

MRS. GIBSON, SOCIAL LEADER, GETS DIVORCE

Husband Prohibited From Remarrying in District in Absolute Decree.

WIFE WILL GET CHILDREN

Playwright-Clubman Refuses to Comment on Court's Action Afterward.

Mrs. Grace McMillan Gibson was granted an absolute divorce today from Preston Gibson, playwright, clubman, and former Yale athlete. The decree was signed by Justice Hitz in Equity Court No. 1 shortly after 10:30 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Gibson, who is a granddaughter of the late Senator McMillan of Michigan, was awarded the custody of her two children. The decree prohibits Mr. Gibson from remarrying in the District. It is set forth in the decree that "the plaintiff herein named may remarry."

Mr. Gibson, accompanied by his attorney, William Lambert, was at the District Supreme Court building shortly after the signing of the decree, but refused to comment on the action of the court.

Unpretentious Setting.

Staged in an unpretentious little courtroom, one of the smallest in the temporary quarters of the District Supreme Court, the final scenes of this noted romance were simple and impressive.

Justice Hitz had agreed with counsel for both sides that he would hear the case after the regular adjournment hour of the court—3 o'clock. When that hour arrived the court found itself confronted with a will contest case, which took nearly an hour longer than had been anticipated. It was nearly 5 o'clock when the hearing of the Gibson case started.

Only a few lawyers and court attaches were at the courthouse. There was less than a dozen men in the courtroom when Justice Hitz announced he was ready to hear the case.

Mrs. Gibson, who had been in an anteroom, came into court with her attorneys, H. Prescott Gately and Ben Minor, and her uncle, Philip McMillan. She wore a blue cloth suit, trimmed with brown fur and a modish black hat. She appeared somewhat nervous as she sat down beside her uncle, near the counsel table.

Mr. Gibson did not appear. He was represented by Attorney Wilton J. Lambert.

Gately Opens Hearing.

Mr. Gately opened the hearing by reading Mrs. Gibson's petition for absolute divorce, filed May 13, 1915. He read in a clear decisive voice.

"That on March 12, 1915 on account of divers unhappy contests and differences which existed between the plaintiff and the defendant, Preston Gibson," read Mr. Gately, "due to the

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SMALLPOX IN GERMANY

Socialist Member Declares Epidemic Claims 30,000 Victims.

Thirty thousand cases of smallpox rage in Germany, and the disease is spreading, according to the speech of Socialist Reichstag Member Hoffman, received by the State Department today in full.

Brief portions of the speech were received by the press in this country recently.

The speech showed a far more distressing situation in Germany than any reports thus far reaching the department.

It strengthened the belief, caused by recent rumors, that conditions are ripe for a real revolution in Germany.

JUSTICE, SPARE THAT CAR!

Judge Refuses to Allow Charge to Stand Against Old-Timer.

HYATTSVILLE, Md., March 22.—Maryland justice will not permit an electric street car to be mistreated or dragged into court unnecessarily.

Old No. 682, which has seen many a trip between Washington and Mt. Rainier, with never an accident worse than a broken fender, a caved-in vestibule, or a smashed window, was charged by Justice of the Peace Klein a few days ago with "carrying concealed and dangerous weapons."

Justice of the Peace Robert Joyce, however, before whom the hearing was held last night, came out in defense of this battered old car.

"Don't mistreat it," he told the officers. "It may be a dumb piece of machinery, but it has carried enough passengers during the rush hours of the past to warrant better consideration. I hereby erase the charge of carrying concealed weapons made against the car and place it against the motorman, E. P. Peters."

Peters was convicted and fined \$50. He took an appeal.

MOVIES POWER FOR GOOD.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 22.—William A. Brady told the State senate movie investigators that movies are doing more to make the country religious on a Sunday than all the churches in the United States.

"BREAKERS" QUIT; "NOT NEEDED HERE"

"Between 150 and 200 strike breakers will be withdrawn from Washington tonight because the Washington Railway and Electric Company has the strike situation so well in hand."

This announcement was made today by C. B. Reed, head of the Washington Detective Bureau, Inc., which made a contract to break the strike here.

A majority of the strike breakers who will return tonight are maintenance of way men, pitmen and shopmen.

Reed said "the Columbia barn is entirely in the hands of the company again. We haven't a man there."

"MIRACLES" BY GARU SARACK

Occult Demonstration by Boudh Sadou's Father on Saturday Night.

Painting a landscape while blindfolded, the disintegration and reintegration of matter by occult power, the transportation of objects and even persons from one place to another without use of physical force—these are some of the visualizations of esoteric power which Dr. Sarack, will attempt Saturday night, when there will be a special meeting of the followers of Boudh Sadou, Grand Adept of the Initiates of Tibet.

Dr. Sarack is "Garu" or guardian to the "Grand Adept."

It had been hoped that the new temple of worship at 1431 Rhode Island avenue would be ready for the gathering, but the elaborateness of the decorations and the necessity of preparing the temple properly before the entrance of Boudh Sadou into the official center of the cult in this country makes it necessary that the meeting be held elsewhere.

Peering Eyes Shut Off.

The preparation of the temple was proceeding today with all possible haste, but peering eyes are shut off from viewing the work by heavy draperies which have been put up at all the windows, and no one other than the workmen are allowed to enter the house except those few members of the society who are directing the preparations.

In discussing the powers which he says are his, and which he claims have been conferred to an even greater degree upon his son, Boudh Sadou, Dr. Sarack said:

"Magian is an essential to all religions. It was the basis of the religion of Zoroaster, the principle of the Initiates of Hermes, the symbolism of Pythagoras, the occult philosophy of Agrippa and that of Cardan. It is the science of sciences, the gathering together of all human knowledge and all sciences into one."

"By saying a few all-powerful words," according to Dr. Sarack, he can even "heal the sick."

Promised Demonstration.

Members of the cult in this city have been promised a demonstration of the ability of their leader to heal and cure the sick.

The foundation members of the Esoteric Center of Washington, which was organized by Dr. Sarack, held a meeting of demonstration in this city about ten years ago.

Among those present at the meeting were Mrs. Sarah Fitzgerald, Dr. L. M. Taylor, Col. James D. Richardson, Miss Isabel Joyce, Mrs. De Carre, Dr. Gill, Mr. and Mrs. Hurd, W. H. T. Fowler, Dr. J. C. Castel, Miss G. C. Ross, Mrs. Graves, Mrs. Godino, Mrs. Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Sarneck, Miss Fitzhugh, Miss Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Stiebeling, Miss Weaver, Miss Sara Lee and Mrs. and Miss Simon.

Many new converts made since then will view the works of Dr. Sarack for the first time at the coming meeting.

GERMAN SHIPS MAY LEAVE

Merchant Vessels Here Free to Depart if War Comes.

Scores of German merchant vessels, representing hundreds of thousands of tons of shipping, now in American harbors, are free to depart if the United States goes to war with Germany, it was learned officially today.

In fact, these ships could leave now, under international law, it was officially pointed out, provided they could show a "clean bill of health, as to intent, etc."

Furthermore, all such ships would have a lease-way of nine months following a war declaration in which to re-equip damaged engines and parts, and take leave, under the treaty with Prussia.

The United States Government would seize them on one condition—that every one is paid for in full measure.

This was the status of these ships as outlined by the Navy Department today.

CHILDREN INHERIT \$7,000,000.

CHICAGO, March 22.—The will of Mrs. Julia B. Stewart, widow of the manufacturer of the speedometer, died in the probate court here, named her two children, Marlon, fifteen years old, and Jean, five years old, heirs to the estate, estimated at \$7,000,000. Mrs. Stewart died recently at Aiken, S. C., surviving her husband only a few months.

KING WARNS OF BOYCOTT OF CAR LINES

Calls Attention to Laws Relating to Persons and Organizations.

CAR MEN MAKE ANSWER

Cite Clayton Anti-Trust Act as Reply to Company's Statement.

Warnings issued by the Washington Railway and Electric Company against participation in a boycott of its lines because of the present strike today prompted a statement from officials of the car men's union, in which it was set forth that the strikers relied upon the Clayton anti-trust law for protection in their picketing and other activities.

At union headquarters the company's warning was interpreted as meaning that the weight of the strike and consequent loss of patronage by unionists and sympathizers were being felt. Strikers generally declared the purpose of the warning "is to frighten us, but we are not to be intimidated."

Unlawful Perhaps Unwittingly.

The warning reads as follows: "The Washington Railway and Electric Company desires to direct the attention of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees and certain of its members and sympathizers, and also of certain kindly disposed persons and sympathetic organizations, who have lent themselves or their aid in committing certain unlawful acts, perhaps unwittingly, that amount to a boycott directed at the Washington Railway and Electric Company, to the following:

"That it is unlawful to conspire, to interfere with, or coerce or intimidate the employees of this company, or interfere with the contractual relations which they sustain to it.

"That it is unlawful to conspire to cause loss or damage to the property of the Washington Railway and Electric Company.

"That it is unlawful to conspire to interfere with the business of the Washington Railway and Electric Company so as to injure it in any of its rights as a common carrier of passengers.

"That the publishing and use of letters, circulars, and printed matter seeking to deprive the company of its rights as a common carrier of passengers may amount to a boycott, and all persons and associations are warned against committing or doing any act or thing or conspiring so to do that is intended or has the effect to cause a boycott of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, or any of its lines embraced within its system.

"The company believes that any action as above indicated that may have been contemplated or counseled will at once be abandoned by all law abiding citizens when attention is called to the fact that such action is unlawful."

Strikers Retort.

In connection with the warning the company today gave out an explanatory statement.

Immediately after reading the statement.

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GERMAN SPIES SENT UP

Two Sentenced for Sending Operatives to England.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Carl O. Sander and Carl Wunnenberg were sentenced today to two years in the Federal penitentiary and fined \$2,500 each, after pleading guilty to sending spies to England.

The men pleaded guilty yesterday when revelations of George Vanux Bacon, an American newspaper man, brought back here from England, laid bare the plot.

Valuable ink used in transmitting invisible information in seemingly harmless communications figured in the evidence.

In a scathing arraignment of the two men, Judge Van Fleet declared the penalty was inadequate to meet such cases, and requested that the district attorney's office bring "this serious thing before the Department of Justice and Congress." The maximum penalty is three years' imprisonment and \$3,000 fine.

CZARINA IN PACT

Is Reported to Have Been in League With Germans.

PETROGRAD, March 22.—Correspondence between the Czarina and former Minister Protopopoff has been discovered, the Bourso Gazette says, proving that Protopopoff and others in the government planned to secure a separate peace with Germany.

SEEKS POLISH RECRUITS

Germany Starts a Thorough Canvass of the Country.

AMSTERDAM, March 22 (via London).—Germany has started a new and elaborate recruiting campaign in Poland, according to a Koelnberg dispatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung, quoting Polish papers.

Under the new plan seventeen main recruiting offices, seventy-four district offices, and 400 local bureaus have been opened. An appeal of the state council to the Poles to join the cause will shortly be issued.

DISTRICT BOARD PLANS CENSUS OF WAR POWER

Male Residents Between Ages of 18 and 45 Are Liable to War Duty.

LACK OF FUNDS DETERS

Citizens' Associations Have Promise of Commissioners in Making Enrollment.

Spurred by the impending crisis in international affairs, the District Commissioners are considering plans for the making of a military census of the District as provided for by the act of March 1, 1899.

The act requires that the Commissioners shall provide for the enrollment for the national guard of "male citizens resident within the District of Columbia between the ages of eighteen and forty-five, except such as are exempted from military service, such enrollment to be accomplished through the assessor of taxes."

When, a year ago, the law was brought to the attention of the board by Brig. Gen. William E. Harvey it was discovered the District was without funds to carry it into effect.

Lost With Deficiency Bill.

An item of \$8,000 for expenses incident to the enrollment of the man power of the District was included in the general deficiency bill which failed of passage.

Recent developments have inspired action on the part of the Commissioners, notwithstanding lack of funds. How the enrollment is to be accomplished has not been decided, but it was authoritatively stated by a member of the board today that it is under consideration. The Police Department may be called upon to do the work.

Commissioner Newman said today that he heartily endorsed the plans of the Southwest Citizens' Association for a military census of the territory covered by the organization. Any aid the District authorities can furnish, he said, will be immediately forthcoming.

Shrove to See Commissioners.

Charles S. Shrove, president of the Citizens' Association, said he would confer with the Commissioners before expressing himself as to the action of the federation.

The validity of the law was upheld by the Supreme Court in an opinion submitted to the Commissioners in which he said: "I do not know what particular difficulties there may be in the way of a compliance by the Commissioners of this statute and the performance of the duties which it entails, but I am constrained today that, in my judgment, this law has been in force and effect since the first day of March, 1899, and the duty which it enjoins upon the Commissioners to me is clear."

COMPETITIVE DRILL DATES

White Cadets to Have Contest May 21 and 22.

The following dates for the competitive drill of the High School Cadet Corps were named today by Assistant Superintendent of Schools Kramer:

White high schools, May 21 and 22; colored high schools, May 24.

Both drills will be at the American League Baseball Park.

Mr. Kramer and Lieut. Norman E. Briscoe, U. S. A., corps instructor, are now working on rules for the drill.

The drill this year is to be more comprehensive than ever before.

WILSON PLAYS GOLF

President and Dr. Grayson on Course More Than Hour.

The bracing weather encouraged President Wilson to spend more than an hour on the golf links this morning. Mr. Wilson left the White House shortly after 9 o'clock, and returned about 11 o'clock. His partner was Dr. T. Grayson.

President Wilson has practically recovered from his recent illness, but will continue for the present to transact business in his study at the White House rather than in the Executive office.

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

TO WRITE FOR THE TIMES

George Bernard Shaw has been on the Western Battle Front!

It is an event in war and literature—and in typical Shavian language "G. B. S." has described his experiences, sensations, and observations of modern warfare in a series of highly entertaining articles which will appear in The Times.

The First Article Entitled, "JOY RIDING AT THE FRONT"

Will Appear Next Saturday ONLY IN THE TIMES.

LOCAL CAPITAL STRONG IN NEW R. R.-SHIP LINE

Charles W. Morse, Once "Ice King," Chief Promoter of Project.

A. VIRGINIA CORPORATION

Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, Washington, and New York Revenue Sources.

A railroad and steamship project, involving an initial capital stock of \$5,000,000, is contemplated in the incorporation of a big syndicate formed here to develop extensive transportation facilities between Ohio, West Virginia, and Virginia, and New York and other Atlantic coast ports.

Paul Dulaney, attorney for the financial interests behind the enterprise, went to Richmond, Va., today to file articles of incorporation with the corporation commission of Virginia.

The name of the corporation is the New York, Washington, and Norfolk Steamship Company.

Negotiations for the promotion of the project have been in progress for several weeks, but only today did the plans assume definite shape. Despite that fact, Washington capitalists interested in the project were silent as to details.

Charles W. Morse, of New York, former "ice king," whose rise and fall in the world of finance and his subsequent rehabilitation furnish one of the most picturesque chapters in American financial history, is the leading figure in the syndicate.

Some Investors Not Named.

Among those interested in the project are Colin H. Livingstone, vice president of the American National Bank and extensively interested in coastwise and river steamship lines; W. B. Emmert, vice president and general manager of the Washington and Old Dominion Railway Company; Edward B. McLean, and others already interested in railroad and steamship corporations in Virginia and Washington.

It is understood that the names of the incorporators shield in a measure from the capitalists known to be financially interested in the project.

The career of Mr. Morse unfolds a tale of "frenzied finance" as well as it reflects his skill in things financial.

His sensational failure in the 1907 panic, his reduction to poverty, his conviction on the charge of misapplying funds and violation of national bank laws, his being sentenced to the Atlanta penitentiary for fifteen years and the commutation of the sentence by President Taft after serving two years in prison, constitute a remarkable story.

Morse's Career.

In 1907, Mr. Morse was reputed to be worth \$22,000,000, and to be the master of the usufruct of more than \$300,000,000, involving the operation of eighty-one ocean-going steamships and thirteen banks and trust companies.

Born at Bath, Me., his first job was selling candy on an excursion boat. When a young man he went into the ice business, and after gaining control of the ice shipped from Maine to New York city he went to the metropolis to manage the business. In 1900 he organized the American Ice Company, with a capital of \$60,000,000.

It developed subsequently that his stockholders in the "ice trust" included Mayor Robert A. Van Wyck of New York, Charles F. Murphy and J. Sergeant Cram, both dock commissioners.

In 1902 he entered the banking field and within a few years had a string of big banking institutions.

His National Bank of North America, caught in the panic, failed in October, 1907. He was indicted for misapplication of funds in February, 1908, and found guilty on November 6, 1908. He entered the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta to begin a fifteen-year sentence on January 3, 1910, after fighting his case to the highest court in the land.

Between the date of his conviction and the date he began his prison term he paid all he owed—\$7,000,000.

Has Confidence of Capitalists.

After a medical commission had reported that Mr. Morse could not live in prison longer than a month and not longer than six months out of prison, President Taft commuted his sentence in January, 1912, making two years he served.

Soon after he was freed Mr. Morse and his wife went to Europe. When he returned he plunged actively into the financial world and renewed his efforts to become a master in the maritime world. He was particularly ambitious to establish a big coastwise line, and has made numerous offers of such a project.

Mr. Morse has the confidence of Washington capitalists as one of the shrewdest financiers in American history, and since his release from the penitentiary has interested much local capital in his various enterprises.

Mr. Morse has been in Washington since Monday conferring with local capitalists. He declined today to give any details about the project until the incorporation plans have been completed.

MENACES LLOYD-GEORGE

Supposed Lunatic Enters Premier's Home, But is Overpowered.

LONDON, March 22.—A man supposed to be of unsound mind gained admittance to the residence of Premier Lloyd-George yesterday afternoon.

It was only with difficulty that he was overpowered and arrested.

U. S. NAVY NEEDS 74,500 MEN NOW

The navy needs 74,500 men—and needs them now.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels sounded an unofficial call for that number today in an appeal to the press to stimulate recruiting.

Naval recruits are being rushed through the naval training stations post-haste for immediate duty with the fleet. The Navy Department announced today that it had suspended the requirements for five months' training for naval recruits in order to man the fleets with all possible speed.

Figures show the present enlisted strength of the navy at 61,000 men on March 14, of which 4,544 have enlisted since January 1. The net gain for the last month was 1,947.

25 WOMEN SEEK TO ENTER NAVY

Offer Services Freely to Country at Recruiting Stations Here.

Since Secretary of the Navy Daniels issued his orders permitting women to enlist in the naval reserve, recruiting stations here have been visited by twenty-five women asking application blanks to offer their services to their country.

The recruiting office of the reserve at the old naval hospital, Ninth street and Pennsylvania avenue southeast, today reported that twelve women had taken the preliminary steps toward enlistment in the twenty-four hours that have elapsed since Secretary Daniels' announcement.

Seven women applied at the regular navy recruiting station, Ninth street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest, and six made the mistake of applying at the army recruiting tent, Pennsylvania avenue and Seventh street northwest.

All sought to learn the conditions for enrollment in the service.

Secretary Daniels' order permits women to enlist as nurses in the navy hospitals, as radio and telegraph operators, and as stenographers and clerical workers at navy yards.

Women of the Capital who have received training at Red Cross schools will be available as nurses. There is a plethora of clerks and stenographers. A class of twenty-five at Theodore Bailey Myers Mason house has been studying wireless telegraphy for more than a year.

WOMEN RESPOND QUICKLY

Daniels Receives Enlistments From Many Cities.

The first call of the Navy Department for women recruits brought abundant replies from many cities today.

In New York, women are being given technical instruction in motor, wireless telegraphy, and first aid and nursing. Cooking classes also have been formed.

Vassar College announced the students are in the state of "practical mobilization," with most of the girls signed up for war service.

RECRUITS INCREASE

All Stations Report Enlistments Are Being Rapidly Secured.

All recruiting stations in Washington reported a remarkable increase in the number of men seeking to enlist in the army, navy, or reserve.

The tightening in the international situation during the past few days, and the decision of the President to convene Congress, presumably for the purpose of declaring war, have intensified patriotic spirit, and many more enlistments have been procured.

The navy recruiting station reported that sixty men have applied for enlistment blanks during the last few days, and nine actual enlistments have been made. In addition many others have sought the office for the object of procuring information booklets. Men of this class state they will withhold from enlisting till war breaks.

The reserve recruiting headquarters have had more than a hundred applications this week, and about thirty enlistments. War will cause these numbers to leap into the thousands, it was predicted this morning.

First Class Private A. J. Ryan, in charge of the army recruiting tent at Seventh street and Pennsylvania avenue, received two enlistments during the past two days.

The recruiting tent, which was taken down during inauguration, was erected here today and a new "flooring" was constructed. Requests for enlistment in the aviation and Signal Corps were referred to other stations.

HOLY SYNOD BACKS REVOLT

Russian Church Authorities See "God's Hand."

PETROGRAD, March 22.—The holy synod of the Russian Church today decided to send a message to all "children of the church" declaring the revolution was "brought about by God's hand."

"Inasmuch as the Lord holds the fate of the kingdom and its peoples," the message reads, "we exhort our members to obey the new government and fulfill their duty as Christian citizens."

OHIO READY TO ACT.

Governor Cox, of Ohio, today called the White House on the long distance telephone and assured Secretary Tamm that the Ohio legislature was willing to pass any legislation the President desired in the present crisis.

PREPAREDNESS RUSHED AS WAR TALK SPREADS

Government Spurred on by Unofficial Advices of Clash in 48 Hours.

U-BOATS AFTER U S LINER?

Reports of Submarines in Wait for Armed Ship Heard—Wilson Prepares Message.

Spurred on by unofficial advices that Germany is expecting actual war with the United States within the next forty-eight hours, all agencies of the Government hummed today with the work of preparation.