

THE GRIND OF THE DIVORCE MILL

"Only sober for six months in 10 months," as the wife expressed it in Judge Hinkle's court this morning, was the ground upon which Mrs. Mary Toohig sued for and was granted a divorce this morning.

Ten years ago the couple were living prosperously and happily in Wisconsin. The loss of his mill by fire caused Thomas Toohig to take to drink, and for the past 10 years he has had few months of sobriety. "I left him when it became impossible longer to live with him," stated the wife on the stand this morning, "and took him back upon condition that he reform. He stayed sober almost six months and then began again, growing worse than ever."

QUIT WORK AFTER MARRIAGE.

Jessie H. Summers was granted a divorce from Jefferson Summers by Judge Hinkle this morning and ordered that property belonging to the husband be returned to the plaintiff.

According to Mrs. Summers, she had considerable property when she married and turned the greater part of it over to her husband. Hubby quit work, mortgaged the property and took life easy on his wife's dowry.

WIFE MARRIED FOR MONEY.

Claiming that his wife married him for his money and not for love, Joseph Michel filed an affidavit this morning showing his income and asked that the alimony asked by Margaret Michel be reduced to \$50 per month. Michel, who is worth \$40,000, married in December, 1908, and was deserted the same month, his wife going to Portland.

DIVORCED AT 20.

Edward M. Plonke, through his father, August Plonke, began suit for divorce from Mae M. Plonke this morning on the grounds of abandonment and incapability of consent to marriage. The couple were married in May, 1908, and the wife left her husband the following month.

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RAILROADS STATE THEIR POSITION

negotiations, desire to place at the disposal of the public, the following facts in connection with the negotiations. The switchmen in the northwest territory make simultaneous demands on 13 railroad companies centering in the Twin Cities for an increase in wages and certain changes in service conditions. At the suggestion of F. T. Hawley, president of the Switchmen's Union of North America, of whose organization the switchmen in the northwest are members, arrangements were made to conduct the negotiations in one conference. "In the conference the railroads were represented by a committee of 10 managers and the switchmen by F. T. Hawley and by other officers of the Switchmen's Union of North America. The demands of the switchmen were for double pay for Sundays, holidays and overtime; an advance of 60 cents per day of 10 hours in the wages of switchmen, switch tenders, towermen, engine herders and assist yardmasters; a modification of the rule providing for the payment of penalty in case of failure to permit the switchmen to secure their meal in the middle of their shift at a stated period, which contemplates double pay in cases where it became necessary to work a portion of the meal hour, and the elimination of the physical examination and the age limit placed upon switchmen entering the service.

Five conferences were held at St. Paul, in which the switchmen in no detail receded from their demands, which, if conceded, would have entailed an additional expense upon the railroad for switching service of from 40 to 45 per cent. The managers' committee offered the switchmen an increase of 20 cents per day in the territory west of Havre, Mont., on the Great Northern railway, and west of Billings, Mont., on the Northern Pacific railway. The differential in that territory for about two years. Further concession was declined for the reason that the rates of pay of switchmen were increased over 13 per cent in November, 1906, and because the rates at that time established had not been reduced during the period of business depression which followed. The attention of the switchmen was called to the fact that in 1906 the switchmen were granted a larger percentage of increase than any other class of employes in train service. At the present rates the wages of switchmen average over \$100 per month.

On November 23, 1909, in submitting its final answer to the switchmen, the managers' committee, assuming that the switchmen joined in the desire for an amicable adjustment of the question under consideration, suggested that the demands be submitted to arbitration under the provisions of the Erdman act. The switchmen declined to accept this suggestion, and in their final written answer to the managers' committee made the statement that: "The committee begs leave to state that it will not submit to arbitration under any

circumstances." On the same day (November 23, 1909), after a discussion of the proposal to arbitrate under the terms of the Erdman act, at the suggestion of President Hawley, a joint telegram was addressed as follows:

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 23, 1909. To Martin A. Knapp, Chairman Interstate Commerce Commission; to Charles P. Neill, United States Commissioner of Labor, Washington, D. C.; The conference committee of general managers of railroads and the Switchmen's Union of North America, representing the railroads of the northwest and the switchmen employed thereon, having been in session at St. Paul, Minn., during the past four days and having failed to agree on certain questions at issue, jointly invite your good offices as mediators under the Erdman act, and request your presence here on Saturday, November 27, to that end. Please wire answer immediately. (Signed) I. G. Rawn, Chairman Managers' Committee; W. T. Hawley, President Switchmen's Union of North America.

As a result of this telegram, Monday, November 29th, was selected as the day for a conference between Messrs. Knapp and Neill, and the representatives of the railroads and switchmen at St. Paul. On or about November 22d, before the conferences with Messrs. Knapp and Neill had begun, despite the understanding reached in the conferences that mediation under the Erdman act should be invoked, and without the knowledge of either the managers' committee or the mediators, a strike order was issued by the switchmen's committee, directing the switchmen of the 13 northwestern railroads to cease work at 6 p. m., November 30, in the event that their full demands had not been conceded. This violation of good faith so embarrassed the negotiations that successful mediation became impossible and led to the demands by Messrs. Knapp and Neill, addressed to both the managers' committee and the switchmen, that the controversy be submitted to arbitration under the terms of the Erdman act. To this proposal, the managers' committee gave its willing assent, but the switchmen absolutely declined it. The managers' committee believes that the public interests should not suffer because of a disagreement where a proper method to settle the differences is offered through the decision of a disinterested third party under the terms of a federal law. Respectfully submitted. I. G. Rawn, chairman; A. W. Sullivan, W. C. Nixon, J. E. Hurley, J. N. Gruber, G. T. Slade, A. H. Mohler, F. O. Melchor, R. P. Ashton, D. L. Bush.

PROVE WOMAN WAS DEAD BY DIGGING UP BODY

(By United Press.) TILLAMOOK, Ore., Dec. 1.—Mrs. L. A. Holdrege, a victim of the Argo wreck, was not buried alive. This fact was made certain this morning when representatives of the citizens of Tillamook visited the grave at 2 o'clock this morning, by the light of candles and lanterns, and exhumed the body. The funeral was held yesterday, and many comments were made about the natural appearance of the woman. The cheeks were flushed and ears and neck highly colored. Last night people congregated in the streets and excitement ran high. Coroner Bay, who issued the death certificate, although positive the woman was dead, gave his consent to exhume the body. The woman's husband also consented. At 2 o'clock this morning the party reached the cemetery. The body was exhumed. The first test was by the barbitic acid test. It failed to discolor the flesh, showing the woman was extinct. Then an incision was made in the breast, and not a speck of blood issuing from the incision, was proof that circulation had stopped. The body was relowered into the grave.

800 MEN INVOLVED

No settlement of the troubles of the switchmen's union is in sight this afternoon. About 800 men are involved. The railroads in the trouble here are hiring substitute help in an effort to do a part of the work that has been suspended by the strike, but Chief Clerk Walker of the Northern Pacific stated that the N. P. is making no special effort to secure temporary help. This is believed to be due to the fact that inexperienced substitutes hired in past strikes to do the work of men lying idle because of trouble, has proved altogether unsatisfactory.

Twenty freight trains that have usually run out east and west of Spokane every day and about 16 or 17 on the Great Northern are standing still, and their crews of five men each are idle as the result of the strike. Only large shipments—carload lots—of merchandise are being received at the freight sheds and these are subject to indefinite delay.

"CONSPIRACY" CASES BEFORE JUDGE STOCKER

This morning a change of venue was taken from Judge Mann's court in the case of the five members of the Industrial Workers arrested last night at the I. W. W. hall on a charge of criminal conspiracy. Mrs. J. A. Jones, known among socialists and in the industrial movement by her maiden name, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, was among those arrested. She was taken into custody as she was approaching the I. W. W. hall. The other arrests are of Louis-Gatewood, who was presiding over the meeting; William Douglas, acting secretary; George H. Speed and C. M. Connor. The last named is a member of the teamster's union and voted for Mayor Pratt last May. Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and the other prisoners will be arraigned this afternoon before Justice Stocker, to whom the cases have been sent by Judge Mann. Bonds in the cases had been placed at \$5,000, and Miss Flynn will be released this afternoon on bail for \$5,000 furnished by A. E. House and Emma A. Stalford. The other prisoners on the conspiracy charge today said that they had no desire to be released on bond, and will fight the case out to a finish.

ALICE LLOYD'S 3,000 MILE JUMP

From New Orleans to Spokane, almost 2000 miles as the crow flies, but nearer 3000 by rail, is the long jump Miss Alice Lloyd, the English singer, made to reach this city. Not only that, but she went direct from New York to Memphis, Tenn., stayed there one week, then to New Orleans for a week, and direct to Spokane. Miss Lloyd has traveled over Europe and England in the best trains of which the old world can boast, but declares that the journey from New Orleans to Spokane was made in greater comfort than on the famous continental De Luxe train—the pride of European railroad men.

DENVER, Dec. 1.—Charged with selling liquor to Fort Logan soldiers, Mayor Lawton and three other city officials have been arrested.

NO OLD MAIDS FOR ACTRESSES

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—A society for the promotion of marriage might at first thought be regarded as entirely unnecessary for pretty actresses, but Miss Nena Blake thinks



MISS NENA BLAKE, that such an organization is sorely needed, and pretty Nena Blake ought to know.

SEATTLE, Dec. 1.—For being bitten by a dog and having his trousers torn, a jury yesterday awarded Frank J. Hirth, real estate agent, \$14.



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EXCITED FRENCH MOB IS SHOWERED BY MURDERER'S BLOOD

MOUNT BRISON, France, Dec. 1.—Horrible scenes attended the gullotining of Ribolet, the notorious "bandit murderer," in this city today. The mob was so great that troops were called to clear the streets. When the soldiers attempted to execute their orders a pitched battle ensued. The mob wielded clubs and knives to good advantage, and several persons were injured. Around the block where Ribolet was to expiate the crimes of his bloody career, hundreds of men and women pressed. When the great knife descended the mob crowded closer. The blood spurted in a shower over their heads. The crowd howled when several women who had worn their way to the block were spattered with the red spray.

"LEOPOLD EMBRACED ME WARMLY"

STATEMENT OF FATHER OF MINNIE DEMMER.

"Leopold Schade warmly embraced me when I went to him about his engagement to my daughter. "When I found that he had ruined her I went to him again and confronted him with his wicked deed. At first he denied it, but when I asked him if he was going to make my daughter out a liar as well as the ruling her, he acknowledged his sin, but said that it was all right, because nothing had come of it." These statements from Robert Demmer, the father of Minnie Demmer, the girl who is alleged to have been seduced by Leopold Schade, the music teacher brother of Bernard Schade, the brewer, were brought to light during the morning session of the Schade trial in Judge Webster's court. Demmer's testimony was taken through an interpreter, with Attorney Barnhart making efforts to secure direct testimony at times. It was brought out in the cross

examination that he defense will try to prove that the couple were not engaged and that when Demmer was employed as porter and lunchman in the Farmer's Home saloon, Fred and Leopold Schade paid a visit to the saloon to denounce Demmer for circulating the report about town that his daughter and Schade were engaged to be married.

INITIATIVE TAKES WELL

Reports received from canvassers with the initiative street speaking petition say that signatures are being freely received and that progress is being made in the work of pushing the plan of adjourning the street speaking controversy. City Comptroller Fairley says the prosecution of the crusade against free speech by the police department of Spokane is costing the taxpayers \$1000 per week. Mr. Fairley holds the city's purse strings, as it were, and says there is no item in the budget that tends to cover the expense of suppression of free speech. Hence a big overdraft looms. The present is bright for the campaign to continue all winter and possibly into next summer, if

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LONDON, Dec. 1.—King Edward today consented to act as arbitrator of difference which have arisen over the Alsop claims, between Chile and the United States.

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