

STRIKES WOMAN AND PAYS FINE

Charles D. Lane Hits Miss Walton a Blow in the Face.

Bitter Mining Litigation Leads to Attack Upon Fair Opponent.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. NOME, Alaska, Sept. 8 (via Seattle, Sept. 15)—Miss Lena S. Walton, the most intrepid "blusher" in this peninsula, was struck in the face in Kelly's drug store last Tuesday by Charles D. Lane, president of the Wild Goose Mining Company...

The attack was the outcome of the long and bitter legal fight over the ownership of the famous No. 19 Ophir claim. The property is valued at a million dollars at least, and ever since the case began its progress has been marked by sensational incidents.

In March, 1902, the Wild Goose attorneys entered on the formal possession of the property, threw off the cabin and made the watchman a prisoner. Aided by one of the Wild Goose's own employees Miss Walton crept on the claim in the dead of night, rescued her captives and made a quick "rush" to Nome in a blizzard.

When questioned about the beating Miss Walton, who bears an ugly bruise on her face, said: "Lane followed me into Kelly's drug store and asked me what I would take for the fraction adjoining 19 Ophir. We discussed the case and then I told him we had recovered the record of location, stolen from Major French's office. With that he struck me in the face and I hit blindly back with a paper map of Ophir Creek that I was carrying."

ATTACK WIDOW'S CLAIM

Alleged Heirs Deny Legality of Dufresne's Marriage.

TACOMA, Sept. 15.—A hard fought legal contest is in progress this month at Nome before Probate Judge Reed to determine the ownership of the estate of J. A. Dufresne, including the famous No. 19 Dexter claim and a large sum of money in bank. After Dufresne's death Mrs. Dufresne was appointed administratrix as widow and sole heir. A sensational contest has been started by Charles A. Mau and John C. Applewhite of San Francisco, representing Joseph Dufresne, Pierre Dufresne, Joseph Emil Dufresne and other alleged heirs. It is claimed that Joseph Dufresne is not the deceased Dufresne and that the remaining partitioners are sons and daughters of another brother, also deceased. The claim of these heirs is based on the allegation that Mrs. Dufresne is not the widow and never was legally the wife of J. A. Dufresne. It will be attempted to prove that when Dufresne married the present Mrs. Dufresne he had one wife living and could not legally contract a second marriage.

The petitioners request that a disinterested administrator be appointed and Mrs. Dufresne be required to make an accounting to the court. They also request that certain statements supposed to have recently emanated from her in connection with a suit for divorce brought against him in Seattle.

FORTUNE IN SIGHT

San Franciscan Installs Hydraulic Plant on American Creek.

TACOMA, Sept. 16.—One of the greatest hydraulic plants on the Yukon has been installed on the American Creek near Eagle by the Evergreen Hydraulic Company, of which Fred Cook of San Francisco is superintendent and one of the owners. Cook is now returning to San Francisco, accompanied by George Cook, his son. Their property embraces fourteen claims on American Creek. They have expended \$50,000 in constructing a flume and installing equipment. A mile and a half of flume has been constructed and the plant is now ready for work. Shortage of water delayed operations this season. The company expects to take out at least a million dollars. Its bench ground runs \$1 per cubic yard in gold, and the creek claims are much richer.

NEW LIGHT IS THROWN ON STEAMER COLLISION

Effort of Chinese Gunboat Aimed at Death of Reformer on Empress of India.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 15.—A story is current here of the arrival of the steamer Empress of India to-day from the Orient which puts a new light on the collision between the Chinese cruiser Hoangtai and the liner a month ago near Hongkong. It is stated that the report in the latter port was that the Chinese vessel had been sent out to sink the Empress in order to accomplish the death of a Chinese reformer known as Sun Yat-sen, the Canadian Pacific steamship. Instead of the cruiser sinking the merchant vessel, however, the gunboat was herself nearly cut in two and sunk.

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REAL HOT TIME IN STORE FOR DASHING MABEL HITE

Ellis Hamlin, Who Married Actress on Brief Acquaintance and Spent \$20,000 on Her, Comes to Protest Against Charges in Divorce Suit



YOUNG ACTRESS WHO BECAME THE WIFE OF ELLIS E. HAMLIN AFTER A BRIEF COURTSHIP AND NOW SEEKS TO HAVE THE MARRIAGE DISSOLVED.

LITTLE does Miss Mabel Hite, who impersonates the character of Phrosia, the female detective, in "The Chaperons," realize what a warm reception she will receive when she arrives in this city next Sunday afternoon to fill an engagement at the California Theater. An indignant husband, whose wrath long pent up, has reached the boiling point, is at the California Hotel, where he is impatiently awaiting the coming of his young spouse with a view to taking her to account for certain statements supposed to have recently emanated from her in connection with a suit for divorce brought against him in Seattle.

Ellis E. Hamlin, son of one of Chicago's prominent citizens, who married Miss Hite after a two weeks' acquaintance, arrived in town yesterday. He immediately began making inquiries as to when the young actress was expected and was finally gratified with the information that she would be here Sunday afternoon. Then it was the trouble is expected to begin, for Hamlin says he will not waste time or words in having an understanding with his wife as to just how far she is to go with her accusations regarding his conduct during their short honeymoon.

WAS LAVISH WITH MONEY.

In her complaint for divorce, filed a week ago in Seattle, Miss Hite detailed how she and Hamlin, first met in Denver in February, 1902, while she was playing in "The Telephone Girl"; how he persistently followed her about the circuit and finally enticed her into a marriage, which she claimed was fraught with many unpleasant experiences at first, but which terminated in the way that many similar matches have. She charged that Hamlin had spent large sums of money upon her for jewelry and fine dresses, but eventually, after a wild time in this city, he had pawned her jewels and she had been compelled to advance him money from her own small earnings in order to send him back to his family in Chicago. It was also alleged by the young wife that she was compelled to pay his bill at the Palace and settle his obligations at the hotel bar.

Hamlin was in Denver when he first heard of the proceedings instituted by his wife and hurriedly made preparations for a visit to this city, where he knew he would meet Miss Hite. He wants to have his wife modify the charges in her complaint and rectify certain other statements made by her in Seattle and telegraphed broadly over the country.

HIS MAD INFATUATION.

Since his last visit to San Francisco Hamlin has changed considerably. He no longer indulges in the spilling of champagne, the scattering of coin at the race tracks or other extravagant fights that made him conspicuous on the occasion of his last visit. On the contrary, he insists that he is here strictly for business and that the business interests must be himself and the actress. He declared yesterday that he will not permit his wife to drag his name through the divorce court without a determined defense and he then remarked:

"I have suffered enough through my unfortunate infatuation for this woman. I saw Miss Hite on the stage one night in Denver and her beauty and vivacity proved my immediate undoing. I hunted the theater every night during her engagement there and finally managed to get acquainted through her manager. At the end of the week the company left Denver and went to Salt Lake City. I followed, like the silly duffer I was, and days later Miss Hite became my wife. I had plenty of money then and threw it around in a most reckless fashion, buying enough champagne at times to float the entire company. There was a queen, and she was my wife home some costly presents, ranging from a sapphire ring to a diamond necklace. I gave her everything she asked for, and the money lasted, and there was over \$20,000 to start with when we left Salt Lake, my wife was treated like a queen, and now she alleges I deserted her—that I took away all her presents and pawned them."

MONEY GONE, LOVE WANED.

During our two weeks in this city Miss Hite was only too willing to spend my money. While the funds lasted I was her adored one, but the trouble began when the money supply commenced to run low. I wired my wife in Chicago for more money, but she was disgusted with me and refused to pay any more. She then advised me to get out of town, took all the things I had given her and departed without a word. I considered the incident closed. That was the last I ever heard of Mabel Hite until the day, when the Denver papers published a dispatch from Seattle to the effect that she had applied for a divorce. I am perfectly willing, in fact, more than willing, to be relieved from such obnoxious matrimonial ties. Nothing would please me more than for me to be freed from this entanglement, but I intend to have something to say upon what sort of grounds this divorce is applied for, and that is why I am here. I intend meeting my wife upon her arrival here Sunday, but it will not be for any sort of a reconciliation, I can assure you."

FRIENDS LOSE FAINTEST HOPE

San Joseans Mourn Untimely Death of Miss Page.

Oratoria Society Adjourns Out of Respect to Her Memory.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

SAN JOSE, Sept. 15.—The friends of Miss Hertha Page, who while temporarily insane wandered away and is believed to have drowned herself in the surf near Santa Cruz, are convinced that the girl is dead. The finding of her body is now awaited. There is much sorrow over the young woman's untimely death. She was a general favorite in society and musical circles and had a large circle of friends. Never before has the suicide of a San Josean caused such universal regret.

Many believe that Miss Page was suffering from typhoid fever. They claim she had all the symptoms and they believe that while delirious she wandered away to end her life. Mrs. Catherine Page, her mother, is prostrated. The San Jose Oratoria Society, of which Miss Page was a prominent member, met to-night and adjourned out of respect to the missing girl. This meeting had been called by Miss Page, who was assistant secretary of the society. Milton Page, a brother, returned to-night from Santa Cruz, where he has been for the past two days searching the beach and waters for his sister's body. Aside from the clothing found on the rocks at Vue de l'Eau no trace of Miss Page could be found. These articles of clothing he brought home this evening. It has been arranged to have the shore about Vue de l'Eau patrolled and everything will be done to find the body.

RESEMBLES MISSING GIRL.

M. E. O'Connor, 1024 Fulton street, stenographer in the United States huts and boiler inspector's office in this city, says that a woman about 30 years of age, in black skirt, white shirt waist and straw hat, came into his office Tuesday with a letter addressed to the chief engineer of the water works of San Jose and inquired the way to the new post-office building. He says her face bore a remarkable resemblance to the photographs published of Hertha Page of San Jose.

SOUTHERN CITIES SHAKEN BY SLIGHT EARTHQUAKE

Windows Rattle and Sleepers Are Awakened, But No Damage Is Done.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 16.—A slight shock of earthquake was felt here at 4:10 o'clock this morning. No damage was done, but the vibrations were of sufficient force to shake large buildings perceptibly.

SANTA ANA, Sept. 16.—A sharp earthquake shock of three to four seconds' duration was felt here at 4:10 o'clock this morning, followed after a slight interval by a lighter quake. The oscillations were from east to west and the shock was sufficient to rattle windows and to waken heavy sleepers.

RIVERSIDE, Sept. 16.—Riverside experienced the most severe earthquake shock at 4:10 o'clock this morning since the big shock of Christmas day, 1898. The motion was undulatory and lasted several seconds. The vibrations were apparently from north to south. The heavy shake was followed five minutes later by a lighter one. No damage is reported.

PEACEMAKER GOES CALMLY TO HIS REST

Johnson Sides, Venerable Piute Chieftain, Is Dead.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 16.—There is lamentation in many a Piute wigwam to-night, for Johnson Sides, the gentle Indian peacemaker, has gone to eternal rest. The day before Sides left with his band of Piutes for Pleasanton he was visited at the Indian settlement on the Cavanaugh hop ranch, below Sacramento. The fire had gone out of the old man's eyes and his speech was subdued and childlike.

"I have not long to live," he said, "but my people wanted me with them when they came down from Nevada to plow the horse. I am too old and feeble to work, but they want me near and I like to be with them."

And the Piute chieftain bent low to pat the black head of a little girl of his tribe who had nestled near him to claim a token of affection. There was a day when the voice of Johnson Sides rang out in command, but it was heeded no more than when, aged and decrepit, he made known his desires in an asthmatic whisper. He never touched liquor and was always counseling the youthful members of his tribe to be good boys and girls and let whisky and dissipation alone.

Perhaps the adventurous Indian youths did not always follow the advice, but they regarded Johnson Sides as their authoritative censor and consented to be chided at his side.

Old Sides proclaimed himself a "United States peacemaker" and on dress occasions appeared with a uniform whose epaulettes bore rather frowzy evidence of departed grandeur. He sat for a photograph appreciatingly because he had his regalia on and was rather doubtful as to whether his hair was properly combed. These little vanities were forgiven, however, in a man who in the lines of his face showed the best characteristics of his race and who, with a capacity for causing endless trouble, was always foremost for peace and respect for the law. Sides was an old man—how old he did not know—but the men of his tribe respected him as a father. His last wish was granted him; he died among the Indians who loved him, and their plaintive chant mingled with the fall of the earth upon his coffin in the little burial ground at Pleasanton.

DECARES WIFE WAS AN HERESS

Woman's Luckless Body May Be Disinterred as Evidence.

Husband Says Estate Was Left Jennie Mathews in England.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 16.—The body of Jennie Mathews, who died here practically in the gutter in 1897, may be dug up and carried back to England to be used as evidence to secure a fortune. To-day David Mathews, who claims to be her husband, came to the Courthouse and searched the records to learn under what conditions she died and who would know about it. He stated to the court officials that her father has died and left the money to her. She being dead, Mathews is searching for proof of his heirship.

Mathews found in the papers the information that she left two children, of which he knew nothing. The woman came here a good many years ago as a bride. She said that she and her husband had run away to be married to avoid the creditors of her father's English relatives. They had both lived in England. When they had lived here awhile she decided to go back to England so that her child might be born among friends and on English soil. She bore the child there, but came back to America without it. That was six years before she died.

When she came home she became addicted to the use of whisky. She and her husband had separated before she died she told the people among whom she lived that she had two children, a little girl of 9 years and a boy not over 2. This age would not agree with the age of the children in England six years before.

The husband first learned of these children yesterday in reading the transcript. The woman came to a miserable death. One night in May, 1897, some one went to her room and found her dead in her bed. She had drunk whisky to death. Nothing is known of her husband or how prominent a man her father, who objected to her marriage with Mathews, may have been.

One of the officials remonstrated yesterday with Mathews against trying to take up the body. It was pointed out that it would not be in a condition to admit of identification at this date. He contended, with whisky that the woman was so soaked with whisky that her body would be found in a perfect state of preservation.

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