

Banker to Pay \$90,000 As Alimony

Mrs. Stillman Given \$7,500 Monthly Together With \$12,500 for Expenses by Judge's Decree.

Letters Are Ruled Out

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., April 1.—Temporary alimony of \$7,500 a month, counsel fees of \$35,000 and \$12,500 for expenses were fixed today for Mrs. Anne U. Stillman by Supreme Court Justice Joseph Morschauser, in the suit for divorce instituted by her against James A. Stillman, president of the National City bank of New York.

Mrs. Stillman had asked alimony of \$10,000 a month and \$25,000 counsel fees. Justice Morschauser made public his decision after he had transmitted it to the court clerk at White Plains along with affidavits and pleadings presented in the case. In his decision the justice ruled out of the divorce suit as confidential and privileged the alleged "confession" letter written to Mr. Stillman by his wife. He also ruled out letters alleged to have been written to Mrs. Stillman by Fred Beauvais, an Indian guide who was named in the banker's complaint as co-respondent and accused of being the father of Mrs. Stillman's infant son, Guy.

Wife Pleads Recriminations

The decision set forth that Mrs. Stillman had pleaded recriminations in her answer to the banker's complaint and that both husband and wife made charges "founded upon an allegation of adultery."

A husband or wife is not competent to testify against the other on such allegations, the decision said. The justice decided that the affidavits to which the letters were appended contained matters that Mrs. Stillman could not testify to and it was on this ground that the communications were barred.

Justice Morschauser pointed out that his inhibition against admitting the alleged messages from Beauvais to Mrs. Stillman applied only to the motion under consideration and that they might be offered again in connection with later motions.

Letter Is Confidential

Referring to the alleged letter written to Mr. Stillman by his wife, to the admission of which her attorneys objected and which it was charged by counsel for the banker she wrote "in a moment of hysteria, applying herself" the decision said.

"Communications and transactions between husband and wife were early recognized as privileged and neither could be compelled to disclose what took place between them and neither was a competent witness to testify as to such transactions or communications of a confidential nature or induced by marital relation.

"From experience it was found that far less evil would result from the exclusion of such testimony than from its admission. It may, in individual cases, work hardship, but the destruction of confidence between a husband and wife would cause much misery and affected the

Chairman Penrose Sounds Optimistic Note in Tax Question

Washington, April 1.—Congress may find it unnecessary to provide any considerable number of new taxes in revising the revenue legislation, Chairman Penrose of the senate finance committee said today. "The tax requirements may not be as large as some people now are disposed to think," the senator said. "The question is being studied by our financial experts and it is entirely possible that the excess profits tax can be repealed without resort to any new extensive taxes to take its place."

The statement was made during discussion of the proposed sales tax as a substitute for the excess profits tax. The sales tax question, Senator Penrose said, will be the first subject before the senate finance committee at hearings on internal revenue revision to start immediately after congress convenes.

Anti-Bolshevik Forces Attack Russian Militia

Tokyo, March 31.—(By the Associated Press.)—Anti-bolshevik troops, formerly commanded by the late General Kappell, armed with four machine guns opened an engagement with the Russian militia in Vladivostok at 4 o'clock this morning, says a dispatch from that city to the Nichi Nichi Shimbun of this city.

Fighting was said to be in progress in the streets and the city was in confusion. The Japanese garrison in Vladivostok has announced its neutrality, it is said.

The Kappell forces are reported to have seized Nikolai, a city two miles northwest of Vladivostok.

Mexico City Strikers Fail To Force Seize Factory

Mexico City, April 1.—Striking workmen attempted to enter forcibly a shoe manufacturing plant today for the purpose of ousting strike-breakers and operating the plant under their own direction. Police reserves were rushed to the scene and prevented the successful carrying out of the plan.

The industrial situation in many parts of the republic was reported as quiet today in a communication made public by the department of industry and commerce.

Col. George Harvey Ambassador to Britain



Washington, April 1.—Definite announcement of the selection of Col. George Harvey of New York to be ambassador to Great Britain was made at the White House.

The choice, which is understood to have been determined some time ago, was made known formally as an incident of Colonel Harvey's visit here to confer with the president.

It was understood that he had been summoned by Mr. Harding to talk over details of his mission at the court of St. James.

Ten in Ship Collision Are Missing

Passenger Steamer Sinks After Being Ramm'd by Freighter in Strait of Juan de Fuca Off Seattle.

Seattle, April 1.—The Pacific Steamer company, at 1:30 p. m., announced that a complete and careful account of survivors from the steamer Governor, sunk off Point Wilson early today after a collision with the steamer West Hartland, showed that seven passengers and three members of the crew were unaccounted for.

The list issued by the company and which it said was official, was: Mrs. W. W. Washburn and two daughters, Sadie, 12, and Ione, 14, Neah Bay.

V. Brulsen, San Francisco. F. Sheek, San Francisco. J. Chaney, Los Angeles. Alfred Kaseau, Los Angeles. Three members of the crew also are missing.

The West Hartland struck the Governor in a slanting direction, according to ship's officers. The Governor was struck on the starboard side amidships, and cut almost in two by the collision.

According to passengers the West Hartland partly supported the Governor with her nose driven deeply into the Governor's side, but as soon as the freighter backed clear, the passenger vessel began to sink.

"We don't know how it happened," said one officer. "They just hit us and we got off as quickly as possible."

Records Lost

Purser Holzer of the Governor, saved only the log and the pay roll of the ship's papers. All records, including the passenger list, went down in the purser's safe, which also contained a small amount of money.

An anxious crowd gathered at the pier as the West Hartland, her

Two Soldiers Killed in Automobile Crash

Rockford, Ill., April 1.—Two soldiers were killed and two others and a civilian employe at Camp Grant were seriously hurt in a collision of an army mail car and a motor bus last night on the outskirts of the city.

The dead: Walter Baker, Sixth Motorcycle company. Joseph Harvey, Fifty-third Infantry.

Ira Bryant, driver of the bus, the only person in that car, escaped injury. Responsibility for the accident has not been placed.

Anti-Japanese Land Bill Is Passed in Colorado

Denver, April 1.—The anti-Japanese bill, to prevent persons ineligible for citizenship from owning land in the state passed the lower house of the general assembly today and now goes to the governor. Governor Shoup has indicated he will sign it.

Have You a pet superstition?

Do you walk around ladders and avoid black cats? A lot of Omahans go to much trouble in fighting against hoodoos. Miss Ella Fleishman tells of their tribulations in a feature story on

Dodging the Jinx

You'll Find It in The Bee For Sunday. A remarkably fine collection of Crow Indian pictures by an Omaha photographer is the big feature of Sunday's Rotogravure Section. There's a more than usually interesting page for the movie fans, too.

Statement Of Geddes Challenged

Frank P. Walsh Calls Assertion of British Ambassador On Irish Investigation "Perversion of Facts."

Demands to See Proof

By The Associated Press. Washington, April 1.—Frank P. Walsh, as "counsel for the republic of Ireland" issued a rejoinder to the statement of the British ambassador made in reply to the report of the commission of the Committee of 100 investigating conditions in Ireland. He characterized the British statement as a "gross perversion of facts" and challenged Ambassador Geddes to appear before the commission or some international tribunal and present his evidence to disprove the commission's findings on penalty of being branded by Mr. Walsh as "a wilful and malicious falsifier."

"The gross perversion of facts in Mr. Geddes' statement," Mr. Walsh said, "is proved, not only by the public statements of distinguished British statesmen who have investigated conditions in Ireland, but also by the admission of Premier Lloyd George and Sir Hamar Greenwood in the house of commons.

"The British ambassador has selected the public press for his answer to the evidence of eye-witnesses who appeared before the commission. Neither the British ambassador nor any other defender of British terrorism in Ireland dared to appear before the commission and publicly present their testimony in open court."

"The British ambassador now states that he has in his possession, evidence which disproves the findings of the commission. I am ready to join with British Ambassador Geddes in a request that the commission immediately called together to hear the evidence he claims he has in his possession, or to meet him in the presentation of evidence regarding the British atrocities in Ireland before any properly constituted international tribunal.

"The British ambassador refuses to present his evidence before such a tribunal where it may be challenged. I shall brand him as a wilful and malicious falsifier."

"Charges Victims Tortured. "On behalf of the republic of Ireland," the statement continued, "I am prepared to prove that the British forces in Ireland have repeatedly tortured helpless prisoners and non-combatants. English officers have pulled out the finger nails of prisoners with pinners. They have manufactured a reinvestment of torture known as the 'crown of thorns,' an instrument with sharp protruding nails which is pressed down upon the head of the helpless victim to force him to give information and other atrocities which are too revolting even to describe."

Referring to the citation by the embassy statement of Irish bank deposits, Mr. Walsh said: "The facts with regard to the increased deposits of the Irish banks are that the Irish people have withdrawn their funds from British banks and deposited them in their own country and even more important, bearing in mind the fact that the British soldiers, the people of Ireland have deposited all their small hoards of money in the banks, in the hope that they would be safe from robbery by British officers and soldiers."

Woman is Acquitted In Connection With Philadelphia Murder

Philadelphia, April 1.—Marie (Boots) Rogers was acquitted today by a jury of the charge of being an accessory after the fact in connection with the killing of Henry I. Peirce last November.

The jury had been instructed by Judge Andrenick to acquit the defendant on the indictments charging murder and manslaughter after the defense failed in its plea to take the case out of the jury's hands.

Marie Rogers was the last of three defendants to be tried for the killing. Peter D. Treadway, the first to go on trial, was sentenced to 12 to 20 years in the Eastern penitentiary.

Joseph A. Moss, who pleaded guilty after the fact, was sentenced to 18 months in the county prison, dating from his commitment December 6. He was also fined \$100.

Marion A. Elliott, who is accused of the actual killing of Peirce, is still being sought by the police.

Unidentified Woman Drowns in Denver Lake

Denver, April 1.—A floating object, in the form of a woman, clothed in navy blue, appeared for the first time in an April Fool joke to fishers in City park lake early today.

The joke appeared to be on Sam Schlesinger watchman, as he waded into the waters and brought the form to shore. The boys yelled with glee.

The form was of a woman about 35 years old. Police immediately began a check of city and county institutions in an effort to establish her identity.

\$10,000 Stolen From Safe Of The U. S. Shipping Board

Philadelphia, April 1.—Officials of the United States shipping board reported today \$10,000 had been stolen from the safe of the bureau of investigation at Hog Island and that they are of the opinion it was an "inside job." The safe showed no signs of having been tampered with.

The Omaha Charter

The biggest single thing which Omaha desires of the present legislature is the passage of the Omaha charter. The bill passes, it is able to adopt it as "home rule" charter and free the legislature from the necessity of giving time to problems entirely local.

Yet this bill is in danger. The legislature is about to adjourn. The bill has some ways to go. Omaha citizens have presented arguments for and against certain of its features. The legislators—particularly those representing Douglas county—have the power and the right of decision. Upon themselves rests the duty of deciding what is to be done, what proposed amendments are to be adopted, what to be cast aside.

Let the legislators now proceed to use their best judgment and give Omaha the basis of "home rule."

Allies Send Ultimatum To Hungary

Warning Against Attempt to Restore Hapsburg Dynasty Issued Through Council Of Ambassadors.

Paris, April 1.—Warning was given Hungary today by the allies that the restoration of the Hapsburg dynasty would entail disastrous consequences for the Hungarian nation.

This warning issued through the council of ambassadors, constituted a virtual ultimatum from the chief allied powers, including Great Britain, France, Italy and their lesser associates. It was given an additional point by the fact that it was communicated officially to the allied states by which Hungary is surrounded—Czechoslovakia, Jugoslavia, Roumania and Poland, at least the first three of which, comprising the "Little entente" have declared themselves ready to take military action against the Hapsburg restoration.

Negotiations in Progress. Meanwhile advices reaching Paris through official and other reliable channels give no confirmation of the rumors that former Emperor Charles was marching on Budapest at the head of a large body of troops to replace himself on the throne.

Official advices to the French foreign office emphasized that Charles was still at Steinaamar, near the Austrian frontier, that negotiations were in progress, for his removal from Hungary, presumably back to Switzerland, through Austria and that quiet prevailed at Budapest, the Hungarian capital.

Direct Budapest advices carried official denial of the report that Charles was moving on the capital with troops and declared he was safely guarded at Steinaamar.

Granted Safe-Conduct. Vienna, April 1.—Austria has granted a safe-conduct to former Emperor Charles to go to Switzerland, not only in principle, but in fact. The British, French and Italian ministers called upon Chancellor Mayr this morning and presented the protest of the powers against a Hapsburg restoration.

Over-night developments pre-arranged an early curtain on the last act of the drama of Steinaamar and the way is all prepared for the former emperor's departure. Reports from the north-west district, however, indicate that persons who compromised themselves in the adventure already are seeking a way out. The firm attitude of the entente and the menace of the military power of Czechoslovakia, Jugoslavia and Roumania are said to have brought even the maddest monarchists to sanity. Although militarily unopposed, Austria's uncompromising attitude showed them they could look for no aid there.

It is learned that diplomatic circles here this morning received assurances from Budapest that Charles now realizes the futility of his hopes and is prepared to return to his Swiss exile.

It is understood he will await the action of the Hungarian parliament this afternoon and bow as gracefully as possible to its constitutional decree against him, which already has been forwarded in the Vienna monarchist organs.

Planes on Virgin Islands

Daytona, Fla., April 1.—The two marine corps airplanes which are on a flight from Washington to the Virgin Islands and which left Paris Islands, S. C., this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, arrived here at 3:40 o'clock. The flight was without incident. The aviators arrived at Paris Island from Fayetteville, N. C., yesterday, and will leave here tomorrow for Miami, Fla.

Kansas Town Unable To Get Candidates To Run for Office

Topeka, Kan., April 1.—The city clerk of Kiowa, Barber county, today asked Richard J. Hopkins, attorney general, if a city election could be dispensed with this year if the present officers can be induced to hold over. According to the clerk's letter, no candidates have been found who are willing to have their names placed on the ticket at the city election next Monday.

The election must be held, the attorney general ruled. If no candidate appears blank ballots will be printed and voters will write in names of persons for whom they desire to vote.

Witnesses in Bribery Case Missing; Trial Postponed

When the case of Jesse Alexander, former policeman, charged with accepting a bribe, was called in district court yesterday the county attorney's office learned that two principal witnesses for the state had disappeared, necessitating postponement of the trial to the May term of court.

Steve and Mary Toth, 1207 Izard street, are said to have bribed Alexander and William J. Willkenine, also a former policeman. It was reported that the Toths went to California three weeks ago.

The county attorney will investigate the absence of these witnesses and it is hinted that other prosecutions may follow.

Without Destroying the Tree



Youthful Mail Bandit Says He Spent Week Here

Minneapolis, Minn., April 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Delbert Smith, 18, confessed mail train bandit, who led a small army of secret service operatives a chase of more than a month in the middlewest cities before being caught in Salt Lake City, Utah, last week, said today he had spent a week in Omaha just before going to Salt Lake City.

Smith is to be returned to St. Paul tomorrow to face a charge of murdering Seachery E. Strong, Minneapolis mail clerk, whom he admits fatally wounding on the night of Friday, February 18, when he held up the North Coast Limited mail car on the Northern Pacific railroad near St. Cloud, Minn.

Will Waive Robbery Charge

Federal authorities temporarily will waive prosecution on a charge of robbing the mails, although his foot came to more than \$30,000, in Salt Lake City today. Smith attributed his capture to a betrayal of his hiding place by the woman he loved, Mrs. Grace McDonald, now under arrest in St. Paul with four other women and the husband of one, as an alleged accomplice. Evan L. Jackson, St. Paul postal inspector for the northwest district, however, declared here that Smith's hiding place had been "tipped off" by a man and that Mrs. McDonald had been as "faithful as she could be."

Federal agents, he said, could get nothing from her.

Smith was arrested in the Salt Lake City postoffice while calling for mail from Mrs. McDonald, a former Denver woman and now a divorcee.

Blames Woman

"She knew of my plans," he said. "I told her while I was drunk that I intended to hold up the train. I showed her the substitute mail clerk's pass that I was to use in gaining access to the car. She did not believe I would do such a thing. She thought I was only joking. I imagine that she gave the information which led to the search for me."

Smith said he had conceived the idea of the robbery through his acquaintance with the business of Mrs. McDonald's brother, Patrick Hendricks, whose wife is one of the women also under arrest and who is in the mail car service. He had familiarized himself with the methods of railway mail duties in conversation with McDonald, he said.

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Sioux City, Ia., April 1.—There is a technical strike in the building trades in Sioux City today. Builders announced a 20 per cent cut in wages and union men refused to accept it. The reduction goes into effect today. Owing to a stagnation of building operations here caused by instability of labor conditions, the walkout was only on "paper."

Chicago Editor Will Aid In Trade Promotion Work

Washington, April 1.—A. W. Shaw, Chicago, editor of a business magazine, who was head of one of the divisions of the war industries board during the war, has been enrolled by Secretary of Commerce Hoover as a volunteer assistant in the organization of a committee representing various groups of industry to co-operate in foreign trade promotion work.

Omahans at Washington

Washington, April 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Edgar H. Scott, Omaha attorney, and his wife and daughter are guests at the Hotel Lafayette.

Inquiry in Elwell Murder Reopened

Ex-Governor Whitman Will Handle Probe From New Angle.

New York, April 1.—The inquiry into the murder of Joseph Browne Elwell, which expert, has been reopened, according to word today. It was intimated that interesting developments are connected shortly.

Whitman, former governor, would probe the mysterious murder from new angles. Mr. Whitman, however, denied knowledge of anything new.

Elwell's body was found early June 11 last year in a chair of the living room of his handsomely furnished house on West Seventieth street by his housekeeper. The night previous he had been a member of a gay party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lewisohn, Miss Viola Kraus, formerly the wife of Victor Von Schlegel, and Octavio Figueroa at dinner at the Ritz Carlton. Later the party attended the Ziegfeld Frolic on the New Amsterdam roof.

Early in the morning Elwell was killed. In this investigation following it developed that he had many affairs with women and immediately after his murder it was declared that he either was murdered by a woman or because of a woman.

English Coal Miners Out on General Strike

London, April 1.—Work ceased in the coal mines of the United Kingdom at midnight with the exception of a few districts, and approximately 1,200,000 miners were idle today as a result of the controversy over the wage issue. In only two collieries in Yorkshire, one in Northumberland, one in Scotland and one in North Wales the men have promised to continue at their posts without prejudice to any terms that may be agreed on, but all other pit workers, including mechanics, pump men, ventilation men and pony men, came out with the miners.

"Danger that the mines may be flooded threatens and many may be irretrievably ruined from the rush of water. Sirens everywhere are being made every where to enroll volunteers.

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Returning From Capital

Washington, April 1.—(Special Telegram.)—E. P. Myers, wife and daughter of Omaha, who have been in Washington during the Easter holidays, left for the west today.

The Weather

Forecast. Fair Saturday; not much change in temperature.

Hourly Temperatures.

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. Rows include 5 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m., 11 p.m., 12 noon.

Shippers' Bulletin.

Shippers in all directions handled during the past 24 to 36 hours may be made safely.

Russian Envoy Still Hopeful Of Trade With U.S.

Bolshevik Representative Not Discouraged by Recent Note From American Government.

By The Associated Press. London, April 1.—Despite the uncompromising tone of the recent note of Secretary of State Hughes in reply to representations by Russia for the opening of trade relations with the United States, the principal objective of the Russian soviet government's foreign policy is, and will continue to be the establishment of relations with the United States, according to Leonid Krassin, bolshevik representative. He refused to recognize the attitude of Washington as an insurmountable difficulty to the establishment of relations with the United States where-by trade would be possible.

M. Krassin gave these views when interviewed by The Associated Press today.

He stated that the admission to America of Russian commercial representatives was the first requirement; the initial transactions would then be carried out by means of cash payments, with the question of credits, naturally, arising later.

"In its relations with foreign governments the soviet government is prepared to respect the principle of private property and act upon the policy of exchange of equal values in trade," said M. Krassin. "If these guarantees are insufficient, deposits will be placed, acceptable to financial institutions insuring against violation of contracts."

No predictions of promises of any great volume of trade were made. He expected the immediate difficulties would be transportation. Concentration of the Russian people's energies for three years on defensive warfare has reduced production to a minimum and the only remedy, he declared, was the opening of relations with foreign nations. The fact that trade has been carried on by soviet Russia with the Baltic states for a year, the Russian representative pointed out, was proof of its practicability. It was inevitable that commercial relations would be re-established with America. The sooner they were started, the sooner Russian construction would get under way and this would mean an earlier economic peace for Europe and the world. There would be no peace in Europe, he added, until there was a peaceful Russia.

Condition of Ex-Empress Reported Very Grave

Doorn, Holland, April 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—The condition of former Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany took a turn for the worse today, according to a statement issued from Doorn castle this evening. The statement said: "The condition of the former empress is worse. Only loving care, her surroundings and capable nursing are keeping the patient alive."

War Department Orders Total of 235 Airplanes

Washington, April 1.—The first important move since the armistice, toward rehabilitating the army's air service, was taken today when the War department placed orders for 200 Thoms Morse type pursuit airplanes and 35 Martin bombers.

Bank Cashier Sought

Crowley, Colo., April 1.—Warrants were issued today for the arrest of James Shipley, 21, cashier of the Crowley county state bank, charged with embezzlement of between \$2,000 and \$10,000, following Shipley's disappearance yesterday.

U. S. Holds Germany to War Debts

Administration Insists Full Reparations Must Be Made To Devastated Countries Of Europe.

Cannot Accept Treaty

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Special Wire. Washington, April 1.—The United States holds Germany responsible for the war and will insist that Germany make all the reparation in its power for the devastation and suffering of innocent peoples wrought by its inexcusable act of aggression.

This is the attitude of President Harding and his administration, made known today. Presumably it was communicated to former Premier Viviani of France in his talk with Secretary of State Hughes, if not during his audience with the president.

Germany Held Responsible. Whatever peace program the administration evolves is to be made consistent with this fundamental declaration. The United States will do nothing that would permit Germany to escape full responsibility for the war.

Germany, moreover, the administration holds, must admit responsibility for the war and must be compelled to pay damages to the full extent of its ability in a fair and just manner.

Any suspicion in any quarter that the United States, after spending its blood and treasure in the war, would do or say anything that would enable Germany to escape full payment of its just obligations to the victims of aggression, its not only absolutely but distinctly repugnant to the administration.

Reply to Allied Fears.

This is the answer of the administration to the fears entertained among the allies, that the United States contemplates a course of action which would encourage Germany to resist the payment of reparations and to German hopes that the United States can be relied upon to help Germany escape paying the penalty for causing the war.

While the negotiations exacted of Germany by the allies under the terms of the Versailles treaty are more than Germany is able to pay and whether these reparations have been determined in a fair and just manner, are questions upon which the administration is not staking its position at this time. Presumably they are matters which will be dealt with if occasion should arise.

M. Viviani, who has come to sound the American government on its contemplated course and to obtain, if possible, the co-operation of the United States with the allies in enforcing the terms of peace imposed upon Germany, is pleased over this voluntary exposition of the government's position. Seen by the correspondent, he expressed himself as being greatly moved by this typically

Chicago Theater Men Forced to Pay Fines To Building Unions

Chicago, April 1.—Information concerning an alleged graft system through which Chicago theater owners were forced to pay labor unions fines of from \$1 to \$5 for each non-union made seat installed, was placed before the Dailey legislative committee today when it resumed its investigation into building conditions.

William B. McKinley, former speaker of the state house of representatives and now attorney for the Associated Builders of Chicago, informed the committee that his organization would submit documentary evidence to the committee which would prove that the unions had maintained what he termed "an enormous system of graft."

Railroad Signal Men Reject New Wage Offer

New York, April 1.—The proposal to reduce wages of the railroad signal men employed on the New York Central lines were rejected today by representatives of the employes, in conference with company officials. Both sides agreed to make a joint appeal of the case to the national labor board, the railroad representatives assuring the men there would be no wage reduction until the board makes its decision.

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