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THE FLACK FRAUD.

The Chief Conspirators in the Case Indicted.

JUDGE BOOKSTAVER CENSURED.

Fraud, Deceit and Collusion Characterized the Proceedings—Dangers of Judicial Negligence and the Present Code in New York Divorce Courts Pointed Out—A Matter of Grave Public Concern.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—As announced in these dispatches last week, all the parties in the Flack bogus divorce conspiracy are indicted. Judge Bookstaver is severely censured, but he could not be indicted owing to his judicial position. The grand jury came in with a long presentment and indictment for the following: Sheriff James A. Flack, William Flack, Ambrose Monell, Joseph Meeks, Mrs. Raymond.

Gross Irregularities.

In addition to handing in indictments, the grand jury presented a supplemental report which says: "This alleged action for divorce from the first step to the final decree was characterized not only by gross irregularities, but by frauds, deceit and collusion. That such an action could be so conducted, facilitated and concluded in one of our highest courts of record is a matter of grave public concern, and it behooves the judges and officers of our courts and all officials charged with the administration of our laws to see to it that like practices do not prevail in other cases."

Dangers of the Divorce Courts.

"We call the attention of the legislature and the courts to the fact that while consent, connivance, or collusion, as to the commission of adultery is expressly prohibited; yet an action of divorce may be instituted and maintained by consent and collusion of the parties thereto. We consider that the practice of appointing referees in divorce cases is most pernicious and is conducive to the very dangers and abuses which the Flack case has exposed."

Judicial Negligence.

"We do not impute to Judge Bookstaver corrupt action in the sense of profit or gain. Such actions alone are not the only means by which the bench may be degraded and judicial usefulness impaired. Neglect, remissness and complaisance to friends are liable to produce like results. We are of the opinion that among other things the crime of conspiracy has been committed."

"The conspirators, from their position in life, their knowledge and experience, have been enabled to so shroud their actions that an understanding and discovery were made exceedingly difficult."

Bench Warrants Issued.

Bench warrants were issued for the sheriff and the others indicted with him and all will appear in court except Civil Justice Monell, who is too ill to leave his bed and who will furnish bail for his subsequent appearance.

The indicted persons should be surprised at the action of the grand jury.

Poor Prospects for Rotterdam Strikers.

LONDON, Oct. 1.—The attempt of the Socialists to run the strike of the Rotterdam dock laborers has failed utterly and the strike itself is likely to take a similar turn, partly owing to their interference. The disturbed portion of the town is so thoroughly guarded by troops and effectually covered by the guns of war vessels moored in the river under which armed forces can be landed at a moment's notice as to preclude any idea of success on the part of the strikers by violent means and the ranks of the men who have taken the strikers' places are filling up rapidly. John Burns sent £225 from London for the relief of the strikers, but aside from this the contributions to the strike fund have been surprisingly small.

Cowhided the Floor Walker.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 1.—William C. Young, floor walker for a Broadway dry goods house, was publicly cowhided in the store by Mrs. Baron, wife of Abraham Baron, the telegraph editor of The Westliche Post. Young's offense seemed to be in engaging himself to marry Miss Jennie, the daughter of the indignant lady, whilst he still had a wife in England. Mrs. Baron plied the lash repeatedly while a circle of under clerks gathered around to witness the fun. Young finally dashed from the store and escaped.

Died of a Rattlesnake Bite.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Oct. 1.—At Titusville, Fla., W. H. Adams, a postal clerk, accidentally stepped on a rattlesnake as he was walking on the public highway about midnight. The snake buried his fangs in Adams' leg. He twisted a handkerchief about the wound and hurried to a physician, who cupped the wound and administered whisky freely. The treatment was of no avail, and Adams, after intense suffering, died.

Chang Yeng Hoon's Farewell.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—Chang Yeng Hoon, the retiring Chinese minister, presented his letters of recall to the president. He was accompanied by Secretary Blaine and Shu Cheen Fon, first secretary of legation, and Liang Shung, an attaché. The new minister, who arrived in Washington last week, will be presented at an early date.

Fifty Persons Killed and Injured.

ROME, Oct. 1.—Two express trains running in opposite directions between Naples and Foggia, came into collision while running at a high rate of speed through a tunnel. Twenty carriages were smashed and fifty persons killed and injured.

Mrs. Blaine, Jr., Will Recover.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—The statement published that Mrs. James G. Blaine, Jr., is so ill that she cannot recover is pronounced untrue. Her attending physicians say that though she is very sick there is every chance of her recovery.

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A NOTABLE WEDDING.

The Blaine-McCormick Nuptials at Highfield Springs, N. Y.

RICHFIELD SPRINGS, N. Y., Sept. 27.—

The most interesting event of the social season was the marriage here of Mr. Emmons Blaine, son of the secretary of state, to Miss Anita McCormick, daughter of the Chicago millionaire.

The groom entered the church almost simultaneously with the clergyman and at the same time the bride entered the church on the arm of Cyrus McCormick, her brother. Mr. Emmons Blaine met Miss McCormick on the step of the altar and the two presented themselves to the clergyman. Rev. Dr. Holmes began reading the marriage service and Dr. Johnson took up the ceremony at the point where the bride is given away. Here Mr. Cyrus McCormick advanced and placed his sister in the keeping of the groom. The ring was then placed on the finger of the bride and the couple knelt to receive the divine blessing, the rain meanwhile falling heavily.

The newly married pair then led the procession from the church to the carriage and were driven with the wedding party and invited guests to Clayton cottage. The floral decorations of the church and cottage were elegant, profuse and costly. After the wedding breakfast the couple at 2:15 p. m. started on a wedding trip to Bar Harbor, where they will occupy the Blaine cottage. The bridal couple drove to Herkimer on the New York Central road, a distance of fourteen miles. There the private car of Hon. Stephen B. Elkins awaited them and will convey them direct to Bar Harbor.

NEW YORK DEMOCRATS.

A Harmonious Gathering at Syracuse. Governor Hill's state.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Oct. 1.—The Democratic state convention today bids fair to be as harmonious as was the Saratoga convention of last week. The delegates are all here and the city presents a lively appearance. Tammany and the Counties have been in caucus. The state committee has heard the argument of contestants and the indications point to harmonious action in convention.

There does not appear to be any doubt but the Hill state, so called, will be nominated, viz: for secretary of state, Frank Rier; treasurer, Elliott Danforth; Attorney General Charles T. Tabor; judge of the court of appeals, Denis O'Brien, and the renomination of State Engineer Bogart and Comptroller Wemph.

A prominent leader said: "We are going to show Mr. Platt that we are as united and as solid as was his convention."

Five Persons Drowned.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Sept. 28.—By the capsizing of a row boat in south Watauppa pond Louis Dubois, aged 53 years, Nathalie Dubois, his niece, aged 38 years, Mrs. George Michaud, her daughter Sarah Michaud, aged 7, and Rosanna LeVriere, aged 8, were drowned. Mary Michaud was rescued. The party had been across the pond for grapes and were returning. Dubois is said to have been drunk. An empty whisky bottle was found in the boat. The water was only five feet deep where the accident occurred. The lamentable affair was witnessed from the shore, but although several people started to the rescue, only one of the boat's occupants could be saved.

The Ives Jury Disagrees.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—The jury in the Ives case failed to agree and were discharged by the court. The jury stood ten for conviction and two for acquittal. Col. Fellows said, after the case had been disposed of, that Ives would be placed on trial again as soon as the district attorney's office could make arrangements for it. There would, Col. Fellows thought, be a motion argued before Recorder Smyth today which would decide the place of abode of the young financier until his next trial. His counsel, it is stated, will make every effort to have him placed in Ludlow street jail in case he cannot get him out on bail.

Congressman Scott's Self Vindication.

CHICAGO, Sept. 28.—Congressman W. L. Scott has addressed a long letter from Erie, Pa., to Governor Fisher bearing on the Spring Valley troubles and claiming that he was warranted in a competitive market. He submits figures to show that the Spring Valley Coal company has always paid relatively higher wages than other mines and asks the governor and the public to impartially consider them in refutation of un-called for and unjust abuse which the managers of the company's property have been subjected to.

Baby Beatrice Visits the Jail.

MAY'S LANDING, N. J., Oct. 1.—Mrs. Sheriff Johnson arrived here at 5 p. m. yesterday from Philadelphia with Baby Beatrice Hamilton in her charge. Quite a crowd had assembled at the station and it was with difficulty that Mrs. Johnson made her way to the sheriff's carriage. Lawyer Perry says that no definite plans have been arranged for the disposal of the child. It is thought that Mrs. Hamilton and the child will remain for some time at Sheriff Johnson's.

Perpetual Motion at Last.

ST. PAUL, Oct. 1.—Richard Robillard, night engineer at one of the Pillsbury mills in Minneapolis, has a very precious machine locked up in his house which he guards jealously. This piece of mechanism, so Robillard says, is a solution of the problem of perpetual motion. At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon the machine had been running for seven weeks. It requires no fuel, and a little oil is all that is needed to keep it in shape.

Both Killed in a Duel.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 1.—The Times-Democratic special from Robelen, La., says that Lee McAlpin, sheriff of Vernon parish, was shot and killed by A. C. Pool, editor of The Vernon News, in a duel with pistols. Pool also lost his life. A newspaper controversy between the two men led to McAlpin being challenged by Pool.

Wyoming's Constitution Finished.

CHEYENNE, W. T., Oct. 1.—The members of the constitutional convention signed the instrument last night and adjourned subject to the call of the president. Nov. 6 is submission day. In an address the people are urged to turn out and make a good showing of population.

Reduction in the Public Debt.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—It is estimated at the treasury department that the reduction in the public debt during September will amount to \$13,500,000.