

ALLEGED GAMBLERS WIN MRS. GRANNIS

Head of National Christian League Resents Interference with Neighborly Club.

PRESIDENT SUES ENRIGHT

Police Continually Prowling About and Interfering with Members, Is Charge.

In her eighty-first year the charity of Mrs. Elizabeth B. Grannis, president of the National Christian League for the Promotion of Social Purity, covers many things. It even covers the presence in the house next door of men suspected of playing cards for money.

Mrs. Grannis has refused to allow the Police Department to come into her home and tap the telephone wire and spy upon her neighbors in its effort to get evidence of gambling.

"I am only 80 years old according to birthdays," she said yesterday, "but really I am much older than that in experience."

For a longer time than most men remember Mrs. Grannis has been trying to cure this wayward world of evil. For nearly thirty-four years she has

Attorney Would Deny Women Alimony Right

DALLAS, Oct. 9.—Now that women enjoy equal suffrage rights with men no more than men should they be entitled to alimony or to protection against desertion and cruel treatment is the contention made by Oscar Calvert, a local attorney, in a petition filed in Dallas county court today to test the Texas law against wife desertion.

The petition asks that charges of wife desertion made against H. W. Durham be quashed on the ground that the statute is discriminatory.

battled at the head of the league which she founded. For twenty-three years she has lived in an old fashioned way in an old fashioned brick house at 8 East Twelfth street, around the corner from Fifth avenue. At No. 7, adjoining, the Equitable Social Club has its being. In front of No. 7 and lined along the curb large and sleek automobiles may be observed up to midnight or a little later. And strolling among these cars or sitting on stoops or standing fixedly on the curb were observed until recently squares used men from Police Headquarters, eyeing all who went in and out of No. 7, or maybe stepping up to question them and setting little satisfactions.

Yesterday in the Supreme Court Richard J. Fell, President of the Equitable Social Club, also of the Aetna Construction Company of 436 Grand Street, started a lawsuit against Richard Enright,

Police Commissioner, and his subordinates. Mr. Fell, who is inevitably known to his friends as "Doctor" Fell, accuses the Police Department of persecution. He asks for an injunction preventing policemen from annoying members of the club. Two hundred reputable business men, engaged in the normal activities of a private social body, have been harassed by police in uniform and police in plain clothes, Mr. Fell complains.

Members of the Equitable Social Club, Mr. Fell recites, have been stopped as they entered and their names and addresses taken. The police even insisted on riding home with members in their cars to make sure they lived where they said they did. On some days policemen visited the clubhouse two or three times and once in a while the officers of the club denied them admittance on the return trips. In his affidavit Mr. Fell offers many details which he says are from a diary he has kept since January 1. He lists 130 visits by the police between March 16 and September 3. And never in this period, he adds, was a single member arrested or summoned to court on any charge.

One of the supporting affidavits is from Mrs. Grannis. She tells of many visits she received from policemen who wished to view the clubhouse from her rear windows. She permitted this, the affidavit says, but drew the line when a policeman wanted to rent a room from which to watch members of the club. She tells of seeing "police officers lounging about" in front of her home and near by and waylaying men who went into No. 7. On one occasion, she says, policemen asked permission to tap her telephone wire and later the wire of one

of her lodgers on an upper floor for the purpose of listening in on the clubhouse line.

"I told him," the affidavit has Mrs. Grannis saying, "that I thought they were violating the law by tapping wires and I would not be a party to it. The officer said it was not the right thing to do but that he had received instructions to try to tap the wires and it was necessary for him to try to do it."

"I have noticed the conduct of the plaintiff clubhouse," the affidavit continues, "and I reiterate that in my opinion the club is orderly and decent as any club in the city."

John J. McGlynn of 344 East Eighteenth street, sergeant at arms of the Board of Aldermen, supplies another affidavit. He is a member of the club. He swears that on September 18 he and President Fell left the clubhouse at 11 P. M. and took a taxi and that a uniformed policeman insisted on riding with the chauffeur until Mr. McGlynn got out at his home.

A Herald reporter called on Mrs. Grannis yesterday afternoon. She was writing at a table in her sitting room. She has white hair and a kindly face and wears at the throat a locket of a type rarely seen nowadays, containing a portrait of her sister, a miniature painted many years ago. She said that neuritis kept her from moving about much, but that her mind could and did easily apply itself to work seventeen hours a day.

The visitor read to her the substance of the affidavit filed in the Supreme Court. It had her "swearing" to certain facts.

"That is wrong," she said, "I have never sworn in my life. I will tell you

all that has happened," she added a little later. "Never had I had better neighbors than this club. If they gamble I do not know it. When they first went into the house the chef came over—I think it was the chef—and said he would send me over a soup he was making. I said I should be delighted. They forgot to send the soup, but does not the offer indicate a spirit of courtesy? On another occasion a lot of drunken men came along the street, throwing bottles through windows, breaking glass all along the street. They smashed my glass door, and when one of my lodgers went out to see what the matter was he was terribly hurt. A man from the club came over—I think it was the president himself—and had the door boarded up for the night, and in the morning he sent a glazier, who put in new glass. Could that not be called an act of Christian courtesy?"

"Then one day a pipe or something broke down in my laundry. I heard a swishing of water and didn't know what to make of it. Then I heard voices and went down to see what had happened. The maid had run right over to the club and two men had come back with her and were fixing the pipe. I am an ultra evangelical woman and know nothing about gambling, but I know these men got us out of an awful fix."

"When the policeman began coming in I didn't know at first that they were policemen. They talked about the club and wanted to be where they could see the back of it. I remember that one day two came whom I should call rough men. One of them told me he wished to go up to the room of a young woman who was a lodger on the second floor. He said she was his sister. I just knew

that couldn't be true, for the young woman was well bred and refined, while the policeman was a rough man. I wouldn't let him go up. Then another policeman came. He was tall and fine looking—an educated man. I was quite willing to take him into my back bedroom, where you can look across at the back windows of the club, and I did. And I said to him: "Those people in that house never make a sound. They are never disorderly, never disturb any one. I couldn't ask for better neighbors, and that is all I know about them."

"The policeman said to me, 'They are gamblers and we have been trying to get the evidence a long time, but haven't done it. Now we must tap the telephone wire.' I told him he would never tap my telephone wire. I would not have any one use my house in that way. And, besides, only recently I was reading that it was against the law to tap the telephone."

"The policeman said he was sorry and went away."

Unless disguised as a chauffeur, none of Mr. Enright's men was visible in front of No. 7 yesterday. A Herald reporter rang the bell. The door opened six inches and was stopped at that distance by a chain or hook of brass. The head of a negro appeared in the aperture. He said that the person to see about the affairs of the club was President Fell, who was not in just then.

On September 2 last year Supreme Court Justice Finch declined to enjoin the police from keeping a man in front of the clubhouse. On the club's appeal to the Appellate Division, Justice Finch was sustained. Argument on the present application is to be heard by Justice Mullin to-morrow morning.

POLICE HALT LYNCHING IN BROOKLYN STREETS

Man Accused of Attack on 14-Year-Old Girl.

A crowd of infuriated men and women threatened yesterday to lynch Nathan Mathias, 24 years old, of 293 Stockton street, Brooklyn, after he had been accused of attacking Rose Wales, 14 years old, in a hallway at 188 Throop avenue. There was a noose around Mathias's neck and some of the men in the crowd were making ready to haul him to the top of a street light pole at Throop avenue and Ellery street, when two policemen rescued him. He was hurried away from the scene in an automobile. Mathias, the police were told, stopped the Wales girl as she was walking through Throop avenue to her home at 666 Willoughby avenue and asked her to run an errand for him. He told her to summon a friend of his from the Throop avenue house. As she entered the vestibule, according to the girl, Mathias seized her and struck her on the mouth. She broke away and ran into the street, crying for help.

Passerby saw a man run from the vestibule and chased him. He was caught at Ellery street, and when the girl told what had happened and accused the man of hurting her a rope was brought from a garage.

"String him up before the cops come," some one shouted, and the rope was put around the man's neck.

Five hundred people filled the street when the policemen arrived. They followed the automobile in which Mathias

SEEKS DIVORCE AT 86.

Kentucky Woman Is Tired of Her Husband, Aged 90.

MAYSVILLE, Ky., Oct. 9.—Mrs. Hannah McAfee Ruggles, 86 years old, is tired of married life. This she frankly states in her divorce suit against Mitchell Ruggles, 90 years old, who, she charges, "has not contributed to her support for years, and all he wants to do is hang around and poster a body."

The aged couple, married thirty years ago, live in Brown county, Ohio, across the river from here. Ruggles, who is a farmer and has amassed considerable money, insists "Hannah always has been and always will be temperamental."

They now are separated. She is living with one of her married daughters, he with a son.

SEEK GIRL HEIR TO \$30,000.

The Brooklyn police began a search yesterday for the daughter of Elia de Agnanno, a painter, who was aphyxiated a week ago in a room he occupied at 41 St. Edwards street, that borough. It was believed at first the man had no relatives. A search of papers found in his room revealed that he had about \$30,000 on deposit in various banks and that somewhere in New York there is a daughter, his only heir.

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