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Bessie De Voie Tells How Frank Gould Left Her.

WEDDING FIXED FOR NEXT DAY

He Told Her He Was Going to Europe on the Rotterdam, but Sailed on Kronprinzessin Cecile of Another Line.

New York, Dec. 30.—Bessie De Voie, the stage dancer who is suing Frank J. Gould for \$250,000 for alleged breach of promise of marriage, has given an interview in which she tells how Mr. Gould broke his alleged engagement.

"We were to have been married Sept. 14 last," she said. "The day before that Mr. Gould invited me to the Knickerbocker hotel to luncheon. There he told me he had heard certain stories about me and had decided to sail for Europe in the morning.

"Do you believe these stories about the woman you have asked to be your wife?" I asked.

"No, I do not," he said.

"Well, then, why didn't you give me a chance to answer them? I will make the persons who uttered such malicious lies take them back," I said.

"Oh, you can't do that!" he said. "What's the use? No judge would believe you, because you have been on the stage."

"Mr. Gould had informed me he intended to sail on the Rotterdam of the Holland-American line. The next morning I determined to go to the pier to see if he really did intend to abandon me. I ordered the taxicab man to take me to the Rotterdam pier. On my way down I saw Mr. Gould's motor pass. I told my man to follow, and I found that Mr. Gould was sailing not on the Rotterdam, as he had told me, but on the Kronprinzessin Cecile of the North German Lloyd line, whose pier is some distance away from that of the Holland-American.

"Mr. Gould sailed away, and by a strange coincidence Miss Kelly of the 'Havana' company was a passenger on the same boat."

Supplementing her story of the breaking off of the engagement Miss De Voie made public a few more letters which she said she had received from Mr. Gould. In one of these he likens her to a pearl and talks of imitations which in these days of the discovery of bogus gems worn by the rich is interesting. Here is the letter:

Union League Club, Dec. 11, 1908. My Own Dearest—I was so happy yesterday, and then you were blue. Was it something I had done or perhaps something I had not done or said that made you feel so? You were sweet to answer as you did when I asked you what you wanted for Christmas, and it did please me so, especially as you were so sincere about it. Must know why you are blue. I know what the feeling is and am so thankful to any one who gets me out of that mood, and you always do. You are so modest about yourself that you do not know, Bessie, dear, how very, very sweet and kind you are, and do not know your worth. If a tray of pearls with imitations also were all mixed up and each pearl and imitation represented a woman there would be one pearl with the most beautiful luster and skin and evenness, and that pearl would be you. It hurts me sometimes, dear, to know that I am not able to do what I really want to do for you. Am going to see you tomorrow, but want so to write you. Don't cry and don't read books that makes you sad. You're a dear and all my love and kisses. Your FRANK.

Miss De Voie gave out three other letters from Mr. Gould as follows: 84 Fifth Avenue, March 4, 1909. My Own Dear Bessie—I have ordered a copy of 'Old Wives and New' and will read it and then perhaps may allow you to. Am glad you are not going south, though if you wanted to very much I would have to get on without seeing you. Do you think I am too foolish? I am much more so than you are. I think I rather like it too. Will expect to see you and am looking forward to it tomorrow. All my love and kisses to my Betty. Your FRANK.

84 Fifth Avenue, Jan. 29, 1909. My Own Bessie—I do know, Bessie, what it is to expect a letter and get it. Do you remember the times when you have not written? But you are better than I am. That is admitted. Will try and come over Friday. Yours, Bessie, dear, with all my love and kisses. FRANK.

84 Fifth Avenue, Feb. 2, 1909. My Own Dear Bessie—You made me feel very unhappy yesterday when I saw how I had made you suffer. I am so sorry and want you to forgive me. Dearest, I am so sorry for everything lately that hurt you. Will you believe me? Yours, with all my love and kisses. YOUR FRANK.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SPLIT. Buffalo Church Has Controversy Similar to That of Mrs. Stetson. Buffalo, Dec. 30.—Members of the First Church of Christ (Scientist) of this city, the wealthiest Christian Science church in western New York, have gone to law as a result of a row which has developed among the members of the congregation and which is due to orders issued by the mother church in Boston similar to those that

caused discord among New York Scientists in the familiar Stetson case.

Mrs. Annie B. C. Levitt occupies the same position in Christian Scientist circles in Buffalo that Mrs. Stetson held in New York. She is chairman of the First church board of trustees and directors and also of the church committee, composed of both bodies. Recently she proposed certain changes in the bylaws of the church, and these proposed changes are being opposed by some of the members of the congregation, headed by Charles Helcome. She says the demand for the new bylaws came from the mother church in Boston.

In court it was asserted that nearly one-third of the congregation, who refused to submit to Mrs. Levitt's dictations, had left the church and that more were going to leave. Seventeen Sunday school teachers who opposed Mrs. Levitt have been dismissed; also six of the seven church ushers and twelve of the reading room workers. These dismissals followed the issuance of an injunction forbidding Mrs. Levitt from proceeding with the proposed change in the bylaws.

EARL PERCY SHOT IN DUEL.

Son of British Duke Seriously Wounded by His Opponent.

Paris, Dec. 30.—Earl Percy, son of the Duke of Northumberland, has been seriously wounded in a duel near here with another Englishman with whom he had a bitter personal quarrel.

The two men fought with pistols, and the wounded man was hurried from the scene of the fight in an automobile to a quiet country hotel, where he is said to be progressing favorably.

Earl Percy has developed pleurisy and congestion of the lungs. His condition is regarded as so critical that his family has been summoned in haste to his bedside.

Henry Algernon George Percy was born in 1871 and has represented South Kensington in parliament since 1895. He was undersecretary for India in 1902-03 and under foreign secretary from 1903 to 1905. He has published two books of travel in Asiatic Turkey.

DIVORCE FOR MRS. SCHULTZ.

She is to Be Freed From Mineral Water Man on Charges of Infidelity.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 30.—Special Master George S. Hilton has filed a report in the court of chancery recommending that Mrs. Clara S. Schultz have a divorce from her husband, Carl R. Schultz, president of the mineral water company which bears his name.

The testimony of detectives who followed Mr. Schultz was introduced to prove infidelity.

The frequent companion of Mr. Schultz, the detectives said, was a woman named Marie. The detectives said the couple were followed from time to time to several New York hotels and upon one occasion were found registered as Robert Littlefield and wife. When surprised Schultz, according to one of the detectives, tried to evict them from the room.

MESSAGE ON CONSERVATION.

President Will Not Wait For Ballinger-Finchot Investigation.

Washington, Dec. 30.—President Taft does not intend to wait until congress has investigated Secretary Ballinger, Gifford Pinchot and the reclamation service before he suggests action on conservation to congress. The president will go ahead with his special conservation message and it will go to congress early in the new year.

Mr. Taft will present for the consideration of congress several bills which have been drawn by Secretary Ballinger. He has told callers recently that if the various conservation congresses which have met during the last few months had only brought forth some scheme for conservation which could have been utilized the cause of conservation would have been advanced materially.

THINKS GIRL WAS POISONED.

Mother Hints That Rival For Young Man's Love Caused Death.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 30.—Believing that her thirteen-year-old daughter, Bessie May Priest, was poisoned, Mrs. Jennie Priest has asked the district attorney to investigate the death. It is alleged by the mother that Miss Priest was engaged to Harry Sayre, a rich Newark (N. J.) man's son, and that she had a rival. Search is being made for the other woman.

Five physicians who attended Miss Priest say that her death was caused by poison. Two diagnosed the malady as sine poisoning. It has been learned that Miss Priest was the guest of her supposed rival at a dinner in a restaurant and that she became violently ill soon thereafter. In her delirium she accused the woman with whom she had dined, and in lucid periods she exhibited letters from Mr. Sayre in which he warned her, though giving no reason for his fears.

AGAINST MORSE.

U. S. Circuit Court Denies Banker a New Trial.

DRINKING BY JURORS UPHOLD.

Ice Trust Magnate Says He Has Not Yet Lost All Hope, and His Counsel Will Apply For Writ of Error.

DRINK AND A HALF A DAY ONLY FAIR FOR JURORS.

The jury shall consist of twelve men.—The Law. The jury may have "about a bottle a day."—The Court. There are eighteen drinks in a tie.—The Bartender. Eighteen divided by 12 equals 1 1/2. Therefore, according to United States Judge Hough, a jurymen may have one drink and one-half drink of whiskey a day, and further comment is farcical.

New York, Dec. 30.—Apparently Charles W. Morse must go to the federal prison at Atlanta within a few days to serve his sentence of fifteen years for misappropriating the funds of the Bank of North America.

Justice Hough of the United States circuit court has handed down a decision denying Morse's motion for a new trial, which motion was made on the ground that the jury which convicted the banker indulged to excess in intoxicating liquors.

After this decision Morse's counsel, Martin W. Littleton, asked Judge Lacombe in chambers for permission to argue a petition for a new writ of error, and it was granted. Judge Lacombe set the argument for tomorrow.



CHARLES W. MORSE.

and it will come up before all the judges of the United States circuit court.

Morse, under the law, must be given two days before an order for his commitment to Atlanta is issued. From his cell in the Tombs the banker issued a statement that he still had some hope of regaining his freedom.

In his decision Judge Hough lays down a new ruling on the use of liquor by jurors. One bottle a day, says the court, is not too much for a jury of middle aged men.

"The large and practically unlimited amount of liquor permitted to the jury," the opinion of Judge Hough reads, "can best be stated in the language of the juror who has furnished defendant with his longest affidavit. It may be noted that the jury was composed of men of middle age (or more) and that the direction of the court was that they should be permitted to lead their usual lives as far as compatible with their duties as jurors."

"In pursuance of these instructions they were permitted (says the juror) to consume during their term of service in aggregate about twenty bottles and flasks of liquor besides some individual drinks from the bar of the Astor House. No endeavor is made to more particularly define individual consumption, while it is definitely said that some of the marshals were given at times drinks from the 'bottles or flasks.'"

"All parties agree that after the case was given to the jury the usual rule of total abstinence was observed, so that the 'unlimited quantity' becomes a bottle a day. Further comment is farcical unless the defendant has a legal right to a jury of teetotalers. Legislation must advance a good deal before such a right can be claimed, in New York at all events."

Weather Probabilities. Fair; not quite so cold; light to moderate west to northwest winds.

SAYS HE WILL FLY TO POLE.

Professor Hergesell Tells of Expedition Planned by Count Zeppelin.

New York, Dec. 30.—Professor H. Hergesell of Germany, who is here on a visit, announces a proposed journey to the north pole by airship, planned by Count Zeppelin and himself.

"We intend to explore the entire arctic circle," said the professor. "Two airships, constructed by Count Zeppelin, are to be used. One is to be left at a relief station at Spitzbergen. The other, which is to be of large size, is to be used in making the excursions. We will keep in touch with the relief station by means of wireless telegraphy. If the large ship encounters disaster we can summon aid from the relief party."

"From Cross bay, near where a supply station is to be established, to the north pole over Spitzbergen is approximately 800 miles. With favorable winds the trip can be made in thirty to forty hours."

"The run to the north pole will be really a secondary matter. The principal object of the expedition is to gather scientific data in the arctic region. We plan to study meteorological conditions, make deep sea soundings and survey the arctic belt and especially the regions to the north of Greenland and Francis Joseph bay."

"One of the main problems will be to replenish the airship with gas. Several stations for that purpose will be established. We are confident of complete success and have no fears for our safety."

"The airship which is to sail over the pole will be about 450 feet long, with aluminum frame. It will have twenty-five to thirty gas chambers and will carry twelve persons."

GIRL HELD FOR MURDER.

Judge Luce Finds That Hattie Le Blanc Shot Clarence Glover.

Boston, Dec. 30.—In his report of the inquest into the death of Clarence F. Glover, Judge Luce finds that there was no evidence to show that any one other than Hattie Le Blanc shot Glover, that the shooting was done with Glover's own revolver, that he met the girl at her request and that she shot him while she was standing and he was sitting.

He also finds that when Glover made his statement that the girl shot him he fully realized that he was going to die and was fully cognizant of what he was saying, that there was no incoherence in his speech and that his mind was clear.

The girl escaped from the laundry after shooting Glover and three days later was found under Glover's bed in his own home, where she had been employed. She is only sixteen years old.

KILLS WAITRESS AT TABLE.

Hotel Guest Then Commits Suicide. No Reason Known.

Peru, Ind., Dec. 30.—Roy McKinney of Indianapolis, who registered here under a fictitious name, killed Miss Dora Chapell, aged eighteen, and then committed suicide in the dining room of the Bearss hotel.

McKinney was the only person at table in the room, and Miss Chapell was serving him. Miss Chapell was pouring cream into his coffee when he threw his arm about her neck, drew her to him and then, pressing his pistol over her left breast, pulled the trigger. The girl fell dead on the floor.

The next instant another shot sounded in the room, and McKinney withdrew uttering a sound fell to the floor. McKinney was a married man. Why he killed the girl is unknown.

BLAINE'S NEPHEW JILTED.

Girl Suddenly Changes Mind as to Man She Wants For Husband.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 30.—Lexington social circles are surprised by the announcement that Miss Lourine Crosthwaite of this city has married Goodwin Chase of Los Angeles in the latter city. Recently invitations were issued for the marriage yesterday of Miss Crosthwaite and Charles Blaine of Spokane, Wash., a nephew of James G. Blaine.

Miss Crosthwaite has been in California attending a seminary at Los Angeles. It is supposed that she met young Chase at the beginning of the fall term of the seminary.

ADOPTS ROOSEVELT METHODS.

President Taft Will Hereafter Receive Callers in Bunches.

Washington, Dec. 30.—President Taft has found that the system of receiving callers whereby each man or delegation got a separate audience caused much delay. Some callers, it was found, infringed on Mr. Taft's good nature and stayed long after the time allotted had elapsed.

BROKAW GIVES UP

Willing to Allow His Wife \$30,000 a Year.

HE ADMITS INCOME OF \$90,000

Counsel Explains That the Millionaire Got Mixed Up in Cross Examination and Made Various Misstatements.

Minéola, N. Y., Dec. 30.—The taking of testimony in the trial of the suit of Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw for a separation and \$30,000 a year alimony from W. Gould Brokaw came abruptly to an end in court here when John F. McIntyre, counsel for Brokaw, made public admission that his client had made serious misstatements on the witness stand relative to his property.

Arthur J. Baldwin, counsel for Mrs. Brokaw, and McIntyre and Eugene L. Bush for Brokaw had a conference with Justice Putnam. McIntyre said that his client, worried by his long cross examination, had made statements on the stand that should be corrected. Justice Putnam said that the only way to correct the testimony would be to put the defendant on the stand again and re-examine him directly.

Brokaw's lawyers were not inclined to adopt that course. Brokaw had said that he kept no books or ledgers, no check books or cash books, and that he was not able to tell just what he really did possess. His lawyers at the conference said that they would take Brokaw to his safe deposit vault and make out a list of the securities owned by him other than those held by J. Bache & Co.

Prior to the adjournment it was agreed that on Saturday the defense should submit a list of Brokaw's securities and a full statement of his financial condition. It was understood from counsel for the plaintiff that there would be no further argument if the statement should show that Brokaw's income was not less than \$90,000 a year.

Mr. Baldwin said that Brokaw had received about \$4,000,000 from his father's estate less than four years ago, and in spite of the fact that he is said to have made inroads upon his fortune a considerable amount should be left. Defendant's counsel admitted that his income was probably \$90,000.

"Mr. Brokaw was very much confused by Mr. Baldwin's cross examination and was very careless and thoughtless in his replies to questions," said Mr. McIntyre. "We are in a position to say that some of the things he said about his financial resources are not true. He was all at sea as a result of the insistence of the opposing attorney and tangled up money matters frightfully. I think your honor ought to give us an opportunity to straighten out this tangle."

Justice Putnam, agreeing with the defendant's counsel, said he thought that after a very long cross examination Mr. Brokaw had answered questions carelessly. He thought it was fair to give his counsel an opportunity to present an accurate statement subject, of course, to cross examination by the other side.

Mr. McIntyre said there would be no opposition to a court order allowing Mrs. Brokaw \$30,000 a year alimony.

WARDLAW SISTERS GOING.

Governor Hughes Honors Requisition to Take Them to New Jersey.

New York, Dec. 30.—Governor Hughes has honored the requisition of Governor Fort of New Jersey for Mrs. Caroline B. Martin and Mrs. Mary W. Snead, who are under indictment in Essex county, N. J., in connection with the death of Mrs. Okey W. M. Snead, who was found dead in a bathtub in a house in East Orange.

Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Snead are in the Tombs. On the presentation of the warrant given by Governor Hughes to the New Jersey detective Magistrate Cornell, who committed the women here, will turn them over to the New Jersey authorities, and they will be locked up in the Essex county jail.

MADRID WELCOMES MARINES.

Offers Admiral Kimball Use of an Island Near Corinto.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 30.—President Madrid has offered Rear Admiral Kimball, commanding the United States naval forces, a small island near Corinto as a camping ground for the American marines. This tender is construed as an effort on the part of the new executive to gain the good graces of the American government. The marines have had no opportunity for exercise since their arrival in Nicaragua waters, and this island will give them a chance for a needed recreation.

ONSLAUGHT ON HOME RULE.

Chamberlain Adverses the Lords and Argues for British Tariff.

Birmingham, England, Dec. 30.—Joseph Chamberlain has issued an address to the voters in which he criticizes severely the budget which was rejected by the house of lords and on which the Liberals have appealed to the country. The aged statesman declares it as his belief that the lords did not exceed their constitutional rights and did only their duty as a second legislative chamber voting the budget down.

One of the objections to the proposed measure, according to Mr. Chamberlain, is that it "throws the whole burden of taxation on our own people without even attempting to secure any contribution from foreigners who use our market so largely while doing their best to exclude us from theirs."

Mr. Chamberlain, after an elaborate plea for a protective tariff, attacks the government's promise of home rule for Ireland. He contends that it is "undoubtedly a danger to this country all the greater, as we are now threatened by foreign nations as we have never been before."

He describes home rule as the gravest danger to which the United Kingdom has ever in its history been exposed.

The government in advocating home rule, he declares, is instigated only by a wish to capture Irish votes and concludes by declaring that "so great, so urgent, is this danger that even if it stood alone every person who cares for the British name ought once more to render the conspiracy impossible."

CHAUFFEUR HELD AS SLAYER

Two Women Swear He Killed Child and Went on His Way.

New York, Dec. 30.—George Jones, a taxicab chauffeur, who ran over and killed Jennie Bernstein, eight years old, on Park avenue, was sent to the Tombs without bail on a charge of murder to await the action of the grand jury.

Jones is held under the same section of the penal code under which William D. Darragh was sentenced to Sing Sing for twenty years for killing young Ingvaard Trimble. The statute says that killing a person by an act imminently dangerous to others and evincing a depraved mind regardless of human life is murder in the first degree.

At the inquest two women swore that the car jolted when it ran over the child and that Jones immediately increased his speed and made his escape.

CANALS ON MARS VANISH.

Mount Wilson Photographs Confirm British Doubts—Merely Dark Spots.

London, Dec. 30.—Complete skepticism as to the canals on Mars was displayed by prominent astronomers at the meeting of the British Astronomical association here.

Confirmatory ground for their disbelief was found when Hale's Mount Wilson photographs were shown on lantern slides. The exhibitor humorously explained that the canals did not appear in the photographs because the telescope was too powerful to indicate them.

"Nobody," he said, "has ever seen a single canal on Mars. There has never been any real ground for supposing that the markings on the planet supplied any evidence of artificial action. It were better for science that the canal theory be abandoned completely."

PRESIDENT IN NEW YORK.

With Helen and Robert Taft He Attends His Niece's Wedding.

New York, Dec. 30.—President Taft came here today to attend the wedding of his niece, Louise Taft, daughter of Henry W. Taft. Miss Helen Taft and Robert Taft came with the president, as did Captain A. W. Butt, his military aid, and Assistant Secretary Mischler.

Miss Taft was married to George H. Knowden of Seattle. The wedding took place at the residence of Henry W. Taft in West Forty-eighth street.

The president and his party will return late tonight and are expected to reach Washington early tomorrow morning. The president declined an invitation to make the journey under the North river through one of the Pennsylvania Railroad company's new tunnels.

CHURCH SINGER DIVORCED.

Number of Correspondents, However, Reduced From Seven to Two. New York, Dec. 30.—Justice Crane in the supreme court, Brooklyn, has decided in favor of Edwin E. Martin in his suit against Etta H. Martin, a well known church singer, for a divorce, the trial of which occupied two weeks and was marked with many sensational features.