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GRILLS WOMAN WHO SHE SAYS CAUSED WOE

Miss Helen Clough, Cleared by Dying Confession, Attacks Her False Accuser

Vindicated Settlement Worker Declares Mrs. Robert Watt Started the Tale

"Set Detectives After Me and Inspired Scandal," Wronged Woman Bitterly Charges

Miss Helen Clough, formerly the resident settlement worker at the New Century club, whose innocence of a charge of arson was vindicated by a deathbed confession, declared last night that the woman who had started a rumor accusing her of setting fire to the building in order to collect the insurance money on her jewels was Mrs. Robert Watt, one of the trustees of the institution.

Though the confession cleared Miss Clough of all suspicion she still retained much of the bitterness brought about by the three years of misery.

TELLS HER STORY

"I was the resident worker at the New Century club settlement," said Miss Clough, "when the fire occurred May 11, 1905. At the time the fire broke out I was cleaning a large room distant from that in which the fire originated. It was clearly a case of robbery and incendiarism. After the fire had been extinguished my jewels could not be found and the case looked very suspicious inasmuch as the fire had not been big enough to completely destroy them.

"It was Mrs. Robert Watt, one of the trustees of the institution, that made the suggestion connecting me with the fire. She sent detectives to arrest me. The suspicion was that I had set fire to the place and then claimed that valuable jewels and rare articles which had never existed had been burned.

FIND TALE UNFOUNDED

"The officials of the insurance company upon investigating found this tale to be utterly unfounded and settled my claims. The pity of it all was that Mrs. Watt should have acted so heartlessly and have caused me and my friends so much suffering."

The letter which Miss Clough received with the jewel box read as follows:

"This box is for the lady who lived in the clubhouse just before the fire. My husband died the other day and just before he died he told me I must return this box to you and not let you know where it is from. And I am trying to carry out my dead husband's wish. This box is sent from the priest's house."

Mrs. Watt, whose residence is in San Francisco, is at present in Napa. Asked about the matter, her relatives declared that there must be some mistake.

"I do not know anything about the matter," said her son in law, "but I cannot conceive Mrs. Watt of starting any such slander. It is not at all like her and I feel confident that the young woman who accuses her of so doing will find she has been mistaken. I have never heard Mrs. Watt mention the subject."

Links Wife's Name to Buffalo Bill's

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

NEW YORK, April 6.—In answering his wife's suit for a separation Howard Gould charged that not only before, but after he married Katherine Clemmons she was guilty of improper conduct with "Buffalo Bill." It was charged also that she became infatuated with Dustin Farnum, an actor; that she frequently had him in her apartment in the Hotel St. Regis; that she followed him on a tour through the New England states and visited him in his hotel after the performances.

At a card party, Gould says, his wife flung a pack of cards in his face in a sudden outburst of temper. At another party in the home of a friend in West Eighty-seventh street she varied her conduct by biting the arm of her hostess and threatening to thrash several of the other women present. Mrs. Gould marched out of the room and was found in the cellar. She threw herself on the cellar floor when discovered and stayed there until she was assisted to her automobile.

At the theater Mrs. Gould frequently was profane and often had characterized the performance of an actor as "rotten" in tones so loud that Gould felt ashamed, he alleged. At the Lounsberry wedding she swayed unsteadily up the church aisle and sat in a front pew. Surveying the family she said aloud: "I see a lot of old cats in here."

Get your name on the register before April 15 if you want to take part in the May primary election and help break Herrin's grip on California.

April 15 is the last day of registration for the May primary—the presidential primary. April 15 is also the last day of registration for the San Francisco bond election to be held May 11.

The registration office in the city hall is open evenings this week from 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock.

The registered voter who moves out of his precinct between now and election day loses his primary vote.

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SANTA FE AGENT ADMITS MAKING SPECIAL RATES

Freight Traffic Man Explains Secret Tariffs Were to Meet Competition

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Attorney General Mercilessly Probes Actions of Road in His Questions

LOS ANGELES, April 6.—Admissions that prior to the fall of 1905 "exclusive" freight rates were made by the Santa Fe railroad to some shippers on local traffic in southern California were obtained by Attorney General U. S. Webb from W. G. Barnwell, general freight agent of the Santa Fe, in the hearing before the state railroad commission today. Barnwell stated that this system had been done away with prior to 1906.

The Santa Fe is defended by E. W. Camp, attorney for the road, and Edward Chambers, assistant freight traffic manager. After questioning Barnwell concerning the general classification of commodity and class rates, and the territory in which they applied, Attorney General Webb asked:

"Are these tariffs on file with the state railroad commission?"

Barnwell said he understood some had been filed, but could not answer definitely, although he admitted it was his duty to file them.

"If they have not been, why not?" asked the attorney general, and the witness again failed to make definite answer.

"The matter would come in your department, would it not? and if it were required by law it would be your personal duty to see to it?"

"I presume so."

"Have you personally caused these filings to be made?"

"Not personally."

"Why have you not done so?"

NOT UP ON LAW

"I did not know of any such requirement."

"What have you done to ascertain your duty in the matter?"

"Nothing until recently, when I made inquiries of our legal department."

"What did your department say?"

"There is some question as to what is required, but we are going ahead and filing the tariffs, or are planning to do so now."

"When did you make this inquiry?"

"Several times in the last month or two."

"Your company has taken some notice of the railroad commission then?"

"We have been watching it pretty closely lately."

The attorney general asked if all movements of intra-California freight on the Santa Fe in 1905, 1906 and 1907 had been under the class or commodity rates which Barnwell had described.

TELLS OF SPECIAL RATES

"No, we had another tariff—temporary local rates—prior to the fall of 1905," answered Barnwell. "Those rates were not published except in mimeograph or typewritten form furnished to the agents and to the auditor's office."

"Why were such rates made?"

"It might have been because of competition by teamsters or water competition. They were made sometimes by Mr. Chambers' office, sometimes by my own."

Barnwell explained that the authorization of these rates were simply pasted in a scrap book because of their temporary or experimental character, and that the books had been destroyed.

GIVES ILLUSTRATION

As an illustration of why these rates were made Barnwell supposed a rate of $1.50 a ton on canned goods from Los Angeles to North Pomona, and teaming competition made it necessary to reduce the rate to $1. This rate would obtain temporarily. If the teaming competition died out the rate would then be abolished. If the teaming kept up, as it did in the Pomona instance, the rate would be permanent and be published.

"When it was made in the name of some specific shipper it was open to that shipper alone?" asked Attorney General Webb.

"It was certainly," said Barnwell, who refused to admit that this was a "special" rate, but said it was "exclusive" under the conditions described.

"These rates were necessary," said Barnwell, "and present conditions are burdensome. Shippers are frequently delayed while we are getting out our regular publications. There should be some way in which we could meet these emergencies."

MORMONS RE-ELECT OFFICERS

SALT LAKE CITY, April 6.—The general officers of the church were unanimously re-elected at the final meeting of the Mormon conference today.

Goulds Now Willing to Accept De Sagan

Withdraw Opposition to Prince Who Crossed Seas to Court Cousin's Former Wife

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

NEW YORK, April 6.—It was definitely announced tonight that the opposition of the Gould family to the marriage of Mme. Anna Gould, formerly the Countess de Castellane, and Helie de Talleyrand Perigord, Prince de Sagan had melted away and that the marriage would take place in Paris within a few months.

The steadfastness of Mme. Gould and her suitor, it is said, has baffled the hostility of her brothers and her sister, Miss Helen Gould, and at a dinner last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gould the family finally determined to hold out no longer.

George Gould was not present at the family assembly, but Mrs. George Gould was, and it is now stated authoritatively that it is only a question of a few days before the last of the brothers will yield.

Lisbon Is Seething in Excitement

LISBON, April 6.—The city is in a state of intense excitement over the election riots of last night brought on by the indignant protest of the republican element that it would be defrauded at the polls. Great crowds filled Pedro square and were massed in front of St. Dominique church, these points being the chief centers of the republican disorders. No official statement of the number of killed and wounded has yet been issued.

Following the bloody street affray, three newspapers, the organs of the Francoists, the regenerators and the nationalists, were mobbed.

PARIS, April 6.—The gravity of the rioting at Lisbon last night is not yet known in this city. In accordance with old-time practices, the censorship of dispatches was inaugurated as soon as bloodshed occurred.

ROYAL FAMILY TO CONFER

NAPLES, April 6.—The duke of Aosta, eldest cousin of King Victor Emmanuel, has been requested by the king to go to Rome, and will start this evening. It is expected that a family council will be held to discuss the reported engagement of the duke of Abruzzi to Miss Katherine Elkins, daughter of Senator Elkins of West Virginia.

Amy McKee to Become Bride of Consul

Serious Illness of Oakland Belle Delays Announcement of Engagement to Etienne Lanel

Formal announcement of the engagement of Etienne Lanel, French consul general to New York, and Miss Amy McKee, daughter of Samuel Bell McKee, an eminent attorney of Oakland, has been delayed through the sudden illness of Miss McKee, who was attacked by appendicitis. Though the alarming stage following the operation seems to have been passed she is still in a very serious condition.

Despite the lack of a formal announcement the engagement was generally understood, and had it not been for Miss McKee's illness the news would have been made public. Lanel was formerly French consul in San Francisco and was promoted to his present position in New York from here.

The engagement of Lanel was known in the French colony through a recent publication in a French journal, and though Miss McKee's name was withheld there was no doubt that she was the girl to whom he was betrothed.

Miss Mc Kee is related to some of the most prominent families in the bay cities, among them being the Orestes Pierces and the J. B. McHoons. She was very popular in social circles.

CONFLICTING STORIES AS TO MORGAN'S ILLNESS

Trip to Famous Watering Place Causes Rumors That Are Felt in Wall Street

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

NEW YORK, April 6.—Conflicting rumors of J. P. Morgan's illness and his tirp to Aix-les-Bains, a famous watering place for invalids, were disquieting to the stock market today.

Despite emphatic denials, both from Rome and from Morgan's New York office, it is believed that the great financier has gone to Aix for the benefit of his health, though he may not be as seriously ill as was at first reported. The bear element in Wall street quickly took advantage of the early alarming reports.

RE-ENGAGE RAIN MAKER

STOCKTON, April 6.—Charles M. Hatfield, the "rain maker," will remain another year at Crows Landing. At a conference this afternoon between Hatfield and about 30 representative farmers of the west side he was re-engaged for another season.

Funston May Be Given a New Command

General Said to Be Scheduled for Post at Fort Leavenworth

General Frederick Funston is scheduled to leave his post as head of the department of California, according to rumors in army and navy circles here. The change will in all probability take place this fall, and it is probable that he will be transferred to take charge of the big military school at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, which is regarded as one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon an army officer. The school at Leavenworth is for officers only. Who will be sent here to assume the duties which General Funston will leave is not definitely known, but it is generally believed that Major General Frederick D. Grant will be named as Funston's successor.

As yet General Funston has received no official information that he is to be transferred to Fort Leavenworth. When seen last night he said:

"For some time the war department has been thinking of sending me to Leavenworth. The position there is a fine one and I would enjoy the detail. I should be sorry to leave San Francisco, as I am very much attached to California. I believe no change will take place until August. I cannot say who would succeed me at this post."

BIGAMISTS EXTRADITED

SACRAMENTO, April 6.—A requisition was honored at the governor's office yesterday for the return of Bryant H. Fulkerson and Ada Templeton, who are charged with bigamy, to the state of Tennessee. They are held in Riverside awaiting extradition.

BILL DARGIE'S LATEST LIE IS QUICKLY NAILED

Oakland Sheet Publishes Libel on Councilman Harold Everhart

Grand Jurors and District Attorney Promptly Brand Grafter's Statement as False

Charge That Official Was to Be Investigated Arouses Storm of Wrath

OAKLAND, April 6.—William E. Dargie's Oakland Tribune has been officially branded by District Attorney Everett J. Brown and the grand jury as a lying sheet. City Councilman Harold Everhart was the victim of an outrageous publication in the Tribune Saturday night, which not only was pronounced false by Everhart, but was denounced by the grand jury as without the slightest foundation in fact.

According to the published statement in Dargie's Tribune charges were filed against Councilman Everhart with the grand jury, reflecting upon him in his professional capacity as an expert accountant.

LIE AROUSES INDIGNATION

The publication, made under a two column headline on the first page of Dargie's Tribune, conspicuously displayed, reads as follows:

COUNCILMAN EVERHART AND THE GRAND JURY

"Charges have been filed against Councilman Harold Everhart before the grand jury, and he will be summoned to appear before that body and make an explanation.

"Mr. Everhart is an expert accountant. It is stated that he experted the books of a local corporation and that the charges grew out of that transaction."

As soon as Councilman Everhart's attention was called to the article he got into communication with District Attorney Brown. That official denied any knowledge of any such accusations and professed great surprise.

Everhart was unable to follow the subject further Saturday night, but he lost no time this morning in getting into action. His first demand was to be allowed to go before the grand jury and learn for himself whether there was any ground for the published statements of Dargie's Tribune.

PROMPTLY BRANDED AS FALSE

Very speedily, at Everhart's request, District Attorney Brown called a session of the grand jury. Everhart was permitted to question each member in the presence of the district attorney, with the result that the district attorney, on behalf of himself and the grand jury, issued his signed official statement that the publication concerning Councilman Everhart was false to the letter.

District Attorney Brown's statement follows:

"The members of the grand jury were subpenaed this morning to be present in the superior court in the case of the people versus Isabella Martin. At the request of Councilman Everhart I called an informal meeting of the grand jury. The statement made in a newspaper that Mr. Everhart was to be called before the grand jury was read to the jurors. They stated in my presence to Mr. Everhart that they did not know anything whatever of the matter, that the matter had not been brought before the jury, that no member of the jury knew anything about it except that one or two had read the article in the paper, that no person whatever had brought the matter to the attention of the jury or to any member thereof.

"EVERETT J. BROWN,
"District Attorney."

Everhart declared that the article was published in Dargie's Tribune without the slightest foundation in truth or fact, that he was not asked about it before publication and was given no opportunity to deny it before it appeared under flaring black headlines in the Tribune. He has not decided what further action to take.

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