

St. Tammany Farmer

May 10, 1913

HEARD ENOUGH TO DRIVE ME CRAZY SAYS MERRIAM

ARMY OFFICER, ON WITNESS STAND, LAYS BARE SORDID STORY OF DOMESTIC LIFE.

"AFTER SHE ATTEMPTED TO SHOOT ME I BELIEVED MY LIFE WAS IN PERIL," RELATES OFFICER.

San Francisco, May 6.—Under the searching gaze of his wife he charged with having attempted his life at Jackson Barracks nearly two years ago, Captain Henry C. Merriam, in charge of mine planting at the Presidio and one of the most popular officers in the army, took the stand today in Superior Judge Graham's court at the second day's hearing in his suit for divorce and the custody of his child, and related the chain of circumstances that led him to ask relief from matrimonial ties.

Bronzed and looking every inch the officer and gentleman, Captain Merriam halted but few times during his dramatic recitation. Mrs. Bessie C. Merriam, his wife, whose name was bandied about in army circles since the order was issued prohibiting her residence in Jackson Barracks because of supposed improper relations with "Major" Clarence Murphy, cried bitterly during the graphic rehearsal of the sordid story of domestic troubles.

Wife Seized With Sob.
Mrs. Merriam who is making a desperate effort to preserve her good name and to retain the custody of her nine-year-old daughter, Charlotte, took a seat directly beneath the stand occupied by her husband. At times her expression, as she rested her eyes on the witness stand, was sympathetic and tender. Again she seemed to be mocking him.

As her husband made a point touching on her character, she broke down and wept without restraint.

Captain Merriam said in reply to questions by his attorney, Walter L. North.

"My wife and her mother, Mrs. Ray, and Charlotte were with me at Fort Monroe. One day I decided to accept an invitation to a dinner party at the Chamberlain Hotel. My wife came to me and said that she couldn't go. Pressed for a reason, she refused to give one. I said:

"Oh, very well, I will go anyway."

"With this, Mrs. Merriam rushed to the door of my bedroom and locked it. She refused to let me leave the house. I protested and she scratched me across the nose, at the same time calling me a coward and worse names.

"Sneak," and "Slaps Him," were the words she used. "At the same place, on the day later," resumed Captain Merriam, "my wife accused me of spying on her and Captain Abbot, whom I knew slightly. She picked a quarrel, ending up by calling me a 'sneak' and slapping me across the face with her hand."

"At Jackson Barracks the same thing happened."

"Shortly afterward I was ordered to Galveston for duty on the Texas border. I had known 'Major' Murphy and believed him a friend. During my absence I received letters from Mrs. Merriam telling of her friendship with Murphy. I wrote to her telling her that when she gave dinners or entertainments to invite him, as I was indebted to him for various little favors, and no suspicion of wrong doing or improper relation, between them ever entered my head at that time, although a letter from Dr. Halliday, surgeon at the post, hinted at an operation having been performed."

Refers to Operation.
Under cross-examination by Attorney Marclay Henley, Capt. Merriam retained his composure and stuck to his story. The cross-examination was most searching and covered the entire scandal from start to finish.

Letters written by Captain Merriam to his wife telling her to invite "Murphy out to dinner," and a card from Captain Merriam to "Major" Murphy, saying "I hear you have been good to my wife," were submitted in evidence that the captain was aware of his wife's friendship with Murphy.

Captain Merriam admitted on examination that he had a conversation with Dr. Halliday, post surgeon at Jackson Barracks, in which the doctor informed him of the alleged illness of Mrs. Merriam and the result of an operation.

"I heard enough to drive a man crazy," said Captain Merriam, "but I decided not to heed the gossip until I have proved that their tongues spoke the truth."

A deposition by Lieutenant Charles Williams, of Fort Monroe, was to the effect that "although he had seen Mrs. Merriam and 'Major' Murphy together many times, he had never seen anything improper in their relations."

Adjournment was taken until tomorrow morning, when Captain Merriam will again take the stand.

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MAY SOLVE DEBT PROBLEM.

Supposed Plan of Banking Interests is Outlined.

Banks Could Invest Capital, etc., in Securities Without Tax.

Shreveport, May 5.—W. J. Bayersdorfer, prominent Shreveport banker and member of the special committee appointed at the Alexandria State Bankers' Convention to confer with Gov. Hall on the State debt, today gave out an interview which is believed to constitute the solution of the State debt problem Louisiana banking interests will propose in the event of a conference with the Governor. Mr. Bayersdorfer's plan is to permit the banks of the state to invest a fixed proportion of their capital, surplus and undivided profits (say one-third or one-fourth) in the new Louisiana 4 per cent, which would be free from State, parish and municipal taxation. This would require a constitutional amendment, but it is understood arrangements would be made, in the event of the approval by the State administration of this plan, to have the banks lend the State the money to retire its constitutional debt, January 1, which would obviate the necessity of a special session of the Legislature and the calling of a constitutional convention.

The change in the organic law required could be made through the Legislature at its regular 1914 session.

Mr. Bayersdorfer urges that if the plan suggested is adopted the bonds will be readily absorbed by the banks and insurance companies and undoubtedly command a premium. He says that the loss to the State in taxation would be \$66,000 per annum, while an increased rate of interest to 4 1/2 per cent would be \$55,000, with their disposition at par doubtful.

The fact that Louisiana banks and insurance companies would hold the new bonds exclusively would keep in Louisiana the \$40,000 interest actually paid on the new bonds, and necessarily add that amount annually to the State's taxable property."

There would be an equal distribution of the bonds throughout the State, and the loss to any one locality in purchasing and municipal taxation would be small. In addition the bonds, Mr. Bayersdorfer says, could be made serial securities and the State reduce its interest debt annually.

GOV. HALL'S POSITION.

Believes Four Per Cent Proper—To Meet Bankers.

The suggestion of the New Orleans bankers with reference to the State refunding bond issue of \$11,108,000 will be heard by Gov. Hall Tuesday morning, when he meets the special committee of the New Orleans Clearing House Association. The clearing house appointed this committee several weeks ago to canvass the situation and to work with the governor in an effort to float the bonds, and the committee will present its ideas to the Governor Tuesday morning. It is understood that the committee has conferred with all the leading bankers and will present a composite view. The meeting is to be at 10 o'clock.

Saturday the governor will meet the committee appointed by the State Bankers' Association to assist in the floating of the bonds. J. H. Fulton, of the Commercial-Germania Bank, is chairman of the committee. Gov. Hall spent Monday in the city, chiefly occupied with events connected to the reception and entertainment of Secretary Daniels. The governor will remain in the city Tuesday night, when he will return to Baton Rouge, coming back to New Orleans Saturday morning for the meeting with the State Bankers' Association committee.

"We have been continuously active on the bond matter, and are far from discouraged," the governor said Monday night. "I am still of the same opinion that I was six months ago, but that no one should be left uncertain as to the issue at 4 per cent, just as it stands today. The problem is purely one of finding or creating a market for the bonds, and we are devoting ourselves to the creation of such a market."

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BAKERS WANT TALK WITH HEALTH BOARD.

Ask Dr. O'Reilly and Commissioner Newman for Conference on Subject of New Wrapping Ordinance Neither Will Attend Meeting.

New Orleans, May 7.—Dr. O'Reilly, of the City Board of Health, was visited Tuesday by a delegation of bakers who had made an appointment to discuss the bread wrapping ordinance. The bakers were headed by their attorney, Edgar M. Cahn. They told Dr. O'Reilly that he was not their intention to call a mass meeting to oppose the bread wrapping ordinance and were not there to invite him to a meeting where he might be subject to abuse or embarrassment, but desired to have a "heart to heart talk" with the health authorities.

Dr. O'Reilly told them that while he is only the executive officer of the Board of Health, and must carry out the laws adopted by that body, he is willing to discuss the ordinance with them at any time when they come in a proper spirit. The committee departed to arrange for Commissioner Newman to be present at the meeting. The committee was appointed at a meeting of the bakers Monday night, and is composed of Joseph Behl, Joseph Beaudry, Henry Harmer, P. Rothschmitt, Leon Salman, Wm. Turner, J. J. Bahr, John Shuttan, A. Zehander, Joseph Long and Wm. Schrt.

Commissioner Newman stated later that he had been visited by Mr. Cahn, who asked the Commissioner if he would attend a meeting of the bakers. Mr. Newman replied that as a public official he would be willing to receive any visits from the bakers and discuss any public matters, but that to ask him to attend a meeting of protest against a health ordinance passed by a board of which he was a member, and which he had supported, was rather irregular, and he declined to attend.

Mr. Newman said that the bread wrapping ordinance had been adopted only after long and mature deliberation, and after a number of hearings, both before the ordinance committee and the Board of Health, and he believes everything that could be said on the subject had been said, and he is satisfied the ordinance is a good one.

Commissioner Newman said he expected a visit from the bakers Wednesday.

Dr. O'Reilly Tuesday night said he probably would have a statement to give out Wednesday in reply to the bakers.

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A CARD.

To all who by their presence and contributions, assisted in making the entertainment given by the deaf mutes on May 3, the success it was most sincere thanks are tendered. THE REV. CHAPLAIN AND SISTERS.

ASK CITY TO VOTE ON BONDS FOR RAILWAY.

Gulfport, May 6.—A petition from the Gulfport and Western Railroad Company, the new company which proposes to build a 62-mile line from Gulfport to Covington, La., was presented to the city commissioners Tuesday, asking that the commissioners call an election that the electors of the city be allowed to vote on a proposed \$150,000 issue of bonds, as provided for by law, for the purchase of rights of way within the city and a depot site. The property would not be handed over to the railroad company until the road is built and open for traffic.

The petition is backed by a resolution of the Commercial Union favoring the calling of the election. The commissioners are understood to be favorably disposed toward the calling of such an election. A three-fourth majority vote of the qualified electors will be necessary to authorize the bond issue.

The offices of the railroad company have been opened for the taking of subscriptions to the road's debenture bonds, which it is desired to dispose of in Gulfport to the amount of \$100,000 and on terms similar to the proposed bond issue, that is the money not to be paid until the road is built and ready for traffic.

WED AT COFFIN OF MAN'S MOTHER.

Chicago, May 7.—The most urgent request of the late Mrs. Peter Peterson, 1422 East Seventeenth street, to her son, Christ Peterson, during her final years was that he get married before her death.

"If not before I die, then at least before I am buried," she told him. The son was in no hurry, and not thinking there was any likelihood of his mother dying soon, he kept putting off. Perhaps one factor in the postponement was the hesitating attitude of the girl of his choice, Miss Hannah Jensen, 6333 Adams avenue.

But Mrs. Peterson, while visiting a neighbor, was stricken with apoplexy. She was carried home unconscious. She never rallied and when the sun reached home from his automobile repair shop he was told his mother could live only a few hours.

Young Peterson remembered the last wish his mother had expressed. He telephoned Miss Jensen and obtained her consent, then telephoned the license clerk and discovered it was too late to get a marriage license.

That night the mother died. The body was taken to the residence of another son, A. Barth, at 7114 Washington avenue, where the funeral was to be held. The Rev. William Steinmeyer, pastor of the Zion Lutheran Church, was asked to officiate.

The minister was telephoned again and asked to appear a few minutes before the time set for the funeral service. He was escorted into the room where the casket lay. At the head of the coffin in deep mourning stood young Peterson and Miss Jensen hand in hand.

Someone whispered the circumstances to the shocked clergyman, and after he had regained his composure he marched forward, forgot the funeral service temporarily, and united the couple in marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson took their places with the other mourners and the funeral proceeded. They went to Oakwoods, watched the burial, and returned to the house. That was their only wedding trip, Peterson said philosophically.

"Whose business is it?" inquired his father a few hours later. "His mother wished it. He followed her wishes."

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New York Police Officials Convicted to Beach Verdict, Which Only Thirty-Eight Minutes Required of Jury to Obstruct Justice. Comes as a "Shock."

New York, May 6.—James F. Thompson, James E. Hussey, John J. Murtha and Dennis Sweeney, the four demoted police inspectors charged with a conspiracy to obstruct justice, were convicted by a jury in the Supreme Court shortly after 8 o'clock to-night.

Only thirty-eight minutes were taken by the jurors to reach their verdict that the defendants were guilty of a misdemeanor in plotting to keep a prospective witness against the "system" from making graft disclosures before the grand jury.

The accused officials stood outwardly unmoved as they heard the verdict. The crowd in the courtroom, however, caused a disturbance, shuffling chairs and feet until attendants checked the disorder. The prisoners gave their pedigrees and, after being remanded for sentence Friday, were returned to their cells. Counsel announced that a certificate of reasonable doubt will be sought, which would give the prisoners a chance to go free on bail pending efforts to obtain a new trial.

Obstructed Justice.

The penalty for obstruction of justice is one year in jail or a fine of \$500 or both. It was reported that the jury required only one ballot to reach its decision.

An attorney for the defense declared the verdict was "a shock" and the briefness of the jury's deliberation "a surprise." Another of the prisoners' lawyers said no other verdict was expected.

"The atmosphere of the city of New York is surcharged at the present time with a determination to convict," he said.

The conviction of Thompson, Hussey, Murtha and Sweeney is regarded by Mr. Whitman as the most important yet won in connection with his expose of the police "system" that was shown to link law enforcers with the city's underworld when Becker, the police lieutenant, hired the four gunmen to murder Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, last summer.

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LEFT BRIDE OF TWO DAYS.

Killed by Art Student Who Took His Place.

Alleged Indiscretion on Eye of Lovers' Final Parting.

Chicago, May 5.—Joseph A. Williams was recommended to be held to the grand jury without bail for the killing of Leon Lafayette La Count, the end of the coroner's inquest today. Williams, an art student, shot La Count when the latter attacked him for attentions to Mrs. La Count.

The testimony developed that La Count had spent only two days with his seventeen-year-old bride before he went to his duty as government inspector on the Panama Canal, and that, improper conduct, if any, between Williams and Mrs. La Count, took place on only one occasion, when the knew the husband's return was imminent, and they did not expect to see each other again.

Williams and Mrs. La Count were excluded from the court room when Mrs. La Count told of her last meeting with Williams.

Mrs. La Count told of her secret marriage in February and of her husband's departure two days later. She met Williams, she said, in the latter part of February, at a dance hall at an amusement park.

Mrs. La Count told of other dances, calls and walks with Williams.

Williams declined to testify. Mrs. La Count gave way to hysteria when the verdict was returned.

The young woman did not hear of her husband's death until this afternoon.

She had supposed that her husband had engaged in nothing more serious than a fist fight with Williams. When a police officer broke the news to her, the girl fainted. When a dash of cold water restored consciousness, tears came to her eyes.

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