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OFFERS WIFE \$1,000 TO STOP GOSSIPING

Omaha Man Takes Stand in His Effort to Secure Divorce from His Wife at Kansas City.

WIFE RUINED HIS BUSINESS

Testifies that He Made \$10,000 a Year Before She Broke His Health, When He Lost Sixty Thousand.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—William L. Yetter, in this morning's session of his trial for divorce from Mrs. Bena Yetter of Omaha, testified that he had offered Mrs. Yetter \$1,000 a year if she would desist from the habit of gossiping, but that she flatly refused the offer.

Yetter is president of the Yetter Wall Paper company of Kansas City and Omaha and was formerly president of the Omaha Commercial club. "I have been entirely too good and considerate," Mr. Yetter said. "I have done everything in the world for her. If I had been harsh with her things might have turned out differently."

Says Wife Beat Him. On certain occasions, Mr. Yetter testified, his wife would call him "dog" and "brute" and would beat him with her hands. Mrs. Yetter's tendencies to gossip and discuss their own personal affairs was a source of great annoyance, Mr. Yetter said. She frequently complained Mr. Yetter was not supporting her, and told her friends of the domestic difficulties existing between them, he testified.

Monday Afternoon's Testimony. When he took the stand Monday afternoon Mr. Yetter declared that his wife's actions toward him in Omaha and elsewhere were largely responsible for financial difficulties into which his firm was brought. In substantiation of the allegations of his petition, Mr. Yetter testified his wife conspired to injure his business standing and succeeded to the extent of causing his firm to go into the hands of a receiver.

The gist of the testimony was that Mrs. Yetter did much to annoy her husband and cause him to lose standing among his associates and business acquaintances and also in society. Their trouble, he asserted, began soon after their marriage in 1889. He was forced to enter a sanitarium for his health. F. G. Moore, engaged in business with Mr. Yetter, testified that Mrs. Yetter frequently called up the Yetter business house over the telephone inquiring about her husband, bringing him into ridicule.

Judge Objects to Questions. The early years of their married life were reviewed and Mr. Yetter again was asked to describe the effects of a certain medicine which was alleged, Mrs. Yetter prescribed. Before Mr. Yetter answered Judge Sehnra interrupted. "I believe I remember the effects, Mr. Yetter said the medicine had," the judge said. "It will not be necessary to repeat that part of the testimony."

Old Stock of Rock Island is Sold at Auction in New York. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Ownership of a railroad represented by millions of dollars' worth of stock was auctioned off today on the steps of the New York court house.

Murderer Surrounded by Posse in Mountain. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 22.—Matt Jarrell, who is alleged to have shot and killed Deputy Sias F. Nance and wounded Frank Ratcliffe and Josephines Wines last night at Eakdale, on Cabin Creek, while Nance was trying to arrest him, this morning was surrounded in the mountains near Cave Fork by Sheriff Bonner Hill and a posse who had trailed him all night. He is believed to be well armed. Jarrell, who was serving a six months' sentence for "blat" totting" was recently released on parole.

MAYOR ABANDONS HOPE OF FED JOB

Makes Announcement that He is Now a Candidate for Re-Election as City Commissioner.

SEES NO CHANCE FOR PEACE

Says that Bryan and Hitchcock Will Not Be Able to Come to Terms Over the Cutting of Pie for Nebraska.

Mayor James C. Dahlman, weary of waiting for Senator Hitchcock and Secretary Bryan to agree on the distribution of the federal patronage in Nebraska, has announced himself a candidate for re-election in the spring. "I thought the democratic party would pension me in my old age for the good work I've done," said the mayor, smiling, "but it looks like I'll have to take off my coat and get into the harness again."

Bryan for Dahlman. The mayor has been urged by the office of collector of internal revenue by Secretary Bryan, Senator Hitchcock insists on a job for Chris Gruenther, and Mr. Bryan insists that Gruenther be left wholly to his own devices. The senator wants an agreement on the men for all three federal jobs—marshal, postmaster, internal revenue collector—and the secretary says take 'em one at a time. "I was not an applicant for an office," said the mayor. "But I would have taken it had an agreement been reached and my appointment made. I believe no agreement can be reached now, and I feel that the president will not make the appointments until an agreement is reached."

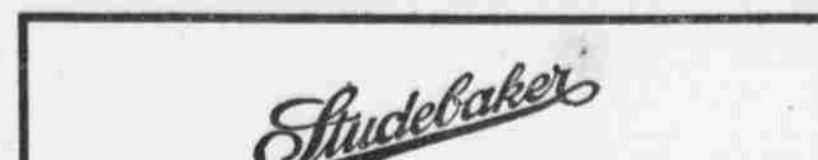
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KAISER PROPOSES A BALTIC UNION

Emperor is Said to Have Offered to Contribute Russia's German Provinces.

TREATH ACCOMPANIES OFFER In Case Sweden Refuses It Was to Be Given to Russia at End of the War in Exchange for Poland.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 22.—(Via London.)—The recent conference at Malmo, Sweden, of the Scandinavian kings and a visit which King Gustav is reported to have made to Berlin, previously, constitute a subject of much interest in Russia in view of the suggestion of a Scandinavian union.

It is recalled that Prof. Ostwald went to Sweden on a semi-official German mission, at which time he proposed such a Scandinavian union, similar to the general situation in which Sweden would occupy a position analogous to Prussia in Germany, promising, it is said, that if such a union were realized, Germany would contribute Finland, Estonia, Livonia and part of Courland. This proposed Baltic union of 35,000,000 population would, according to the alleged German view, become an important European power, while the Scandinavian countries, separately, despite their high cultural and industrial development, would be politically insignificant.

Attitude of Russia. A Russian diplomat, discussing this plan, said today: "Excluding our provinces, which Germany never will be able to offer the union, Russia favors a Scandinavian union, although apparently Germany is inspired in accordance with its aim to create several buffer states between itself and Russia. A strong, united Scandinavia would weaken German influence on the Baltic."

German Proposal and Threat. LONDON, Dec. 22.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Copenhagen says he learns from a high diplomatic source that Germany "proposed that Sweden should help it in the war, offering as compensation the Baltic islands and a protectorate over Finland."

As Sweden did not desire to reply, the correspondent adds, "Germany intimated that if Sweden refused the offer, Germany at the peace conference after the war, would let Russia take Sweden, as compensation for Poland."

Two American Oil Men Arrested at Matamoras, Mex.

BROWNVILLE, Tex., Dec. 22.—W. H. Burnham, a wealthy British subject, George Davis of Los Angeles and H. B. Holland of Mexico City were arrested at Matamoras, Mex., today because of letters the Mexican authorities are said to have found in their possession. The authorities said the letters were from persons friendly to General Carranza and were to be delivered at Tampico.

The three men, who reached here Sunday enroute from Mexico City to Tampico, said they were carrying the letters for friends in Mexico City and had no idea of their contents. Burnham is from London and Davis and Holland are American oil men.

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76,000 Men Out of Work in Toledo and Cleveland, O.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 22.—A survey of the unemployed situation, completed by the council committee on labor, indicates 81,000 wage earners are out of work in Cleveland.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 22.—Fifteen thousand men, heads of families who are short on food as the result of the breadwinner being out of work, will be cared for by the city. Council last night appropriated \$50,000 to be used to employ the unemployed, clearing snow from the streets.

FRENCH REPULSE GERMAN COLUMN

War Office Report Tells of Advantages Gained at Several Points.

BAYONET FIGHTS IN ARGONNE Three Hand-to-Hand Fights Result in Little Change in Position—Lost Ground is Retaken at Bolans.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The French war office this afternoon gave out an official statement as follows: "Between the sea and the Lys, during the day of December 21, there was nothing other than artillery engagements. Between the Lys and the Aisne we repulsed a German attacking column which was endeavoring to come out from Carigny, and we took several houses at Elanzy. "An attack of the enemy of Mametz and the nearby trenches made it impossible for our troops to make any material progress in this direction. In the region of Ligny three attacks of the attacks of the enemy were repulsed. "We made slight gains to the east and to the west of Tracy-Le-Val, and our artillery delivered an effective fire on the plateau of Nouvron. "In the sections of the Aisne and of Rheims there were artillery engagements.

Bayonet Fights in Champagne. "In Champagne and in the Argonne in the vicinity of Souain, there have been violent bayonet engagements. We have not made perceptible progress in this region. We have occupied in the suburbs of Perthes-lez-Hurlus three German positions, representing a front of entrenchments 1,300 yards long. To the northeast of Beaussjour we have consolidated the positions occupied by us December 20, and we have occupied all the trenches in the immediate vicinity of Mount Catalre.

Girl Must Leave Stepmother to Get Grandfather's Wealth. DENVER, Colo., Dec. 22.—Charlotte Barth, 15, will receive an income of \$5,000 from the estate of her grandfather, the late William Barth, provided she severs all relations with her stepmother, Mrs. F. E. Brookman. Furthermore, if she marries and has children they will inherit the bulk of the estate, valued at \$5,000,000—with the same proviso as to Miss Barth breaking with Mrs. Brookman. The Barth will, containing these provisions, was filed for probate here today.

Hartington Boy Has Skull Crushed. HARTINGTON, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Wayne Parsons, the 13-year-old son of J. M. Parsons, a farmer, living in this vicinity, has a fractured skull as the result of a coasting accident. While the boy was coasting down a hill in the vicinity of his home with some companions, the sled he was riding shot under a horse trough and the animal, being scared, fell a vicious kick. The kick missed the boy, but struck the sled and the impact of the kick tore off a board and the board flew and struck the boy on the head, crushing his skull. An operation for the purpose of raising the bone from the brain of the boy has been performed and at present hopes are entertained for his recovery.

New School for Burwell. BURWELL, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—After the holidays the high school will move into a new \$20,000 building, which is now being finished. The work on it was begun late in the fall and a large force of men is now at work pushing it to the completion required by contract for the first of the year. Local parties have charge of the work. This will nearly double the capacity of the school buildings when it is finished. A good-sized gymnasium will be fitted up in the basement for the use of the basket ball teams.

Chickens Apleaty at Exeter. EXETER, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Exeter's third annual poultry show, which will begin Monday, December 23, and last for four days, promises to be the largest and best ever held in this part of the state. Secretary William Schreiner reports that applications from a great many outside-breeders have already been received.

TWO BIG RAILWAY SYSTEMS MERGED

Lake Shore and New York Central Railroads Will Become Single Corporation.

DEAL INVOLVES MANY MILLIONS Five Shares of New Corporation Are to Be Exchanged for Each Share of Lake Shore Company Stock.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 22.—Consolidation of the Lake Shore Railroad company with the New York Central Railroad company was effected here today at a meeting of Lake Shore stockholders when they ratified the action taken by New York Central stockholders July 20, last. The merger involves \$500,000,000. Under the plans for the merger every share of Lake Shore stock will be traded for five shares of stock in the new corporation.

The Lake Shore was incorporated on August 14, 1899, in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Pennsylvania and New York. It was a consolidation of the Buffalo & Erie, Michigan Southern & Northern Indiana, Cleveland, Painesville & Ashtabula and the Cleveland & Toledo railroads. It comprises 1,872 miles of road, extending from Buffalo to Chicago, with many branches. The entire capital of the Lake Erie, Alliance & Wheeling Railroad company, the Lake Erie, Alliance & Wheeling Coal company, the Toledo & Ohio Central railroad and the Chicago, Indiana & Southern is said to be owned by the Lake Shore road.

While the Big Four has been operating on an independent basis since May 1, 1914, the Lake Shore is said to retain control of a majority of the Big Four capital stock. In January, 1903, the Lake Shore and Baltimore & Ohio acquired a substantial interest in the capital stocks of the Reading company. Figures for the period ending December 31, 1912, show that the Lake Shore owned Reading stock valued at \$30,322,500, divided thus: \$4,000,000, first preferred; \$14,250,000, second preferred, and \$10,072,500, common.

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