement of Mr. Hawks' engagement to Miss Margaret Baldwin had just been made. Hawks now is in Boston, according to his friends here. It was recalled here today that Miss Harding's mother shot and killed herself in their home in Birmingham June 22, 1916. Almost simultaneously in his home in another section of that city, Guy R. Johnson, a friend, also committed suicide.

Miss Harding went with her father to Boston when he was made governor of the bank there, but the lure of Washington proved too much and she soon came back here on a visit. She returned to Boston from time to time but always came back to the capital. According to her friends, she threw herself with abandon into the many social events that feature the life here but they do not agree with her father that the exactions of this sort were sufficient to cause the nervous breakdown which apparently caused her to end her life.



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