

# SIBLEY CASE ENDS; DEFENSE SHUT OUT.

SIBLEY HAS NO STANDING, BEING IN CONTEMPT.

French Maid Weeps on the Stand and Says "He Treated Her Like a Brute!"

The trial of Carrie Well Sibley's suit for separation from Richard Clay Sibley, before Justice Truax in the Supreme Court, came to an abrupt end this noon, when J. Noble Hayes "rested" her case and L. Laflin Kellogg was denied the privilege of examining his first witness for the defense, on the ground that Sibley had forfeited his right to be heard in defense by failing to obey the Court's order to pay alimony to his wife pending trial.

Mrs. Louise Duffy, of No. 6 West Fifty-sixth street, now the wife of a magazine writer, but who was Mrs. Sibley's French maid before her marriage, was the only witness to-day. She testified, with a strong accent, that Mr. Sibley often shook his fist and snarled at Mrs. Sibley.

"He treated her like a brute!" the French maid blurted out, and wept. "Strike it out!" thundered Justice Truax.

"He shook his fist at that poor lady," whimpered the maid.

Mr. Hayes announced that he had no more witnesses. Mr. Kellogg moved to dismiss, which was denied. Then he called Thomas Healey as his first witness. And then Justice Truax said:

"The Court declines to allow Thomas Healey to be summoned for the defense. The defendant is in contempt of court and has no standing here."

Mr. Kellogg objected, excepted and got until Jan. 6 to put in a brief.

But Sibley, who owes \$20,000 alimony, has not been in court during the trial, which had been set down on the calendar of undefended cases.

# DEATH DEEPENS HIS LIFE'S MYSTERY.

YOUNG SOLDIER KEPT HIS STORY A SECRET.

Enlisted Under False Name—Believed to Be of Good Family—Body Brought Here.

A young man, who said he was Joseph Grezz, enlisted in the regular army at the recruiting station in the Astor Place Hotel in 1900. He was assigned to the Post Artillery of Fort Hancock, Sandy Hook.

He was unusually bright and intelligent and became very popular. It was the impression of his fellow-soldiers that he came of a good family, but the young man was extremely reticent about his identity and his personal affairs.

A few days ago he was stricken with typhoid pneumonia. Then he said his real name was Joseph Gray; that he was born in Paterson, and that he had relatives in Brooklyn and Newark, but the army authorities have been unable to find any of them.

He died two days ago, and his body was brought to Pier 13, East River, today on the Government boat Gen. Meigs. They were in charge of First Sergeant Lewis D. Wiles and a squad of sixteen men, who will bury the body with military honors at Cypress Hills Cemetery.

The young man was about twenty-four years old, five feet five inches tall, had red hair and blue eyes and weighed about 140 pounds.

# DIED IN POVERTY BUT LEFT \$20,000.

FITZPATRICK BEGGED FOR A DRINK WHEN DYING.

Hoard Found in a Leather Bag Among His Effects—Relatives Will Get His Money.

(Special to The Evening World.) MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Twenty thousand dollars, most of it in cash, was found in an old leather bag that was among the effects of John Fitzpatrick, an aged man, who lived in abject poverty at Croton Falls.

Fitzpatrick was buried yesterday. He had lived alone since the death of his wife four months ago.

The Fitzpatricks, the neighbors say, always pretended they were penniless. After Mrs. Fitzpatrick died two bank books showing a balance of \$1,000 were found in an old stocking hidden in the wall of the bedroom occupied by herself and her husband.

Fitzpatrick was seventy-two years old at the time of his death, and for years he had been employed as a laborer on the railroad at \$1.25 a day. He entered the Croton Falls Hotel on Saturday in an unbecoming condition, and begged for a drink of whiskey. He died before the doctor could get to him, and no money to buy medicine. He failed to report for work after that, and Thomas Welch forced open a window in Fitzpatrick's house on Wednesday and found the old man unconscious on his bed. He died in a few minutes.

Two sisters of Fitzpatrick, who live in West Brookfield, Mass., will get his money.

Many Wrecks on Portugal's Coast. LISBON, Dec. 20.—A Portuguese ship was wrecked in the harbor of Lisbon during a storm and fifteen of her crew were drowned. There have been many wrecks along the coast.

# CASHED CHARITY CHECK; NOW ANGRY AT EXPOSURE.

Woman's Patriotic Relief Association Scandalized by One of Its Members, Whose Name Is Known to The Evening World.

The Evening World has the name of the woman who, under the guise of soliciting subscriptions for the Women's Patriotic Relief Association, lured banker William Salomon, of No. 25 Broad street out of \$50 and spent the money for a night's amusement. That she may not be further disgraced and for the sake of her family the name is suppressed.

It may be said that the woman is not prominent in society, but she is known to scores of society women because of her activity in charitable organizations. She was a willing and useful worker in the Women's Patriotic Relief Society during the Spanish-American war. No suspicion had attached to the officers of the society. It is suspected that banker Salomon is only one of many of her victims.

Now She Is Angry.

It is quite an amazing story, that of how a woman scandalized the Patriotic Relief Society by her crooked practices. Not the least amazing feature of it is the fact that the woman roundly denounced the officers and members of the society for calling her to account and does not hesitate to say that she has been persecuted.

The Women's Patriotic Relief Society was organized during the war with Spain for the purpose of helping the families of soldiers at the front. More than forty thousand families were relieved and \$10,000 in cash and tons of clothing and provisions were distributed. Mrs. Howard Carroll was president. Mrs. Ralph Trautman, vice-president, and Mrs. Gardner Wetherbee, secretary of the association. In its membership were enrolled women whose names are household words in the city because of their social prominence.

The Association wound up its affairs about two years ago, but did not disband. It was agreed that in times of great calamity or in case of another war it would renew its work along the old lines.

It transpires now that the woman in question did not cease her activity in soliciting subscriptions, but that she devoted the proceeds to her own use. She lives in a fine apartment-house with a married daughter. Her husband is in a sanitarium and she professes poverty, although her manner of life has been that of a wealthy woman.

This woman sent a plain visiting card to the office of Banker Salomon on Oct. 9. Thinking that she desired to see him on banking business, he admitted her to his office. She told him that she was soliciting subscriptions for a fund to be applied to payment for the education of the daughters of soldiers who had

lost their lives in the Spanish and Philippine Wars.

Convinced the Banker. She was so convincing, so evidently refined, that the banker had absolutely no suspicion of her and his faith was increased when she told him that she had known members of his family years ago. Her conversation substantiated this statement.

He gave her a check for \$50, payable to the Women's Patriotic Relief Association. That night he saw her at the Waldorf-Astoria, dining sumptuously. He did not attach any importance to this until the check came endorsed by the woman as "Chairman" of the association and by Landlord Boldt, of the Waldorf-Astoria.

Investigation showed that she had no right to collect money for the Association. A special meeting was called at the Manhattan Hotel last Thursday and to the surprise of the officers and other women who attended the woman who had secured the check was present.

She was accused in no mild manner, but she was not daunted. She stood up and declared that she was an abused woman; that she had done as much for the Association as any member of it and that she considered that she was being treated in a most shabby manner.

The other women sat petrified with astonishment as they heard themselves arraigned.

Right there the Women's Relief Association was disrupted. The woman demanded that her reports be turned over to her. The demand was refused. Once more she denounced the officers and members of the association for what she alleged was unjust treatment, and then she went away with her head high in the air and her eyes flashing scorn and defiance.

Returned the Money. Banker Salomon had his money returned to him by the family of the woman who had got the check. He instantly turned it over to another charity. An investigation is being conducted in order that the full extent of the operations of the woman may be known. She denied at the meeting that she had solicited money from any one but Banker Salomon, but her denial is not credited.

Mrs. Gardner Wetherbee, the treasurer of the association, refused to discuss the matter this morning, as did the other officers. So far as they were concerned, they said, the case was closed. No matter how widespread the operations of the culprit may have been no steps will be taken to punish her because her family is wealthy enough to reimburse all whom she may have victimized.



(Vice-President of the Woman's Patriotic Relief Association, who aided in exposing the woman who cashed the check.)

# SWIMS EVERY DAY IN THE ICY SURF.

GEORGE VAN CLEOF DOES THE REMARKABLE FEAT.

Hasn't Missed His Daily Salt-Water Plunge at Bath Beach for Five Years.

To see a man clad only in a summer bathing suit calmly walk down to the edge of the water in this cold weather, and after breaking the ice with a stick, plunge in and swim around for ten or fifteen minutes as if he enjoyed it is enough to give one the shivers, yet it is a daily scene at Bath Beach, in the waters of Gravesend Bay.

The swimmer is George van Cleof, twenty-two years old, who lives in Van Bruyn's lane, Bath Beach, and he has never missed his daily salt-water bath, summer or winter, for the past five years.

Van Cleof is one of the crack water polo players of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club, of this city, and as an amateur swimmer he is said, he stands next to Schaeffer, who holds several world's championships.

As soon as he leaves the water after a cold plunge, Van Cleof hurries to his bath-house, where a good rub-down restores his circulation. He says he has never suffered any ill effects from his winter plunges and believes that cold water can cure every disease.

Van Cleof has a standing challenge for a \$50 gold medal to swim any amateur in this sort of weather, any distance up to a mile, but no one has been found who is willing to take it up excepting in warm water.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ALMANAC FOR TO-DAY. Sun rises, 7:19; sets, 4:55. Moon sets, 1:25.

TIME TABLES.

High Water. Low Water.

Sally Hook. Governor's Island. Hell Gate Ferry.

PORT OF NEW YORK.

ARRIVED.

Chesapeake. Baltimore. Barboursville. Brownsville. Louisiana. Glasgow. Amazonian. Para.

OUTGOING STEAMSHIPS.

SAILED TO-DAY.

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# SAVES FAMILY FROM FIRE.

Druggist Dunn Has Trouble with Fire.

An explosion of naphtha started a fire in the tailor shop of Louis Sopher, at No. 780 Marcy avenue, Brooklyn, this morning.

The flames spread to the stationary store of William Poin, adjoining, and to the drug store of Charles Dunn, at No. 326 Quincy street, in the rear. Mr. Dunn had great difficulty in rescuing his family. The damage was \$1,500.

# HARLEM NOTES.

The matches carried by Gen. Grant during the last years of the civil war, the one he had on to Gen. Lee after the surrender at Appomattox, are on display at a Harlemites. Gen. Grant gave the box to Ferdinand Ward, who while in King Street, made a present of the relic to James Grant, one of Harlemites. The box is of silver, a big affair, and was made by Tiffany.

Political know-alls in the Bronx say that Henry D. Parry will go back to Tammany Hall.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the M.

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Moria Baptist Church, One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street and Fifth avenue, will celebrate its fourteenth anniversary this evening.

The Pomona Democratic Club of the Thirty-third Assembly District, has over \$1000 in the treasury. It was never in better shape financially, notwithstanding the deficit of Tammany.

The Women of the Inman and Westchester Societies of the Mount Morris Baptist Church will hold a "Holy Tea" next Monday evening.

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Harry Croswell, forty-nine, living at a hotel, Thirty-fourth street and Third avenue, walked into the Bellevue Dispensary today and asked for treatment. It was found that he had small-pox, and he was sent to the Reception Hospital at the foot of Elm, Sixteenth street. The hotel will be fumigated.

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