

TATUM SEEKS TO OPEN HIS DIVORCE SUIT

Papers Served on Wife's Counsel in Application to Justice Crane.

HOME WAR CHARGES UP AGAIN TO-MORROW

Both sides in the battle of Great Neck—Mrs. Mary Jane Tatum enjoying the comforts of the big country home on the East Shore road and John C. Tatum, her husband, defeated in the first skirmish, hiding his time in a hotel in town—took advantage of the temporary lull in hostilities yesterday to consult their counsel as to future moves for the possession of the home and the unravelling of the tangle of charges in which both are enmeshed.

The only attack of the day was a significant legal step by Mr. Tatum's counsel, Max D. Steiner, counsel for Mrs. Tatum, in an application to Justice Frederick Crane for the return of the divorce suit verbatim to the Supreme Court, which she sought Mrs. Tatum of the charges alleged against her and really started the Great Neck rumpus of the last few days.

Mr. Steiner requested service on Mrs. Tatum late yesterday afternoon after a lengthy conference with her in his office. The application will be argued before Judge Crane next Monday. Before that time, in fact, to-morrow afternoon in Magistrate W. A. Dodge's court in Great Neck, both husband and wife, who are equally and as bitterly determined to maintain their respective stands, will attend their most recent and exciting adventures, beginning Saturday night in the beautiful guarded home.

A definite understanding may be reached through the interest of the family peace and that of the started village and its guardians of law and order.

Mrs. Mary Jane Tatum, who for two years has slept in the victorious possession of Pontiac—at least as much as one could sleep in the face of the stirring developments—has now barred the gates of the home against her husband and his place in the house and night to night to protect her in "Fort Tatum." She drove into the grounds after 8 o'clock last night, returning from her conference with Max D. Steiner and refused to discuss the real affairs, although earlier in the day she had explained her defiant stand without flinching words.

It was after that "long needed sleep" of Sunday night, which followed a twenty-four hour battle of warrants, mattresses, constables and servants, that Mrs. Tatum spoke her mind. She and her sister, Mrs. Kathryn MacArthur, two of the possessors of the Tatum home, were seated at noonday breakfast dressed in kimonos, bathrobes and hooded caps, when one of the two did not hesitate to say to Mrs. Tatum—the bathrobe, the kimono and the hooded cap—she had the slightest hope of a reconciliation, is hereby urged to let it fade.

"There is no hope of a reconciliation," said Mrs. Tatum. "I am done with him. I will have nothing further to do with him. I absolutely refuse to leave him, and I will stay here until I die. It is a pleasant place you know, and summer is coming and I am enjoying bathing, fishing and boating. The air is good. I would not take his guarantee of an agreeable settlement. He is not a gentleman. He has a yellow streak. He has been violent to me and he showed he was not even a good enough sport to take a knock that he got fairly and justly."

"He owns a half of the house and so do I. There are two dining rooms and he can stay in his room, and I will have my room. You can bet. He should realize that he was defeated by a fair jury and that is all. It was outrageous the way he acted yesterday night and the way he acted this party here, for all the beds were ruffled. You also saw what a fool he made of me Saturday afternoon at the Vanderbilt Hotel. I have no more respect for him than I have for a dog. He is going to stay here now and I won't let him out either. While I live here he will have to support me and, besides, money is an object to me."

In that frame of mind Mrs. Tatum left the besieged estate yesterday afternoon with her father and sister-in-law, Mrs. Jack MacArthur, to visit Mrs. Steiner in his office. It was after 4 o'clock when she got there, and although Mr. Steiner said later that he kept her waiting a long while, he being busy elsewhere, it was almost 7 o'clock when she left the city for the Great Neck place.

Meanwhile the home was well guarded by Mrs. MacArthur, the new set of servants hired yesterday by Mrs. Tatum, and a deputy constable, who insisted on keeping the gates locked and permitting no one to enter the grounds without Mrs. Tatum's permission.

The steamer said later that he had not determined on any future action for Mrs. Tatum except to tell her to say nothing, so back and sit tight and await developments. He did not need to tell her that. Ever since she made it uncomfortable for Mr. Tatum to remain after Sunday afternoon, when he packed off with his personal effects and lodged himself at the Waldorf-Astoria, he had been her intention to do that same thing.

Mr. Tatum conferred with Lawyer McManus yesterday, but none of the ousted party showed up at the country house, although Mrs. Tatum's engagement of the contending forces in the existing battle for the estate, Magistrate Dodge will then hear the complaints of Mrs. Tatum against James MacArthur, her father, and Miss MacArthur, her sister, alleging disorderly conduct, and the charge of Harry Washington, the chauffeur, against Mrs. Tatum accusing her of disorderly conduct.

Magistrate Dodge will probably go to the village fire hall to hear the complaints because his own court room is about ten times too small.

Mrs. Tatum was silent last night, but she was not silent in her mind. The action was past, that every effort would be made to set aside the divorce verdict, secure a new trial and eventually settle the case in his own home.

J. N. ELY'S PROPERTY ATTACHED
President of Sand and Gravel Company Said to Have Gone to Europe.

To Press Murder Charge Against Mrs. Ida Rogers

District Attorney Martin to Demand Her Indictment in the First Degree—Believes She Took Little Poison—Grand Jury Hears Case.

LAWYER'S FIRST WIFE SAYS HE'LL WED PATIENT

District Attorney Francis Martin of the Bronx announced last evening that he will prosecute Mrs. Ida Sniffen Rogers to the fullest extent of the law for the poisoning of her two babies, of whom Loris, Elton Rogers was the elder.

Mr. Martin, after presenting part of the evidence in the poisoning case to the Grand Jury, commented on the calm, collected manner in which Mrs. Rogers is taking the news of the death of her babies and said he was convinced that the babies had become a burden to her.

"I shall certainly fight this case as hard as I know how," he said. "Of course I realize that the chances of conviction are slight and that public sentiment naturally is with the woman. All the evidence will be brought out, for the circumstances are such as to demand prosecution."

District Attorney Martin bases his determination to ask a first degree murder indictment partly on the reports made to him by Dr. C. E. Healy and Dr. Riegelman, the coroner's physician. Dr. Riegelman has reported to him that John, the eldest of the babies, apparently received much more poison than the other child. His report shows that the little fellow's throat and stomach were burned by the poison, while the vital organs were almost completely destroyed.

Thinks Mother Took Little.
On the other hand, Martin says that the mother, Mrs. Rogers, took less than was supposed. Dr. Riegelman and other physicians, he says, have reported that had Mrs. Rogers taken all the poison she after she surely would have been dead before this. Furthermore, the District Attorney has been informed that within a few minutes after taking the bicarbonate of mercury tablets she immediately took a dose of ipecac.

Mr. Martin, who is an experienced trial lawyer and who already has convicted a woman for murder, has been working hard on the case for many days. He will have more witnesses before the Grand Jury to-morrow, and all the evidence will be presented this week. An indictment is looked for by next Monday.

The Witnesses Called.
Among the witnesses called before the Grand Jury yesterday were Mrs. Halden of 1421 University avenue, the Bronx, who knew Rogers and Mrs. Rogers, who was moving to 224 West 167th street, Mrs. Katherine Byrnes of 227 West 167th street, for whose help Mrs. Rogers called after the babies had been poisoned; Coroner Healy, who got a confession from the woman; Dr. Riegelman, the coroner's physician, who performed autopsies on the bodies of the babies; and Dr. W. C. Haggue, the woman's physician, whose prompt work undoubtedly saved her life.

Before Dr. Haggue went into the Grand Jury room he said to Mr. Martin, "I do not believe," he said, "that any jury in the world would convict this woman if the romance prevailing," declared Connolly of San Francisco, president of the association.

Canadian Flour Jumps.
Commission Appointed to Investigate the Situation.

OTTAWA, Jan. 11.—The commission which the Dominion Government appointed at the outbreak of the war to investigate the rise in prices has been ordered to inquire into the causes of the tremendous advance in the price of wheat and flour during the last few days.

Flour, which advanced 50 cents a barrel on Friday last, took another jump of 20 cents to-day. There is a strong suspicion that the cost of wheat and flour is being unduly enhanced.

MUCH WHEAT TO ITALY.
Leads in First 10 Days of December With 970,783 Bushels.

Italy, with 970,783 bushels, was the largest taker of wheat from New York during the first ten days of December, according to figures made public at the Custom House yesterday. Belgium was next with 261,608 bushels. During the similar period of November the United States exported 295,998 bushels. Belgium got none. Exports of wheat to Greece showed a large increase, being 142,000 bushels, against 15,000 in the previous month's period.

France and England were larger takers than in the first ten days of November. Exports to France were 179,954 bushels, against 55,448 bushels in the November period, and England's 259,468 bushels, against 143,742. The exports to the Scandinavian countries were much reduced. There were no exports of wheat to Denmark, Norway and Sweden in the December period, against 130,979 bushels to Denmark and 74,225 bushels to Sweden in the November ten days.

'OPIUM QUEEN' BARES PLOT OF SMUGGLERS

Pretty English Woman Says She Sold \$37,500 Worth Despite Trust Enemies.

HELD IN BAIL OF \$15,000

Assistant United States Attorney Edwin M. Stanton heard yesterday the first hand story of how Mrs. Sophie Ghee, the clever saleswoman for an English-Japanese opium smuggling organization, disposed of 750 cans of opium at \$50 a can on one selling trip to Chicago and San Francisco. The narrator, Mrs. Ghee, was brought back to this country on board the Philadelphia. She was arrested at Liverpool when about to go ashore from the Baltic, which liner she escaped from this city.

The "opium queen" is an attractive little English woman. Her life story, not without romance, is hard to reconcile with her modest, almost shrinking demeanor. To have seen her weeping yesterday at the United States Attorney's office she never would have been suspected of possessing enough courage to face the danger of her opium selling trip across the continent.

The part played by the little woman in the conspiracy, according to her own admission, was by no means an easy one. Her Japanese-English employers, who, it is alleged, contemplated smuggling opium into every English liner porting at this port, were fighting the "opium trust." This combination, stronger, it is said, than any of the legitimate commercial fields, has ruthless methods of stamping out competition and usually exacts its toll of injury or death from the selling employees of independent drug dealers.

Mrs. Ghee, it is said, was shadowed in every city she visited by agents of the "trust" who only awaited a propitious moment to put the fear of God in her heart. But the quiet little woman outwitted them and made \$37,500 for her employers. Mrs. Ghee is said to have destroyed the smuggling plot by giving the customs authorities anonymous information.

On this tip, the customs men raided the quarters of Storekeeper James Murphy on the Adriatic recently and found 100 pounds of the expensive brand of opium known as "liu." They arrested Murphy and subsequently picked up Kasuji Toda, a salesman for a London firm dealing in Chinese and Japanese novelties, who is supposed to be the head of the conspiracy. Mrs. Ghee is said to have been in New York University; Joseph Marron, a fireman on board the Louisiana, and other persons.

To Mrs. Ghee's apartment at 14 Christopher street, according to the Federal authorities, was delivered all of the opium imported surreptitiously from Liverpool. By her own admission she only made one selling trip, and upon her return found 150 cans of opium ready for delivery to another customer.

This transaction has never completed owing to the disclosure of the plot which led to Mrs. Ghee's flight to the Baltic. Mrs. Ghee was held in \$15,000 bail by United States Commissioner Houghton, and her present address is the Tombs.

DRUG TRADE ON ISLAND.
Edward Dunn, a bookkeeper in the penitentiary at Blackwell's island, arrested yesterday on the complaint of Burdette G. Lewis, Deputy Commissioner of Correction, who charges him with having narcotic in his possession. The arrest followed an investigation which disclosed an extensive use of narcotics of all kinds by the prisoners at Blackwell's island.

Several weeks ago John Brown, who had been sent to the island for six months for using heroin, was overcome while on his way to dinner and the physician who examined him reported to Warden Hayes that the man was suffering from the excessive use of drugs.

Commissioner Katharine B. Davis ordered an investigation and Brown helped the authorities. He implicated Dunn, and Detective Hartlebaum and Graham of the "dope squad," using a traffic in drugs that was carried on through the medium of such powder sent to the prisoners. The detectives declare that Dunn admitted carrying several packages to prisoners, having received the packages from the outside.

The detectives took Dunn to the night court and asked that the hearing be postponed until to-day, when Deputy Commissioner Lewis will be on hand to press the charge.

HARVARD CLUBS GREET T. R.
Roosevelt Makes the Rounds and Tires Out Archie.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 11.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt spent the entire day at Harvard to-day, making the rounds of the clubs in which he was a member during his undergraduate career from 1877 to 1883.

Harvard's famous graduate had luncheon with a gathering of the members of the Dickey Club at noon and visited the Pity and Porcelain hall after attending the "Lunch" at the Elms Club, given in his honor by his son Archie.

LIVE POULTRY MEN ASK FEDERAL HELP

Approve Hartigan's Plan for Bureau of Animal Industry Inspection.

TO STOP TRADE ABUSES

Determined to get relief from conditions in the live poultry trade, which have resulted in assaults, murder and a general feeling of terror, a committee representing shippers, receivers, jobbers, speculators, wholesalers and retailers, in conference yesterday afternoon with Commissioner of Weights and Measures Joseph Hartigan, unanimously approved a plan suggested by Mr. Hartigan that the United States Government through the Bureau of Animal Industry take over as an interstate proposition the entire supervision of all live poultry destined for the New York market.

It was also agreed that the Mayor's Bureau of Weights and Measures should establish fixed stations in live poultry markets, with one or two inspectors on duty, where chickens might be weighed and all complaints speedily investigated.

The poultry men decided, as evidence of their good faith, that if four or five inspectors are assigned by Commissioner Hartigan to do the work now performed by private inspectors the trade will agree to bear all expenses. They said they considered it not only feasible but dangerous to continue the employment of private inspectors and their opportunities for grafting and making trouble.

The committee consisted of twenty men appointed on August 4 at a general get-together meeting of the trade, which was called by Commissioner Hartigan to discuss numerous complaints made to his bureau as to the "sovereigning" of live poultry and false weights and to determine if a spirit of cooperation could not be brought about in the business. At that meeting much of the friction, rivalry and bitterness existing in the trade, which later were disclosed by the murder of Barnett Hoff, the West Washington Market poultry dealer, were frankly discussed.

It was brought out at yesterday's meeting of the committee of twenty that there are shipped to New York city every year 7,800 carloads of live poultry of a value of \$2,500,000, bringing the aggregate of the business up to nearly \$20,000,000. At least 2,500,000 people in the greater city are directly affected by the trade. They are principally Hebrews, whose religion compels them to use kosher killed chickens, and many gentiles, who buy kosher killed poultry because it is cheaper than meat and for the reason that they are reasonably sure that it is fresh.

"It will be necessary," said Commissioner Hartigan to a SEM reporter, "to impress upon the Bureau of Animal Industry the great growth of the live poultry business here. It is entitled to the same consideration as the cattle industry in the West. Personally I think the people of New York who buy live poultry are entitled to this inspection. Federal inspectors would remove the conditions which have heretofore been supervised by private inspectors, and there will be no more assaults in the markets."

Among those at the meeting were A. T. Pearson, representing the carlot live poultry shippers; Nathan Newman, wholesaler and retailer; Eli Kassel, Mr. Fleck of Fleck & Hillman; Ben Kasten, Morris Saphir, Charles Thatcher, Morse M. Frankel, representing the Live Poultry Dealers Protective Association, and Charles H. Westenberg, representing the Live Poultry Export Company.

Charles Thatcher will represent the committee in its dealings with Commissioner Hartigan.

WHEAT COLLAPSES UNDER WAR SCARE
May Option Drops Nearly Six Cents on Reported Forcing of Dardanelles.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—In one of the wildest selling panics since the outbreak of the war a large hole was knocked in the bottom of the wheat market to-day by a rumor torpedo and nearly six cents lopped off the price of the May option.

While the pyrotechnics were at their height in the trade market another cause for discomfiture on the part of the traders was being framed by Government attorneys who are trying to ascertain if there is manipulation in the market.

The Government attorneys were interviewing bakers who have complained that they are in danger of being swept out of business and that six cent bread is inevitable if the present price of flour is maintained.

GOV. BLEASE DISBANDS SOUTH CAROLINA GUARD

Had Trouble With War Department, Which Cut Off Militia's Funds.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Unofficial reports reached here late to-day that Gov. Blease of South Carolina has disbanded the militia of that State. No notice to this effect has yet reached the War Department.

Federal contributions to the support of the South Carolina militia were cut off last year following a controversy between the Governor and the War Department. Federal inspectors reported that large quantities of Federal property assigned to the South Carolina militia could not be accounted for by the State officers and that in other respects the organizations were not complying with Federal requirements.

Under the law Secretary Garrison held that no other course was open to him than to withhold from South Carolina all elements of Federal funds until the situation was remedied.

Gov. Blease refused to let the South Carolina militia participate in the Wilson inauguration parade after he found negroes were to be included. The Governor also wrote to the War Department in defence of the militia of his State that if there were trouble in Mexico the South Carolina National Guard would be found right at the front and not in swivel chairs in Washington and that he believed the South Carolina militia could clean up all Mexico by itself if given the opportunity.

President Disappoints Consumers.
Owing to the fact that President Wilson has found it impossible to speak at the twenty-fifth anniversary jubilee of the Consumers League of the City of New York, which he had anticipated the celebration has been postponed until a later date.

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