

MRS. STILLMAN, SR., BACKS SON'S WIFE

Widowed Mother of Banker Was Exiled by His Father for Twenty-five Years

URGES "FIFI" POTTER FIGHT

Cornwall, N. Y., June 6.—After her twenty-five-year exile, Mrs. James Stillman, Sr., back to make her home on Cornwall Heights, held a continuous reception yesterday for her old friends.

Mrs. Stillman was exiled in 1896 by the father of James A. Stillman, in much the same manner that her son sought to banish the more spirited "Fifi" Potter.

She held her levee on the lawn of the white clapboarded bungalow of her son, Dr. Ernest G. Stillman. There were many affecting scenes as she hugged and kissed women she had not seen for years.

The new home will be rich in association for the returned exile. Nearby is the brown-shingled and stucco mansion which belonged to E. P. Stillman, grandfather of James A. Stillman.

On another hilltop is the homestead of James Stillman, the elder, where Mrs. Stillman passed the happy years of her married life.

The older Mrs. Stillman supports her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Anne Potter Stillman, in her fight against similar exile proposed by the present Mr. Stillman in his suit for a divorce decree.

"Anne Potter is a modern girl," she said in an interview. "She knows how to fight and has the courage to do it. But I was reared in a different school. I shrank from a public fight. I didn't know how to fight. Mr. world toppled in on me. I wanted to get away. I

wanted to go. So far as I can I want to forget what has been done to me. "Our paths led in opposite directions, but my heart lies with Anne Potter. I hope she will not allow my son, James A. Stillman, to do what my husband did to me.

The curious parallel between the cases of father and son was revealed in full by the widow of the former. In the spring of 1894, she separated from her husband for reasons unknown.

"Something" occurred, which led to a quick conference and a quicker ultimatum. As set forth by her husband, the conditions imposed were exile for a term of years and absolute silence regarding the estrangement.

At this time Mr. Stillman was president of the National City Bank, while his wife was a well-known figure in New York society.

In the spring of 1894, the first Mrs. Stillman was at Cornwall, N. Y., on the beautiful estate in the shadow of Storm King Mountain, with her children. Then came a day when an incident occurred, in which springing and an apple tree in flower are said to figure, which remains the consoling secret of Mrs. Stillman's life, and which caused her husband to be known as "Stillman the Silent" in Wall Street.

On March 15, 1918, her husband died, without mentioning her in his will. So far as is known, she was not at his funeral. A brief cablegram from Charles C. Stillman, one of their five children, was all the notification she received. Released from her pledge, she returned to the United States in June, 1919, and was met at the pier by three of her children—Mrs. William G. Rockefeller, Dr. Ernest Goodrich Stillman and Charles C. Stillman.

Since that time she has seen nothing of James A. Stillman, and has never met his wife, whose cause she now advocates.

New York, June 6.—The names of pine women who are alleged to have shared the affections of James A. Stillman, former head of the National City Bank, will be put into the divorce suit this week, it is reliably reported, in the roll of co-respondents in the "affirmative defense" of Mrs. Anne Urquhart Stillman.

LOOP STUNT FATAL TO DARING AVIATRIX

Laura Bromwell Held World's Record for Looping by Women

AIRPLANE FALLS 1500 FEET

New York, June 6.—Miss Laura Bromwell, a slim young girl, who in less than two years of flying became one of the most skilled woman pilots of the world, crashed to death yesterday afternoon at Curtiss Field. The aviatix, held downward by her safety belt in the rear cockpit of an overhauled Curtiss Canuck plane, dived steeply to earth from a height of 1500 feet.

Her death, just outside the field where she had first learned to fly, and where, on May 15, she had broken the world's record for looping by women, apparently was caused by a slight mishap.

Shortly after 3 o'clock Miss Bromwell, attired in the uniform of a lieutenant in the aerial police reserve, climbed into the rear cockpit of the big-winged Curtiss JN-4. Miss Bromwell, 28, is a resident of 100 West 11th St., Philadelphia.

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well received word from the mechanic that the plane was in good shape, tried her controls and shot across the field. She climbed upward at a steady rate. Laura Bromwell, although only twenty-three, was old in the ways of the air and knew well that stunt-flying belongs in the upper regions of the air.

Plane Turns, Wavers and Falls After climbing for twelve minutes Miss Bromwell found herself at an altitude of between 1500 and 2000 feet. With a quarter of a mile of clear air beneath, her first maneuver was a loop, and she headed the plane upward again into another evolution which looked to those on the ground like a loop or a sharp wing turn. The plane shot upward, turned over and hung for a moment, with motor roaring, upside down in space.

It was then, in that instant in which the aviatix was held downward, that something happened. The plane wavered for a moment, apparently with no

hand on its controlling stick, and then, impelled by the motor, swept swiftly downward in a steep glide, with the aviatix held upside down. In that position, gaining speed in the few seconds of the plunge, the machine struck the macadam surface of Clinton road. The force of the crash spread the plane on the roadbed, literally in splinters. The body of Miss Bromwell was held in that mass of wood, iron and linen.

Cushion Only Clue to Mishap The one clue to that mishap, the cushion on which the girl had been sitting, was seen to fall from the plane on to the roof of the Curtiss factory a second or so before the plane struck the road. It meant the girl was not sitting in place in the cockpit after the fall out of the loop. It indicated that her body, though held by a strap across the chest, had slipped toward earth as the plane hung upside down. At that moment the girl's right hand must have

been jerked from the stick and her feet from the rudder bar. In the swift plunge gravity prevented the clutching fingers from reaching the stick that meant life.

Miss Bromwell first saw an airplane out in Cincinnati, her home, when she was twelve years old. Later Ruth Law won her intense admiration. It was not until after the death of her parents, leaving her with enough money to gratify her desires, that she had her first ride.

Then, in Virginia, she was given a ride in a Government plane for selling \$21,000 worth of Liberty Bonds. That was her first flying.

In July, 1910, she came to Curtiss Field and entered the flying school there. In October, 1910, she obtained her license as a pilot from the Aero Club of America. On one trip her plane caught fire, but she coolly dived the flaming machine downward to the ground and made a good landing, saving both herself and a passenger.

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Deaths ACKERLIE—June 5, 1921, FREDERICK, husband of Mrs. M. A. Ackers, died at his residence, 2546 N. 24th St., at 10:30 p. m. Funeral services, Tuesday, June 7, 10:30 a. m., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 10th and Chestnut Sts. Interment, St. Paul's cemetery.

ARRIS—June 4, 1921, C. R. BOWLING, wife of late Henry J. Arris, died at her residence, 1200 N. 10th St., at 10:30 p. m. Funeral services, Tuesday, June 7, 10:30 a. m., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 10th and Chestnut Sts. Interment, St. Paul's cemetery.

ARTHUR—Suddenly, at Potomac, June 4, WILLIAM, son of William and Sarah Arthur, died at his residence, 206 E. 4th St., at 10:30 p. m. Funeral services, Tuesday, June 7, 10:30 a. m., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 10th and Chestnut Sts. Interment, St. Paul's cemetery.

BARKER—June 5, 1921, REBECCA, wife of late Edward Barker, died at her residence, 1200 N. 10th St., at 10:30 p. m. Funeral services, Tuesday, June 7, 10:30 a. m., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 10th and Chestnut Sts. Interment, St. Paul's cemetery.

BARNES—June 5, 1921, JEREMIAH, husband of the late Agnes Barnes, died at his residence, 1200 N. 10th St., at 10:30 p. m. Funeral services, Tuesday, June 7, 10:30 a. m., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 10th and Chestnut Sts. Interment, St. Paul's cemetery.

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BERGMULLER—On June 5, ADOLPH W. BERGMULLER, died at his residence, 1200 N. 10th St., at 10:30 p. m. Funeral services, Tuesday, June 7, 10:30 a. m., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 10th and Chestnut Sts. Interment, St. Paul's cemetery.

BIRCH—June 4, MARY, wife of late Henry C. Birch, died at her residence, 1200 N. 10th St., at 10:30 p. m. Funeral services, Tuesday, June 7, 10:30 a. m., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 10th and Chestnut Sts. Interment, St. Paul's cemetery.

BLACK—June 5, 1921, WILLIAM McCARTNEY, husband of Jennie Black, died at his residence, 1200 N. 10th St., at 10:30 p. m. Funeral services, Tuesday, June 7, 10:30 a. m., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 10th and Chestnut Sts. Interment, St. Paul's cemetery.

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BLADY—On June 4, MARY, wife of Theodore Blady, died at her residence, 1200 N. 10th St., at 10:30 p. m. Funeral services, Tuesday, June 7, 10:30 a. m., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 10th and Chestnut Sts. Interment, St. Paul's cemetery.

BOWLING—On June 5, 1921, MARY L. BOWLING, died at her residence, 1200 N. 10th St., at 10:30 p. m. Funeral services, Tuesday, June 7, 10:30 a. m., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 10th and Chestnut Sts. Interment, St. Paul's cemetery.

CANFIELD—June 4, GEORGE C. CANFIELD, died at his residence, 1200 N. 10th St., at 10:30 p. m. Funeral services, Tuesday, June 7, 10:30 a. m., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 10th and Chestnut Sts. Interment, St. Paul's cemetery.

CLENDENNING—June 4, REGINA E., wife of Wm. Clendinning, died at her residence, 1200 N. 10th St., at 10:30 p. m. Funeral services, Tuesday, June 7, 10:30 a. m., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 10th and Chestnut Sts. Interment, St. Paul's cemetery.

COOPER—June 5, 1921, EDNA H., wife of Henry Cooper, died at her residence, 1200 N. 10th St., at 10:30 p. m. Funeral services, Tuesday, June 7, 10:30 a. m., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 10th and Chestnut Sts. Interment, St. Paul's cemetery.

CRAMER—On June 5, 1921, ANNA CRAMER, died at her residence, 1200 N. 10th St., at 10:30 p. m. Funeral services, Tuesday, June 7, 10:30 a. m., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 10th and Chestnut Sts. Interment, St. Paul's cemetery.

DONALDSON—June 5, 1921, MARY DONALDSON, died at her residence, 1200 N. 10th St., at 10:30 p. m. Funeral services, Tuesday, June 7, 10:30 a. m., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 10th and Chestnut Sts. Interment, St. Paul's cemetery.

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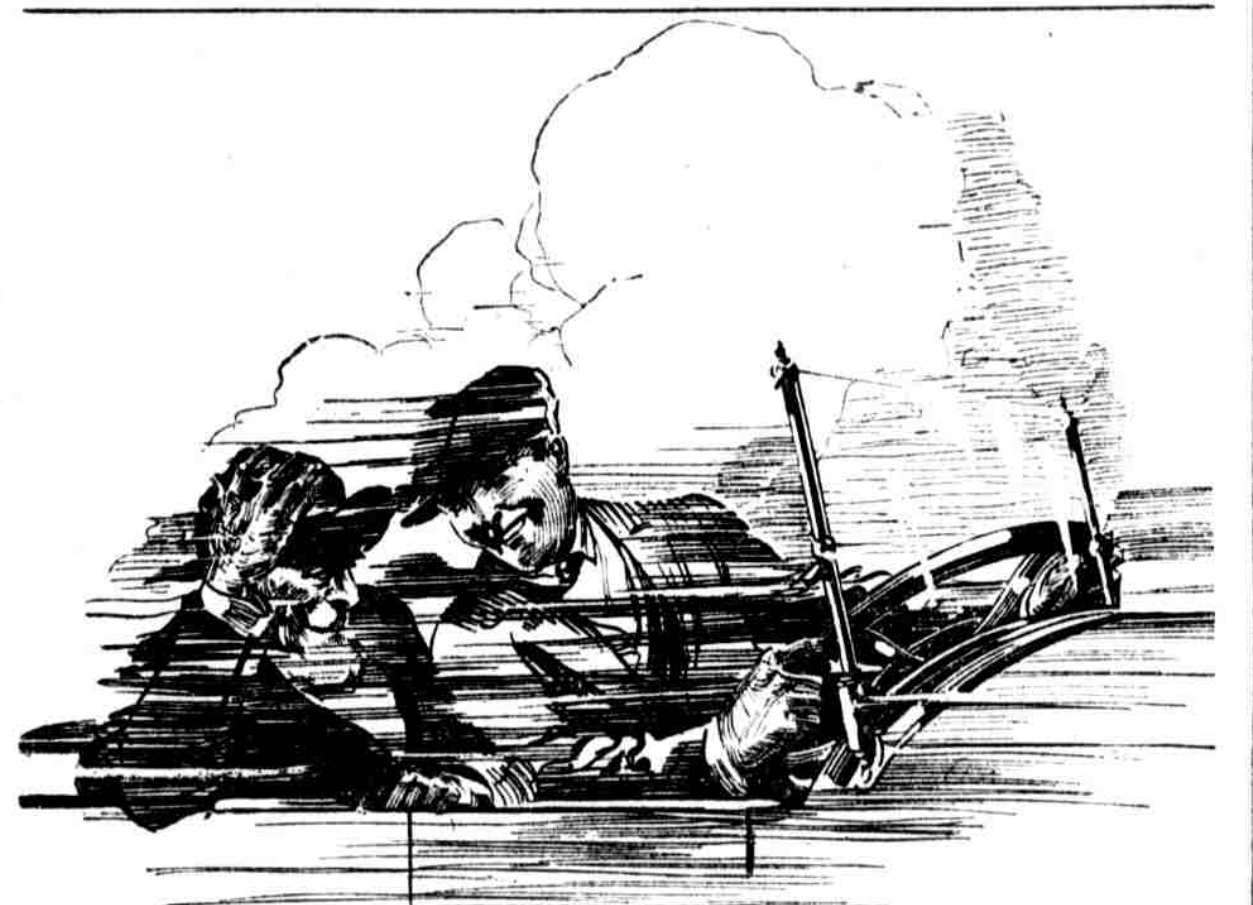
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