

MARRIAGE LAWS ASKED AT HERRIN

Nome Awaits Arrival of Anti-Toxin

Town Stricken by Diphtheria Turns Anxious Eyes to South, for Sight of Speeding Dog Team. Many Lives in Balance

By International News Service. Nome, Alaska, Jan. 31.—This little town on the top of the world tonight turned anxious eyes southward to watch for the coming of fleet dog teams bringing death-cheating anti-toxin to its diphtheria sufferers. Speeding into Nome across the frozen snow and ice was Leonard Sepella, famous musher of the north, guiding a sled containing a package of the precious serum to replace Nome's exhausted supply. With five dead, 22 suspected cases, and many sick and terrorized, Nome awaited arrival of the champion dog team driver and his cargo. Dr. Curtis J. Welsh, Nome's lone physician, who has been battling night and day to check the disease, declared that Sepella, should arrive within the next few hours, would probably save hundreds of lives. He said his supply of old anti-toxin, rendered practically useless because of its age, was entirely gone and that primitive methods would be forced upon him unless the new supply of the remedy was rushed. Gen. Scott C. Bone flashed from the state house at Juneau that he had every confidence Sepella and his expert hunkies would arrive here tomorrow or next day at the latest. Gen. Bone has received bulletins marking the progress of the mad relay teams over the tundra and declared "The eyes of the north are watching Sepella in his race for humanity." The approach of the racing dogs lightened the hearts of Nome's residents. Morale in the camp is splendid and assistance to the sufferers has been offered by every resident, although the bulk of the battle has been done by Dr. Welsh and Miss Emily M. Wigan, a nurse formerly of Wichita, Kan.

Mystery in Leginska Disappearance



ETHEL LEGINSKA

Much mystery surrounds the disappearance in New York City of Ethel Leginska, world famous pianist and composer-conductor, who vanished while a huge audience was waiting in Carnegie hall to hear one of her scheduled programmes. Her friends declare they believe she has fled from what has been pleased to term "stifling civilization." She had no money with her when she disappeared.

Omaha Woman and Daughter Friends of Titled Mate of Gloria Swanson

Mrs. FRANK A. SHOTWELL and her daughter, Margaret, are friends of Marquis De la Falaise of Paris, the new husband of Gloria Swanson. The Shotwells met the marquis last summer while in France. "The marquis is a fascinating man and he is to Paris what the prince of Wales is to London," Mrs. Shotwell said. "The boy is only 28 years old, although I noticed the papers had him 29. We received a letter from him at Christmas time." Mrs. Shotwell and Miss Shotwell expect to meet the marquis and his wife of the screen when they arrive in this country during February. Marquis De la Falaise is described as a blond, and handsome, son of one of the oldest families of France, but he does not have a large bank account, according to report. Gloria Swanson, however, has indicated that real love came knocking at her heart when she met the marquis. She is "really and truly happy" now with the marquis by her side, she told friends. The marquis will be introduced to Hollywood during the latter part of February or early March.

Ancestor Couldn't Spell, So Cohan Wants Name Changed to Cain

THE error of an almost illiterate ancestor is blamed by Robert Abram Cohan, suit salesman, for the fact that his name is "Cohan" instead of "Cain." Cohan filed a petition in district court Saturday, asking that his name be changed to Cain, arguing that Cain is really the name of his family for dozens of generations back. Entered a relative who wasn't such a heavyweight at spelling, he alleges, and hasn't spelled it C-o-h-a-n. Cohan isn't bitter against this ancestor. He believes the mistake was made inadvertently by the ancestor when he, the ancestor, was just learning to write. But in any event he wants to be known as Cain henceforth, and points out that other Cohans are retrieving their original family name in various parts of the country in the same manner.

Mrs. Andy Nielson Demands \$50,000 for Son, Crippled in Tramway Crash

Mrs. Emma B. Nielson, wife of Andy Nielson, the "parson aviator," filed suit Saturday in the district court against the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company for \$50,000 damages in behalf of her son, Paul. The claim is based on an accident which occurred at Sixteenth and Cumming streets on September 6, 1924, when a street car became derailed and smashed into an automobile in which the Nielson boy was riding. The car was demolished, the plaintiff's petition alleges, and the boy was severely injured. Mrs. Nielson declares that as a result of these injuries her son is forced to wear a hinged brace on his left knee and that he is permanently crippled. In her petition she contended: "Plaintiff's upper and lower jaw and mouth are permanently crippled and deformed because of the loss of teeth and malnutrition of the bones thereof, the growth of which has been thereby arrested in infancy. His general nutrition, growth and vitality have been permanently and incurably impaired and he has suffered and will continue to suffer great pain of body and mind." Mrs. Nielson alleges that the derailment was caused by the motorman going 50 miles an hour and losing control of his car, that the track had been negligently constructed and that the car had no effective power or hand brake.

COMMUNISTS OUST TROTSKY, IS REPORT

London, Jan. 31.—The central communism committee has decided to exclude Trotsky from the communist party, a dispatch from Helsinki, Finland, said. Dispatches from Moscow several days ago said Trotsky had been replaced as commissar for war, but that he would continue to be an active member of the communist party.

Chaplin-Lita Grey Romance Tottering, Hollywood Hears; Girl-Wife's Lawyer-Uncle Admits Cash Agreement Sought

By International News Service. Los Angeles, Jan. 31.—A school girl's dream of romance and happiness with the most famous clown in the world, Charlie Chaplin, was seemingly at an end today when it was learned that attorneys representing Lita Grey Chaplin, his bride of two months after a colorless romance, were trying to effect a financial agreement between the film star and his girl-wife. Edwin McMurray, well-known San Francisco lawyer and uncle of Mrs. Chaplin, now in Los Angeles, was quoted today as admitting that the financial negotiations were in progress between Chaplin and his bride, but denied that negotiations were the forerunners of a separation or divorce. At the same time all efforts to reach the comedian or Mrs. Chaplin proved futile. Attorney McMurray said Mrs. Chaplin had nothing to say and Chaplin was secluded, but just where, his servants would not disclose. Speculation was also rife today with the report of the financial negotiations. Just what would be their effect on the situation of a baby expected to be born to Mrs. Chaplin, was a subject for conjecture. The Chaplin-Grey romance, which terminated at Empalme, Mexico, in November, when the pair was married, has aroused the interest of the blasé Hollywood film colony as nothing else has ever done. Mrs. Chaplin, it was reliably reported, has frequently told friends that she was unhappy because Chaplin was home so long. A picture and that home life would have to be sidetracked for the time being.

2 Men Held for Slaying Mail Clerk

Detectives Complete Trail Which Led From Chicago to German Arms Factory and Back.

Chicago, Jan. 31.—Threading a maze that led across the Atlantic to a German arms factory, Chicago detectives today solved the slaying of Russell Dickey, express messenger, who died in defense of his mail car on December 20.

As a result, two men are under arrest, one of them, a passenger brakeman on the Northwestern railroad, Edward J. Smith, who is credited with planning the mail holdup, and Bernard Mylin, who, the authorities declare, is the actual slayer of Dickey. The only clue the authorities had to the slaying was the revolver which the bandit threw from the train near Ravinia, Ill., a suburb of Chicago. It was a German Mauser. A cablegram to the manufacturer brought the name of the New York dealer, who told the authorities that he had shipped the revolver and two silver bread trays to a man in Oconto Falls, Wis. The articles never arrived at their destination. They had been shipped to Mylin as the one who had sought to carry it out. Mylin was to act alone, but when Dickey resisted the bandit he was shot down and in order to escape he leaped from the train in Evanston.

Smith was on the train when the holdup took place, but, according to the investigating plans, he was not to take part in it. The two are to be tried in Lake county on murder charges.

Klan Dragon Gets Guard Commission

Colorado K. K. K. Chief Is Named Colonel in Medical Corps. Denver, Jan. 31.—Dr. John Galen Locke, grand dragon of the Colorado Ku Klux Klan, is a full-fledged officer of the Colorado National Guard, it became known today. Dr. Locke appeared at Governor Morley's office yesterday to subscribe to the oath of office, inducting him into the office of colonel of the medical corps, to which he was appointed several days ago by the executive. A hurried search failed to reveal a copy of the state oath that is required and the ceremonies were postponed. Late yesterday Maj. Bert Lake administered the oath to Dr. Locke in the executive building in the presence of Governor Morley.

FATHER SLAYS TWO CHILDREN

Pottstown, Pa., Jan. 31.—While in a religious frenzy, police say, Walter Bingham, 36, a farmer of Coventry, 10 miles from here, killed his 10-month-old daughter, Anna, and his 5-year-old son, Walter, Jr., today. Bingham's father, Christopher, 72, died of heart disease while battling with his son to save the children's lives. The baby was strangled in her crib. The boy was killed by a beating administered with the handle of a car-pet sweeper. When state policemen arrived at the farmhouse they found Bingham seated in the parlor calmly reading a Bible. They surrounded him with drawn revolvers, but he manifested no excitement. "I know you have come," the policemen said he told them. "I will go with you peacefully. I did right. A spirit told me to kill them and I did."

800 HOMELESS FROM FLOODS

Nampa, Ida., Jan. 31.—More than 300 Nampa residents on the north side were homeless this morning, and dance halls, pavilions, city hall, railroad depot and hotels were taxed to the limit to accommodate the refugees as a result of the rising water of Indian creek, which extended over the entire section of the city from two blocks north of the creek south to railroad tracks, and fully 10 blocks long. The flood was caused by a break in the New York canal, five miles southeast of Nampa, which occurred about 6 Thursday evening. To keep the water from flooding the farms, canal headgates were closed and the water diverted into Indian creek, which already was running full, due to continued warm rains which melted the heavy snow. A large number of chickens, hogs and several tons of ground hay are reported lost, furniture ruined and goods in grocery stores destroyed. The loss, it is believed, will aggregate nearly \$100,000.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m. January 31. Precipitation, inches and humidity. Total, 0.0; total since January 1, 9.0; excess, 0.2. Hourly Temperatures. 7 a. m. 21. 8 a. m. 21. 9 a. m. 21. 10 a. m. 21. 11 a. m. 21. 12 noon 21. 1 p. m. 21. 2 p. m. 21. 3 p. m. 21. 4 p. m. 21. 5 p. m. 21. 6 p. m. 21. 7 p. m. 21. 8 p. m. 21. 9 p. m. 21. 10 p. m. 21. 11 p. m. 21. 12 noon 21.

Jazz Era Waning in Omaha, Divorce Judge Believes; Decrees Here Slump From 1,042 in 1920 to 810 in 1924

Most Petitions Filed in Summer; Court Recesses Then, Hoping Troubles Will "Blow Over."

By J. T. ARMSTRONG. The divorce business is falling off. Just when Omaha was well on the way to out-distance Reno and Paris in the business of untying marital knots, things begin to slump. The depression began three years ago in Omaha, just when Paris began to swing into form. The decrease was not marked at first, but since the first of this year there has been a genuine slump. District Judge L. B. Day, who rules over the court of domestic relations, is not alarmed by the decrease in the number of married Omahans who would cease to be married. On the contrary, he is delighted. Jazz Era Waning Seen. The judge has recited his views on the damage of divorce to the community so often that it is not necessary to repeat them. In this decrease the numbers of seekers after alimony or freedom or whatnot, the judge sees a distinct change for the better, a waning of the jazz era. Omaha surpassed many other cities of the country in the number of divorces granted in ratio to population back in 1920, when 1,417 divorces were granted. At about this time prominent social workers of the city began expressing genuine alarm. The number of divorces granted began to decrease the very next year, however, as the following table shows:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Divorces Granted. 1920: 1417, 1921: 1275, 1922: 1025, 1923: 935, 1924: 810.

Thus it may be seen that the decline has been steady, if not rapid. It was in 1921 that juvenile authorities began investigating all cases in which one of the contesting parties defaulted. This partly accounts for the fact that the number of decrees granted has gradually become smaller, although the number of cases filed has remained about the same each year.

Dove of Peace at Work

The dove of peace has hovered about the divorce court quite frequently during the last few years, too, and many unhappy couples have gone forth still married and determined to have another try at living up to the "till death do part" clause in the marriage ceremony. Since January 1 Judge Day has heard 69 divorce cases, as compared to 122 cases in the corresponding January, 1924, a decrease of 25 cases. "It means that people are settling down," the judge hazarded. "It means that we are emerging from the hectic, jazz period."

Easter, Christmas Reconciliations

Most reconciliations between estranged couples occur just before Easter and Christmas. Judge Day recently announced that divorces will not be granted simply because married couples cannot get along, and made it clear that if children are involved it will be doubly hard to obtain decrees. This announcement is believed to have slackened the daily grind of divorce court here. But, in any event, Omaha has lost its stride and fallen behind as a divorce center. Which, as the judge would paradoxically put it, means that divorce business in Omaha is bad, but it is a good thing for Omaha.

Bishop to Install Rector at Church in Columbus

Columbus, Jan. 31.—Rev. Ernest V. Shayler, Omaha, bishop of the Nebraska diocese of the Episcopal church, will deliver a lecture on the holy land Saturday evening in Columbus and Sunday evening in Schuyler. Institution of the new rector of Grace church here, Rev. J. Dell Sanderson, will take place Sunday morning, the bishop acting as institutor.

Burned Business Houses in Cortland to Be Rebuilt

Beatrice, Jan. 31.—The four buildings destroyed by fire the first of the week at Cortland, will be rebuilt in the spring. The buildings were Miltenberger's drug store, Cortland News, Bonebright's store and blacksmith shop. The fire started in the drug store from unknown cause.

San Francisco, Jan. 31.—Mrs. Rose Livingston, formerly of Oakland, Cal., offer of matrimony if he would for week at Cortland, will be rebuilt in the spring. The buildings were Miltenberger's drug store, Cortland News, Bonebright's store and blacksmith shop. The fire started in the drug store from unknown cause.

Bluffs Teamster Buried When Bank Caves Under Team

Men's Legs and Hip Crushed by Weight of Earth; Rescued by Witnesses.

George Foote, 1310 Avenue E, teamster, suffered a crushed left leg and hip and a broken right leg, early Saturday afternoon when an embankment on which he was working at Sixth and Avenue D, Council Bluffs, caved in on him. Foote had driven onto the second level of the bank which was being dug out, and had climbed off his wagon before the bank above him fell. The wagon and horses were thrown to the street by the falling earth and Foote was buried almost completely. Witnesses to the accident helped dig Foote out.

Woman and Two Children Found Slain in Home

Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 31.—Mrs. Russell Martin, 25, and her two children, 4 years, and 18 months, were found brutally murdered in their home in the mining district of Paradise, west of here, today. Their bodies had been chopped off. Russell Martin, the husband, was placed under arrest by Sheriff William Huster after Walter Winters, a boarder in the Martin home, had found the headless body of the wife lying in a pool of blood in her bed. Blood Trail to Babies. A blood trail leading from the home disclosed the children's bodies lying at the bottom of an abandoned shaft mine. On a twin bed in the same room where the woman was lying a butcher knife was found in a bucket of water. Martin refused the questioning of authorities for hours. Then some one asked: "Which of them did you kill first?" Husband-Suspect Collapses. As though he had been shot, Martin crumpled up and collapsed. From the questions Martin answered police reconstructed the triple murder which they say the husband committed. Enraged by his wife's love for dancing and parties, Martin warned her to pay more attention to home life and the children, but she did not. And just a few days ago, neighbors said, Mrs. Martin asked her husband for a divorce and \$250 because she was tired living with him and wanted to go back to her home in Wyoming.

6-YEAR TERM FOR 'BREVITIES' EDITOR

New York, Jan. 31.—Stephen G. Clow, editor of Broadway Brevities, convicted of using the mails to defraud, was sentenced today to serve six years and one day in the Atlanta penitentiary. He was fined \$7,000. Albert S. Brown, an advertising solicitor for the periodical, was sentenced to two years. The Brevities corporation was fined \$11,000. Nat Kunnes, another solicitor, was ordered held in the custody of the United States marshal for one week pending further investigation.

Poffenbarger TRIAL RESUMED

The trial of Fred Poffenbarger, held in connection with the Burlington mail robbery, was resumed Saturday morning in federal court. Testimony of postal clerks and railway mail employees between the Pacific coast and Council Bluffs was taken. W. H. Pickett of Baker, Ore., identified one of the stolen mail pouches in court as one which he had handled, and H. C. Madden, mail clerk, testified that he turned over certain mail pouches at the end of his run from Cheyenne to Omaha. It is expected that the hearing of the testimony will be completed late Saturday. The case may go to the jury on Monday. Poffenbarger was a pal of Keith Collins, who was found guilty Friday on five different counts in connection with the mail robbery. Collins, it is said, is liable to receive a sentence of 25 years when arraigned next Wednesday. Five years is the maximum sentence on each of the five counts.

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Albion, Neb., Jan. 31.—A meeting of the Knights of Pythias lodges of the ninth Nebraska district was held at Albion Thursday. About 50 delegates from outside Albion were present. A banquet was served by the ladies of the Methodist church, at which 115 were present. Past Grand Chancellor W. L. Elswick of Crawford made the principal address.

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Police Chief Threatened by K. K. K.



Chief of Police A. M. Walker

Attempted Discharge of Klansman From Force Starts New Trouble; Sheriff Asks Troops. Fresh Outbreak Feared. Marion, Ill., Jan. 31.—Declaring that "deeper trouble" was now on at Herrin, Sheriff George Galligan and Chief of Police A. M. Walker, united late today in a telegraphic appeal to Adjutant General Carlos Black at Springfield to declare martial law at Herrin. The telegram was dispatched after a threat which Chief Walker asserted J. H. Smith, a Herrin klan leader, had made on his life in front of the city hall when the chief attempted to discharge Patrolman Harold Crain, a klan sympathizer. Ross Lisenby, Herrin night policeman, and Harry Walker, son of the chief, were under the protection of Sheriff Galligan here tonight. Chief Walker, however, who had come to the county seat to confer with Galligan, returned to Herrin, where the situation was said to be menacing.

Holden Pleased BY HOSPITALITY

The following telegram was received Saturday morning from Hale Holden, president of the Burlington railroad, by Ford Hovey, chairman of the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce. "On our return to Chicago, in behalf of my associates and myself, I wish to send you an expression of our sincere thanks and appreciation for the cordial and generous welcome we received from yourself and associates from the Omaha Chamber of Commerce. Your promises of a friendly reception far exceeded our anticipation, and we have come away with the warmest feelings of renewed allegiance to the interests of your great community. Will you kindly convey to your membership every expression of continual good wishes and thanks for the generous welcome you accorded us?"

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