

BIRTHRIGHT FIGHT BY TWO "BROTHERS" STIRS NEW ENGLAND

Struggle Taken to State Supreme Court by "Dakota Dan."

TOWNSFOLK IN RIOT AFTER THE DECISION

Supporters of Losing Claimant Set Fire to Fence Around Russell Home.

By ROYAL A. BROWN.

LIKE a romantic tale of a fight for an English peerage, two men have appeared in Melrose, Mass., a suburb of Boston, each declaring that he is Daniel Blake Russell, the long lost son of Daniel Russell, and thus heir to an estate greater than many an English earldom.

Both of the claimants have come out of the West. Each has produced enough evidence to justify consideration of his claim to be the missing Daniel Blake Russell, entitled to \$500,000.

One, "Dakota Dan," has just been branded in the courts as an impostor, is denounced by the brother of the long missing heir, but is accepted by many people in Melrose as the man he says he is.

ONE IS ACCEPTED.

The other, "Fresno Dan," has been accepted by the family as the real Daniel Blake Russell, but not so accepted by the people of Melrose generally.

This is now the situation of the Russell case, which is rapidly gaining international renown and promises to be the greatest battle for the establishment of an identity that has ever been fought in American courts.

For six months the case has been fought out in the little probate court in East Cambridge, Mass., but that is only the preliminary skirmish.

It has now been appealed to the supreme court of the State.

"Dakota Dan," with money for lawyers' fees, with a staff of able attorneys, with the sympathy of many of the townspeople, is remaining on the ground determined to fight to the end, while "Fresno Dan" is living with the man whom he and the court say is his brother.

Daniel Russell, the founder of the Russell fortune, died three years ago, leaving \$1,000,000 to his elder son, William C. Russell, with the stipulation that if the younger son, Dan, who ran away years ago, ever came back he should be given half of everything.

STARTS WITH QUARREL.

DANIEL had a disagreement with his father in 1888, and left home as a result of the quarrel. Upon the death of the father in January, three years ago, word was received from the wandering son. In April a year ago there came out of Dakota a story that the prodigal son had appeared. He went to Melrose and William C. Russell, the elder brother, refused to recognize him. But he instituted suit to secure half of the fortune of the family. Before the trial was over there appeared another man from California who claimed to be the missing Daniel Blake Russell. The first had been called "Dakota Dan."

The second was called "Fresno Dan" after the town from which he hailed. The most remarkable thing about this celebrated case is that each one of the men claiming to be the missing heir has a strong following among those who knew young Daniel Blake Russell before he left the parental roof. Each one has recognized old servants and friends that the missing young man had in Melrose, and each one has been able

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WEATHER REPORT.

The storm that was over southern Michigan Saturday morning has disappeared, but several secondary disturbances have appeared to the eastward and southward, and as a result heavy showers have continued in the upper lake region, the upper Mississippi, and lower Missouri valleys, and have extended into the Ohio valley. There were also showers over the remainder of the country east of the Mississippi river.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.

Unsettled and cooler weather tonight and Monday, with occasionally showers; light to moderate variable winds.

Table with 2 columns: Time (5 a. m., 9 a. m., 10 a. m., 12 noon, 2 p. m., 3 p. m.) and Temperature (58, 60, 60, 60, 60, 57).

SUN TABLE. Sun rises 5:12, Sun sets 6:56.

TIDE TABLE. Today—High tide, 8:31 a. m. and 3:23 p. m. Low tide, 2:15 a. m. and 2:42 p. m. Tomorrow—High tide, 8:26 a. m. and 3:07 p. m. Low tide, 2:49 a. m. and 3:13 p. m.

CONDITION OF THE WATER. HARBOR FERRY, W. Va., April 24.—Both rivers muddy this morning.

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DEAD AT AGE OF 75; PROGENY TOTALS 99

Getty Chief Representative of Family After Which Town Was Named.

SELINS GROVE, Pa., April 24.—George Getty, a prominent Pennsylvania agriculturist and horse dealer, formerly residing in this city and at the time of his death, today, a resident of Bloomsburg, Pa., had the unique and perhaps unprecedented distinction of having been the father of twenty-eight children, forty-three grandchildren, and twenty-eight great-grandchildren, a total of ninety-nine descendants, all living. The deceased would have been seventy-five years old today.

THREE BODIES FOUND IN RUINS OF HOTEL

Porter Is Hero of Cincinnati Blaze, Sharing Honors With Actor Sothern.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, April 24.—Three bodies were recovered today from the ruins of the Thomas Hotel, which was destroyed by fire late last night and early this morning, amid scenes of excitement, including a panic in the adjoining Lyric Theater, which was quieted by the calmness and courage of E. H. Sothern.

ATTORNEY WALTER G. CAMERON, brother of Dr. Otis H. Cameron, former coroner. Taken to morgue. H. E. LAWRENCE, proreducer. Taken to the morgue. JACOB HEPTY, fifty, an employe of the Thomas Hotel.

A. W. Griffith, of Rochester, N. Y., a traveling man, was overcome by smoke in his room on the fourth floor, but after a time firemen rescued him in a serious condition.

Several guests are still missing, and the police are continuing the search through the ruins. One guest is in the hospital. The fire broke out at 11:30 p. m. and it is probable that it did not result in a horrible holocaust as is done to a negro porter.

Porter's Heroic Act. This porter, Earl Banks, worked his way along the smoke-filled hallways of the five-story big hotel and succeeded in arousing every guest. Those who lost their lives were evidently awakened by him, but failed to get through the smoke and were suffocated.

The Thomas Hotel is in Walnut street. Somewhere on the first floor the fire started about 11 o'clock. Thrilling rescues from the hotel were effected by the firemen. For more than two hours the flames were fought. As soon as the ruins cooled search was begun, and the bodies of Cameron and Lawrence, full clothed, soon were found.

The panic at the Lyric Theater, at which E. H. Sothern and Julia Marlowe were playing, resulted in many persons in the audience sustaining minor injuries. Sothern, a daughter of Lawrence Maxwell, well known in Washington, D. C., swooned in her seat. She was carried to the rear of the stage and finally rescued.

Sothern Calms Crowd. Sothern finally was restored when E. H. Sothern advanced to the front of the stage and begged for attention. Sothern and Virginia Harned had a similar experience at the Grand Opera House here in 1908.

Mrs. J. Frank Smith, of Ronceverte, W. Va., a guest of the hotel, was saved by the presence of mind of her friend, Mrs. Alphaeus Fay, of Louisville, Ky., reported missing at midnight, is now reported by her son to be safe.

WOMAN WHO SHOWS FOOD DEAD ON BED

Mary Jenkins, "Spider Girl," Probably From Florida, Asphyxiated.

Mary Jenkins, the "Spider Girl," of the "Big Otto Show," which arrived in Washington last night, was found dead this morning in a room at 79 H street northwest. She took the room early last night.

Noticing the smell of gas, the proprietor made a tour of the house. He found it was from the Jenkins girl's room that the odor came. Breaking open the door, he found the girl lying dead in bed.

A piece of paper found by her side gave her identity, and informed those who found her the name of a brother living in Florida was S. J. Jenkins.

On another piece of paper were found the words, in the same unformed hand: "In anything happens to me— There was nothing else, not a sign or scrap that could further identify her. "Big Otto," the head of the show, said today the girl had joined the show some months ago in Florida. She had worked in various capacities around the big tent.

"She thought the show life was great," said Otto. "But it ain't. Anyhow we will send her body back to her people."

DANIEL IS REMOVED TO LYNCHBURG HOME

Invalid Senator Shows No Ill Effects After Trip From Daytona.

LYNCHBURG, Va., April 24.—Senator John W. Daniel was brought home this morning from Daytona, Fla., where he was stricken with paralysis two months ago. He stood the trip excellently, his condition being as good upon arrival as it was when he left Daytona.

PASTORS ENROLLED AGAINST DISEASE

Anti-Tuberculosis Day Is Observed in Pulpits of Capital.

Washington pastors joined forces today with church workers in every large city of the nation in making a plea for the subject necessary to stamp out the great white plague.

The unusual event of congregations of every denomination uniting in one great social campaign was brought about through the efforts of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

The subject was mentioned in the course of the services this morning in nearly every Washington church, and many special sermons were devoted to the anti-tuberculosis fight.

Seven greater stress was laid upon "tuberculosis Sunday" in the Episcopal Church because of the strong endorsement given the movement by Bishop Harding, who, in a recent letter to the Episcopal clergy, said: "It is our bounden duty to do all in our power to bring about a prevention of the spread of tuberculosis."

Laymen in Pulpits. As a result of this letter many Episcopal clergymen preached sermons on the subject. A number of pastors who thought they did not the technical knowledge of the subject necessary to its presentation requested that speakers be sent to their churches. As a result laymen, some of them members of the medical profession, occupied pulpits in a number of the Capital's churches today.

The Washington Association provided literature for the occasion and this was distributed freely. Thousands of circulars were given out, all containing lists of the local free dispensaries and clinics for the treatment of consumptives.

The tone of these circulars was hopeful rather than designed to cause undue alarm. On a folder issued by the local committee from the headquarters at 82 H street northwest, was printed in black face letters:

Consumption is chiefly caused by the filthy habit of spitting; usually cured if recognized in time; would be prevented if every consumptive destroyed his sputum.

At Church of the Epiphany, the Rev. Dr. Randolph Phillips, the pastor, to do all in their power to support the campaign and dwell upon the dangers of the disease. At St. Patrick's Church, the Rev. Father Carroll, assistant pastor, in his sermon, touched upon the subject of tuberculosis.

Those Who Observed Day. The Rev. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, made a plea for the cause in his prayer.

FIREMAN AFLAME FALLS 3 STORIES

Either Jumps to Death or Is Knocked From Fire-Escape by Stream of Water.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Fireman John Fecher was leading his comrades from the fourth to the fifth floor of a building at 29 Duane street early today, when the blazing stairs gave way beneath them. The others were tumbled in a heap at the foot of the stairway, but Fecher leaped forward and gained the floor above.

The pipe was a furnace. Unable to get out of the stairway, Fecher rushed to a rear window, forced open the iron shutters, and jumped out on the fire-escape with his clothing afire.

As he hung through the window the fireman of Company 12 turned a high pressure stream at the opening. Fecher was knocked from the fire-escape or else he jumped. He fell five stories to the pavement.

He was rushed to St. George's Hospital, where he died within an hour.

NURSE'S EVIDENCE AGAINST DR. HYDE IS BADLY RIBBLED

Miss Houlihan Fails to Substantiate Charges Against the Accused.

WOMEN ALWAYS DOCTOR'S NEMESIS

Amazing Accusations Against the Defendants Merks This One of Greatest of Mysteries.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 24.—In the life of Dr. Bennett Clark Hyde, the Kansas City physician, who is accused of a series of crimes as amazing as to almost challenge belief, and who is now on trial in the criminal court of Jackson county for the murder of Col. Thomas H. Swope, his nemesis has always been a woman.

In the present trial the same statement holds good, with the exception that, instead of there being one woman, there are several. The riddling testimony of one of these women yesterday suggests some strange features hitherto not suspected.

Testimony in this trial, which from the very nature of the accusations is destined to take a place in the fore rank of the world's great criminal mysteries, has been poured into the ears of the jury for exactly one week. All of the important points that are laid up against the young physician—a veritable net of charges, some made-in-law, told by women. And more women are to take their places on the witness stand.

What their testimony will bring out can only be conjectured. The prosecution is relying on the testimony of a number of women, including the good looking defendant's own mother-in-law, his wife's sister, and upon the testimony of three noted toxicologists, for a verdict that shall declare Dr. Clark Hyde guilty of having sent Col. Thomas Swope to his death by the administration of cyanide of potassium.

Hyde is accused of having introduced into the house in the Swope home during the epidemic of typhoid fever in 1907, a bottle of having introduced into the house in the hope of exterminating the whole family, and of having back up the stories of the two women.

No Shadow Cast Before. When, early last October, Dr. Hyde drove with Miss Swope, a trained nurse, to the Swope mansion on the heights near Independence, Mo., to minister to the old millionaire, little did he think that he would ever be called upon to listen to such a story as this nurse told on the witness stand last week.

And when two months later, Miss Anna Houlihan, another trained nurse, testified that she had seen Dr. Hyde's orders, little did she think that this woman would be the one who would directly implicate her mother-in-law, his wife's sister, and upon the testimony of three noted toxicologists, for a verdict that shall declare Dr. Clark Hyde guilty of having sent Col. Thomas Swope to his death by the administration of cyanide of potassium.

The testimony of these two trained nurses caused the colonel to be seized with a convulsion from which he died a few hours later.

Having given with his own hands to the Swope family, the twenty-one-year-old nephew of Col. Thomas H. Swope, two capsules, each containing a few grains of cyanide, which caused his death within a few hours.

Margaret Swope, sister of Chrisman Swope and niece of the colonel, a capsule, which caused the colonel to be seized with convulsions, which in every respect, according to the testimony, was similar to those suffered by the colonel. Margaret Swope recovered.

Having given to Miss Stella Swope, a box of candy to have been infected with the germs of typhoid. Seven days after getting the candy, Stella Swope was stricken with typhoid fever. She recovered.

Having led Moss Hunton, a cousin of Thomas H. Swope, so profusely, following an attack of apoplexy, that Hunton died. This bleeding, the testimony says, was caused by the cyanide of potassium.

This amazing list of accusations brought against any man, and especially against a man with the standing of Dr. R. Clark Hyde, in the community in which he has lived for so many years, has caused the greatest astonishment and not a little horror.

More Amazing Charges. But the most amazing portions of the testimony, according to the statements of the prosecuting officers, is yet to come. The facts which the State claims it will be able to prove may be brought out this week; they may be deferred until next week.

The State will attempt to prove these allegations. These capsules given to the patients in the Swope family contained the cyanide of potassium.

That Hyde bought large quantities of this deadly drug, and this fact is not denied by the defendant.

Cultures of typhoid and diphtheria were introduced into the Swope home by Dr. Hyde, and the fact that the physician has these cultures is not denied by the man on trial.

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Girl Bride of Austrian



MRS. RUDOLF WULFBORG, Formerly Miss Catherine T. Graves, Who Eloped to Rockville and Was Married With the Assistance of Pretty Little Sister.

SISTER OF BRIDE IS AID TO CUPID

Tells How She Answered Questions Required to Obtain License.

"I'll tell you the whole story. And you ought to be thankful for I am the only person who knows anything about it."

Miss Harriet Graves, who won't say how old she is, but looks to be sixteen, explained to newspaper men this morning that the family wanted to keep the marriage of her sister Miss Catherine T. Graves to Rudolf Wulfborg, at Rockville, last night, "awfully quiet."

"My sister is nineteen years old and not seventeen, and she is just as pretty as the papers say she is," declared the young woman who conducted the affair and saw to getting the license at Rockville. For Mr. Wulfborg lives in Austria and can not speak English very fluently.

"I had to tell the awfulest fibs at Rockville— you see poor Rudolph couldn't make them understand him so I had to do all the fixing."

Breaks Engagement to Help. "They telephoned to me to come down to the Willard, and maybe I wasn't mad when I got there and found what was up. I had to break another engagement to go with them to Rockville. Yes, we went out in an automobile. That chauffeur charged us \$12, and before we started he said it would cost \$25. I was a perfectly horrid time finding that clerk, and then he wouldn't believe that Rudolf, I mean Mr. Wulfborg, was twenty-one years old, until he told him it was all right."

"How old is he? I don't know. I didn't think to ask him. And he's not a secretary in any bureau of information. I am a teacher, although no one will believe it because I look so young. I'm a perfectly horrid time finding that clerk, and then he wouldn't believe that Rudolf, I mean Mr. Wulfborg, was twenty-one years old, until he told him it was all right."

Lonely Coming Back. "We didn't have much trouble getting a license. I am Rev. S. R. White, a Baptist minister, married them. And we came back a lot slower than we went out. Guess that was where that \$17 came in. It was awfully lonesome for me."

The couple are now living at the Arlington Hotel.

Mr. Wulfborg's acquaintance with Miss Graves dates back a little less than four weeks, when the young woman was a student at St. Agnes College in Baltimore.

She is a niece of John Temple Graves. Her father, Dr. H. Graves, is an employe of the pension office. Mr. Wulfborg is a brother of Mrs. Marietta O'Leary, the actress.

The happiness of the young pair is clouded only by the fact that the young bride has to go to her home in Austria for a month or so to arrange his affairs there before returning for his bride.

Catherine is going to live with us until her 'Rudie' comes back," explained little Miss Harriet Graves. "I don't know what they are going to do then, but I guess her husband will take her abroad with him."

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BELEATED BLIZZARD CAUSES DESOLATION IN THE NORTHWEST

Fifty Million Dollars Is Early Estimate of Monetary Loss.

FARM CROPS KILLED AND FRUITS FROZEN

Vessel With Fifty Passengers on Lakes Reported Missing.

CHICAGO, April 24.—The most disastrous April blizzard in a decade in the central, northwestern, and Mississippi valley States has caused the monetary loss to fruit, vegetables, and grain crops estimated at \$50,000,000, has wrought havoc to shipping on the Great Lakes, has caused death and untold suffering among the unprepared, and has impeded railroad traffic.

The snow and wind storm, which started Thursday night, still continues, and snow, varying in depth from two to eight inches, covers the States of Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Missouri, while temperatures are below freezing. The storm is eastward bound, and will reach the coast with millions of acres of fruit trees in bloom and with spring wheat and vegetables sprouting. The storm is nothing less than calamitous. In Minnesota, North and South Dakota, and Wisconsin, much grain will have to be reseeded.

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MARK TWAIN JOINS LOVED ONES AT REST

Body Placed in Grave at Elmira, N. Y., Beside Wife and Daughter.

ELMIRA, N. Y., April 24.—All that was mortal of the late Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) was laid to rest this afternoon in Woodlawn cemetery, where private services were held, the Rev. Samuel Eastman, pastor of Park Church, and a close friend of the humorist, officiating.

The body of the dead humorist arrived over the Lackawanna railroad at 3:30 o'clock. The train, which was a private one, included two cars, in one of which was the body. In the other was a party including E. E. Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Collier, Mrs. Richard Watson Childer, Mr. and Mrs. Jervis Langdon, Major Fred T. Leigh, and F. A. Duneka.

Out of respect to the wishes of the dead writer's daughter, Mrs. Ossip Gabrilowitch, there was no display nor observation either the church or grave services.

There was a big gathering at the home of Geo. Charles J. Langdon, brother-in-law of Mark Twain, but there was no display of curiosity, genuine grief being shown by the crowd.

Services Impressive. NEW YORK, April 24.—Although brief and simple, the services yesterday afternoon for the late humorist were impressive, friends of the family and the general public crowding the Brick Presbyterian Church at Fifth avenue and Thirty-seventh street, where Dr. Henry A. Van Dyke, of Princeton University, delivered the eulogy, after prayer by Dr. J. H. Twitchell, of Hartwick College, Mark Twain's boyhood friend.

Dr. Van Dyke said that as a celebrity, but as the man they loved.

"The mark of his higher humor," said Dr. Van Dyke, "is that it does not laugh at the helpless, the weak, the true, the innocent, only at the false, the pretentious, the vain, and hypocritical."

Beyond a modest display, there were few flowers at the bier of the dead humorist, this being the wish of the family. At 2:30 this morning the body was sent to Elmira over the Lackawanna railroad.

White to Try Again TO FLY 176 MILES

Gives Notice He Will Attempt Flight From London to Manchester.

LONDON, April 24.—Graham White today gave the Daily Mail the requisite twenty-four hours' notice that he will attempt again to win the \$50,000 prize for a flight between London and Manchester.

White's effort to complete the distance in the twenty-four hour time limit was spoiled yesterday by the extremely mild weather. He had fifty-nine miles to fly when he was compelled to abandon the trip. Rain and wind prevented a start today.

It is thought that White would have won the prize yesterday had it not been for the sudden and unusual weather conditions which caused him to alight after covering 117 miles of the course. The flight tomorrow will be under the same conditions as the former attempt. But two descents may be made for fuel.

The offer is open to all heavier than air machines and Louis Paulhan, the French aviator, is now in London preparing to try for the prize.

FRUIT CROP DESTROYED

The entire fruit crop of the Central Lakes region, extending westward to the foothills of the Rocky mountains and southward into Kentucky and Tennessee, is almost certainly wiped out for the season.

And what is more, Prof. Henry J. Cox, weather forecaster for the United States in Chicago, sees no relief from the freezing weather. If any fruit has been left with the germ of life in it by the frosts that already have occupied, coming frosts show every prospect of wiping out the last chances of a crop.

"So far as I am concerned, it will be a serious and, perhaps, a total loss from here west," said Prof. Cox. "The cold is sweeping into Ohio and New York, completing the ruin which is general in the West, and