

Wife Beat Him And Tore Face, Stokes Swears

Carries Mark Yet, He Says, in Telling How He Was Spat Upon, Kicked, Chased by Angry Mate With Knife

Saved by Cook in Kitchen

'Have Temper, but Hope It Is Under Control,' He Adds, Denying He Struck Woman

W. E. D. Stokes, pictured by Mrs. Helen Elwood Stokes as a brutal husband who abused her physically and also made her the victim of a mental cruelty by holding her in a state of fear, retouched the picture in the Supreme Court yesterday to make it show that he was the victim of cruelty and violence at the hands of his young wife and accuser.

It was on her story of her husband's supposed abuse that Mrs. Stokes a few months ago obtained a separation from the millionaire real estate operator. In that case, however, Mr. Stokes did not go on the witness stand to deny the charges and it was due to this lack of denial, the court intimated at the time, that Mrs. Stokes' uncontradicted recital entitled her to a decree.

Now Mrs. Stokes is trying to have set aside conveyances of forty-nine parcels of property made by her husband to the Morvan Realty Company, controlled by himself, which it is charged, was done to defraud his wife of her dower rights. Mrs. Stokes declares her signature to the transfers was obtained by duress and threats.

Swears Wife Tore His Face

Having sworn on Wednesday that Mrs. Stokes' expression of love for him had induced him to propose marriage, Mr. Stokes told for the first time yesterday of the abuse he declared he had suffered at the hands of the wife who complained of his cruelty. Telling of a conference on November 20, 1918, at the residence of Mrs. Phil Kearney, 105 West Broadway, Mr. Stokes said: "She tore my face to shreds. One of the marks I carry now. She spat in my face and kicked my legs. Then she seized a knife and as I fled from her to the kitchen the cook caught her and she said: 'I did not strike her or touch her.' The witness went on, adding that he could produce persons who saw him after the alleged attack. One of these yesterday was Justice W. M. D. O'Connell. For a long time after, said Mr. Stokes, he was compelled to have medical treatment.

The supposed assault at the home of Mrs. Kearney took place at a meeting of husband and wife after the return of Mrs. Stokes from Denver. She said she did not want to continue to live at the Hotel Astor, which was owned by her husband. She wanted a home of her own. Mr. Stokes said he told his wife that he could not have her live apart from him and that the apartment was commodious and that if she persisted he would be compelled to subject himself to the humiliation of informing real estate agents that an apartment could not be rented with his authority or on his credit. Then it was, according to Mr. Stokes, that his wife assaulted him.

Was Willing to Forgive Her

The same day Mr. Stokes wrote his wife a letter in which he mentioned that his face was badly lacerated and that he was ashamed to be seen in public. He also wrote: "I married you at a time when your family had ordered you home and I have tried to make you happy. Blows, spitting, threats to kill have been my lot. But in spite of all I am prepared to forgive and forget what you did to-day, though I must confess now I am not so sure. Mr. Stokes denied he ever struck his wife. He swore that he had never struck any woman. "I have a temper, but I hope I have it under control," he said. The defendant was under the cross-examination of Samuel Untermyer when court adjourned to to-day.

Seven Lives Risked in River to Recover Hat

Four Long Island City Citizens in Hospital, but Smith Is Not Barcheaded

William Smith's hat was blown from his head into the East River last night and then seven men were almost drowned. The seven men, including himself, with three friends, two city firemen and a pier watchman. The hat was recovered.

Smith was standing at Webster Avenue and the East River, Long Island City, when the wind caught his hat and raised it high into the air and carried it into the water. Smith and his companions, Samuel Welch, Hughie Welch and Thomas Tagnart, decided to rescue it. Smith, holding a long stick, leaped over the stringpiece of the pier and was held by the Welch brothers and Tagnart.

But Smith leaped too far. He plunged headlong into the water and pulled the Welch brothers and Tagnart after him. Now the four could swim, and their spluttering attracted the attention of Eirene Daniel Reardon and Matthew Phelan, both of Engine Company 260, and Watchman Michael Callaghan, all of whom leaped to the rescue.

Patrolman Stabbed on Asking About Hold-Up

Blade Used by One of Group in Fourteenth Street as Casual Query Is Put

Patrolman James Brady, of the Fifth Street police station, was stabbed in the neck last night by one of several men who set upon him at Fourteenth Street and Second Avenue when he inquired of a group on the corner about a hold-up said to have taken place there.

Two men had told Brady that they had been held up by eight men at Fourteenth Street and Second Avenue and he went to the corner to investigate. He found eight men there. At his first question one of the men told him it was "none of your business."

Brady told the man he was under arrest and the others attacked him. One of them stabbed him in the right side of the neck. As he fell his assistants took to their heels.

The wounded patrolman was taken to Bellevue. His injury is a serious one. He is twenty-five years old and lives at 215 Avenue A.

Heiress Divorcee, To Be Wed To Refugee, Guarded at Hotel

Ream's Daughter Sees No Reason for Public Interest in Marriage of 45-Year-Old Wealthy Woman to 23-Year-Old Aid in Locomotive Works

Mrs. Marion B. Ream Stephens, who arrived here yesterday morning to prepare for her wedding on Saturday to Anastase Vonsiatzky-Vonsiatzky, a twenty-three-year-old Russian refugee, remained in retirement at the Hotel Chatham all day with her mother, Mrs. Norman Ream.

Although she talked freely of her intended marriage before leaving Chicago and appeared to be willing to give an interview immediately on her arrival in New York, a detective was stationed outside her door soon after consultation with her relatives and she refused to see any one.

The prospective bride, who is forty-five years old and heiress to part of the \$400,000 left by her father, scarcely looks her age. Gracefully built, of medium height, dark haired and eyed, and garbed from head to foot in black, she slipped unobtrusively into the Chatham early yesterday morning. The rest of the day was passed in her mother's suite.

Talks to Him by Wire Several long distance telephone conversations passed between her and Vonsiatzky-Vonsiatzky, who was at work in Philadelphia.

Honeymooners Expected At Ream Country Home

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 2.—While his bride to be, Mrs. Marion B. Stephens, Chicago heiress, was spending in New York to make final preparations for her wedding, Anastase Andreievitch Vonsiatzky-Vonsiatzky, who is back on his job in the Edgemoor plant of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, did not work yesterday because the plant is on part time and the department in which he was working is closed. The young man's alarm clock woke him at 6 a. m. in his room at the Y. M. C. A. at Chester, and he made his way through rain and slush to the works. This was pay day.

Girl Changes Mind And Halts Breach Of Promise Action

Repeats After Arrest of Man in \$10,000 Suit, and Court Rules That She Has a Perfect Right to Do It

A woman cannot change her vote after it is cast, but her acquisition of the right of suffrage has not deprived her of the right to change her mind. This will remain her undoubted prerogative as Justice Gregorich of the Supreme Court recognized yesterday when he permitted Miss Bertha Dombroff to discontinue her \$10,000 breach of promise suit against Abraham Reubenstone, the owner of a large estate operator of 7 East 124th Street.

Tries to Escape on Rope

Frances Joyce, twenty-three years old, of 213 East 101st Street, committed to the House of the Good Shepherd several weeks ago as incorrigible. He was taken to the sheriff's office and attempted to escape last night by sliding down a rope from the third story of the institution, in East Ninetieth Street. She fell after descending a short distance and was found unconscious in the street by a patrolman.

Bedtime Stories

Obstinate Prickly Porky By Thornton W. Burgess

Just get your back up and declare You won't be driven anywhere. —Prickly Porky.

The instant Prickly Porky the Porcupine suspects that any one is trying to make him do a certain thing that instant he decides to do just the opposite thing. It makes no difference whether or not it is something good or bad, or whether or not it is something that up to that instant he hasn't wanted to do and really doesn't want to do now; he'll do it just the same. It is his way of showing his independence. Some people are like that. They get independence and obstinacy so mixed in their own minds that they don't know one from the other.

Prickly Porky was climbing down the apple tree in the Old Orchard because he thought Farmer Brown's Boy wanted him to go up. When he reached the snow-covered ground he sat down to think things over and decide what he would do next. Prickly Porky is a slow thinker. He was undecided whether to go back home to the Green Forest or under the barn where it was dark and dry and warm and there was no one to bother him.

Farmer Brown's Boy settled the matter for him. Yes, sir, he did just that. He became tired of waiting for Prickly Porky to make up his mind and started to try to drive him toward the Green Forest. Then Prickly Porky's mind was made up just like that: he would go under the barn.

For the little people looking on when Prickly Porky and Farmer Brown's Boy were in the apple tree, but now it was even more exciting. Farmer Brown's Boy, with a long stick in his hands, was doing his best to turn Prickly Porky toward the Green Forest. Prickly Porky, with his thousand little spears standing on end and rattling, was headed toward the barn and obstinately refusing to be turned in spite of all Farmer Brown's Boy could do. Bowser the Hound was dancing around the two, barking as if he were trying to bark his head off. But he was taking the greatest care not to get very near Prickly Porky. Chatterer the Red Squirrel noticed this and chuckled.

"Bowser will really have with his voice," said he to Sammy Jay. Bowser was.

Atlantic City Honeymoon

He said the wedding would be a simple one. He will leave for New York at 11 a. m. tomorrow to meet Mrs. Stephens and review final arrangements. He confided to a friend that after the ceremony he and his wife would go to Atlantic City for Sunday and that he expected to check work in his testing laboratory on Monday. His bride will go to their modest little home at 505 Swarthmore Avenue, Ridley Park, ten miles from Philadelphia. Workmen still are engaged in putting the home in order.

Speaking of his dreams, as he worked in the Baldwin plant, Vonsiatzky said: "When Bolshevism goes Russia will need railroads. Why shouldn't I jump into the fight for my country's rehabilitation? Maybe some day I shall go with my bride and occupy my old home. Then I will have to have part in my country's affairs. And what is more inspiring than the industry of steel? And what more necessary?"

"People seem to think that there is something unusual in what I am doing. Yet the sons of American capitalists are sent into American factories to learn production of things from the ground up. I shall not always be a laborer. But there is only one way to get experience, and that is to get it in actual contact. That I am doing. Some day I shall know many things about steel and railroads."

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HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 2.—Preparations are being made for guests at Crolyn Hall, in the Town of Thompson, in northeastern Connecticut, and the caterers and servants at the summer home of Mrs. Norman B. Ream believe that Mrs. Ream's daughter, Mrs. Marion Ream Stephens, and Anastase Vonsiatzky-Vonsiatzky, who are to be married in New York Sunday afternoon, will spend their honeymoon in this quiet town and its surroundings.

Crolyn Hall is a large, comfortable home beautifully located on one of the finest estates in the town and has been occupied for many years by the Ream family as a country home.

Water Main Break Puts S. I. on Half Allowance

A break in the City's water main under the bay, carrying water from the city to the island, caused Stat Island to go back yesterday to pumping its water supply from artesian wells. Engineers of the Water Supply Department in Richmond detected a break last night when the water in the Silver Lake reservoir began to get low. Several hours of work by divers yesterday afternoon finally found the break about 100 feet off the Staten Island shore and about 150 feet in fifty feet below the surface of the bay.

The water was turned off on the Brooklyn side of the bay. The pipe line affected is about 200 feet long and extends from the city to the island and Shore Road, Brooklyn, to Arletta Street and Stuyvesant Place, Staten Island. The pumping stations along the shore of Staten Island, which had been discontinued since Redwood began to get the Catkill supply, were all resumed by order of the Water Department last night. The police made a house to house canvass on the island to warn families to use their water sparingly. The pumping stations are capable of pumping a supply of 1,000,000 gallons daily. The consumption of water in the city between New York and Richmond is between 1,000,000 and 1,200,000 gallons daily. The Silver Lake reservoir holds 100,000,000 gallons, but this reservoir was greatly depleted owing to the break in the main. It may take a week to repair the break. Major dredging is blamed for it.

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Western Pennsylvania—Snow flurries and slight rain Saturday. Southern New England and eastern Pennsylvania—Fair and cooler Friday and Saturday.

New Jersey and Delaware—Fair Friday and Saturday.

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Broker Beaten And Robbed at Door of Home

Police Withhold Mention of \$2,000 Hold-Up Almost a Month, Although Attack Nearly Resulted in Death

Victim Ex-Football Star

Mother Tells Court Son Was Felled as He Drove Out Pursue to Pay Taxi Fare

A \$2,000 hold-up which was kept secret for almost a month, although the victim received a severe beating and nearly died of injuries, was made known yesterday in Traffic Court. The story was told in connection with a recommendation for a new regulation for taxicab drivers.

The man who was held up was Thomas Clark, twenty-four years old, a stock broker, known as "Tubby" when he played football on the Harvard eleven in 1910 and who lives at 110 East Sixtieth Street. He has recovered and returned to business. His mother, Mrs. Ellen B. Clark, who lives on Beacon Hill, Boston, gave an account of the attack on her son on a visit yesterday to Magistrate Frederick B. Howe.

Clark Attacked Near Home

Clark, his mother said, had been to a dance at Harry Payne Whitney's house, 871 Fifth Avenue, on the night of January 6. When he returned to his house to go home he called a taxi. Alighting from the cab in front of his room, Clark turned to the driver and reached for his wallet to pay the fare. The driver was "dressed in a hood with a blackcap and dropped to the sidewalk, where he was further beaten. The bandits carried the unconscious man to an alleyway a couple of doors down the street, went through his pockets and took money and jewelry about \$2,000 worth altogether, and left him there. Some time later Clark, groaning attracted attention, his identity was established from cards in his pocket, and he was carried to his home.

Victim Seriously Injured

Physicians were called. They found Clark's condition serious, his worst injury being what was thought to be a fracture of the skull. The police were notified, but they did not make any news public and evidently have no clue to the bandits.

Clark was unconscious for forty-eight hours, and for several days the physicians were doubtful of his recovery. Not until yesterday was he able to return to business.

Mrs. Clark, who is stopping at 85 Park Avenue, suggested to Magistrate Howe that taxicab drivers be given some easily recognizable insignia to indicate that they are licensed drivers. The law now requires taxi drivers to carry license markers on their cars, but they wear these pinned to their coats.

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John Wanamaker advertisement for February Furniture. Includes text: 'February Furniture Is Already Booked to Go to the States of California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Massachusetts, Montana, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington—and to Bermuda.' Also includes a small illustration of a woman sitting on a chair.

BE L MAISON advertisement for 'Two-Fold Exhibition of Unusual Interest'. Includes text: 'DECORATIVE PAINTINGS' and 'WATER COLORS'. Also includes a small illustration of a woman's face.

AU QUATRIEME advertisement for 'Old Early American MAPLE FURNITURE'. Includes text: 'Men's \$40 to \$65 Suits', 'Men's \$35 to \$55 Overcoats', 'Men's \$35 to \$55 Ulsters'. Also includes a small illustration of a man's face.

Chickering PIANO advertisement. Includes text: 'Two of the greatest of women pianists', 'MISHEL PIASTRO', 'The great violinist—each have selected the Chickering PIANO'. Also includes a small illustration of a man's face.