

GORDON REFILES COURT

Judge Enters Nolle in Case of Woman Charged With Abandoning Her Child When She Marries, But Charities Superintendent Won't Give Up Babe.

Father of Infant Threatens to Sue City of Bridgeport and Habeas Corpus Proceedings Are Likely—Boy is Listed As "Pauper" in City Records.

Utterly ignoring the action of the court in entering a nolle in the case of Miss Esther Peterson this morning on the charge of abandoning her two weeks old child, Superintendent Spencer R. Gordon refuses to give up the babe, although Miss Peterson was married this morning to its father.

Anderson has placed the case in the hands of his attorney. Although anxious to take his child and care for it, Superintendent Gordon has placed it in a private home and listed it as a "pauper."

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When application for the child was made at the office of Supt. Gordon, the latter stoutly refused to turn the child over to its parents, saying that the mother of the child was not fit, in his opinion, to be entrusted with the youngster and that until such time as he saw fit to surrender the youngster to its parents, it must remain in charge of the department of public charities.

When informed of this the parents were indignant and threatened to bring suit against the city of Bridgeport and have the matter threshed out in the superior court.

After the finding of the two weeks old babe it was turned over to the authorities at the Bridgeport hospital on a charge on the city, but has since been placed in a private home and is listed as a city "pauper."

When the father of the child was interviewed as to what action would be taken on the refusal of Gordon to give him charge of his son, he was rather reticent and did not care to discuss the subject other than to say that he would see that the law was obeyed and that the matter will rest in the hands of his lawyer in Southington.

The dispute has caused considerable discussion about the court rooms and some lawyers even went so far as to recommend that the father use physical prowess to obtain the child claiming that as he is the rightful parent no man has any right to keep his father from him and that law will not uphold Gordon in his action.

REVENUE STAMPS WORTH MILLION DOLLARS STOLEN

Vault Door in St. Paul Office is Blown Open and Cash is Taken.

CABARET SHOWS MUST GO, LATEST EDICT OF THE ADMINISTRATION

The cabaret shows must go. This is the edict of the administration, soon to be promulgated through the police department. Proprietors of drinking places whose business lately has had phenomenal increases because of the cabaret attractions must find some other means of making their places inviting for they will be allowed no longer to conduct dancing and what savors of theatrical attractions in their cafes.

Flans already have been made for the suppression of the cabaret shows, if the proprietors of these places show any inclination to resent the interference of the administration. The officials take the stand that the cabaret shows constitute a health hazard, that a license must be obtained for such entertainment, and that if the cabaret manager has no license he is violating a law.

G. HOWARD SCRIBNER'S DIARY DISCLOSES LOVE AFFAIRS AND SPREES

Every time G. Howard Scribner, the former local real estate dealer, took a girl out to dinner or bought some other feminine friend a diamond ring, he noted the fact in his diary. Three of these bulky diaries were produced in the superior court this afternoon when Martha Irene Scribner, appeared before Judge Gager to get a divorce from the young man who disappeared so suddenly from the city in 1914.

Such entries as "Got drunk today," "Bought Mabel out for a taxi ride," "Thought Mabel is disarming for \$100," were frequent in the diaries. There were so many days on which Scribner wrote "got drunk today" that Judge Gager inquired of Mrs. Scribner if she regarded her husband as a truthful man. The wife replied that he told the truth about being intoxicated.

Mrs. Scribner is a petite young person of more than ordinary good looks. She recounted her marital troubles from the time she married Scribner in 1905. She said she and her husband got along as to her husband, she admitted he had sent the letter but said he had no reply from Miss McGrath. He said that he has nothing to say at present but that he intended to stand pat and be boss in the town clerk's office.

It was rumored about the city this morning that a number of the friends of Miss McGrath, including Mayor Wilson and City Clerk Robinson who is chairman of the Republican town committee, and asked that the difficulty be straightened out and Miss McGrath returned to her employment. It is also reported that the incident has created strained relations between Town Clerk Schultz and the Republican town committee.

U. C. T. Christmas Festival Will Be Held Here Tomorrow

The annual Christmas tree festival of the Bridgeport branch of the United Commercial Travelers will be held at Odd Fellows' hall, in Broad street, tomorrow. There will be a business meeting at 3 o'clock with a turkey dinner at 5 o'clock. At 8 o'clock Santa Claus impersonated by City Clerk Robinson will distribute gifts to young and old. Members of the order, their families and friends will attend the festival. A huge Christmas tree will be erected in one corner of the hall and dancing will begin at 10 o'clock. Thaddeus Adams is chairman of the committee of arrangements.

CORONER CLOSES PROBE OF DEATH OF X-SCIENTIST

No Criminal Responsibility Attached to Case of John MacIlroy.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READERS SAW HIM

Physician, Coming at 11th Hour, Kindly Received, But Dismissed.

Coroner John J. Phelan has completed his inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of John MacIlroy of Stratford, who was ill for 10 days, and a few hours before a physician only a few hours before his death. The coroner finds no criminal negligence in connection with the death of MacIlroy, pointing out that both he and his family, were prompted by their leaning towards Christian Science to prefer Christian Science to medical practitioners.

The undersigned having notice of the death of John MacIlroy, a white male 38 years old, late of the town of Stratford, who on the 3rd day of January, A. D., 1916, died an untimely death at 13 Warwick Ave., in the town of Stratford, having made immediate inquiry concerning his death, do hereby certify that said John MacIlroy died on the 3rd day of January, 1916, from a pro-nephritis following influenza grip.

It appeared upon inquiry, the deceased was an ardent believer in Christian Science teachings, became sick on Sunday, Dec. 26, 1915. He thereupon requested his wife, who is an interested believer in the tenets of Christian Science, also, to call a Mrs. Hodge, known as a practitioner or healer of that faith to attend and give him such treatment as is usual and approved by the practices of Christian Science. The practitioner named, as well as one Mrs. Conrad, also a like practitioner, attended him at his home during his illness, ministering to him as above. They failed to effect his recovery, however, and he died on the date above shown.

During the period of the illness the wife of the deceased, upon the suggestion of neighbors, as well as by her own earnest prompting, besought her husband many times during the week to allow her to call her family's physician to prescribe remedies and treatment. The deceased, however, having full belief in the treatment of Christian Science named, expressed the desire that Christian Science treatment be continued instead. On Sunday, Jan. 2, 1916 said wife became of the continuance rather than without her husband's consent, called a physician to treat him. The latter, though very weak and ill, while kindly receiving the physician, desisted from him, but instead insisted on continuing the Christian Science treatment, in which he at all times expressed unbounded faith.

Neither Mrs. Hodge or Mrs. Conrad are known to the local officials of the Christian Science church here. There is no branch of the church in Stratford, and the principal reader for the society in this city. The society has rooms at 571 Lafayette street. Mr. Peitzsch declared that Mr. MacIlroy was not a member of the church in this city and that he was not attended by any Christian Science readers.

Miss Jessie Kinsley of North avenue is the second reader in the church here. The services at the funeral of Mr. MacIlroy were conducted by the Rev. Chauncey C. Kennedy, rector of Christ Episcopal church of Stratford. The Masonic ritual for the dead was also exemplified by officers of St. John's lodge of Stratford.

APPEAL DENIED, HANS SCHMIDT'S TO DIE IN CHAIR

Albany, Jan. 7.—The court of appeals today denied a motion for a re-argument of the appeal of Hans Schmidt, the New York priest, convicted of the murder of Anna Ammuller and sentenced to die in the electric chair at Sing Sing next week.

THE WEATHER

Unsettled tonight, probably snow Saturday, partly cloudy. Moderate winds, mostly north.

EARLY VERDICT IN "NEW HAVEN" CASE EXPECTED

Closing Day of Three Months Trial Consumed in Address by Judge.

INTERESTING RULINGS MADE ON LEGAL POINT

William Rockefeller Only One of Defendants at Final Session.

New York, Jan. 7.—A verdict is expected before tonight in the trial of the eleven former directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, who have been on trial for three months on charges of criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

The charge of Judge Hunt covered many legal points in the case, and his rulings were received with the utmost interest. At the conclusion of his address, the jury took the case. William Rockefeller was the only defendant now in court when Judge Hunt began his remarks. The charge against the defendants being a misdemeanor, their presence was not legally required. Charles S. Melien is in court sitting in the spectators' box.

The court, after describing the indictment, first instructed the jury that the case should be considered without regard to any testimony that would indicate "any attempts to influence legislation by bribery or corrupt means."

The indictment contained no such charge, he said. Discussing the Sherman act, he said that it did not prescribe a limit to acquisitions and that large enterprises may in a certain sense be permitted to monopolize commerce. Magnitude of business was not in itself a violation of a law.

The court held that the charge also could not be sustained unless the jury was satisfied that the defendants or any of them "intended to enter an illegal combination." Intent, he said, was "psychological and not to be ascertained by fixed rule of law." The jury would have to determine it by facts and circumstances.

Judge Hunt instructed the jury that the so-called tripartite agreement between the New York Central, the New Haven and the New York & Harlem in the early nineties was not a violation of the Sherman act. The defendants are William Rockefeller and Lewis Cass Ledyard, New York; Edward D. Robbins, New Haven; Charles F. Brooker, Ansonia, Conn.; D. Newton Barney, Hartford; Theophilus F. Brewster, New Haven; Charles M. Pratt, Brooklyn; Henry K. McHarg, Stamford, Conn.; James S. Hemmingway, A. Heaton Robertson and Frederick C. Brewster, New York.

They were specifically charged with conspiring to monopolize the entire transportation traffic of New England. They were indicted in February, 1914, after an investigation by the department of justice begun more than a year previous and the trial began on Oct. 13.

Seven other former directors were indicted with them, of whom three made successful pleas of immunity, six obtained a separate trial and one, George MacCulloch Miller, was not brought to trial on account of his age.

HARNESSMAKER, LONG MISSING, FOUND IN WARD

William Kerrins, Suffering From Amnesia, Wandered to Newark.

Missing from his home at 53 Madison avenue since the early part of November, William Kerrins, aged 48, a harnessmaker in the employ of Samuel Fiddleton of Cannon street, has been located in the Newark general hospital where he has been confined for three days, suffering from amnesia.

Kerrins was reported missing from his home, Nov. 4, and in some unknown manner made his way to Jersey City, where the police of that place found him wandering around in an aimless manner, Nov. 6. He was confined to the Jersey City hospital, where after a stay of two months he suddenly disappeared and was found wandering about the streets of Newark a few days ago.

He was taken to the general hospital in that city and yesterday regained his memory for the first time since his disappearance. The police authorities of Newark have communicated with Superintendent Eugene Birmingham and Kerrins will be brought to this city tomorrow by relatives who have gone to Newark for him. He has now recovered his faculties and after further medical treatment will soon be able to resume his position as a harnessmaker.

TO SETTLE LUSITANIA CASE SOON

Berlin Makes Overtures Looking to Immediate Settlement of Controversy By Paying Indemnity For American Lives Lost and By Assurances That All Classes of Vessels With Passengers Will Be Protected.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Proposals which the German government believed will end the controversy over the Lusitania disaster in a manner satisfactory to the United States were understood to have been received here today from Berlin. Count Von Bernstorff had an appointment to confer with Secretary Lansing this afternoon.

Germany is believed to have agreed to pay an indemnity for the Americans lost when the liner was torpedoed at the same time basing a reservation of any wrongdoing upon the contention that the destruction of the vessel was an act of reprisal in retaliation for the British blockade of Germany.

Germany is also understood to be ready to give assurances that her submarine commanders operating in the Mediterranean will not torpedo without warning privately owned vessels of any description including liners, freighters and tramp steamers. German assurances in regard to the submarine warfare in the North Sea include only liners in passenger service.

Among the Americans for whose death indemnity might be asked, under the German proposals outlined in the foregoing, is Isaac B. Trumbull, of Bridgeport, who was lost on the Lusitania.

CABINET DISGRESSES ATTACK ON 'PERSIA' VIENNA SILENT YET

Washington, Jan. 7.—The submarine crisis, still of uncertain status because of lack of details, was placed by President Wilson before the cabinet today in its first meeting since his return from Hot Springs, Va.

The Senate foreign relations committee also met to consider the situation but as Senator Stone was detained at the White House by a conference with the President, adjourned without action.

British Lose Submersible; Crew Rescued

London, Jan. 7.—The sinking of a British submarine off the coast of Holland was officially announced this morning. The crew were saved. The admiralty statement says that the submarine, the name of which is not given, was sunk yesterday off the island of Texel, the largest and most southwesterly of the Frisian group. The entire crew, numbering 33, was rescued by the Dutch cruiser Noord Brabant and brought into the Dutch port of Helde.

INTENSITY OF STRUGGLE IN EAST IS DECREASING

London, Jan. 7.—According to official advices from Vienna, the fighting on the eastern front has decreased in violence, the Russians having ceased to attack with vigor between the Pripiet and the Bessarabian frontier. The only gain officially announced for the Russians yesterday was at Csartorysk, the scene of many sanguinary struggles where, it is said the Austrians were driven from the cemetery.

EXPRESS OFFICE BURNED; LOSS \$1 MILLION

Cincinnati, Jan. 7.—The large three-story depot and office building of the Adams Express company at the northwest corner of Front and Butler streets, this city, was destroyed by fire early today. The loss is estimated at \$1,000,000. Crossed electric wires in the audit department on the second floor of the building is said to have caused the fire. During the fire J. W. Dale, assistant general agent, assisted by the police, removed 17 bags, said to contain \$1,000 each and eleven chests which contained money, the amount of which could not be learned. A large amount of money was in the big vault, Mr. Dale said, and the depot and warehouses are used as an exchange point and were well filled with freight of all kinds. All of the records kept in the building were destroyed.