

SON DISCLAIMS MOTHER IN SUIT

Arthur Hammerstein Repudiates Widow in Action Over Theater.

NEW YORK, May 21.—"Mrs. Oscar Hammerstein is not my mother; in fact, I hardly know her." So said Arthur Hammerstein, son of Oscar Hammerstein, today. He is one of the leading producers of musical comedies. He added: "My mother died when I was four years old, and it was nearly thirty-five years later that my father married the present Mrs. Hammerstein."

MOTHER CLAIMED THEATER.
Mr. Hammerstein's repudiation of his stepmother came as an answer to a statement alleged to have been made by Mrs. Hammerstein, that she is the proprietor of the Republic Theater. Mr. Hammerstein said: "The Republic Theater was acquired by me in 1913 in lieu of a contract I had with my father, that should have been made by the Metropolitan Opera House to the Metropolitan Opera Company and retire from the operatic field I was to receive the Republic Theater in payment."

THEATER HIS, HE SAYS.
"This deal I consummated April 20, 1910, receiving in cash \$1,200,000. A recent decision handed down by Justice Scott made me the sole owner of the Republic Theater."

The decision in question was Mr. Hammerstein's elimination as a defendant in the suit brought by his sisters against him and Mrs. Oscar Hammerstein to recover \$125,000 which Oscar Hammerstein diverted from the Hammerstein Amusement Company to the Hammerstein Opera Company.

This \$125,000 was a part of the \$225,000 paid to him by E. F. Albee, of the Keith interests, to relinquish his vaudeville franchise for the district in which the Palace Theater now enjoys a monopoly. The Hammerstein sisters recovered judgment against Mrs. Oscar Hammerstein, and it now stands with accrued interest, amounting to \$143,000, as a lien on the Manhattan Opera House.

MARY GARDEN HERE.
Discussing the report that the Manhattan Opera House is soon to be put up for sale, Arthur Hammerstein said he did not believe it would bring more than enough to meet the mortgages and aggregating about \$650,000. The Chicago Opera Company has a lease on the building which expires in 1922.

Mary Garden is now in New York. She would not discuss the report that she has come here to negotiate for the acquisition of the theater.

Arthur Hammerstein, speaking of his stepmother, said: "She knows nothing about grand opera. She was not married to my father until after he had abandoned grand opera. She was not associated with him in his grand opera days. I alone was associated with my father during his opera days, and I was practically in partnership with him from 1905 to 1910, when he closed. "He had a wonderful spirit. When he was forced to discontinue opera, he said: 'Arthur, I am going to London to give opera. I am going to a million dollars, and I asked 'On what' 'On debts,' was his reply. He had wonderful courage and did not recognize defeat."

BONUS SIDETRACKED FOR RELIEF BILLS

Wounded Veterans to Get Immediate Aid, According to Congress' Plans.

In considering whether bonus legislation this session Congress will give right of way to bills providing for the disabled veteran, it was indicated today.

Every cent of appropriation for soldiers will be given to the wounded vet, and all bills affecting him will come before other soldier legislation.

The House, by agreement, will not take up the regular soldier bonus bill until all legislation pertaining to war risk patients and other disabled soldiers has been disposed of, it was said today.

TWO SENATORS FIGHT BOOST FOR MAJ. PECK

Nomination of Maj. Robert G. Peck for the grade of lieutenant, included in the list of fifty-nine prospective colonels and lieutenant colonels submitted recently to the Senate by Secretary of War Weeks, was held up yesterday by the Senate Military Affairs Committee at the request of Senators Capper of Kansas and Spencer of Missouri, Republicans. Capper filed a protest stating Peck made "scandalous and scandalous reports reflecting upon the thirty-fifth division. Peck was quoted in the protest as having referred to the division as having "all the earmarks of a national guard outfit, which it is."

Groundhog Attacks Hen.

WAYNESBORO, Pa., May 21.—Mrs. R. M. Dorer, living on the Daniel Hess fruit farm at Rouserville, shot a groundhog weighing ten pounds, which she found battling with an old hen. The hen, with sixteen chicks had wandered into the grass field when it was attacked by the groundhog.

A REMARKABLE PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING HARRIET MITCHELL, NINE-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER OF BRIGADIER GENERAL MITCHELL, TAKING A HURDLE ON "HOME AGAIN," HER ENTRY IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL HORSE SHOW, WHERE HER WONDERFUL RIDING RECEIVED MUCH APPLAUSE.



ENGINEER KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

Washington Bound Cars Go Over Embankment—Rails Believed Tampered With.

AUGUSTA, Ga., May 21.—The wrecking of a passenger train over the Seaboard Air Line, bound for Washington just across the river from Augusta yesterday, resulted in the death of Engineer Joseph Temple, and painful injuries to a mail clerk, an express messenger and several passengers. The engine and two express cars toppled down a low embankment.

Railroad officials declare there are many indications that the track had been tampered with and are investigating. Temple lived in Florence, S. C.

'QUEEN OF STUDIOS' SUES FILM CONCERN

Audrey Munson Seeks \$15,000 Damages—Claims Contract Was Disregarded.

STRACUSE, N. Y., May 21.—Charging that she was a star in name only during the production of "The Queen of the Studios," and that another actress "double" for her while her own work was limited to a few posing scenes, Audrey Munson, world-famous model, today is back home here to fight for \$15,000 damages, the salary she claims is her due.

A summons was forwarded to New York by George H. Cole, Miss Munson's attorney, in a \$15,000 breach of contract action in the Supreme Court against Allan Rock and the Perry Plays Film Company, producer of an intimate picture of life in the Bohemian art colony, named "The Queen of the Studios."

Signed to star in the studio motion picture on terms which were to give her \$250 a week for a period of sixty weeks, regardless of whether she was working all the time, Miss Munson charges that she was relegated to a minor posing part and an actress who faintly resembled her, wrested from her a chance to gain as much dramatic fame as her figure had won her in art circles.

DOG DROPS 1,500 FEET FROM U. S. AEROPLANE

BANTON, Ill., May 21.—"Bing," a foxterrier, made a descent of 1,500 feet in a parachute from an airplane at Chanute Field yesterday. When "Bing" landed he worked himself from his harness, overcame another dog set to prevent his onward journey, and ran to headquarters with a message carried in a pouch suspended from his neck.

BIBLE IS GUIDE IN SEARCH FOR 7 CITIES

JERUSALEM, May 21.—Dr. Clarence S. Fischer, curator of the Egyptian section of the University of Pennsylvania Museum will begin excavating in the desert of the city known in the Old Testament as Beth Shan, lying at the eastern end of the Valley of Idraslon near the River Jordan. The modern name of the city is Beisan.

POLICE TAKE NEGRO IN \$7,000 SILK ROBBERY

Charged with receiving \$7,000 worth of stolen silks and other valuable goods, Samuel Glover, colored, forty-nine years old, of 15 E street northwest, was yesterday placed under arrest by Detective Sergeant Keck. The silks, according to the police, were stolen from the Collins & Keen Company, 1747 Rhode Island avenue northwest, a short time ago.

RAIL PROBLEM LOOMS LARGER

Federal Control, New Cabinet Chair, Three Avenues Open For Its Solution.

By GEORGE HOLMES, International News Service.

The railroad situation is becoming so acute and the problems presented by it so gigantic, that the highest officials of the Government are beginning to entertain serious doubts whether there is any governmental agency now existing that is capable of coping with it.

This means that something entirely new in the way of governmental regulation of the nation's carriers may have to be evolved in order to get the roads back to a basis of "normalcy." Some suggestions along these lines already were presented by President Harding, and he has them under consideration.

THREE AVENUES OPEN

Many close students of the railroad problem in Washington are convinced that there are but three avenues through which to approach a solution of the matter—1, Government ownership; 2, creation of a department of transportation with a Cabinet officer at its head, or, 3, broaden the powers of the existing regulating agencies so that they can control the situation with more efficiency than is now apparent.

Government ownership is anathema to the present administration, and its head shrinks away in horror from the mere suggestion. Business is popularly supposed to be against Government ownership; the Republican party in its platform says it is against Government ownership, and President Harding himself has frequently stressed its undesirability.

Government ownership is therefore held to be an impossible solution to the present acute situation. There is considerable sentiment, too, against the creation of any more Cabinet positions. The Cabinet, as now composed, consists of twelve men, including the President and Vice President, and many believe that adding to this number would handicap rather than facilitate the work of advising the President.

ADVOCATE BROADER POWERS

The two agencies by which the Government now endeavors to regulate the nation's railroads are the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Railway Labor Board. The "I. C. C.," as it is popularly known, was organized some years ago to protect the shipping and investing public from being bilked or rate-ridden by unscrupulous manipulators. The Railway Labor Board was born amid the exigencies of war, with an eye to the oft-recurring menace of a general strike. The Interstate Commerce Commission deals with rates and finance; the board with the human side of the railroad problem—wages, hours, employment, working conditions and kindred matters.

In some quarters it is believed that the present powers of these two bodies can be so broadened and increased that they will prove as efficacious in the future as they have been in the past. In other quarters, however, the two bodies are contemptuously referred to as "antique junk," so restricted, so bountifully round with red tape and regarded by petty holdings of law that their severest will be able to cope with the problems presented.

It is the view of this latter group that both the I. C. C. and the board must be swept into the discard and there must be created in their stead some super-governing agency with broad powers and increased latitude in regulating affairs. Whether these latter views ultimately will prevail is problematical, but Senators, Congressmen and responsible officials who have studied the situation are agreed that the present state of affairs cannot continue long and that something must be done.

ACTION AWAITING INVESTIGATION

The Administration is looking forward to the Senatorial investigation of the railroad situation, under the leadership of Senator Albert B. Cummins of Iowa, with considerable favor. The investigation will at least bring the plight of the railroads to the fore, it is felt.

Opinions vary as to the benefits that may result from the inquiry. It is pointed out that Congress has done much investigating of many subjects in the past and that nothing very startling ever developed therefrom. On the other hand, those in favor of the investigation feel that it may at least bring to light the serious defects in our present system of regulating railroads, from which constructive and remedial action can be taken.

SENATOR DEMANDS PROOF IN NEW "SLACKER" BILL

Suspension of the publication by the Secretary of War of the names of "draft evaders" without "sufficient proof" of their guilt is provided for in a bill introduced in the Senate yesterday by Senator Stanley, Democrat, of Kentucky.

The bill provides that the names of alleged war slackers shall not be published upon sole evidence furnished by the draft records that the men named did not voluntarily enlist or serve in the army, navy or marine corps during the war or in the military or naval service of co-belligerents, and that the record of a registrant which only discloses failure to report for enrollment, absence from mobilization camp, or failure to comply with induction orders of the adjutant general of a State is not sufficient cause to justify publication.

SHORTAGE OF BEER ALARMS ALL BRITAIN

LONDON, May 21.—A shortage of beer is reported throughout the coun-

KELLEY McKEVITT, a jolly larettie, who mops the deck of the yacht F-39 in Chicago harbor.



try generally as one of the consequences of the lack of coal due to the miners' strike. This has led French to remark that it feared something serious would eventually happen.

MEDICINE BEER IS O. K.'D AGAIN

Secretary Mellon Says Sick People Should Have Brew, Despite Law.

By W. H. ATKINS, International News Service.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon today gave a new ray of hope for medicinal beer. He said he favored making beer available for the sick, regardless of what Congress does with the Volstead bill to outlaw malt liquors.

REVERSES FORMER POLICY

Reversal of the former policy of the Treasury to withhold regulations for the manufacture and sale of beer on doctors' prescriptions was practically decided upon by Mr. Mellon. Secretary Mellon was informed that the Volstead amendment forbidding beer may not be acted upon finally for six weeks or possibly two months. He conferred with his advisers, and the conclusion was reached that irrespective of what Congress does, there

should be no further delay in making the Department of Justice ruling operative.

In this decision the Treasury chief overruled prohibition and revenue bureau chiefs, who urged delay in promulgating regulations until Congress decides the beer issue.

Legal advisers of the Treasury were of the opinion that the Administration should not anticipate what Congress may or may not do, but should interpret and enforce the law as it now stands.

BEER SALES DRAW UP

Nearly three months have elapsed since the famous opinion of former Attorney General Palmer, lifting the lid of beer as a medicine. Prohibitionists gaintures to Prohibition Commissioner Kramer and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and following closely upon their protests, Representative Volstead, at the behest of William Jennings Bryan and other dry leaders, introduced his bill placing beer under the ban.

Prohibition chiefs said today that as soon as Secretary Mellon directs issuance of beer regulations they will be made quickly effective. In fact, the mechanical details of putting the beer rules into effect already have been worked out by Commissioner Kramer, but were held in abeyance, pending further orders from the Treasury head.

Pullman cars were introduced on the Midland railway, England, in 1874. The "palace cars" were then ten years old in the United States.

PLAN CLOTURE ON NAVY BILL

Senate Leaders Aim to Check Opponents' Filibustering by Limiting Debate.

By J. BART CAMPBELL, International News Service.

Closure, or the restriction of debate, is being seriously considered by Republican leaders of the Senate today as a means of choking off the filibuster they charge opponents of the \$500,000,000 navy appropriation bill with conducting in an attempt to prevent final action on provisions for a "bigger American navy."

SENATE IN RECESS

The Senate is not in session today, a recess having been taken late yesterday afternoon until Monday, after several hours were consumed in speech-making by Senator Robinson, Democrat, of Arkansas, and other opponents of the proposed naval sup-

ply base at Alameda, on San Francisco Bay. The fight over the Alameda project is expected to be renewed on Monday. Both its proponents and opponents concede the outcome is doubtful.

The Alameda project was incorporated in the navy bill by the Republican majority in control of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee after the bill's passage by the House recently. Provision is made for an initial appropriation of \$1,500,000 for preliminary work on the planned naval supply base, which had the indorsement of a joint committee of the Senate and House Naval Affairs Committee which visited San Francisco Bay, as well as of high naval officers.

BORAH DISPUTES POINTDEXTER.
Senator Pointdexter, Republican, of Washington State, acting chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, vice Senator Page, Republican, of Vermont, who is ill, is leading the fight for the Alameda appropriation. He denies there is any intention of "scrapping" the Mare Island navy yard. His opponents, notably Senator Borah, contend otherwise, and acrimonious debate on the project threatens to hold up the bill itself indefinitely. Republican leaders fear, unless cloture is invoked.

The Japanese situation, in connection with the naval sea and land defenses proposed for the Pacific coast and for American possessions in Pacific waters, also promises considerable discussion before the bill is disposed of.

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