

ACCUSES MINING RING OF SCANDAL

Eugene Davis Sues James V. Dignowitz, of Mexico, for \$100,000 Damages, and Also Causes His Arrest at Waldorf

DEFENDANT IS RELEASED ON GIVING \$12,000 BAIL.

Senator John P. Jones, John K. Cowen and M. C. Butler and Other Prominent Men Named as Witnesses.

"Millions" roll from the pen points of the parties to a new scandal suit, and this afternoon James V. Dignowitz, the "Mexican mining king," was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Terry at the Waldorf-Astoria on an order signed by Justice Leventritt, of the Supreme Court, as the defendant in the case.

DECLARE WIVES DIED BY POISON

Ebenezer Blydenburg, Under Arrest for Murder in Iowa, Also Is Accused by Brooklyn Relatives of Wife No. 2.

ONCE LIVED THERE AND SEEMED VERY PIOUS.

Miss Godhold, Sister of His Second Wife, Tells How Woman Died After a Mysterious Illness of Four Days.



Ebenezer Blydenburg.

Ebenezer Blydenburg, devoted church worker and three times married and widowed, who is under arrest in Eldora, Ia., suspected of having murdered his third wife, is also thought by the New York relatives of his first two wives to have murdered them.

This statement was made today by Miss Emma Godhold, of No. 999 Lafayette avenue, Brooklyn, who is the sister of the second wife.

Mrs. Carrie Smith, who was courted by Blydenburg, says that he succeeded in getting \$2,000 of her money. He then left for Iowa, where he married his third wife.

Blydenburg is called a handsome man by women. He is a smooth talker and dresses handsomely. His pose as a pious churchman gave him a place in Brooklyn's best church circles and according to his accusers he made the best of his chances.

Not until Blydenburg's arrest was it suspected that he had made a business of kidnapping women, insuring their lives and then killing them by poison.

Blydenburg's mother now lives at Richmond Hill, L. I., and with the mother is his youngest daughter Emma, a child of twelve. His other three children are Frank, twenty; Irene, eighteen, and Arthur, fifteen. They are with their father at Eldora, Ia., and said to be devoted to him.

Well Known in Brooklyn. The Blydenburgs are well remembered by the people of Brooklyn, especially the congregation of the Knickerbocker Avenue Church, where Blydenburg was a devoted member. His children went to the Sunday-school and were identified with the church in every way.

It was not a happy marriage from the first, according to Miss Emma Godhold. "They were hardly more than bride and bridegroom before the children, by the first wife began to die mysteriously," said Miss Godhold. "Their father encouraged them to mistreat her. They were almost as old as she, and he allowed them to beat and kick her. It was most cruel."

FAVORITES WIN AT BRIGHTON BRITONS

ASTARITA GETS STAKE EVENT Beats Rostand and Young Henry in Race for the Ripple Handicap—Hermis Was Not a Starter.

MANY SCRATCHES IN MOST OF THE EVENTS.

Infled a Sea of Mud and Water—Graceful Takes Opening Dash and Wotan the Second Event.

THE WINNERS.

- FIRST RACE—Graceful (8 to 5) 1, Sonoma Belle (12 to 1) 2, Eagle 3. SECOND RACE—Wotan (13 to 5) 1, Sals (4 to 1) 2, Palette 3. THIRD RACE—Daisy Green (1 to 2) 1, Nevermore (8 to 1) 2, Star and Garter 3. FOURTH RACE—Astarita (8 to 5) 1, Rostand (7 to 1) 2, Young Henry 3. FIFTH RACE—Moor Daisy (13 to 10) 1, Wysefield (12 to 1) 2, The Regent 3. SIXTH RACE—Nine Spot (4 to 1) 1, Sabot (6 to 1) 2, Love Note 3.

BRIGHTON BEACH, N. Y., Oct. 12.—What was once a green and beautiful infled at Brighton is now a lake. Fifty three feet of water covers the steeply-chase course and the edge of the lake bordered on the elliptical dirt course.

The card was a good one. The weather, though cloudy and threatening, was mild and a great improvement over Saturday. The attendance was good.

FAIR GROUNDS RACE TRACK, ST. LOUIS, Oct. 12.—Following are the results of the races scheduled to be run here this afternoon.

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PARKS TO BE TRIED MONDAY.

Charge of Extortion at Tiffany Studio Building to Be Heard.

The trial of the walking delegate Sam Parks on an indictment charging him with extorting \$500 to call off a strike on the Tiffany Studio Building will be held before Judge Newburger beginning next Monday.

ERIE CANAL TRAFFIC TIED UP BY FLOOD.

ALBANY, Oct. 12.—Traffic on the Erie Canal is suspended on account of the unprecedented floods in this part of the State, and probably will not be resumed this week.

PINK WRAPPER MYTH, HE SAYS

Arthur Van De Vere Conover, One of Eight Co-Respondents in Hughes Divorce Case, Specifically Denies All Charges.

CAPT. LEMLEY ADMITS SOME FATHERLY KISSES.

Nothing Improper in Them, However, He Declares—Saw the Famous Wrapper in London, and that Was Proper, Too.

The hearing of the divorce suit of sculptor-author-playwright Rupert Hughes against his wife, Agnes Hodge Hughes, went on today before Justice Clarke in Part II of the Supreme Court, and the same pink wrapper that has dirtied and danced through the case since the beginning of the trial was in evidence again.

Arthur Van De Vere Conover, one of the eight co-respondents named in the husband's complaint, was the first witness called. Jeanne Crepin, who used to be Mrs. Hughes's maid, says that her former mistress and Mr. Conover used to kiss each other every morning, and that the affection for each other was particularly warm when the lady wore the pink wrapper. The French girl also avers that Mrs. Hughes and Mr. Conover used to sit in hammocks very close to each other and "hold hands."

Conover testified that he was a resident of West New Brighton, Staten Island, and had been in the United States Lighthouse service for eleven years.

"I met Mrs. Hughes first in June, 1928," continued Conover. "I was at the home of Mrs. Jarvis. I went to board at Mrs. Jarvis's house at Clifton about a month later."

"Where was your room?" asked Mrs. Hughes's attorney, Lyman A. Spaulding. "Was it on the same floor with Mrs. Hughes's?"

"It was."

"Q. And there was a door between the two apartments? A. There was."

"Q. Was that door ever open? A. It never was. The door was locked and there was a bureau across it on the other side. I used to hang my clothes there."

"Q. Did you ever kiss Mrs. Hughes? A. I never did."

"Q. Did you ever put your arm around Mrs. Hughes? A. I have. I have danced with Mrs. Hughes in her husband's presence."

Q. Is it true that Mrs. Hughes's French maid ever dined your socks? A. It is not. I employ a laundry to do such offices for me.

TUXEDO VALLEY INUNDATED BY BURSTING DAM

Great Torrent of Water Is Rushing Through the Breach and the People Are Fleeing for Their Lives in Every Direction—Fashionable Town of Suffern in Danger.

TIMELY WARNING OF PERIL MAY PREVENT LOSS OF LIFE

When Word Was Spread Through the Valley Early Day That the Dam Might Give Way Hundreds of the Inhabitants Hurried to Places of Safety in Nearby Towns.

(Special to The Evening World.) SUFFERN, N. Y., Oct. 12.—Millions of gallons of water burst through the Tuxedo dam today, and, rushing down the Ramapo Valley, swept the town of Ramapo away. This town is in imminent danger, as the entire bursting of the dam would mean that the great wall of water would sweep down this way. The people of Suffern are in a state bordering on panic.

Those who can have fled from the city, but hundreds of families are unable to flee. The few trains that are able to run over the broken roadbed and weakened bridges are moving so irregularly that they are of no service whatever.

No lives are known to have been lost in Ramapo, the people having taken warning at the first cry of danger and fled to higher ground. The Ramapo people are now practically prisoners on the opposite side of the river from here.

So strong is the current that boats cannot live in the stream and the refugees are cut off from the world. Scores of women and children can be seen from here. They are standing on a rise that overlooks the river huddled together. They are in no immediate danger, but another break in the dam would cause the river to rise over the knoll.

SUFFERN IN LINE OF DANGER. Suffern is in direct line for the water should there be a complete bursting of the dam. At present part of the dam is standing and the water is rushing over it and eating it down fast. So great is the danger that men cannot be had who will attempt to stop the flow of water. Bags of sand have been laden in the opening, but they have been swept away. About 1,000 men taken with bags of sand went to work on the dam late this afternoon.

The first breaking of the dam came with a great noise like an explosion. A great wall of water rushed down the valley. Houses were tossed about like feathers. Trees were uprooted and swept down the stream. Live stock perished in large numbers. In their haste the people failed to load the horses and cattle from the barns.

The bursting of the dam may, it is thought, so raise the waters of the Ramapo River as to do incalculable damage to the great estates of New York's millionaires which lie along the course of the stream between Ramapo and Pompton, N. J.

HAVEMEYER'S ESTATE MENACED. The largest of these estates is Theodore Havemeyer's famous Okauch farm, which adjoins the sugar magnate's country house, near Mahwah, N. J. The mammoth dairy runs down to the river. It is composed of buildings erected at a large cost, and contains several hundred head of pedigreed cattle.

Chester Bruce, another wealthy New Yorker, has just started a fancy farm on the banks of the Ramapo, just below the Havemeyer place and a mile or so down the valley and directly in the path of the stream is the estate of James E. Page, a close friend of President Roosevelt.

The Ramapo Valley, through most of its course from Suffern to Pompton Lake, is narrow and shut in by high hills. The water would thus have slight chance of spreading and would retain its volume for a longer distance.

At the end of the valley, just above Pompton Lake, lie the Oakland Cap and Powder Works. They are on low ground, receiving their power from the Ramapo River, and must be entirely submerged by any great rise of water.

That section of the Ramapo just above the Pompton dam is called Pompton Lake, spanned near the upper end by three large and two small bridges, which have been washed out. Below the dam every bridge over both the Pompton River and Morris Canal, with its feeders, are out as far down as Singac, where the iron structure over the Passaic hangs by a thread. The Pompton River enters the Passaic River above Singac.

WOMAN IS FOUND DYING OF POISON

Doctors Differ as to the Kind of Drug and the Woman Dies Without Telling Anything About It.

The death of Mrs. Esther Nottenberg, forty-five years old, of No. 59 Livingston Street, was reported this afternoon to have been caused by poison taken with suicidal intent, although no evidence would be found that indicated the kind of poison she might have taken.

Dr. Bachelard, of the Gouverneur Hospital, was unable to designate the poison she had used.

She was found lying on the floor of the dining room of her home by the landlady, Mrs. Wilkes, who entered the place by the fire-escape at the request of the woman's husband, Mr. Nottenberg, who was unable to get into the flat.

Mrs. Nottenberg was in convulsions, from which she died. A policeman was summoned and he sent for an ambulance from the hospital. Before it arrived a Hebrew physician diagnosed the case as carbolic poisoning. When Dr. Bachelard arrived he diagnosed the death as caused by "poison of some kind." There were no burns on the woman's lips, nor were there any receptacle for poison in the house.

ENGLISHMAN CUTS AN AUTO RECORD

LONDON, Oct. 12.—The Hon. C. S. Bolls, officially timed, covered the world's automobile kilometer record today at the Duke of Portland's private park using a specially built 110 horsepower machine. His time was 28-2-2 seconds.

EVIL SPIRITS CHASED HIM.

That's Why Young Ather Smashed His Glass Window. Charged with smashing a plate-glass window on Ninety-ninth street, a young man appeared today in the West Side Court. He said he was George F. Ather, of New Haven.

According to Ather's story he cursed a church a week ago last Sunday and since that time evil spirits have been haunting his footsteps. To free himself from the unpleasant crew he smashed the window, believing that they will all make a dash for the base through the fracture. Ather will be examined.

WEATHER FORECAST. Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. Tuesday for New York City and vicinity: Continued cool, with partly cloudy weather to-night and Tuesday; brisk to fresh northwest to west winds.

West Shore R.R. Ferry Service. Daily runs to the Franklin Street Ferry. The service to and from Westchester will be discontinued on and from the P. R.R. station, foot DeWitt Street.

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