

American Wife Victorious in Fight for Child

Woman Chased by Italian Husband in Airplane, Is Awarded Baby—Battled for Months.

By BASIL D. WOON. Universal Service Staff Correspondent. Paris, Aug. 17.—An American wife won a victory over her Italian husband, who had the backing of the entire Mussolini government when Mrs. Piccio fled, formerly Miss Loranda Batchelder of Chicago, regained the custody of her little son for whom both father and mother have battled for many months.

Mrs. Piccio arrived today at the Villa Deate, on Lake Como to receive the baby who will remain with her until he is seven years of age. It is announced that the arrangement was concluded in Rome last week after a meeting of Mrs. Piccio with her husband, Gen. Pier Ruggiero Piccio, Italian "ace of aces," and head of the Italian air service, assisted by their respective lawyers.

The meeting came after the former American girl appealed to the American embassy for assistance against her husband, whose methods caused the quarrel to become an international matter.

Matters reached a climax one day when the mother, after long watching the baby while it was at play with a nurse in the gardens. She fled with the baby to Naples, intending to sail for New York, but missed the boat, so she changed her plan and took a mail boat to Sardinia and from there set sail in a small sailing vessel across the Gulf for Corsica, where she would be safe on French territory.

Then came the famous pursuit of General Piccio in which there was a highly sensational race requiring motorboats and seaplanes, high-powered automobiles and reinforcements of Italian militia and carabinieri before the fleeing one was captured and the baby taken from her by force. The American woman, 28, and beautiful, did not give up the strange struggle while there was a hope of getting clear of Italian soil and out of the jurisdiction of the forces marshaled by her husband with the sanction of the Italian government.

Barricaded in Hotel. Finally, barricaded in a hotel room at Terra Nova, where she and the child were taken by Italian police after being captured at Cagliari, in Sardinia, while making a getaway in a small motorboat. Mrs. Piccio again defied the police.

General Piccio, who had been making a hot pursuit in every kind of fast conveyance obtainable, arrived from the mainland in an airplane after being notified by wireless that his wife and child were at bay behind a barricade in the hotel.

When he commanded her to open the door, she shouted: "Never, beast, I hate you."

Then, after flinging his own powerful body against the barricade without success, General Piccio called up on the police, who used a pole as a battering ram and smashed their way into the room.

The countess, in a far corner, clasped her baby in her arms and defied the police for a time, but fearing injury to the child, finally surrendered to the father, who backed out of the room as the frenzied wife screamed: "You, the hero of Italy, must call an army to beat your wife."

Boy Taken Back. General Piccio returned to the mainland with the boy in a motorboat, his wife returning in another under an official escort. She was permitted to return alone to Rome on another train than the one which carried her husband and child.

Since then Italy, France and America have been watching the struggle through legal proceedings for the child. It was reported that Mrs. Piccio would return to America, to establish her citizenship and seek a divorce with custody of the child. But this step has for a time been obviated by the agreement just made, which, under the Italian law, gives the mother custody of the child until he reaches the age of 7. That is four years.

Ballard Dunn's Father Is Dead. Word was received in Omaha Saturday of the death in Los Angeles of Dr. W. M. Dunn, father of Ballard Dunn, editor-in-chief of The Omaha Bee. Dr. Dunn was 82 years old. He had practiced medicine for 45 years, until his retirement at the age of 78.

After service in the civil war, with the Army of the Potomac, he came west and for a time lived in Omaha. This was in 1866. He traveled with the advance army of the Union Pacific railroad and was present when the townsite of the city of Cheyenne was picked out. He lived in Cheyenne for a time and in Denver and later at Adens, Kan. He was a friend of Buffalo Bill and most of the early plains characters.

In 1871, while studying medicine at Rush Medical college, Chicago, he was burned out by the big fire that destroyed most of that city. He completed his medical education at Louisville Medical college. He had lived in Los Angeles for 20 years. Interment will be in Los Angeles.

Princess Fined in French Court. Berlin, Aug. 17.—The Princess Adelheid von Sachsen-Meinungen together with 28 others were haled before the French military court at Wiesbaden because their identification papers were not according to French regulations. They were fined \$25 each.

In the Early Days of Athletics



Wall Street Wolf Free After Years Behind Iron Bars

David Lamar Scoffs at 'Trifling' Grand Larceny Charge Resting Over Head.

New York, Aug. 17.—The "wolf of Wall street" is free again. A trap made up of steel doors and barred windows has failed to remove the fangs from the jaws of David Lamar. He was almost to complete freedom—the he was still under \$5,000 bail—as stubbornly defiant and as nonchalantly arrogant as ever.

David Lamar boasted one cardinal principle during his days of great fame. The world owed David Lamar a living and David took it. And the "wolf of Wall street" still believes the world is indebted to David Lamar.

A few short weeks ago he stood in the barred reception room of the Tombs and through gritted teeth, with eyes flashing, remarked: "They think I'm through! They are going to be fooled considerably!"

Yet the David Lamar released from federal custody after serving his term for obstructing interstate commerce is different from the Lamar who laughingly admitted he had impersonated, with success, the dignified Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer, later the attorney general of this country.

Different Man Now. And, too, he is different from the David Lamar who sneered at reporters, told them he was a pirate, and then went out and ruined a multi-millionaire in the Union Pacific pool. He is not the same Lamar who snapped to attention when he heard a Wall Street rumor, magnified that rumor, and, working a vicious coup, based on no fact at all, ruined hundreds of Wall Street brokers who got mixed up in United Leather infatuations.

The years have changed Lamar's physique. They haven't changed his character. The years have changed his appearance. They haven't changed his vanity.

Vanity made David Lamar feared in Wall street, it also made him hated. For Lamar, with amazing cocksureness, dared do everything and anything, because he believed he was bigger than the men "he did."

He called J. P. Morgan "Johnny," and Mr. Morgan called him "a vermin."

Took Up Politics. His early career was confined to finance. But he later took up politics, and it was because he did that that he went to jail. He got mixed up in a scheme to stop shipment of munitions to Europe during the early part of the world war. He was indicted and found guilty. He evaded a jail term by slipping to Mexico and by jumping bonds and by fighting, until a little more than a year ago.

Finally, writing a letter to the woman who had been his wife, and who could not get the position he had made for her, he was caught.

Mrs. Lamar, the former wife, had long since got a divorce. She had the custody of the children. His letter to her put the detectives on his track.

Then came his incarceration in Essex county prison, his unique demand that he be freed, because Essex county was a "penitentiary," not "a jail," as the federal judge who sentenced him had specified. His appeals, one after another of which were denied, and finally his transfer to the Tombs.

Grand Larceny Charge. Now there is a grand larceny charge against him, a state charge. It is trifling, thinks Lamar, and he expects to beat it. In fact, it never actually comes to trial. It has grown out of one of his many stock deals.

Mrs. Estelle Allison, formerly a clay modeller, has charged that Lamar through his promises, got \$50,000 from her which he never bothered to make good.

Seven Ages of Man Are Represented as Elsasser Family Hold Their Picnic

Twelfth Annual Mobilization of Famous Clan Takes Place—Oldest Boasts of 70 Years; Carries Youngest Who Is Only Eight Months.

The twelfth annual mobilization of the Elsasser family was held Sunday afternoon and evening in Elmwood park.

Omaha's premier family is so numerous that its members must assemble once a year to get acquainted and also enjoy an outing.

The seven ages of man were represented in the happy assemblage. Charles Elsasser, three score and 10, of 5413 North Thirty-fourth street, was the dean of the group. He held in his arms, Dwan E. Elsasser, 8 months of age, his grandnephew and the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Elsasser, 2527 Rees street.

There were grandmothers, grandfathers, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters and also the newlyweds. There were mothers with infants nestled in their arms, and there was Peter E. Elsasser, historian of the house of Elsasser, former city councilman and today willing to run a footrace with any man of 64.

G. Fred Elsasser, former county treasurer, has a family of 40, counting his children, sons-in-law and daughters-in-law and 21 grandchildren. Only 26 of his family could attend the reunion; the others live in distant cities.

Mr. Elsasser's father, whose name was G. Fred Elsasser, was the first of the family to come to Omaha, which was in 1848. The present G. Fred Elsasser believes his family of 40 is the largest of any direct descendant of the first Omaha Elsassers.

The young men of the reunion played a baseball game, while some of the older men enjoyed horseshoe pitching.

DEMOS FEAR BRYAN LA FOLLETTE TRADE

He will throw his strength to Bryan and secure his selection as vice president over Dawes and Bryan, the conspiracy complete, will be declared president on March 4.

Ghost of Trade Stalks Davis. There is more than Charles W. Bryan's political allies supporting these charges. William J. Bryan, who led the denunciations of Davis at the democratic national convention, is silent now, only because Davis selected his brother to be candidate for vice president. In political philosophy both William J. and Charles W. are nearer La Follette than Davis, and his nearness, together with William J. Bryan's desire to put his brother in the presidency, supports the fear that there is under way a gigantic, nationwide political trading conspiracy, patterned after the Nebraska-Bryan method.

Keeping the "slate clean" by prohibiting state candidates in the several states, makes such a conspiracy easier of accomplishment on La Follette's part. There is only one trade to make. If there were state candidates the scheme would be immensely complicated.

Thus it is that the ghosts of the Bryan brothers, the ghosts of the "nebraska" club in Nebraska are stalking the democrats in this state and throughout the country. Davis, in his swing round the circle, when he gets his campaign under way, will find those ghosts ever at his heels. At every conference he holds with his running mate there will be a third seat at the table and in that seat will be the Bryan-La Follette ghost.

BRITISH AIRSHIP FLIGHT TO INDIA

Albany, Aug. 17.—A flight to India is to be undertaken by the British airship R-33 within the next three months as an experiment and in connection with the inauguration of an airship service between England and India.

R-33 will be ordered to obtain practical flying and meteorological data about the trip and observations will be made as to how the length of the flight affects the crew.

It is 643 feet in length and has a boom of 79 feet. Its inflation has already begun, with the object of it taking a short trial flight.

Son of Doctor Held as Witness; Hot Row Looms

Legal Action of Police Captain Involved, Says Father; 'I'll Go to Bottom.'

A case involving the question of whether or not a complaining witness can be lawfully arrested, booked and placed in jail if unable to raise a bond, is creating a stir at central police station.

Ernest Langfeld, city bacteriologist, whose son, Daniel, had just such an experience at the central station yesterday afternoon, firmly believes that any such action is unlawful and threatens to "go to the bottom of the affair."

Chief of Police Van Deusen also holds such action unlawful and says that he has issued an order some time ago instructing captains not to arrest witnesses.

Doesn't Remember Order. Police Captain Alonzo Trosby doesn't remember any such order and has booked complaining witnesses as long as he can remember.

It all started Saturday afternoon when Daniel's car was damaged by a car driven by L. G. Moore, 2204 South Twenty-fourth street. Police were called and took Moore to the station, allowing young Langfeld to follow, driving his own car.

When it was asked what charge to file against Moore, Langfeld said to file the charge "drunk and driving a car while under the influence of liquor."

According to the custom of the station, Captain Trosby asked the boy to step around the counter and be booked as the complaining witness. It was explained that a bond was necessary.

Then followed an argument as to the rights of American citizens in a police station and things began to get warm. Policemen who heard the argument say that young Langfeld asserted that he'd "get" all of their jobs.

Whereupon the captain's ire was aroused and he ordered the young man taken upstairs. Later the controversy came up as to whether the boy was allowed to use the telephone or not. He said that he was refused the use of the phone and told finally that "he could use it if he'd act like a gentleman."

Not Done Yet. Captain Trosby said he gave orders that he should be allowed to use the phone and that he was given the use of it as soon as it was not busy.

Dr. Langfeld, the boy's father, says that he knows of several instances in which law-abiding citizens have been mistreated in the same way, and asserts, "I'm not done yet. I mean to see this thing out."

WOMAN GETS \$250 IN BREACH SUIT

Belfast, Aug. 17.—Matthew Macuire, a wealthy farmer, courted Miss Mary Jones for 20 years. Then he married another woman.

Miss Jones, feeling that Maguire's long courtship had caused her to "miss the market" so far as chances of marrying were concerned, took the matter into court. She said she had declined several other proposals while waiting for Mr. Maguire.

A jury decided that 20 years of unproductive courtship were worth \$250 and gave Miss Jones damages in that amount.

DOGS INCREASE IN NEW YORK

Albany, Aug. 17.—Dogs are increasing in New York state.

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