

SAYS RICH HUBBY MARRIED 4 GIRLS PAID HER NEGLECT FOR HER NURSING MARRIED 3 YEARS, SAYS BOY OF 20

Mrs. William Webber Also Alleges Strange Woman Was in Her Boudoir.

WEEPS ON THE STAND.

Declares Millionaire's Son Has Cut Her Allowance From \$15,000 a Year to \$3,000.

With her eyes filled with tears and a decided catch in her voice, Mrs. Maud E. Webber of No. 400 Riverside Drive told Supreme Court Justice Robert F. Wagner a dramatic story of treatment she alleges she received from her husband, William, of No. 28 West 58th Street, as a reward for his faithful nursing of him through a dangerous illness in 1916.

Mrs. Webber, who is a brunette of striking beauty, told the court that upon the death in 1905 of his father, Richard Webber, multi-millionaire Harlem marketmaster, his younger son, her husband, began a career of high living.

She declared her husband's late hours and free indulgence in costly vintages so undermined his health that in 1916 he was practically a physical wreck and was removed from their Riverside Drive home almost a raving maniac to a sanitarium in Connecticut.

"For four weeks after his arrival at the institution," went on Mrs. Webber, "my husband was in such condition that no one could talk to him. I engaged the best physicians and nurses to care for him and made almost daily trips to the sanitarium to look after him."

Webber was released from the sanitarium in two months, but his physician directed him to take a rest cure, going to Atlantic City and taking his wife, as she had proved herself his best nurse.

"Instead of taking me with him," sobbed the young wife, "he got together a party of his companions, including a Miss Crawford, with whom he is still on terms of intimacy, and went to the Hotel Traymore in Atlantic City. He spent money like water on these people."

To show the court that young Webber greatly enjoyed the companionship of Miss Crawford, the former Hoffman of No. 233 Broadway, chief of counsel to Mrs. Webber, introduced into the records of the trial of her suit for a separation a boardwalk photograph of her husband with his arms about her rival, and smiles on the faces of both.

Mrs. Webber told the court that her husband came home all night and the night and early morning, intoxicated. Early one morning in March, 1917, she said, she received a telephone call from her maid, who told her (Mrs. Webber) was at the home of her sister, who had just lost her husband. The maid said she could not get into the Webber home to begin her daily duties.

Mrs. Webber hurried to her home, she said, and was astounded when she entered her own home to find her husband there in the company of a young woman whose identity was unknown to her.

Young Webber attended the trial, accompanied by an attorney and offered opposition to his wife's plea for alimony exceeding the \$3,000 a year she is now receiving.

She told Justice Wagner that when they were living together, her husband allowed her personally \$15,000 a year, but that since he had succeeded in whittling this amount since he left her late in 1919 down to \$3,000.

Webber told the court that he is not nearly so well off now as he was when his father left his brother Richard and himself the million-dollar meat market through which he built up and one-fourth of his million-dollar personal estate, the remainder going to the widow, Richard and a daughter.

He denied that he is an official at high salary of a large music publishing company, saying he merely did some work for the owner, a friend of his, for which he receives no compensation.

**HOOCH CAUSES SORE FEET, ONCE ITS CURE**  
Erstwhile Druggist, Now Self-Styled Bootlegger, Tells Sad Tale of 1913 and Now.

"Eight years ago," said a caller at Prohibition Enforcement headquarters to-day, after checking up on a removal permit inside, "I was a respectable jobber in druggists' supplies; now I am"—he lowered his voice and glanced back over his shoulder—"a bootlegger."

"I read by the papers to-day though virtually everybody in Washington at the inauguration ceremony was trying to buy whiskey only twenty-four found whiffs of it or the police to take notice of them."

Army and Navy Deserter Can't Remember Names of Some of His Brides.

If that sailor who boasts of possessing wives in several ports will consider the case of Harold Hammond, twenty, of Bensonhurst, now serving a term in the Portsmouth naval prison at Kittery, Me., the chances are he will forever hold his peace. A suit for the annulment of a marriage pending in the Supreme Court at White Plains revealed yesterday that Hammond deserted from the army twice, from the navy once, and had left fourteen wives scattered from Vermont to Virginia.

The court was told that in October, 1917, Hammond, then seventeen, a private in the 18th Cavalry at Fort Ethan Allen, Burlington, Vt., went A. W. O. L. At the Municipal Building here on Oct. 5 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Murray Burke of Jersey City. They took a room in East 12th Street, but only a few hours after the marriage Hammond was arrested and taken back to his regiment.

He was tried, served a short sentence, deserted and enlisted in the navy under his brother's name. In 1918 he deserted from the navy.

A Hoboken a short time later he was married to Miss Loretta F. Fitzhenry, twenty, daughter of a wealthy truckman of Rockaway. He left her when a baby was born, Joseph J. Fitzhenry, the girl's father, took her home.

Last May Mr. Fitzhenry had his daughter meet Hammond by appointment. A detective was waiting and Hammond was arrested, extradited to Jersey City and indicted for bigamy. He pleaded guilty, but sentence was suspended when the naval authorities asked that he be turned over to them.

While awaiting extradition Hammond had engaged as his attorney Julian V. Carabba of No. 115 Broadway. Carabba talked with Hammond, but gave up the case when Hammond told him he had married twelve other women after leaving Miss Fitzhenry.

James A. Turley, a lawyer, with offices in the Woolworth Building, representing the Burke and Fitzhenry families, filed suits in the Supreme Court at White Plains asking a divorce and an annulment. Justice Keogh heard both cases together Saturday. The testimony, after being transcribed for presentation Monday, revealed the story as here set down.

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AFTER EIGHT YEARS AS PRESIDENT, WILSON MARCH 4, 1913, MARCH 4, 1921

Change From the Alert Man Who Walked Beside Taft to the Shrunken Figure That Sat Beside Harding.



MR WILSON PHOTOGRAPHED YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON

raised a shout that attracted the attention of the President. He waved his hat and laughed outright. "Just before the carriage turned in at the White House grounds some Princeton boys gave their yell with such vigor that other sounds were drowned out. The President smiled and faced the students. He bowed and then his hat came off. He held it aloft and waved it while the college boys gave their yell three times."

Thousands See Election Bet Paid by Loser With Band and Elephant. The police of Caldwell, N. J., have started a crusade against reckless motorists who ride in luxurious wheelbarrows and fail to obey the law of the land as it applies to vehicles. No telling how long the campaign may last, but it's started.

**Picked Up 2 Wives on 'Rocky Road' of Matrimony**  
But Trouble Was Nemethy—First Deserted Wife No. 1, Who Will Get Divorce.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING HEARING.**  
set for Thursday Noon in Albany—Industrial Bill Up Tuesday.

**COP FRUSTRATES ALCOHOL ROBBERY**  
Two Barrels Abandoned With Stolen Baker's Wagon—Youth Near Scene Held.

**CHORUS GIRL LEAPS 5 STORIES TO DEATH OUT HOTEL WINDOW**  
Bonnie Woodward Has Words With Man Just Before Fatal Jump.

**FORD PAMPHLETS IMPEDE TRAFFIC**  
Report of Shooting and Big Crowd Bring Police, Who End the Excitement.

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PROTECT OUR GIRLS, CENSOR THE MOVIES GRAND JURY WARNS

Judge Mitchell May of Kings Says Attacks on Police Are Not Warranted.

The Kings County Grand Jury for February in a report submitted today by Reuben Gheddi, the foreman, stated that an unusual number of cases of attacks on girls from twelve to fifteen years of age had been brought before the body and such a large number of cases involving juvenile delinquency as to give the jurors cause for alarm.

It was recommended that some sort of censorship of moving pictures be exercised by the police authorities because numerous juvenile offenders testified to the Grand Jury that they had been influenced to commit acts of crime by motion pictures.

In dismissing the Grand Jury Judge Mitchell May uttered a defense of the Police Department. He declared that there is no "crime wave" in this city and that conditions here are similar to conditions in all large cities in the United States and are better than in other large cities in other parts of the world.

"Persistent, baseless attacks on the Police Department," said Judge May, "weaken the force as a protector of our rights. They bring the Police Department into public contempt because they are directed at every policeman. In a number of recent cases the testimony of police officers before juries has been weakened by the disposition on the part of jurors to doubt the unsupported testimony of police officers."

"All men know that the Police Department is particularly subject to attack on the eve of a municipal campaign. It is unfortunate that these attacks at this time are being made by worn-out has-beens who are trying to rejuvenate themselves politically whose records show that in their ambition they had little regard for life, liberty or reputation."

No Tail Light On Wheelbarrow; Cop Gets Busy

Thousands See Election Bet Paid by Loser With Band and Elephant. The police of Caldwell, N. J., have started a crusade against reckless motorists who ride in luxurious wheelbarrows and fail to obey the law of the land as it applies to vehicles.

Harry Williams was served with a summons last night for riding down Bloomfield avenue in a wheelbarrow which had no tail lights. The document was served by Patrolman Edward Van Dyke, who, when Williams tried to take him out of it, merely replied: "Tell it to the judge."

Between 5,000 and 10,000 people thronged the avenue when Williams took his ride. He is a Republican and his barrow was propelled by Joseph Moore, a Democrat, who bet on Cox last fall. The spectacle last night was the payment of the bet.

The barrow was electrically lighted and there was an extra attachment to the battery by which Moore, whenever he pleased (which was frequently) could administer an electric shock to his passenger, thus lessening in some degree the comfort of the ride.

It was quite a parade. There was a hungry but hopeful looking elephant in the lead and there was a band.

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NEW YORKER ROBBED OF COSTLY GEMS IN SAN DIEGO

Mrs. R. C. Benable, Winter Visitor, Hires Los Angeles Detectives to Recover Property.

(Special to The Evening World.)  
LOS ANGELES, March 5.—A detective agency here has been employed by Mrs. R. C. Benable of New York to find valuables which she alleges have been stolen while she was wintering at San Diego. The goods consist of furs and jewels valued at thousands. A chauffeur is said to have given the clue leading to a confession made in Chicago regarding the stolen property.

Samuel F. Smith, a bandmaster of Kings County, is coming here next month to make his home. Oliver S. Morocco has informed his representatives here he expects to leave New York within a week, bringing West some of the biggest New York stage successes.

The steamship Steel Mariner from New York has arrived at Los Angeles Harbor. Miss Beverly Bayard, arriving here, has completed a transcontinental hike from New York, with the exception of the trip by train from Arizona.

Elie J. Ludwig and Mrs. Ludwig of New York were guests of honor at dinner here, at which were present many literary celebrities. Mrs. J. D. Hanley, Mrs. R. E. Dewey and Mrs. C. A. Hall of New York were special guests at a reception here to prominent philanthropists of the Nation, given by the directors of the Mrs. J. D. Hanley Memorial Home.

Miss Jane Welch, New York, was the guest of honor at luncheon given by Mrs. Susan Orcutt. William Kennedy and Mrs. Kennedy of Brooklyn are at the Hotel Alexandria here.

Polo enthusiasts in Los Angeles are planning to have the Long Island polo teams come to the coast next fall.

**JOHN L. CHILDS DIES AT GRAND CENTRAL**  
Former State Senator From Floral Park Stricken on Train Pulling Into Terminal.

Mrs. John Lewis Childs, wife of former State Senator Childs of Tulip Avenue, Floral Park, Long Island, and their son, John, were among the throng to greet relatives and friends arriving at Grand Central Terminal this morning. They were to meet Mr. Childs, who was returning from Albany, where he had stopped off on his return from a visit to California.

Not seeing the former Senator they made inquiries and learned he had been stricken with heart disease as the train was pulling into the station and had been taken to the Emergency Hospital. Mrs. Childs and her son hurried to the hospital, arriving just after Senator Childs died.

Senator Childs, who was sixty years old, was for many years a prominent figure in Republican politics on Long Island. He made a large fortune in the seed business at Floral Park.

**RESCUES WOMAN IN WATER.**  
Fireman Commended for Bravery for Leap From Sing Wall.

Deputy Fire Chief Edward Worth of the Marine Division sent to Fire Headquarters today a report commending the bravery of fireman Thomas Kelley, of No. 38 Nicholas Avenue, Brooklyn, of the Fireboat New Yorker who jumped into the chilly waters off the Battery sea wall last night and saved from drowning Mrs. Helen Kerrigan of No. 163 West 60th Street.

**IMMIGRANTS IN STAMPEDE.**  
Policemen Restore Order in Grand Central Station.

The arrival of 650 immigrants from Boston caused such a confusion at Grand Central Station to-day 25 policemen were needed to maintain order. The first 100 examined were passed satisfactory by the health inspectors and the Hebrew Sheltering Aid Society and the Travelers' Aid Society.

**Borough President Connolly Gets Son Killed in Feud.**  
LIVINGSTON, Ky., March 5.—In the reopening of an old feud, James Spiner was killed and his son, John Spiner, was wounded when they were attacked by Ollie Spiker, another son, and Hiram Spiker on Camp Creek, Kentucky, according to word received here to-day.

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SHIPMERS 'STRIKE' AGAINST RAILWAY RATES ON FREIGHT

Live Stock Business Near Ruin. It Is Said, Because of High Charges.

CHICAGO, March 5.—Shippers of the country are on strike against high rates charged by carriers. The strike is aimed to obtain lower freight rates, just as the buyers' strike of last year forced down commodity prices.

A conference of shippers of the country has been called in Chicago on March 14 to discuss the shipping and transportation situation. "The present high level of freight rates has helped to demoralize the business of the country," the call for the meeting said.

All shippers, including farmers' organizations, manufacturers' and consumers' associations were invited to send representatives to the meeting in the call signed by many well known concerns.

Shippers have quit sending goods because rates are too high, it was stated by Clifford Thorne, representing some of the shippers' organizations.

"The increase of rates granted Aug. 6 was planned to net the railroads \$1,700,000,000 annually," said Mr. Thorne. "This has proved a higher tax than the shippers will pay; they have quit sending goods and the carriers are up against it for revenue. Instead of increasing the income of the railroads the increase in rates has really resulted in decreased revenue."

Prices of live stock are on practically pre-war level. Live stock shippers pointed out, while freight rates are approximately 70 per cent. higher than before the war. Shippers of sheep, they asserted, often get more than 10¢ a head for their animals after paying the freight charges. They cited some instance where sheep shippers realized on 2¢ a head.

**FUNERAL OF GEN. BUTT.**  
Many Officers of Old National Guard at Services.

Funeral services for the late Brig. Gen. McCoskey Butt were held to-day at St. Thomas's Church, 52d Street and Fifth Avenue, with the Rev. Dr. Ernest M. Barnes, the rector, officiating. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Gen. Butt was for twenty years actively interested in National Guard affairs, having served as an officer in the 7th and 11th Regiments before assuming command of the First Brigade, Department of the East, in 1908. He attended the service to-day and Major Gen. Daniel Appleton, retired former Commander of the 7th, and Brig. Gen. Cornelius Vanderbilt were among the honorary pall bearers.

Members of the staff of Major Gen. John F. Ryan, and Col. N. B. Bush, present Commander of the 12th, were also present.

**HELD AS A FUGITIVE.**  
Radioville Said to Have Admitted Escape From Sing Sing.

A man picked up early to-day "on suspicion" by Detective Carter of the Automobile Squad admitted at the Beach Street Station, according to the police, he is Jasper Radioville, an escaped Sing Sing convict.

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