

MRS. AMY GOURAUD SUED FOR \$100,000

Masseur's Wife Charges Former Princess With Alienation of Husband's Affections

BIZARRE CAREER RECALLED

New York, Dec. 15.—Through the court last night of John C. Oldmixon, a lawyer, on a charge of extortion, it became known that Mrs. Amy Gouraud, formerly Princess, sued for \$100,000 alienation of affection.

Mrs. Gouraud is the daughter of the late Edmund Crocker, California millionaire, and has been four times married.

Mrs. Schill, according to available information, was the purchasing agent for the Lithuanian Republic. Then he became Mrs. Gouraud's secretary and later her masseur.

Schill disappeared. Both sides assert he is a fugitive from justice. The basis of Mrs. Schill's complaint lies in Oldmixon's alleged use of this fact.

Mrs. Schill told the police a private detective employed by Oldmixon called at her home several days ago and told her to accompany him on a mission that concerned her missing husband.

Warned Her to Quit Suit. Then she says in her affidavit, she was taken to Oldmixon's office. The lawyer, she says, told her that the alienation suit would be withdrawn if charges of blackmail would be brought against her.

Under this threat, the affidavit reads, she signed an affidavit disowning the alienation suit. Oldmixon told her version of the case. The affidavit, he said, entirely absolved Mrs. Gouraud.

He explained that Schill had come to his client and had told her he had devised a new method of obtaining extorsion. His client, he said, paid her attention to him.

Mrs. Schill, he said, had come voluntarily to his office after she learned Mrs. Gouraud had no part in the flight of her husband.

Mrs. Schill's counsel said Mrs. Gouraud had not accompanied Schill in his flight, but the acts of alienation took place prior to it.

Oldmixon represented Alexander Miskinoff, fourth husband of his present client. In the separation suit brought against Mrs. Gouraud.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—(By A. P.)—Mrs. Aimee Crocker-Ashe-Gillig-Gouraud Miskinoff, Mrs. Amy Gouraud, as she is preferred to be called, began her matrimonial ventures in San Francisco after her mother had brought her home to California from a school in Vienna.

Two rivals, Porter Ashe and Harry Gillig, between whom she could not choose, played cards for her. It is said, at her suggestion, and four years ago her father for Ashe. A divorce was issued a year later and she married Gillig. With Gladys Ashe, a daughter of the first marriage, she later left on the most extensive of her world traveling. Gillig began a divorce a few years after the marriage.

Through the South Seas and the Orient Mrs. Gillig carried her ideas, the execution of which many times caused her to don native attire and invent dances which later she brought back to the United States after trying them out in Europe.

In Europe, some years later, she and her daughter met two brothers, Jackson and Powers Gouraud. Jackson was a song writer who sang his way into the graces of the wandering couple. Mrs. Gillig married him, and his brother eloped with Gladys. Thereafter Mrs. Gouraud entertained in Europe in a grand style, utilizing French courts and German castles for backgrounds.

When Jackson Gouraud died, his widow, it was said, induced Powers Gouraud to divorce Gladys, who wished to marry a stage manager, Lewis Hopper, and the two women returned to England and later to the United States. In June, 1914, London was surprised when the formal announcement was made of the marriage of Mrs. Gouraud to Alexander Miskinoff.

Coal Company Sale Brings New Charges

Continued from Page One. groups. They met each other as often as a board-room table—as often as they do around the more festive board of some charming hostess in a purely social way.

Messrs. Stotesbury, Willard and De Forest naturally are good friends and close business allies. Their association is by no means limited to the directorate of the Central Railroad of New Jersey.

Mr. Stotesbury, for example, is chairman of the board of the Reading Company. Mr. Willard is president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. These two interesting facts are made even more entertaining when one considers that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and the New York Central Railroad jointly hold something like 40 per cent of the Reading Company's outstanding stock.

To use more exact figures, the Reading Company—of whose board Mr. Stotesbury is chairman—has in round numbers \$140,000,000 outstanding capital stock. Of this amount the Baltimore and Ohio, of which Mr. Willard is president—and the New York Central, own \$68,365,000 worth. They are all members, by courtesy anyway, of the "club of friendly millions."

Information Much Desired. The minority stockholders have not made any charges against these three men. Indeed, they have not made just what might be called charges against anybody. They think it mighty strange, however, and more than a matter of coincidence, that the Coal Company went to the "Reynolds Syndicate." The minority stockholders have another name for the "Reynolds Syndicate," the "First National of New York Crowd."

It might be in the interest of clarity to quote a paragraph from the petition of the minority stockholders. They say: "Petitioners further aver on information and belief, that some or all of the members of the said Reynolds Syndicate are interested, directly or indirectly, in the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey, and are, therefore, not qualified to purchase the said shares of stock of the coal company under the terms."

If these minority stockholders—the petitioners—are right, there arises immediately the spectacle of the Reading Company—the coal company out of one of its numerous trouser pockets and showing it down into the other. Of course, it will take some proving.

Coal Primed With Facts. The minority stockholders, however, have a few facts and figures assembled which they think will at least cause the Court to open its judicial eyes—perhaps lead it to appoint a master to go into all the bids for the coal company.

Who Made Up Syndicate? If Baker, Sr., has bought into the Coal Company it would have been a plain "open-and-shut" case. He didn't, however. His son, George F. Jr., did, but his son is not a director of the coal company.

So much for the identity of interests, which the minority stockholders allege. There is another place where he hits the minority stockholders money. They say they stand to lose a cool \$2,000,000 at least if the Reynolds Syndicate gets the company.

Because of the "friendly millions" of the directors of "Baker's Bank," the feelings of exceptional financial amity existing between the various syndicate members who are officers and directors of that financial institution, the minority stockholders believe that the syndicate "got on the inside" in the purchase of the coal company.

The minority stockholders allege that the Reynolds Syndicate, adjudged the highest bidder by Messrs. Stotesbury, Willard and De Forest, made their bid on the basis of the company's assets at the date of sale. The other bidders put in their bid on the balance sheet of the company as of July 31. The Reynolds Syndicate bid \$31,410,750, partly payable in cash, and partly in deferred payments over a period of eleven months from the date of sale. Interest was to be paid on the deferred payments at 6 per cent a year.

What Others Offered. The Franklin Securities Corporation, another bidder, offered to buy the stock as of July 31, for \$31,920,144, payable 20 per cent upon sale, and the balance in one year. No interest on deferred payments was specified, but the minority stockholders point out that the Franklin Securities Corporation evidently expected to pay interest, because it reserved in its bid the right to buy

the balance in a shorter period than a year. The "kick" of the minority stockholders is based mainly on an increase in the value of the coal company between July 31, the date of the last balance sheet, on which the bids were based, and the date of sale, November 15.

The Reynolds Syndicate made no provision to meet any advance in the value of the coal company between July 31 and the date of the last balance sheet. The Franklin Securities Corporation offered to meet any increases in the coal company's assets between July 31 and November 15. The minority stockholders allege that this increase comes to \$2,000,000 or \$2,500,000. If the Reynolds Syndicate gets the stock permanently, the minority stockholders lose just this much money, they say.

Another allegation is that the directors of the Central Railroad of New Jersey knew well when they made the award that the value of the coal company had increased vastly between the two dates.

Also it is alleged the Reynolds Syndicate, because of the fortunate circumstances of the award, and the time at which it was made, profited by the cutting of a fat "melon." So rich and juicy was this "melon," the minority stockholders declare, that the dividend which fell due just as the syndicate was taking over the stock sufficed to cover the greater part of their initial payment. It is rumored that their actual outlay on the first payment was only \$2 a share.

Called "Expensive Interest." It is said—whether truthfully or not cannot be told—that the committee of three, Stotesbury, Willard and De Forest, was moved to give the stock to the Reynolds Syndicate because they offered to pay interest on the deferred payments. The minority stockholders are going about saying that this was expensive interest, all things considered. Of course, that the courts will hand the coal company over to either the Franklin Securities Company or to the Lehigh Valley Coal and Navigation Company, which bid on much the same terms as the Franklin Securities Com-

pany—offering to meet any advance in the value of the property. The complete list of stockholders in the Reynolds Syndicate, with their residence and amount of stock, follows:

Table listing stockholders in the Reynolds Syndicate, including names like James B. Alexander, David Anthony, and others, with their respective stock amounts.

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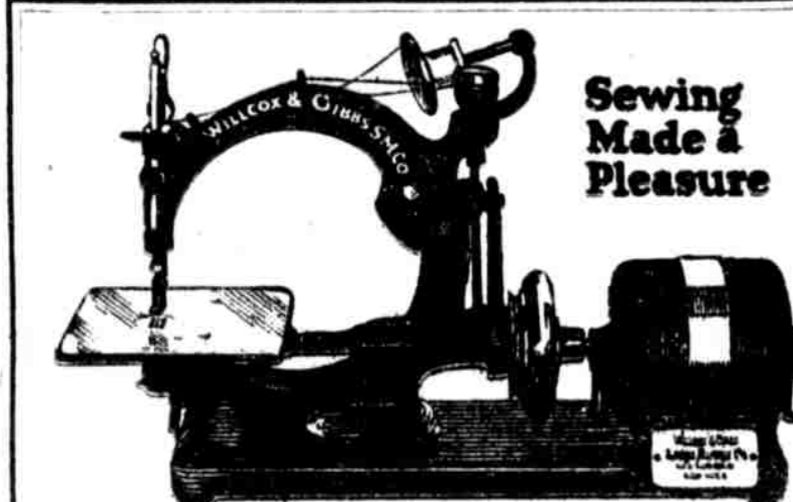
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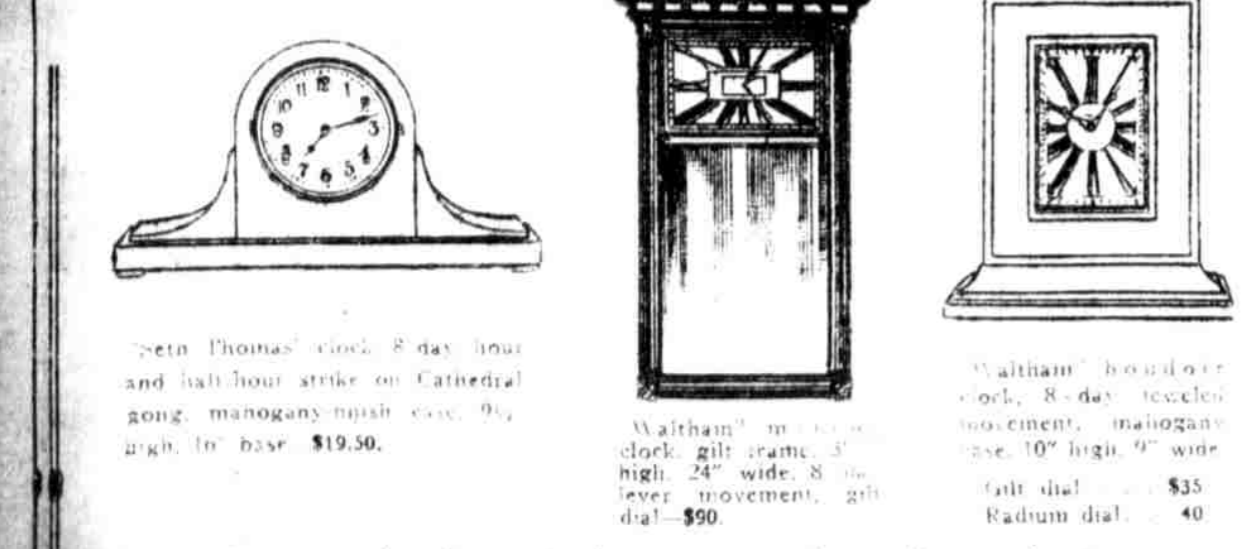
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