

WIFE NO. 4 MAKES DEMAND FOR FUNDS ON EX-COUNCILMAN

Comes From England to Find Joseph Gubbins Is Married Again—He Seeks a Divorce.

Mrs. Mary Gubbins followed her husband, Joseph Gubbins, a former Common Councilman of the 5th Ward, and well-to-do wool waste dealer, to Philadelphia from England to find him remarried without first having obtained a divorce.

Her coming has placed the former Councilman in a tangle from which he is endeavoring to extricate himself by means of a divorce suit, charging her with desertion in England. In addition, Mrs. Gubbins No. 1 charges that a group of "political gangsters," interesting themselves in the behalf of Gubbins, have offered her \$1000 to leave the country.

"I am determined that he shall support me and I will not be 'bought off' or leave the country," she declared.

Mrs. Gubbins No. 2 declined to make any comment today. Gubbins's attorney, Henry K. Fries, said that it was a "pure case of blackmail," started by Mrs. Gubbins No. 1.

"We have given these people \$500. Any report that Mr. Gubbins offered her \$1000 to go back to England is untrue," he said.

He said that the \$500 was not given to her as "bush money," but refused to say why it had been given to her.

The testimony before Judge Brown in August showed that the wife deserted the husband, and not the husband the wife, as in the contention of Mrs. Gubbins.

Judge Brown dismissed the petition because there were no grounds for bringing action for support. After I confer with W. H. Wilson I may make a further statement.

Gubbins married his first wife in London in 1880. They had six children, three of whom are living. In 1890 he came to America and four years later married a Camden woman, Mrs. Priscilla Gubbins. There are two children of the second marriage, Winifred, 17 years old and Percy, 13 years old. They live at 613 Olney avenue, Olney.

SON APPEALED TO GUBBINS. William Gubbins, 23 years old, a son by the first wife, came to America in 1911 and four years later, in Kensington with Mrs. Gubbins No. 2. He sent word to his mother, who came to Philadelphia last summer.

In March, William Gubbins went to his father and urged him to support his mother, picturing the hard struggle she was having in supporting the children.

On this occasion, according to the son, Gubbins had been arrested on a charge of assault and battery.

Magistrate Campbell, of the Belgrade and Clearfield streets station, sentenced him to jail, but he was discharged after serving part of the sentence, through the intervention of friends.

Mrs. Gubbins, when she first arrived in Philadelphia in August, learned that her husband and his second wife were at Stone Harbor, N. J., with their children. She took no action until they returned, when she had him summoned before Judge Brown charging him with desertion and asking for separate support.

The petition was dismissed because Judge Brown could not determine the status of Gubbins, according to John McConathy, Jr., an attorney in the Franklin Bank Building, who represented Mrs. Gubbins No. 1.

CALLS IT CASE OF BLACKMAIL. "My mother received a letter December 13, purporting to be signed by John M. Strong, vice president of the West End Trust Company, stating that Henry K. Fries, my father's lawyer, had deposited \$1000 in the trust company. This money was to be paid to my mother's attorney upon the entry of the divorce decree," said William Gubbins.

Notice of the divorce proceedings was served 10 days ago at the home of George Tompkinson, 1314 Narragansett avenue, where Mrs. Gubbins and her son are living. Mrs. Gubbins, who is 67 years old, is employed as a servant in the home of a Germantown family.

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\$4 Corsets W. B. Elastics, Reducos, Specially woven materials, guaranteed not to rust, tear or break. Sizes 22 to 36.

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ABOUT HALF PRICE FOR Women's & Misses' Apparel. Smart, new winter styles, reduced for the end-of-the-month sale.

\$10 Coats \$5. A varied assortment. One sketched. Includes chinchillas, blanket cloths, chevrons and mixtures, with utility collars and jaunty side belts.

\$18.50 and \$20 Coats, \$10. Fine dressy wraps of Persian, mixtures, chevrons and chinchillas, in black, green, blue and brown, trimmed with fur, fur cloth or velour.

\$15 Suits, \$7.50. Of serge, diagonal and mixtures, plain tailored or trimmed with braid and fur. Coats are fully lined with silk.

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Men's \$15 Fancy Suits, \$9. All sizes.

Men's \$12.50 Fancy Overcoats, \$8.50. All sizes. White top hats.

Men's \$7.50 Storm Reefers, \$5. Chinchilla; wool lined.

Boys' \$4 Norfolk Suits, \$2.79. In fancy chevrons, cassimeres and worsteds of brown and gray mixtures. Lined throughout. Peg-top pants. Sizes 6 to 17 years.

Boys' \$85c Pants, 59c. Bloomer and knickerbocker styles in fancy chevrons, cassimeres and navy blue serges. Sizes 6 to 17 years.

Boys' \$3.50 to \$5.50 Reefers \$2.45. Polo Coats. Shawl or convertible collars; sleeve chevrons. Brown and gray mixtures. Sizes 2 1/2 to 12 years. SECOND FLOOR, 7TH AND MARKET STS.

GIRLS' WEAR Half Price and Less. Sweeping End-of-the-Month Clearance of Pretty Winter Styles.

Big Girls' \$4 \$1.85 Coats. No mail or phone orders filled. None sent C. O. D.

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\$1.50 Tub Dresses, 79c. Of ginghams and percales; effectively trimmed. For girls of 6 to 14 years.

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\$1 to \$10.98 French Underwear 49c to \$4.98. Beautiful hand-made goods, chemises, petticoats, combinations, princess slips, drawers and corset covers.

\$4 Silk Petticoats, \$2. On Main Arcade & Second Floor. Silk mesaline, also a few jersey. All fast colors, in all colors, including black and white.

\$4 to \$18.98 Kimonos and Negligees \$2 to \$14.98. In floral colors or plain crepe de chine, trimmed in lace and ribbon. Some embroidered. Empire or straight effects.

\$1.69 to \$10.98 Breakfast and Tea Jackets 98c to \$4.98. Of Japanese silk, albatross, challis and crepe de chine; some empire effect plaited, with lace and ribbon; others are loose-fitting. SECOND FLOOR

DEMANDS ON GREAT BRITAIN OPPOSED BY U. S. SENATOR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—President Wilson's declaration that the United States would demand millions of dollars in damages from Great Britain as a result of the British interference with American commerce is unnecessary at this time, in the opinion of Senator John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

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It is my belief that British naval officers have been over zealous in holding up American vessels and it is time that the United States demand full reparation.

Housefurnishings. 100 PIECES OF AGATE STEEL WARE. 40c Tea Pots, 50c Coffee Pots, 45c 2 and 3 qt. Coffee Pots. EACH

85c Coffee Mill, 49c. Glass holder to attach to wall; full size. Adjustable for pulverizing to coarse grinding.

\$2.25 Coal Stove, \$1.65. Of cast iron, corrugated body; damper in pipe.

\$16.50 All-Brass Bed, \$11.98. Two-inch continuous post; fourteen 2 1/2-inch rollers in head and foot; large red ends. Full or bright finish. FOURTH FLOOR

Smart Furs Are in the End-of-the-Month Sale at Half Price or Very Nearly

\$20 FUR SETS \$9.90. Exceptional lot of just twenty-five. Made of fine black Brussels Lynx, including large pillow muff and animal style neckpiece; handsomely silk lined.

\$10 Buffalo Lynx Muffs, \$5. Large bolster shape; satin lined. Of selected skins.

\$20 French Coney Sets \$19.75. \$35 Skunk \$22.50. \$40 Raccoon Sets \$27.50. \$40 Fox Sets \$25. \$40 Black Fox Sets \$25. \$42.50 Pony \$25. \$45 Pony \$29.75. Coats. SECOND FLOOR

Waists: End-of-Month Clearance. Sweeping reductions; odds and ends; not all sizes in each style.

Cotton and Voile Waists \$1.25 Kinds 50c. \$1.50 Kinds 69c. \$2.25 Kinds \$1.29.

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\$4 Silk Waists, \$1.29. Messaline, chiffon and crepe de chine. SECOND FLOOR

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\$1.50 and \$2 79c Shirts. Odds and ends, including madras and percale in smart patterns. Plain negligee, plaited and stiff bosom styles. Good range of sizes. Excellent values.

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25c & 35c Neckwear, 12 1/2c. All-silk in new patterns and colorings. Open and closed styles. FIRST FLOOR, SEVENTH AND MARKET STREETS

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Slightly soiled and mused lots: No mail or phone orders filled.

\$1 to \$1.50 79c Women's kid, cape and plique kinds.

Men's \$3 to \$4 Gauntlets, \$2. With large cuffs; tan and black; lined.

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Remnants of Table Damask, 39c to \$2 Values, Yard 29c to \$1. Table damask, pattern cloths, napkins, towels. FIRST FLOOR, NORTH

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\$25.00 Bedroom \$15.85. Pieces, each. Mahogany finish. Adam design. Large case with 22 1/2-inch mirror in dresser, 16 1/2-inch mirror in chest and triplicate mirrors on toilet table.

\$32 and \$35 Buffets, \$24.98. Odds and ends; some Colonial design, others with claw feet. Griffin stand-ard; 48-inch base; plank top; double closet.

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