

To Keep Her Husband in Jail for Life

Relentless and Bitter Revenge Which Maybelle McKean, the Former Chorus Girl Beauty Is Planning to Take for Claude Bossie's Desertion of Her for Another Love Mate

Maybelle McKean Bossie, second wife of Claude F. Bossie, former city clerk of Omaha, is now in Kansas City, to begin her threatened plan to "put Claude in jail for life."

Before she left for Kansas City she was asked:

"I have not changed a bit," she replied, with apparent determination in her face and expression.

Last February Mrs. Bossie stated that she would not rest until Claude was made to answer for every charge that has been brought against him. He has been charged by the federal government with violation of the Mann act, and with making false statements to obtain a passport. A charge of wife abandonment was filed here by County Attorney Henry Heil, and at the instance of Mayor Dahlman he has been charged with abandonment in connection with the administration of the municipal coal department.

Bossie's first hearing is set for Monday morning at 2 in federal court at Kansas City. He was arrested by federal officers at New York, when he returned on the Berengaria in February.

"Wonderful Husband—Before."

Mrs. Bossie No. 2, who is now in the role of Nemesis of the man whom she characterized as "a wonderful husband" before Ruth returned to his life, has also indicated the possibility of a charge of bigamy being brought against Bossie. She charges that Bossie's alleged marriage on December 22, 1923, to Ruth Wamsley, at Lawrence, Kan., had no legal status.

Bossie and his attorney, Paul Garretto, went to Kansas City last Friday night. Mrs. Edwin Mathes, who was a guest at the Plaza hotel, was summoned by the federal court at Kansas City to appear at the hearing on Monday morning, but the officers have not been able to locate her here. It is reported that Mrs. Mathes returned to California. Mrs. Bossie of this city stated that she has never met the Mathes woman, nor does she understand why she was summoned to appear.

"Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned," probably would have read, "Hell hath no half a dozen furies like one woman scorned" if Claude F. Bossie, former city clerk of Omaha, had had the writing of the old proverb.

Bossie scorned a woman. And now he's up against her. He got as far as Paris, France, with the "other woman," but the scorned one reached out, got him by the nape of the neck, and brought him back home.

And here's what the scorned one says she's going to do to him. "Prosecute him on a charge of wife desertion."

When he gets through paying the penalty, prosecute him on a still more serious charge.

When he gets out of prison on that charge, prosecute him for bigamy.

Next, prosecute him for perjury.

Last, for the time being, arrest and prosecute him on a charge of violating the Mann "white slave" act.

The scorned one is Mrs. Maybelle McKean Bossie, Claude Bossie's wife No. 2. And if she has her way she will keep this former husband of hers behind the bars of a jail or prison for the rest of his life.

New York remembers Maybelle McKean as the beauty star of the Hippodrome chorus, back in 1909 and 1910.

Some New Yorkers may remember that the little star was not seen in the Hippodrome chorus of the 1911-1912 season.

The reason was that she had married Bossie and had gone to Omaha to live.

Bossie was a pretty good politician. He was also some Lothario. But he did not know then quite as much about the risks involved in scoring a woman as he does now.

Just before last Christmas, Bossie dropped out of Omaha's sight. He left Mrs. Maybelle McKean Bossie behind in Omaha.

The next thing heard of Bossie was when his name was discovered on the passenger list of an ocean liner bound for France. "Mr. and Mrs. Claude F. Bossie" appeared on the books of the steamer.

But Mrs. Claude F. Bossie was still in Omaha.

Quick investigation disclosed that Bossie had asked for passports for himself and "wife" to go to France, Italy, Australia, Germany and several other European countries. He claimed, in his request for passports, to have married on December 22, 1923, in Lawrence, Kan., Miss Ruth

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Anyway, Bossie and "Mrs. Bossie No. 3" came back from France, remained in New York a few days and then went on back to Omaha under bond to appear in federal court to answer a charge of falsely securing passports.

But another surprise awaited him on reaching Omaha. As soon as he set foot in the city he was placed under arrest on a charge of embezzling money from the municipal coal fund, of which he had charge. The complaint was filed by Mayor J. C. Dahlman of Omaha.

As soon as Bossie gets out of his passport troubles in federal court, and brushes away the embezzlement charges, or serves his sentence, he will run up against the half dozen separate charges that Mrs. Maybelle McKean Bossie says she will file against him, one at a time.

But, as stated, Bossie was something of a politician and also something of a Lothario.

There is another Mrs. Bossie, the



As Maybelle McKean looked when Mr. Bossie saw her for the first time and said, "I'm going to marry that girl" before he had even spoken to her or found out her name.

very first Mrs. Bossie, out in Denver.

Miss Ruth Wamsley is said to have wrecked the home of Mrs. Bossie No. 1, in Denver, 15 years ago. A divorce was issued and Bossie was ready to marry Ruth Wamsley when the lady changed her mind and refused to marry him. Then she disappeared out of his life for nearly 15 years.

"Why I didn't marry him then I don't know," Mrs. Ruth Wamsley Bossie now says. "I just took a notion, that's all. If I had married

him then he would not be in all this trouble today."

The English-speaking communities have to work out a common conception of world order. The league of nations movement marks an epoch in world history. That sort of thought is still most extensively carried by the English language; it is shallow and weak today; it may become deeper, more effective as times goes on.

It is of primary importance that so far as possible, this thinking out of the organized peace of the world by the English-speaking communities, should go on. With no other great community it is more desirable to develop a joint system of ideas, of common political social aim, than with the Chinese mass. China is ready to consider and accept points of view. China is remaking its education from the foundation. It is desirable, because a successful effort to bring

modern Chinese, American and British thought about the world's affairs into understanding, would add the weight of 400,000,000 to the 200,000,000 of the American and British systems.

Boxer Indemnity Aid.

In America, China and Britain alike, there is recognition, weak and partial though it is, of this great opportunity. The return of the Boxer indemnity, already partially repaid by America, soon to be repaid by Britain, earmarked for educational purposes, is an unprecedented, a most significant thing in international relationships.

Part of the American money has gone to educate Chinese students in English, to prepare them to become students in American universities. The rest is to be devoted to the development of a modern library in Peking university. The nucleus of mental organization of the new China in close touch and sympathy with the Atlantic peoples, appears. Before a generation has



"As I have suffered," says the former Maybelle McKean, "so shall Claude Bossie suffer. I shall prosecute him on one charge after another to my dying day."

ed Kansas City and was going next to Omaha to play in the Municipal auditorium.

A number of Omaha city officials went down to Kansas City to pilot the show up to Omaha. Bossie was among them.

Maybelle McKean made a big hit in Kansas City. A number of the Omaha crowd were in the wings during the performance. Somebody said something about the little chorus girl. None of them knew her name.

"I'm going to marry her," Bossie said. All his friends laughed.

After the show the Omaha bunch was introduced. Bossie made a "dead set" at Maybelle McKean.

The whole party traveled to Omaha together. The Hippodrome show was in Omaha about a week. When the show left Bossie and Miss McKean were pretty good friends. A month later, when the Hippodrome show opened in Chicago, Bossie was there.

The next fall Miss McKean and her mother traveled from New York to Omaha and the little chorus girl and Bossie were married in Mayor Dahlman's office.

Last spring Ruth Wamsley, enroute from New York to her home in Redlands, Cal., where she was a telephone girl, stopped off in Omaha to see the city.

On the street she met Claude Bossie. They went to lunch together.

"Married?" he asked her.

"No," she answered.

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"Yes," he told her.

Miss Wamsley went on to California that same day. A month or so later Bossie had "business" in California.

Another month or so and Miss Wamsley was in Kansas City, living with a cousin, Mrs. Frederick Thorson, 2910 East Twenty-eighth street.

Bossie took to spending his week ends in Kansas City. Then he took to spending most of the week in Kansas City. Christmas came and Bossie disappeared altogether—to reappear on

the liner bound for France.

In France Bossie announced he had been granted a divorce from his Omaha wife by Judge Fitzgerald of Omaha.

Judge Fitzgerald denies that such a case ever came before him. Omaha court records show no such case ever to have been filed.

The former Maybelle McKean says she will not be satisfied until she has Bossie behind the bars, and if she makes good her threats he will spend the rest of his days in jail or prison.

"I want to make such an example of him that other men of his ilk will hesitate before they cast their legal wives aside to indulge their desires, even though they desecrate the holy word by calling it 'love.'"

Matrimonial troubles are not the only ones to gather around poor Mr. Bossie's head of late. Just before he sailed for Europe on the honeymoon trip which Maybelle McKean brought to such a sudden and dismal end Mayor James C. Dahlman of Omaha ousted him from his \$1,000-a-year job as city clerk.

The reason given for his dismissal was his frequent and long-continued absences from his office. Mysterious trips to Kansas City claimed so much of his time that the mayor thought there was not enough left to permit of proper attention to his municipal job.

"I had a serious talk with Bossie some weeks ago," said Mayor Dahlman in explaining the dismissal. "I told him then that he would have to cut out this foolishness or hand me his resignation. Apparently he was not willing to cut out."

As a reward for his efforts in bringing the present Dahlman administration into power he was made city clerk.

Nothing could have been more romantic than Bossie's wooing of the beauty who is now planning to pursue him as long as she lives with such a relentless and bitter revenge.

When he first saw her on the stage of a Kansas City theater he announced his intention of marrying her before he had spoken a word to her—before he was even sure of her name.

His political friends thought this only one of Bossie's jokes, but that night after the show, when they saw what attention he was paying to Maybelle McKean, they realized that he was perfectly serious.

He managed to get on board the special train that carried the Hippodrome company to Omaha, and throughout the trip he stuck as close to Maybelle McKean's side as he could.

But the Hippodrome beauty had many other admirers and when her week's stay in Omaha was up her promise to marry Bossie was still unwon. So he left his political affairs and followed her to Chicago and several other cities.



Claude F. Bossie, ex-city clerk of Omaha, and (above) Ruth Wamsley, for whose sake he is facing the fury of the wife he left

Now the good-looking young woman whom Claude Bossie trailed from one city to another is following him wherever he goes—but with quite a different purpose.

H. G. WELLS: "China, Giver to World of Revolutionizing Inventions, Has Been Forgotten by Self-Satisfied English-Speaking Peoples"

"Chinese Students Studying British and American Thought While We Pass Up Much We Might Learn From Them."

By H. G. WELLS, Author of "The Outline of History." London, April 26.—China has been out of the limelight of the newspapers for a long time. The tradition of the Atlantic nations is to think about China as little as possible. We ignore the enormous importance of its gifts to us in the past, we do our utmost to disregard its immediate share in the world's future. China drove the Huns westward to relieve Europe from the decaying stagnation of the western Roman empire. It gave the world paper, which made the printed book and newspaper possible, which made general education at Peking, rules more or less in most of China proper, though Canton and several other provinces get along in a state of provisional independence. But beside the president there is also a young emperor at Peking, with a large official income, in arrears, and a remarkable English tutor. The emperor, we are told, is being taught constitutional history and presently, if the British people do not wake up, there may be an attempt, with British assistance, to restore the Chinese monarchy.

China Big Factor. It is not that Britain has not a profound interest in the future development of China. All English-speaking peoples, all other peoples in the world, have a great and increasing interest in Chinese affairs. As the world is drawn together into political unity, the Chinese becomes the most important neighbor of every one. But the method of expressing interest by grabbing and fortifying settlements, threatening the coasts with warships, levying tribute, imposing iniquitous trade arrangements, is old-fashioned and barbaric. The English-speaking communities have to work out a common conception of world order. The league of nations movement marks an epoch in world history. That sort of thought is still most extensively carried by the English language; it is shallow and weak today; it may become deeper, more effective as times goes on. It is of primary importance that so far as possible, this thinking out of the organized peace of the world by the English-speaking communities, should go on. With no other great community it is more desirable to develop a joint system of ideas, of common political social aim, than with the Chinese mass. China is ready to consider and accept points of view. China is remaking its education from the foundation. It is desirable, because a successful effort to bring modern Chinese, American and British thought about the world's affairs into understanding, would add the weight of 400,000,000 to the 200,000,000 of the American and British systems. We are still in a day of comparative small things; sums like \$50,000,000 are dwarfed by such figures as 400,000,000 people, yet they are not too small to be perceptible and significant. A growing number of Chinese are making themselves thoroughly well acquainted with all the west has to teach them. The vigor and originality of the Chinese mind is manifested by the prompt repudiation to British and American ideas. It is one of the most remarkable things about China that in a time of great political confusion, whole provinces almost without government go on in orderly fashion, that the arts flourish, reading and teaching spread, the nucleus of mental organization of the new China in close touch and sympathy with the Atlantic peoples, appears. Before a generation has passed it may have gathered sufficient power to undertake the education of the whole Chinese people. The Chinese will know what we think, know long before we have realized how much we have to learn from them what a wholesome thing it is for us to get their point of view. For the Chinese schools multiply, teaching spreads; where there are schools and teaching, there the future grows.

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