

Nebraska

EVIDENCE GIVEN FOR MRS. SIMMONS

Sensational Case Involving Divorce Granted Dr. George H. Simmons Being Heard at Lincoln.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The case of Mrs. Margaret E. Simmons against her former husband, Dr. George H. Simmons to have set aside a decree of divorce granted the latter 25 years ago is still on in the Lancaster county district court before Judge Morning with prospects of indefinite continuation. Dr. Charles Loffler of Minneapolis occupied much of the time on the witness stand to show that he had been active in her cause; that the defendant had called claiming that Dr. Loffler, as a member of the American Medical Association and editor of its official publication, was back of the prosecution of the case. Dr. Loffler stated that he had been interested in the case and had looked up much of the evidence and when the depositions were taken in Chicago, had been present when Attorney H. M. Matley of Lincoln had been employed to look up evidence by Mrs. Simmons' attorney, Mr. Carey. He had given Matley a check for \$400, but stopped payment on it because the Lincoln attorney had failed to do what he was employed to do. Several witnesses called by the defense testified that Mrs. Simmons was not insane during the time of the divorce and up to 1915, but one of them Dr. O. G. Place, who conducted the Mount Vernon, O., institute where the plaintiff went for treatment of the drug habit, testified that at the time she was there in 1892, she appeared well dressed and normal physically. She was treated for the morphine habit at her own request for about a month and then stated that she thought she was cured. She was placed in a room with orders not to leave it for 48 hours, but became nervous, obtained her clothing and left and he never saw her again. There was nothing to indicate that she was of unsound mind, he said, although the use of morphine will weaken the will power to some extent.

Organize Red Cross.

Hebron, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Americans of German birth and descent crowded the big Friedenssaal church west of here last night and within an hour organized a Red Cross society with 133 members and purchased \$2,520 worth of war savings certificates. Patriotic addresses were given by G. A. Peterson, was saving chairman for Thayer county, and Postmaster T. A. Willmore of Hebron, who were well pleased with the enthusiastic Americanism shown. When the school house was found too small, the Rev. H. Schabacher invited the throng into the German Lutheran church.

Plan Irrigation Hearing.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—A hearing will be held before the State Board of Irrigation next Saturday at Scottsbluff on complaint of the Tri-State Irrigation company, which is protesting against the action of the board in granting rights to water to T. S. McCaffree from the ditch for the purpose of generating power.

Vocational Training.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Plans to carry out the operation of the Smith-Hughes law regarding vocational training in the schools of the state, have been completed in the office of the state superintendent, three subjects being covered, agriculture, the industries and home economics.

Colonel Hall Home on Leave.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Colonel Phil L. Hall has been granted a leave of absence for the holiday and is expected home tomorrow.

ANTI-WAR TALK STIRS FARMER AT LEXINGTON

Lexington, Dec. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Men under the guise of a nonpartisan league are visiting farmers of Dawson county, spreading anti-war propaganda. They told E. A. Knight, a well-to-do farmer, living near here, that the government is under an autocrat. Mr. Knight related their efforts at a meeting held here last night, which was also addressed by Ross Hammond of Fremont, who told his experiences at the battle front. Mr. Knight ordered the agitators off his place. He related to the audience that he thought the propaganda, nothing short of treason.

American Potash Company Makes Use of State Land

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Is somebody asleep at the switch? Notice has just been brought to the attention of the State Board of Educational Lands, which has charge of the school land leases to potash rights, that the American Potash company, which has a lease on a lake on the John Krause farm about 10 miles north of Antioch, and of which one-half is located on school land of the state, has in eight months pumped from the lake \$50,000 worth of potash. The board has held that when any part of a lake lies on school land that the state has an interest in the waters in the lake, but so far no action has been taken. In the case of the American Potash company, the section line dividing the land owned by Krause and leased to the company, runs almost directly across the center of the lake.

Chobar Says Unwritten Law Will Be Defense

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Louis Chobar, the farm hand, who has confessed to the murder of Albert A. Blender, the York farmer, the night before Thanksgiving, says the unwritten law will be his defense. Chobar in charge of Sheriff Miller of York was in Fremont Wednesday afternoon on his way to York to answer to the charge of murder. Chobar told Sheriff Miller that he found Blender and his wife in compromising position and in a fit of jealousy shot his employer. His picture was taken and his measurements by the Bertillon methods obtained by Sheriff Condit of Fremont. Chobar gave his age as 21. He showed the effects of his three weeks' tramping through the country. He was arrested on the Soudakota-Nebraska line north of Valentine by a posse of citizens last Sunday.

Shumway to Wyoming.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Land Commissioner Shumway and Mrs. Shumway will spend Christmas with their daughter at Lingle, Wyo. Mr. Shumway will stop on his way out at Scottsbluff to be present at a hearing before the State Board of Irrigation, and on his way back will look over some school lands for purposes of revaluation.

Defense Board Pays Rent.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The State Council of Defense is now paying the rental on the rooms occupied in the Woodman Accident association building. The voucher presented by the association, which owns the building is for \$55 a month for six rooms.

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HALL SAYS MONEY SHOULD GO TO MEN

Refusal to Subscribe for Present Year's Organization of Red Cross Brings His Reason to Limelight.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—There was considerable comment at the state house this afternoon when the charge was made that the office force of State Treasurer George Hall had refused to subscribe to the Red Cross organization of 1918. Lincoln evening papers played the story up with headlines, but it has developed that two of them did not subscribe and that the rest did not refuse, but on the other hand said they were heartily in favor of the movement. They gave as an excuse for not subscribing yesterday that they had already subscribed to the 1917 organization, to Liberty bonds, thrift stamps and other calls for patriotic purposes as far as they could go just at this time. According to Mr. Lonsberry, the solicitor left with the impression they would subscribe later. Deputy state superintendent Woodard, who went in to see Mr. Hall says Mr. Hall was leaving the office as he went in. He gave him a card, but the treasurer did not refuse to sign, simply making the remark the government should carry the burden instead of raising money this way. Mr. Hall subscribed to the 1917 organization, but when he received a Red Cross magazine, he said he did not subscribe his money for printed matter, but to help the soldiers. He believes that all the money subscribed for that purpose should go for the purpose subscribed and not used in printing magazines. Mr. Hall is out of the city at present.

Limit Coal Deliveries.

Madison, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Coal conditions have been engaging the attention of the local fuel administrator for two weeks. While there is excellent prospect of the soft coal situation clearing up, the authorities have been obliged to put a one-half ton limit on all deliveries.

State House Drive.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The state house Red Cross drive resulted in a membership of 171 with more to be added, making a total of \$187.

Soldiers' Home Notes

Grand Island, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—It is the intention of every old soldier at Burgett to make it as pleasant as he can for every one at Christmas, and also on New Year's day, in our motto will be "Peace on Earth, and Good Will Toward Men." Mattie Bradbury recently presented to the Young Men's Christian association as a donation to some poor family, a fine quilt made by several of the women members of Burgett, and presented it to her. An unusually large number of the members at Burgett, were shopping in the Third City Tuesday and the previous day. The auto has been overworked from early morning until 10 o'clock at night. From all appearances these good people are doing their part to make glad hearts in all parts of the state on Christmas day. Conservation, as gospel has it at Burgett is to be worked to a finish. Now boys up the smoking day. As yet, however, no such ruling has been established at Burgett.

Beatrice Banker Sends \$5 For Faithful Dog, "Shep"

William A. Wolfe, wealthy banker and lover of dumb animals, wrote a letter to City Health Officer Connell enclosing \$5 with which to buy dog biscuits for "Shep," faithful protector of the Gardner children, whose plight was brought to the attention of the Bee readers a couple of days ago. Mr. Wolfe, who is president of the Nebraska State bank at Beatrice, says \$5 worth of dog biscuits ought to last "Shep" a year. He said there could not be a better chance to invest \$5. Dr. Connell turned the letter and the \$5 over to The Bee. Kind-hearted Omahans had already sent \$30 to The Bee, so that the Gardner family, a widow and three children, could keep "Shep" and not sell him in order to provide food and clothing.

The Fremont Kennel club is raising a fund for the relief of the Gardner family. "Please advise Mrs. Gardner that we will send her a subscription which I am taking up among our members which will be forwarded to you. Please deliver to her as a Christmas present to the family. This will reach you by the 25th, and tell her not to sell the dog. Wishing her a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, truly yours, Fremont Kennel club, per O. P."

North Dakota Man Held For Insulting Old Glory

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 20.—Henry Von Bank, president of the Board of Education, in a rural district near Fellow, Cass county, is under arrest today, charged with making insulting remarks about the Stars and Stripes. As a school officer the defendant is charged with attempting to prevent the flying of the flag from the school house under his direction. He was held for a hearing on January 20.

To Enforce Food Days.

Madison, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—J. L. Grant, local food administrator, was busy Tuesday giving notice to all persons selling meat and lard that Tuesday of each week must be observed as a meatless day and that no sales should be made on that day; also to all persons selling flour, bread and other commodities containing wheat that Wednesday is wheatless day. It is his intention to look strictly to the consumption of these articles on those forbidden days as well as an effort will be made to expose any who in their homes may disregard such days.

Makes Patriotic Address.

Madison, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The war aid movement which was already well organized in this vicinity, was greatly boosted at an enthusiastic mass meeting last night at the Presbyterian church in charge of W. H. Field, local director for Madison district. J. J. Boucher of Omaha delivered a patriotic address on "Why the War Came."

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Hamilton County Board Assists Draft Age Men

Antona, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The legal advisory board of Hamilton county will hold night sessions at the high school building to assist the draft age men in filling out their answers on the questionnaires. Hamilton county board consists of F. L. Ferguson, C. J. Whitney and M. L. Stanley. The Hamilton County Council of Defense held an important meeting at the office of County Superintendent Nelson Tuesday afternoon and decided upon enlarging its membership. At a special meeting of the school board Tuesday night Superintendent J. A. Doremus was re-elected for a term of three years at an annual salary of \$2,400.

Wealthy Farmer Arrested On Charge of Flour Theft

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Gay Buckhalter, farmer, living southeast of Wymore, was arrested and lodged in jail last night on a charge of stealing nine sacks of flour from a Burlington car. According to Marshal Lytle, Buckhalter has confessed. He will be taken to Lincoln to face a charge of interfering with interstate commerce. It is said he is worth \$30,000.

Hampton Red Cross Makes 500 Surgical Dressings

Hampton, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—At the Red Cross meeting more than 500 surgical dressings were made. This is the first work of the kind to be done in Hamilton county. Mrs. J. E. Gelon accompanied by Mrs. S. C. Houghton spent several days in Lincoln learning the work.

Red Cross Auction Sale At Belgrade Nets \$800

Belgrade, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Belgrade Red Cross held a sale last Saturday which netted \$800. A quilt made by the workers of the Red Cross sewing room brought \$40.25. Colonel Hay and son were auctioneers.

Dorchester Merchant's Sons Called to Colors

Dorchester, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—William Freidell, Dorchester's oldest merchant, has offered his two sons to the war. Hugh F. Freidell, an

Alpha Sigma Phi man of the Uni-Freidell, who sold his general mercantile of Nebraska, who is completely handicapped store at Arapahoe, Neb., after medical training at Rush university some months ago, has enlisted in the city, Chicago, has enlisted in the medical department's reserve corps of the naval reserve corps of the navy. Russell, army.

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