

FATHER FINALLY WINS FIGHT FOR HIS LITTLE GIRL

Omaha Judge, Angered by Action of Mother in Chicago, Gives Child to Dr. Wightman.

A fight of nearly three years for possession of his beautiful 8-year-old daughter, Roberta Wightman, ended successfully for Dr. Hugo W. Wightman yesterday when District Judge Troup signed a modification of Mrs. Wightman's divorce decree of three years ago and gave custody of Roberta to Dr. Wightman.

"It still remains to get possession of Roberta," said A. F. Brungard, attorney for Dr. Wightman. "We'll do that part of it all right, never fear," said the doctor, who left last night for Chicago and will institute habeas corpus proceedings if his former wife refuses to give up the child.

Both are Physicians. The Wightmans were formerly very prominent Omaha physicians. Mrs. Wightman is also a physician. They lived at 23 Park avenue. Dr. Wightman was on the faculty of Creighton university besides attending to a large practice.

The delight of their lives was the little daughter, Roberta, a remarkably beautiful child. It was only after a vigorous fight in the divorce courts after she filed her petition August 3, 1916, that Mrs. Wightman finally secured a divorce and custody of Roberta, February 24, 1917.

She then moved to Chicago and Dr. Wightman moved to Scottsbluff, Neb. Both now have large practices. Dr. Wightman in Scottsbluff did not cease to plan to get possession of the little girl who had brightened their home in Omaha. Less than eight months after Mrs. Wightman went to Chicago with Roberta, Dr. Wightman secured a modification of her divorce whereby he was permitted to have Roberta visit him in Scottsbluff during a part of each vacation and could go and visit her in Chicago.

Visited Child Frequently. He went frequently to see the child. His friends say he talked of little else outside of his large practice except the little girl. When she visited him last summer he could hardly part with her.

Last month in Chicago, one Del Smithson, spinster, made application in the courts to adopt Roberta Wightman. Miss Smithson is a sister of Mrs. Wightman. Dr. Wightman in Scottsbluff heard of this move and took instant steps to intercept it.

Judge Troup, when he had proof that this step to hold in contempt the decrees of the district court of Douglas county, promptly made the order giving custody of the little girl to her father.

"Time is no consideration to me now," said the doctor. "I will soon have my little girl with me, I know."

Postmaster Claims Chamber of Commerce Failed in Agreement

Charles E. Fanning, postmaster, complains that the postal committee of the Chamber of Commerce has not obtained results in connection with its agreement of three weeks ago, to prevail on business men to send some of their mail to the postoffice during the early hours of the morning. Instead of rushing nearly all of it between 5 and 6 p. m.

"Particularly during the Christmas season this practice results in a congestion at the postoffice and causes a delay in getting the mail out," explained the postmaster. "Even under normal conditions it is impossible to prepare all of this mail for 6 p. m. trains. Business men would serve their own interests and materially help our department if they would send part of their mail to the postoffice during the early afternoon period, especially during the next four weeks."

Investment Company and Hotel Concern Settle Litigation

The North American Hotel company and the Bankers Realty investment company reached a settlement of their affairs before Judge Troup in district court yesterday. Litigation which had been pending for several months was dismissed.

Major Frith Recalled To Army Recruiting Duty in Minneapolis



Maj. R. E. Frith, who was in charge of the army recruiting station here during the war and retired last July, has received orders to return to duty and left last night for Minneapolis where he will be in command of the Minneapolis district with the rank of major.

Major Frith saw 24 years of service in the army, much of the time as paymaster and recruiting officer. He retired in 1916 and was recalled to duty when the late war began. He was in charge of recruiting at Omaha during the war and this district ranked at the top among all the districts in the United States.

Since his retirement last July he has been in the insurance business. He lives with his family at 411 South Thirty-eighth street.

Federal Judge Fines Men for Violation of Migratory Bird Law

J. W. Woodruff, federal judge, yesterday disposed of several minor cases.

Albert, Fred and August Snyder were each fined \$10, on pleas of guilty to violation of the migratory bird law. They were charged with shooting ducks contrary to the provisions of a treaty between the United States and Great Britain, and effecting this country and Canada.

A fine of \$100 and 60-day sentence was imposed against William Brown, charged with introducing intoxicating liquors into the Winnebago reservation.

Leo Phillips pleaded guilty to stealing a 50-pound sack of sugar and similar quantity of rice from an interstate freight car. He was fined \$50.

Mary Smith was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail. She pleaded guilty to the illegal sale of morphine, and cocaine.

Police Chief Wants Omaha Women to Arm Selves With Ice Picks

Chief of Police Eberstein yesterday stated that he believes that an ice pick is the most efficacious weapon in the hands of a woman who may be improperly accosted by a man.

The chief made this statement when he read an account of a woman having been attacked Friday night at Seventeenth and Leavenworth streets, by a white man.

"A woman can carry an ice pick in her bag or she can carry it attached to her wrist, concealing it in her sleeve," the chief said. "Women have been asking me recently for permission to carry revolvers. I don't believe that the average woman can handle a revolver quickly and with effect, and I am sure that one job with an ice pick will have the desired effect."

Police Search for Bcide On Request of Brother

Police were asked yesterday to locate Dorothy Earleywine of Logan, Ia., who is thought to be in this city. Her brother, Leonard Earleywine of Sioux Falls, S. D., is seeking her and drove to Omaha from the South Dakota city Friday night in an effort to locate her. He learned that his sister was married last week to a Fred Vette of this city, he said.

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Third Anniversary of the Popular Sun Theater

The Sun theater, magnificent motion picture theater and admitted one of the most beautiful cinema temples in the midwest, today celebrates its third year of furnishing the best of screen entertainment to Omaha screen patrons.

Under the efficient management of Samuel Goldberg and Harry Goldberg, the Sun theater has established a record of dependability for excellence in the quality of its shows that few houses can equal.

It will be just three years ago tonight that the Sun threw open its doors to a brilliant first night audience in which were represented many of the notables of Nebraska. Even then the public was given an inkling of the vast expansion of the World Realty company theater enterprises which are rapidly becoming a fact.

The Sun theater is famous throughout this section for its beauty. Its lobby and sun parlor has been the envy of theater owners all over the United States. Omaha people know the house and its delights too well to need elaborate description in these columns.

Samuel Goldberg and Harry Goldberg, by their unflinching energy, devotion to the theater patronage in securing the best attraction that money can buy have demonstrated a vision that is truly remarkable.

Refuting the pessimistic prediction of the wisecracks who cracked that a house the size of the Sun would never succeed in Omaha, they have made the Sun the favorite in the choice of a large majority of the city's movie fans.

Bigger, better pictures is the slogan of the Sun management as all pictures that are shown in the Sun theater are personally inspected by the management before they are purchased. By this method critical, exacting audiences are assured only the best.

Judge Decides to Give Couple Time to Think Over Divorce

"I'll hang this case up on the shelf for a while," said District Judge Sears yesterday after hearing additional testimony in the divorce suit of Harriett Harsch, which has been fought here for several months by Jefferson Harsch.

"A family that's united has something," continued the judge, "and any old man is better than no man isn't he?"

Even the warring couple had to laugh at this. And so did the daughter of the Harschs and the son-in-law, who also have a pending. Helen Zepp is suing Clarence Zepp for a divorce on the ground of nonsupport.

Mr. Zepp testified at the hearing of the divorce suit of his parents-in-law. He wept bitterly as he testified that his wife has taken their two little children away from him and he doesn't know where they are.

Attempted Suicide of Ex-Soldier Declared Myth by Authorities

The story of an attempted suicide early Friday morning by a former soldier whose name was given Roy Canby, and who was supposed to have been visiting his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Schmelling of Honey Creek, Iowa has been declared a myth by authorities in Council Bluffs, who have been unable to locate any family by the name of Schmelling at Honey Creek, or any word of a Roy Canby at Portage, Wis., where the owner man was said to have lived.

The Miss Gertrude Gibson of Howells, Neb., named in the story as a childhood sweetheart of the young soldier, is also a myth, declare authorities, who say they can get in touch with no one by the name at Howells.

Pair of Nose Glasses All Burglars Get In Robbery of Store

Burglars broke into the Eldred Importing company establishment, 1318 Farnam St. Friday night, "jimmied" the combination to the door and broke the lock to the office door, stealing a pair of nose glasses belonging to D. E. Eldred, according to a report to police.