WIFE SUES PROFESSOR; SUDDENLY DISAPPEARS

Friends Search Sanitariums With Writs for Mrs. Elizabeth Curtis Brenton.

FEAR SHE IS DETAINED

The Rev. Dr. Brenton Opposes Search and Will Contest Divorce Action.

HARTFORD, Oct. 15.—In an action filed in the Hartford County Superior Court to-day, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Curtis Brenton asks for an absolute divorce from her husband, the Rev. Dr. Cranston Brenton, professor of English literature, lecturer and candidate for suffragan bishop of the Connecticut Episcopal Diocese.

The suit itself caused a profound sensation in Hartford society, where the professor and his wife are well known and liked, but friends were amazed when it became known that the ground for the complaint was intolerable cruelty.

To add to the complicated situation Mrs. Brenton is now mysteriously missing and lawyers and detectives whom her friends have employed to solve the puzzle of her disappearance report that she may have been taken to some sanitarium.

Besides a divorce, Mrs. Brenton's lawyer has caused the writ to demand the custody of the six-year-old son, and because of this count especially it is understood that the Rev. Dr. Brenton intends to contest the suit vigorously. Mrs. Brenton, who is the daughter of the late Dr. Jonathan F. Curtis, was married to the gifted and eloquent young professor in 1904.

Some mutual friends are anxious to-night to have it believed that Mrs. Brenton was at Linden Lodge in Brattleboro, Vt. Her counsel, Edward W. Broder, had not heard of it, he said. Mrs. Brenton's best friends have been unable to find that she has been committed to any institution, but they seem to fear that her signature to some document has been secured and that she is being detained in a sanatorium.

Several habeas corpus writs have been issued but the heads of hospitals and sanatoriums who were served could not produce the woman and so the writs were not returned to court. Prof. Brenton has resented what he considers unwarranted interference and has tried to dissuade his wife's friends from resorting to the State courts. This seemed only to add to the zeal of the searchers and they appealed to Judge William H. Bennett of the Superior Court when he was in Middletown and got another habeas corpus writ to try to locate Mrs. Brenton in Cromwell, which is near Middletown in Middlesex county.

The friends of Mrs. Brenton prosecuted their search into Woodmont and other places and did not desist until it was reported to-night that Mrs. Brenton was in the Vermont institution, where her lawyer, Mr. Broder, will visit her.

Three days before the opening of the Connecticut Fair at Charter Oak Park last month Mrs. Brenton met with other prominent women, who were to have charge of departments in the Child's Welfare exhibit, and went over charts and exhibits with all the apparent acuteness of mind of any of her associates. The next day Mrs. Brenton was missing.

She sent no word as to the reason of her absence and when the fair opened and Mrs. Brenton did not appear her friends who had seen her on Vernon street with her son but a few days before thought a sudden illness had befallen her and inquiry was made. But Mrs. Brenton had disappeared completely.

CHINESE GUNMEN HELD.

Fifth Victim of Tong War, a Trainman, Dies in Hospital.

The five Chinamen who are accused of participating in the shooting affray which startled the sleepy eyed inhabitants of Pell street Monday were arraigned yesterday in the Tombs Court before Magistrate Breen and were held for an inquest before Coroner Holtzhauser to-day.

They are Gee Young, a restaurant keeper at 18 Mott street; Hong Fong, Sam Dong, Jim Quick and Lu Way, the man who, it is said, started the fray.

Missionaries of the City Mission yesterday tried in vain to get Hong Fong released so that he might attend the funeral of his brother, on whom Lu Way first opened fire.

Dennis D. Sweeney, a freight conductor on the Erie Railroad, living in Zabriskie street, Jersey City, who was one of the innocent bystanders wounded at the first outbreak of shots, died yesterday in the Hudson street hospital, making the fifth death as a result of the shooting.

Chinatown has assumed its accustomed calm again and except for the presence of a few extra plain clothes men loitering about the narrow streets and the watchfulness of the patrolmen on post life in the Oriental quarter went on as usual.

DETERIORATE IN HIGH SCHOOL.

East Orange Youngsters Better Physically Than Others.

A physical examination of East Orange high school boys just made public shows that the boys deteriorate as they grow older. Addicted to smoking in the first year are 12 per cent., the second, 25 per cent.; the third, 22 per cent. and the fourth 32 per cent.

In the first year the percentage of round shoulders is 45, the second, 33; the third, 64 and the fourth 51. Uneven shoulders are found among 14 per cent. of the first year; the second, 23; the third 32 and the fourth 32. Weak feet appear in 11 per cent. of the first year boys, 26 of the second, 29 of the third and 30 of the fourth.

A summary of the examination shows: Round shoulders, 145, or 42 per cent.; right shoulder low, 83, or 24 per cent.; left shoulder low, 39, or 11 per cent.; flat chested, 8; pigeon breast, 2; curvature of the spine, 10; hollow back, 9; knock knees, 8; flat foot, 72, or 20 per cent.; head forward, 33; use tobacco, 67; cannot swim, 80, or 23 per cent.

Thirty-three per cent. of the first year boys can swim, but only 15 per cent. of the second year class; 13 per cent. of the third year and 20 per cent. of the fourth year.

RYAN WILLS FUND TO POOR.

Residuary Estate to Be Used for Them When Widow Dies.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 15.—The will of the late Thomas J. Ryan disposes of an estate of about $100,000. The real estate and all personal property go to his widow. His business enterprises are to be conducted by his executors, Mrs. Ryan to receive the income from them. After she dies the residuary estate is given in trust to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Augustine's Catholic Church "for the purpose of furnishing flour, wood and coal to the needy poor residing in the Sixth ward of Philadelphia, where Mr. Ryan always lived.

ANOTHER AMERICAN KIDNAPPED

Arthur McCormick, Ranch Manager, Also Held by Mexican Rebels.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—Advices received by the State Department to-day tell of the kidnapping of John T. Cameron from the Mexico Northwestern train by Mexican rebels Sunday morning, and that two Americans instead of one are being held for ransom. The other prisoner of the rebels is Arthur McCormick, manager of the Palemas ranch, in Mexico near the Texas border.

The first unofficial news of the raid by the rebels on the train told of the looting of the mail and the baggage cars and of the capture of Cameron.

According to the advices received to-day Cameron and, presumably, McCormick are prisoners of Salazar at the Cinco Mayo mine, 125 miles south of Juarez. The point at which the train was held up was only a few miles south of Juarez.

The American officials at Juarez protested to Gen. Aubert with reference to the brigandage. Gen. Aubert, as an excuse for the occurrence, said that the railroad company objected to his putting guards on its trains. The State Department was informed late to-day, however, that Gen. Aubert had sent troops to the rescue of the men. Mrs. Cameron is in Juarez.

The price demanded by the rebels as ransom for Cameron is $15,000. Only $5,000 is demanded for the release of McCormick. Representations for the release of both have been made to the Federal Government at Mexico city by the American Ambassador.

The Governor of Sonora asserts that 4,000 rebels have been driven from that State in the last two months. Only small bands are operating in Sonora now. Refugees from the State of Mexico are still pouring into Mexico city.

Many rebels are reported to have surrendered to the Federal authorities in nearby States.

DUNKIRK, N. Y., Oct. 15.—B. B. Bentley, a former citizen of Dunkirk, but for some time a contractor in Mexico, was recently jailed in Mexico and brutally treated along with another American, C. W. Richards of El Paso. They were kept in a dungeon one day and night without food and then released through the efforts of Mrs. Richards through influential friends. While in jail Bentley was threatened with death several times.

"WILSON CANNOT LOSE"—BRYAN.

Old Campaigner Has Figured It Out Mathematically Too.

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—"Wilson cannot lose."

This is the election prophecy which William Jennings Bryan makes after touring fifteen States in the West and receiving reports from his confidential correspondents in all parts of the country.

"I believe that Wilson will do as Roosevelt did in 1904, run far ahead of the normal party vote," said Mr. Bryan on arriving in Chicago to-day from Iowa, and just before leaving with Edward F. Dunne for a tour of Illinois. He added:

"I have been as far west as the Pacific and I have carefully noted conditions in each of the fifteen States I have visited. I do not see how they can defeat Wilson.

"Take it as a mathematical problem. The Republicans have about 7,500,000 votes. We have about 6,500,000. If you divide the 7,500,000 between Roosevelt and Taft in anything like equal proportions the success of Wilson is certain. Wilson is holding Democratic votes and he is gaining Republican votes, and is likely to gain still more as the campaign closes because each of the factions of the Republican party is anxious to defeat the other."

Mr. Bryan's first word on arriving was an inquiry about Mr. Roosevelt's condition and he sought news at frequent intervals before his train left. He expressed gratification on hearing that the wound was not dangerous.

PLAN BIG PARADE FOR NOV. 2.

Gov. Wilson Will Review Thousands Marching Up Broadway.

Gov. Wilson will review a parade on Saturday, November 2, which promises to be the biggest Democratic demonstration seen in this city since the Cleveland campaign of 1892. Mayor Gaynor, Representative Sulzer and Gov. Marshall have been asked to help him.

The Woodrow Wilson College Men's League had projected a parade for next Saturday, winding up with a speech by Gov. Wilson in Madison Square Garden. But the Democratic National Committee got into the game, proposed a great combination parade for the Saturday before election and got the league's consent to a postponement. Gov. Wilson will be here on next Saturday, but probably his only speech will be in the Brooklyn Academy of Music at night.

The route of the parade will be from Bowling Green up Broadway to Waverley place, thence to Fifth avenue. Street Cleaning Commissioner William H. Edwards will be grand marshal. Every sort of business has been invited to send marchers.

National Chairman McCombs thinks that 5,000 men from New Jersey will participate. Parade headquarters will be at the Imperial Hotel.

NO PENROSE STATE TICKET.

Pennsylvania Republicans Fear Party Has No Candidates.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 15.—For the first time in its history the Republican party probably will have no State ticket in the field at the November election. There will be candidates on the ballot under the emblem of the Republican party, but yesterday the Republican city committee, the dominant Penrose body in the State, practically decided to refuse to indorse that ticket.

A committee was appointed to wait upon Robert K. Young, the candidate for Attorney-General, and A. W. Powell, the candidate for State Treasurer, to ask them if they are Republicans or Progressives. Both men were nominated at the order of William Flinn, the Progressive leader of the State, at the Harrisburg Republican convention last May.

"CARRIED AWAY BY ROOSEVELT"

Negro District Captain Says He Has Returned to Taft.

Edward A. Smith, a negro lawyer and an election district captain of the Progressive party in the Thirteenth Assembly district, left the party yesterday and went over to President Taft.

"I cannot support Col. Roosevelt," he said in a letter to County Chairman F. W. Bird, "because the party which he represents is all wrong upon the question of the rights of my race. I came to this conclusion long ago, but have been carried away by the personality of Col. Roosevelt."

POLITICAL EVENTS TO-DAY.

President Taft addresses American Antiquarian Society at Worcester, Mass.

Woodrow Wilson speaks in Wilmington, Del.

Gov. Johnson speaks in Ohio.

Joe Hedges speaks in Frankfort, Ilion, Herkimer, Little Falls, St. Johnsville, Fort Plain, Palatine Bridge, Fonda, Johnstown, Gloversville.

William Sulzer speaks in The Bronx, afternoon; at Tammany Hall ratification meeting, to-night.

Oscar Straus speaks in Geneva, Dresden, Penn Yan, Dundee, Watkins, Corning, Bath.

OLD TELEPOST COMPANY HAS ANOTHER SCHEME

Under New Name It Tries Litigation to Aid in Selling Stock.

SAME MEN BEHIND IT

Charges New York Telephone Company Is "Discriminating" Against It.

Every year or so it becomes necessary for THE SUN to tell the history of the Telepost Company because it blossoms out in a new name and with new arguments to get money from the public for stock in a concern that is going to cut the telegraph rates and make things lively for the old companies.

The arguments used are generally so plausible that they would be effective if the company's record could be kept in the dark.

The latest occasion for Telepost history is the hearing before the Public Service Commission, Second Department, of the complaint by the Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company of New York that the New York Telephone Company is discriminating against it by refusing it service and refusing to put the company's name in the telephone directory.

Vice-President H. Lee Sellers of the Metropolitan Company told the commission that this was because the Metropolitan is coming into New York State with a telegraph service that will take messages between New York and Chicago for between a quarter of a cent and a cent a word.

The New York Telephone Company based its refusal on purely legal grounds, stating that the Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company was absorbed by the New York Telephone Company in 1896 and $1,500,000 of its bonds are still outstanding and guaranteed by the New York Telephone Company.

The New York Telephone Company suspects, however, that the name of the old company has been chosen by the Sellers concern to enable it to sell its securities more easily.

Chairman Stevens of the commission wanted to know at the outset of the hearing whether the Sellers Company had applied to the commission for a certificate of convenience and necessity and for permission to issue its $10,000 of outstanding capital stock. Mr. Sellers didn't know that the law required it, he said, but would see that the directors were called together to take action to that end.

Accordingly, for the information of the commission when the application is filed, and for any one who is solicited to buy stock or bonds of the new Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company, the history of the Telepost Company is now told.

It was organized in 1901 under New York laws with a capital of $100,000, and H. Lee Sellers was there at the start; in 1907 it was incorporated in Maine with an authorized capital of $18,000,000. It is this concern which has figured in THE SUN columns before. The New York corporation of 1901 was dissolved in 1908, and on the same day a New York corporation was formed to construct or operate telephone or telegraph lines wholly or partly within the State. It is upon this alleged franchise of an "operating" company that the $18,000,000 stock in the Maine concern has been pedled for the past four years.

The Telepost Company has had a few experimental wires working in various parts of the country as a basis for selling stock.

A year ago a number of the offices were closed up because there was no money to pay the operators, and Mr. Sellers then announced that a plan was being considered which would provide the company with all the money it needed to construct its line between Chicago and New York and keep its employees paid.

The Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company is the "plan." The Telepost stockholders voted to organize it on August 29 last as a Telepost subsidiary, with power to issue $3,000,000 of 6 per cent. coupon collateral trust gold bonds.

These bonds are not only supposed to pay 6 per cent. to the buyers, and guaranteed by the Telepost company, which may or may not be as strong as the rock of Gibraltar, but the owner of the bond is entitled to 10 per cent. a year in "service coupons." That is, if there are any Telepost wires running the bondholder can send free telegrams to that amount. Furthermore, if the bonds are ever called in the holders can collect 10 per cent. premium or turn the premium into Telepost stock if they prefer it.

Instead of waiting for bond subscriptions to come in the Telepost concern has hit on a scheme for stirring up the natives. An engraved "warrant for subscription" is sent by registered mail to each Telepost stockholder.

WEDS RICH OLD EMPLOYER.

Telephone Girl's Wedding Present Said to Be $50,000.

HARTFORD, Conn., Oct. 15.—Col. Patrick McGovern, 63 years old, of the Ætna Life Insurance Company, former State Senator, Republican political leader and the richest Irishman in Connecticut, was married this afternoon to his telephone operator, Julia Pillsbury Kinghorn, a girl half her husband's age. The couple started this evening to spend their honeymoon in New York.

The ceremony was performed in the rectory of the Church of the Immaculate Conception by the pastor, the Rev. Michael A. Sullivan. Col. McGovern was born in Ireland and is a Catholic, but as his wife is not the marriage ceremony included no part of the church ceremonial. It is reported that Col. McGovern gave his bride a wedding present of $50,000.

An effort was made to have the ceremony as quiet as possible. Because of a recent death in the bride's family few of her relatives were present. Her sister, Miss Lillian I. Kinghorn, was her maid of honor and Terence McGovern attended his uncle.

Col. McGovern is one of the largest stockholders of the Ætna Life Insurance Company and is a trusted lieutenant in the political manœuvres of the company's president, former United States Senator Morgan G. Bulkeley. He gets his military title from being Colonel of the Hibernian Rifles of Hartford. His first wife died a number of years ago.

HURRAH FINISH FOR CAMPAIGN.

Wilson Managers Will Have Senator Gore Here Until Election.

A hurrah finish for the Wilson campaign is to be planned at a meeting of the national campaign committee in the Fifth Avenue Building to-day. All the Eastern committeemen will be there except Josephus Daniels, who is still kept at home in Raleigh, N. C., by the illness of his two sons.

In addition Senator Gore will come here from the Chicago headquarters, Senator Obadiah Gardner from Maine, Mayor Preston from Baltimore and several Westerners who were active in Champ Clark's fight for the nomination. Senator Gore probably will stay in New York until the finish. Chairman McCombs and others think him one of the shrewdest campaigners in the party and his counsel is desired at headquarters.

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While Miss Henrietta Schwarz, a social worker for the Bronx Settlement Organization, with Miss Frances Eberly was walking along Fifth avenue between Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh streets yesterday noon a thief opened her bag and stole $5. She felt a tug at the bag and turned quickly. Behind her was a young man who passed her. When Miss Schwarz discovered her loss she and Miss Eberly followed him.

When he entered a saloon Miss Schwarz sent Policeman Hale, who was at the crossing, to the side door while she waited at the front door. The young man promptly walked into the arms of Hale. He denied Miss Schwarz's charge of theft.

In the Jefferson Market court he said he was Joseph Harris, 24 years old, a salesman, living at 534 East 138th street. Magistrate Barlow held him in $500 bail till to-morrow.

CALLS BUTLER INCONSISTENT.

Writer Criticises Columbia's Illumination for the Fleet.

A student at Columbia University who signs himself "Pax" in the *Spectator* sees inconsistency in the attitude of President Nicholas Murray Butler on the peace question. He says:

Does it not seem curious that Columbia University, whose president is a prominent worker in the cause of international peace, should celebrate the presence of the United States navy, for thus do I interpret the grand illumination of our buildings on the past three nights? President Butler is head of the American Association for International Conciliation, of the Mohawk Conference on International Arbitration, of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, all of which organizations have for their object not only the limitation but the abolition of armaments, an aim wholly incompatible with the ideals and purposes which that appalling horde of gray monsters down the river represents.

CITY JOTTINGS.

Red Phil Davidson, who shot and killed Jack Zeilg, entered a plea of not guilty to a first degree murder indictment before Judge Swann in General Sessions court yesterday. He was represented by James W. Osborne, whom the court appointed on Monday as his attorney when Davidson said he was without money.

The Appellate Division in Brooklyn yesterday affirmed a verdict giving Miss Annie Crowley, 18 years old, of Long Island City, $2,250 for the loss of the index and second fingers of her right hand, which were cut off a year ago when she was operating a machine in the plant of a drug company in Long Island City.

A fire yesterday in a six story tenement house at 152-54 Seigel street, Williamsburg, caused excitement among the pupils of a large public school near by. The blaze did about $2,000 damage.

Plans for a five story hotel in Orange street, Brooklyn, opposite Plymouth Church, to cost $81,000, were filed yesterday. Frank L. Ferguson, who keeps a hotel in Jamaica, is the owner and will manage the new hostelry.

The English Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. James, L. I., filed a contest in the Surrogate's Court yesterday of the will of Adelaide F. Ockershausen. The testatrix left $5,000 to the church under a codicil to her will executed in 1905, but made another codicil last July, in which she revoked the legacy to the church. It is alleged that she was of unsound mind.

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SYMS IN PSYCOPATHIC WARD.

Educator Sent to Bellevue Hospital Second Time.

Robert Syms, founder of the Syms School, at 49 East Sixty-first street, was taken from the home of his brother, Dr. Parker Syms, at 540 Park avenue, to the psychopathic ward at Bellevue last night. He will remain at the hospital for ten days observation.

An ambulance was sent at the request of his brother. A policeman was summoned from the East Sixty-seventh street station, but when he arrived he was told that his services were not required. The physicians at Bellevue said that Mr. Syms was suffering from a slight mental depression. They expressed belief that he would recover shortly.

Mr. Syms was taken to the psycopathic ward in March, 1909. At that time he made a disturbance in a boarding house in which he was living.

TAFT EXTENDS CIVIL SERVICE.

President Classifies All Fourth Class Postmasters.

President Taft yesterday signed an executive order placing all fourth class postmasters in the classified service.

This action was taken upon the recommendation of Postmaster-General Hitchcock, who was a member of President Taft's party on the naval yacht Mayflower yesterday to witness the fleet review.

There are about 60,000 fourth-class postmasters in the service. About 15,000 are already in the classified service and under the new order all the others will be placed under the protection of the civil service regulations.

The order is in line with the President's policy of extending the civil service system and removing Federal officeholders as much as possible from political influences.

PRESSES HEIKE'S APPEAL.

Government Wants Convicted Sugar Man's Case Brought Up.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—A motion was made in the Supreme Court to-day by the Solicitor-General to advance the appeal of Charles R. Heike of New York, convicted in the Federal court in connection with the sugar frauds. The Solicitor-General asked for an early hearing on the case.

Chief Justice White announced that the court had granted the request of counsel for a continuance of the case of the State of New Jersey against the Lehigh Valley Railroad, brought to recover $1,000,000 in back taxes on property of the railroad acquired by a lease from the Morris Canal Company.

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