

MARRIED TO SAVE BOY FROM SUICIDE, SAYS CHORUS GIRL

Wealthy Father of Youth Seeks to Have the Marriage Annulled.

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—That Miss Dorothy Phillips, a chorus girl in "Watch Your Step" became the bride of Phillip Hermann, 18 year old son of James S. Hermann, a wealthy builder, to save him from committing suicide after his father had called on her and asked her not marry his son became known when a suit to annul the marriage came to light in the supreme court.

The elder Hermann conducts business as Phillip Hermann's son at 407 West Fourteenth street and lives at 283 West Seventy-first street. He has built many large bank buildings and other structures in New York City. Young Mrs. Hermann, whose real name was Dorothy Gates, shares an apartment at 245 West Fifty-first street with Mrs. Ethel Belmont, first wife of Raymond Belmont under a separation decree. She is a native of Charleston, S. C., and was 18 years old in July.

The annulment suit was started by Mr. and Mrs. Hermann against their son and his wife on the ground that when the marriage occurred in January their son had not reached the age of legal consent and they were opposed to the match.

That the suit had been filed last March did not become known until recently, when counsel for the elder Mr. and Mrs. Hermann filed an application for the appointment of a guardian ad litem for Mrs. Dorothy Gates Hermann, on the ground that she is only 18. It had developed that on application of the plaintiff's attorney, Supreme Court Justice Donnelly had appointed James A. Farrell guardian ad litem for young Hermann.

An affidavit filed by A. Edward Glasgow, a friend of the elder Hermann, who served the annulment papers on Mrs. Hermann, stated that he called on her before the marriage in company with James S. Hermann, who pleaded with her not to marry the boy.

Mrs. Hermann who has been in the Winter Garden chorus recently, when asked for a statement as to her intentions said:

"I certainly will defend this case. I haven't been able to find any records to show my husband is only 18 years old. Anyhow, I only married him to save his life, although we were both in love with each other. I met him in December, a week after "Watch Your Step" opened, through a mutual friend who was a fellow student with my husband at Harvard. The courtship was furious and Phil asked his father's consent to marry.

"My husband's father came and asked me not to marry his son because he wasn't old enough to know his own mind and because he wanted him to finish his college course before entering matrimony. I agreed to wait, but Phil sent me a letter saying he would commit suicide if I didn't marry him at once, so I went with him to the city hall and we were married by Alderman Reardon. We never lived together, but my husband called on me for about five months, until his father finally won him away from me altogether."

Young Mrs. Hermann's answer will be filed by her guardian ad litem as soon as he is appointed.

WHISKERS

Of Man, 60, Liked by Wife, Says Kay in a Divorce Complaint.

READING, Pa., Sept. 11.—Here are some of the allegations in the divorce suit of Richard W. Kay against Nettie E. Kay, residence unknown, in which a master recommended a divorce on the grounds of desertion:

"We got along together all right until Mrs. Kay met a man 60 years old, who wore whiskers part in the middle, carried a cane and dressed peculiarly.

"This man was employed by the same house I worked for. Both of us are traveling salesmen.

"I took him home for dinner one day and he reciprocated my hospitality by telling my wife she was too well educated and accomplished to be the wife of an ordinary salesman.

"My wife met him in other cities.

"She took a bulldog out walking, and when the dog died she kept the animal's collar as a souvenir.

"She neglected her household work. When visitors came, I had to dust the chairs with a handkerchief."

Kay, who lives here, said he was willing to take her back, but she has disappeared.

Sets Fire to Father's Garage With a Sun Glass

PASADENA, Sept. 11.—Frederick McCombs, 7 year old son of the Rev. Dr. Vernon M. McCombs, burned down his father's garage with a sun glass. Doctor McCombs went to Los Angeles in his automobile, and while he was gone, his son playing about the garage, found an old stereopticon lens.

The powerful glass held in the boy's hand, started a blaze almost instantly in a piece of paper. Fascinated by the power of the glass, the lad did not realize that the flames had gotten beyond his control until too late.

TOTAL ABSTAINERS

Win Foot Race and Avowed Drinkers Take Pledge to Cut Out Booze.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 11.—Thomas Crowley, launch and tug boat owner has entered into competition with Solomon for wisdom. There has been furious discussion in the ranks of Crowley's employes over a plan to stop harbor marines from smoking and drinking. Many of his men threatened to quit.

So Crowley arranged a footrace between seven avowed drinkers and smokers and seven total abstainers. The race was run on the exposition track. Five indulgers collapsed and one Edward Stern, was taken to the hospital. Only two finished strong. Willie Figari, captain of Launch 13, was the winner.

All of the Crowley boatmen have signed a pledge to give up drinking and smoking.

MATES LONG TIME

Pair of Mules Owned by Michigan Man Work Together Twenty-eight Years.

HILLSDALE, Mich., Sept. 11.—Probably there is not a team in the state which has quite the record of the span of mules owned and driven by E. B. Noyes, for these animals have been in continuous road service for twenty-eight years, and they will be 31 years old their next birthdays. They recently celebrated the anniversary of their twenty-eight years of service.

They have practically never been driven by any one except the owner, and they have never been driven out of his sight but once. Most people are not courageous enough to want to drive them, as they have run away over fifty times. Driving them is, therefore, not a monotonous undertaking.

PLENTY OF FOOD

In Brussels Owing to Splendid Work of American Relief Fund.

BRUSSELS, Sept. 11.—Thanks to the splendid work of the American Relief Fund, there is plenty of food in Brussels, an nobody is starving. There is indeed, no lack of anything, although prices are high.

The consumption of bread is controlled by law, but it is of good quality and ample in quantity. Some moving picture theaters are open, but the regular theaters are all closed. Telephones cannot be used, telegrams cannot be sent or received; the postoffice is under control of the German military authorities.

A large number of German civilians have come to the city and many of them have found employment, but all the municipal services are still worked by Belgians, and Belgians also police the streets under German military control.

TRAPS GROUNDHOGS.

SALINA, Kan., Sept. 11.—Carl Laaris, who came from the east to help

AN EASY MARK.

BOGALUSA, La., Sept. 11.—Once bitten, twice shy, does not apply to J. S. Bates, cattle market man, of this town. He had just been stung for \$27.85 on a bad check by a supposed Hattiesburg hide firm. Investigation has revealed the fact, it is alleged, that the perpetrator of the swindle is identical with the perpetrator of a similar trick on the same man, whereby he lost \$185.65. The man was then working from Vicksburg under a different name, it is said.

Sheriff Locked In Cell

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Sept. 11.—John Hooper, alleged highwayman, aided by a fellow prisoner, who says that Hooper forced him to assist, made a daring escape from the Josephine county jail. Hooper, who had been in jail here awaiting trial since his capture at The Dalles, July 19, charged with robbery of the Southern Pacific station here three months ago, overpowered Sheriff Smith when the officer brought him in his breakfast, disarmed him, locked him in a cell, and fled with Jo. Colinge, the prisoner who aided him. Colinge was soon captured.

As the sheriff entered the cell Colinge seized him, pinning his arms, while Hooper grasped the sheriff by the throat preventing an outcry and then gagged him. Colinge, at Hooper's order, took the sheriff's automatic pistol. They then forced Sheriff Smith into an open cell and slammed the door, locking it. Hooper then took the pistol and cartridges from Colinge and both fled.

The two separated as soon as they left the jail. Hooper soon overtook Sam Ellis driving in a buggy and stopped him with the information that there had been a serious accident a few blocks away. Ellis started north with Hooper at top speed toward the scene of the supposed accident, when Hooper drew his revolver and commanded Ellis to keep going. At the outskirts of the town Hooper got out of the buggy and ordered Ellis to drive back. Nothing has been seen of Hooper since.

KEPT SECRET

Father Learns of Son's Marriage Through Reading a Newspaper

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 11.—Former Mercantile Appraiser John W. Parsons, of this city, reading a morning paper, spotted a small item under a Carlisle heading, with the name Parsons in it.

"Look at this, mother," he said, calling his wife to his side. The item related to the marriage of their son John W. Parsons, Jr., graduate this year from Dickinson law school and Miss Lou Kerns, of Carlisle, on August 12. It was news to them, for John had returned to his home here, apparently heartfree, after his graduation and entered the office of Assistant City Solicitor Irving Parsons, his brother, without so much as a hint that he was a benedict.

Then they questioned him about it. The result was that they discovered John, Jr., had taken Miss Kerns as his bride back in June, 1914, and the only person in the secret was his brother. They had decided to keep the nuptials secret until he completed his studies in the law school.

NEEDS CARE

Bride, 60, Takes Husband, 21, in Order to Look after Him Properly.

BALTIMORE, Md., Sept. 11.—Mrs. Rebecca T. Bartlett, 60 years old, and James M. Vansant, 21 years old, were married after a courtship of a year and after a hasty flight by Mrs. Bartlett from Port Deposit where she had lived with one of her six grandchildren. Vansant is a grandson of James Vansant, once mayor of Baltimore.

The bridegroom went to Port Deposit on an excursion. He met Mrs. Bartlett a year ago. The bride said the reason she married young Vansant was to be able to care for him, as his grandmother was getting too old to look after him properly.

LOOKOUT

Who Guards Tahoe National Forest is a Woman.

GRASS VALLEY, Sept. 11.—Mrs. M. Kelley, a resident of Berkeley, enjoys the distinction of being one of the few women to be employed as a lookout in the forest service.

At the top of Crystal park, just north of Sardinia valley, at an elevation of 8900 feet, Mrs. Kelley stands guard in the lookout station which overlooks the eastern portion of the Tahoe national forest.

JAPANESE OFFICIAL MISAPPROPRIATES GOVERNMENT FUNDS

And Public of That Country Shows Great Interest in the Case.

TOKIO, Sept. 11.—Simultaneously with the revelations of parliamentary bribery and corruption disclosed by the resignation of the Okuma cabinet the public has been interested in a case of official corruption involving an ex-governor of the Japanese part of Saghalien island. The official—Taitaro Hiraoka—has already been convicted of embezzlement by a preliminary court.

The court found that the ex-governor had misappropriated proceeds of \$50,000 worth of revenue stamps and had embezzled \$25,000 received as rents from fishing companies.

The southern half of Saghalien was given to Japan by russia at the conclusion of the Russo-Japanese war. Mr. Hiraoka was governor from 1908 to 1914.

CLEAN SANDBAGS

Are No Longer Used by British Army, Splotted One Serving Purpose Better.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—No more sandbags of the usual clean, fresh, British type are to be sent to the British front. Hereafter every bag will be splotted and daubed with paint and grease, this adding greatly to their protective value, according to the military authorities.

"If the bags are daubed with irregular patches of black, brown and green," it is stated, "it is almost impossible for the enemy to detect the loopholes which are very easily distinguished when a clean, regular surfaced bag is used."

SUFFRAGET'S FIANCE IS ON ANXIOUS SEAT

Will Marry Him When She Votes and He Roots Hard for Suffrage.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 11.—"I'm engaged all right," said Miss Jane Myer, suffrage organizer, "but I'm not going to be married until women have the vote in at least one of the three campaign states."

So Dr. Charles Reitzel, successor to Prof. Scott Nearing at the University of Pennsylvania, is rooting hard for suffrage. He is the suitor, and he is hoping that fellow citizens will help along his matrimonial plans by a suffrage victory in November.

Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey are the "campaign states" upon which setting the date of the wedding depends. Miss Myer doesn't think there will be any cause for postponement of the nuptials.

"I firmly believe," she said, "that the vote will be won for women in Pennsylvania and I'm making my plans accordingly."

IN GREAT DEMAND

Are Leeches for Use in Therapeutic Institutions in France Now.

PARIS, Sept. 11.—France needs leeches. Drug stores and hospitals, both military and civil have only a small stock left. Large quantities of the gray and green variety were formerly procured from leech breeders in southern Germany and Austria. France now depends upon her colonies in Algeria and Morocco for her supply, where the "Dragon" and the "Trout" species of inferior quality are raised.

The Gronda marshes in the south of France were formerly a center of this lucrative industry, but the mobilization of the breeders has caused a great decrease in the supply. The use of leeches has been obviated to a great extent by the treatment given in the many therapeutic institutions, and it is estimated that France will soon have all it requires of these useful medical auxiliaries.

HOPES TO VOTE

Before She Dies, Says New York Woman, Who is Now 107 Years of Age.

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., Sept. 11.—"Of course I haven't many years to live and a fine of \$500 for assault, long enough to cast a vote and I think I will."

These were the words Mrs. Mary Sage, 107 years old, of Darrowsville, a small hamlet near here, used as she signed the yellow slip indorsing woman suffrage. Mrs. Sage is the oldest woman in northern New York and she has always believed that some day the women of the state would be granted the right so long denied them.

"Do men neglect their business for politics?" she is quoted as asking when a friend mentioned one of the principal arguments of the anti-suffragists. "Then if they don't, why is it reasonable to expect women will?"

RAT EATS BIRD

Irate Owner Traps Rodent and Finds Feathers in Its Teeth.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Sept. 11.—"Bobbie" according to his owner, W. M. Kane, was a talented canary who could whistle "Home Sweet Home" and "The Old Oaken Bucket."

One night last week a rat stole into the Kane home and that was the end of "Bobbie."

"To get revenge for the death of that valuable bird I bought two rat traps," said Kane. "The first rat I caught had yellow feathers in its teeth, and I just kept on so that my victims now number twenty-five. Until death I shall have revenge on rats."

CHINESE LABORERS

Wanted by Russia for Work in Many Industries.

MUKDEN, Sept. 11.—Russia is drawing upon China for laborers to work in its mines and many other industries. Agents of the Russian government have already employed more than 500 Chinese here to work in

mines in the Caucasus region and it is reported that 12,000 Chinese laborers will be taken to Russia within a short time to replace Russians now in the army.

MAKES NEW RECORD.

GENEVA, Switzerland, Sept. 11.—A new record of four hours, twenty minutes for the ascent of the Matterhorn from Zermatt has just been established by the president of the Monte Carlo Alpine club, M. J. Saullier, and his guide Iming. The descent was made in three hours fifteen minutes. The record has been held by an English Alpinist since 1911.

YOUTH IS RESCUED FROM THE DESERT

Grazed by Heat He Tries to Avoid Capture by an Automobile Party.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 11.—Rescued from the heart of the Mojave desert where he was lost without water or food, and with the temperature at 103 degrees, Roderick Gomes, 10 years old, of 1655 Pomeroy street, was taken to San Bernardino unable to tell what happened to his elder brother, with whom he ran away from home. It is feared his brother has perished.

The lad was sighted over the road sixty-three miles from Silver Lake by an automobile party that included Mrs. M. E. Stearns and B. C. Smith of Los Angeles and Sidney Barber and James Smedley of Silver Lake.

Like a desert animal the boy fled as he saw he had been sighted. He was chased and captured, and was plainly demented by the terrific heat. Struggling, he was carried to the automobile. He was asked where he had last seen his brother.

"Over there," he vaguely declared, and "over there" were leagues of desert. The boy finally managed to tell his name and where he was from, and that he had run away from his home.

Town's Only Doctor Given Jail Sentence

DUQUOIN, Ill., Sept. 11.—Judge D. T. Hartwell, of Marion, who recently sentenced Dr. C. E. Duncan, of Tammis, to four months in the Alexander county jail and a fine of \$500 for assault, has commuted the sentence to thirty days in jail and a fine of \$350 and costs.

Judge Hartwell thus relieved a difficult situation, for Doctor Duncan was the only physician in Tammis and there was no other within easy calling distance. The townspeople told the judge it was inconvenient for them to have the physician in jail at Cairo.

Many of them, indeed, have gone to the prison for treatment, but it was manifestly difficult, it was represented to the judge, for a man with a broken leg to do so. So 1,500 people of Tammis signed a petition asking that the sentence be commuted.

WRONG TRAIN

Is Taken by Five-year-old Girl Who Suddenly Gets Homesick.

DOVER, Del., Sept. 11.—Homesick for her mother, who lives at Laurel, Del., forty miles south of here, 6 year old Rosa Eberhardt, who has been visiting her grandparents here, Mr. and Mrs. R. Eberhardt, stole from their home and went to the railroad station, where she boarded a train north.

After having passed several stations and not getting off, the conductor asked where she was going, and she replied "Laurel." She was put off at Middletown, twenty-four miles north, in care of railroad officials, and sent back to her grandparents here.

HARD BLOW

Is Struck at Nepotism by President Yuan Shi-Kai of China.

PEKING, Sept. 11.—President Yuan Shi-kai, in a recent statement, struck a hard blow at nepotism, which is so thoroughly entrenched in the Far East because of the devotion to family and the belief that caring for relatives is the best means of paying proper respect to ancestors. He said: "I have never allowed my relatives to enter into government service because I have strong reasons to believe that to give government appointments to them, especially if they have no experience or proper qualifications, would only serve to convert them into parasites or dependents. To show favor to one's relatives or friends is purely a personal matter and should not be done at the country's expense."

BEECH NUTS

Wanted in Germany and School Children Are Asked to Collect Them.

ESSEN, Germany, Sept. 11.—The school authorities of Westphalia have notified the school children of the district that they can perform a patriotic duty during vacation time by collecting beech nuts from which it is possible to extract a table oil that is said to be a good substitute for the foreign oils—particularly Italian—that always have been imported. There still exist in the province establishments for extracting the oil from the nuts, for earlier there was a considerable industry in this line in Westphalia.

The authorities of the seventh army corps are so impressed with the suggestion of the school authorities that they are furthering the proposition as far as possible.

TRADE BOOSTERS

Number of Chambers of Commerce in China Shows Big Increase.

PEKING, Sept. 11.—China has 890 chambers of commerce, an increase of 156 within the last twelve months. The number of firms associated with these organizations has grown from 196,488 in 1914 to 230,431 this year. Membership fees this year aggregate \$1,500, to become a vital factor in extending under the direction of the minister of commerce and agriculture, the work of these commercial bodies is being harmonized, and they promise in Brussels and nobody is starving. The campaign in China for the use of Chinese made goods.

Barnum and Bailey Circus Has Hundreds Of New Features Now

HEROINE

Woman Marries French Officer, Who Lost Both Eyes at the Front.

PARIS, Sept. 11.—A heroine of France for whom the "war cross" is demanded by the press is Madame Cantora, wife since August 6 of Lieutenant Cantora who lost both eyes and one arm in the Argonne. Both husband and wife are Corsicans. As soon as Madame Cantora, then Mademoiselle Patroin, heard of her fiancé's wounds, she started for Paris.

Lieutenant Cantora, released her from her engagement and begged her to go home; he could not bear the thought of her linking her future to a man without eyes and with only one arm. Mademoiselle Patroin asked that she be allowed at least to nurse him until his wounds were healed, and during his convalescence she overcame his scruples. The marriage was a most pathetic spectacle. The bride was given away by the Countess Jean de Castellane, one of the patronesses of the "Quinze-Vingts" hospital for the blind where the lieutenant was treated. Lieutenant Cantora has been decorated with the cross of the Legion of Honor.

TURKS TO LEARN GERMAN CULTURE

Representative of Ottoman Government to Visit the German Empire.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 11.—Halid Sia Bey, former head of the Sultan's chancellery cabinet, professor of occidental literature and history at the University of Constantinople and well known as a poet, has been commissioned by the Turkish government to make an extended trip through Germany to study the spiritual, artistic, economical and social life of the empire.

In his quest he will visit all the principal German cities and devote particular attention to German culture. His trip will have however a political significance for he will not concern himself with questions of the day. His impressions will be recorded both serially and in book form on his return, through the Turkish ministry of education.

GERMAN SCHOOLS OPEN DESPITE WAR

BERLIN, Sept. 11.—Except for four forestry schools all the German institutions of higher education have kept open throughout the war, though, of course, with diminished attendance.

In the summer term of 1914 there were, at the twenty-two German universities, eleven technical schools, five commercial colleges, three veterinary schools and six agricultural and mining schools, 79,100 students, a number which in the autumn of 1914 had sunk to 64,700. Of this number 50,909 were registered as "under arms."

In the present summer term, there are only 2,800 students attending lectures at Berlin University, as compared with 8,600 last year. This number includes women students.

The percentage of German university students who have gone to the front is largest at Konigsberg—eighty-four per cent; while it is sixty per cent at Heidelberg; fifty-six per cent at Munich; fifty-four per cent at Berlin and only eleven per cent at Frankfurt.

The total number of German students and professors killed in the war, according to the Academic Rundschau, in 1,200 Leipzig University has suffered most severely of all, losing 206 students.

WAR TALK

Among Employes of Pennsylvania Railroad is Put under Ban.

ALTOONA, Pa., Sept. 11.—The Pennsylvania railroad has placed a ban on war discussion among its employes. The order applies particularly to trainmen.

H. W. Smith, superintendent of the middle division, put the following notice on the bulletin boards:

"Discussion of matters pertaining to the European war in passenger trainmen's rest rooms or about the station in Altoona or among trainmen and other employes or with janitors, who are mostly of foreign birth, is strictly prohibited."

At the general offices it was said that this order will probably be made effective on all lines owned or controlled by the Pennsylvania system.

RED CROSS

Arranges Quarters for Convalescent Soldiers from Dardanelles District.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—Representatives of the British Red Cross have just returned from a visit to the principal health resorts in the Crimea and Caucasus where they have been arranging for quarters for convalescent soldiers from the Dardanelles district. It is significant of British confidence in an approaching decision in this war theater that this trip should be made at this time, although no soldiers can be sent until the Dardanelles have been opened.

One of the British delegation expressed the opinion that South Russia would prove an ideal spot for the treatment of wounded.

Kitchener's Nephew Goes to the Front

LONDON, Sept. 11.—Lieutenant H. H. Kitchener, whose commission has just been announced in the Official Gazette, is a nephew of Lord Kitchener. Like his uncle, he has begun his military career with the royal engineers. He has just completed a course of hard training in the north of England, and has gone to earn his spurs in France.