

WOMAN HER OWN JUDGE AS TO POLITICAL RIGHTS

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EDUCATION A FACTOR

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equally have disappeared as completely as those for denying to woman private rights, and that a sound public opinion must confer upon her those rights which the dominant opinion of her sex indicates will tend to her greater usefulness and dignity.

Not only would such an evolution in the law, following the necessary changes in public opinion, impose greater rights but also corresponding obligations.

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WESTMINSTER ABBEY'S TRADING PLACE BURNS

But Owner of City's Famous Shop of All Nations Will Start Up Again.

HIS "COMBOBOLATION" LOST

First Astor Had to Sleep in Abbey's Barn When He Brought Skunk Skins.

"Westminster Abbey," New York's most famous trading place, situated in a four story and basement brick building at 61 Front street, down among the bag and coffee houses, was cleaned out by fire yesterday afternoon, breaking the heart and the regular routine of its owner, Westminster Abbey, successor to the business of his father of the same name, who started it in 1830.

The store was a landmark and one of the sights of the city for the initiated. It was stocked with every conceivable thing under the stars that a human being might possibly want, running all the way from a Mexican war gun to the last postcard picture of the Woolworth Building.

There were dolls from China, harness from up-State farms, prayer rugs from Persia, straw hats from Baxter street, real oil paintings, tiger skins from India, rubber boots, well thumbed Bibles, army outfits, bales of silk, sailors' kits, pairs of hardwood fish, live preservers, tents, "good mixed tea at 20 cents a pound" and 10,000 other things.

Early yesterday afternoon, while West Abbey was sitting in his office on the first floor trying to sell an oil painting to a man and his wife, Ben Sykes, one of his helpers, who comes from an old Yorkshire family of royal blood, saw a bright flash at the top of the stairway on the second floor, and two seconds later yelled down that "the abbey was on fire."

Tom Foley, Charlie Murphy and Inspector Lahay, West's other helpers, did their utmost to save what they could, but they were absolutely helpless. In a jiffy the place was a mass of flame. Somebody sent in an alarm and when the firemen came the blaze looked to be such a mighty bad one that Deputy Fire Chief Martia turned in a second alarm. Even that didn't help much and West's wonders of the world were soon but memories.

While neighbors crowded about him with words of sympathy West leaned against the front of a building across the street and talked about the vanished glories of his shop. "There don't appear to be much left of the comboblation of the abbey, do they?" said he sadly.

"My business was my hobby," he went on, "and it's hard luck to have it go like this. Just think. This is the first fire we have had in the abbey since I started the business eighty-two years ago. However, I'm not down and out, and I'm going to start her up again."

Westminster Abbey was founded by the old curiosity shop, was born in Keene, N. H. He later lived at Pawling up in Westchester county and after refusing an offer to buy what is now known as Coney Island for \$200,000, he moved to 61 Front street, buying the place from folks who needed the money and getting rid of them at a profit. West, who is a second generation storekeeper, the profession extremely uninteresting and finally gave up law altogether for the allurements of the abbey.

"See the old gun?" he pointed to a Mexican war gun that he bought in 1830 and resold for \$150 from one of the Van Rensselaers. "I couldn't part with it."

"What did I have in the abbey? There was a comboblation of it of most everything, I guess. If you didn't want what you wanted, all you had to do was to ask for it."

"Business good? Sure it was. I never advertised, but when I got hold of anything good all I did was to send out circulars and the folks would come. There were Judge Goff, that big Untermyer lawyer fellow, Barnes, the politician, and lots of others."

"We once had the old chain, made at the Sterling forge, which was stretched across the Hudson River from West Point to Constitution Island in the Revolutionary war to keep the British boats from going up. You remember about that? Well, we sold sixteen links of that to the late Mayor Hewitt."

"I'm mighty glad there's one thing that the fire didn't get," West added, "and that is the spyglass that Commodore Perry used when he fought the battle. It was made back in 1802. I had it in the safe and as soon as Ben Sykes yelled out that the place was on fire I ran to the safe and looked it up."

In rehearsing some of his family history the keeper of the abbey said: "My grandfather was a great friend of the late John Jacob Astor. Astor was in the habit of staying at the abbey when he was on his way to New York and staying over night. Grandfather always made him sleep in the barn and took him for a walk in the woods. One of the small of 'em wouldn't wake up grandfather."

Westminster said he hadn't the slightest idea what his "comboblation" of stuff was worth before the blaze.

COURT MAKES \$7 A MINUTE. Magistrate, in Hurry, Fines Offending Autoists Et Al. in Record Time. Magistrate Keyran J. O'Connor, working under high pressure in the Jefferson Market court yesterday, broke all speed records in the trial of cases. In just forty minutes he heard and disposed of eighty-five cases of violation of the highway law and sanitary code and incidentally, in imposing fines aggregating \$280, made the city's earning capacity of \$7 a minute approximate the reported earning capacity of John D. Rockefeller's wealth.

The clerks with which some of the speeding motorists summoned were separated from their money made them feel that their machines were outdistanced when matched with the law once set in motion. The line of defendants waiting to pay their fines stood at the chief clerk's desk six and seven deep, but they were not kept waiting long. Only forenoon sessions are held in the Market court and the remaining cases are disposed of in the afternoon. Magistrate O'Connor held the court in the afternoon and disposed of many of the cases. He maintained his advantage until adjournment.

DENIED ALIMONY; GETS DECREE.

One Judge Considered Actress's Case Weak—Another Didn't.

Although Supreme Court Justice Greenbaum recently refused to grant alimony to Mrs. Catherine Barton, an actress, pending her suit for a separation from Homer Barton, an actor in "The Man of the Hour," on the ground that there wasn't any likelihood that she would succeed in her case, Justice Gavegan gave a decree to her yesterday.

Mrs. Barton got her decree in spite of the further fact that her husband sued her for divorce in Missouri a few months ago and won his case by default. Justice Gavegan decided that the Missouri decree is not valid here.

Mrs. Barton said she married Barton in 1908 in order that she might leave the stage and have a home, but as soon as she became his wife he demanded that she go to work. He has provided only six weeks board and \$60 in money since he married her, Mrs. Barton said. She testified that he left her because he thought she brought him bad luck.

In Barton's suit for Missouri divorce it is testified that his wife treated him cruelly by speaking deridingly of his work and paying most of the time. "Mutual forbearance and confidence should restore harmony. The theatrical consequences of Missouri divorce are not to be established a fixed abode, due to the necessity of travelling from place to place, doubtless has much to do with their misunderstanding. But these conditions were fully understood by them and it is their duty to recognize the sanctity of the marriage relationship and reconcile their differences."

OUTSIDERS START RIOT AT FORDHAM'S STADIUM

Go Over Fence at Football Game, and Specials Charge Them.

When the Fordham University football team and the eleven from Albright College, Myerstown, Pa., lined up on the gridiron at the Fordham stadium yesterday afternoon, a detail of a half dozen special policemen were patrolling along the outskirts of the athletic field. The university authorities have been getting a good deal of trouble from boys and young men who live in the Italian settlement about Fordham and who crowd their way into the school games without paying admission and make trouble. They rather expected something would happen at yesterday's game. It did.

Just at the conclusion of the second period of the football contest the specials and the neighborhood crowd clashed. Stones were flying in the northeastern part of the field, the specials charged the gang and in the mixup a dozen shots were fired.

The trouble began at an exciting period in the game, just as Fordham was making a score, and the loyal students stuck to the grandstand and yelled for their team. When the period was over, and that came in a few minutes, for the timekeepers did not watch their second hands too closely, the students and visitors made a rush for the scene of the fracas and were quiet. The special policemen were getting the worst of it when Detective Siegelman of 536 East Thirty-sixth street, in charge of the specials, kept his men patrolling that part of the field.

Jeers and insults came from the visitors. Pretty soon a group formed a circle about one of the specials and started to rush him down the hill. This was the signal for the specials to get into the line. Some of the roughs were shouting. Siegelman reported to the regular police that he then drew his revolver and fired a shot. Other shots were heard, but no one was hurt. The regular police and Sergeant Walsh with eight policemen hurried over from the Bronx.

When the reserves got there quiet had been restored and the football game was under way again, the intermission having expired. They formed a line and first got the roughs settled in their grandstand seats again and kept the others back. The game was completed and Fordham won by a score of 13 to 6.

Just after the game, a crowd of about whose home backs upon the Fordham grounds, found one of his pet pigeons dead in the yard. Examination showed that the bird had been shot. Then he went over to the ball grounds.

"You've shot my \$3 prize pigeon," you heard a special policeman say, "and you must get me another."

The special protested that it was an accident, for the shots had not been fired at anything at all. So they compromised on 30 cents.

Fordham University authorities said the specials were not to be blamed. The students had taken no part in the disturbance. The neighborhood crowd, they explained, had given them trouble before.

3 CENT LINE CAN CROSS TRACKS.

Manhattan Bridge Company Will Also Extend System. Through a decision of Supreme Court Justice Kelly in Brooklyn handed down yesterday the Manhattan Bridge Three cent Fare Line has won out in its fight to cross the tracks of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company and to extend its service from the Brooklyn plaza of the Manhattan Bridge to Fulton street along the Flatbush avenue extension.

Justice Kelly also denied the application for the annulment of the permit granted to the Brooklyn and North River Company by Bridge Commissioner O'Reilly permitting allied traction interests to operate on the Manhattan Bridge before entering into a contract with the city.

Justice Kelly did not decide on the disputed question as to whether or not the three cent line must extend to service all of the way to the Hudson River in order to comply with its franchise. But he says that the company will doubtless be bound eventually to complete its line as it contemplated when applying for its franchise.

SHIPPING TRUST PROBE NEXT.

House Inquiry of Marine Combination to Begin About Nov. 20. WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Almost coincident with the House Committee's investigation of the money trust, it was learned to-day, the House Merchant Marine Committee will begin probing the shipping trust. The inquiry will begin about Nov. 20.

TURKISTAN WINS RACE AFTER EXCITING TRIP

Beat Stanhope Into Port With 150,000 Boxes of Persian Dates in Hold.

FIRE IN PORT BUNKER

Rides Gales and Meets Disabled Vessel With 600 Scared Pilgrims.

The British steamship Turkistan of the Anglo-Arabian and Persian Steamship Company came into port yesterday, nobody knows how many days ahead of her rival, the Stanhope, with whom she has been vying to place her cargo of Persian dates upon the market. In spite of details from everybody concerned it is known that the two ships were trying to beat each other out, and that the race was watched very feverishly by fruit brokers.

The Turkistan yesterday brought in 150,000 boxes of Persian dates, and it was estimated by competent authority that she saved her consignees a penny a pound on the cargo.

Just where the Stanhope may be isn't known. The last that the Turkistan saw of her was when the Turkistan was anchored off Bussorah Bar at the mouth of the Euphrates river taking on cargo from Bussorah, eighty miles up the river. That was on September 29, and the Stanhope had passed out of sight four days before the Turkistan, her faster rival, weighed anchor and steamed on toward New York.

The Turkistan first started to load dates at Bussorah, eighty miles up the Euphrates River. Later she had to drop down to Bussorah Bar by finish loading by 11 o'clock because the Euphrates wouldn't allow for a complete load. After the last date had been stowed the Turkistan steamed for Muscat. Before sailing a fire was discovered in the port bunker. The Arab crew of the fire room were set to work fighting the fire, which was located somewhere in the centre of the bunker. It was hard work and many were laid out by the fumes. The Turkistan had aboard some German passengers for Muscat. They had been working on a new railway to Bagdad and had learned of the fire until several days after it started. It smouldered and burned for twelve days. When it was finally extinguished it had consumed 100 tons of coal.

At the Turkistan on account of her large cargo had only enough coal to take her to Port Said she had to put in at Aden to coal for the former port. At Port Said she learned that the Stanhope had crammed her bunkers so full that they formed the inference that she was going to try to make the rest of the trip to America without stopping. The Turkistan lost a day by coaling at Aden.

From Port Said the Turkistan steamed on her way for New York. In the Mediterranean she ran into the mistral, the northerly gales that blow in that sea during the autumn months, and for ten hours she slowed down to a two knot crawl. Ever after that, from Gibraltar here, she ran into a succession of gales. The captain's luck being in the Gulf Stream between Brest and here.

Besides the dates she brought 1,000 cases of licorice, 100,000 tons of Persian wool and a consignment of alfalfa seed for the United States Government. This variety of alfalfa seed is said to be expensive, costing about 25 cents a pound.

This is Capt. Blault's first visit for several years. The boats of his line are ordinarily engaged in the trade between England, Persia, the East Coast and Australia. They only come here during the date season. He said that this is the third time he has been in New York.

On the way out from England to Bussorah the Turkistan while proceeding through the Arabian sea one stormy night sighted a rocket signals of distress from another vessel. On bearing down within hailing distance of the distressed vessel they found she was the Naderi of Bombay, with a complement of 600 pilgrims on their way to Mecca, the holy city.

Above the storm they heard a rising and falling moan, the combined prayers of the pilgrims that were on their faces on the decks, facing the east. They had a hard time of it praying on deck the night of the running sea. They had to hang on to stanchions and the rails and one another.

The captain of the Naderi said that her rudder had broken and asked for a tow, as they were in danger of foundering in the trough. But the Turkistan had aboard a heavy cargo of sulphuric acid and Capt. Blault feared that with the drag of a tow she might labor in the trough of the seas and the bottles containing the acid might burst. In spite of the seas he offered to take off all the pilgrims and the Naderi seemed all right if the offer was declined.

The Turkistan stood by all night and in the morning the Hamburg-American line had broken up a vessel, the Naderi for Hamburg, came up and offered a tow. The Turkistan steamed on her way and later heard that the tow line of the Naderi had parted three times, that she had put into a port and that warships were sent out which finally brought in the 600 pilgrims and their vessel.

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MISS MYRTLE GILBERT the dainty, "chic" little singer and dancer of "Hanky-Panky," small as she is in form, has already made a big reputation for herself. She is very particular in the matter of dress—for the street as well as for the stage. She writes: "I consider the KLOSFIT Petticoat quite a revolution, as well as a revelation in Petticoats. I would not care to wear any other." It is now a matter of common knowledge that the KLOSFIT Petticoat is generally adopted by all smart and stylish dressers. Its patented elastic waistband and "V" shaped gussets make it peculiarly adaptable for any figure. It fits smooth and perfectly, without a wrinkle; no puckering at the waist; no bunching of waste material anywhere. No alterations ever needed. Snaps fast behind with a flat glove clasp. Made in all Petticoat fabrics and shades. Usual Petticoat prices. In Cotton \$1.50 to \$3. Silk \$5 and up. AT DEALER'S EVERYWHERE.

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MRS. DAVIS GETS DIVORCE. Appellate Court Rules Evidence Against Photographer Was Sufficient. A divorce decree was signed in the Supreme Court yesterday for Miss Aida L. Davis by Charles H. Davis of Davis & Sanford, photographers. The decree follows a decision by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court holding that evidence heard before Manfred W. Ehrlich as referee justifies a divorce, although Supreme Court Justice Page, to whom the original application to confirm the report was made, ruled that the evidence was insufficient. Mrs. Davis is a native of Nashville, Tenn., and came here in 1908 to study music. She met Mr. Davis in his studio, and although he was 53 years old and she was 22 she fell in love with him and they were married at All Angels Church on May 18, 1906. They lived together about two years and then separated because they couldn't agree. Mrs. Davis told her friends to let her know if they heard anything about her husband. The testimony shows that on December 11 last Frederick C. Alden, a clerk in the Water Department, who knew Mr. Davis, was dining at the Hotel Belmont and saw Davis come there with a woman and then go to the Grand Union Hotel. Alden and a friend who was with him were the chief witnesses against Davis. David S. Baker's Bachelor Dinner. David S. Baker, who will marry Miss Dorothy Harvey, daughter of Ashton Harvey, of St. James' Church, Madison avenue and Seventy-first street, on Thursday afternoon, gave his farewell bachelor dinner last night at Delmonico's. His guests included: Seth B. French, Casper F. Bush, Carroll C. Hines, John W. McDonnell, Thomas F. McDonnell, Robert C. Walker, J. Macy Willett, and Deves W. Davara.