Iroquois Will Give Testimony For Stillman

Six Indians of Famous "Five Nationals" Will Go to Gotham to Attack Fifi's Character.

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New York, April 2.—From the land of the Sky-blue Water have come six "witnesses" to testify against the character of the wife of a Wall street banker.

Six "witnesses" from the tribe of the "Five Nations!"

"Five Nations," as the far-famed Iroquois tribe is known, once held all America, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, in a state of terror.

Simple days in America, years of pioneers, of wars and explorations, of trail-blazing and nation-building.

Bu the redman paid court to the paleface. Races and tribes intermarried. French and English beat back the sons of the arrow-makers on to reservations.

Gitche Manitou, the mighty, has given way to the white man's God—and some of his lesser gods.

And the Mighty in this day and in our city have given way to the Flighty—hence the Stillman case.

The Stillman Case.

In his desire to free himself from marital bonds, James H. Stillman, president of the National City bank, has openly accused his wife, "Fifi" Potter Stillman, of taking an Indian lover and has charged her son, Guy, with illegitimacy.

To bear out his charges the banker is said to have brought from the north woods a half dozen Indians, who are expected to swear away his wife's honor.

The legal battle will be a fierce one on both sides.

Credibilitiy of witnesses will be questioned, and every effort will be made by counsel for both plaintiff and defendant to discredit testimony.

Imposing lists of legal talent will be arrayed on each side in the Stillman right.

The banker-millionaire will not need to spare expenses to defend himself and to blacken the character of the woman who bears his name.

What of the credibility of the half-breed witnesses brought to New York City from the wilds at the banker's expense?

"Iroquois," Delancey Nicoll, one of the banker's advisers, describes them.

Whether or not the lawyer was pleased to be facetious is not known The question of the Indian witnesses is an interesting one, in any case.

The "Five Nations."

The Iroquois, or the "Five Nations," made up of the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga and Seneca tribes, once roamed about North America, bold marauders, terrorizing other tribes and races.

"We of the long house" and "real people," are translations of Indian phrases that expressed the tribe's opinion of itself. Known as a haughty and imperious people, the Iroquois, when they ruled another nation, settled all domestic difficulties and were anxious to have a state of tranquillity maintained.

They also prescribed the future conduct of warring families within tribes, according to Parkman, the historian.

Iroquois language is rich in beautiful metaphor and their lore abounds in "delicate allusions," according to the said authority.

After the coming into the tribe of the Tuscarora nation the Iroquois were called by some the "Six Nations," but the earlier name is better known.

That the mixed descendants of the once mighty tribe have lessened in ferocity is evident when they can be coaxed to come to so-called civilization to testify against a white "woman's character."

Nothing Unusual.

In the thickets and the meadows
Piped the bluebird, the Owaissa—

And James H. Stillman, metropolitan banker, will seek to prove that his wife, in company with Fred Beauvais, guide of the wilds, found the bluebird of happiness in those woods where hide the heron, the wild goose and the loon.

Cleared the tangled pathway for her
Bent aside the swimming branches—

Sophisticated residents of the north, where Mrs. Stillman passed periods of rest and recreation, declare there is nothing unusual about a woman accepting the company and protection of a guide through the fastnesses of their forests.

All the traveling winds went with them
O'er the meadow, through the forest—

But what story will the pro-Stillman witnesses relate, what opinions will those simple and perhaps, therefore, unduly suspicious halfbreeds tell?

Here and there in the song of Hiawatha is a bit of philosophy beautifully expressed.

Hate Is Shadow.

From the sky the sun benignant
Looked upon them through the branches,
Saying to them, 'O my children,
Love is sunshine, hate is shadow,
Life is checkered shade and sunshine;
Rule by love, O Hiawatha!"

While Mrs. Stillman was seeking rest in the quiet places, Stillman, it is alleged, sought "love" in the cities. And he set about by legal means to free himself while still living, in another home than the usual Stillman residence, under the name of "Franklyn Leeds."

Day is restless, night is quiet,
Man imperious, woman feeble.

Will Mrs. Stillman be feeble in fighting money and power? Can the descendants of imperious savages swear away her right to her good name and her child's right to inherit millions from the banker?

Among the superstitious and quaint customs of the Iroquois tribe is the "False-face" ceremony. The legend goes that once an Indian brave approached a great giant who had his stronghold in a great stone cave. So terrible was the giant that none might look upon him. For self-protection the youth fashioned a mask, wearing which he might approach the huge terror. "False-face" dances are a part of the Indian ceremonials of this tribe. But many descendants of Indians have taken on our more sophisticated code, and discarded superstitions.

Beauvais, the guide, denies the charges. He follows our ideal of defending women. He would protect Mrs. Stillman. In that decision, whether guilty or not, he is to be commended. At least, he realizes that the mother of children should be protected if not only for her own sake, then out of consideration toward her innocent children, who are unable to ward off disaster.

The divorce suits of the banker and his wife together make one of the most startling stories of many years. Accustations, attempts to hold love, both by Mrs. Stillman and "Mrs. Leeds;" the lie lived by "Leeds," the appealing innocence of Baby Guy—they make an ever-spreading quadrangle of entangled love and passions.

Even after Mrs. Stillman suspected her husband's attentions to "Mrs. Leeds" she tried to win back his love; was willing to forgive him. She desired to save him from himself, it is said. But Stillman was infuriated at her plan for so doing, and he would like now to prove that his repudiated wife then sought consolation with Beauvais in the north woods.

Did Mrs. Stillman thus seek forgetfulness, or did she secretly hunger to win back the husband who forsook here?

As unto the bow the cord is,
So unto the man is woman;
Though she bends him she obeys him;
Though she draws him, yet she follows—
Unless each without the other!

Noted Pianist to Play At Free Concert Here

Miss Eleanor Shaw of New York, who will play at a concert at the Fontenelle on Tuesday evening, when the Duo Art piano will be exhibited. The concert is to be free.

The Drift of the Week

While Europe continues to grope and fumble amid its problems there has been little or no disturbing news in the United States this week. It is as if America had been vaccinated during the war against most of the political and economic diseases that now beset foreign lands. * * * In Great Britain the return of the coal mines to private operation resulted in a wage cut and the declaration of a national strike. What the miners seek is a system of pooling production costs and profits of all the mines or the shutdown of the least efficient and the employment of their workers in the better properties in hope of making wage decreases unnecessary. The railroad and transport workers may join the strike, which would then invoive 3,000,000 men. * * * Things are working out better in the United States, and the threat of a railway strike here appears to be growing remote. Efforts to suspend working agreements have been balked by the government, and President Harding has decided to present the problems to congress. He called the chairman of the Interstate Commerce commission and of the railway labor board to the White House to discuss rates and wages. It is said that the president believes it unwarranted to make labor bear all the burden of retrenchment and looks toward a reduction in the salaries of railway executives and the cost of steel, coal and other supplis as well as wages in the final adjustment. * * *

The conferences of Rene Viviani in Washington have revealed nothing except his resemblance to a huge interrogation point. The public impression is that this French statesman, while he may hope for much, would go home satisfied without indorsement of the league of nations if he could only be assured of the moral support of America for the allies in whatever they might undertake. * * * America's most direct connection with Europe now is the United States troops on the Rhine. When communist disturbances spread to their zone it was necessary for them to mix in what may yet be a German civil war, and it is cabled that they "made short work of a communist nest at Wirges." * * * German authorities released the two American detectives who shot a woman in their pursuit of Bergdoll; but the surrender of this slacker has not yet been agreed upon. * * *

Comic relief was introduced by the advent of Charles of Austria, disguised as a tourist, to Hungary. His expectation that the people would rise in his support was proved but an illusion, and nowhere in Europe was this Hapsburg attempt to regain his throne approved. * * * Reunion of Hungary with Austria is feared by the other eastern countries, and blockades by the allies and the little entente would follow any success. * * *

New efforts to bring Ireland and Britain to agreement are attempted as the warfare there continues. Australia and New Zealand are said to have protested Lloyd George's declaration that the approaching imperial conference would not discuss the Irish situation, and perhaps hope to pacify Ireland by making it a dominion. * * * The report of the unofficial American commission on conditions in Ireland was outspoken in criticism of English methods and is bound to raise a storm. * * * Fourteen hundred Irish boys and girls, it is reported, are to sail for this country soon. * * *

An event at home not to be underestimated was the women's mass meeting held in Washington Easter Sunday, which requested the president to call an international conference on disarmament. * * * In North Dakota the opponents of the Nonpartisan league have decided on a recall election, thus using a weapon put in their hands by the league, just as they have also blocked other extreme measures by use of the initiative and referendum. * * * All this orderly progress recalls the query of a European peasant recently quoted in the press: "Things must be better in the United States; you haven't this fighting there, have you?" * * * Meanwhile Greek meets Turk and the rule of force is the sole reliance of the old countries.

U. S. Foreign Policy Is Clearly Outlined

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a time because of fear that it might encourage Germany to further resistanc of her treaty requirements. In view of the plainly expressed attitude of the administration in this respect, however, this objection is no longer regarded as valid.

The text of the note to the German government was not made public. It sets for the the views advanced by high administration officials yesterday. It was sent to American Commissioner Dressel at Berlin in response to informal requests from the German government for a definition of the adminitration's attitude. Mr. Dressel is asked to deliver it to the German foreign minister at once. Copies of the note also have been sent to the various allied governments.

M. Viviani, envoy extraordinary of the French government, now in this country sounding the attitude of the United States on international questions, is said to be pleased at the policy declared in the note to Germany, although he had hoped to persuade the American government to ratify the Versailles treaty proper and to discuss associations of nations to preserve peace later.

Would Scrape League.

Armed with full authority as spokesman for France, he had gone so far as to propose scrapping the league of nations entirely if the United States would consent to sign the treaty proper and participate in the enforcement of its terms.

France, it is declared, will adopt any suggestions that President Harding has to offer with reference to the league of nations. The French ardently desire the United States to become a member of some sort of international association to preserve the peace of the world. They would prefer that the structure of the present league be preserved, partly because the league covenant is so interwoven with the provisions of the treaty of Versailles, but they would be willing to eliminate from that structure all that is unacceptable to the American people.

Indications are not lacking that the French would be willing to divorce the covenant from the treaty, if by so doing the ratification of the peace terms proper by the United States could be procured. What France desires above all things is the association of the United States with the Enropean allies in enforcing the terms of peace.

Unless a revision of the treaty satisfactory to the United States can be effected President Harding will be confronted with the problem of re-establishing peace with Germany by other means. It has been suggested that the senate might ratify the Versailles treaty with reservations of non-acceptance or specified provisions. The alternative would be the negotiations of a separate peace with Germany.

An inventor has mounted an electric lamp on the spout and a battery on the handle of an oil can for engineers.

Back-to-the-Land Movement Starts In Western States

Reductions in Pay and Loss of Jobs Given as Cause—U. P. Renews "Home Seekers" Rates.

A big movement back to the land is developing in the west. With the reduction in wages in the cities and the loss of jobs in the factories and in trades, thousands are turning to the land and the landward movement which was curtailed by the war is again getting under way. Government land offices and the agricultural departments of the western railroads are receiving many inquiries concerning both free land and low-priced land available for farming and stock raising. For the first time in five years the Union Pacific railroad has placed in effect special "home seekers'" rates to Utah, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and the Pacific northwest.

Not Crop Land.

Although there are 200,000,000 acres of free government land in the United States, the day of the free homesteads for farming has passed.

"The first fact, therefore, which should be made clear to the land-seeker is that, for the most part, the areas of public lands available on which he can make an entry are substantially and essentially a grazing proposition, and not crop land in the ordinary sense," is a printed answer which the government land offices are distributing in answer to inquiries.

"The greater portion of the 200,000,000 acres of unreserved public lands that remained on July 1, 1920, is either rough foothills and mountainous lands, or level valley lands in Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada and southern California, which are too dry to mature crops by any dry farming method yet discovered."

With all the free farming lands gone, the land-seekers are turning to that portion of the country where good farming land can still be had at nominal prices.

"There are still, nevertheless, opportunities of securing high-class, irrigable lands under government projects, or Carey act projects or under various private irrigation projects having land for sale," say the government instructions.

About one-third of the inquiries for cheap, or public, lands are coming from ex-soldiers, the officials find.

Gaining Momentum.

The other two-thirds of the inquiries come from farmers and small-town men scattered over the country, with now and then a city man who has decided to get out on a farm. Between 2 and 5 per cent are from women.

"The movement to the farm is gaining momentum every day," says R. A. Smith of Omaha, head farmer of Union Pacific.

"Not for five or six years has the landward movement reached the proportions it has reached this spring. The land between the Mississippi and the Rocky mountains is no longer cheap. It's the country between the Rockies and the Cascades that is today attracting the homeseeker."

According to the government instructions to homeseekers, "the western states have been literally combed for years for a good piece of level land situated where there was sufficient rainfall to make a suitable homestead."

Three Filley Men Arrested On Charge of Selling Liquor

Beatrice, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Sheriff Schiek arrested Ed Protsman, Otis Wright and J. A. Jensen of Filley on a charge of selling liquor to Joe Ryba, a farmer. The sheriff alleges that a fight occurred during the visit of the men to the Ryba farm when a sum of money belonging to the farmer disappeared. A fourth man is being sought and other charges will be filed, it is said. The sheriff confiscated a jug of whisky.

Revival of Building is Being Planned in Wahoo

Wahoo, Neb., April 2.—(Special.)—Prospects of a renewal of building operations are getting better, dealers say. They say that while there are no definite projects in sight, several farmers who were planning on building when the slump in business and decline in grain prices came last fall, have begun to figure again and that as soon as they get their crops planted they plan on going ahead with the delayed projects.

Little Interest in Wahoo Municipal Campaign

Wahoo, Neb. April 2.—(Special.)—Oscar Hanson will be the next mayor of Wahoo, having been the unanimous choice of the citizens' caucus. He is president of the First National bank and has taken an active part in civic affairs for many years. He has no opposition. James Kudrna and Miss Anna Hull were nominated for clerk and treasurer. They have no opposition.

Photograph Galleries at Wahoo and Osceola Sold

Wahoo, Neb., April 2.—(Special.)—D. F. Wagner sold his photograph gallery to Ralph M. Welch of Lincoln and moved his family to Osceola, where he has purchased the Clark studio. Mr. Clark retired after having taken the photographs of Polk county citizens for over 30 years.

Evangelistic Meeting May Bring Church to Chappell

Chappell, Neb., April 2.—(Special.)—Evangelistic meeting in the Christian church here under the leadership of Ernest House, have added materially to the membership. An effort is being made to establish a permanent church with a resident pastor.

Beatrice White Elephant Sale is Huge Success

Beatrice, Neb., April 2.—(Special.)—The Red Cross White Elephant sale which was held here this week, was a big success and netted the society approximately $1,000. Nearly $300 was raised at a dance given through the sale of articles, sandwiches, etc.

Artificial Lashes Latest Aid to Vamps

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Chicago, April 2.—When a fair young thing looks at you through her long curling lashes do not fall for it until you investigate. The long curling eyelashes may not be hers except by right of purchase.

Artificial eyelashes have arrived and are the latest trick to be used by the fair sex to agitate the cardiacal region of susceptible males. Originally they were intended for stage beauties who could not get just the desired effect by cooking up a little shoe blacking in a frying pan and "beading" their lashes.

The effect was too frequently grotesque, so the artificial eyelash came into being and other than stage beauties are taking to them with great avidity. They fill a long-felt want on the part of the girl who, despite hourly applications of vaseline, could not force her eyelashes to grow into a veil.

A substantial crate for shipping live animals by express can be folded to half its height for handling when empty.

Artist of Frisco Paints Portrait Of Gen. Pershing

Life Size Likeness Will Hang in Legion of Honor Palace to Be Erected in San Francisco Park.

Washington, April 2.—Arthur Capill, San Francisco artist, has just completed here, a life size portrait of Gen. John J. Pershing which will hang in the Legion of Honor palace to be erected in Lincoln Park, San Francisco. The portrait was painted under commission from Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Spreckels of San Francisco, who gave $1,000,000 for the memorial building which will be a duplicate of the Legion of Honor palace in Paris. The site was donated by the municipality.

In addition to the portrait of the commander in chief of the American expeditionary forces, the building when completed will have war picture collections given by Belgium and France and a large number of canvasses depicting activities of the American armies in France in addition to portraits of all the allied leaders.

Mr. Capill has been working on Pershing portrait here for about two months. In a letter to the painter General Pershing expressed his pleasure at what he termed "a splendid likeness."

Beatrice Grocery Store Robbed by Home Talent

Beatrice, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The grocery store of F. A. Claussen in West Beatrice was burglarized last night. Only a small amount of loot was obtained. Entrance was gained through a side door. The police have obtained a clue which indicates it is the work of local talent.

New Hamburg Minister

Hamburg, Ia., April 2.—(Special.)—The Baptist church of this place issued a call to Rev. Elmer Kirkpatrick of Tarkio, Mo., and he has accepted. Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick and family will move to Hamburg May 1.

Anti-Red Forces Fail To Seize Vladivostok

Tokio, April 2.—(By The Associated Press.)—Attempts by anti-bolshevik elements to gain control of the city of Vladivostok have resulted in failure, according to official advices received here. The fighting began in the city yesterday morning, but had not proceeded long before officials of the Japanese garrison ordered the Belligerents to cease firing and disarm. This order was obeyed, and dispatches from Vladivostok state that at present the situation is not considered serious.

"The incident was the outgrowth of an intrigue of the anti-socialists to seize the city, with the help of the remnants of the forces formerly commanded by General Kappell, anti-bolshevik leader in Siberia, it is said in special dispatches to this city. The authorities, however, had been informed of the conspiracy and took precautions against a serious uprising.

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