

## DE MUMM PUTS BLAME ON WOMAN

### Paris Clubman Says Mrs. Barnes Wanted to Marry Him.

## QUARREL, THEN SHOTS

### Only Was Brutal in Wrestling Gun From Her, He Declares.

## ANOTHER VERSION OF IT

### The "Temps" Says Mrs. Barnes, the American, Shot in Self-Defence.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—The mystery in regard to the shooting of Walter de Mumm by Mrs. Barnes of New York, the beautiful young American woman, is deeper than ever.

Henri de Mumm is using every influence at his command to minimize the story of the tragedy in the Paris newspapers. When asked for a statement to-day he said:

"In a fit of jealousy the lady shot Walter with a revolver. His collarbone is broken. His condition is not grave." From other sources it was learned one of the bullets which struck de Mumm passed through his right lung.

An examining magistrate visited de Mumm in the hospital to-day and the doctors agreed to allow the patient to be interrogated. De Mumm said to the magistrate: "I told Mrs. Barnes some weeks ago that my family wished me to marry her. A quarrel ensued at that time which, however, was patched up."

"On Thursday morning, after a night's outing at restaurants including 'Maxim's,' we again broached the subject of severing our relations. Mrs. Barnes had an attack of nerves and jumped up shrieking 'This cannot be.' Then seizing a revolver she fired at me."

Here the magistrate interrupted and asked: "Didn't you shoot also?" "No," replied M. de Mumm. "Perhaps I was about to shoot Mrs. Barnes, but I did nothing more. I am ignorant of Mrs. Barnes's whereabouts."

At a late hour tonight it was reported from the hospital that M. de Mumm was progressing favorably. Mrs. Barnes's whereabouts is still a mystery. The theory that she has gone to England has been abandoned and it is thought that she has gone to the home of a friend at Orleans. Mrs. Barnes fully hoped to be able to marry a very wealthy man. She took lessons in French from Count Mikowski, who praises her diligence.

Walter de Mumm is known as a jovial sportsman and a hard rider to the hounds. He was a terror on the public highways, as he always drove a 100 horse-power automobile at breakneck speed. In his liaison with Mrs. Barnes has been the talk of American society in Paris, where her beauty and tasteful dress were the objects of feminine curiosity.

Mrs. Barnes's first husband was David Barnes of Baltimore, whom she married when she was 15 and divorced when she was 18. Some time ago Mrs. Barnes took as a second husband George H. Cross, Jr., a captain, whom she afterward announced she was about to divorce.

The Temps prints a story to the effect that Mrs. Barnes shot de Mumm in self-defence. It was stated that in a fit of jealous rage the wealthy wine man had beaten the woman, knocking her down and brutally kicking her about the face, while at the same time she was being held by Mrs. Barnes. The man was about to flee from the room. It is further stated that Mrs. Barnes was so badly injured by de Mumm's boots and fists that four physicians were called in to attend her. A short time after de Mumm left the house a man drove up in a closed automobile and carried the woman down stairs and into the motor car. It is suspected that the woman was taken to a private sanitarium and she is still in Paris.

Diligent inquiry made in all directions failed to secure any confirmation of the Temps story. It was ascertained that Mrs. Barnes and M. de Mumm went to Maxim's Wednesday night and remained there late until the arrival of the regular habitués whom she was fond of joining in the dance, without, as one French reporter puts it, "ever abandoning her quite American cool and correct behavior."

In reply to an inquiry at Mrs. Barnes's apartments to-day one of the servants said: "Mrs. Barnes is a tall blonde and very elegant in appearance. She received very few visitors except M. de Mumm, who called almost daily. They arrived at the apartments very late Wednesday night. The servants saw M. de Mumm leaving the house quietly about 8:30 Thursday morning. No one could have thought that he was wounded at the time. Mrs. Barnes left the apartment about 9 o'clock Friday morning with the cook and her maid. I believe they took the train for Calais."

This story is very unlikely, as Henri de Mumm scratched his horses from the races on Thursday and his trainer explained that this action had been taken because Walter de Mumm, brother of Henri, had been badly hurt in an automobile accident. When some of de Mumm's old club members heard the story about the automobile accident they shook their heads and said:

## DECLINES TO ACCUSE THIEF.

### Woman Won't Press Charge Because It's Christmas Time.

Miss Nell Morgan of 851 West End avenue held up a northbound local subway train for twenty minutes at 7 o'clock last night while detectives and passengers tried to persuade her to make a complaint against a man who had stolen her chocolate bag.

The pickpocket, who had been caught by Detective Finn as he was going off with Miss Morgan's bag just as she stepped on a train at the uptown subway station at Times Square, told Miss Morgan that he was a cripple and begged her not to press the complaint. He said he was a consumptive and needed the money for his starving family.

Miss Morgan at first refused to get off the train to go to the station house with Finn and his prisoner. "It's Christmas time," she said, "and I won't make a complaint against the poor man now that I've got my bag back."

While Finn and the passengers urged her to give her name as complainant trains began to pile up behind the local and it was twenty minutes before Miss Morgan gave her name and consented to appear in court this morning.

The prisoner is Charles Winter of 223 Stanton street. He is said to have a record as a pickpocket.

## INSURANCE CO.'S HEAD ARRESTED

### Said to Have Absconded From Philadelphia With \$12,000 Premiums.

Frank W. Anthony, 49 years old, of 821 Ocean avenue, Brooklyn, was arrested by detectives of the Adams street station last evening for grand larceny on a Pennsylvania indictment setting forth that he disappeared with \$12,000 cash premiums as an organizer and agent of the Metropolitan Fire Insurance Company of Philadelphia.

He has offices in the Temple Court Building, Brooklyn, and at 2122 Dorchester road, Flatbush, but is said not to have a license to conduct an insurance business in New York State.

Thomas B. Donaldson, a lawyer who is receiver for Anthony's insurance company, and R. C. Wilson, a Pennsylvania State inspector of insurance, were with the detectives when they made the arrest at Tompkins and Lexington avenues.

It is claimed that the company operated in Florida, Texas and Canada and that it failed to pay fire losses. "Three other offices of the company are said to be under arrest in Philadelphia."

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.—The Metropolitan Fire Insurance Company of Philadelphia went into the hands of a receiver in July, 1911. Several of the underwriters and officials of the company were arrested at the time, and since that time Frank W. Anthony and two other officers have been fugitives from justice, as they have been under indictment ever since.

Thomas Blaine Donaldson of the Attorney-General's office has been seeking the missing men for several months. Living in Flatbush and when he located him he found that his reports were correct.

The south corner of Fifth avenue and Seventieth street, just opposite the Lenox Library block, where Henry C. Erick is building a fine residence was sold last April to a buyer who has concealed his identity behind the name of a representative of one of the title companies. Though plans have been prepared for a new, costly dwelling to be erected on the site, the name has been given of its future occupant. Real estate men have surmised all along that Mr. Hecksher was the buyer of this property. The corner cost \$750,000 and is considered one of the finest locations on Fifth avenue.

Mr. Hecksher's present residence is being touched on by trade. Columbia's Fifth avenue tenants have the privilege of turning their desks over to tradespeople if they desire. It is supposed by real estate men that Mr. Hecksher, having purchased the Seventieth street corner for his own residence, bought the Graves property in the same block so that he might pick his own neighbor and control the character of the improvement to be made on the lot.

Title to the Whitney property will be taken by a corporation composed of Mr. Hecksher's lawyers and a real estate broker who took part in the sale. G. E. Parks will be president; Frank D. Veiller, vice-president, and Arthur P. McKinstry, secretary. Worthington Whitehouse and Mr. Veiller negotiated the sale.

## LAWSON SUED FOR \$400,000.

### Unsettled Accounts Given as Ground in Three Courts.

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—Thomas W. Lawson is defendant in three suits aggregating \$400,000, started in the United States District Court, the Massachusetts Supreme Court and the Superior Court for Suffolk county yesterday, Friday, the 13th. Attachments of \$400,000 each were levied upon Lawson's property in two banks and five brokers' offices for George E. Leppard of Narragansett Pier, former agent of the stock brokerage firm of Hooley, Leppard & Co. of New York and Boston.

The actions are brought in the three courts for technical reasons. They are the result of various stock deals between Leppard and Lawson when Leppard was a member of the firm of Hooley, Leppard & Co. which resulted, it is claimed, in a large number of unsettled accounts.

The Supreme Court proceeding is for an accounting on a deal whereby Leppard was to purchase 200,000 shares of Nevada Utah bonds and five brokers' shares and to receive 25 per cent. of the profits on the transaction. It is claimed that Lawson paid Leppard \$105,000, with the understanding that there was \$54,000 remaining due.

The Superior Court proceeding is for the recovery of \$90,000, claimed to be balance due the firm of Hooley, Leppard & Co. from Lawson, which was assigned to Leppard when the firm dissolved partnership.

In the Federal court action Leppard claims \$22,500 for an advertising bill which he guaranteed for Lawson. It is alleged. In this court he also seeks to recover \$45,000, the value of 9,000 shares of Nevada Utah at \$5 a share.

## PINHEUR GOLF TOURNAMENT.

### Dec. 27th to 31st. Spend Holidays there. Tennis, Golf, etc. Inq. Seaboard Air Line, 114 Broadway.

## HECKSCHER NOW OWNS H. P. WHITNEY'S HOME

### Fifth Ave. Property Acquired in Recent Sale for \$2,000,000.

## OFFICE BUILDING PLANNED

### Movement to Keep Business Out of Section Has Been Abandoned.

August Hecksher, president of many banks and mining and real estate companies and director in a good many more, is the buyer of the Harry Payne Whitney property, including the former residence of Charles W. Morse at the southwest corner of Fifth avenue and Seventh street. The property has been sold without any restriction against business.

While so far as can be learned no plans have been prepared for re-improving the site it is likely that the company which will take title, in which Mr. Hecksher's name will not appear, will begin shortly the construction of a notable addition to the list of high class Fifth avenue store and office buildings. Mr. Hecksher will pay \$2,000,000 for the corner, of which Harry Payne Whitney will take back \$1,750,000 on first mortgage at 6 per cent. There has been no mortgage on the property for many years.

The sale of the Whitney house has caused considerable speculation in the absence of definite information as to the future of the Cornelius Vanderbilt house on the adjoining Fifth avenue corner. There is a story to be heard that Mr. Whitney declared he would never permit business to occupy his property while the Vanderbilt place continued to be used for residential purposes. Mrs. Vanderbilt has a life interest in the house and on her death it will go to Alfred Vanderbilt. It has cost Mr. Whitney \$2,000,000 and taxes and upkeep to carry his property for the last few years, for it has had no tenant. Many people would like to know whether it was the cost of carrying it or a determination by the Vanderbilts to let their property go for business purposes that caused Mr. Whitney to sell.

This is the second and maybe the third purchase by Mr. Hecksher on Fifth avenue this year. Last June he bought from the heirs of Mrs. Margaret A. Graves, who once was Mrs. Henry B. Plant, the vacant lot at 882 Fifth avenue. Just south of Seventieth street. This cost him something over \$300,000.

It was said at the time that Mr. Hecksher purchased the lot on speculation, since he did not need a Fifth avenue home, his present one being at 522 Fifth avenue, just south of Fiftyfifth street. He owns the house and Columbia College owns the land.

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## The Sun

### To-day Consists of Nine Sections, as Follows:

Section	Pages
FIRST—General News	20
SECOND—Sporting	8
THIRD—Real Estate and Financial	8
FOURTH—Pictorial Magazine	16
FIFTH—Fiction Magazine	16
SIXTH—Morgan Art Collection	8
SEVENTH—Etchings of New York	4
EIGHTH—Foreign News, Fashions and Children	10
NINTH—Society, Drama, Music and Books	10
Total	100

Readers or newsdealers who do not receive all of these sections will confer a favor on "The Sun" by notifying the Publication Department at once by the phone (2200 Beekman), and the missing sections will be promptly forwarded, if possible.

## STEFANSSON GOES NORTH FOR SCIENCE IN SPRING

### Discoverer Hopes to Find Land in Unexplored Ocean Beyond Alaska.

## TO BE GONE THREE YEARS

### Man Who Found Blond Eskimo Wants to Buy Japanese Sealer for Trip.

Vahjalmur Stefansson told of the plans for his next expedition after a stereopticon lecture on the blond Eskimo before an audience of 400 last night at the Harvard Club.

Stefansson's next trip to the Arctic will start next May or June. It will be his own expedition, backed by private subscriptions. To accomplish his purpose the explorer said he would need a minimum of \$150,000. Half of that sum has been subscribed.

"I plan to start from Seattle or San Francisco in May or June," said Stefansson. "It will be a complete scientific expedition, covering all of the sciences, including magnetism."

"Just what will make up the expedition is not known yet. There will be six scientists, however. There have been many applicants—so many that they all can't be taken along—and accordingly the entire personnel has not yet been decided upon. I do not know yet whether or not Dr. Anderson will accompany me on this expedition."

"We will go up through Behring Strait and make our main base on the northwest Banks Land. Our purpose is to explore the untraveled ocean north of Alaska. It is about the largest unexplored area in the northern hemisphere. We hope to find land because the tidal mathematicians have figured out that there must be undiscovered land there."

Dr. H. A. Harris of the Coast and Geodetic Survey is of the opinion that the land must have a minimum area of 500,000 square miles; maybe it is larger. If we do not find land we will try to determine the edge of the continental shelf and to wipe off the map the white areas which represent the unexplored regions. To do this it is planned to spend three and a half years on the expedition."

While the funds are being raised for this expedition Stefansson is devoting considerable consideration to fitting out just the kind of craft he needs. There is a boat, he explained, built by the Japanese for sealing which was confiscated by the United States Government and sold by the government to a private person and is just the sort of a ship Stefansson needs. It will cost about \$15,000.

## TO HIKE FROM PRINCETON HERE.

### Three Students Will Try to Lower Eleven Hour Record.

PRINCETON, Dec. 14.—In an endeavor to lower the undergraduate walking record from here to New York three Princeton students, John E. Simmons, a senior, and J. Stevens and G. B. Ellsworth, both members of the junior class, all of whom hail from New York, will set out from here early to-morrow morning determined to walk to their native town in less than eleven hours.

The present record of eleven hours is held by Capt. Eddie Hart of last year's championship football team, and John Fredemus, at one time holder of the national all-around athletic championship. The men will leave here at 4 A. M. to-morrow and hope to arrive at the Battery before 3 in the afternoon.

Simmons, who is a member of the track team, in company with John Logan, this year's football guard, walked from here to New Haven in three days last season. Stevens is captain of the golf team and Ellsworth is a member of the university crew squad.

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## TRAIN HITS AUTO BUS; TWO DEAD; SEVEN HURT

### Atlantic City Express Smashes Conveyance at Sewaren, N. J., Crossing.

## ONE OF INJURED DYING

### Driver Didn't Hear Engine Bell—No Guards at Dangerous Point.

A fast flying Atlantic City bound express on the Central Railroad of New Jersey crashed into an automobile bus at Sewaren, three miles from Perth Amboy, N. J., yesterday afternoon, killing two persons, fatally hurting one and injuring six others of the sixteen persons in the conveyance.

The dead are Daniel Thornton, aged 10, of Roosevelt, N. J., and an unidentified woman. The boy was instantly killed, but the woman died in the hospital.

## THE INJURED.

THORNTON, MARGARET, 13 years old, of Roosevelt, N. J., sister of Daniel Thornton. Has fractured skull and is dying in City Hospital, Perth Amboy.

ELY, JOHN, 25 years old, Holmdel, N. J. Cut about head and body at City Hospital, Perth Amboy, will recover.

PAUST, JENNY, 22 years old, Chrome, N. J. Cuts about head and hands; legs broken in City Hospital, Perth Amboy; condition serious.

GLOVER, ELMER, 20 years old, of Perth Amboy. Cuts about face and head; will recover in City Hospital, Perth Amboy.

WYDE, AARON, 28 years old, 31 Amboy street, Brooklyn; driver of the automobile; cuts about face and internal injuries in City Hospital, Perth Amboy; condition serious.

OLSEN, LAURA, 26 years old, of Chrome, N. J.; serious scalp wounds; in City Hospital, Perth Amboy.

WHITE, LEWIS E., 30 years old; 1253 First avenue, New York city; cut about face and body; internal injuries; in City Hospital, Perth Amboy.

The crossing where the accident occurred is a dangerous one, and in summer, when the hamlet of Sewaren has an influx of summer visitors, is guarded night and day by crossing watchmen. The winter time the only warning is the customary bell, which rings when a train is within a quarter of a mile.

Hyde, the driver of the bus, was in a glass enclosed vestibule and could not hear the warning bell. The crossing goes up from the roadway several feet and it is hard to see an approaching train.

The bus was in the middle of the track when the express hit it, and tore off the rear end. The boy who was killed and those injured were in the rear seats where the engine struck. Six passengers in the front were uninjured.

William Blacic, engine driver on the express, brought his train to a stop with such suddenness that the passengers were thrown from their seats. The injured and the dead boy were placed on board and a record run made to the Perth Amboy station. The injured were taken to the City Hospital.

Dr. James J. Conroy, of Sewaren, and Dr. J. M. Land of Perth Amboy administered what aid they could on the train. Mayor Garrison of Perth Amboy and Chief of Police Burke first questioned Bingle and got a statement from him that he did not see the bus until it drove on the track, but a few feet ahead of the engine. He said he threw an emergency brake, but couldn't lessen speed very much. The train was travelling about 40 miles an hour and the pilot of the engine together with the front lamps and many windows in the cars were shattered.

The bus is owned by the Perth Amboy Transportation Company and makes hourly trips from that city through Roosevelt, Chrome, Port Reading and Sewaren, surrounding towns. It weighs 5,000 pounds and carries thirty persons. It was on its way to Perth Amboy when it was wrecked.

On the train was a trained nurse who refused to give her name. Though she was from Perth Amboy and badly shaken up she helped the doctors to treat the injured and went to the hospital with them.

Coroner James J. Flynn of Middlesex county said last night he would immediately start an investigation of the accident. He said the crossing is a dangerous one and should have been provided with gates and a watchman.

Sewaren is on the shore branch of the Jersey Central along which Lakewood and Atlantic expresses go as far as Matawan. The train that hit the automobile yesterday left New York at 3:30 P. M.

## DIAMOND BROKER HELD UP.

### Robbed of Gems, Slapped and Kicked Down Embankment.

PASSAIC, N. J., Dec. 14.—Abram Music, a diamond broker with offices at 351 Grand street, Manhattan, and in the Exchange Building, Paterson, was held up and robbed of \$154 in bills and \$1,600 worth of diamonds and jewelry by two men in Jefferson street, near the Erie Railroad tracks to-night.

Music was making a short cut on the way to see a customer when a man slipped out of the darkness and caught him by the throat. A second put a knee against the middle of Music's back and pulled him to the ground. Then both relieved him of his money and jewelry, slapped his face and kicked him down an embankment. The robbers missed \$125 worth of trinkets in an inside pocket.

## SMUGGLED FINERY SOLD CHEAP.

### Two Women Get \$800 Worth of Expensive Clothes for \$152.

Two women who would not tell their names attended Marshal Henke's auction sale of smuggled finery yesterday and bought \$800 worth of apparel for \$152.

This was not quite half of what the Government would have collected had the garments been brought into the country in the prescribed way.

The goods disposed of were three silk robes, one wool blouse and one tea gown.

## FLIERS THOUGHT LOST IN OCEAN.

### Aviator and Passenger Were Going From Los Angeles to Fresno.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14.—Horace Kearney, an aviator, and his passenger, R. Chester Lawrence, who left Newport Bay about noon to-day in an attempt to fly from Los Angeles to San Francisco, are believed to have fallen into the ocean with their hydro-aeroplane at a point somewhere between Long Beach and Redondo Beach.

They are searching for them. They expected to reach Santa Barbara, the first leg of their flight, early this afternoon. They passed Long Beach, and contrary to their original plan did not stop there. When seen last they were near Point Fermin, about seven miles from Long Beach, and only a few feet above the ocean. Lawrence, who started with Kearney, works for the Los Angeles Examiner.

It is barely possible the two men descended on land at some remote point.

## WOMAN TO CAST STATE'S VOTE.

### Mrs. Lee Will Carry Colorado's Ballot to Washington.

DENVER, Dec. 14.—Colorado's electoral vote for Woodrow Wilson will be cast by Mrs. Gertrude A. Lee of Denver, vice-chairman of the Democratic State central committee. This will be the first time in the history of the United States that a woman has had honor.

"I hope to be chosen, not from a selfish reason, but for the advertising it will give Colorado and the suffrage movement," says Mrs. Lee. "To send a man will be nothing out of the ordinary. To send a woman to Washington will mean something."

Lee's selection will be unanimous.

## WHITELAW REID EXHAUSTED.

### Asthma Relieved and Patient Passes a Moderate Day.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—A bulletin issued at Dorchester House this evening in regard to the condition of Whitelaw Reid, the American Ambassador, says: "Mr. Reid had a moderate day. The asthma has been relieved, but the patient is very much exhausted."

## LAYS OUT PUBLIC QUOIT PARK.

### Stover Grants Request of Lovers of the Game Here.

The first public quoit grounds in the city is soon to be opened in Riverside park on a line with Seventy-ninth street. Several Scotchmen, Irishmen and Englishmen called on Park Commissioner Stover a few days ago and asked for permission to pitch the discs on public soil.

One Scotchman had one of his quoits with him. It weighed sixteen pounds. The Commissioner said he didn't know that anything so heavy was used, and remarked that such playthings were only suited to giants. Giant's desecration in his opinion and he designed a plot in Riverside park between the railroad track and the river for the quoit players.

## ASQUITH MAY RETIRE.

### Suffragette Success Will Drive Him From Cabinet, It Is Rumored.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Sunday Times is responsible for a story to the effect that Premier Asquith has informed his colleagues that he will retire from the Cabinet during the present session of Parliament if the votes for women policy is carried in any form or becomes part of his policy upon which his party will appeal to the country.

He further intimated that he can neither be a member of any government which is kept in office by the votes of women nor can he seek the suffrage of an electorate which includes women.

## GOSSIPING COST HIM \$15,000.

### Court Holds Woman Can Collect on False Tale That Caused Divorce.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 14.—Gossiping which poisons the mind of husband or wife against the other are liable for practically any amount of damages, according to a decision of the Supreme Court to-day.

Mrs. Beula Works brought suit against J. P. Campbell for \$15,000, alleging that through gossip she had been accused by her divorcee husband. She states she believed his reports at the time, but later learned they were maliciously untrue.

The lower court ruled against Mrs. Works, holding that the husband was the aggrieved party. The Supreme Court, however, declares either husband or wife under the circumstances has grounds for damages.

## MENA NOT TOO SICK TO FIGHT.

### Ex-Nicaragua Said to Have His Hospital Employee.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

PANAMA, Dec. 14.—An attendant in the hospital at Ancon has instituted a civil suit for damages in the sum of \$2,500 against Gen. Luis Mena, the leader of the recent revolution in Nicaragua, which was suppressed by American marines, who sent Gen. Mena out of the country.