



ACTRESS WIFE GETS DIVORCE FROM FROHMAN

Margaret Illington Tells Story of Marital Unhappiness and Secures Decree

In Brief Hearing Charges That Theatrical Magnate Refused to Support Her

Reno Judge Promptly Concludes That Her Grievances Warrant Grant of Freedom

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

RENO, Nev., Nov. 10.—Margaret Illington, the actress wife of Daniel Frohman of New York, came to the courtroom of Judge W. A. Pike of the district court today at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon and 25 minutes later emerged triumphant in the fact that she was divorced.

One witness besides herself testified at the hearing and in the 10 minutes or less that the actress spoke the lines of her own domestic tragedy she convinced the court that the theatrical magnate had married her for "business reasons," failed to provide for her wants and when he did give her a little money when she was out of work charged it up and recouped himself from her salary when she played.

The hearing was conducted with the celerity and dispatch that have characterized the entire campaign of the actress for a divorce. There was no hitch in the documents, no delay, no unpleasant questions about future plans.

Actress Tells Story

At 4:30 o'clock the persons interested assembled. No one appeared except the court officials, the plaintiff's attorney, Mr. and Mrs. Light, the plaintiff's parents, and her maid. Then there was the actress herself, a short, plump woman, appearing rather ill, wearing dark clothes except for a white waist with a Dutch neck.

The first proceedings consisted of offering proof of service of summons which was made personally upon Daniel Frohman in New York. A novel document was also introduced whereby Frohman confessed service and reserved right to answer in 10 days, waiving objection to any decree that might be taken should he fail to answer. No answer appeared.

S. R. Tippet, deputy clerk of the court, testified that he had met Mrs. Frohman in Reno in April, 1909, and knew her to be a resident here since that time.

Mrs. Frohman then took the stand and told her story briefly and simply, under the guidance of Judge Massey, her lawyer. She said she was married to Frohman when she was 22, six years ago, and for the last three years her husband had contributed nothing to her support.

"Could your husband have supported you?" she was asked.

Held Out Small Sums "Yes," the actress answered. "He supported three sisters and an old uncle all the time we were married. Sometimes when I was not working he would give me \$15 or \$10 or \$5, but just as soon as I began acting again he would deduct it from my salary.

"He told me after he married me that he did so because I was an actress and could support myself, that he had three girls to take care of and could not afford to support me."

Mrs. Frohman then stated that she came to Reno a year ago, but soon was compelled to go to a hospital in San Francisco. She returned to Reno about April 15 of this year and has remained here ever since. She said her father and mother and maid lived with her in Moran street. Judge Pike paused after hearing the testimony, concluded that there were no questions to ask and then ordered a decree to be signed when the reporter transcribed the testimony.

It is understood the family will go to San Francisco tomorrow and that a house has been purchased and furnished in Tacoma, where the fair Margaret will soon reside as the wife of another.

Judge Massey, Miss Illington's lawyer, said last night that she had related that Frohman even charged his wife with carriage fares to and from the theater and that he told her when he married her that he did so for business reasons only and that the two could make a lot of money.

OLDEST ART RECORD OF MANKIND FOUND

Figure 4,000 Years Old Excavated in Prussia

BERLIN, Nov. 10.—What is said to be the oldest art record of mankind has been found at OTTIZ, near Rathbor, in Silesia, Prussia, by an excavating expedition under Johannes Richter. It consists of a clay figure of a goddess about 4,000 years old and was discovered in a house dating back to the stone age.

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Mrs. Timmins-Ford-Stewart, Accused of Blackmailing, Gives Name of Informer

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[Special Dispatch to The Call]

CINCINNATI, O., Nov. 10.—"I never blackmailed Chafey Warriner out of a single penny; as God is my judge, I didn't," said Mrs. Jeannette Timmins-Ford-Stewart in her apartments here at the Sun building, Thirteenth street and Bremen avenue, this afternoon. Mrs. Stewart has been sought after for days by reporters and was found barricaded in her own flat.

A constable took attachment papers to serve, but Mrs. Stewart paid the bill and he left. Then she talked to the newspapermen. When asked who it was that "tipped off" the Warriner shortage Mrs. Stewart said, "Miss Ida Brookway," without a moment's thought. She said that the Brookway woman had a quarrel with her and that she tried to "get even" by tipping off the Warriner shortage.

Denies Receiving Money "Did you ever have occasion to get money from Mr. Warriner for any reason, business or otherwise?" she was asked. "I did not," she replied. "What have been your means of livelihood for the past several years?" "I have had private means of support. I have been a rich woman twice

ELISORS SEEK JURORS FEW WILLING TO SERVE

Miss Minnie Foster, the girl for whom Joe Armes killed Alma Bell



MRS. U. S. GRANT JR. DIES OF APOPLEXY

Fatal Attack Comes During Preparations for Tour of World With Her Family

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SAN DIEGO, Nov. 10.—Following a stroke of apoplexy which she suffered just before noon today Mrs. Fanny Grant, wife of Ulysses S. Grant Jr., died in less than half an hour at the family residence. Mrs. Grant arose as usual early this morning and appeared to be enjoying excellent health.

During the morning she busied herself with completing arrangements for a tour of the world which she was to make with her husband and several members of the family. The departure was to have been made from San Diego about the middle of next week. Just before noon Mrs. Grant complained of not feeling well and retired to her room. Grant was in his office in the new U. S. Grant hotel building at the time and was communicated with by one of his daughters.

Just after she had reached her room Mrs. Grant suffered the stroke of apoplexy, which resulted in her death before physicians could be called.

Grant arrived at the bedside just a few minutes before his wife breathed her last.

Mrs. Grant was the daughter of the late Senator Jerome B. Chaffee of Colorado. At the time of his death a number of years ago Senator Chaffee was accounted one of the wealthiest men in the west, having made his money in Colorado mines and real estate investments. When he died Mrs. Grant inherited the entire Chaffee fortune.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant were married in New York City in 1880, the wedding being a big society event. In 1889 they removed to this city and since that time had made their home here.

Mrs. Grant was born in Adrian, Mich., and was 53 years of age. She is survived by her husband, Ulysses S. Grant, and five children—Mrs. U. S. Macey, wife of Lieutenant Macey of the United States navy, Miss Julia Kent Grant, Miss Fanny Grant, Chaffee Grant and Ulysses S. Grant IV. All the children with the exception of Mrs. Macey were present at the funeral.

The picture, which will be added to Taft's Cincinnati collection, was a part of the Maurice Kean collection, a part of which was recently brought to this country.

The cottage shown in the center of the illustration is the house on the Newcastle road from which Alma Bell enticed Joe Armes just before she shot him. The cross in the foreground shows the spot by the roadside where the body of Armes was found. Below is a portrait of the widow of "Pike" Bell, the mother of the girl who is on trial for her life.

in my life. My father left me a fortune and my aunt left me another. "Did your husband get away with any of that money?" "I refuse to answer."

When asked further about Miss Brockway Mrs. Stewart said that she had entertained her at her home and had kept her there for many weeks. She said that last summer when she was in New York Miss Brockway went to Chicago and took her maid and daughter to see Edgar S. Cook at the Palmer house and that from what happened there she has lost all faith in Miss Brockway.

Revelation Is Promised

Mrs. Stewart said that she knew what happened at that meeting and

PRESIDENT'S BROTHER BUYS RARE PORTRAIT

Pays Fabulous Price for Work of Sixteenth Century

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—Charles P. Taft, brother of the president, has purchased a rare portrait, probably the finest of its kind in the world, in Limoges enamel, for which it is understood he paid \$100,000.

It is a large framed opal plaque, bearing the portrait of the duke of Nevers, executed by Leonard Limousin, an artist of the sixteenth century.

"HEAVY ROLES" TO BE PLAYED BY WOMEN IN ALMA BELL'S TRAGIC DRAMA IN COURT

Pretty Minnie Foster, Who Was Accused of Winning Girl Slayer's Lover, to Be Important Witness

FIVE JURORS NOW SWORN TO TRY CASE

Legal Battle Planned to Bar Testimony Reflecting On Young Prisoner's Character Before Her Meeting With Armes

By ARTHUR L. PRICE.

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AUBURN, Nov. 10.—Dismal and crude as is the story of the tragedy of Alma Bell and Joe Armes, whom the girl killed on the night of June 5 last, the task of its retelling is to fall chiefly to young women. In fact women have the "heavy roles" in the tragic drama being enacted before the superior court and men are to be merely supernumeraries of the stage when the jury box is filled.

Alma Bell herself should be the crucial witness, but two other young women will figure importantly when the actual hearing begins. One is Minnie Foster, the pink checked 15 year old girl from Pilot Hill, who, Alma believed, had seduced her lover, Joe Armes. The other is Mrs. Ella Denny, who will be one of the most essential witnesses the defense can produce to establish an alleged fact upon which it bases its case. Other important witnesses will be Mary Armes, the younger sister of Joe; Mrs. Mary Armes, Joe's mother, and Mrs. Bell, Alma's mother.

Witnesses to Be Women

Not only are the witnesses to be women, but the precedents being cited as the case proceeds come from the celebrated California murder cases in which women have been defendants. Already the Emma Le Doux case has been cited and the Laura D. Fair case will be invoked when the prosecution seeks to introduce evidence attacking Alma Bell's past. Laura D. Fair committed what was probably the most discussed murder of California history when she shot Crittenden, a prominent San Francisco attorney, many years ago.

She pleaded on her first trial emotional insanity, but was convicted upon the showing of her variegated reputation. On her second trial she gained her freedom under the colors of the unwritten law. The prosecution is planning to attack Alma Bell, the crude, plain mountain girl, in the same way the fascinating Laura D. Fair was attacked. By a strange coincidence Special Prosecutor George W. Hamilton was attorney general at the time of the Fair trial and presented the state's case when the San Francisco murderer's appeal was before the supreme court.

Search Girl's Past

In gathering evidence touching on Alma Bell's past the prosecution today started a search for "Dick" Allbright, formerly of Grass Valley, who had trouble with the girl at that place, it is alleged. This Allbright incident is intended to discredit the assertion of the girl that she was never out of Placer county.

The examination of talesmen brought into court today by Elisor Birce was interesting in producing types of the country residents. Three prospective jurors were secured during the day, and with only one vacant chair in the box Judge Arnot ordered a night session of court. The three jurors passed were F. B. Kuenzly of Colfax, E. F. Gerald of Applegate and H. A. Johnson of Loomis.

At the night session the jury box was filled and peremptory challenges exercised. Three new jurors were sworn. They were J. G. Beckstrum, Forest Hill; F. J. Gibson, Penryn, and J. L. Priest-roffer of Forest Hill. There are now five men sworn. The two others are Fred Outhouse and J. Goy.

The "unwritten law" defense prejudiced many of the veniremen in favor of the girl. Even E. F. Gerald, who displayed an equivoque such as is rarely shown by a juror under examination, and who was passed, when asked "Do you not think there is justification

when a girl shoots the man who has betrayed her?" replied, "I don't know about that; there might be. I have girls of my own."

Unwritten Law Favored

David Jones of Applegate followed Gerald under examination. When a similar question was put to him by Attorney Hamilton he replied with sincerity, "I have great respect for the unwritten law." He was excused.

The courthouse story at Auburn is that a man named Patterson, a member of the eccentric colony of the Esoteric brotherhood at Applegate, applied to District Attorney C. A. Tuttle for a warrant for the arrest of Jones' brother, who had beaten the Esoteric brother because of the latter's mundane attentions to a young woman member of the Jones family.

H. A. Johnson, a young farmer of Loomis, who was passed, created some amusement when he replied to a question by saying "I have never studied the unwritten law. I have never read it."

Minnie Foster, who spent this morning in the courtroom, will make the most interesting witness of all the women who are to figure in this tragic recital of the complication of unschooled, untrained, morally chaotic Alma Bell's love affair. Minnie Foster will make an interesting witness; she will contribute the touch of prettiness needed to give a luster to the drab court settings. Alma Bell did not like the young, prettier girl.

Destroyed Rival's Hat

There is a report from the cherry sheds at Newcastle, where the two girls worked side by side before Alma shot Armes, to the effect that once, in a fit of jealousy, the Bell girl destroyed a pretty "beach basket" hat belonging to Minnie Foster.

"We worked together, Alma Bell and I, for three weeks before the shooting," is the story Miss Foster tells. "We lived at the Armes house and frequently, at first, we walked to work in the Wilson cherry packing shed, but there came a change in her manner. I noticed a difference in her attitude toward me. She was cool to me and acted differently from the good natured and cheerful person I had first found her to be. Her attitude toward other people was unchanged. She always, or nearly always, called Mrs. Armes 'mamma.' About this time Mary Armes, Joe's sister, told me that Alma Bell was jealous of her being so, as I never was engaged to Joe Armes, nor did he ever show me any attention."

Girl's Only Woman Friend

Mrs. Emma Denny has a difficult task to fill, but it will be a good part. She is the only woman friend who has come to aid Alma Bell in her trouble. She is to testify to a confidence which Alma imposed on her, a secret told her several weeks before the shooting, and in which, according to the witness, Joe Armes should have been interested as was Alma Bell.

"Alma told me," said Mrs. Denny today, "that she was going to marry Joe Armes; that he was the father of the child then unborn, and which later was born dead. The girl was morose then, she seemed entirely different from her normal condition. I did not see her from the day she told me her secret until after the shooting."

The story of the still birth of a child to Alma Bell in jail is to be one of the main points of the defense. The prosecution regards the matter cynically, however, and will endeavor to prove that Alma Bell was not ill while in prison.

NEW NORTH DAKOTA SENATOR APPOINTED

Fountain L. Thompson Named by Governor Burke

BISMARCK, N. D., Nov. 10.—Fountain L. Thompson of Cando, N. D., was today appointed United States senator by Governor Burke to fill the unexpired term of Senator Johnson, who died three weeks ago.