

SHOULD WE PUT AN EXPORT TARIFF ON OUR HEIRESSSES?

Two Congressmen Explain Why They Demand Governmental Regulation

Loss of Billion Dollars Every Ten Years In "Purchase" of Titled Husbands

SHOULD American heiresses who marry abroad and carry with them substantial parts of American fortunes made in America be subject to a heavy export tariff?

At the recent session two members of congress, Julius Kahn of California and A. J. Sabath of Illinois, made speeches advocating such a tax.

It is admitted that there are not so many foreign marriages as formerly, but the congressmen do not believe that this is due to any awakening of a patriotic desire to keep American fortunes in the United States.

"Curb the Title Barterers." In a speech in the house of representatives Congressman Kahn said: "I think we are all in accord on this subject of international marriages."

"It is a fact open to the notice of everybody that within the present generation no European nobleman has married a poor American girl. There is absolutely no exception to this rule."

"A second fact equally open to observation is that no daughter of a foreign nobleman ever marries an American man. "A third fact, most striking of all, is that few very rich American girls marry American men."

"It is inevitable that such marriages between American young women and foreign noblemen should in a great majority of instances turn out badly. How could it be otherwise when they are merely a matter of bargain and sale?"

Need For an Heiress Tax. In telling why he wanted the export tax, Congressman Sabath said:

"We are squandering more than \$100,000,000 annually in the purchase of titled foreign husbands for American girls, this sum being understood to include what is spent abroad in the business of hunting for them."

"At the rate I have mentioned the purchase of foreign titles for our girls costs us more than a billion dollars every ten years. That is an immense amount of money. Can even so rich a country as ours stand such a drain? The money goes to England or the continent and is lost to us forever. None of it ever comes back."

Newly Rich Are Ambitious. "Most of the very big fortunes in this country are new fortunes. The women whose husbands have made the fortunes nearly always develop social ambitions, and too commonly their utmost desire is to marry their daughters to men of title."

"It inevitably happens that Americans who go to Europe are laughed at and spoken of behind their backs as 'bounders,' especially by the nobility and other aristocratic folk who enjoy their hospitality and borrow their money. But this is only one of the many forms of humiliation to which they are exposed. Unfortunately the business brings ridicule upon our country, and that is a pity."

Believes He is in Majority. "What is needed is a heavy tax on all moneys that go from America to Europe through international marriages. Congress would certainly pass a bill similar to the one I introduced in the Fifty-ninth congress relating to the matter if it could be framed in such a way as to be constitutional and at the same time effective. To meet

requirements of constitutionality in the case is not so easy, inasmuch as congress has no power to tax things that go out of the country and our American heiresses are exports.

"There are various ways in which this might be accomplished, the simplest perhaps being to impose a tax upon dowries. Such a tax might be established on a graduated scale, so that the percentage claimed by the treasury would increase the size of the fortune thus sent across the ocean."

Title Hunting Campaigns Expensive. "The problem is exceedingly complex, inasmuch as the principal item of loss is not through the payment of dowries. There are, to begin with, enormous expenses incidental to title hunting campaigns in Europe. Palatial houses in city and country must be rented and maintained, entertaining of a most lavish description must be done, and it commonly happens that heavy sums must be paid for introductions to the nobility and invitations to the houses of titled families. There are at the present time in England many persons of unquestioned social position who earn a living or add greatly to their incomes by this sort of business."

"Much of the \$100,000,000 or so which we pay annually for titles goes in this way. But the largest item of all in the account is the inheritances which through international marriages pass over from America to Europe. Take, for example, the case of an American citizen who has spent his life in accumulating \$30,000,000 or \$40,000,000."

"There are plenty of such fortunes nowadays in this country. He has a couple of attractive daughters, and he pays two foreign noblemen, one a French marquis and the other a Russian prince (both much in need of the ready cash), \$3,000,000 or \$4,000,000 apiece to marry them. But a few years later the old man dies, and the bulk of his huge fortune is divided between the two girls—to be sent across the water and squandered in Europe by their husbands in gambling and in other ways. This is not a picture of what might occur. It describes something that is happening all the time."

"When the titled husband has been secured at such great cost in money and trouble disillusionment in a vast majority of instances comes only too quickly to the American born wife. She may even discover—and this has happened time and time again—that her marriage, though valid in the United States, is of no account in her husband's country."

Legislation is Coming. "Supposing she has married an Italian, she can get no divorce, no matter what her husband does. One such case came recently to my knowledge where an American born lady was kept and still is kept a prisoner by her Italian husband on his estate. Meanwhile he has squandered the whole of her fortune."

"Is it not time that something was done to interfere with this mischievous traffic? We are at the present time paying to European holders over \$200,000,000 annually in interest and dividends on American stocks and bonds, most of the capital represented having been acquired by their foreign owners through marriages with the daughters of our millionaires."

"Sooner or later we shall get some effective legislation on the subject. Nearly four years ago I introduced in the house a resolution, meant to be merely tentative, that all gifts, dowries, settlements or advances of money or property made in consideration or in contemplation of marriage, whether paid or delivered before or after the actual solemnization of such marriage by any citizen of the United States, shall be subject to a tax of 25 per cent of the total amount of any such gift, dowry, settlement or advance, and such tax shall be paid into the United States treasury."

Some Notable Instances. Daughters of American millionaires who would come under the heiress tax include: Mildred Sherman, one of the famous \$30,000,000 Sherman twins who is to marry Lord Camoys; Duchess de Vizen (Mildred Carter), Countess Colliard-Mansfield (Nora Iselin) and Lady Decies (Vivien Gould).



COUNTESS COLLIARD-MANSFIELD.



DUCHESS DE VIZEN.



MILDRED SHERMAN.



LADY DECIES.

IN THE REALM OF FASHION

Afternoon Costume. A charming afternoon frock for a young woman is illustrated here. It



VELVET GOWN.

is made of dark blue satin trimmed with buttons and cords to match the gown, and the skirt is slightly draped.

Use of Old Laces. Beautiful real lace of all kinds is rapidly returning to popularity and bids fair to be generally used during the coming months by those who can afford such luxuries not only on evening dresses, but on the bodices of day gowns. These bodices in many instances will be trimmed most elaborately with lace and also with exquisitely fine silk embroideries and touches of fur.

The latest millinery, too, shows in many instances the very chic effect of a large shape in black silk beaver of a satin-like smoothness, adorned only with a big bow of white real lace. For similar purposes long scarfs of white lace are also being used, draped round and over the crowns of some of the Pierrot shapes and then tied with many loops very high at the back.

DAINTY COLLARS AND SMART CUFFS.

Even the Expensive Sets May Be Duplicated at Home.

The modern girl is so pleased with the lace and embroidery collars in use that she will continue to wear them throughout the winter on heavy serge and tweed suits. They are made of the finest linen and cambric and are embroidered, tucked or trimmed with lace.

Cuffs are made to match, and the jabot frill that adorns one side of the bodice is very often included in the set.

The shops show many very lovely old sets. But some of these are beyond the purse of the average woman. She need not be discouraged, however, for the daintiest of these sets can easily be made at home.

Purchase a sailor collar pattern and if it does not exactly fit fold the paper over at the neck line until it does. Pin or paste it that way and you have a guide by which almost any shape collar can be cut.

Next select the material, lay the pattern on and cut it out. After this is done it can be laid out flat and trimmed in any way you desire with lace or embroidery. If you want to embroider the collar stamp it with a scalloped edge and some pretty floral design all the way around and work it with white mercerized cotton. If lace is used as a trimming have two rows of insertion placed one inch apart on the edge and whip an edge of narrow lace all the way around.

White or ecru blond having bands of lace insertion and a fine lace edge makes the daintiest of collars. It can be used for cuffs and, of course, for the side jabot. This jabot should match the collar with which it is worn and is made of a straight piece of material four inches wide at the top, graduating in width to two inches at the lower end. It is trimmed on the edge, as is the collar. Lay the other edge in fine plaits and bind it with a half inch band of cambric. Pin or button it under the box plait in the front of the blouse.

Ewes On Sale. We have young breeding ewes to put out on shares for one year from October 1, 1911, with responsible parties. Write us for further information. J. B. LONG & CO., Great Falls, Montana.

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Ten Dollars Reward. Strayed from J. Engellant ranch on Arrow creek, a strawberry roan horse, bald face, nine years old, branded on left shoulder. Will pay above reward for information leading to recovery. FRANK SEYNOST, Hawarden, Mont.

\$100.00 Reward. I will pay the above reward to any one for evidence that will convict any party of stealing or driving off their range or unlawfully tampering with horses branded 4-C on left shoulder and other marks. Range west of Alma postoffice, between Little Sage and Big Sage. I will also pay a liberal reward for information concerning above horses when any of them are away from their range. Address CHAS. J. HARBER, Alma, Mont.

\$100 Reward. One hundred dollars reward will be paid for evidence and conviction of parties driving off from their accustomed home range, or headwaters of middle fork of Clear Creek, inflicting, killing or unlawfully branding, or any cattle or horses bearing brand on left hip for cattle and left shoulder for horses. I desire the return of all above stock and will pay a fair reward for information leading to recovery. FRED H. SCOTT, Warrick, Montana.

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For Sale and Rent. A team, wagon and two sets of harness, two milch cows, six head of stock cattle, a new disc harrow, mowing machine and rake, and other farm implements, and about fifteen tons alfalfa hay in stack for sale. Will also rent my ranch on lower Highwood, consisting of 400 acres of land, of which forty acres are seeded to winter wheat, fifteen acres to alfalfa. Good farm buildings on the premises, and excellent water. For particulars address MRS. E. B. WALLACE, Fort Benton.

Notice to the Public. To whom it may concern. This is to certify that D. R. Clayton, a resident of Dodson, Chouteau county, Montana, has established an office in Coberg, Chouteau county, Montana, for the transaction of business where the purpose shall be the collection and adjustment of accounts and credits, and hereafter to be known as Merchants' and Traders' Credit and Claim Clearing Service. D. R. CLAYTON, State of Montana.

Notice to the Public. On the 10th day of October, in the year 1911, before me, John B. Turton, a notary public, of Dodson, Montana, appeared D. R. Clayton, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same. JOHN B. TURTON, Notary public for the state of Montana, residing at Dodson, Montana. My commission expires January 3, 1913.

House For Rent. A four-roomed house for rent, partly furnished, located on upper Franklin street. Apply to Mrs. C. Care River, P. M.

Notice to Taxpayers. Office of the county treasurer of Chouteau county, Fort Benton, Montana, October 4, 1911. Notice is hereby given that the taxes on all real and personal property for the year 1911, are now due and payable at the court house, city of Fort Benton, Chouteau county, Montana.

Notice of Hearing. In the district court of the Twelfth judicial district of the state of Montana, in and for the county of Chouteau. In the matter of the estate of Henry C. Gelder, deceased. Notice is hereby given, that the will of Henry C. Gelder, deceased, has been produced and filed herein; that the petition of Celia A. Gelder, of Chinook, Montana, for the probate of said will has been filed herein; that on the 13th day of November, A. D. 1911, at 10 o'clock, a. m. and the same is, hereby set by the clerk of said court as the time for hearing said petition in and for the court house at Fort Benton, Montana.

Alias Summons. In the District Court of the Twelfth Judicial District of the State of Montana, in and for the county of Chouteau. Susie A. McDonald, plaintiff, vs. Frank R. McDonald, defendant. The State of Montana sends greetings to the above-named defendant and each of them: You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action which is filed in the office of the clerk of this court, a copy of which is herewith served upon one of you in each county wherein any of you may reside, and to file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Coal Waiver Filed. United States Land Office at Great Falls, Montana, October 17, 1911. Notice is hereby given that the coal waiver filed by J. B. LEEB, County Treasurer, is hereby published for the information of the public. CHAS. H. BOYLE, Clerk of the District Court. First publication Nov. 2, 1911.

Notice For Publication. United States Land Office at Great Falls, Montana, October 11, 1911. Notice is hereby given that FLORENCE DOBERTY, of Carter, Montana, who on January 5, 1910, made homestead entry No. 09334, for SW 1/4 section 13, township 34 north, range 5 east, Montana principal meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver, U. S. land office, at Great Falls, Montana, on the 5th day of December, 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: George G. Harris, William A. Arbutnot, Felix R. Bader, William C. Doherty. E. L. BARNES, Register.

Notice For Publication. United States Land Office at Lewistown, Montana, October 13, 1911. Notice is hereby given that PETER JOHN HENDRICKSON, of Hawarden, Montana, who, on September 10, 1910, made homestead application serial No. 011954, for NW 1/4 NE 1/4, SW 1/4 NW 1/4 section 19, township 21 north, range 1 east, Montana principal meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office at Fort Benton, Montana, on the 18th day of November, 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: Scott Guthridge, Herman Engellant, Henry Hagon, Gordon Ford, all of Hawarden, Montana. C. E. MCKOIN, Register.

Sheriff's Sale. In the district court of the Twelfth judicial district of the state of Montana, in and for the county of Chouteau. Bogy Mercantile Company, plaintiffs, vs. W. C. Thompson and F. Dalton, defendants. To be sold at sheriff's sale on the 15th day of November, 1911, at 2 o'clock p. m., at front door of county court house, Fort Benton, in the said county of Chouteau, state of Montana, the following described property: All of the right, title, and interest of the defendants or either of them in and to the southeast quarter of southwest quarter section one (1), the north half of northeast quarter section seven (7), township 30 north, range 19 east, Montana principal meridian, in Chouteau county, Montana, together with all buildings, structures and improvements thereon. All of the right, title, and interest of the defendants or either of them in and to the southeast quarter of southwest quarter section one (1), the north half of northeast quarter and northeast quarter of southwest quarter section twelve (12), all in township 30 north, range 19 east, Montana principal meridian, in Chouteau county, Montana, together with all buildings, structures and improvements thereon. Dated this 4th day of October, A. D. 1911. GEO. BICKLE, Sheriff. By CHAS. CRAWFORD, Undersheriff. R. E. O'KEEFE, attorney or plaintiff. First publication Oct. 25, 1911.

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Coal land. Waiver filed. Serial No. 013340. Notice For Publication. United States Land Office at Havre, Montana, October 5, 1911. Notice is hereby given that VIRGIL E. BLANKENBAKER, whose post office address is Virgelle, Montana has this 3d day of October, 1911, filed in this office his application to select under the provisions of section 3206 Revised Statutes, U. S., the following described land: Lot 5, section 10, township 36 north, range 11 east, Montana meridian. Any and all persons claiming adversely the land described, or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land, or for any other reason, to the disposal to applicant, should file their affidavits of protest in this office, on or before the 15th day of November, 1911. M. W. BUTCHERSON, Register.

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