

Stillman Placed On Witness Stand: Dodges Questions

Plaintiff in Divorce Trial Refuses to Answer on Ground It Might Incriminate Him.

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 29.—James A. Stillman, plaintiff in the Stillman divorce action, submitted to cross-examination by attorneys for Mrs. "Fili" Stillman before Referee Daniel J. Gleason here today, but declined to answer any material question on the ground that it might tend to incriminate him.

Omitting the word "degrade," which is coupled with "incriminate" in the usual legal form, Mr. Stillman used this invariable phrase to avoid answering questions as to whether he knew Mrs. Florence H. Leeds, a woman named "Helen" and a woman named "Clara," all of whom have been named by Mrs. Stillman; whether he was the father of Jay Ward Leeds, Mrs. Leeds' son, and whether he had established a trust in his name and whether a woman had christened his yacht Modesty.

In reply to questions by John F. Brennan, chief counsel for Mrs. Stillman, Mr. Stillman declared he really believed in answering the questions, but that he had been advised to incriminate him. He refused to answer these questions to identify what was presumably his own signature on an application for an automobile license. He also refused to identify a photograph which was presumably a snapshot of himself.

Leaves By Rear Door.

After two hours grilling by Mr. Brennan and with a direction by Referee Gleason to appear tomorrow morning for cross-examination by John E. Mack, guardian ad litem for Guy Stillman, whose legitimacy he has questioned, Mr. Stillman left the referee's rooms in the same way he entered—through the cellar and rear exit, thence a narrow alley leading to Union street.

Fifteen minutes earlier Mrs. Stillman had left the building by its main entrance and had faced a curious crowd on Main street with a smile. Mrs. Stillman seemed pleased at the way her husband's cross-examination had gone.

"He is running true to form," was her comment upon the way Mr. Stillman had met the questioning. "If he had an open character he would come out openly and say 'yes, I did these things,' instead of crawling behind a refusal to answer."

At the beginning of the afternoon session, the secretary of the "Cartier," a Fifth avenue jewelry firm and an officer of the New York Trust company, respectively, handed in transcripts of the amount of purchases alleged to have been made by Mr. Stillman for "Mrs. Leeds" at jewelry shops and two accounts, known as "Mrs. F. H. Leeds account" and the "Mrs. F. H. Leeds special account." These transcripts with certain jewelry delivery receipts were left in the custody of the referee for use in the cross-examination of Mr. Stillman.

Warm Legal Argument.

A legal argument as to the extent the cross-examination should be allowed to go immediately ensued. Attorney Mack contended that as counsel for Guy Stillman he should be allowed to examine Mr. Stillman concerning his "conspiracy with one Florence H. Leeds, whereby they planned and prearranged to bring this action for divorce, destroy the wife and destroy the child, Guy Stillman, to the end that he might marry Florence H. Leeds and legitimize their child, Jay Leeds, and to the end that the child whom I represent might not only lose his share in this trust fund, but that which is more important still, his good name and birthright."

A prolonged passage of words followed, Colonel Rand contending the cross-examination should be limited to material brought out in the direct examination.

Referee Gleason held that under a recent decision of Chief Judge Bartlett of the court of appeals, it was entirely discretionary with the trial court and that under the circumstances it would be an abuse of this discretion to allow a complete cross-examination.

As subsequently developed, all the cross-examination of the day was by Mr. Brennan and bore upon the divorce issue. Mr. Mack will cross-examine Mr. Stillman tomorrow and his questions will be based entirely upon the legitimacy issue.

Mrs. Stillman came in while the argument was in progress and about 15 minutes after the arrival of Mr. Stillman. There was no sign of recognition between the two.

Royal Neighbors Hold County Convention

Broken Bow, Neb., June 29.—(Special).—More than 100 delegates and members were in attendance at the county convention of Royal Neighbors. A bazaar and program occupied the morning session. The afternoon was a closed session, the hitlist work being exemplified and election of officers. Merna was chosen as the place for the next convention. Delegates were present from Anselmo, Ansley, Merna and Berwyn.

Following are the officers: Oracle, Mary Street, Merna; vice oracle, Mary Bojin; Broken Bow; chancellor, Mrs. M. C. Rhine; Anselmo; recorder, May Ellison; Merna; marshal, Ruby Gong; Ansley; assistant, Mame Lee; Berwyn; inner sentinel, Ada Cummings; Berwyn; installing officer, Mrs. Nellie Moulton; Anselmo; ceremonial marshal, Maude Robinson; Broken Bow.

Paving Bids for 14 Blocks To Be Asked in Plattsmouth

Plattsmouth, Neb., June 29.—(Special).—Tentative plans for 14 blocks of street improvement were submitted to the city council varying from \$40,092.46 for brick to \$29,653.80 for sheet asphalt. Bids will be advertised at once and if satisfactory the contract let as soon as possible.

Snakeskin Shoes Are Latest Rage in Paris



Snakeskin shoes are the latest rage in Paris, according to Mrs. Harold Litton of Chicago, who recently arrived from Europe wearing a pair shown in the above picture. The design runs clear around the shoe and buttons indicate the eyes.

President to Speed Up Soldier Aid Measure

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time. It may be that it does not go far enough. We are getting a world of testimony before the select committee disclosing the shocking conditions existing in hospitalization and vocational education. It is the worst mess I ever encountered. "The light we are obtaining on the breakdown of the existing system for ministering to the ex-service men will be of great value in drafting the reorganization legislation. Both Senator Calder and myself, who are members of the investigating committee, will be prepared to bring first-hand knowledge on conditions to the finance subcommittee, of which we also are members, when that body begins consideration of the Sweet bill."

Dillingham Surprised.

Senator Dillingham of Vermont said he did not know that he had been named a member of the subcommittee on the Sweet bill. "That's news to me," he said, "but I suppose I will be notified when a meeting of the subcommittee is called. I have not read the Sweet bill and have no preconceived notions on the legislation required to meet the situation. I suppose that hearings will be held by the subcommittee and they should be sufficiently informative of the character of legislation required. I know in a general way that the system of caring for discharged soldiers is extremely inadequate and I will give my support to remedial action without delay."

Senator Reed of Missouri likewise said that he did not know he had been appointed a member of the subcommittee. There appears to be no antagonism in the senate to the Sweet bill or similar legislation to reorganize the soldier relief machinery. The only question is how long it will take the senate to pass a bill.

Tariff Bill Given to House By Committee

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the eleventh hour, put a tax of 35 cents a barrel on crude and 25 cents a barrel on fuel oil.

The lumber schedule, as originally drawn, was cut last night by the committee, which finally heeded the appeal of republicans to have finished lumber kept on the free list. Shingles, however, were taxed in the lumber schedule, but many other items were not.

President Given Powers.

In deciding to drop the retaliatory tariff proposal, the committee provided that if any country imposed a duty on any of the free list lumber exported from the United States the president might enter into negotiations with it to obtain removal of the tax and formally introduced it.

Along with oil, the first party caucus is expected to deal with the chemical schedule and some others.

Hamilton County Ready for Annual Exhibition

Aurora, Neb., June 29.—(Special).—Buildings on the county fair grounds, almost demolished by the cyclone in March, have been remodeled and repaired and are in better shape than ever before. President Emil Egger has devoted almost his entire time to the reconstruction and preparation of the grounds for the annual fair the last week in August. He states that the exhibits this year will far surpass those of other years. A feature of the program will be an athletic carnival.

Southern Pacific Revenues Jumped During Last Year

Gain Was 17.78 Per Cent Over 1919 While Operating Expenses Increased 28.52 Per Cent.

New York, June 29.—Total railway operating revenues of the Southern Pacific company and its subsidiaries for 1920 aggregated \$282,269,504, an increase of \$42,612,232, or 17.78 per cent over the previous year, according to the detailed report of the system issued today.

Total railway operating expenses of \$242,113,790 increased \$53,728,618, or 28.52 per cent, leaving net railway operating income of \$131,324,444, a decrease of \$18,364,724, or 46.28 per cent.

The constant growth of expenses is disclosed in the operating ratio. This amounted to 85.77 per cent in 1920, against 78.61 in 1919, 73.42 per cent in 1918 and only 62.18 per cent in 1917.

Maintenance of equipment alone increased slightly over 24 per cent and the heavy increase of traffic expenses resulted chiefly from the gainings of traffic diverted while the road was under federal control.

Current assets of the Southern Pacific system, including cash approximating \$16,500,000, show a large increase over the previous year. Included in this account are materials and supplies of the company's oil properties, which are listed at \$40,263,839 against \$1,555,151 in 1919.

Current liabilities include loans and bills payable of \$5,000,000 and an increase of \$24,416,500 in the company's capital stock. Total corporate surplus of \$287,617,068 shows an increase of \$12,728,296.

Nebraska City Attorney Gets Federal Appointment

Plattsmouth, Neb., June 29.—(Special).—Matthew Herold, nephew of Matthew Gering, well-known Plattsmouth lawyer, who is just completing a special course at Harvard, has been appointed assistant United States district attorney for the southern New York district by Col. William Hayward, former Nebraska City lawyer, who was but recently named district attorney by President Harding. Herold is a graduate of the University of Nebraska law school. At the outbreak of the war he left his studies at Harvard and enlisted in the army as a private, his ability as a linguist making his services highly desirable overseas and resulting in his rapid promotion.

55 Join Order of De Molay Instituted at Plattsmouth

Plattsmouth, Neb., June 29.—(Special).—Cass chapter No. 7, Order of De Molay, was instituted here in a big afternoon and night meeting. Fifty-five candidates were initiated, the degree work being conferred by the Omaha chapter. The new organization is being sponsored by Nebraska chapter No. 3, R. A. M., of which an advisory board has been chosen to assist in governing. Among the temporary officers appointed, Harley Cecil is named as master counselor. The visiting delegation from Omaha and the candidates were served a luncheon in the city park.

Relief Association Is Organized at Columbus

Columbus, Neb., June 29.—(Special).—Preliminary organization of the United Relief Association of Columbus was effected at a meeting of representatives of the city and county interested in charity work. The purpose of the association is to afford a medium through which relief work among the deserving poor of the city and county next winter may be centralized and carried on efficiently with the best results.

Sunday School Election Aurora, Neb., June 29.—(Special)

At a Stockham district Sunday school convention, the following officers were elected: Ervin Zehr, president; Alex Brown, vice president; Fay Davies, secretary and treasurer.

Radio Control Of Airplanes Within Sight

Assertion That Invention Will Be In Actual Use Soon Made in High Naval Circles.

Washington, June 29.—"Radio control of airplanes actually is within sight. The Navy department hopes to be in a position very soon to prove it."

This startling assertion was made by a man in high naval circles to Universal Service. "The absolute demonstration of what has been only a theory for some months will, when the time comes, be nothing short of sensational," the official added.

For obvious reasons none of the actual details were revealed today. Discussing radio control of heavier than air flying machines, he said: "It might be contended that the pilot of an airplane loaded with bombs would be the best agent for the control and direction of the machine. Radio control, however, makes any loss of life unnecessary and accuracy of direction and position can be obtained by radio from scouting planes, far out of the zone of danger from anti-aircraft guns."

It is obvious enough that if a vessel the size of the Iowa, which would be the central figure in the bombing tests of the Virginia capes, can be accurately directed by radio, the same thing can be done with an airplane. Furthermore, the navy soon will be ready to prove it by steering a squadron of bomb-laden planes to a given area, where the bombs will be released with an effect that may be imagined.

Naval officers say that with these plans there necessarily must be a revolution in the line of protection against such an enemy as the radio-controlled plane will prove. The effect of such an attack, it was pointed out, can only be measured by the number of planes the enemy might care to risk in the movement.

Alliance Goes Dry When Water Plant Is Shut Down

Alliance, Neb., June 29.—(Special).—Alliance was an exceedingly "dry" city for nearly 24 hours, when the city water supply was shut off, due to the blowing out of a gasket in one of the wells. Before workmen could locate the trouble a large steam pump had drawn all of the water out of the reservoir and the oily sediment that had accumulated on the surface of the water in the reservoir had been forced into the mains throughout the entire city, making the water unfit for use. Gardens and lawns suffered to some extent, due to the excessive hot weather prevailing, and soft drink establishments and ice cream parlors did a thriving business in quenching the thirst of a famished populace. City Manager Kemmish and a force of workmen worked all night making repair. In the meantime some of the business houses were supplied from the Burlington reservoirs.

Chautauqua at Alliance

Alliance, Neb., June 29.—(Special).—A six-day chautauqua will be presented here July 6 to 11. Ex-Gov. Edward W. Hoch of Kansas will be the principal speaker.

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Land Office Changes Causing Confusion

Alliance, Neb., June 29.—(Special).—Attaches of the United States land office here are in a quandary as to the destinies of the office, due to a peculiar situation which has arisen following the recent consolidation of the office of the register and that of receiver. The merger was effected March 20 following requests of the incumbents of the two offices or consolidation, due to the small remuneration. Following the merger, T. J. O'Keefe, register, received instructions from Washington to be at the office July 1 to receive the records of the receiver's office, which was discontinued. In the meantime O'Keefe had gone to California for an extended visit. When the authorities at Washington were notified of this, they instructed J. C. Morrow, receiver, to assume charge of the office until a permanent appointee was named. But Morrow in the meantime had tendered his resignation and accepted a position with an insurance company. O'Keefe is averse to returning from California at his own expense to turn over a \$90 a month job to a new appointee and Morrow is anxious to get on the road for the insurance firm. Morrow, however, is in a peculiar position, since his resignation has not been formally accepted at Washington and he is under bond to hold down the office until his successor is appointed.

Burlington to Increase Force in Alliance Shops

Alliance, Neb., June 29.—(Special).—Official announcement has been made by Division Superintendent Fred Gurley that 25 men will be added to the Burlington force here between July 1 and 5. The call for men includes 15 car repairers, four car repairer helpers, two apprentices, three laborers and one foreman. Only Alliance men will be given these jobs, it is stated. Most of the men who will be returned to work were laid off several months ago, due to the slack in railroad business and many of them, including a number with families, have since been unemployed. A marked increase in freight business, due to the movement of crops and live stock, is given as the reason for putting on additional help.

Mass Meeting at Pierce Favors Schol Building

Pierce, Neb., June 29.—(Special).—A mass meeting of taxpayers of the school district held at the court house was attended by nearly 300 men and women. It was called for the purpose of discussing the advisability of building a new school house at the present time. A resolution was presented and unanimously adopted instructing the school board to proceed at once toward the erection of a new building adequate for the present and future needs of the district. It is estimated that such a building will cost \$125,000.

White Bird at Aurora Is Pronounced Albino Robin

Aurora, Neb., June 29.—(Special).—The mystery is solved. The white bird, which has been regarded with so much curiosity in Aurora, is pronounced to be an albino robin. While being chased by a blackbird the white bird flew about excitedly and gave vent to plain robin "cheeps." The bird is pure white, with pink eyes, and with yellow bill and legs. F. C. Mather, a local bird lover, has made a careful study of the bird and pronounced him an albino robin. The bird is a great curiosity and is daily studied by scores of people.

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Sir James Craig Declines Invite to Meet De Valera

Belfast, June 29.—(By the Associated Press).—Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, declined today the invitation extended him by Eamonn De Valera, the Irish republican leader, to meet De Valera in Dublin. The invitation was contained in a letter to the Ulster premier and four other eminent Irishmen outside of De Valera's party asking them to meet him at the Mansion House in Dublin on Monday for a conference.

The other men invited were Earl Middleton, Sir Maurice Dockrell, Sir Robert Henry Woods and Andrew Jameson. De Valera in his reply to Lloyd George's invitation for a conference with the Ulster premier and the British prime minister at London for an Irish settlement in which the republican leader indicated he deemed Irish unity essential to a lasting peace, said he was consulting "with such of the principal representatives of our nation as are available," and added:

"Before replying more fully to your letter I am seeking a conference with certain representatives of the political minority in this country." In his reply to the republican leader's invitation, Sir James said: "It is impossible for me to arrange any meeting. I have already

Superior Legion Plans To Stage Big Pageant

Superior, Neb., June 29.—(Special).—A pageant written along lines tending to promote Americanism and at the same time give thrills, color and action, with a chorus of 300 and 250 soldiers, all overseas veterans, added to the historical groups and individual characters, is set for August 16 and 17. Seventy-five acres of ground on the edge of town has been chosen for the pageant, entirely a night affair, the scenes will be brought out of the darkness on the great stage with powerful searchlights.

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Accepted the prime minister's invitation to the London conference.

Sir Robert Woods has accepted De Valera's invitation.

Merger of Oklahoma Oil Companies Announced

Enid, Okl., June 29.—A merger of oil properties in Oklahoma and Texas, valued at approximately \$4,000,000, by which holding of the Oil State Petroleum company, the Healdton Oil company and the Penn-Oklahoma Oil company are taken over by the Garfield Refining company, was announced here today. John W. Garland and C. R. Sammons of Cleveland, were said to be interested.

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