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THE BLAINE DIVORCE

The Secretary Discusses His Domestic Tribulations.

HIS DEFENSE OF HIS NAMESAKE.

The Generous Offers Made to the Young Married Couple, and Rejected by Young Mrs. Blaine—The Premier's Letter of Rebuke to Father Ducey.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—Secretary Blaine has furnished to the United Press a lengthy statement relating to the marriage of his son, James G., Jr., to Marie Nevins and their divorce. He says that he and his family have borne quietly every publication inspired by the young woman, but the last outrage of the kind, embodied in the decision of a judge at Deadwood, S. D., assumes a character which makes it impossible to remain longer silent.

The statement opens with a letter written by the secretary to Rev. Father C. Ducey, who officiated at the wedding at the time, in which he protests against the act of the priest. The arrangements for the wedding, the secretary says, Miss Nevins made and was responsible for, and in a minute detailed statement of facts he asserts the falsity of the assertion that Mrs. Blaine broke up the marriage relations of her son and his wife. The latter refused the offer made by the secretary for the maintenance of the young couple. Mrs. Blaine at no time in thought, word or deed, attempted to separate them. "On the contrary," says the secretary in closing, "she did not fail by liberality, by consideration and by extension to foster in every practicable way their happiness, if happiness to them had been possible."

"Since the separation of my son and his wife, three and a half years ago, my family has silently borne every misrepresentation, every slanderous attack, every newspaper interview which has pleased the now divorced wife to inspire. The one person aimed at in Mrs. Blaine, and we have perhaps been at fault in allowing a horror of the public discussion of private matters, combined with a regard for the future of my grandson, to permit so much calumny to go unanswered. The last outrage of the kind, embodied in the decision of the judge at Deadwood, S. D., assumes an official character which makes it impossible to remain longer silent.

"A letter which I addressed to the Rev. Thomas I. Ducey at the time of the marriage will distinctly state the important facts bearing upon that event.

The letter to Father Ducey, dated August 1, 1886, is as follows: "On Wednesday morning last, the 8th inst., my youngest son, James G. Blaine, Jr., shocked me by the announcement that on the preceding Monday he had been united in marriage with Miss Marie Nevins; that you had performed the ceremony in your own rectory; that my son and Miss Nevins were unaccompanied by friend or relative, and that two of your household servants were the sole witnesses. My son's announcement gave me the first knowledge that any member of my family had of his marriage or even his attachment to Miss Nevins, whose character, I wish to say at the outset, is not at all in question, and of whom, but for this marriage, I have never heard a breath of censure.

"My son was born Oct. 12, 1868, and is not, therefore, 18 years old. He was living here in his own home, in the house where he was born, surrounded by neighbors who had known him all his life, under the daily care of a tutor who was fitting him for college, which he hoped to enter this autumn. To facilitate his preparation he desired to remain here during the summer, while the other members of the family were much of the time at Bar Harbor. As I have since learned, Miss Nevins, in company with her sister and her father, came to Augusta on Monday, Aug. 16. On Friday, Sept. 3, eighteen days after her arrival in Augusta, my son, who had never seen her nor heard her name until she came here, left his home without permission, and without the knowledge of any member of his family, and accompanied Miss Nevins and her sister to their mother in New York. On Saturday, the 4th, the two young persons presented themselves to you for marriage."

Mr. Blaine then refers to the fact that Father Ducey aided his son in concealing the intended marriage from his parents and of the reverend gentleman's assistance in securing a dispensation for the marriage of young Blaine, a Protestant, to a Catholic. He proceeds:

"A week ago my boy was under my protection the most helpless, the least responsible member of my family; erratic but controllable through his strong affections; an object of constant watchfulness to his parents, his brothers and his sisters; a source of constant anxiety, but not of despair, because he is of good abilities; as readily influenced to the right as to the wrong, and because the patience of love can never know weariness. Today, through your agency, this boy in years, in experience, in judgment, in practical capacity, leaves my home and my care, burdened with the full responsibilities of a man, with the welfare of a woman in his keeping."

"In defense of this conduct you alleged to my son Walker the confidence reposed in you as a priest by my son. The confidence of the confessional is always respected, but by your use of confidence reposed in you outside the confessional, even by those not of the Catholic communion, you perform become an accomplice before the act of any crime or any imprudence to which you may listen. It is not for me to advise a minister of your intelligence that your position is absolutely untenable, would be dangerous to society, and would not be respected by any court of the land. You further allege in your justification of your action that if you had not performed the ceremony some one else outside your communion would have done so. This is a common defense of evil doing and is unworthy of a priest and a man. You might as well justify your murder of a man by chloroform on the ground that otherwise some one else would murder him with a dagger."

"I am powerless. I cannot question the legality of the marriage. I shall at a distance, and at every disadvantage, endeavor to guide my son. But as a father living under the institution of the family, as a citizen living under the divine order of society, I protest against your act. As a servant of God, to whose ministry you are ordained, I call God to witness between you and me. Of

whatever evils resulting from this deplorable marriage my son may be the author or the victim the guilt will be on your head. **JAMES G. BLAINE.**

"When I wrote this letter I believed that Miss Nevins had no other responsibility in the marriage than in consenting to my son's appeal. Since then I am prepared to say that the marriage was arranged by her far more than by my son."

"Within ten days after her arrival in Augusta, within one week from the day she first met my son she was adjuring him for several successive days to write nothing until she saw him. She asked him to look into the marriage laws of Massachusetts and New York. "When they reached New York after they had fled from Augusta she cautioned my son not to 'forget the \$20 gold box for Ducey,' and to 'look into the pocket of your gray clothes for the ring.' In short she took charge of every matter and directed all the proceedings to the last minute."

"It was thus that a boy of 17 years and 10 months, in some respects inexperienced even at his age, was tempted from his school books and his tutor, and blindly led to the altar by a young woman of full 21 years, with entire secrecy contrived by herself, and with all the instrumentalities of her device complete and exact."

"I purpose next to show the falsity of the assertion that Mrs. Blaine broke up the marriage relations of my son and his wife. She did not see her daughter-in-law until May, 1887, eight months after the marriage, when, being in New York the latter called on her twice during her two days' stay. The next time she saw her was a month later. When about to sail for Europe on June 8 she was a single day in New York and saw the young woman on taking leave."

"Within two or three days I learned the details of the dismal failure of their New York life, and after full consultation with Mrs. Blaine, and with her free approval, I proposed that they should come to live in Augusta and occupy our old home. I assured them in addition to a house, fuel, light and the wages of a man servant, the sum of \$2,500 a year until my son could be able to earn an income for them."

"My son immediately told his wife in detail what my offer was. Her reply was that she would not stay in Augusta on any terms."

"We then learned that during our absence in Europe he had become gradually estranged from her, and her refusal to accept the residence in Augusta was merely the last of a long series of disagreements which led finally to a separation. During the two weeks that my son's wife stayed at Augusta she became patient to every member of my family and to every visitor, and to no one more than myself, that a separation was the least disaster to be dreaded."

Mr. Blaine then states that the immediate cause of his daughter-in-law's departure was the fact that he (the secretary of state) had sent the young woman's husband to Bangor for some documents, and he prolonged his stay longer than his young wife desired, although he was in the company of his father-in-law, who had subsequently met him. He concludes:

"Just forty-four days after this willful departure she returned to my house, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Nevins, my grandson and his nurse, Mrs. Blaine, who was ill, at once arose, dressed and went down stairs, having previously instructed her maid to do everything required for their comfort. Neither lady advanced to greet her. No hand was extended to her, but from Mrs. Nevins, seconded by her daughter, came charges against her son and herself so insulting and so violent that a servant was called in for the frankly avowed purpose of acting as a restraint upon the elder visitor. "On this brief stay of two weeks with us, and on this one last visit of two hours, rests all the substantiation of the statements of the judge at Deadwood. My son was entirely free. No restraint was attempted or desired or needed to insure separation. On the day of his wife's departure he was as strongly determined as on the day of her divorce not to resume his relations with her."

"Far be it from me to hold my son blameless, though his youth, his uncompleted education, his separation from the influences of home, the exchange of a life full of hopes and anticipations for premature cares and uncongenial companionship are considered, I hold him more sinned against than sinning. But his mother at no time in thought, word or deed, attempted to separate him from his wife. **JAMES G. BLAINE.**"

VIGOROUS RESPONSES.

Young Mrs. Blaine Asks the Production of Her Love Letters.

NEW YORK, March 1.—Mrs. Nevins, replying to the published statement of Mr. Blaine, says it is "a tissue of lies from beginning to end, and manufactured out of whole cloth." She details at length the meeting with Mrs. Blaine, and asserts that the letter's manner was overbearing and insulting in the highest degree. She says she and her daughter will yet prove her assertions.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., March 2.—The divorced wife of James G. Blaine, Jr., answers at length her father-in-law's published statement regarding her marriage. She says she is not asking sympathy, but demanding justice. She asks him to publish in full the letters he quotes from, and says:

"I will give you a sufficient time in which to conform to my reasonable demand, say ten days. If at the end of that time you fail to respond, I shall deem it my duty to give in substance their contents and corroborate my statement by publishing letters from your son, both prior and subsequent to your marriage. You know full well that your charges against me regarding the marriage are unfounded. I give you ample opportunity to retract."

"This is not a proposed diplomatic engagement on my part, for your success in dealing with powerful nations is too well known for me to meet you on any ground than as the mother of your grandson. I simply ask, now that you have arraigned me by the use of fragmentary quotations from my love letters to your son, that you be fair enough to publish the originals in full. I will then prove to the world that your son was far from a weakling, and that you, his proud father, well knew it long before he married me."

Whitman Has a Relapse.

CAMDEN, N. J., March 2.—Walt Whitman's condition is reported to be worse than for several days past, the aged poet not resting as easily as he has been doing. He was greatly pleased with a sympathetic letter which he received from Alfred Tennyson. The physician does not express himself as looking for immediate dissolution, but says it may come at any time.

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