

MRS. YERKES-MIZNER HASBROCK

STENOUS EFFORTS TO KEEP DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS SECRET.

Order of Reference Disappears From the County Clerk's Files and There is Likelihood to Be Trouble—End of the Stenoous Mizner Matrimonial Happiness.

Mary Adelaide Yerkes-Mizner, widow of Charles T. Yerkes, has brought suit for an absolute divorce from Wilson Mizner, the youth from the West whom she married within a few weeks after the death of Mr. Yerkes. Justice Bischoff, in the Supreme Court, has appointed Louis B. Hasbrouck referee to take testimony in the suit.

Mary Adelaide Yerkes was married secretly to Wilson Mizner on March 30, 1906, by the Rev. Dr. Andrew Gillies, of St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church in this city. Mizner is a California soldier of fortune, stands six feet four, and has a winning way with women.

The wedding was kept secret for a while but presently it crept out through some indiscreet words dropped by Mizner, and after a long defiance and denial Mrs. Yerkes-Mizner admitted the fact of the marriage, and, at the request of her young husband, a bunch of reporters and cameras were admitted to her presence, when she declared that she was not married but happy.

Three weeks later the couple had separated, the wife leaving her home at 84 Fifth avenue to go to Chicago, where the estate of Mr. Yerkes was in process of administration. Mizner followed, and presently there was a reconciliation, the first of many. Report had it that their troubles related mostly to money. Mizner travelled back to his old haunts both here and in the West, but few expected that the wife would begin a suit here, where only the statutory ground can be alleged. What her charges are cannot be told now and probably the evidence will never be known, since the evidence can lawfully be sealed.

Although an order of reference in a divorce case, once filed, cannot lawfully be concealed, every precaution known to the clerks, lawyers and others who have to do with concealing public records in the County Clerk's office was taken to prevent the fact of the Mizner litigation and the reference becoming public. The order naming Mr. Hasbrouck was signed on April 26, last. Dated three days later the County Clerk prepared a receipt for it with the clerk of Part II, Special Term, where Justice Bischoff was sitting. The order was then entered as filed, and a certified copy of it was served on Mr. Hasbrouck. Then it disappeared, and up to the closing of the County Clerk's office last night it had not reappeared.

Reporters who asked, as any person is entitled to for an inspection of this record, were told that it was not to be found. Even the Law Journal, which is the official legal publication of the State, was not supplied with the fact of the order of reference until Tuesday night.

The official publication yesterday of the fact that a referee had been appointed in the Mizner vs. Mizner case, naturally drew the attention of newspaper reporters looking for the paper in the County Clerk's office it was at first denied by the clerks that any such paper existed, but when the entry on the index was shown them they began a pretended search, lasting all day, with the only result that none of them could explain how the paper had disappeared.

County Clerk Dooling has not in his office, but his secretary directed that a search be made. That search was as fruitless as the other. Then Deputy Clerk Curry was appealed to, but by that time the clerks were on their way home and Mr. Curry, who knew nothing of the matter, said that unless the missing paper was forthcoming very soon to-day there would be some suspicion in the particular office of the office where the paper should be found.

A similar disappearance happened in the Dodge-Morse case, but with additions. Then the name of the case was misspelled in the Law Journal and the name of a Justice who knew nothing of the case was taken in vain concealment of the existence of the papers. Similar misspellings have occurred in other cases, notably the Pell divorce suit a few days ago, when the case was entered in the Law Journal as Pell against Pell. In many other cases papers have turned up unexpectedly long after-ward in papers where they would never have been sought for. As one lawyer who has had some experience in divorce cases said yesterday:

"If you want to prevent your papers from becoming general property a ten dollar note will go a long way."

In the Dodge-Morse case, in January, 1903, Justice Bischoff signed a decree annulling the marriage of Clarence Dodge to Charles W. Morse. When reporters wanted to see it they were told that another Justice had issued orders that the papers should be locked up in the County Clerk's office and kept from public view. It was only when a Star reporter interviewed the other Justice and got him to telephone the clerks that he would not allow such a misuse of his name that the papers were brought forth, and the result was that several indictments were returned, one of them against a former Justice of the Supreme Court.

As to the Mizner order Justice Bischoff's clerk, W. J. A. McKim, said yesterday that while he could not account for the disappearance of the paper, yet it was his impression that the lawyer in an action where a reference was ordered were at liberty to remove the order for their own purposes. But lawyers say that an order once filed and entered as a record can never be removed except by a special order of the court, which must itself be filed. No such order was filed in the Mizner case.

Louis B. Hasbrouck, the referee, is a member of the firm of Straley & Hasbrouck of 247 Broadway and was formerly asso-

TO WED W. E. COREY ON MAY 13.

MABELLE GILMAN SAYS HER FAMILIARITY AND HIS WILL ATTEND.

The Actress Gets Back From Paris, Mr. Corey Calls, and She Tells the Public a Little—Marriage to Be Celebrated Here—'Francis Shaw' on the Steamer.

Mabelle Gilman, the actress, who got back to the United States yesterday morning, gave out a brief statement in the afternoon to the effect that she was to be married on May 13 to William Ellis Corey, president of the United States Steel Corporation, and that although in general she did not think that her affairs were the public's she would transgress her rule for once to add that at the wedding would be present her family and Mr. Corey's too. She did not say where the wedding would take place, but it is understood that it is likely to be at Sherry's, where Mr. Corey now is living.

Miss Gilman is at the Hotel Gotham with her mother, Mrs. Jeanette A. Gilman, and her two younger sisters, Pearl and Eunice. She saw Mr. Corey there before she gave out the statement. Mr. Corey was there from 4:15 before 5 o'clock until after 6 o'clock. The statement was made at 5 o'clock and was:

"I must refuse to discuss my personal affairs. However important you may regard it for me to gratify the curiosity of inquiring friends and strangers, I am afraid that I cannot share your views. But I will so far depart from this resolution to say that Mr. Corey and I will be married in this city on May 13, and both Mr. Corey's family and mine will be present. That is all I have to say."

Miss Gilman came in yesterday morning on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. She did not appear under her own name on the passenger list. She had a cabin de luxe and travelled with Miss Frances Shaw, a daughter of Frank Shaw of San Francisco. A friend of Miss Gilman's father, Charles E. Gilman, who also is from San Francisco, they were registered as 'Frank Shaw and Fräulein Shaw. Miss Gilman was 'Fräulein Shaw.'

On the trip she and Miss Shaw kept very much to themselves and the passengers did not know they were on board. Miss Gilman was seasick much of the trip over, and when she was able to get out on deck to take a walk it was in the evening. Miss Gilman told the customs officials she was a foreign resident, with a domicile in Paris. She said that she wished to have her things sent to the hotel under the name of Curtis. Curtis is her mother's maiden name. All the explanation that she gave of the use of a name other than her own was that she did not want to have to see the reporters. Mrs. Gilman was at the pier in Hoboken to meet her and all went away at 10:30 to the Hotel Gotham.

Miss Gilman was not seeing any one at all earlier in the day, but eventually she announced that she would see the reporters about 5 o'clock. That was after she had seen Mr. Corey.

Miss Gilman, with her mother, her two sisters and Mr. Corey, came downstairs about 8 o'clock and went away in an automobile. They returned after dinner. A few minutes later Mr. Corey came down and went out one way while Mrs. Gilman and her daughter went out to a private exit to an electric hansom which was waiting there. The flashlight batteries got in action for Mr. Corey and Miss Gilman, leaving Mr. Corey unsmiling.

The marriage thus announced is what has been expected for some time, ever since Mrs. Corey got a divorce from her husband last year. William Ellis Corey first became prominently known to the general public when in August of 1903 he succeeded Charles M. Schwab as the head of the steel trust. It was later in that year that Mabelle Gilman visited Pittsburgh as a member of 'The Moving Bird' company. Corey occupied a box at the theatre on the first night and was seen with the actress frequently throughout the stay of the company.

Later in the year any disagreement there might have been between Mr. Corey and his wife, Laura Cook Corey, was supposed to have been patched up. But in December of 1905 a New York newspaper printed a picture of Mabelle Gilman in her room at home, displaying at the same time an easel with a picture of Mr. Corey on it. That made the break between husband and wife irrevocable.

However, all reports of a serious disagreement were stopped when on Christmas Day, 1905, Corey met his wife in Bradford, Pa., made up everything and gave her a present of \$1,000. In June, 1906, Mrs. Corey filed suit for a divorce in Reno, Nev., and it was granted on July 30. It was understood that in consideration of naming her correspondent and merely alleging desertion a sum of \$2,000,000 was settled on Mrs. Corey and that provision was made for Allan, their sixteen-year old son.

After the divorce even Bradford was disposed to look coldly on Mr. Corey. His uncle, J. B. Corey, at the time made the famous remark, "Poor Ellis got rich too quick."

On April 6 of this year Mr. Corey leased from Mrs. James B. Martin the house at 803 Fifth avenue in the name of Mr. and Mrs. Corey, and it is expected that he will make his home there with his new wife. She has been here before. She was in New York in 1904, when she was engaged to be married to a young man brought up into a position of prominence by Andrew Carnegie. He worked his way from the bottom in the steel industry.

Miss Gilman has been on the stage prominently for about ten years. She was born in San Francisco. Her first New York engagement was with Augustin Daly's company. She was an understudy for Virginia Earl in 'The Geisha' company. She afterward got the part for herself and since then has been more or less a star in comic opera companies. She played in 'The Belle of New York' and 'The Young Bird' companies. She has been abroad for some time.

FRENCH CRUISER HERE.

The Kleber Anchors Off 84th Street After Being Held Up a Day by the Fog. The French armored triple screw cruiser Kleber, held up a day outside the Hook by the fog, came in yesterday and anchored off West Thirty-fourth street. She has been some time in West Indian waters, and among her crew are Martinique negroes who talk only French. The last port she touched on her way here was St. Thomas. She has been here before. She has a crew of about five hundred men and is commanded by Capt. De St. Pour. She can make twenty-one knots when she goes at top speed.

15,397 IMMIGRANTS IN A DAY.

Fog Helps Other Things to Make a Record for This Port. The fog barriers, smashed by the sunshines, were responsible for the holding up of enough liners to make it a record day in immigration yesterday at this port. Ten steamships passed into the Hook with 15,397 steerage passengers. The most notable of the latest were the Carmanis of the certain line, which brought 2,072; the Bulgaria from the Mediterranean, with 2,673; the Kronland, with 1,832; the Grosse Kuruz from Bremen, with 1,707; the Oscar II, from Copenhagen and Christiania, with 867; and the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, from Bremen, Southampton and Glasgow, with 2,000.

MEXICO READY FOR WAR.

May Declares It on Guatemala if Alleged Assault Is Not Given Up.

MEXICO CITY, May 1.—The relations between the governments of Guatemala and Mexico are very much strained and an open declaration of war against Guatemala by Mexico is believed by some to be imminent. Unofficial advices received here from Guatemala are to the effect that Mexico has sent troops to Salina Cruz and land them in Guatemala on short notice should the demand which the Government has made for the extradition of Gen. Lima be denied.

President Diaz has placed Brig-Gen. Antonio R. Flores in command of the mobilized Mexican forces on the Guatemalan frontier. There are now more than ten thousand Mexican soldiers at Salina Cruz and other points in that region. It is reported that Mexico is prepared to embark the troops at Salina Cruz and land them in Guatemala on short notice should the demand which the Government has made for the extradition of Gen. Lima be denied.

It will be a week or ten days before the papers in this extradition case can reach Guatemala City from here, but in the meantime the rise or fall of any individual or set of individuals. By this arrangement I would as the Mayor, a Democrat, recognize the Democratic organization when men whose opinion and guidance I could respect were invited to the advancement of real Democratic ideas and policies. It could be of no profit to me, except in my capacity as a Democrat, to sign like a seal his party when it is a party of the people. It could not affect my administration as Mayor, for I shall not deviate from the path I have chosen.

That arrangement has not been made. Any negotiations for party peace which are dependent on my assent must necessarily be tentative, and any one announcing my agreement to terms of which I had not been informed has, even though his purpose be honest, committed an error which I regret and which he should regret even more.

The terms to which I will agree for the sake of party peace are not alone my terms, but I think the terms on which every honest, unselfish Democrat in the organization is united. Such terms cannot entail the sacrifice of any just principle or of any faithful official, nor can they include a compromise of my conscience.

So far as I am concerned, there will be no peace except with honor. The Mayor has gone to Washington. After reading the Mayor's statement Mr. Ellison said last night that Gen. Bingham and the account bill were not mentioned at his conference with Big Tim Sullivan or any other conference in which he took part. He added this formal statement:

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Furthermore, I am quite safe in saying that Congressman Sullivan understood the matter as I do and did. There is not and has not been any conflict between the views of the Mayor, the Congressman and myself as to the Mayor's position. The whole matter, and the only matters seriously discussed, were that the Democratic organization should not interfere with the Mayor nor should the Mayor interfere with the affairs of the organization as such."

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Friends of Mr. Ellison who are aware that he is rather irritated himself said yesterday that he would not be surprised to hear of his resignation before the end of the week.

GREAT BLOCKADE OF TRUCKS.

New Traffic Rules at the Piers Result in a Short Lived Strike. The enforcement of new traffic regulations by the Pennsylvania Railroad at Piers 28 and 29, North River, for the produce drivers, in which Police Commissioner Bingham cooperated with the railroad, caused a strike yesterday of 1,533 truck drivers. There was a big blockade of trucks lasting from 3 A. M., when the produce trucks began to load up for the markets, until 8 A. M.

Before the strike was ended there was a line of trucks on West street from Vesey to Houston, and the language of the irate truck drivers was picturesque. Under the old system the truck drivers, who came from the various markets, and most of whom are employed by the Produce Dealers' Association, were so bunched together in their eagerness to load that a good deal of time was lost. The new rules made it incumbent for the truckmen to fall in line, only a certain number being allowed at a time in the loading area. The jobbers as well as the drivers kicked against the new arrangement.

When the truck drivers began to kick a walking delegate of their union came and ordered them to strike. The officers of the association got busy, and after some time found the president of the union, to whom they explained matters. This president, it appears, had more power even than a walking delegate for he ordered the men back to work and they obeyed.

DEWEY'S SAUTERNE AND MABELLE. While Dinner Was of Superior Quality. H. Dewey & Sons Co., 125 Fulton St., New York.

MAYOR DISOWNS ANY COMPACT

INTIMATES THAT HE WAS NOT INFORMED OF ALLEGED TERMS.

Refuse to 'Any One' Announcing to the Contrary—Mr. Ellison Appears to Acquiesce, and Tammany Goes Ahead Making Peace—To Seat McClellan Men.

Mayor McClellan added this contribution yesterday to the history of the peace with Tammany. It seems to me to be necessary to repeat in plain words what I said in my statement of Monday, a statement which I believed that only an intelligent man would not believe to be an intelligent man.

I have made no deal and I have authorized no deal which alters my position in any way. I have made no deal and I have authorized no deal bearing on the so-called account bill.

I have made no deal in regard to the police, except a deal with Commissioner Bingham that he shall do his level best, without interference from me or any politician. I have done nothing and said nothing to retract or modify what I said months ago relative to the existing control of the Democratic organization in this county, its leadership and its methods.

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WHITNEY WANTS TO RUN.

Announces His Candidacy for Massachusetts Governorship. BOSTON, May 1.—Henry M. Whitney announced to-day that he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Massachusetts.

Mr. Whitney made the campaign on "business issues," as he puts it, "play the tariff and Canadian reciprocity." This announcement comes as the culmination of a series of happenings of more than ordinary importance in Democratic State politics. Several months ago Mr. Whitney hoped to be the Democratic candidate for Governor this year, but evidence of Mr. Douglas's inclination to run led Mr. Whitney to hold his own aspirations in abeyance.

Mr. Douglas at last came out this morning with a statement which, while characteristically equivocal and leaving the ground open for his accepting the nomination in case it should be forced upon him by the party, did substantially withdraw his name. Mr. Whitney accordingly concluded that the time had come for him to speak and to announce his desire for the Democratic nomination.

CONCESSIONS TO GERMANY.

Points in the New Tariff Agreement—Exports Prices to Rule.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, May 1.—According to the Lokal-Anzeiger, which is probably well informed, the chief customs concessions made by the United States in the new German-American agreement are as follows: The export price, not the market value, will be taken as the basis of appraisal in the case of foods exclusively intended for export or which are only put on the home market in limited quantities.

Statements as to the cost of production will in the future only be demanded from Consuls when the customs authorities especially request such statements. The exporter will not have to appear personally before a Consul save for special reasons.

Invoices can be indorsed by a Consul at the places where the contract is made. The power of a Consul to demand that invoices be sworn to is abolished, and in case of reappraisal the proceedings shall be in the presence of the parties interested or their representatives.

DIAMOND BRACELET FOR BOND. Mrs. William N. Cromwell Puts Up Valuable Surety for Release of Chauffeur. Robert Thwaites, a chauffeur employed by William Nelson Cromwell of 12 West 49th street was arrested for speeding on the viaduct at 153th street and St. Nicholas avenue last night by Bicycle Policeman Gibson. Mrs. Cromwell and three women friends were in the car.

When the driver was taken to the West 152d street station Mrs. Cromwell gave a diamond bracelet she valued at \$3,000 as security for his appearance in court.

PETERS INDICTED NOW.

Along With Clifford and Cronin in M. O. L. Vote Deal Scandal.

Henry Clay Peters, intellectual giant of the Board of Aldermen, who says William E. Hearst is a squeezed lemon, was indicted yesterday by the Grand Jury for perjury. There are two indictments against him. An indictment for bribery was also filed against Alderman William S. Clifford, and Alderman John S. Cronin was indicted for perjury. They are all M. O. L. men.

After Clifford had been arrested on a charge of accepting \$6,000 to swing the M. O. L. men for ex-Judge Henry B. Cowling Recorder, Peters, it is charged, perjured himself at hearings before Magistrate Whitman and the Grand Jury in swearing that he didn't know all the M. O. L. Aldermen had agreed to vote for Judge Cowling. Cronin swore to the same thing. All will be arraigned to-day.

MERRY DELVANY COME HERE.

He Tells Bishop of Leavenworth, Who Has Audience With the Pope. Bishop Lillis of Leavenworth, Mo., has granted an audience to Bishop Lillis of Leavenworth. He expressed gratification with the growth of the Church in America, and he hoped it would prove a power for the welfare of a great and promising country. Consolation was afforded him by the manifestations of sympathy of the American people in his position respecting the French crisis.

The Bishop presented to the Pope the Rev. Fathers MacInerney and Burke of Kansas, Augustin of Missouri, Clark and Menan of Rhode Island and Jenkins of Kentucky. He also presented Peter's Pence to the amount of \$12,000 to the Pope. He then visited Cardinal Merry del Val, who said he hoped in the future to visit the Western and middle towns of America.

FRED HANLON MISSING.

Former Racing Official Seeks Home His Christmas Money. Fred Hanlon of Voorhes avenue and East Twenty-first street, Sheepshead Bay, a former secretary of the Coney Island Jockey Club, left home on Saturday after a quarrel with his wife. A package was received through the mail on Tuesday containing Hanlon's watch and \$200 in money. Closely following this a letter came saying that Hanlon would be dead as the result of a stroke before his receipt.

The note contained a farewell message to the children, of whom there are three, Catherine, 9 years old; Everett, 17, and May, 18. A brother of Hanlon told the family that he had seen him in New York about the time the postmark showed the letter to have been mailed and that he appeared cheerful. "The family is," Hanlon said, "I just wrote my wife a letter."

PRICED IN U. S. MONEY.

New Scheme of London Department Store to Win Tourist Custom. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, May 1.—Harrod's, one of the largest department stores in the West End, has shown enterprises in catering to American visitors. It is displaying goods priced both in American and English currency.

In view of the extraordinary influx of Americans the proprietors expect that the scheme will prove a big success. It has never been tried here before.

MANY HURT IN CHICAGO FIRE.

Women Leap in Panic From Upper Floors of a Restaurant. CHICAGO, May 1.—More than two score men and women were injured in a fire which attacked a five story building at 255 Wabash avenue at noon to-day. The Story & Clark Piano Company occupied the first floor, while the upper floors are used by the Lotus Lunch Club, which caters almost exclusively to women, and it was there the fire found most of its victims.

The flames spread so rapidly that they reached the lunch room before the patrons had recovered from the first fright. Then the women rushed to the fire escapes and the stairways, and many of them fell down the stairs or dropped to the street, so great was the excitement. Fifteen women were injured by falling from the fire escapes on the Wabash avenue side of the building. Several more leaped from windows in the second and third floors and suffered serious injuries.

Ex-Policeman Becomes a Pastor. John E. Brown, the ex-policeman of Brooklyn who has been engaged in evangelistic work since he left the force six years ago, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Gospel Mission Church at Evergreen avenue and Moffat street, and will take charge on Sunday next.

RECTOR GONE AND GIRL MISSING

THE REV. J. K. COOKE AND MISS WHALEY LEAVE HEMPSTEAD.

Girl Writes to Her Grandmother That She Loves the Rector More Than Home and Won't Return—His Wife is in Hartford—August Belmont is Senior Warden.

HEMPSTEAD, L. I., May 1.—The vestrymen of St. George's Episcopal Church, of which August Belmont is senior warden, are investigating the meaning of two letters received here to-day which concern the Rev. Jere Knode Cooke, rector of the church, and Miss Floretta Whaley, an orphan of means, whose father just before death gave her into the special charge of Mr. Cooke. The letters received are from Miss Whaley.

Mr. Cooke is 38 years old and has been married for five years. Miss Whaley is not yet 18. One of the letters was written to Miss Whaley's grandmother, Mrs. Mary Whaley, with whom she lived with her sister. The other letter was written to a girl school friend. Both were to the same effect. In the letter to her grandmother she said that she loved her grandmother and sister and that she also loved her home, but that she loved Mr. Cooke better, and that when that letter was received they would be out of the country.

Miss Whaley left Hempstead on Monday, as she told her grandmother and sister, to visit friends in New York. Her grandmother gave her money to buy a spring outfit and expected her home last night. She did not go where she said she was going nor did she return. When she did not come back Mrs. Whaley became alarmed and began an investigation which ended when the letter was received from her. It was postmarked Jersey City.

Mr. Cooke went to Manhattan yesterday to marry Miss Rachel Kennedy and Birdsell Porter, Jr. He did not return. When August Belmont, the verger of St. George's Church, entered the robing room this morning he saw that the safe was open and that all the rector's personal effects were gone. The rector drew his month's salary ahead of time, and this and the fee which he received for the Porter-Kennedy wedding is all the money he is supposed to have. He has many more friends here than he does know where he got it.

Mr. Cooke was married five years ago to Miss Matilda Clark of Hartford, who is now with her father at 821 Prospect avenue in that city. Mrs. Cooke left here several days ago for Hartford to spend a few days. For some time there has been talk among the residents of the village over the statement that the rector was paying to Miss Whaley and several letters, it is said, had been sent to Mrs. Cooke anonymously regarding her husband's affairs.

Mr. Cooke was curate at Grace Church, Baltimore, before he received the call to Hempstead, and has had success at St. George's. He has a pleasing presence and is a good talker. He has built a parish house and has raised a large sum to have the church remodelled inside and overhauled outside. He has recently succeeded in having a large sum raised for the improvement of the Sunday school building. In all he has raised nearly \$100,000.

Among the congregation of St. George's Church are August Belmont, who was a warm personal friend of the rector and frequently entertained him at his residence here. H. Van Rensselaer Kennedy, who also has a large estate here, is a member of the church and close friend of the rector. Others in the congregation are Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Havermyer, Mrs. Sidney Dillon Ripley, H. M. Harriman, who recently gave \$5,000 for the parish house and whose father was a former rector of the church, and many of the members of the Meadow Brook Club who summer here attend the church. It is one of the oldest in this country. Its first communion service was presented by Queen Anne.

Miss Whaley's father died a year ago leaving her and her elder sister an ample fortune. It is said that each will be worth \$125,000. Not long ago Mrs. Whaley called on the clergyman to care for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the girls, who would soon be without a father's guidance, as they were already without a mother's. Mr. Cooke promised to undertake the trust sacredly. Floretta is comely and has been popular in the village younger social set.

Inally five years ago Mr. and Mrs. Cooke were in a trolley accident here, in which both were injured, and some of the members of the church think that his mind was partly affected from that accident. He was ill for over a year and was sent to Europe to recover. Mrs. Whaley says the letter she received indicated that he was about to board a steamship to sail for a foreign shore. The letter to the girl friend said that the friend would never see her again.

The wardens of St. George's Church are August Belmont and Adam Seabury. The vestrymen are B. V. Clowes, Borsdall Post, C. F. Norton, B. R. Carman, J. W. B. Vandewater and George W. Earle. After a long consultation last night over the disappearance of Mr. Cooke, at the house of August Belmont, the conferees, Mr. Belmont, Adam Seabury, J. W. B. Vandewater and B. R. Carman, left in one of Mr. Belmont's automobiles to put the matter before Bishop Burgess in Garden City.

HARTFORD, May 1.—Mrs. Cooke, wife of the Rev. J. K. Cooke, says she knows nothing of the reported disappearance of her husband and Miss Floretta Whaley. Mrs. Cooke came to Hartford on Monday to visit her father, Rhenzi Clarke of 121 Prospect avenue. Her husband, she said, had told her he was going on a visit to Baltimore, where he was an assistant rector a few years ago. She declares she does not believe that her husband and Miss Whaley have eloped. She is going back to Hempstead to-morrow morning to look into the matter.

Mr. Cooke was graduated from Pennsylvania College in western Pennsylvania in 1880, and studied in the Berkeley Divinity School and at Yale. He was ordained in 1888 in the ministry of the Episcopal church at Middletown, Conn., by the late Bishop Williams. He was rector of Christ Church in East Haven, Conn., in 1892. He left there to be an assistant in Grace Church, Baltimore, where he was until 1901. He has been rector of St. George's Church since that time.

After all, THE REV. J. K. COOKE and MISS WHALEY were in Hartford, Conn., on Monday night, May 1, 1907.