

MRS. ALLIS FILES AMENDED ANSWER SUIT FOR SEPARATE MAINTENANCE

**Declares Gilbert Was Some Spender Himself and Passed
Much of His Time in Pursuit of Wanton Women—
Charges of Cruelty Are Amplified.**

Hamilton, April 27. — Special. — Charges of excessive extravagance, which were made against Mrs. Amber Lawford Allis by her husband, Gilbert Allis, in her recently-filed suit for separate maintenance here, were met today, when an amended complaint and an affidavit were filed by Mrs. Allis' attorney, Charles H. Hall of Missoula.

"Gilbert was some spender himself," is a part of Mrs. Allis' latest reply.

His charge that she has refused to live with him in Milwaukee, where he is now employed by his brother at \$100 a month, also is answered by the statement that on January 9th desertion was committed, but that he did not do the deserting, and he still continues to remain away from her, "against her will and without her consent."

Mrs. Allis is asking \$500 a month temporary alimony, \$1,000 suit money and \$2,500 attorney's fees. Her husband was reputed to have been worth considerably more than \$100,000 at the time they were married in 1909, but she declares that his fortune, left him by his father, the late Edward P. Allis, a millionaire manufacturer of Milwaukee, has been dissipated. Mrs. Allis declares he still owns property worth \$100,000 or more, but he has sworn that his wealth, except for a mortgaged ranch he now owns near Stevensville, has been entirely dissipated. They were married in London, England, in September, 1905. They have two children, Gilbert, Jr., and Amber, aged seven and five, respectively.

There Are Other Charges.

But the counter-charges of extravagance and desertion are by no means the only complaints Mrs. Allis makes in her latest filing. She charges he has repeatedly treated her in "a cruel and inhuman manner; that he has inflicted grievous mental suffering" upon her by his actions; that he has "repeatedly and continuously treated her with indifference and contempt, having struck and slapped the plaintiff and treated her in a rude, angry and threatening manner; has man-handled her and thrown her out of doors and locked the door of her house in her face and refused to let her in."

She not only makes these general charges against the suave and polished gentleman who took her from the stage to be his wife, but she relates specific instances when, she says, these offenses were committed.

She declares he took her to Bermuda for her health at one time and abandoned her there, a stranger in a strange land, to find her way back to New York on her own.

In November, 1911, she charges that he struck her in the face while they were in St. Paul, Minn.

He Liked Waitresses, She Says.

He was a rounder, too, according to Mrs. Allis, who says, at another point in the complaint that he "repeatedly and continuously and openly and notoriously ran after wanton women and repeatedly humiliated and shamed her by his attentions for and flirtations with women he would meet in public places." His predilection, she declares, seemed to be in the direction of waitresses and housemaids.

While she was receiving medical treatment in New York in May, 1917, she says she wanted to come home to Missoula, where she then lived, but that her husband refused to pay her carfare and she was forced to sell her ring, one she had before her marriage, for \$750 to pay hers and her children's way back.

She also declares that he has a vile temper and that he is sullen and morose; and that her health would be continually jeopardized if she were forced to live with him and that, living with him, she would be living in continual dread and under a constant nervous strain.

In her affidavit, she denies all the charges of Allis of her alleged excessive extravagance, and reiterates that she dresses modestly and economically and that what extravagance there was for her attire was her husband's expenditure and not her own. At times, however, she declared he was stingy and parsimonious toward her, while he himself was having his clothes made by a Parisian tailor, and she at the same time would buy hers ready-made in Missoula.

Loafing and Gambling, She Says.

While she would remain at the ranch near Stevensville caring for the children, she says, he would loiter and gamble and loaf and play cards both in the Bitter Root and in Missoula. He was a bridge fiend, she declares, and he continually played the game for money. However, she believes he is an exceedingly poor player, for she alleges that he "seldom if ever wins."

Speaking of the many trips which he

charges she took at great expense to him, Mrs. Allis makes reply that they were made at his instance, and she particularly mentions three trips to New York, when the three children, one of whom died later, were about to be born. He also took her to California, she says, and while there he left her alone, while he became a member of an extravagant golf club and passed his entire time golfing and playing bridge with the other members.

Mrs. Allis closes her affidavit with an extended review of the expenditures which the husband listed in his answer to her suit, and declares that while she does not know the precise amounts, she denies that he ever spent the sums alleged in his affidavit for the living expenses of herself and the others in the family. And when he left her, he declares, he gave her just \$200, and then drew checks amounting to \$50 against this sum, which was in a Stevensville bank.

The Milwaukee Trip.

She relates how she sold his automobile, at his permission, for \$500 and took the money to go to Milwaukee to see Louis Allis, her brother-in-law, at his request. She denies that she said an offer of \$125 a month which Louis made in his alleged attempt to unite Gilbert and his family, was an insult or that she refused to accept it. What she declared was an insult was Louis' offer to pay her \$125 a month as long as he should see fit, "provided she would sign a deed to the ranch."

She said she refused to accept this offer because she had been abandoned by her husband and the ranch was the only property within the jurisdiction of the court and she felt she needed a guarantee the future for herself and the children and so issued an execution upon it.

Questions His Intelligence.

If Allis were "an intelligent and industrious man," she alleges, he could make a good living for himself and his family on the ranch, and that she would be glad to live there and do her share of the work. She says that she has worked there before now, making the butter, curing the meat, attending to the milk and to her household duties while he was roaming about, or playing cards to amuse himself.

His motives, she declares, she believes are based on a conspiracy between her husband and his brothers, Louis and Charles, "to break up the family and leave her without support and without a home." She gives reasons in a paragraph of the affidavit as follows:

Charges a Conspiracy.

"About four years ago there was trouble between this affiant and the defendant; that the affiant at that time had her lawyers go to the defendant in an effort to adjust the difficulties between them; that shortly thereafter said difficulties were apparently adjusted, but affiant alleges now that it is her firm belief that from the date the defendant herein has been planning so to cover all his property that the same could not be found, with the intent on his part of deserting this plaintiff and leaving her penniless; that this affiant further believes there is a conspiracy between the defendant, Gilbert Allis, and his brother, Louis

Allis, and his brother, Charles Allis, to break up the family of said Gilbert Allis and to leave this affiant without means of support and without a home."

I. W. W. ATTORNEY CHALLENGES LAW

**Eleven Missoula County
Men to Go to California**

Call No. 177 for the draft has reached the local examining board, giving notice that 11 men will be sent from Missoula to San Francisco about May 10 or 11. Dr. G. T. McCullough, who is examining physician of the draft board, states that any man of Class I, who wishes to be one of the 11 men to go, should make his application at once.

"MELTING POT" EARNS \$356 FOR RED CROSS

**Satisfactory Sum Realized
From Venture.**

Mrs. E. G. Ellis has turned in \$356 to the local chapter of the Red Cross society, the amount of money which she gathered by means of the "Melting Pot" a few weeks ago. Mrs. Ellis asked citizens to contribute pieces of old metal, jewelry, table ware or any other bits of metal ware which might be melted and sold for Red Cross benefit. The response was ready and generous. In addition to the sum turned in, Mrs. Ellis has a trunk full of silver articles which will be sold at a later date.

The old silver water pitcher with its record of 92 years of service, and the cake basket, 65 years old, were taken by the artist, Edgar S. Paxson, who gave in return two of his fine paintings. These were purchased by H. S. Wigle of St. Cloud, Minn., who sent them to Mrs. Wigle for their home.

Lieutenant E. Pat Kelly Here for Short Furlough

Lieutenant E. Pat Kelly, graduate of the State University law school arrived in Missoula last night from Camp Lewis for a ten-day furlough. Lieutenant Kelly went to the cantonment camp last October with one of the draft contingents from Butte and was appointed to the officers' training school in January. Last week he received his commission. He will spend a few days in Missoula before going to Butte.

Railroad Clerk Leaves for Service With Army

R. L. Clark, chief clerk for the division store keeper of the Northern Pacific railway, left Friday night for service with the engineering corps of the United States army. The men in the store department of the Northern Pacific railway in Missoula show with pride their service flag bearing a star for Mr. Clark.

GRAND OPENING BALL.

Greenough park pavilion Friday, May 3. Music by Missoula Club orchestra. A good time.—Adv.

Log Cabin, St. Ignatius, J. O. C. Duguay new manager, formerly Mission hotel. Tourist trade specially solicited.—Adv.

CLASS LEGISLATION

**Attorney Files Demurrer in
Which Constitutionality
Is Questioned.**

That the new state law forbidding the advocacy of sabotage in class legislation and for other reasons unconstitutional, is the declaration made by James L. Wallace, attorney for Abrick Johnson, the I. W. W. secretary recently arrested here under the new law, in a demurrer filed in the district court yesterday.

Johnson was arrested in a recent raid made by Sheriff Green on the I. W. W. headquarters here. A large amount of I. W. W. literature was also confiscated at that time, including the official song book of the organization, in which sabotage is said to be defined and advocated.

The law which forbids the advocacy of the use of sabotage and syndicalism in Montana was passed at the recent special session of the legislature and it was under the new law that Johnson was arrested. A heavy penalty is provided for the violation of the law.

To Argue Demurrer Tuesday.

Johnson's attorney appeared before Judge Duncanson yesterday in the district court and instead of making a plea to the charges filed the demurrer contending that the law is improper and inoperative for several reasons. The time for the argument on the demurrer was set for next Tuesday at 10 a. m.

The specific objections made by Attorney Wallace are:

That the law is unconstitutional, both as regards the federal constitution and the constitution of the state of Montana.

That the title of the law contains more than one subject.

That the subject of the law is not clearly expressed in the title.

That the subjects upon which the charge of a crime are set out in the information is not expressed in the title.

That the act imposes unusual penalties for acts already defined as crimes by the penal code.

And that the act is class legislation.

In conclusion the demurrer declares the act is "invalid, unconstitutional and void for ambiguity and uncertainty."

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