

TWO HUNDRED OF SPIRITS PLAY PART IN PLOT

Elderly Jeweler Accuses Liquor Dealer of Raising Ghosts to Obtain Wealth

Antics of Spurious Spooks Assisted by Copious Drafts of Fiery Liquids

Ghosts have brought sobriety into the home of Arthur Eaton, an elderly jeweler, of 533 Shrader street, and have placed Joseph Landgraf, a liquor drummer, behind the bars of the city prison. Eaton yesterday swore to a warrant charging vagrancy against Landgraf, and at the same time unfolded what he says was a ghostly plot to frighten him out of his wealth. In the plot he implicates his whole household, his bride, his sister in law and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Fitzsimmons, and above all Landgraf, chief ghost, and distributor of drinks. He can forgive the others, and he does; but not Landgraf.

The unreasonable thing about the ghosts that haunted the little red cottage in Shrader street, according to Eaton, was the way they had of hitting people with hard substances and blunt instruments. As Eaton began to sober up from a year old spree a week ago he began to reason on the subject of ghosts and grew skeptical. Then he saw through the whole plot. Acting on his suspicion he had a talk with the park police station.

DETECTIVES CAPTURE GHOST

Thursday night about 9 o'clock Detectives De la Guerra and Hyland secreted themselves in the basement of the cottage. Above came groans, whoops, yells, bumps, thuds and other forms of noise popular in mundane circles. The detectives made a quick run up the stairs and upon the ghosts, of whom the most active were Fitzsimmons and Landgraf. While they were waiting for Landgraf to dress, Fitzsimmons, with one hand handcuffed, jumped out of a window 16 feet to the ground and escaped. Yesterday morning he was arrested and taken to the park station, where he was released from his handcuffs and given bail.

"I'll never drink another drop as long as I live," Eaton said yesterday in his jewelry store in Post street. He is a well built man, smooth shaven, of florid complexion and white hair. A compass of cotton across his nose detracted from his appearance a visible reminder of the prowess of the Shrader street ghosts. Eaton is a native of Vermont.

PLEDGE AGAINST LIQUOR

"No, sir, I'll never touch another drop of liquor, if I live to be 100 years old," said Eaton. "When I got sober a week ago, I saw it all. Where were the plots through the last two weeks would kill an ordinary man. I knew it wasn't ghosts—that is, when I got into a condition to think about it. They used to peep through the back of the head with peaches, pears and pillows, and sometimes with hard things. Even if there were ghosts they wouldn't pick up things like that. I saw the bullet holes in the wall. You can't blame that on to spooks, you know."

"These people tried to knock me out mentally and physically. But it didn't work. Landgraf was at the bottom of it all. He never gets drunk himself—he's drunkproof—but the rest of us are easily affected. Fitzsimmons, who is as nice a boy as I ever knew, gets crazy with a young wife, and introduced another. A month later the couple were married, July 26. The bride gave her age as 23 at the time.

MONEY DOES NOT MATTER

Eaton dismissed the money subject by saying the money didn't matter. He owns his cottage, two other small pieces of property, in Mill Valley and his jewelry business. He told the detectives, however, that a woman Landgraf brought to his place from the Hotel Mason a month before his marriage got away with \$2,000 of which Landgraf got the principal share. The others "did him," he said, out of another \$1,000.

Landgraf has lived, off and on, at Eaton's house for six years. He introduced Eaton's daughter, who is said to be working now as a musician in a Pacific street dance hall, deserting her husband. After the Hotel Mason woman was sent away, Landgraf promised the old man a young wife, and introduced another. A month later the couple were married, July 26. The bride gave her age as 23 at the time.

ALL A JOKE, SAYS LANDGRAF

"It's fierce," Landgraf said yesterday behind the bars. He is denied bail until the investigation is completed. "See, this is the worst I ever heard of. My folks are refined people, you know. I never got a cent out of Eaton. I paid him room rent, used to hide his whisky to try to keep him sober, and helped him out when he got tangled up with a woman a few months ago. And this is the thanks I get. Well, the trouble is, he's crazy from drink—hits it up on the quiet all the time.

RECEIVER LE BRETON SUES ON LARGE NOTE

The Clinton land company and John Treadwell, who was a director of the California safe deposit and trust company, were sued yesterday by E. J. Le Breton, receiver of the insolvent institution, for \$62,500, alleged to be due on a promissory note.

The complaint alleges that the note was executed by the land company to the bank September 23, 1905, and was signed by William H. Roades, as president, and Marcel E. Cerf, as secretary.

James and John Treadwell guaranteed payment of the note in consideration of the California safe deposit and trust company agreeing to do business with the land company. James Treadwell is not named as a defendant in the suit because he was adjudged a bankrupt last January.

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BEATEN AND ROBBED—With a lacerated wound on the head, L. M. Morehead, aged 23, who works for the Pacific telephone company, walked into the central emergency hospital yesterday and said that he had been held up at 44th and Mission streets and robbed of \$41.25. He lives at 2159 Howard street.

Aged Californian To Be Hero of Fete



Nicholas Covarrubias of Santa Barbara, as he appears today. He will impersonate Don Gaspar de Portola at the October festival.

STYLE GIRL'S SUIT AS "RIDICULOUS"

Dr. Gardner and Miss du Bois' Mother Make Light of Action for Damages

No efforts were made yesterday by the mother and sisters of Miss Helen du Bois, the well known society girl, to induce her to withdraw the suit which she has brought for damages in the sum of \$50,000 for her alleged imprisonment in Dr. Gardner's sanatorium at Belmont. Miss du Bois stated last night that she had not heard from the members of her family and that she intended to press the case to a conclusion.

The complaint of Miss du Bois was filed secretly two weeks ago by James G. Maguire of the law firm of Maguire & Barrett, and directed against Mrs. Emile du Bois, her mother; the Misses Ernest B. and Hannah L. du Bois, her sisters; and the Gardner sanatorium and Dr. Emma K. Willetta. It recites that "within one year last past the defendants, conspiring, combining and conspiring to injure this plaintiff and to deprive her of her liberty, falsely and without process of law and without probable cause, arrested and imprisoned this plaintiff for the period of six months, to her damage in the sum of \$50,000."

Miss du Bois, who is living away from her mother and sisters, at the Hotel St. Beryl, 1117 Gentry street, explained when interviewed that she had been induced to go to the sanatorium at Belmont in July of last year on her return from the Yosemite valley, her mother and Dr. Willetta representing to her that her daughter had gone to San Francisco to consult an attorney.

"My daughter has been of a nervous temperament since childhood," said Mrs. du Bois when informed of the suit for damages.

"Without a doubt," said Dr. Gardner, "the young woman was affected mentally. The idea that she should bring suit for damages, alleging false imprisonment, is ridiculous."

SUES TO SECURE BUILDING PERMIT

Walter Linforth Wants to Erect an Apartment House

The board of works was sued yesterday by Walter H. Linforth for a writ of mandate compelling the board to issue a permit for the erection of a three story apartment house on land at the northwest corner of Washington and Leavenworth streets.

Under the building laws Linforth is permitted to erect a structure 45 feet high.

The board of works claims that the plans as submitted are in violation of the ordinance, because they provide for measuring the height from the level of the curb at the corner of Washington and Leavenworth streets, instead of from the curb level opposite the center of the frontage of the lot in both Washington and Leavenworth streets.

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EXTRA TROPHY FOR PORTOLA CONTEST

Beautiful Diamond Ring for Girl Polling Most Votes in Next Few Days

Special Award for Balloting Commencing Tomorrow and Continuing to Noon Friday

A beautiful diamond ring valued at \$250 will be given to the girl in the Portola contest for the trip to Seattle who polls the greatest number of votes from the completion of the canvass today until noon Friday, August 27. Any girl in the contest may win this ring even though she should fall to be one of the girls to go to Seattle.

Every girl in the contest has an equal chance. The girl who is at present at the bottom of the list will have just as great an opportunity to own this beautiful diamond as Miss Estelle Colman or any of the other girls who have nearly 20,000 votes. For it will be the votes that are cast today and up until Friday noon that will determine the ownership of the ring.

BALLOTING FOR RING

The balloting for the diamond ring will start as soon as the canvass of the vote today is completed. Only those votes cast between today and Friday noon will count in the contest for the ring. The girl who receives the most votes between today and Friday will be the owner of the diamond.

All of the ballots which have been actually cast must be delivered to the Portola headquarters in the Phelan building by Friday at noon. There the ballots will be counted in the presence of the candidates or their representatives. Coupons received later than Friday noon will not be counted in the contest for the ring.

The winner of this six and a half day spurt in the race will receive the diamond ring, which has been donated by A. Isaacs, president of the Keystone jewelry store, 734 Market street. The gem will be mounted in a Tiffany setting and will be on exhibition today in the window of the Keystone store in the Phelan building. Look for the Portola decorations in the window and the photographs of the contestants, to one of whom the ring will go.

SEPARATE AWARD

This extra prize is entirely separate from the other awards which have been offered in this contest—the trips to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition and the extra cash prizes for position. The girl who wins the ring may not be one of the lucky 12 who take the trip to the north, but she will have a streak of luck of her own.

It is important to note that the winner of this handsome ring need not stand high on the list of contestants at the conclusion of the count which is made on Friday. In the energy and activity of the next five and a half days that the chance lies.

Automobile Road Races

OAKLAND, Aug. 20.—Saturday, October 23, the last day of the Portola festival, has been decided upon as the date for the automobile road races to be held by the Automobile Club of California, acting in conjunction with a committee of Alameda county automobile men. The races are to take place on the foothill boulevard.

Races of all kinds and classes will be held. A 300 mile event, with prizes ranging from \$2,000 to \$50, will be the big feature, and the crack drivers of the world will compete.

The Portola cup, together with a substantial money reward, will go to the machine winning the 300 mile event. Several foreign cars will undoubtedly enter. Every big automobile company in the country is expected to send competing cars, and the event will rival the famed Vanderbilt cup races and the Ormond beach tests.

Other races with cups and cash prizes will be given. The 200 mile event will also be a big feature of the racing program. Big cash prizes will also be hung up in this event for competing drivers. The races will begin at 9 o'clock in the morning, and the two long distance events will be started immediately after the noon hour.

The principal work of the Oakland committee, composed of M. J. Layton, C. J. Hoedon, Emil Fritsch, Frederick Sherman and F. H. Samuels, will be the preparation of the speed course, the policing of the racing route and arranging the facilities for handling the big crowds.

MRS. HOUSEWORTH OBTAINS DIVORCE

Society Woman Says That Spouse Failed to Support Her for One Year

Joseph Caucino, Divorced Husband of Wealthy Woman, in Contempt of Court

Gowned in the extreme of fashion, the beautiful Mrs. Dorothy K. Houseworth made a short visit to Judge Conley's court yesterday morning and obtained a divorce from Frederick A. Houseworth, the young stock broker, society man and club member. No appearance was made by Houseworth, who permitted his wife to secure the divorce by default. It was granted on the ground of willful neglect on the part of the husband to support his wife.

Mrs. Houseworth, who was on the witness stand about three minutes, testified that for more than a year she had been dependent upon her parents for maintenance. This was substantiated by Mrs. Julia B. Kirk, mother of the plaintiff, who said Mrs. Houseworth had resided at her home, 1737 Santa Clara avenue, Oakland, for the last 12 months. Thomas Kirk, formerly superintendent of public instruction, father of Mrs. Houseworth, was in court prepared to testify in corroboration of his daughter's statement, but the judge regarded the proof as sufficient.

In published statements the name of Mrs. Houseworth has been associated with that of Martin A. Velez, a structural engineer. Porter Ashe, her attorney, stated yesterday that, so far as he knew, there was nothing in these statements and that the sole ground for the divorce was the failure of Houseworth to support his wife.

MUST PAY FINE

Trouble is dogging Joseph Caucino like fate. His \$80,000 wife having got a divorce from him he is now in danger of being sent to jail for failure to pay a fine of \$40. Before the trial of the divorce case Caucino was enjoined by Judge Conley from entering the Union street home belonging to his wife. He disobeyed the court order and kept Mrs. Caucino out of the place. For this he was adjudged guilty of contempt of court and fined \$40. The money has never been paid, and yesterday the judge placed a warrant in the hands of the sheriff for the arrest of Caucino, directing that the teacher of languages be imprisoned for 20 days if he continues to refuse to pay the fine.

CLOWN SEEKS DIVORCE

George Skryock, a professional clown, known in the circus ring as Tote Ducky, began suit for divorce yesterday against Eleanor Skryock, an actress, whose stage name is Florence Ashbrooke. They were married in March, 1898, in Pittsburg, Pa., and Skryock alleges that his wife deserted him in Philadelphia in December, 1904.

TELLS OF CRUELTY

Fred McCann, a contractor earning \$250 a month, was sued for divorce yesterday by Millie McCann, on the ground of cruelty. It is charged in the complaint that McCann beat his wife over the head so frequently that she is almost totally deaf in the left ear. She says she was choked and punched by her husband and was many times in a black and blue condition.

Other suits for divorce were filed yesterday by: E. Mahy against C. Mahy, desertion; Georgiana Gravelle against Alfred Gravelle, cruelty; Alice Collins against Thomas Collins, willful neglect; Inez Hayward against James B. Hayward, habitual intemperance; William Kiley against Emma Kiley, desertion.

Divorces were granted yesterday as follows:

By Judge Cabanis—Sanford H. Andrew against Jennie M. Andrew, desertion; Lily M. Boyd from Raymond D. Boyd, willful neglect.

By Judge Conley—Christie Kirchner from August E. Kirchner, desertion.

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WOMAN HELD ON SERIOUS CHARGE

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