

## Second Wife's Suit Tangles Capt. Nixon's Third Marriage

Divorce Action May  
Have Effect of  
Voiding Ceremony

Justice Jennings Bailey in District Court today was confronted with the complicated marital affairs of Capt. Thomas May Nixon, U. S. Army, noted inventor, whose second wife is asking the jurist to rule that a Pennsylvania divorce decree be not recognized in the District of Columbia. She wants the jurist to grant her a divorce here, although the Army officer has remarried and by his third marriage has three children. The second wife, Annette Pauline Nixon, is a former stage beauty.

Her lawyers contend the captain's domicile is in the District of Columbia and that he evidenced every intention of making his home here, even to shipping down here to a newly-purchased house large mirrors and other household effects from Gettysburg, Pa., where he lived before going to the Military Academy. As evidence of this, her attorneys, William E. Leahy and James F. Reilly, told the court that large spikes were used to fasten the mirrors to the walls here, denoting permanency, and that the captain paid his personal property tax here and took out an automobile license as a Washington resident. The captain is now stationed at Fort Knox, Ky.

**Claims Proceedings Undisputed.**  
Mr. Leahy argued that the second Mrs. Nixon did not know personally that the divorce action in Pennsylvania was proceeding. After their marriage in Brookline, Mass., the couple lived at various Army posts until 1932, Mr. Leahy asserted.

The captain in 1933 sued his second wife for divorce in Gettysburg, alleging cruelty, and she sued him here on the same grounds, bringing her action before he obtained his Pennsylvania divorce decree in 1934. The Court of Common Pleas granted Capt. Nixon a divorce and she moved to set it aside, declaring that the Pennsylvania court was without jurisdiction.  
The Pennsylvania court that gave Capt. Nixon the decree set it aside, a different judge presiding. The Superior Court affirmed that action, but the Pennsylvania Supreme Court reversed the lower courts and reinstated the decree. While the Keystone State's highest tribunal held that actually the Army officer was not living in Pennsylvania, he was on duty in various parts of the Nation in the service and was domiciled in Pennsylvania. Further, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled that the captain was a bona fide resident of the State, within the meaning of the Pennsylvania divorce code.

**Might Void Third Marriage.**  
The second Mrs. Nixon wants District Court to grant her a divorce, which, the lawyers say, would have the legal effect of making his present marriage void.

Capt. Nixon's attorneys—Richard A. Brown of Gettysburg, David G. Bress and Alvin L. Newmyer of Washington—insist that the Pennsylvania divorce decree is good in that State and cannot be disturbed and that the matter is closed.

In 1935 Capt. Nixon married the socially prominent Anne Cooke, whose sister, Jane, eloped with the family chauffeur and made the headlines.  
There were no children of the second marriage, attorneys said.  
The second Mrs. Nixon accused the third Mrs. Nixon of evading service on the suit in which the former named her as a defendant in the divorce action. The game of hide and seek terminated at a fashionable apartment house on Connecticut avenue, when a special process server found Mrs. Anne Cooke Nixon and handed her the papers, but not before a clerk involved himself, allegedly, by attempting to signal the woman and warn her that the law was about to reach her.

A pen of 13 White Leghorn hens laid 3,416 eggs in 51 weeks during a Florida egg-laying contest.



**BATTLESHIP MODELS TESTED**—In the Washington Navy Yard towing basin models of proposed 45,000-ton battleships, which would be the world's mightiest warships, now are being tested. The development is being conducted secretly and photographs of the models are forbidden. W. H. Gotthardt is shown inspecting another type of hull between runs of the 45,000-ton ships, which are towed by the same carriage.

—A. P. Photo.

## Wife Sponsors Husband in Supreme Court

Mrs. Sophronia Lasica, practicing lawyer and member of the faculty of Southeastern University, yesterday moved the admission of her husband, Simon Lasica, to the bar of the Supreme Court.

Mrs. Lasica has been a member of the high court bar for two years. She was graduated at Southeastern University in 1932. Mr. Lasica, who was graduated at Southeastern in 1927, also is a professor at the university and is employed in the Copyright Division of the Library of Congress.

Husbands frequently move the admission of wives to the court bar, but the reverse is rare.

## Mrs. Louise Kent's Estate Is Valued at \$80,000

A petition for letters of administration in the estate of Mrs. Louise D. Kent, filed yesterday in District Court, revealed she left property valued at about \$80,000.

Mrs. Kent died October 10 while on a visit to New York State, and her daughter, Miss Ruth D. Kent, 3100 Thirty-fifth street N.W., asked the court to appoint the Hamilton National Bank to act for her and handle the estate and be granted letters of administration. Attorney Gordon L. Eakle represents the petitioner, Miss Kent.

Property left includes real estate at 3100 Thirty-fifth street N.W., assessed at \$23,118; other real property valued at \$4,000; securities worth \$35,000 and jewelry and personal effects totaling \$2,000. Debts left approximate \$1,500.

Among Mrs. Kent's survivors, the court was informed, are her daughter, Countess Carlo di Robilant of Venice, Italy; Mrs. Elizabeth Kent Williamson of Asheville, N. C.; Mary Fredericks and Barbara G. Kent, both of 3100 Thirty-fifth street N.W.

## Dr. Morley to Speak

Dr. Sylvanus G. Morley, research associate of the Carnegie Institution, will discuss the rise and development of the Maya empire at the meeting of the Anthropological

## Verdict Due Tonight In Inquest Into Deaths Of C. C. C. Men in Fire

Three Survivors Testify  
They Had Received  
No Instruction

By the Associated Press.

EMPORIUM, Pa., Nov. 10.—Hoping to receive a verdict by tonight from a jury of six veteran woodsmen, District Attorney Edwin Tompkins called final witnesses today in the week-long inquest into the fatal burning of eight C. C. C. enrollees in a forest fire.

Three survivors of the band of young fire fighters trapped last October 19 by flames in the rugged Pepper Hill section, near this Cameron County seat, testified yesterday they had never received classroom instruction in fire fighting during their enrollment in the Civilian Conservation Corps.

The witnesses—Edward Sofchak of Glenfion, Pa.; Andrew Majorski of Latrobe, Pa.; and Andrew Killiany of Scottsdale, Pa.—said they had fought a forest blaze the night of October 18, but that their only previous experience was in battling two grass fires. They had been enrollees from 13 to 22 months. Other witnesses had testified the boys had only a few hours sleep after the October 18 fire before being summoned to Pepper Hill.

Peter Damico, one of the boys seriously burned at Pepper Hill, has been removed from a Renovo hospital to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington for further treatment, Tompkins announced.

## Will Walk Again

G. Clement Davies, 19-year-old student of Cambridge University, England, whose neck was broken in a diving accident, will walk by means of a steel cage being made for him.

## Olson Election Gives Mooney New Hope Of Leaving Prison

Prisoner Is Hesitant  
About Rejoicing Because  
Of Past Sorrows

By the Associated Press.

SAN QUENTIN, Calif., Nov. 10.—Smiling broadly, Tom Mooney went about his prison routine as a hopeful orderly today with new hope of freedom through a pardon by California's Democratic Governor-elect, Culbert L. Olson.

But he has hoped so many times before, in the 22 years he has been in prison since his conviction of the 1916 Preparedness day bombing outrage in San Francisco, he was hesitant about doing any premature rejoicing over the Olson statement promising an early hearing on a new pardon application, and indicating it would be viewed with favor.

Gov.-elect Olson reiterated yesterday his previous belief Mooney was innocent of the bombing, in which 10 persons were killed and 40 injured, and that he was convicted on perjured testimony. He said he would hold a hearing, to which any one might bring objections to setting Mooney free, before acting upon the pardon application.

The prisoner did not venture to express any plan for a future life if he wins release, but said merely, "I feel that I can take my place again in society."

He has contended he was convicted on perjured testimony because "privileged interests" wanted to be rid of a labor organizer.

"I have never held any bitterness," said Mooney, "because I believe that by being in prison 22 years I have served the cause (labor) better than I could have on the outside."

Of his pardon hope, he said: "If Gov. Olson pardons me, he will become famous not only because he

is Governor but also because he pardoned Tom Mooney."  
Mooney was first sentenced to death for the bombing, but the sentence was commuted to life imprisonment at the urging of President Woodrow Wilson.

## Girl Kills 14 Deer

A crack shot, Miss Molly Collins of Rowardennan Lodge, Loch Lomondside, Scotland, recently stalked her fourteenth stag for the season. She shot at her latest trophy a 12-point royal stag, which turned the scale at a little more than 313 pounds.

## Dr. Alfaro to Speak At Bar Meeting

Opening a series of meetings sponsored by the American Bar Association's committee on Latin-American Law, Dr. Ricardo J. Alfaro, former president of Panama, will speak on "Adaptation of the United States Doctrine of Trusts to Civil Law in Latin-American Countries" at 8 p.m. next Wednesday at the Mayflower Hotel. Members of the District and Federal bar associations are invited to attend.

## Page Will Speak

William Tyler Page, veteran clerk of the United States House of Representatives and author of "The American Creed," will be the principal speaker tonight at the annual banquet of the Cherrdale Methodist Church Bible Class in Arlington County, Va. The program is under the direction of William A. Robey. The banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the church at Twentieth and North Monroe streets.

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**\*MACARONI-ASPARAGUS CASSEROLE**—Use a large tin of Heinz Cooked Macaroni. Arrange a thin layer of the macaroni in a shallow buttered casserole. Top with a layer of asparagus tips placed so that they radiate from the center. Repeat each layer, finishing with the asparagus on top! Sprinkle with buttered crumbs and bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 30 minutes. Here's dinner in a dish—a casserole brimful of goodness!

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