

Ex-Chorus Girl May Take Stand In Stillman Case

Identity of Woman Who Introduced "Mrs. Leeds" to "Mr. Leeds," Thought to Be Established.

New York, March 30.—Viola Clark, a former chorus girl, was named today as a possible witness for the defense in the Stillman divorce case.

At her lodgings she was said to have disappeared suddenly. No trace of her could be found. The house where she lived is an old-fashioned tenement near the East river. There it was said Miss Clark had telephoned and said "I am leaving. I will not be back. You can rent my room."

Some of her effects were said to be in the room. Miss Clark, it was learned today, has been identified through a photograph which was carried along Broadway and was finally recognized by a well-known actress who made a sudden and startling rise from the chorus. This actress looked at the photograph and said:

"Why, that's Viola Clark. I worked in the chorus with her several years ago."

Friend of Mrs. Leeds. Miss Florence Lawler, now known as "Mrs. Leeds" and named by Mrs. Stillman as co-respondent in the case, is said to have worked in the same chorus with Miss Clark. Whether Miss Clark is the chorus girl who introduced Mr. Leeds to Florence Lawler could not be verified. Neither could it be positively established whether she was the "mysterious other woman" referred to so often by those familiar with the case.

It was said Miss Clark was once quite popular along Broadway, but of recent years has not been employed in any theatrical production and has been living modestly and frugally.

Recently she has occupied one small room in the east side tenement, where, it was said today that she left for work early every morning and was home in the evenings, nearly every night by 7 o'clock. Where she was employed was not known to other occupants of the house.

Writes Letter to Paper. While reporters have been unable to find Viola Clark, a letter signed in her name has reached one of the New York papers, in which the letter writer admits knowing Mr. Stillman, tells of dancing with him and of accepting a \$500 loan, but she stoutly defends him. The letter reads:

"I offer the following story for any justification it may afford of why I am mentioned in this unusual divorce case and what I know of James A. Stillman.

"I met Mr. Stillman in 1914, and personally found him a rare and charming gentleman, of exceptional culture and tact.

"That I should be named the second woman of mystery in this sensational case is as absurd as it is untrue.

"The article published in the New York Tribune last Sunday, March 13, purporting one of the co-respondents to be well known in New York society and considered beautiful was even mailed to me by a well known but one acquainted with my address.

Subject of Scandal. "It all appears to me to be the well-laid plans of some wagging tongues. It behooves some persons to scandalize me, for to assume me morally irresponsible is the only justification for those who have deprived me of certain rights socially and financially.

"For seven years past (I will be 30 years of age next month) I have been living on \$25 a week, a very much less, having only just what I earned in a very insignificant capacity.

"The last summer that I spent in Newport with my sister I found some few persons so exceedingly rude and lacking in refinement that it was evident that their wealth and probusiness only could sustain that attitude, but I now comprehend that prejudice.

Met Stillman in 1914. "I met Mr. Stillman at a ball, where we danced a good deal together in 1914. I was at that time interested in a renting proposition in Brooklyn owned by the late Theodore Shontz, which would have netted me a fortune had I sufficient capital to launch it.

"Thought pressed financially, Mr. Stillman, on my request, lent me \$500, which I have since been unable to repay, as with some other debts. I have not been asked about this, however, nor have I seen or heard from Mr. Stillman since then, the early spring of 1914, but this association of a distinctly business nature has been wilfully misconstrued by very powerful and winning personalities. He was very attractive to women generally, with resulting enmity and jealousy of some men.

"Mr. Stillman has already stated that some of his own supposed friends betrayed him. All circumstances make the case extremely sensational and Mr. Stillman's position particularly unenviable. Mrs. Stillman not only has the support of her many personal friends but exclusive society as well, which would resent the possible intrusion of a common outsider into their sanctified midst. Let this conclude the statement.

"VIOLA CLARK."

Man Named in Stillman Suit



Here is the first real photograph of Fred Beauvais, the north woods guide named by James A. Stillman, New York banker, in his suit for divorce. Heretofore only snapshots showing the Indian as a child of the woods, have been published. This picture reveals him as the polished man he has been declared to be, student of philosophy, lover of opera, and a keen business man. The photograph was made at Montreal.

City in fall of 1917, when, according to Mrs. Stillman's answer, the banker is alleged to have met Mrs. Leeds. The second woman talked much to detectives of her period of affluence, and is said to have offered to take the witness stand in behalf of Mrs. Stillman.

Yeggs Kill Iowa Marshall in Fight

(Continued From Page One.) The finding of the wounded watchman, and citizens of the town crowded into automobiles and gave chase.

Posse Is Formed. Meantime, the little telephone girl had been busy. Plugging every town within a radius of 100 miles of Stuart, Nellie Russell warned the authorities of the robbery and escape of the bandits.

Van Meter, halfway between Stuart and Des Moines, was thus notified within a few moments after the bandits fled. A posse was quickly formed there and just as it was getting organized, the deep roar of a high powered motor being pushed to its limit, was heard, and the sedan dashed through the main street of Van Meter.

Pursuers Dispersed. Scattered shots from the sedan partially disbursed the posse as its members sought cover, but returned the fire of the robbers from shotguns, rifles, and revolvers. But the robbers had disappeared in a cloud of dust, just as the early morning glow began to break across the horizon.

They reached Des Moines, and abandoned the car. The car was found by Des Moines detectives, also out on a bandit hunt at the word of Nellie Russell of Stuart.

Small Amount of Loot. Nickels and dimes totaling about \$10 made up the loot the bandits got from the First National bank. And for that \$10 they committed murder.

President Foster of the bank was grieved at the death of the aged watchman. "The bank didn't lose much. But poor Myers—he lost his life. He gave his all," he said.

"The officials of this bank shall do everything in their power to bring the murderer and robbers to their just deserts. "No, they didn't get to the money vault.

"You see, they 'jimmied' the door of the bank and went to work on the vaults at once. "They smashed the combination on one of the vaults and were evidently at work inside when they heard the shots out in front.

Scoop Up Nickels. "When they saw their jig was up, they must have scooped up the nickels and dimes in the cups behind the cage and fled. "Inside the vault shows they had rummaged around in there. "Thousands of dollars was in the other vault, which was untouched by the robbers, according to President Foster.

None of the robbers was masked, the aged marshal had told Foster before he died. Myers was shot four times, twice in the leg and twice in the body. One of the bullets crashed through his spine. This wound was fatal. Myers is survived by his wife and three daughters.

All three daughters are grown and are teaching school. Two of them

Two Faiths in Fight to Win in Ralston Field

Omaha Suburb Is Battleground of Methodists and Presbyterians Who Each Claim Supremacy.

Who will bring Ralston to God—Methodists or Presbyterians? Presbyterians have the lead, the Rev. G. A. Bolas, Methodist minister admitted, a little ruefully, yesterday at the Methodist conference in Dietz Memorial church.

The little industrial suburb south of Omaha has long been the battling ground of both faiths, according to Bolas, who labored there for 12 months.

The Rev. C. C. Wilson raised the discussion by appealing to the Methodist ministers to "do something for a Methodist viewpoint for Ralston."

"It is a growing industrial center, has a big enough summer colony at Seymour lake to fill a Sunday school and presents a splendid opportunity for service," said the Rev. Wilson. "South Side Presbyterians are entering the field."

"No Methodist Sentiment." "Let the Presbyterians have Ralston then," returned Brother Bolas, with feeling. "I was there 12 months and I know what Ralston is. There is no Methodist sentiment there. There are only two families with real Methodist fire. The others who came to Methodist services were formerly Presbyterians and Lutherans."

A distinguished brother then took the floor. "Can not the Methodist conference arrange an agreement with the Presbyterians as to how religious work shall be carried on there?" he suggested.

"Yes, there'd be an agreement between the Presbyterians and the Methodists—that the Presbyterians should have Ralston!" exclaimed Bolas indignantly.

He related one instance of Ralston's pulling away from Methodism to Presbyterianism. "Angry at Interference. "There was \$50 in the Sunday school fund, which I suggested should go toward benevolence of the church. The Presbyterians came in with some kind of an athletic event where prizes were to be given, etc. Several members and got some of the money used for church work. They were angry about it and pulled away."

The Rev. J. W. Kirkpatrick, district superintendent, presiding at the meeting, said he would make no overtures to the Presbyterians. "None of them has ever approached me," he said. "They simply went in and took possession of the field. They have also made statements that we neglected the neighborhood."

Nevertheless, the Methodists have no intention of abandoning Ralston, Kirkpatrick announced. "We just have no one to put into that field right now, that's why there is no work there," said he.

Mission Started. Members of Wheeler Memorial Presbyterian church, of which the Rev. R. L. Wheeler is pastor, have been active in religious work in Ralston. "We Presbyterians were first in the field. We started a mission as soon as the town was laid out," said Rev. Mr. Wheeler. "But I thought the Methodists had Ralston now."

"We have had some Presbyterian services there, yes, in the last few years. There were two preachers, one Methodist and one Presbyterian, preaching on alternate Sundays. Dr. Wheeler said he had not preached in Ralston for two years.

Obregon Defends Policy in Speech

Tells New Orleans Business Men of His Country's Opportunities. Mexico City, March 30.—Governmental policies followed by the present Mexican administration were defended by President Obregon in an address before New Orleans business men, who were received at the national palace yesterday. He declared that Mexico "offers the best opportunities and advantages to North American business men who are investing capital" and that the government "would strive to extend guarantees to all fair and honest men seeking legitimate profits on their money."

Operator, Missing Six Weeks, Found Murdered at Ft. Worth. Ft. Worth, Tex., March 30.—A badly decomposed body, believed to be that of Scott Nicholas, a Western Union telegraph operator, formerly of El Paso, Tex., who has been missing here since February 8, was found in Trinity river today.

A coroner's investigation showed the man had been shot through the head. Police believe he was murdered, robbed and his body thrown from the bridge. Nicholas served the Western Union Telegraph company at El Paso, Tex., in the capacity of night chief operator from 1911 to 1918.

Fined for Intoxication. Madison, Neb., March 30.—(Special.)—John Hash of Meadow Grove, arrested on the charge of being intoxicated, pleaded guilty before County Judge McDuffee and was fined \$5.

Will Discuss Celebrating. Madison, Neb., March 30.—(Special.)—Thursday evening a mass meeting of the citizens of Madison will be held to decide whether Madison will have a Fourth of July celebration.

Seek Road Meeting. Madison, Neb., March 30.—(Special.)—The Madison Community club has invited the Upland Highway association to hold its annual convention here. This convention will be held early in May.

Beatrice to Retain Commission System

Beatrice, Neb., March 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Beatrice defeated a proposition to return to the council system at a special election by a vote of 339 to 1,162. Advocates of the commissioner system carried the First, Second and Fourth wards by overwhelming majorities.

The Third ward, the home of ex-Councilman Charles McColl, sponsor of the council system, was the only one carried by opponents of the commissioners. Little interest was shown in the election until late in the afternoon, when friends of the commission form got busy. A total of 1,501 votes were cast.

Search Continues For Dead in Ruins Of Chicago Blast

Police Authorities Seek Evidence That May Throw Further Light on Cause Of Disastrous Explosion. Chicago, March 10.—Search for bodies continued today in the ruins of the warehouse destroyed by an explosion yesterday. Firemen and police dug for evidence that might throw further light on the cause of the disaster, in which at least eight persons were killed and several score hurt.

Shirley T. High, fire attorney, planned to question again today Edward and Isadore Shaffer, sons of one of the proprietors of a concern which city authorities believe, has been manufacturing and storing fireworks in a building adjacent to the destroyed warehouse. City ordinances forbid storage of fireworks within the city limits.

The police were trying also to find W. Singer and Nathan Shaffer, partners in the alleged fireworks concern. When they could not be found yesterday it was thought that they might be among the dead, but today the police said they believed the men had fled to escape possible prosecution.

Max Singer, a nephew of Shaffer's partner, is said to have told the police that ordinarily 10 men were used to load fre crackers in a secret basement factory. He said that only four were at work yesterday and that all were killed.

There are four salesmen out on the road, Singer is said to have related, "but they never came near the store. My uncle used to meet them in downtown hotel lobbies. They would turn over their orders and my uncle would arrange for the deliveries."

Viviani in America To Listen and Report

(Continued From Page One.) for the information of his government are the following: 1. Is the United States willing to enter the league of nations with Article 10 of the covenant eliminated?

2. If not, what sort of league, if any, is the United States willing to enter? 3. Does the United States intend to make peace with Germany independently of the allied powers?

4. Will the senate ratify the treaty under which the United States and Great Britain would help defend France against any future aggression by Germany? 5. Is the United States disposed to take action which would give moral support to the measures adopted for exacting reparation from Germany?

Answers Forthcoming. There will be definite answers to all of these questions forthcoming when President Harding, having mapped out his program of domestic legislation for submission to congress, takes up international questions with Secretary Hughes and other members of the cabinet and with the leaders in congress, particularly the members of the senate committee on foreign relations.

The first question can be answered now. The mere elimination of Article 10 from the covenant would not satisfy the administration. The sort of league the United States is disposed to enter is the association of nations desired by President Harding—an organization for conference, not a permanent military alliance.

As to the third question, the attitude of the administration is that the Versailles treaty unless it should be revised and unless the allied powers consent to such revision it will be necessary to make peace with Germany independently. The question of ratifying the triple alliance has slumbered for months and there appears to be no revival of sentiment in its favor.

France Opposed to Return. Paris, March 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—France is strongly opposed to a return of former Emperor Charles to the throne of Hungary. It was declared in official circles tonight. France, together with the other allied powers, has made it clear to Hungary that the allies will not tolerate a movement looking to a restoration of the Hapsburg dynasty.

Official dispatches to the foreign office from Budapest said that the only support the former monarch had was that of one general and two dentists, who had been arrested. French officials believe the attempt of the former emperor to have been a fiasco.

Pyrotechnic Display for Ak-Sar-Beh Fall Festival. A pyrotechnic display, featuring a replica of the destruction of Pompeii, has been added to the program of events for the Ak-Sar-Beh festival next fall.

Contract for the performance was signed Tuesday. Held on Shooting Charge. Madison, Neb., March 30.—(Special.)—Henry Lewis of Meadow Grove, charged with shooting with intent to kill, at his preliminary hearing before County Judge M. S. McDuffee was bound over to the district court and bail fixed at \$1,000.

Girl Stricken With Meningitis Is Near Death in Hospital

Anita Lively, 25, Falls City girl stricken with cerebral spinal meningitis, is very low at University hospital. She is no longer able to speak. Members of her family gathered at her bedside include her mother, Mrs. J. F. Lively, a brother and two sisters, one from Falls City and one from Oklahoma.

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O. H. Eggleston, real estate man at first detained when Miss Lively was taken sick at the Y. W. C. A., has returned to his home in Malvern, Ia., according to Mrs. E. S. Rogers

of the Humane society, who handled the case.

Easily attached without marring a piano, a device has been invented which rings an electric bell when a student drops his wrists below the correct playing position.

Advertisement for Thompson, Belden & Co. featuring various clothing items like Lambskin Gloves, Bungalow Aprons, Dix White Dresses, Blue Gingham Dresses, Pure Thread Silk Hose, and Bungalows. Includes an illustration of a woman in a dress.

Advertisement for Harry B. Zimman, titled "HIS RECORD". It details his qualifications for re-election as a city commissioner, including his work on waterworks, electric light rates, and various public service projects. Includes a portrait of Harry B. Zimman.