

Fraud Charged In Divorce of Noted Actress

Lillian Lorraine Must Tell Court Why Separation From Gresham Should Not Be Declared Void

Husband Blames Lawyers

Declares O'Neil and Koelbe "Framed" Evidence, Then Failed to Keep Promise

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The Greshams, under the name of Grechamers, were married in 1913 in Hoboken. The divorce suit was brought April 27, 1918.

Gresham's story is that one day in March, 1918, a man named Ford made an offer to act as witness in a "friendly" divorce suit. O'Neil was mentioned as the attorney to arrange affairs.

Gresham says he consented to the plan provided Lillian return his gifts of jewelry and promise not to ask for alimony. This promise, says Gresham, was made by O'Neil, who agreed to put it in writing.

Gresham says that a few days later he was introduced by Ford to a woman, who was accompanied by O'Neil. Needing a grip, Gresham says O'Neil dispatched a messenger to get a grip from his room. This Gresham carried when he and the woman registered at a hotel as "Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Grechheimer. The expected raid came in the middle of the night. The man left the party and Gresham, Ford and O'Neil went down stairs together.

Friend Served Papers

The day after, it is alleged, O'Neil called Gresham on the telephone and asked where he might serve him in the divorce suit. He named Constable's Cafe. O'Neil took the papers there, but being the attorney in the case he could not serve them. A friend of Gresham named Raphael served them in the morning. Gresham waited for the return of the jewelry and the written guarantee that his wife would not demand alimony.

Finally he called O'Neil on the telephone. "I said to him," says Gresham, "that I was being misused and that he had not kept his promise, and I threatened to expose the entire matter. He refused to be a party any further to a collusive divorce." Gresham says Alphonse G. Koelbe answered the phone saying he had succeeded to O'Neil's practice.

Koelbe is also quoted as saying he would not be a party to a collusive divorce and would advise his client. Gresham called on Koelbe, he says, in his capacity, and Koelbe reiterated his determination not to have any part in the alleged collusive divorce, saying that he would ask for a discontinuance of the action.

Sent "Friendly" Telegrams

Without paying any further attention to the case, Gresham went to Los Angeles, Cal., where he had a brokerage business. During the seven or eight months he was there, he says, he received numerous telegrams from his wife and they entered into an interchange of night letters "which were couched in the friendliest terms."

There was never a suggestion that a divorce suit was going on. In the meantime an interlocutory decree was entered against him here, "by the same lawyer who promised he would take no further steps in the divorce suit," says Gresham. He received the final decree was obtained, on the affidavit of Koelbe, it is alleged, without a notice to Gresham. His attorneys notified him of what was going on.

Gresham alleged Koelbe admitted to his attorneys that he had read newspaper stories that he was suing Joseph L. Pani, owner of an inn, for \$100,000 for the alleged abduction of Mrs. Gresham's affections, Gresham meaning thereby that he still considered himself the husband of Lillian Lorraine. He charges that the collusion was known to his wife and to the attorney who represented her, that he acted on impulse in agreeing to the divorce plan and regretted that he had become a party to it.

Victory Buttons Ready

Nurses and Clerks, as Well as Soldiers, to Wear Insignia

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Distribution of Victory buttons to all officers, enlisted men, field clerks and members of the army nurse corps who served for fifteen days with the American forces since April 6, 1917, was begun today by the War Department.

The button, which is similar to that of the Grand Army of the Republic, is to be worn on the coat lapel of the discharged soldiers. A silver button will be given to those who have been wounded in action, while bronze buttons will be given to all others.

Store Full of Shoppers Bursts Into Flames

Hundreds Threatened in 5 and 10 Cent Store Blaze; Score of Firemen Overcome

Fire, which partly destroyed the 5 and 10 cent store of F. & W. Grand, Inc., at 8 East Fourteenth Street, late yesterday afternoon threatened the lives of several hundred shoppers and more than fifty girl clerks who were in the store when the flames were discovered. Before the firemen were able to bring the fire under control more than a score of their number were overcome by smoke.

Smoke issuing from a grating in the sidewalk gave the first hint of the fire. The last of the girl clerks were scarcely on the street before flames burst through the flooring. Firemen found the basement a raging furnace. Thick black smoke poured from the cellar in such clouds that the firemen were forced back time after time. It was three hours before they succeeded in bringing the fire under control.

The loss was estimated at \$50,000. The cause of the fire is unknown.

"Call" Editor Calls Hylan "Poor Fish" At Strikers' Rally

Also Blames Working Class for Sending Debs to Prison; Garment Workers Celebrate 44-Hour Victory

Mayor Hylan was assailed as "a Bismarck who hasn't got the brains of a Bismarck herring" by one of the garment trade speakers at the mass meeting yesterday afternoon in Arlington Hall, 23 St. Mark's Place.

The meeting was held in celebration of the victory of the forty-four hour week in the waist and dress, children's dresses, wrapper and kimono and underwear industries. The Amalgamated Ladies' Garment Cutters' Union, Local No. 10, of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, directed the celebration, which was attended by more than 500 persons.

Elmer Rosenberg, first vice-president of the international organization, attacked Mayor Hylan for his proposed anti-Bolshevik ordinances, further declaring that "Mayor Hylan is an upstart. He is opposed to the interests of the working classes and he has proven it in this strike."

Charles W. Ervin, editor of "The Call" also attacked the Mayor, saying: "I am not like that poor fish, Mayor Hylan, who claims to be a workman carrying a union card."

"Sit down," cried Mr. Ervin, as the crowd, mostly men, arose when he shouted that Eugene V. Debs "is in an American Bastille."

Speaking further of Debs, Mr. Ervin declared: "He was put there by the skulking, shirking, dirty working class of the American people. You've blamed the bosses long enough. Now blame yourself."

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Mueller Girl Loses Memory Before She Reaches Courtroom

Becomes Hysterical on Way to Testify Against Man Arrested After She Was Found by the Police

Viola Mueller, the fourteen-year-old girl who disappeared from her home at 20 Baldwin Street, Newark, and was found on Friday in a rooming house in East Twenty-sixth Street, this city, after a search of two days, is in Bellevue Hospital suffering with amnesia.

The girl was on her way to the Yorkville Court yesterday morning, where she was to have testified at the arraignment of Benjamin Sherman, of 995 Simpson Street, The Bronx, an embroiler with offices at 14 West Thirty-first Street, accused of abducting her. When she left the subway station at Sixtieth Street and Lexington Avenue she became hysterical.

A crowd was attracted by her cries, and Detective William Flynn, of Newark, and Mrs. Mary Parsons and William J. Kelleher, agents for the Children's Society, who accompanied the girl, carried her to a drug store. Later she was taken to the hospital. Her condition there was diagnosed as loss of memory. She refused to talk, and gazed blankly at the ceiling of the observation ward.

When Sherman was arraigned before Magistrate Sweetser, in the Yorkville Court, the case was adjourned until to-morrow, and his bail raised from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

Army Officer Sues Wife Who Was Shot

Divorce Action Follows Mysterious Wounding of Adelaide Quelus, Concert Singer

Important events are crowding one another in the life of Mrs. Jacqueline L. Shearman, who is known on the concert stage as Adelaide Quelus. About two weeks ago she was taken to the Knickerbocker Hospital suffering from three bullet wounds, inflicted, she said, by a jealous admirer at her apartment at 20 West 109th Street. Yesterday Mrs. Shearman was served in the hospital with a summons in a divorce suit brought in the Supreme Court by Lieutenant David S. Shearman, U. S. A.

Mrs. Shearman, about whose identity there was much doubt when she was shot, is a granddaughter of the late Lillian Lewis, an actress. Her stepfather is Lawrence Marston, actor and playwright. Lieutenant Shearman has been stationed at Camp Sevier, South Carolina. The Shearmans have been living apart. They have two daughters in a convent and another who is living with relatives in Brooklyn. Mrs. Shearman accused Joseph Garrison Knapp of shooting her. He was arrested and held without bail, but denied the charge.

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