

MOTHER CHURCH WILL FIGHT MRS. STETSON

Directors Were on Guard Before Her Book Was Issued.

MISTRUST HER PURPOSE

Opponents Say She Is Copying Methods That Made Mrs. Eddy Supreme.

The announcement by Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson on Monday of her claim to be the true interpreter of Christian Science next in authority only to Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy has caused her opponents to say that she now is seeking the actual control of the church organization.

That the leaders of the Mother Church are preparing for a struggle is apparent from their first move. They maintained absolute silence, but from other sources it was learned that for several months they have been keeping a most thorough watch throughout the field for Christian Scientists who might have any leaning toward the views held by Mrs. Stetson.

Present Leaders on Their Guard.

The leaders are on the alert to head off any general movement of sympathy toward Mrs. Stetson and are prepared to thwart any effort that she may make to regain her former prestige in the First Church here, or to generate a popular demand for her readmission to the Mother Church.

There is no doubt in the minds of followers of the Boston directors, who were ready to speak in confidence, that Mrs. Stetson now is in the field as the actual temporal successor of Mrs. Eddy, not in the sense of being an expounder of new doctrines, but as her most faithful and her ablest disciple.

Following Mrs. Eddy's Methods.

Opponents of Mrs. Stetson say that she is following in every detail the methods of Mrs. Eddy. They point to the parallel between Mrs. Eddy and Mrs. Stetson in the publication of reminiscences and Mrs. Stetson's manifest retirement from the world.

Friends of Mrs. Stetson denied emphatically yesterday that their leader and teacher has any intention of seeking the control of the material church body. They do assert, however, that she is the true expounder of Mrs. Eddy's teachings and that the Boston directors are absolutely wrong.

Mrs. Stetson "Above the Material." "Mrs. Stetson," said one of her followers, "has risen above the material. The trials and sufferings which she has endured in her fight to sustain the real spiritual meaning of Christian Science, her combat with the Boston directors and her years of silent endurance have raised her far above material things. She would not be hampered with such things now. She wants to be free for communion with the spirit and to rise higher and higher, so that she can see and talk with Mrs. Eddy."

Mrs. Stetson does not want material leadership, she does want spiritual leadership, and she is quietly and sternly working to see that the Boston directors do not obscure the truth of Mrs. Eddy's teachings. She does claim to have a clearer understanding of Mrs. Eddy's teachings than have the Boston directors. She is far superior to them, and she has risen higher and advanced further in the realm of Christian Science than those men.

"There is one thing," continued the adherent of Mrs. Stetson, "that she contends for, and that is explained clearly in her new book. It is that she is the spiritual leader of the First Church. The pastorate of that church was bestowed upon her by Mrs. Eddy, and as such Mrs. Stetson will be its spiritual head through all times. That cannot be wrested from her."

Not Seeking First Church Control.

Denial was made by Mrs. Stetson's friends that she will seek to wrest from the followers of the Boston directors the dominion of the First Church in this city. "That is absurd," said one of them. "Mrs. Stetson's views on that point are clearly expressed in her book, and beyond her writings you have no right to go. She claims to be the pastor of the church and she really is its spiritual head. As for building a new church, that is the furthest thing from Mrs. Stetson's plans. She is above such things and is content to go along with her studying and her writings, waiting for the time when she will come face to face in the spiritual world with Mrs. Eddy."

Mrs. Stetson's views concerning the First Church are expressed in the new book, "I am now awaiting," she writes, "the final victory of truth and love over error and hate. I shall never be separated from my teacher and leader, Mary Baker Eddy, nor from my students who comprehend divine metaphysics. My church will stand as a light on a hill, known and acknowledged by all men as a demonstration of my teaching of Christian Science as taught me by Mary Baker Eddy. The hour has struck. The night has passed.

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the day dawned. Victory at last rests on the side of Christian Science.

Opponents of Mrs. Stetson feel keenly Mrs. Stetson's effort to win followers through her book. It is admitted that the fight in the Church four years ago did much harm to Christian Scientists. The blame for that is put on Mrs. Stetson. The charge is made that her ambition caused her downfall in the Church and compelled Mrs. Eddy just before her death to have Mrs. Stetson excommunicated.

Too Ambitious, Say Opponents.

"Mrs. Stetson," said an opponent, "is a wonderful woman. Her own ambition caused her downfall because Mrs. Eddy could see that Mrs. Stetson would be a dangerous work if left in the Church. She did a great work in New York and befriended many persons, but she did not teach them true Christian Science. She healed the sick and she gave deserving young men opportunities to get into business. When, however, those persons came to realize the true meaning of Christian Science and to understand that Mrs. Stetson was not teaching it, it was a tremendous shock to them. Then came the struggle between a great gratitude to Mrs. Stetson and a sense of duty to the true Christian Science. Many persons, who were and still are grateful for the material things that Mrs. Stetson did for them and who are thankful because she led them to take up Christian Science, were compelled to turn from her.

The result was terrible. Many persons became ill and many through disappointment died. Many of those persons still grieve over the fact that Mrs. Stetson has failed to grasp the true meaning of Christian Science."

Mother Church Leaders Silent.

Mrs. Stetson's book was read with interest by many Christian Scientists. H. Cornell Wilson, chairman of the Christian Science Publication Committee for New York, glanced at pages of the book to which his attention was called by reports. He, however, had nothing to say. The Boston directors also refused to discuss the book or Mrs. Stetson's charges against them. When the attention of the leaders of the Church was called to assertions made by Mrs. Stetson in her book that in the lifetime of Mrs. Eddy efforts were made to discredit her unjustly in the eyes of Mrs. Eddy, they would not speak.

DRUNKEN CHAUFFEUR TEARS UP FIFTH AVE.

W. J. Burns's Auto Hits Two Men, Wrecks Wagon and Ends Against Tree.

Detective William J. Burns's touring car, driven by a chauffeur who had drunk too much Hungarian wine at a birthday party, zigzagged up Fifth avenue yesterday regardless of speed and traffic laws. He hit two men, one of whom probably will die; smashed a butter and egg wagon, wrecked the automobile against a tree at 162d street and broke two fingers of a policeman who arrested him.

The chauffeur, John Camp, started his crazy ride above Forty-fourth street. He let loose with all the speed he had and kept mostly to the wrong side of the avenue as he shot uptown. Uplifted hands and threatening whistles of traffic policemen didn't bother him.

At Ninety-eighth street Frank Agronimo, manager of George Meyer's carriage works, Sixty-fourth street and Second avenue, was bounced into the air. His skull was fractured and he got internal injuries.

Camp kept on up the avenue with horns shrieking. At 162d street he rammed the butter and egg wagon, overturning it and spilling butter, eggs and cheese. The driver, flex of his seat. His right arm was broken and he also had internal hurts. Then the automobile crunched through the fragments of the wagon and hit a tree with a bump that dislocated the chauffeur. As he fell his face and head were cut.

Policeman Bernard Kane pried himself into the mixture of wagon and touring car and seized Camp. Camp fought. Two of Kane's fingers were broken. He yelled for help. Isidor Pizant of 392 East 194th street also tackled the chauffeur and emerged with a bruised jaw and a crushed hat. Then came Policeman Rowley, and Camp was locked up charged with felonious assault. William J. Burns is in Europe. His family is at Long Beach.

LID CLAMPED AT TURTLE CURE.

Official Statement That Friedman Institute Is Shut Up.

The Friedman Institute at 254 West End avenue closed its doors yesterday, according to a short statement sent to newspapers. "Research work connected with the Friedman treatment," the statement said, "is to be carried on in private laboratories." A provision in the lease prohibited the use of the house for a hospital, so there were no facilities other than those for the actual treatment. On May 25, the Board of Health prohibited for an indefinite period the administering of serum.

NOW GAYNOR DOESN'T EXPECT TO TRY AGAIN

His Letter to That Effect, Written June 17, Is Read at Meeting.

SAID HE WOULD JUNE 12

In City Politics a Man Should Not Be Tied by Party Lines, He Says.

Mayor Gaynor in a letter to the Bronx County Citizens League, which held a meeting last night at Burland's Casino, 158th street and Westchester avenue, said that he did not expect to run for Mayor again.

The letter was dated June 17, five days after the Mayor had signified his willingness to run again, although he did not know from what direction a nomination might come.

The letter last night, which was read by Charles J. Lane, chairman of the meeting, said: "I do not write this to you in any spirit of boasting. I write it because your organization represents the principle referring to an earlier part of the letter. I write it all the more freely because I don't expect to run for Mayor again. I am perfectly conscious that I have no claim on any political organization for a nomination.

I am also quite certain that certain persons who are talking the loudest about a fusion ticket are merely smelling out and hunting for bones to eat. I do not expect that all who are on fusion committees are of that kind, but that kind is extending its tentacles.

At the beginning of his letter the Mayor said after regretting his inability to be present:

City Politics Separate From State. "I should much like to attend and say a few words. For many years before I became Mayor I was engaged in promulgating the declaration that national politics and State politics had nothing to do with city politics. City politics are entirely separate and distinct. "It is the height of folly for sensible men to vote at city elections according to their national or State political party organizations. A sensible man who does it cannot help being ashamed of himself if he stops to think over it.

"And when I was nominated for Mayor, first by independent bodies of citizens, and afterward by a political organization, I determined that if elected I would try to carry out the principle of not permitting the city government to be controlled by independent bodies of citizens, and afterward by a political organization. I determined that I did not appoint a single head of department under the control of any such organization.

"I have never had any fact as well as in name. No department has been under the thumb of any partisan political organization or leader. They have all been run over the heads of political organizations and leaders, and solely for the benefit of the community.

Attacked by the Disgranted. "This has brought much abuse upon me. Most of the attacks which have been leveled against me have been instigated by people who have been thus left out of the control, and stripped of the influence, which they formerly exercised. Moreover, not so much as one person has been discharged in any of the Mayor's departments from city employment on any political ground whatsoever.

"Of course you understand that except in the Police Department and Fire Department the heads of departments may discharge employees without a trial. They may simply say that they are unfit or incompetent and call them up for a simple explanation and discharge. "I also early promulgated an executive order that all appointments should be made in numerical order from the eligible list, namely, number one, first number two, second number three, and so on. I did that first in the Fire and Police departments. In those two departments those appointed and promoted had for years been passing therefore. The price for captured in the Police Department was as high as \$17,500. I have done away with all that sort of thing."

Then followed Mayor Gaynor's announcement that he didn't expect to run for Mayor again. The letter follows in line with his statement on June 12 that he had been independent throughout his term as Mayor and that he had a right to be nominated as a so-called fusionist. He said then:

"No political organization made me ever belonged to any to start with. "As I have said, I have no party to back me. I have not heard a word from the leaders of any party. I do not suppose that there is any party of organization that would nominate me. I am certain that I have no right to ask them to nominate me. I have no claim on them."

Among the speakers of the evening was Borough President George McAneny, who gave a sketch of the economies practiced by the administration in Manhattan during his term of office, and he said that he is still going to fight for the municipal ice plant so that ice may be sold at cost to the poor who patronize the city's milk stations.

ADMITS FALSE HOLDUP TALE.

Youth Now Under Arrest on Grand Larceny Charge.

Charles Becker, 25 years old, of 14 East 114th street, confessed yesterday that his story of being robbed of \$105 by holdup men at 142d street and Alexander avenue on Monday night wasn't true. He said that he pocketed the money belonging to the Rapid Cleaners and Driers of 312 East 125th street because he needed \$100 to liquidate his summer share in a bungalow at Midland beach. He was locked up for grand larceny.

SPARKS FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

When Mrs. Peter Beaver, 63 years old, of Milton Pa., was told yesterday that her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Burley, died in a Williamsport hospital, she fell dead. Mr. Burley had received a telegram, which read: "Come for your wife," and he interpreted the message to mean that she had died. He went to the hospital and found that she was convalescent.

Ensign George M. Lowry has been detailed to take charge of Perry's "Don't Give Up the Ship" battleship and other naval relics which are to be exhibited at Erie, Pa., in the celebration of the centennial of Perry's victory on Lake Erie.

Miss Hattie Evans of New Orleans, who was kept awake six months by neuralgia, was awakened yesterday from three weeks sleep by the injecting of alcohol in the base of the brain. On account of the failure of the brakes in a heavy train to stop before the draw could be closed, the locomotive and seven freight cars plunged through the Maryland Electric Railway Bridge over the Severn River two miles above Annapolis yesterday. The engineer and fireman saved themselves by jumping.

INDICTS 4 AS DIER ROBBERS.

Richmond Jury Completes Inquiry Into Burglary of House.

The Richmond county Grand Jury completed last evening its investigation into the robbery and firing of the cottage of Jacques Dier on the Amboy road, Eltingville, Staten Island, on the night of June 8. It handed up the following indictments:

Louis Capillon, arson in the second degree, burglary in the third degree; bail, \$5,000.

Amon Fuchon, arson in the second degree, burglary in the first degree; bail, \$5,000.

Ernie LeRoy, arson in the second degree, burglary in the first degree; bail, \$5,000.

Ernest Fuchon, son of Amon Fuchon, was held as a material witness; bail, \$500.

The Grand Jury found no indictment against Mrs. Mary Fuchon, or Louis Capillon, who was housekeeper for Pleauchat. Both women have been in jail since last Monday, when they were arrested as material witnesses.

The indicted men were unable to find bail and were committed to jail for trial in October.

OLD SOL NOT DOING ANY UNUSUAL STUNT

Sun Spots Come and Go With Fairly Good Periodical Regularity.

The cable despatch from Paris printed yesterday saying that French astronomers have observed that no sun spots have been visible since April last does not greatly interest the astronomical world. Astronomers here say that the only unusual feature of the "phenomenon" is that the absence of the spots is somewhat untimely.

The disappearance of sun spots occurs every 11 1/2 years. The last two or three months, and sometimes for four or five months, the strongest telescopes do not reveal any blotches on the disk of the sun. Afterward a faint mark appears and gradually increases in distinctness. Other spots will follow and they will grow in clearness until at the end of about five years and six months the sun spots will reach their maximum period.

Albert J. Brooks, president of the astronomical department of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, said last night that sun spots vary in number in different maximum periods. Sometimes there are thirty or more, and sometimes there are not more than two.

"There is nothing phenomenal in the absence of sun spots," he said. "This happens every eleven years and a fraction. It is a perfectly historical fact. The minimum period, when the spots cannot be seen. Then in a few months a spot or two will appear and it will increase in size gradually and other spots will be added to it. Observers in this country have of course known that we are passing through this period. The sun is watched every day from almost every observatory in the country.

"Sun spots are peculiar. We don't know what law governs their appearance. Those that disappear do not come back; they are replaced by others. We don't know what causes the spots. All we know is that eleven years and a fraction is the period from one extinction to another.

"Sun spots as seen with powerful telescopes have the appearance of dark depressions in the surface of the sun, surrounded by what has been described as a "radial grating." The central dark areas vary in diameter from 500 to 60,000 miles and the less darkly shaded parts are sometimes 150,000 miles across.

At the maximum period the largest of the spots can be seen with the naked eye. Astronomers say that the depth of the apparent depressions is problematical. They have estimated the depth all the way from a few miles to 2,500 miles. At the conclusion of the minimum period, which will occur within a few months, powerful telescopes will reveal a few mere dots on the face of the sun. These will increase in size, some of them swiftly and others gradually. Sometimes a spot seems to separate into several units, forming a group of spots.

Sun spots seem to be governed in their movements by laws which astronomers have noted, but for which they have been unable to assign reasons. Spots nearer to the sun's equator than to its poles move toward the equator. Those nearer to one of the sun's poles than to its equator move toward the nearest pole. But astronomers say that no sun spot has been observed within less than five degrees from the equator and that none has been seen nearer to either pole than 45 degrees of latitude.

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WOMAN'S GRAFT TALE HITS 5 POLICEMEN

Mrs. Margaret Gray Tells at Police Trial of Bribe to Escape.

GETS SERGEANT SUSPENDED

Didn't Know When She Went to Mayor That She Would Stir Headquarters.

When Mary Goode poured her police graft story into the ears of the Curran committee and started an uproar that is not allayed yet Mayor Gaynor said he wished she had come to him first. He thought his own investigation would have got results without inflicting the scandal on the entire public.

Now comes another woman with charges against the police. She comes straight to the Mayor's office. Immediately three policemen are suspended and ordered to trial. At the trial of one of them testimony develops that causes the suspension of two more. The graft involved in the specific charge is small, but Deputy Commissioner Newburger apparently thinks the whole truth may lie very deep—as deep as the Tenderloin itself, in which the woman lives.

A curious feature is that when the woman went to City Hall she had no thought of accusing anybody of grafting. She wished merely to complain of a uniformed patrolman, John Driscoll, who she said had run up the stoop of her house on a recent evening and bruised her arm with a blow.

Then Made Graft Accusation.

But once she got started telling this trouble to the Mayor's secretary, Robert Adamson, she found that she had to explain what was back of this alleged attack, which, it was suspected, was because the uniformed men of her precinct became ugly when the protection money which women have paid usually went to plainclothes men and not to them. Then she made her specific graft accusation.

The woman is Mrs. Margaret Gray. She has a furnished room house at 207 West Thirty-third street, near the Pennsylvania Station. On Thanksgiving eve last year, November 28, two of her tenants, whom Mrs. Gray knew as Miss Smith and Miss Clark, had a party in their room. Suddenly Miss Clark ran downstairs and slammed the front door so hard that the glass panel broke. She was "highly excited," Mrs. Gray explains. A moment later, Mrs. Gray testified in the Police Headquarters trial room yesterday, her front

BATTLE MAY REOPEN PHILIPPINE QUESTION

Secretary Garrison Cables Gen. Pershing for More Information.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—What may prove to be the first step of the Democratic Administration toward an investigation of the military and civil government of the Philippines was taken by Secretary of War Garrison today when he cabled for more detailed information as to the causes and conduct of the campaign against the Moros on the island of Jolo. This campaign resulted recently in a battle at Baggay which Brig.-Gen. Pershing, the commanding officer, characterized as the fiercest since American occupation of the islands.

The Secretary of War indicated that he was not intending to imply any criticism of Gen. Pershing or Gov.-Gen. Forbes in his request for further information. He explained that the routine reports of the fighting at Baggay were so meagre that he had been unable to satisfy himself exactly as to what happened and why.

Despite the statement of the Secretary as to his reasons for asking for a more detailed report, it is thought that his action may result in a reopening of the whole question of the treatment of the Moros in the islands. While there is no disposition upon the part of Mr. Garrison to suggest that the fight with the Moros has been unnecessary or unjustifiable, it is believed that his inquiry may attract the attention of the anti-imperialist forces, which have always opposed any method for the maintenance of order in the islands.

The Moros, it is explained, have never bowed to any ruler and are hostile only to the United States Government, but to any Government whatsoever. Being Mohammedans, they regard the killing of Filipino and white Christians as a virtue.

DOG BITES TWO CHILDREN.

Shot After Spreading Terror in Brownsville.

Two children were bitten yesterday by a dog in Brownsville, Brooklyn, that terrified many other persons, bit a horse and killed another dog. The children bitten are Philip Leiberman, 12 years old, of 37 Sutter avenue, who was nipped three times by the dog, and Abraham Katzman, 7 years old, of 230 Christopher avenue, who got two bites in the leg. The dog was shot by Patrolman Seekinger.

DIDN'T TELL HILL OF GOWNS.

Mitchel Thinks Denver Publisher's Wife Smuggled to Hide Purchases.

Collector John Farroy Mitchel said yesterday that Mrs. Crawford Hill, wife of the owner of the Denver Republican, was fined \$800 for attempting to smuggle goods in by the Hamburg-American liner Imperator, because it was the policy of the Administration to prosecute all high or low, guilty of violating law.

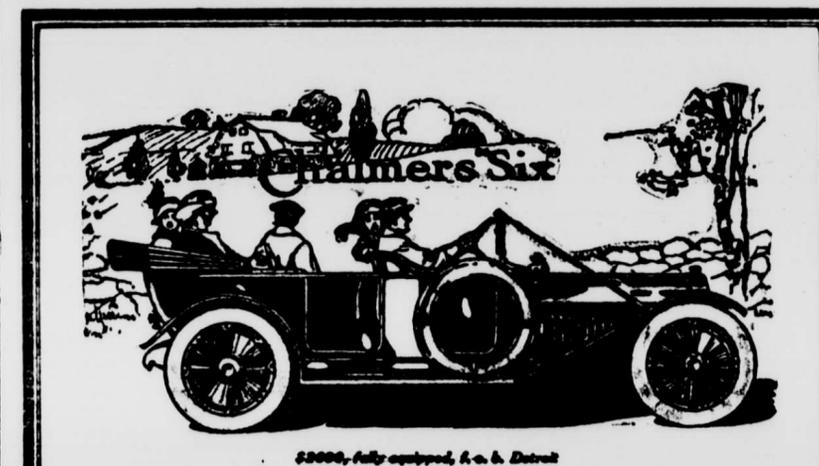
The collector added that he was convinced that there had been no intent to defraud on the part of Mr. Hill, who made the declaration. The collector believed, he said, that Mrs. Hill wanted to conceal from her husband the fact that she had bought expensive dresses abroad.

WILL CONFER ON COURT HOUSE.

Board to Meet Justices in Effort to Agree on Plans.

The Court House Board decided yesterday to invite the Supreme Court justices to a conference. This will be held within the next few days. Since the board has committed itself in favor of Architect Guy Lowell's round building and the Justice objected to such a building the conference will be begun with little common ground upon which to base negotiations.

The approval of a majority of the Justices is necessary before the board can finally approve the plans.



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