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NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Edward W. Vanderbilt, the aged retired merchant of Brooklyn, who married May S. Pepper, the spiritualist medium, is incapable of managing his affairs because of lunacy, according to a verdict returned by a Sheriff's jury in Brooklyn today.

When the verdict was announced Miss Vanderbilt jumped up, clapped her hands and cried "Hurrah!" She says she will seek to have her father's deeds to Mrs. Vanderbilt annulled.

The proceedings to have Vanderbilt declared incompetent were brought by his daughter, Miss Minerva Vanderbilt, after Vanderbilt had married Mrs. Pepper several months ago, and had given to her a large portion of the real estate which he owned in Brooklyn, including the house in which they lived. A brother and sister of Vanderbilt subsequently joined her in the appeal to the courts. The hearing was held before a jury and a commission, consisting of a physician, a lawyer and a banker. Much testimony was offered to show that Vanderbilt has been imposed upon by so-called communications with his dead wife through a spirit whom he called "Bright Eyes," the communications being engineered by Mrs. Pepper-Vanderbilt.

Mrs. Pepper-Vanderbilt was put on the witness stand and questioned at great length as to her ability to communicate with the spirits. She was also called upon by opposing counsel to read the contents of letters in sealed envelopes. This she could not do in the courtroom, explaining that the gift only came to her at certain times and when the spirit moved her.

The jury retired at 3 p. m. yesterday and was in session all night. The final vote was twelve for incompetency against three for competency. This is sufficient to constitute a verdict.

WORLD'S NEWS BY CABLE

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24.—The Supreme Court has sustained the validity of the grand jury which returned the indictments against Ruef and the other grafters.

A motion has been made that Ruef be now confined to two rooms and that two guards be placed over him. The city jail has been condemned as unsafe.

BUBONIC CASES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24.—The number of cases of bubonic plague to date in this city are reported at forty-two. There have been twenty-four deaths among the reported cases. In addition to the known cases and health authorities have twenty-four suspects under investigation.

PEACE DECLARED.

PARIS, Sept. 24.—The tribesmen have yielded in all their demands to the French and peace has been declared throughout Morocco.

SURVIVORS OF CURRIER.

SEATTLE, Sept. 24.—The survivors from the wreck of the bark Currier, which went ashore at Bristol Bay on August 9, arrived here yesterday on board the revenue cutter Thetis.

Mrs. Pepper-Vanderbilt was known as Mrs. May S. Pepper when Vanderbilt met her. She called herself the "Bishop of the Brooklyn Spiritualist Church," the institution through which she has exploited her alleged spiritualistic powers and which also for some years has made much money. She contracted a marriage at the beginning with Edward Ward Vanderbilt, an aged lumber merchant, who became interested in her seances soon after the death of his first wife. One of his daughters brought suit to have him declared incompetent.

One of the daughter's allegations reads: "Deponent alleges that it is a matter of common knowledge that said May S. Pepper is a woman of unscrupulous habits and is a fraud upon the community, and is nothing more nor less than an adventuress seeking notoriety and profit."

The charge was made that she influenced Vanderbilt to marry her by letters purporting to come from the spirit of his first wife. During the hearing a young woman who had been an intimate friend of Mrs. Pepper testified to the medium's close relations with other men. In referring to Vanderbilt witness said that Mrs. Pepper characterized him as an old fool.

On the question of love the witness testified that Mrs. Pepper said to her that there was no such thing as eternal love; that the sentiment was merely magnetic and subject to change.

The witness was asked if Mrs. Pepper drank liquor to any extent. "She drank the same as I did," was the reply.

"What was that?" "Well, champagne, cocktails, whisky and red ink"—explaining that "red ink" was the red wine that is served with some dinners in New York.

STEAMERS TIME TABLE

POST OFFICE TIME TABLE. United States Mail Steamers—1907.

Date.	Name.	From.
Sept. 2—Asia	San Francisco	San Francisco
18—Hongkong Maru	San Fran	San Francisco
18—Moana	Sydney	San Francisco
20—Siberia	Yokohama	San Francisco
20—Alameda	San Francisco	San Francisco
21—Aorangi	Vancouver	San Francisco
27—China	Yokohama	San Francisco
27—Nevadan	San Francisco	San Francisco
30—Korea	San Francisco	San Francisco

STEAMERS TO DEPART.

Date.	Name.	For.
Sept. 3—Asia	Yokohama	San Francisco
18—Moana	Vancouver	San Francisco
19—Hongkong Maru	Yokohama	San Francisco
21—Siberia	San Francisco	San Francisco
21—Aorangi	Sydney	San Francisco
25—Alameda	San Francisco	San Francisco
28—China	San Francisco	San Francisco

U. S. A. Transports will leave for San Francisco and Manila, and will arrive from same ports at irregular intervals.

Owing to the present style it's rather difficult for a woman to laugh in her sleeve.

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JACK LONDON RESENTS A PUBLICATION AND OLD TIME FRIENDS ARE PARTED.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 14.—The Examiner says:

There is a quarrel in literary Bohemia. In fact, the local literati are all agog, especially the elite Bohemian set, over a bitter quarrel involving George Sterling, Jack London and Edwin Emerson Jr., who likes to be, and is called Colonel Emerson by his intimates and is known to fame as war correspondent, rough rider and friend of the President.

Bosom friendship among these three men has been wiped out now, an ocean of angry feelings separate Rough Rider Emerson from the author of the "Call of the Wild" and the poet who first jumped into literary fame by "The Testimony of the Suns," and has recently enhanced his poetic strength and fame by writing "A Wine of Wizardry."

In serried columns the friends of these three men have lined up and those of London and Sterling are quoting from John Brown's "Spare Hours" and picturing Colonel Emerson as a dillitante.

Some weeks ago Mrs. London sent to Poet Sterling her diary of the voyage of the Snark, the vessel in which she and her famous husband and a party started from this port a couple of months ago on a trip around the world. It contains many personal allusions about herself, her husband, her brother-in-law, Captain R. L. Eames, how and why the latter quit the Snark's party at Honolulu, the whims, the quarrels and whatnot of an ocean voyage in a small craft. It was a gossip, woman's story. Sterling read it and reread it. It was breezy, refreshing, better than a summer novel perused under a shady tree.

He read it again. It was too good to keep selfishly to himself. So, summoning a party of intimates, including Rough Rider Emerson, he read the diary to one and all. They all had a hearty laugh. It was immense. They talked over it all the evening long and in friendly spirits dwelt on London, his idiosyncracies, his Snark and the candor of his wife's diary, a modern up-to-date Peep's diary as they thought.

Colonel Emerson lost no time in publishing a story about the contents of the diary and took the liberty in his article of using Mrs. London's first name of Charmion. When Poet Sterling was apprised of what Emerson had done he became very angry and called Emerson to account. Most of the others who were present when Sterling read extracts from the diary took the same view of the situation as did the poet.

"I demand an apology for the betrayal of a gentlemanly confidence," wrote Sterling to Emerson.

"If any apology is due it should be asked for by Jack London," was Emerson's response. The latter also tried to justify his position by stating that as the diary was read before a party of people and there was no suggestion of the reading of the diary being a confidential and secret matter, he had not violated any confidence had not outraged the hospitality of Sterling and that nobody had a right to question him in the matter unless it be London and, he only on general grounds and not from a standpoint of anybody's honor being involved.

London and his wife were apprised at Honolulu about what Sterling and his friends consider Emerson's great ethical wrong. London apparently took the same view of the matter, for he lost no time in sending Emerson word: "When we meet again it will be as enemies."

Sterling has also taken the trouble to write to many of his friends who know Emerson, setting forth the wrong he thinks the latter did and asking them to join him in considering Emerson hereafter as an utter stranger. In a Bohemian restaurant downtown both before and since the fire, there were and are group sketches and pictures of these three men and a number of their intimates. They represent a jolly crowd, sans any suggestion that ought would come to part them but death. Now the friends of Sterling and London are wondering if it would not be a fitting climax to call all these pictures and sketches in and destroy them over the ashes of a burnt friendship.

HART COMMITTED.

Lionel Hart was in police court yesterday morning and when asked whether he was guilty or not of the charge of destroying public documents he said he was guilty in a way: "I had something to do with it but not all. Someone else was mixed up in it with me." He waived examination on the charge of malicious burning in the matter of the kerosene warehouse fire and was committed for trial in the circuit court. Hart's mother was with him in police court.

Fine Job Printing, Star Office

AIRSHIPS FOR WAR PURPOSES

ALDERSHOT (England), September 13.—Samuel E. Cody, the long-haired Texan who is part builder of the first British airship which has been successfully navigated, intends urging the American Government to construct an airship for military purposes. Cody, who had just sailed a mile and a half against a nine-mile-an-hour wind high above Aldershot plains, said today:

"While the French, German and English armies are progressing in military airship building, America is lax. Airships are now placed on the Franco-German frontier. One spectacle of the next war will be battles in the air. The advantages of the airships are that from it an enemy can be observed, explosives can be dropped and besieged towns relieved. Airships are not dangerous, because gas is kept in separate compartments, and one or two bullets would not be effective against them. When I have completed my British contract I shall return to America and urge upon the Government the advantage of having an airship to watch, for instance, the hostile natives in the Philippines."

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