

JOHN G. ARTHUR SUES FOR DIVORCE

Peniless Lawyer, Once Rich,
Files Sensational Charges
Against Doctor-Wife.

WED TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS

Sensational charges against his wife, Mattie L. Arthur, prominent woman physician and active in club affairs, are made by John G. Arthur, aged and one-time wealthy attorney, in a divorce suit filed in district court.

The 73-year-old lawyer, now an inmate of the House of Hope, alleges that after years of scheming and the building for herself of a successful career, she has succeeded in obtaining possession of all his property and has driven him from his home at 1333 South Thirty-third street, leaving him. The professional woman's alleged plot, according to Arthur's assertions, has left him penniless, without money enough to even pay the costs of the divorce suit.

The bulky petition with its startling allegations was prepared by the law firm of Sutton, McKenzie & Harris, who ask for their client an absolute divorce decree and seek to have the court declare null and void a deed made last year by which, it is alleged, Mrs. Arthur acquired the whip hand in the family fortunes.

She Studies Medicine.
The Arthurs were married at Decatur, Neb., in December, 1880, and have been residents of Omaha for the last twenty years. According to the aged lawyer, soon after their marriage his wife became dissatisfied with the life of a housewife and demanded that he furnish her with funds with which to attend a medical college. Arthur, asserting that she positively refused to be just plain wife, sets forth that he gave her \$1,000 with which to satisfy her ambition to become a physician.

Mrs. Arthur graduated from medical school and hung up her doctor's shingle at Oakland, Neb., according to the petition. His wife in a short time, Arthur alleges, became dissatisfied and expressed a desire to seek larger fields where she would have the opportunity of building up a profitable practice and obtaining big fees.

Arthur recounts that he had a good practice as a lawyer, was interested in other lines of business and was well able to care for his family and lay aside something for old age, but his wife insisted on moving to San Diego, Cal.

Once a Leading Lawyer.
In the Golden State Arthur asserts that he became a partner of one of the leading lawyers of the Pacific coast and soon built up a large practice. But, he alleges, his wife again became dissatisfied and demanded that they return to Nebraska, threatening to bring about a separation if he did not consent to the change. He says that this change resulted in a great financial loss to him.

The scene now shifts to Pender, Neb., where, according to his allegations, his doctor-wife became dissatisfied after two and a half years' residence and insisted on moving back to Oakland. She became dissatisfied there, he avers, and moved to Omaha.

Arthur alleges that as time went on his professional mate became more and more domineering and, "disregarding her marriage relations, tried to rule and did rule the household." He says that she became the "boss" and threatened him when he objected, relating that she ordered him around as if he were a child.

Says She Swore.
His wife frequently swore, Arthur alleges, shook her fist in his face, and enforced her demands with profanity and wallops on his jaw. He further alleges that she began scheming to obtain all his property and systematically carried on a campaign to destroy his peace of mind.

The complaining husband asserts that she would come into his room in the middle of the night, curse him and shake her fist in his face. On one occasion, he alleges, he awoke and found her standing beside his bed

soon as the communications reach brandishing an Indian club over his head.

Mrs. Arthur, the allegations in the petition state, entertained toward his daughter by a former marriage, a bitter hatred, flying into a passion whenever he received a letter from her. Prior to April 12, 1916, his wife, he alleges, schemed to defraud his daughter out of property that might go to her at his death. The husband asserts that his wife insisted that both he and his daughter deed their property to a "straw man," who was in turn to deed the property to her.

Debate About Property.
It was then decided to divide the property fifty-fifty, the husband says. Prior to April 12, 1916, Arthur declares that he owned the following property:

960 acres of land in Cheyenne county, Nebraska.
264 acres of land in Kimball county, Nebraska.

Property in Omaha in Ambler Place, Park Place, Orchard Hill and Lincoln Place.
He alleges that she insisted that all his property be deeded in trust to a third party, the third party to deed the property to him or his survivors, she well knowing, he adds, that she would outlive him. Arthur asserts that she produced a revolver and threatened to kill him and then take her own life if he did not join with her in deeding the property as she specified.

Afraid of his life, he alleges, he executed a deed of all his holdings to Harry A. McCord and Helen A. McCord on April 12, 1916, they immediately deeding the property back to him, with a provision that upon his death it should go to his survivor. He says that he signed the deed through "fear and duress."

At this time, he alleges, she started a campaign to drive him out of his home, finally leaving him penniless, as he says he is at the present time.

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MANY SEEK CLERICAL JOBS

With the farm loan bank not yet actually ready to make loans, hundreds of farmers throughout the Omaha district are exceedingly anxious today, for, as this is March 1, their loans with the loan companies have expired in large numbers. These are very anxious to begin to borrow of the federal farm loan bank instead of from the loan companies. In some instances arrangements are being made between these borrowers and the loan companies for a short renewal of thirty or sixty days to tide them over until they can get the loan from the federal loan bank.

In other cases, however, it is said, loan companies are refusing to make the short time extensions. Secretary Odell of the Omaha Federal Farm Loan bank is getting many letters from farmers all over the district setting forth this condition. "The borrowers are being crowded for renewals at this time," said Secretary Odell, "for some of the loan companies want to be sure to get another two or three-year renewal before the federal bank is ready to accommodate these borrowers."

Recommendations for appraisers from South Dakota, Wyoming and Nebraska for the Omaha Federal Farm Loan bank have been made by the bank directors, who have been in session in Omaha for two days.

Appointments Soon.
The recommendations have been forwarded to Washington, and the appointments are likely to follow as headquarters. These appointments are to be made on the recommenda-

tion of the board of directors, so that it is considered very likely the names will be confirmed as soon as the federal farm loan board receives them. The appraiser for Iowa will be appointed later.

The appraisers are to get \$2,400 a year and expenses.

Though applications for clerical jobs with the bank number nearly a thousand, the directors say they will not make any of the appointments until they hold their next meeting, March 15.

The directors have adjourned their meeting, and all, except President Hogan and Secretary Odell, have left the city for the time being.

Hogan to Washington.

President Hogan is to leave this evening for Washington, where, on March 7, he will attend a conference of the twelve presidents of the federal farm loan banks and the members of the federal farm loan board. At this conference uniform systems of accounting are to be worked out, and other details of the operation of the banks are to be agreed upon.

Within a few days the furniture and fixtures are to be installed in the tem-

porary quarters of the bank, 1206-1207 Woodmen of the World building, where the bank has a suite of five rooms. This morning mail accumulated rapidly in these quarters, although not a bit of furniture was yet in the rooms. "I am trying to determine now, of the thousands of letters already accumulated," said Secretary Odell, "of which class of mail I have most—of applications for loans, or applications for jobs."

Secretary Odell said persons anxiously writing about applications for loans would be answered as soon as the directors could possibly get into shape; to begin to answer the great volume of correspondence.

A force of land bank examiners is soon to be appointed by the Treasury department, whose duty it will be to examine the federal land banks periodically just as federal inspectors or bank examiners now examine the books of the national banks throughout the country. Examiners will also be appointed to examine the books of the various farm loan associations which will spring up by the thousands throughout the country.

Everybody reads Bee Want Ads.

Creighton Boys Debate League to Enforce Peace

Creighton law school's model legislature echoed to a sharp verbal battle Wednesday night when the embryo lawyers debated the merits of Matwin F. Dudley's bill, petitioning President Wilson to enter into negotiations for the formation of an international league to enforce peace. The negatives won the argument, but not before they had proved themselves in a keen tilt of tongues.

Speaker McAvoy appointed Representative Uvick of Frontier county to act as chairman of the committee of the whole. The committee refused to pass the peace bill. Messrs. Matwin Dudley, Robert McGuiggan, Henry Dolan, affirmative friends of the proposed legislation, were over-ruled by the negative logicians, who reasoned that peace leagues were ineffectual because their decrees lack force to compel observance. They ought to be backed by armed force, was argued by the winning negatives, Messrs. D. Frank Delahoy and G. Powell.

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Cambro Welsh Society Honors St. David's Day

The Cambro Welsh society will celebrate St. David's day tonight in Jacobs' hall at Seventeenth and Dodge streets. John T. Yates will preside. The program will consist of musical numbers, declamations and refreshments.

To Be a Real Patriot To-day is to KNOW THE FACTS —Think, Talk, Act Intelligently!

ON Friday, February 2, it was every man's and woman's privilege to be neutral to the point of not knowing and not caring anything about the neutrality of nations, blockades, international agreements or rules of war. It was his or her privilege to take no cognizance of any aspect of the war if he or she did not wish to think about it.

On Saturday, February 3, by the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany, it instantly became the duty of every man and woman in the United States to *know positively* what this nation is doing and why it is being done.

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Now (as at no other time in our history), it is the clear duty of every man and woman voter, every boy and girl, to *know* what are the facts that have led this nation to its present position.

- Was President Wilson right in breaking off diplomatic relations with Germany?
- Has the breaking off of diplomatic relations led to war in the past?
- What rights of ours are being invaded to make it necessary to protest by breaking relations?
- What constitutes a blockade?
- Is England's blockade of Germany in accordance with the signed agreements of the maritime powers?
- Is Germany's submarine blockade of England in accordance with the agreements?
- What rights have neutrals on the seas in time of war?
- What is the meaning of "visit and search"?
- Is it contrary to international agreements for a submarine to sink a merchant vessel after giving warning?
- What is the principle back of the Monroe Doctrine?
- Did President Monroe originate the Monroe Doctrine?
- What international agreements have been broken in this war?
- What treaties have been abrogated in this war?
- What is a neutral?
- Can the citizens of a neutral nation sell ammunition and war supplies to a belligerent?
- What is contraband?
- Who decides what is contraband?
- Has the history of nations been more affected by land wars or sea wars?
- May a belligerent destroy the property of a neutral in the enemy's country?
- What have The Hague conventions contributed to the amelioration of war?
- Does war mean good or bad times for a nation?
- How does Congress raise money to prosecute war?
- How can you most quickly, with the least trouble and effort, find authoritative answers to these questions?

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