

RENO OF EAST  
UNWIVED NAME  
OF PHILADELPHIA

Elsie Ferguson, Actress, Only One of Many to Find Divorce Here Easy.

DIVORCE EVIL THRIVES  
THROUGH LAW'S LAXITY

Philadelphia, called the "Reno of the East," attracts hundreds each year who seek divorce here that would not be granted in their own States. Divorcees and lawyers are alarmed by the increasing number of divorces in this city.

Miss Elsie Ferguson, an actress, wanted to divorce her husband about four years ago. She lived in Long Branch, and the laws of New Jersey would not permit her to get the absolute divorce she desired.

At that time Reno was at the height of its fame, and was known all over the country as a city where the marital bonds could be severed legally with little difficulty.

Miss Ferguson did not go to Reno. Instead, she crossed the river into this State and took up her residence in Philadelphia. After maintaining a legal home here a year, the time required by the laws of this State, she brought suit against her husband, Fred Hoey, of Long Branch. Subsequently the decree was granted.

Since that time the example set by Miss Ferguson has been followed by hundreds of residents of New Jersey and of New York and Delaware. As a result of this Philadelphia has received the sobriquet, "Reno of the East." This migration into the State still continues, due, according to members of the bar in this city, to the comparative ease with which a divorce may be obtained in this State.

BAR PONDERS PROBLEM. The matter has occupied the attention of the Philadelphia Bar Association, and at a recent meeting it was decided to get the consensus of opinion of the Judges of this State, based on their experience, as to the workings of the law. The legislative committee of the courts, notwithstanding the fact that the marriage of the parties and the cause for divorce occurred outside this Commonwealth, and that both parties were at the time of the occurrence of said cause domiciled without this Commonwealth, and that the respondent has been served with a subpoena only by publication as required by law. In such cases the libellant shall be a competent witness to prove his or her residence within this Commonwealth.

One of the cases that resulted from this law has become famous among lawyers. A woman who came to this country from Austria obtained separation from her husband she had married in Austria, where she acts she complained of took place. Judge William H. Staake, who is one of the Pennsylvania commissioners on uniform laws and who was an active participant in the National Congress on Uniform Divorce Laws, which met in this city in 1906, declared that the Judges of this city and the earnest-minded members of the bar are becoming alarmed over the increase in the number of divorces granted in this city and State.

FOR TWO-YEAR RESIDENCE. The Congress on Uniform Divorce Laws recommended that a residence of two years in the State be required of any one bringing suit for divorce. Efforts have been made several times to get this amendment to the divorce laws through the Legislature, but without success. The Congress also urges each State not to recognize a divorce granted in another State when the marriage or the grounds for the divorce took place in the first State. The act of May, 1913, of the Pennsylvania Legislature not only ignored this recommendation but was a step in exactly the opposite direction.

Even New York city, with more than three times the population of Philadelphia, has fewer divorces in a year than this metropolis. Philadelphia's average is also higher than that of Wilmington, Trenton, Newark, Jersey City, Paterson, and Rochester, or Albany, or any other nearby city, except Baltimore.

ROMANCE OF GLEN MILLS  
SPOILED IN FREIGHT CAR

Boy and Girl Runaways Found in Baltimore.

A romance which started with sympathy over sentences they served in separate institutions at Glen Mills ended in a box car on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Baltimore with the arrest of Mary Newlin, 18 years old, of 637 Saybrook avenue, and Arthur V. Carlton, 20 years old, of 3221 Wharton street.

According to Isaac Newlin, the father of the girl, Mary served a year's sentence at the Girls' Reformatory at Glen Mills for a minor offense. Carlton, he said, served a year in the boy's reformatory.

Shortly after she was discharged a friend introduced her to Carlton, and mutual sympathy led to their engagement.

Sunday two weeks ago the couple left the Newlin home to attend a picnic. Nothing was heard from them until Monday, when Mr. Newlin was advised that they had been found sleeping on some bags in a box car in Baltimore, and had been placed under arrest.

According to the story told the Baltimore police by the girl she was dissatisfied because she didn't want to keep house for her seven sisters and brothers, and had gone to Baltimore in search of work.

CORONER AND U. S. OFFICIAL  
PROBE ARSENAL EXPLOSION

Thorough Investigation to Be Made in Deaths of Three Men.

Coroner Knight and Major E. D. Bricker, acting commandant of the Frankford Arsenal, today began an investigation of the explosion of a box of time fuses at the Arsenal on Tuesday, which killed three workmen and injured another.

The two investigations are being conducted because James F. Harkins, of 2343 North 2d street, who was killed outright, was a civilian employe of the Arsenal. The other two men, Creswell Frasca and Arthur B. Rundlett, two soldiers stationed at the Arsenal, died of injuries at the hospital.

Frasca's funeral was held from the Arsenal mortuary with full military honors. He will be buried in the National Cemetery. Rundlett's body was sent to his parents' home, Watertown, Mass., last night.

George E. Brown, who was injured, has been removed to his home, 6038 Beachwood street, from the Frankford Hospital.

WILL OF FLORENCE L. STORRS  
IS ADMITTED TO PROBATE

Register Sheehan Disregards Mutilation of Document.

The will of the late Florence L. Storrs, of 2211 Somerset street, was admitted to probate today by the Register of Wills after that official had heard testimony in a caveat filed on the ground that the document was badly mutilated.

Testimony developed the fact that the mutilation of the testament consisted in the tearing off of the signature from the body of the document.

The deceased had lived with Mrs. Bertha Sterling, a niece, who desired that the will be admitted to probate, as it bequeathed a \$1000 estate to the late husband of the deceased. The document provided that in the event of the husband's death Mrs. Sterling was to have the bequest.

Register of Wills Sheehan based his decision on the fact that the deceased was 70 years old and had been mentally unbalanced for a year prior to her death, this leading to the conclusion that she had torn the signature off when in an irresponsible condition.

III, Man Tries to End Life

Samuel Norgan, 55 years old, of 2328 Coral street, attempted to commit suicide today by drinking poison. According to his mother, Mrs. Margaret Norgan, with whom he lives, he had been suffering from a long illness and became despondent. He was taken to the Episcopal Hospital, where physicians say he will recover.

OLD WOMAN, HUMAN SCAVENGER, IS  
FOUND STARVING IN VACANT HOUSE

"Mary the Dog," or Mary Kershaw, Sent to Philadelphia Hospital. Subsisted for Many Years on Scraps Given Her By Neighbors in "Hell's Half Acre."

"Mary the Dog," a woman 65 years old, who has lived on scraps given her by the neighbors for years, was taken out of a vacant house at 231 North Waterloo street early today and sent to the Philadelphia Hospital. She was so emaciated that she could hardly stand. Her real name is Mary Kershaw.

Another woman, Mary Mulgrew, 45 years old, also was found in the house. She was discharged after a hearing before Magistrate Emely. Neighbors complained to the police of the 4th and York streets station about the two women, and Policeman Reule went there today and smashed down the door.

That section of Waterloo street where the women were found is known as "The Battle of Waterloo" by the neighbors. It is best described as the "Hell's Half Acre" of North Philadelphia. Twenty-eight of the ancient, tottering houses have been torn down, and workmen are dismantling the others.

For 50 years "Mary the Dog," with no visible means of subsistence, has managed to "hang on," according to neighbors. Some of them say that in that period she never had a square meal. No one seems to know anything about the woman's early history, nor does any one know who gave her the sobriquet of "Mary the Dog."

The water had been turned off in the vacant house the woman had been sleeping in. She had probably forgotten there is such a thing as a mirror. Her hair was hanging about her face and shoulders in a tangled mass when she was found.

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PRINCIPALS IN JAPANESE ROMANCE



MRS. YOI SAKURAI AND SEISHIN YOSHIGAKI

GERMAN EXULTATION  
AT LEDGER BULLETIN

Crowds Cheer and Wave Hats When Paper Gives First War-saw News.

The news of the capture of Warsaw by the Germans was the cause of great rejoicing among the German residents of Philadelphia and other German sympathizers.

The first inkling of the fall of the Polish stronghold was made known to Philadelphians by the Ledger electric bulletin boards at 6th and Chestnut streets and in other sections of the city.

As the letters whirled into position to spell out the dispatch the excitement among the crowds was intense.

Men pushed and shoved in an effort to know the latest. When it became known that Warsaw had fallen at last a shout went up from the Germans and German sympathizers. Hats were waved in the air, men shook hands and clapped, and there was praise for the Kaiser's generals and troops that have been besieging Warsaw.

"Warsaw is besieged no more," one distinguished German said as he wiped his brow; "it has fallen."

"Well, it was bound to come," another said. "Although excitement waxed high at 6th and Chestnut streets, there was no disorder. Even the most ardent pro-Allies could not fail to admire the fervent love shown for the Fatherland.

Stoicism and wild enthusiasm mingled freely indeed when the news first was announced.

COLONEL EDMUND JOHNSON

Former United States Consul and Veteran of Civil War.

VINELAND, N. J., Aug. 5.—Colonel Edmund Johnson, former United States Consul, died at his home here this morning, succumbing to injuries received while a Union soldier in the Civil War. His wife, four sons and one daughter survive him. The colonel had been stationed at Talcaquano, Chili; Tampico, Mexico; Pictou, N. S., and Kehl, Germany. His son, Felix, now is United States Consul at Kingston, Ont.

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The above lines, under the caption, "A Tribute," appear on the menu card of the Kensington Board of Trade, which will give a testimonial dinner to Congressman J. Hampton Moore, at the Rittenhouse Hotel, 22d and Chestnut streets, tonight. More than 300 representative business men and politicians are expected to be present.

Although the proponents of the dinner declare it is a "business men's dinner to the business men's friend," the expected presence of Senator Penrose and State Senator McNichol, and other politicians, augments the rumors that Mr. Moore will be tendered the Republican nomination for Mayor. The Vares, however, have failed to respond to invitations to be present, although several Vares adherents are prominently identified with the dinner committee.

When Senator Penrose was asked today if he knew whether a Moore boom for Mayor would be exploded at the dinner, the Senator replied: "I'll be at the banquet, but I shall certainly have nothing combustible to explode. My speech shall deal mainly with the necessity for better tariff regulations and the need of national preparedness in the way of defenses."

The Vares continued to maintain their silence today on the mayoralty.

A. C. Keeley, president of the Kensington Board of Trade and chairman of the Dinner Committee, who will act as toastmaster, refused to say whether a Moore mayoralty boom would be launched.

"Is it true that Colonel J. Howell Cummings will, with the consent of the leader, tender Mr. Moore the mayoralty nomination at the dinner?" he was asked.

Mr. Keeley smiled. "I am not at liberty to say," he answered.

"We are giving this dinner to Mr. Moore as a business men's tribute to the business men's friend. He has fought hard for our interests in Congress and we want him to know that we appreciate his efforts."

"Personally, I would like to see Mr. Moore our next Mayor. He strikes a strong harmony note among the Republican ranks. He is constructive and belongs to no man. He is Republican in principle and independent in his politics and will serve no interests except the people. Yes, I would like to see him Mayor, and I personally feel that he will be all the leaders' choice."

Among the speakers are Senator Penrose, Governor Charles W. Miller, of Delaware; Mayor Frederick W. Donnelly, of Trenton; James B. Sheehan, J. Howell Cummings and others.

Others who have accepted invitations to be present are:

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