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MATHILDE NAMES FATHER GUARDIAN

Court Action May Be Way Out of Marriage or May Hasten It

NO WORD FROM McCORMICK

By the Associated Press
Chicago, May 26.—Speculation over the result of seventeen-year-old Mathilde McCormick's engagement to Max Oser, Swiss riding master, was renewed today following the appointment of her father, Harold E. McCormick, head of the International Harvester Company, as her guardian. Mr. McCormick was made his daughter's legal guardian, upon her own petition, in a brief court action yesterday afternoon at which only an attorney was present.

Immediately the question arose as to whether Miss McCormick made the move to provide an easy way out of the engagement to the Swiss horseman or whether the court action was taken to hasten the marriage. Neither Miss McCormick nor her father could be reached for a statement.

Swiss laws require a girl of Miss McCormick's age to obtain the consent of her parents or guardian to marry. It was pointed out that if Miss McCormick wishes to cancel her engagement to Oser, she needs only to have her father refuse his consent. On the other hand, if she wishes an easy marriage she must have a guardian who will approve it.

When Mr. and Mrs. McCormick were divorced each of the three children, Fowler, Marjorie and Mathilde, was given the choice of residing with father or mother, the two oldest ones choosing the father.

The guardian petition also revealed that Miss McCormick is not wealthy in her own right. She stated her whole personal property amounts to only \$10,000 in stocks, bonds, and other securities to real estate.

SCULPTRESS FINDS "DAMN GOOD CHINS" IN AMERICA

But We Are Always Talking, Clare Sheridan Criticizes

New York, May 26.—Clare Sheridan, Anglo-American sculptress of famous men and women and an author, sailed yesterday for England. She will go to Ireland to do the head of Michael Collins. After boarding the Saxonia, she said:

"I'm tired! Jazzed all night. The Chicago Souths gave me a party—wasn't it darling of them? Then Laurette Taylor and Harthy Mannes imported the band from 'The National Anthem' and gave a jazz party in my quarters. Didn't get in bed till 3. America is overpowering. The ensemble of New York—like a piece of animated mosaic—everybody struggling in different directions. It's wonderfully inspiring."

"I don't know how Americans ever learn anything—they never listen. They're always talking. I've been listening for two years, so I know a lot."

"What do you think of labor conditions in this country, Mrs. Sheridan?" she was asked.

"Oh! Ask me something easy," she countered hastily. "I'll tell you what I think about American profiles. The nose are insignificant, but the chins—well you know Americans have damn good chins. And a chin is far more important than a nose," she added thoughtfully.

INSTANTLY KILLED BY AUTO

Genloch Man Steps in Front of Car in West Chester

West Chester, Pa., May 26.—Thomas Laporie, fifty-five, a resident of Genloch for fifteen years and an employee of the State Highway Department for some time, unmarried, was instantly killed last night on the Lincoln Highway, near his home, when he was struck by an automobile owned and driven by Joseph Dribula, a West Chester business man.

According to witnesses before Deputy Coroner Patrick of this place, Dribula was driving not more than fifteen miles an hour at the time. Laporie was walking along the side of the highway, and as the car was passing, stepped into its path and was struck and the wheels passed over his body. Dribula was accompanied at the time by John Logue, of this place. The Coroner gave an opinion of unavoidable accident and exonerated Dribula.

PANAMA GREET'S DENBY

Banquet and Sight Seeing Trip for Secretary of Navy

Panama, May 25.—(By A. P.)—Reception by Governor Marrero and President Pallas, a banquet by Foreign Secretary Gurrut and various social and religious organizations in honor of Secretary of Navy C. G. Denby and the other members of the 1881 class of Americans, among them, today.

The United States naval transport Howland, under command of Rear Admiral Denby, arrived here today from the Hawaiian Islands, where it has been on duty since its departure from Honolulu.

PLAN JULY 4 CARNIVAL

Seigel Hometown Improvement Association Committee Meets

Bigger and better than last year's was the plan for the Seigel Hometown Improvement Association in connection with Independence Day observance, which will draw July 4 in the southwestern section of West Philadelphia.

Active members of the Hometown Improvement Association met at Seigel's restaurant and banquet hall for an all-day celebration. A committee will be organized to take charge of the work, and a number of committees for the youngsters. Eugene Kutz, chairman of the Carnival Committee, will be in charge of the work.

3 CHILDREN DROWN IN WELL

Eight-Year-Old Also Near Death in Rescue Attempt

Statesboro, Ga., May 26.—(By A. P.)—Three children, aged two, four and five years, of Foster Allen, living near here, were drowned in a well at their home yesterday.

The father and mother were some distance from the house when they heard screams. Rushing to the well, they found their eight-year-old son clinging to a rope in the well into which he had descended in a futile effort to save the other three children. He was brought safely to the top.

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