

### "REINE'S" BROKEN ROMANCE IS TOLD

**Pleading Letters Reveal Her Efforts to Hold Gallant "Americaine"**

New York, Aug. 10.—The parting of the ways has come for little Reine Pugnoud and the gallant "Lieutenant Americaine" whom she married that never-to-be-forgotten Christmas week that followed the signing of the armistice in 1918.

The lieutenant—now plain Dudley A. Beekman—sued her for divorce yesterday. His story is that of a fond husband, deserted by his young French wife for two of her fellow-countrymen. Here is the story of a struggle first to hold, then to give up, and finally to win again the love of the man for whom she left her homeland.

Between them, Supreme Court Justice Lydon must decide whether Beekman is to have the divorce he seeks, or whether Reine, now only twenty-two, is to have the separation she reluctantly asks.

**Start of Romance**

The romance started in October, 1918, at Talence, France, where Lieutenant Beekman was a convalescent in Base Hospital No. 6, and where Reine, then only eighteen, was a governess in a wealthy home.

After their wedding Lieutenant Beekman sent Reine home to his mother. He came back in July, 1919, and they gladly set up housekeeping in a little flat in Brooklyn.

Thus far the stories of Beekman and Reine agree. But no further. The husband alleges she became enamored of a Frenchman, Aime Dumaine.

He says his mother and a friend trailed the pair to Inspiration Point in an automobile, and there obtained evidence against her. Again, he charges, Reine was caught in the company of Henri L. Petit, a restaurateur. Finally, he says, she left him—on Christmas Eve, just two years, less five days, after the wedding in France.

She denies both charges. The nearest she ever came to impropriety with either of her countrymen, she declares, was in pouring out to them the story of her shattered romance.

Beekman shattered her romance, she asserts, first by striking her, then by telling her he no longer loved her and, finally, by urging her to provide him with grounds for a divorce.

The documents in the case include letters from Reine to Dudley. One, written on the night she left him, reads:

"Dudley—As you told me, I am gone and shall never come back. If you want a divorce or separation I am ready. You shall have it. If you want to speak to me you can put a red ribbon at the window and you can meet me in front of the house here, downstairs. I hold no grudge against you. Guard a good remembrance of me. REINE."

**Pleads to Return**

"My Dudley Dearest:

"Take me back. Listen, my Dudley dear. Take back your little wife. If you knew how unhappy I am since I left you, I cried for you all the days, but, too proud, I did not want to come back. I have no more courage to suffer any longer, and I want to come back. I wish—by my love and my fidelity—to make you forget all the bad I did you.

"You say you do not love me any more. You believe that. But you loved me too much not to love me any more. My dearest, love doesn't die. You are and always will be my little dearest husband. Remember the beautiful days past which can come back and last all your lifetime, if you wish.

"You say that your mother would not want me to see you. Yes, and she will see you the day when you send her the photo of a pretty baby who will unite us still more, one to the other.

"Take back your little wife, my dearest. You cannot think of leaving her at twenty years, and think well that no word can change my ideas. Return, little husband, take back your little Reine. She wishes so much to forget that she caused you pain. Always yours and for always. REINE."

The end of the series:

"Since all is over and you have all that is necessary for a divorce against me, why do you not act with frankness and retake each our entire liberty? I have left the domicile conjugal since one year; I give you all the rights in the divorce. Do all that you believe it is well to do against me, but remember just the same always that I was your wife and that once you had love for me."

### CHILDREN FIND OLD NOTES REVEALING SEA TRAGEDY

**Two Discover Will in Barge Tender Ashore at Seabright**

Seabright, N. J., Aug. 10.—Two youngsters in the employ of the Seabright Beach Club are today probably enriched between them to the extent of \$400.

While walking the beach yesterday morning they found a barge tender in the surf, which revealed, when cleaned of sand and water, a note which read as follows:

"June 4, 1822.—I, William Custer, am dying. I leave the \$400 in the Greenpoint Savings Bank to my friends, Jack Barrows and John Kister, if they live, or to who finds this. Pray for my soul. "WILLIAM CUSTER."

Reporting their find, the two youngsters, Cornelius Perrine and Jerome Welch, were told to search the tender again. They found another note, which read:

"Tuesday, June 6.—I think it is eight days since our barge Catamount went down. Custer's dead and so is Jack. I am almost, too; if I am not on this boat you will know I am."

"JOHN KISTER."

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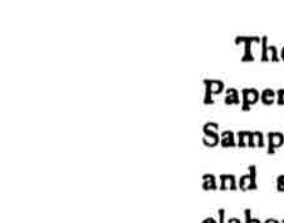
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### FREE MRS. STEVENS

**Alleged Girl Bootlegger Says "It Didn't Pay"**

New York, Aug. 10.—Mrs. Edith Stevens, nineteen years old, was acquitted in the Federal Court in Brooklyn yesterday on a charge of conspiring to violate the Volstead act.

The young woman, who was accused of engaging in a rum-running plot and, as a conspirator with Anthony Cassese, was alleged to have superintended the loading of a cargo of liquor on his yacht in the Bahamas, smiled when the jury's verdict was announced and asked the Court's permission to "say a few words."

"It didn't pay," she said. "It was the old story and I was deceived. Virtue and honor are more precious than money. And I hope that my experience will be a warning to other young girls who may be induced to throw away those good things for a good time."

Cassese disappeared after he and Mrs. Stevens had been indicted, leaving her, she declared, penniless.

### PLAN \$10,000 FUNERAL

**Ko Low, Siam Tong Leader, to Be Buried in State**

New York, Aug. 10.—While the body of Ko Low, murdered president of the Hip Sing Tong, lay in undertaking rooms yesterday, Chinese from as far west as San Francisco were hurrying here for the funeral, which will be the most elaborate ever given to a Chinese in this country.

The body will be taken to 15 Pell street, Hip Sing headquarters, this afternoon and will lie in state there until burial Sunday afternoon. It will be in a copper-shelved coffin, with gold-plated handles and namplate. The funeral, it is said, will cost about \$10,000.

**23 Years an Organist, Resigns**

The vestry of Calvary Episcopal congregation, of Conshohocken, has accepted the resignation of H. Grey Steele, organist and director of music in the church for twenty-three years. He has accepted a position with the Community Service, of Gastonia, N. C., to direct the community music as well as to supervise the music in the public schools of that city.

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Mr. and Mrs. Home-Owner:

Answer these questions for yourself—they are important. They are just as vital to you as the food you eat, the water you drink—as important as good habits of living.

**In Winter:**

- (1) Is your skin often dry—are your throat and nasal passages irritated?
- (2) Do you often shiver when you go out of doors?
- (3) Do you "catch cold" easily?
- (4) Do you have headaches if you stay in the house all day?
- (5) Are those in your family more often ill in Winter than in the Summer time?

You should be able to answer NO to every question. If your heating system is doing its duty you would be able to answer NO.

The quality of the air in your home in Winter is of tremendous importance. Bad air, haphazard, drafty ventilation, lower your resistance, cloud your brain, make you irritable and destroy vitality. Every cubic foot of your rooms should be properly ventilated without draft AT ALL TIMES. Only one thing can do it—THE PROPER HEATING SYSTEM.

- (1) Are you burning more than a ton of fuel per room per year, i. e., seven tons for a seven-room house?
- (2) Are you bothered by fuel dust, gas, ashes, soot or smoke—does your system interfere in any way with cleanliness?
- (3) Will it burn any fuel—hard or soft coal, coke, oil, gas, lignite, screenings or wood?

Millions of tons of fuel are wasted every year, because home owners fail to keep records of fuel consumption. If they knew how much they waste they would refuse to tolerate their present heating systems another month.

- (1) Does your heating system take up wall space—does it interfere with furnishings in any room?
- (2) Do you get service the minute your heating system fails to operate to your complete satisfaction?

- (3) Does it furnish ample hot water?
- (4) Did you get a written GUARANTEE when it was installed?
- (5) Did a heating engineer go over your house and PLAN the job?

Thousands of home-owners in this city are entitled to better heating—they would give greater attention to this important subject if they actually knew what they have a right to expect when they buy. You are honestly entitled to:

- (1) A heating system that completely ventilates all your home—day and night—with healthfully moistened warm air.
- (2) A heating system that will not waste any fuel you care to burn—that will not streak your walls with dust, soot—that will never let smoke or gas into your rooms.
- (3) That will warm every room in your home to even temperature.
- (4) That will leave all your living rooms FREE OF HEATING APPARATUS.
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