

SUES GRANDMA FOR BOY MARQUIS

Mrs. Zabriskie Smith Says Son and Daughter Don't Get Enough to Eat.

HELD IN RIVERSIDE HOME, SHE CHARGES

Children Located by Detectives, She Forcibly Took Boy Away, Parent Asserts.

A habeas corpus proceeding to obtain the custody of her two children, whose minds, it is alleged, have been poisoned against her by their maternal grandmother, was begun by Mrs. Mignone Zabriskie Smith in the Supreme court yesterday.

Justice Philbin issued a writ directing Mrs. Isabella C. Smith, mother-in-law of the petitioner and widow of Charles H. Ludlow Smith, who was a porcelain manufacturer, with a factory in Brooklyn, to produce the children in court.

Mrs. Smith explained how she came to relinquish the custody of her son and daughter. Following her separation from Smith she went to live with her parents, her father at that time being in good circumstances. However, in the panic of 1907 Mr. Zabriskie, father of the petitioner, lost part of his fortune and Mrs. Smith was forced to accept employment as a milliner at \$30 a week.

LIFE TOO CHEAP AT 5 CENTS A DAY

God's Will, Says Older of Two Sisters Who Failed in Suicide Pact.

PAIR STARVING, TRIED TO DROWN

One, a Teacher, Declares She Never Had a Moment of Joy in Hard Existence.

"God was in our suicide pact, too, and knew that our life was too hard. We did not succeed. That was his will." Smiling, flushed, and with something like a child's pleased surprise at finding herself still alive, Mollie Mallet, in the suicide ward of Coney Island Hospital, yesterday told of her own and her sister Laura's attempt to drown themselves Tuesday night at Brighton Beach, and of the month and a half of starvation that preceded their plans for death.

FETE AIDS STONY WOLD

Fashion Display Held at Biltmore for Sanatorium.

A fashion show and fete for the benefit of the Biltmore Sanatorium was held last night at the Hotel Biltmore, with the season's most fashionable costumes for in and out door wear exhibited by the courtesy of some of the leading designers.

NEW BARRYMORE HOME

Actress Leases Residence at 875 Madison Avenue.

Ethel Barrymore (Mrs. Russell G. Cobb) will be able to enjoy a certain large lease furnished yesterday. It is at 875 Madison Avenue, on the southeast corner of Seventy-third Street, and was obtained from W. Andrews through the agency of Mrs. Edw. J. King, Mrs. Joseph P. Morgan, Mrs. Alfred Nathan, Mrs. Samuel Rice, Mrs. Oscar S. Straus and Mrs. Felix M. Warburg.

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SOCIETY BATTLES OVER DR. RADWIN

Professor Answers His Accusers, Telling of His Powers.

HAD DEMONSTRATED THEM AT NEWPORT

Dancer and Ex-Manager Charge He Cannot Develop by Suggestion.

Denials and counter-denials were the main features of a four-cornered fight around Dr. Casimir Radwin yesterday which involved men and women of New York and Newport society. Dr. Radwin appeared Tuesday afternoon at the Princess Theatre, under the auspices of "The Medical Review of Reviews," of which Frederic H. Robinson is president. Two of the subjects he used for pantomime acting were his wife and Mrs. Charles Wood, wife of the chairman, but their names were not revealed. The audience applauded heartily his method of developing by suggestion.

Late Tuesday night Ida Benter, an amateur dancer, appeared with Vladimir Loewenfeld, former manager of Dr. Radwin, who is a Polish nobleman and whose real name is Casimir Prarowski, to charge him with fraud. Miss Benter declared she had danced for Dr. Radwin after he was supposed to have used his influence on her, but said the dances had long been rehearsed and her ability had improved steadily by practice. Dr. Radwin asserted yesterday, however, that her dancing had improved through his suggestion.

Loewenfeld yesterday gave his version of the affair. He and Dr. Radwin, he explained, were students at the University of Cracow. He had not seen him for several years until the professor applied for a job at the Slavonic department of the Becker Realty Company, Hudson Terminal Building. Dr. Radwin, he said, was a very successful real estate agent, he continued, and he advised him to seek a position with the Commercial Realty Company. But when he had soon left this Mr. Loewenfeld suggested that he try the psychological experiments in Cracow, Poland, he said, and he advised him to seek a position with the Commercial Realty Company.

Otto H. Kahn became interested in Dr. Radwin and recommended him to Miss Elisabeth Marbury. At a performance given by the Young Women's Christian Association, but had not received it. There was no one in Europe or America we could ask for aid.

With the suicide deliberately planned, the two sisters, left Great Neck, in order not to shock their neighbors there, and Tuesday afternoon went to Brighton Beach. They walked for hours and hours until they were quite exhausted. Then the made a dash for the water, and the watching crowd, commended their souls to God, walked out to meet the waves and lay down.

"But the psychology of drowning is very curious," said Mollie Mallet, "my mind and heart I wanted to drown, but my body did not want to drown. So I struggled in the water, and perhaps I may have screamed, but my sister Laura's body wanted to drown, though her mind had not desired it so much as mine. She gripped my hand firmly and we sank. Then I thought I was dead."

Mounted Policeman James Norton, of the Coney Island police station, had seen the two women walk out into the water, and, whistling for help, had plunged after them.

"So I awoke to find that I had not succeeded, and the elder sister, 'Well, I am used to not succeeding. Perhaps it was that God did not desire us to die, since it has occurred thus.' 'How long do you think they will let us stay here?' she added, after a moment. 'I was not afraid of death, but I am afraid of life. I have seen what it can do.'"

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What Is the Gary Plan? By ALICE BARROWS FERNANDEZ

Tribune readers will find in this department a clear and authoritative account of the Wirt school system, proposed for this city. Questions of parents and teachers will be gladly answered. The department will appear on Mondays and Thursdays

here that I do not think enough tribute has been paid to the splendid service of the teachers in Public School 80, in Brooklyn, and Public School 45, The Bronx. These teachers are voluntarily working six hours a day without grumbling, trying to make the plan a success.

"One of the important things about this plan is that it is the only possible solution of the question of teachers' salaries. Teachers are at present abjectly underpaid, and the only solution is a more economic distribution of the budget. Just as long as huge sums of money have to be spent on buildings there is little prospect of the teachers' salaries being increased. But if you don't have to spend so much money on buildings, and the Gary plan eliminates this need, there will be more for teachers' salaries."

No Children Leaving the Wirt School in Brooklyn for Religious Instruction.

"The only new element in the Wirt plan is the religious feature. The best proof of this religious instruction is an essential part of the plan is the fact that there are two schools in this city at present running on the Gary plan, and in one of them, Public School 89, Brooklyn, no children at all are going to religious instruction. This point seems to have been entirely overlooked in the current discussion of the subject, and it should be a sufficient answer to those who fear that the religious feature is a necessary part of the plan."

It is men like Mr. Hirsansky, Principal Flouwen Stevens, of Public School 44, Angelo Fauro and the other Bronx principals, who are throwing themselves into the reorganization of their schools on the work-study-and-play plan with such hearty co-operation, who give the general public faith in the broad-mindedness and vision of the teaching profession. New York is fortunate in having such men to help direct the destinies of its schools.

What a Gary Parent Says About the Schools.

Walter J. Parsons, engineer in charge of the construction of Hell Gate Bridge, paid a tribute the other day to the Gary schools. Mr. Parsons lived in Gary for two years and a half before his present position here and his children went to school there. The interview took place in his office, in Astoria, at the foot of the great bridge which he is building.

"A demonstration of what the Gary schools can do is what they have done for my children," Mr. Parsons declared. "The striking thing about the attitude of the children toward the schools in Gary was the great interest which they took in their schooling and the ease with which they learned. Here, on the contrary, their work seems hard for them. They bring work home, and it stares them in the face all the afternoon and prevents them from playing. Sometimes they spend all afternoon and evening on it. I notice that some people object to the Gary plan because it takes up his present position here and his children went to school there. The interview took place in his office, in Astoria, at the foot of the great bridge which he is building."

"I haven't acted since I was a little child." Dr. Robinson said yesterday that if Dr. Radwin should not prove to be a legitimate performer, he would sever all connections with him.

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school. If these schools were consolidated and reorganized the city could establish one Gary-plan school. It is so difficult to get small towns and cities interested in their schools, but your explanation should prove convincing to many a 'doubting Thomas.' Sincerely, SARAH E. SHERMAN. "Danbury, Conn."

Some of the most striking figures about the advances of having the high school and elementary school combined are the following: In the Froebel school in Gary, twelve years in elementary school and high school, cost the city, for one student, twelve times \$52.45, or \$594.20. In New York city, the years in elementary school cost the city for one student eight times \$40.24, or \$321.92, and four years in high school cost four times \$104.74, or \$418.96, for the twelve years, \$738.88. In Gary for the \$394.20 a student could also get more vocational work than is given in a separate trade school. A New York boy would get none of this. Even if we compute the cost in Gary on the basis of the average salary paid teachers in New York, the twelve years in Gary would cost only \$525.60, in comparison with New York's \$748.88.

From a New York School Teacher. "Will Superintendent Wirt permit some of the classes in Gary, which have been working for five or more years under his plan, to submit to an academic test arranged by the New York State Department of Education? Subjects to be arithmetic, spelling and the writing of some simple English exercises."

Why not? Probably no school system in the country has been investigated as much as the Gary system, but if New York thinks that those questions will prove or disprove the educational value of the Gary schools, by all means give the test.

"My children keep asking if they cannot have the kind of schools they had in Gary." Mr. Parsons smiled a little ruefully. "I wish that they might. My only fear is that New York will not have them in time for the children to benefit by them."

In Gary the shops used by the high school boys are also used by the elementary school boys, and again in the evening by men and boys over sixteen. The auditoriums are used all day long in the evenings for dramatics, and on Sunday in the Froebel school 1,500 children hear concerts, and later on 1,500 adults hear concerts or lectures. The elementary school children use the swimming pools, gymnasium, and playgrounds all day, and in the evening the adults can use them.

High Schools Under the Gary Plan. "Madam: If you have space and opportunity to emphasize some features of the Gary plan schools, may I suggest one of the points to be repeated—that the Gary schools do not provide a separate high school building? Your valuable articles printed in The Tribune are doubtless being followed by residents of smaller towns. In many of them there is the problem of building new or enlarging present high school buildings. In our own city some adequate provision must soon be made; two old small grammar schools which should be abandoned are approximately in the same district as our present high schools."

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