FIGHT FOR AGED WOMAN'S RICHES

Mrs. Sarah N. Waters, Who Is a Centenarian, Is in Bed While Doctor and Lawyer Strive for Property.

DISPUTE AT HER BEDSIDE.

Struggle Long Waged at Her Home Transferred to Courts—Application to Set Aside Appointment of Referee.

While Mrs. Sarah N. Waters, who is said to be one hundred years old, lies abed at her home, No. 421 West Twenty-first street, childless, friendless and feeble in mind and body, a fight long wagered across her bed for her money has been transferred to the Supreme Court.

Real estate and personality valued at $200,000 furnish the bone of contention between her banker and her family physician. For months they have carried on a vicious warfare in and out of court for control of her estate. The one least concerned is the aged woman whose closing hours have been troubled by the plots and counterplots of those about her. Day by day the banker and the doctor have stood at opposite sides of her bed and fenced with one another to win from her some feeble utterance that would make one of the other the legal guardian of her affairs.

The doctor is fighting in behalf of the two daughters of an adopted daughter of the aged woman. The banker is apparently fighting for himself. He declares that the three daughters have no right to the estate, because their mother was "only a servant," as he puts it and was never adopted by Mrs. Waters.

Publicity was given this strange situation when a motion to vacate an order of Justice Fitzgerald making W. B. Dorthee, jr. referee to take testimony in the legal battle over the woman's affairs was argued before Justice Leventritt. The affidavits in the case tell a story that reads like fiction.

Lived a Century.

For a century Mrs. Waters has been a resident of Manhattan, and for half a century she has lived at No. 421 West Twenty-first street. Although three times married she is childless. Forty years ago she adopted a girl from the Home of the Friendless.

William G. Conklin, secretary of the Franklin Savings Bank, is the defendant in the suit pending. He is charged by Mrs. Waters, through her attorney, with having obtained from her a deed to her property in West Twenty-first street when she was not able mentally to realize what she was doing. The suit, though brought in Mrs. Waters's name, is actuated by Dr. James A. Campbell, of No. 320 West Twenty-second street, who appears as Mrs. Waters's friend. He makes many charges against Mr. Conklin in connection with the management of Mrs. Waters's financial affairs.

Mr. Conklin says that he has acted as Mrs. Waters's financial adviser since 1879. After she was too feeble to go to the bank he went to her home to advise her. Last August, he claims, she told him that as a reward for his services she wished to deed him her home. She said she had no natural heirs and her adopted daughter and her children she did not like. Mr. Conklin claims that she asked him to keep her adopted daughter, Mrs. Le Brantz, and her three daughters out of her house.

Got Deed of House.

On Aug. 28 Mr. Conklin claims, the house was deeded to him. In the recorded deed Mrs. Waters's signature does not appear. It is subscribed to simply by an "X" mark.

On Nov. 18 Dr. Campbell and a lawyer called on Mr. Conklin and presenting a power of attorney demanded the surrender of all papers and property of Mrs. Waters in his possession. Mr. Conklin refused and then began the series of visits to Mrs. Waters's bedside by the banker and doctor.

It was learned that Mr. Conklin had installed his sister-in-law as nurse of Mrs. Waters and that he had in his possession mortgages and other securities of Mrs. Waters valued at $100,000.

Dr. Campbell brought suit for Mrs. Waters to annul the deed in Mr. Conklin's hands and for the return of all her property. She was examined by alienists in preparation for the suit and pronounced incapable of transacting business. The appointment of a referee followed.

What the Fortune Is In.

So far as known the estate of the old lady consists of the house and lot No. 451 West Twenty-first street, valued at $15,000, various mortgages, and large sums in cash deposited with trust companies and savings banks, besides jewels which are said to be of value.

Two of the daughters of the adopted daughter, Sadie and Dorsae Le Brantz, live with Mrs. Waters now and take care of her. Their mother has remarried and lives in West Virginia. The neighbors all say that their mother was certainly raised as a daughter, and that Jones, who was Mrs. Waters's husband at the time the child was taken from the institution, never knew it was not his own. He was said to have been very anxious for an heir and his wife played this trick on him to satisfy him. Mrs. Waters is now too feeble to tell anything about this.

Mr. Conklin said to an Evening World reporter to-day:

"The property was transferred to me because Mrs. Waters wanted me to be her agent and look out for her. The two girls have no claim on the property. They are only daughters of an old servant. Their mother was never adopted."

"What are you going to do with the property?" he was asked.

"I'm sitting up nights worrying about it now," he answered.

He refused to say whether any more property than that where the old lady lives had been transferred to him and referred the reporter to his lawyer.

Opera-House Destroyed.

STILLWATER, Minn., Dec. 5.—Fire, which originated under the stage in the Grand Opera-House at 3 o'clock this morning, caused a loss of $175,000. The Opera-House block, owned by a local syndicate, was totally destroyed with a loss of $75,000.

FOUGHT MASHER WITH A DAGGER.

Pretty Mrs. Emerson, Whose Beauty Makes Her a Prey to the "Oglers," Defended Herself with Vigor.

SCARED THREE OF THEM.

One of the Fellows Who Laid Violent Hands on Her Is Badly Scarred—She Used a Revolver to Good Effect on Another Occasion.

All women love to be admired for their beauty, but there are some whose delicately modelled features, beautiful dreamy eyes and deliciously graceful figures possess that peculiar subtle charm which is a source of continual distress to them in that it attracts the invidious attentions of those pests of society who feel it their duty to annoy every woman who fascinates them.

Probably there are few if any women who possess this strange power to fascinate all who behold and who have suffered more from its possession than Mrs. Ellen Emerson, of No. 60 West Ninety-eighth street. Mrs. Emerson is one of those dainty little blondes who looks as if she had just stepped from the canvas of some famous delineator of beautiful faces. From the tip of her foot to the coil of her golden hair she is an alluring charm.

When she passes along the street every one turns to watch her, and of course the masher annoys her.

Dagger to Protect Her.

But Mrs. Emerson has proved her ability to protect herself from these fellows on more than one occasion. On Wednesday morning she was followed to the very door of her apartment by three of them. She turned upon them and fought them off with a dagger, slashing one of her persecutors about the face until, dripping with blood and cut in a dozen places, he was dragged away by the other two, when all three ruffians fled from the house.

Mrs. Emerson was returning from a shopping tour, when she noticed that three well-dressed young men were following her. She hastened as she neared her home and they, too, walked faster.

Then she thought she might throw them off the trail by doubling a block, but they hung on the trail like bloodhounds, and finally, breaking into a run, she made for her apartment and rushed upstairs. Before she could gain the door of her apartment one of the men had seized her about the waist on the landing.

Used Revolver Once.

Some time ago Mrs. Emerson's husband had given her a little revolver with which to ward off mashers, but when one day she snapped it in the face of an ogler she was arrested. Then her husband got her a little dagger which she could wear in her corsage and use if necessary. So when the man grabbed her about the waist she drew it and struck him full in the face with its sharp point, inflicting a deep gash. As he did not release his hold she struck him again and again, until the blood was dripping from a dozen wounds.

All this time she was screaming for assistance, and as the tenants appeared at their doors, the other two men who had followed the boldest one into the apartment house, fearing arrest, dragged their companion away and hurried him into the street.

"I don't know who the men were," said Mrs. Emerson to an Evening World reporter to-day, "and I can't understand why it is that I am so persistently persecuted. I am sure that I never give these men the slightest encouragement. But it doesn't seem to make the least difference. Wherever I go unaccompanied I am made miserable by some masher's attentions. When I walk along the street the first thing I know I feel that some one is following me. I know it by the way, whoever it is, keeps step with me. When I slow up to let them pass they come alongside and nudge my arm or stare into my face until I could cry out, if it was not for the fear of attracting attention.

"It is the same way when I ride in a street car; always some one ogling or nudging me, until my very life is made a burden."

SAVED DOGS, BUT BITTEN HIMSELF.

Victim Is Now Violent in Hospital and Barks and Snaps at Those About Him.

(Special to The Evening World.)

HACKENSACK, N. J., Dec. 5.—Edward Metzger, employed by the Hackensack Improvement Commission as head teamster and the driver of Protection Fire Company's steamer, is in the Hackensack Hospital suffering from what seems to be hydrophobia. He barks like a dog and snaps at those who go near him.

He was bitten by a mad dog about two months ago while endeavoring to protect other dogs from being bitten. Metzger finally shot the rabid animal.

He became violent last night and was removed to the hospital from his home after considerable trouble.

RECEIVED STOLEN GOODS.

Men Implicated in New Jersey Silk Robbery Sentenced To-Day.

Justice of the Peace Jacob L. Simon and Frederick Kreyer, convicted of receiving silks and satins stolen from the Ryewaner Silk Mills at Haledon last May, were sentenced by Judge Francis Scott in Quarter Sessions Court at Paterson to-day to serve a year each in State prison and pay a fine of $2,500.

Both men filed notices of appeal and were later released on $3,000 bail each.

John J. Kelly and Frederick Wilson, found guilty of stealing the silk which Simon and Kreyer were convicted of receiving, were also sentenced to-day, Kelly to three years at hard labor and Wilson, on account of his youth, to the reform school.

MRS. EMERSON, WHOSE BEAUTY IS HER BANE.

FAINTED AT SIGHT OF DEAD FATHER.

Old Mr. Rogers Expires in Hospital from Exposure, Though Daughter Had Hunted for Him.

Mrs. Melisse Rogers, of No. 166 Front street, Williamsburg, read in the papers to-day that an old man, whose description answered that of her father and whom she had not seen for five years, had died in a hospital from exposure and starvation.

She went to the hospital and was informed that the body had been taken to the Morgue. When she went there Morgue Keeper Maguire showed it to her. When she saw the terribly emaciated form of her father she fainted dead away.

When she recovered she said that her father, whose name was George Masterson, had disappeared from her home five years ago and no word had been received from him since. She said that she was very comfortably off and had she heard that her parent was in want she would have gladly taken him in and given him a home.

At the hospital the daughter was told that the old man, who was ordinarily tall and of large frame, weighed only seventy-five pounds when he died.

REVOLVER IS USED BY LABOR LEADER.

President of State Federation Tries to Enforce an Order to Strike by Firing Five Shots.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 5.—Martin F. Murphy, President of the State Federation of Labor, was arrested to-day on a charge of assault, first degree. He was arraigned this afternoon, pleaded not guilty and was released on $1,000 bail.

According to the police, Murphy visited the Snow Steam Pump Works this morning and ordered a strike of the moulders, but a number refused to quit work. Foreman Selp remonstrated with Murphy and attempted to force him out of the shop. Murphy drew a revolver and fired five shots, none of which took effect. Murphy was arrested.

He denies firing any shots, but says he heard several revolver shots. He says he was jumped on by several men and beaten and kicked. He has a large scalp wound on the head.

WHY THEY OBJECT TO 8-HOUR CLAUSE

Mr. Fornes Says Pennsylvania Company Fears It Might Scare Would-Be Investors.

President Fornes, of the Board of Aldermen, offered the first explanation today of the objection of the Pennsylvania Railroad to the insertion of the eight-hour clause in the Pennsylvania tunnel franchise. The corporation, he said, contends that the eight-hour clause would render the contract unconstitutional in view of the decision of the Court of Appeals as to the prevailing-rate-of-wages clause in any contract.

As it is the intention of the company, President Fornes said, to issue $50,000,000 of bonds to cover the cost of its projected enterprise, difficulty might be experienced in disposing of these bonds if any clause in the franchise was of such a character as to render the validity of the certificate doubtful. Investors would hesitate about purchasing them, said President Fornes.

"Perhaps," he added, "such bonds might have to be sacrificed."

He stated that in his belief the franchise will be approved when the members of the board become fully acquainted with the facts.

SOTHERN BUYS BIG ESTATE.

Actor Now the Owner of 2,000 Acres in Wales.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—According to a cablegram received here to-day E. H. Sothern, who is filling an engagement at Powers' Theatre, is to have a country estate in Wales, on the west slope of Mount Snowden, the highest mountain in Great Britain.

The estate embraces 2,000 acres, as well as the chalet and the hotel where Mr. Sothern has spent his vacations for several years. The price paid is $75,000.

SOCIETY BURGLAR GETS LONG TERM.

Philadelphia's "Jekyl and Hyde" Criminal Must Serve Fifteen Years in the Penitentiary.

(Special to The Evening World.)

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 5.—George Dickinson, alias Westcott, was sentenced by Judge Martin to fifteen years in the Eastern Penitentiary in the Quarter Session Court this morning, after Dickinson pleaded guilty to five bills of indictment charging him with burglary and had been convicted of assault and battery and attempt to kill Policeman Charles Carroll, of the Twenty-ninth District. The jury had also found him guilty on thirteen other charges of burglary.

Ten years of sentence were imposed on the burglary charges and five years for the assault committed upon the officer.

A large crowd had assembled in the court-room to get a look at the burglar about whom so many sensational stories have been told, some of which described him as well-dressed and clever, having the appearance and manners of a gentleman or a prosperous merchant.

FOOTBALL ENDS ONE MORE PLAYER'S LIFE

Michael Gillies, Thirteen-Year-Old Lad, of Staten Island, Dies from His Injuries.

Michael Gillies, thirteen years old, son of Joseph Gillies, proprietor of the Excelsior Hotel at Giffords, S. I., is dead from injuries received while playing football on Thanksgiving.

During a scrimmage the players of the opposing team piled on top of young Gillies, inflicting internal injuries which culminated in his death yesterday.

Young Gillies was a bright boy, full of animation and good humor and a great favorite with his schoolmates and other boy friends. The funeral will take place at 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow, from St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church at Richmond, S. I.

MISTAKE, SAYS REGISTRAR GEAR

Ordered by Magistrate to Pay His Wife $10 a Week for Her Support, He Says She Deserted Him.

HE WAS PAROLED IN COURT.

Col. Alonzo S. Gear, Water Registrar of the Borough of the Bronx, living at No. 688 East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, was arrested on a warrant this morning and arraigned before Magistrate Brann in the Morrisania Court, on complaint of his wife, Josephine, who charged him with not supporting her properly.

The warrant was issued by Magistrate Brann after two unsuccessful attempts had been made to serve Col. Gear with summonses, and was executed by Officer Cox, of the Morrisania Court squad.

Col. Gear was ordered by the Magistrate to pay his wife $10 a week, and he was paroled in the custody of Probation Officer McCue. The case was heard in the private examination room of the Morrisania Court and all possible effort was made to prevent the proceedings becoming public.

All that transpired could not be learned, but Benjamin Baker, counsel for Mrs. Gear, told the Magistrate that she had not had a square meal in months. Col. Gear exclaimed on hearing the remark that there was not in all New York a woman "who ate a bigger meal or enjoyed it more" than his wife.

The couple have been married about ten years. Col. Gear is sixty-seven years old. He married his wife when she was sixteen, and for about three years starred her as a singer in European cities, it being said that she sang before royalty. Col. Gear is a member of the Republican and the City Clubs and in appearance looks like "Buffalo Bill."

Col. Gear was much disturbed lest he should be misrepresented with regard to his trouble and undue notice given to it. He said:

"A meddlesome woman induced my wife to hale me to court on a charge of abandonment. The proceedings and the preponderance of testimony in my favor showed beyond any question that she abandoned me. It was settled by my agreeing to pay her $10 a week, the Magistrate saying he had no doubt we would settle our differences and become reconciled."

He said the matter was a little affair deserving of little attention, but he intimated that he feared political enemies would endeavor to make capital out of it.

HAMMER IS BROKE.

Policeman Files Petition in Bankruptcy, with No Assets.

Edward J. Hammer, a policeman, living at No. 519 East Eighty-third street, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy to-day in the Clerk's office of the United States District Court.

His liabilities, according to the petition, amount to $1,394.29, with no assets. The petition also states that he resided for the past six months at No. 9 Oak street, which, according to the directory, is the Oak street police station.

All of Policeman Hammer's indebtedness was incurred within the past two years, and consists chiefly of obligations for borrowed money, together with jewelry, men's furnishings, groceries, rent, shoes, clothing and "refreshments." The "borrowed money" item, however, predominates.

BARRETT FOR BUCK'S PLACE.

Oregon Man Likely to Be Minister to Japan.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—When the President comes to take up the question of the succession to the vacancy caused by the death of Minister Buck at Tokio, it is understood that he will name John Barrett, of Oregon, at present Commissioner-General of the St. Louis Exposition to Asia and Australasia, to be Minister.

THIEF CLEANED OUT THE FLAT.

W. A. Carpenter Went Home to Find His Apartments Robbed of Everything but the Stove and the Piano.

CARPETS, TOO, WERE GONE.

The police to-day are looking for a burglar who has evidently decided to go to housekeeping. As a starter he carried away the entire furnishings of W. A. Carpenter's flat, at No. 35 West Ninety-eighth street.

Not a thing was left in the rooms when he got through with his haul except a few pieces of furniture too large to be dropped down the dumb-waiter, and a cook stove. The stove pipe was taken with the rest of the goods.

Hardly anything was too big or too small for the burglar to carry away. He carried off a Morris chair and a parlor carpet with the same ease that he took a plated collar button and a seventy-three-piece set of china ware went with a five-cent match safe. Carpets, rugs, linen, mattresses, curtains and everything else disappeared completely and the detectives have not been able to locate any one who saw the things go.

Carpenter lives with his wife in the flat, which is on the third floor. He is a member of the firm of Avingdon Brothers, on Fifth avenue. Yesterday he was away from home all day, and his wife also spent the day downtown.

They returned together in the evening and found their home cleaned out entirely. The police were summoned, but none of the other occupants of the building had seen or heard anything of the missing furniture and the furnishings.

Some scraps of broken chinaware showed that the goods had been carried downstairs in a large dumb-waiter, but how they were taken from the house is a mystery. Among the missing articles was a new dress that cost $300 and a $70 overcoat.

Neckties, bits of ribbon, spool cotton, a paper of pins and even a piano stool was stolen. The piano was not disturbed. The pantry suffered with the rest of the house. Two chickens and a bottle of milk disappeared and four jars of preserves struck the burglar as being about the right thing for his home.

Mr. Carpenter is figuring up his loss and places the amount at over $2,000. He has offered a reward for the recovery of his property.

So complete was the sweep that the family were forced to go to a hotel to spend the night, as even the soiled linen was taken from the beds. The pillows were taken with the slips.

HEAD CUT OFF BY TRAIN.

Charles Goble, of Brooklyn, Killed at Hawthorne.

(Special to The Evening World.)

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 5.—Charles Goble, who came to Paterson two days ago from Brooklyn, where he left a wife and several children, was killed on the tracks of the Erie Railroad at Hawthorne last night.

Goble and William Miller, with whom he boarded, started out for a walk and took a short cut along the tracks of the Erie.

While a few hundred feet from the bridge which spans the Passaic Miller, who was in the lead, stepped out of the way of a westbound train, calling for Goble to do likewise. It was very dark and Miller thought Goble was following him. Arriving at the house and not seeing his new boarder, Miller went back to the railroad tracks. Near the bridge he came across Goble's body lying along the rail horribly mangled. The head was decapitated.

KAISER RAPS SOCIALISTS.

Says They Are Only a Hindrance to Workingmen.

BRESLAU, Prussia, Dec. 5.—Emperor William, addressing a deputation of workingmen to-day, made a bitter anti-Socialist speech, declaring it was a lie to say that workmen had to rely on the Socialist party for a betterment of their position.

The Socialists, he added, had terrorized and trod the workingmen under foot and as men of honor they must have no more to do with them.

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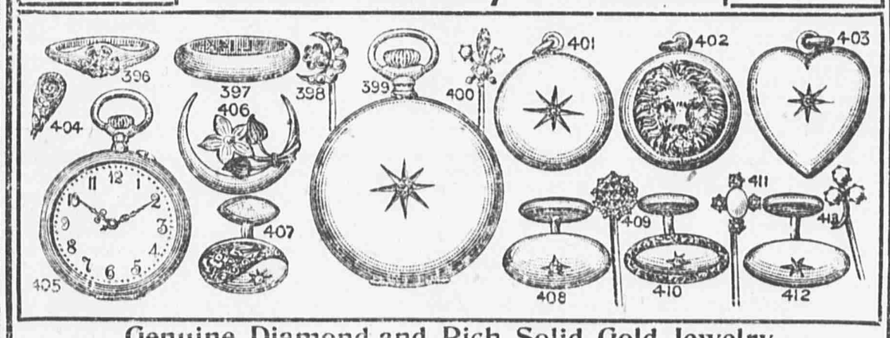

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