

Ganna Walska to Sue Alex Cochran Soon for Divorce

Trial Promises to Be One of Most Sensational Dramas in History of America's Smart Set.

New York, Oct. 6.—The arc lights of publicity today were beginning to filter through the shadows of what promises to be one of the most sensational divorce dramas in the history of America's smart set, outstripping even the Stillman case because of the social prominence and wealth of the men and women linked with it.

For the last six months, intangible whisperings have been the forerunners of the domestic crumbling of the married life of Ganna Walska, exotic opera singer of marble beauty, and Alex Smith Cochran, who made millions through his carpet factories in New York.

Mrs. Ganna Walska, operatic soprano, three times married. Temperamental and born in Poland. Alex Smith Cochran, heir to a fortune estimated at \$500,000, and third husband of the Byzantine songbird.

Harold F. McCormick, president International Harvester company, "angel" of the Chicago Opera company, adviser and close friend of Ganna Walska.

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General Diaz Coming To Soldier Meet in N. Y.



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General Diaz, commander-in-chief of the Italian army, will leave Naples shortly for New York, where he will preside at a convention of former Italian soldiers.

Litigation Over 'Lucky' Baldwin's Estate Settled

Series of Suits Between Daughter and Her Children Over Property Is Ended by Agreement.

Los Angeles, Oct. 6.—That a settlement had been effected out of court by the heirs of the estate of the late E. J. (Lucky) Baldwin, sportsman and land owner, became known today with the filing in the superior court here of an agreement between Mrs. Clara Baldwin Stocker, daughter of E. J. Baldwin and her two children, Albert F. Snyder and Rosebud Doble Mullender, in which Mrs. Stocker is required to execute a deed for half the property inherited by her in favor of her children.

The agreement which was drawn up in 1919, ends litigation involving the estate, said to be worth several million dollars, and consisting of stocks, bonds and southern California real estate.

Mrs. Stocker and her children engaged in litigation over the estate in 1919, when the children attempted to have a guardian appointed for their mother, who they alleged was incompetent to handle the property.

Under the agreement Mrs. Stocker is not to dispose of any of her property except for "a valuable and adequate consideration" while it is understood that her children are not to enter into further litigation over the estate. It is also said to be understood that the will to be executed by Mrs. Stocker for her two children is not to be contested or disputed.

Mrs. Stocker and her sister, Anita Baldwin, were joint heirs to the estate with the exception of a few minor bequests.

Atlantic Couple Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary Atlantic, Ia., Oct. 6.—(Special.)—James E. Darling and wife, Cass county pioneers, have just celebrated their golden wedding on the farm which has been their home for a half century.

Not only has he the distinction of being wedded 50 years and having lived on the same farm all that time, Mr. Darling has the added distinction of being the third of his family to pass the fiftieth milestone in married life.

A few days ago A. A. Darling of Adelpia, Ia., brother of James, celebrated his golden wedding. And not long ago a sister of the two men, Mrs. William Nelson of Colorado, observed her fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Central High Students Hold Athletic Rally at Rialto Two thousand five hundred Central High school students pledged themselves at a mass meeting in the Rialto theater yesterday to put increased spirit in sport activities of the school. Yells were practiced and speeches were made by John H. Beveridge, superintendent of schools; Miss Belle Ryan, assistant superintendent; Principal J. G. Masters of Central, and George Johnson, lieutenant colonel of the high school cadets.

The mass meeting was held to practice yells for the Central High-South Side High school football game at Rourke park today.

Administration Reorganization Of Canal Urged

Annual Saving of \$5,000,000 Would Result From Adoption of Its Recommendations. Committee Reports.

Washington, Oct. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Thorough reorganization of the administrative machinery in the Panama canal zone with radical changes in existing policies affecting employment of labor, physical operation of the canal and railroad, pay of employes and important subjects is recommended in the preliminary report submitted to Secretary Weeks by the commission which recently investigated conditions in the canal zone at its request.

The commission estimated that an annual saving of \$5,000,000 would result from adoption of its suggestions.

Favors Open Shop. "It is further recommended," the report says, "that the open shop principle be actually put into effect on the isthmus and that in all departments a substantial proportion of non-union men be employed."

Will Mean Saving. "The commission firmly believes—that if the recommendations are adopted, the returns to the government will increase year by year and that within a period of 10 or 15 years, the canal will return a net income in the investment of the federal government therein, but the report adds and estimates the total cost to date of the canal at approximately \$500,000,000.

The commission was headed by Brig. Gen. W. D. Connor, assistant chief of staff, Capt. A. B. Fry, of the Treasury department, F. A. Moller, New York engineer.

Canadian Political Campaign Launched Ottawa, Oct. 6.—With tariff questions as the main issue, political parties in Canada launched a campaign that will end with the general election early in December. Although the election date has not been announced definitely, it is expected that formal nominations will be held November 21, with polling on December 13th.

The 13th parliament of Canada, constituted in 1917, was formally dissolved yesterday by Lord Byng of Vimy, governor-general. Premier Meighen, leader of the conservative party, immediately issued his election manifesto to the electorate, emphasizing the tariff as the most important issue before the Canadian people. Retention of the present protective tariff was, the premier declared, vital to the welfare of Canadian industry.

Lane Comes to Tackle U. S. Mail Fraud Cases Arthur W. Lane, assistant United States district attorney, arrived yesterday from Lincoln to begin work on mail fraud cases now pending. He will devote himself exclusively to this work.

Persons indicted by the state grand jury will face federal charges if investigation shows they used the mails to defraud, J. C. Kinsler, district attorney, said yesterday.

Rotary Club Officers Open Conference Here Today Presidents and secretaries of Rotary clubs in the Sixth district, in which Omaha is located, will hold meetings today in the ball room of the Fontenelle hotel. Members of the Omaha Rotary club will be hosts.

Luther Brewer, district governor, will preside, and Harry A. Koch, secretary of the Omaha club, will serve as secretary. A banquet tonight at the hotel will conclude the session.

New Nabisco Sales Chief Named for Omaha District R. D. Duve, formerly a special representative in the general sales department of the National Biscuit company, has been named local sales manager for Omaha, succeeding M. R. Watson, resigned, it was announced yesterday. Mr. Duve formerly was a salesman for the company at Des Moines.

'Happy' Benner's Mind Was Sound, Witness Testifies William H. Pitzer, who drew Mrs. 'Happy' Van Wyck Benner's will, testified yesterday before Judge C. A. Leslie that Mrs. Benner was in brilliant mental condition when the will was drawn. Her son, Van Wyck Benner, through his father, seeks to have it broken. He is heir to \$500,000, but the will stipulates that he shall not receive the money until he is 30.

C. B. Country Club Dues Are Boosted \$10 Per Year Dues to the Council Bluffs Country club were boosted \$10 a year at a meeting of the members and stockholders in Eagles' hall, Council Bluffs, Tuesday night. Plans were discussed for the enlargement of the golf course from nine holes to 18 holes, toward which the additional \$10 in dues will go.

Voted Best-Dressed on Trip Home From Patee



Miss Doris Cameron

Miss Doris Cameron of New York, who was voted the best-dressed woman aboard the S. S. George Washington, arriving in New York from Europe. Miss Cameron's Bayaderes frock has a turban-twist girdle of Roman striped silk. Her three-cornered hat is trimmed with monkey fur, "cease immediately."

Taft Predicts Big Increase in 'Dry' Violators

Chief Justice Urges Appointment of Additional Judges to Handle Flood of Prohibition Cases. Washington, Oct. 6.—Chief Justice Taft believes that violations of prohibition law will greatly increase. He said his supreme court robes and appeared as a witness before the senate judiciary committee to plead for prompt enactment of law to create 18 additional federal judgeships to redress nationwide congestion of federal court dockets.

"Do you think prohibition cases will increase?" Senator Reed of Missouri asked the chief justice. "I don't hesitate to say that I believe violations of the prohibition law will greatly increase before they begin to grow fewer," the chief justice replied.

The Volstead act, according to Chief Justice Taft, has added considerably to the congestion in the federal courts, but not as much as is generally supposed. He estimated that the prohibition violation has increased the business of the courts about 8 per cent.

Attorney General Daugherty, also before the committee to urge the additional judgeship bill, differed from the chief justice regarding the prospective increase in the prohibition cases.

"Prohibition cases have reached their peak now," Mr. Daugherty said. "At the outset it was believed the 'dry' law could not be enforced. I have seen that theory disappear."

Mr. Daugherty added that state authorities have shown an inclination to leave prohibition enforcement to the federal government.

Wayne B. Wheeler, spokesman for the Anti-Saloon league, issued a statement asking as to the necessity for additional judges, but insisting that prohibition was not to blame for the congestion. Of 142,402 cases pending in the federal courts on July 21, he said, only 10,365 cases were for violation of the prohibition law.

Available Copper Supply Estimated at 405,051 Tons Washington, Oct. 6.—A survey of copper stocks, as of September 1, showed a total available supply of 405,051 short tons, including pig copper at the smelters and refined metal ready for the market. Director George O. Smith of the Geological Survey announced. Nearly one-half of this tonnage was held in trust for the Copper Export association for export abroad.

These figures do not include the working stock of copper in transit and in process of refining, which is now much lower than at the beginning of the year and apparently is reduced to a minimum," he added.

Woman Taken From Train Because of Mental Collapse Mrs. Nina Coulson, Grand Junction, Colo., was taken from a morning train at the Union station yesterday suffering from a mental collapse. She was placed in charge of Mrs. Clara Mead, Traveler's Aid who in turn released her to county officials.

Gloria Swanson Named in Court Suit Over Will

Stepfather Leaves Entire \$100,000 Estate to Star and Mother—Heirs Seek to Break Document.

Los Angeles, Oct. 6.—Gloria Swanson and her mother became the central figures in a \$100,000 suit today when relatives of the late Matthew P. Burns filed a contest to his will charging the screen star and her mother with exerting undue influence on the late proprietor of a line of shoe stores.

Mr. Burns, who died August 17, left his entire estate except a few small legacies to his widow, Mrs. Adeline L. Burns, who is the mother of Miss Swanson by a former marriage. The estate is valued in excess of \$100,000. To his two brothers—a sister and a nephew he bequeathed \$500 each. They have filed a contest over the probate of the will.

The complaint, filed through J. Marion Wright, claims that Mr. Burns was of unsound mind and that Mrs. Burns and Miss Swanson exerted undue influence on him as a result of which he made the will, which they seek to break. It is stated further in the complaint that Miss Swanson and her mother paid \$100 for an introduction to Mr. Burns and that shortly after the introduction Burns began paying assiduous court to Miss Swanson.

He discovered, however, the complaint recites, that Gloria was married and thereupon concentrated his attentions on her mother with the result that they were married a short time afterward.

Skinner Storage Plant Taken Over By Jerpe Company The cold storage plant of the Skinner Packing company at Twelfth and Douglas streets has been taken over by the Jerpe Commission company for five years at an annual rental with the option of buying it within that period.

The deal was made by the receiver, Keith Neville, on an order from Federal Judge Woodruff. "We will take possession November 1," said E. J. Jerpe.

West Virginia Refuses Charter to Ku Klux Klan

Charleston, W. Va., Oct. 6.—In formal application for a charter of incorporation was made yesterday by the Realm of West Virginia, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, according to Houston G. Young, secretary of state. Mr. Young declined to issue the charter, but said he made it plain that applicants who do not give his name that the organization "will not be granted a charter in this state."

Secretary Young did not give his reason for the refusal. He added, however, that he had informed the applicant that "the laws of the state such that the state supreme court can issue a writ of mandamus compelling the secretary of state to grant the charter."

Officers Assigned to Seventh Corps Area Col. Charles H. Englesby, infantry reserve officer, has been assigned to the 365th infantry, according to an extract from an official list of assignments of reserve officers for the Seventh corps area made public yesterday.

Col. Philip Louis Hall, jr., and Lieut. Col. Anan Raymond are assigned to the 355th infantry. Maj. Raymond Logan Crosson is assigned to the Third battalion, 355th infantry, and Capt. Forrest H. Cunningham is assigned to the gun battalion army anti-aircraft regiment allotted to Nebraska.

Street Lights May Flash Off to Tell Correct Time As a means of setting the correct time in Omaha, H. A. Raapke, Omaha architect, has suggested to the Chamber of Commerce that electric street lights throughout the city be flashed off for a moment at 8 every night.

This suggestion is offered in view of street lights throughout the city being flashed on and off at the same time, which has discontinued telling subscribers the correct time. Mr. Raapke's letter to the Chamber of Commerce reads:

Hard-Earned Dollar Of Working Man Goes To Gypsy Smith Fund

A negro, a working man, gave a hard-earned \$1 to the Gypsy Smith campaign committee yesterday. He didn't have very many dollars to spare, he told the committee, and he has to work hard for his money, but he wanted to help the cause. "I am not working today so I thought I would come down and bring this," he said, as he walked into headquarters in the Y. M. C. A. and tendered a creased and ragged \$1 bill.

The committee accepted the money in the spirit in which it was given. The negro is a member of the Grove Methodist church.

Witnesses Tell of Uncovering Body

State Well Into Testimony at Trial of Alleged Slayer. Redwood City, Cal., Oct. 6.—The state today was well into its presentation of evidence against William A. Hightower, baker, in his trial here on charges of murdering Father Patrick F. Heslin, Catholic priest of Colma, a San Francisco suburb.

Two witnesses, George L. Lynn, a San Francisco newspaper reporter, and Chief of Police Daniel S. O'Brien, of San Francisco, yesterday's court session described the midnight expedition to the lonely cliffs above Salada Beach, where the priest's body was found in a shallow grave. Each also detailed at length statements made by Hightower subsequent to the finding of the body as to his reason for not going direct to the police when he wished to make known his discovery of the grave.

This, Hightower was quoted as declaring, was his wish to obtain for himself a large reward offered for the discovery of the priest dead or alive.

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Freak Lilac Bush in Omahan's Yard Blooms Second Time This Year

Among various forms of plant life that have budded during the warm weather of September and October is a large lilac bush in the yard of Mrs. Peter J. McGuire's residence, 1566 North Eighteenth street.

Ordinarily the lilac is one of the early spring shrubs, blooming usually the last of April or the first of May. The 15-year-old lilac bush at Mrs. McGuire's home stands prominently on the corner of the lot where the sun shines on it all day. Yesterday the entire bush was covered with buds which will expand into perfect blossoms if there is no heavy frost.

Several cuttings of flowers have been taken from the bush in the last 10 days. A curious feature is that this bush now has its second full growth of leaves this season.

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\$10,000 Demanded in Note to Millard Man

As Emil Peterson, elevator operator, was on his way to work at the court house yesterday morning, he discovered a threatening letter on Farnam street, addressed to a Mr. Benson in Millard.

A skull and cross bones and a drawing of a Yale key adorned the top of the missive. The letter demanded that \$10,000 be left by a bridge under pain of violence to Mr. Benson's daughter.

Condition of Jap Emperor Serious

Physical and Mental Condition Declines Rapidly, Is Word. Tokyo, Oct. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Emperor Yoshihito, whose illness has been causing alarm in Japan, is said to be worse in an official statement issued here. It is declared his condition is most unsatisfactory.

At the imperial household it is explained that the emperor's physical and mental conditions have become aggravated. The difficulty he has experienced in walking and holding conversations has been augmented, while his memory and capacity for attention have declined. There are signs that he has been suffering from a severe disease of the brain, and it is recalled that during his infancy he was seriously ill, his malady recurring after he attained his majority. Since the coronation he has gradually weakened in mind and body.

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Lumber Men Want Cut On Hardwood Products

Washington, Oct. 6.—Representatives of the hardwood industry in southern and northern states and from points as far west as Arkansas, brought to hearings before the Interstate Commerce commission, their application for general reductions of freight rates on hardwood forest products.

All witnesses called by the complainant stated the desired rate reduction would assist in bringing about a general price reduction while railroad attorneys in cross-examination endeavored to secure admission to the effect that transportation expense was so small a percentage of the industry's operating cost that it could not be considered important.

C. B. Nallen, a West Virginia manufacturer, asserted that on recent shipment from his factory freight charges were \$12.00 per 1,000 feet on a product for which he received \$5 per 1,000.

Physician Presents Library With Book On Americanization

A new book of elementary American citizenship, entitled "The Short Constitution," has been presented to the public library by Dr. E. C. Henry, who has long been actively interested in Americanization work in Omaha.

The book is designed for foreigners who are looking forward to American citizenship. It is a consideration, in simple language, of the constitution of the United States with particular reference to the guarantees of life, liberty and property. Other books of this series will be forthcoming, Dr. Henry has promised the librarian.

"This book falls in line with the work we are doing in Americanization and help for these seeking citizenship," said Miss Edith Tobitt, librarian. "We are anxious to co-operate with other agencies in this work and to supply literature of a helpful nature. We have our foreign books grouped on one floor and when people apply for these we suggest to them to read the books on Americanization."

Merit Basis for Army Promotion Weeks Announces

Secretary of War Names Brigadier General Bailey to Fill Vacancy Caused by Resignation of Wood. Washington, Oct. 6.—Secretary of War Weeks announced that merit in the future would be the test for promotion to the rank of brigadier general of the army.

After announcing the promotion of Brig. Gen. Charles J. Bailey to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood and Brig. Gen. Samuel Sturgis to the vacancy caused by retirement of Maj. Gen. Joseph T. Dickman, Secretary Weeks said the names of two new brigadier generals would be announced tomorrow.

"In the past," said Secretary Weeks, "an attempt was made to equalize promotions between the several combat arms by distributing among them in turn, these appointments, a certain number of vacancies being filled from each arm. The selection of the best man was thus occasionally subordinated to the effort to equalize promotion."

"Since the act of June 4, 1920, in which congress placed all officers of the combat arms on a single promotion list, the necessity for distributing appointments to equalize promotion no longer exists and the best man may be sought without regard to his arm of the service. Hereafter endeavor will be made to secure the best, having in mind due regard for distinguished service and the best interests of the government as affected by age, past record and variety of military experience as indicating probable efficiency, with regard for such other considerations as may be deemed wise by the appointing authority. In general, while staff duty well performed is considered as important, the capacity for command is what is sought in a general officer and efficiency proven in command of troops will be the surest avenue to promotion."

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The island of Guernsey has enjoyed home rule for several hundred years.

Advertisement for Thompson, Belden & Co. featuring Peter Pan Blouses, Wool Tuxedo Sweaters \$6.95, Collars Become More Apparent, Checked Glass Toweling 25c, and other clothing items. Includes a small illustration of a woman in a dress.