

PATHEMIC TALE UNRAVELLED BY GIRL DICAMIST

Between Sobs, Unfortunate Woman Tells of Struggle in World Since Thirteen Thread of Misery Knots Itself Around History of the Unhappy Victim

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"I've been making my own way in the world since I was 13 and I'll be 21 next Thursday; it isn't a wonder I made some mistakes," said Mrs. Clara Belle Kimble Stewart, who has likewise an illegal claim to the name of Murphy, having married the second time without the formality of a divorce from Stewart. She is now in the city prison, charged with bigamy, a telegram from Los Angeles causing her arrest as soon as she stepped from the steamer President yesterday.

"Who had me arrested?" she asked me. "Was it Murphy?" He knew I was married before, but he said it didn't really matter. Afterward he told me, though that he'd have me arrested if I ever tried to leave him. I wasn't expecting anything like this. I thought I'd come here and get some work and go to night school—I never finished the grammar grades yet—and then as soon as I knew enough I was going to be a trained nurse. I got a friend who is studying nursing in one of the hospitals and I wanted to do that, too. I don't know what will happen to me now."

She looked about 15 as she came out of her cell to talk to me yesterday afternoon. She wore a short little blue and white cotton gown with a Dutch neck and her brown hair was rolled simply around her head. She has a round, rather babyish, face without much beauty save youth and a dimple or two. Her big blue eyes are her best features and they were heavy and reddened with weeping.

She was ashamed, she told me with unaffected directness, to be in jail, but she accepted the situation with a sort of a wondering acquiescence. It is apparent that this same acquiescence has been the cause of all her troubles. She is one of the amiable, unresisting, child-women who should have been spared from the wickedness of the world—"the sheltered life" should have been her portion.

MADE OWN WAY Instead she has been making her own way since she was 13. She told me all about it, with no idea of the sordid little tragedies she disclosed in her sentence, and her plea for sympathy was the one sentence: "I ain't a wonder, I made some mistakes."

Her father died when she was 5 years old and her mother married again, a man named Cook, who according to her tale, has been her best friend. "My mother always hated me—and at least she never seemed to like me any," the little prisoner said. "She said I had to get out, and she never writes to me now nor anything. I think she's here some place, but she never lets me hear from her. She's divorced from my stepfather and he's got my little sister, Minnie. I think an awful lot of my little sister—I wanted to go right out to see her, but they brought me here."

When Clara Belle was 15 her mother turned her adrift, and she was told by Mrs. Stewart, a neighbor, that she might come and live with her and help with the work. This she did, working in a laundry as well. Mrs. Stewart had a son, John, about 20, who drove one of the laundry wagons, and he and Clara Belle began "going together," as she phrased it. In July, after the fire, her stepfather discovered that affairs were not as they should be, and he made young Stewart marry her. "The following October her baby was born and then began a life of misery for her. The young father would not contribute anything to the support of his child, who was cared for by Mrs. Stewart senior."

"He was awful mean to me," said the little wife. "He used to beat me and treat me just dreadful and I had to work to get money to help take care of my baby. I stood him for two years, and then I just couldn't any more, so I left him and lived with my stepfather and my little sister."

Jail Opens Arms To Wretched Wife



Mrs. Clara Belle Kimble Stewart, victim of unhappy circumstances, who is arrested on a bigamy charge.

BELLE ELMORE WAS KILLED BY POISON

Scientist on the Stand Swears Unqualifiedly That Drug Caused Death

Dr. William H. Wilcox Declares Victim Could Have Survived Only an Hour

LONDON, Sept. 16.—Dr. William Henry Wilcox, scientist-analyst to the home office, who discovered a deadly drug in the body found in the home of Dr. Hawley H. Crippen, took the stand when the trial of the doctor and his typist, Ethel Claire Leneve, for the murder of the former's wife was continued today and swore unqualifiedly that death was due to poison.

The physician described the nature of the medium used and said that from a quarter to half a grain would prove fatal. He had found two-sevenths of a grain after a lapse of from four to eight months and judged that more than half a grain had been administered. He found no other cause of death, and expressed the opinion that the victim survived the dose an hour or more.

Before Doctor Wilcox was called the crown introduced medical testimony to corroborate that given on Wednesday by Prof. Augustus J. Popper, pathologist of the University of London, who swore that the body had been dismembered by one familiar with the science of anatomy.

The gruesome exhibits and the unpleasant character of the testimony at the last session did not deter the curious from struggling to get into the Bow street police court today and the section adjourned to the public again was crowded. The spectators included the usual array of fashionably dressed women and these thoughtfully removed their hats that those seated behind them might not miss a move of the trembling girl in the dock or of her companion in duress, whose jaunty air only adds to the morbid interest in the case.

Doctor Wilcox, whose evidence was very technical, was in the witness box for four hours. Attorney Arthur Newton, who is conducting the case for the defense, closely cross examined the witness, but elicited nothing new. Inspector Dew of Scotland yard then took the stand. Solicitor Newton asked him a few questions on behalf of Miss Leneve with the object of showing that she repeatedly said that she believed whatever Crippen told her.

"She did not mention Crippen to me," the detective replied. The case was then adjourned to September 21.

CABINET TO DECIDE FATE OF BALLINGER

Secretary of Interior, Friends Say, Will Ask Associates to Act as Judges

Richard Achilles Will Resign Unless President's Official Family Rules Otherwise

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Whether Richard A. Ballinger's resignation as secretary of the interior will follow immediately on the cabinet meeting, September 26, to attend which he is now en route from Seattle, or whether he will retain his position indefinitely—at least—until after the delivery to congress of the reports of the committee that investigated his stewardship of the public domain, depends now upon the attitude of his cabinet associates.

Ballinger is coming to Washington, his friends say, wholly unconscious of any act on his part for which he should be condemned and has determined to force his chief and his official colleagues to be in effect his judges. If they concur in the view as presently attributed to President Taft that the accused secretary shall be sustained as an innocent and persecuted man, he will retain his position. If they fail to back him up, he will resign.

DISAPPOINTED BY COMMITTEE At the first meeting of the cabinet after the summer recess, Secretary Dickinson, the democratic member, will not have returned from the Philippines and will therefore be saved the embarrassment of participating in what is regarded as largely a problem of republican policy. The meeting is expected to last three days.

Nobody here doubts that a majority—all but one of the republican members—of the investigating committee will sustain Ballinger. But Ballinger and his partisans here were greatly disappointed that the absence of Senators Root and Flint from the Minneapolis meeting left the pro-Ballinger portion of the committee in the minority and permitted the democrats and the insurgent republican member to put forth reports condemning him, whereas he relied on the majority for vindication.

CABINET TO JUDGE CASE It was said here today by a close friend of the secretary that had the majority of the committee been ready to report at the Minneapolis meeting he would then have tendered his resignation to the president and urged its acceptance on the ground that the dissensions to which he has been a party were detrimental to the public interest.

When the committee failed at Minneapolis to take action as a whole, and when there was no quorum at the subsequent meeting in Chicago, Ballinger became convinced that his position, in spite of the continued support of the president, had become unstable. Unable, as he sees it, to resign as either vindicated or condemned by the committee, he has decided, it is said, to demand of his superior and his cabinet associates either vindication or condemnation.

Ballinger Praises Taft SPOKANE, Sept. 16.—"I don't care what anybody says about me so long as I am conscious of doing my duty, not only as a private citizen, but as a public officer. The man who pursues the course that seems to him to meet the ob-

Rev. T. McSweeney, Who Is Believed To Be Near Death



ligations of his place in life has no need to fear about the future."

So declared Richard A. Ballinger, secretary of the interior, at the noon luncheon of the chamber of commerce. He continued: There never was a time when greater opportunities were laid before the American people than today. All the efforts of public men and businessmen should be to work together in unison for this prosperity, and to see that it is not destroyed by hypocrisy, demagoguery or hysteria, which may exist for a time, but will pass away.

So far as the public service of this country is concerned every man I know in this administration is laboring first to know the needs of the nation, then to execute those needs within the limits of the law and the constitution.

This country in its history never had a man more deliberate, better poised, more in harmony with the developments of this great nation than William H. Taft. His great achievements perhaps have not yet been fully realized, but they will be realized by the American people.

LABORER CAUGHT AFTER SELLING \$14,345 LOOT

SEATTLE, Sept. 16.—Johan Tiberg, a laborer, was arrested today charged with stealing \$14,345 from the sluice boxes of the Pioneer mining company of Nome. Tiberg worked for the company last summer and fell under suspicion, but when charged with robbing the boxes he answered questions with such frankness that the suspicion was partly destroyed, and he was re-employed. Tiberg arrived from Nome a few days ago and soon after his arrival sold gold slugs valued at \$14,425. Tiberg had been shadowed since his arrival here. He will be extradited to Nome.

OAKLAND PRIEST IS CRITICALLY ILL

Pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church Slowly Sinking and Death Is Near

Venerable Catholic Clergyman Did Noble Work in Up-building of Parish

OAKLAND, Sept. 16.—Rev. Father Thomas McSweeney, pastor of St. Francis de Sales church and one of the best known and most beloved Catholic clergymen in this city, is critically ill at the parochial residence, 590 Hobart street. It is feared that the end is not far off. The venerable priest's health has been feeble for several years.

The patient, who is being attended by Dr. D. D. Crowley and Dr. L. E. Adams, was unconscious for the greater part of yesterday. Today he rallied and regained consciousness for a period, but he is said to be extremely weak.

The active work of conducting the affairs of the parish was turned over in April to Rev. Father Patrick J. Keane, the condition of Rev. Father McSweeney being such that he was unable to devote any attention to the cares of the parish over which he has presided for nearly a quarter of a century.

Rev. Father McSweeney came to Oakland in 1881 and for five years served as an assistant in St. Mary's parish to the late Rev. Father Michael King. He had also served for five years as an assistant priest in the old St. Mary's cathedral in San Francisco under Archbishop Alemany.

Father McSweeney was born in Waterford, Ireland, in 1832. He prepared for the priesthood at Mt. Melery seminary and at All Hallows college, Dublin. Upon being ordained he immediately came to California, arriving in the state in 1875. It was through the untiring efforts and executive ability of Father McSweeney that St. Francis de Sales parish was made one of the leading parishes in the city. The present beautiful brick church of the parish was completed in 1893. The first church building in the parish, which is now used as a hall and school, was dedicated by Archbishop Riordan in 1887.

CHECK PASSER GETS 10 YEARS IN SAN QUENTIN

VALLEJO, Sept. 16.—George W. Kelly, who was released from Folsom penitentiary recently, after serving three years for forgery, pleaded guilty in the superior court today to passing fictitious checks, and was sentenced to 10 years in San Quentin.

San Francisco and Richmond-New Suburban Train Service via the Southern Pacific

Commencing Sunday, September 19, the San Francisco-West Berkeley service will be extended to Richmond and way stations. Leave San Francisco 5:40 p. m. and 8:20 p. m., arriving Richmond 8:40 p. m. and 11:20 p. m. Leave Richmond 5:45 a. m., 8:25 a. m. and 7:05 a. m., arriving San Francisco 8:48 a. m., 7:23 a. m. and 8:08 a. m. Ticket offices: Market street ferry depot, Flood building, Broadway and Thirteenth streets, Oakland.

SANTA CLARA GETS A TACOMA PASTOR

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SANTA CLARA, Sept. 16.—Rev. W. Clapham of Tacoma, has accepted a call as rector of the Episcopal church at this place. He will succeed Rev. D. Penneck of Boston, who has been acting rector for several months and who returned to Boston yesterday.

KAISER PLANS VISIT TO ST. PETERSBURG

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 16.—The Bourse Gazette announces today that Emperor William of Germany will visit St. Petersburg in November.

BANK ROBBER CAUGHT—Denver, Sept. 16.—Jesse Bare, who tried to hold up a country bank 20 miles from Clay Center, Kan., December 23, and was put to flight by the paying teller and a woman employe, was arrested today at a grading camp in the suburbs of Denver.

AKASHI SAYS QUIET PREVAILS IN KOREA

Inventors of Disturbance Tales Must Prove Assertions

SEOUL, Korea, Sept. 16.—General Akashi of the Japanese army said today that quiet prevailed throughout Korea. He said that the inventors of the stories that disturbances had been frequent and that several Koreans had committed suicide in protest against Japanese domination would soon be compelled to prove their assertions in a court of law.

The Emborium Saturday promises rich rewards in money savings on this host of specials offered at deeply lowered prices. Sale of Ladies' Blanket Bath Robes \$2.95. Sale Toilet Preparations. Saturday Cigar Specials. A Smart Pretty Tailored Suit \$25. Sale of Women's Kid Gloves 79c. Groceries For Saturday. Sale of Books. Week End Liquor Specials. Pure Silk Hand Knit Ties 85c.