

WEATHER FORECAST: TOMORROW, OCCASIONAL RAIN.

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# NO ROSE STREWN PATHWAY WAS THE MARRIED EXISTENCE OF CAPT. COVERLY

**In a Sizzling Hot Cross Bill, the Well Known Officer and Erstwhile Chief of Spokane Police Force Accuses His Wife of a Long Catalogue of Misdeeds--One C. W. Carr Is Named as an Assistant in Her Wrong Doings--Ex-Chief Says His Money Looked Good to His Wife But Did Not Go Far Enough--Bigamy Is Also Charged Upon Information and Belief.**

"That the defendant has been informed since the commencement of this action and, upon information and belief, charges the fact to be that at the time the plaintiff married the defendant she was the wife of one Billy Groesbeck, who was then living and not divorced from her, and, by reason thereof, the marriage between plaintiff and defendant was null and void."

After keeping silence up to the last possible moment in a manner which has increased the regard of his friends, Police Captain James Coverly has through his attorneys, Barnes & Latimer, responded to the charges made by Mrs. Lulu C. Coverly in the sensational complaint for a divorce filed by her last week.

In his answer the veteran officer denies the charges and allegations made and concludes with a cross complaint in which he asks for a divorce from the woman.

The captain admits he published a notice to merchants in the evening papers and ordered them not to furnish his wife merchandise on credit and in his cross complaint says he married the plaintiff at Spokane June 5, 1904, and that there has been no community property acquired by them since the marriage beyond the usual necessities. The cross bill relates:

"That at the time of said marriage this defendant was a widower of the age of 56 years, the father of four children by a former marriage, three of whom are minors, to-wit: Jesse, age 20 years; Martha, age 12 years, and Samantha, age 10 years, and upon him rested the parental obligation of supporting and maintaining said children; that at and before the marriage of said plaintiff and defendant the duties and obligations which the defendant owed toward said children were fully explained to the said plaintiff and understood by her and it was agreed by and between the plaintiff and the defendant, prior to said marriage, that out of the income of \$110 a month, as police officer of said city, and the sum of \$6 a month, which the defendant received as a pension from the United States government, he should first provide for the wants, comforts and necessities of said children and that thereafter said income should be used for the benefit of the plaintiff and defendant.

"That the defendant has no other income, or no other means of support, other than as set out and that the plaintiff knew, prior to their marriage, of the extent of his income and of said sum he had agreed previously to pay, and has since paid, for the care and support of his daughters, the sum of \$35 monthly, out of his said income; that he has further obligated himself to pay doctor's bills for his said children, in case it became necessary, and has paid out therefor the sum of \$25, and that his son Jesse has passed through a severe sickness and he has been compelled to pay and has agreed to pay for nursing and doctor's care of said son and is and will be compelled to maintain and keep his said son until he is well and able to care for himself.

"And it was further agreed and understood by and between the plaintiff and defendant, prior to their said marriage, that all of the necessities for the care and comfort of his said children should be paid out of his income prior to any other uses thereof, and the remainder should be used by the plaintiff and the defendant for their support and the plaintiff agreed, prior to their said marriage, that such use should be made of his income as hereinbefore stated.

"That at the time of said marriage said plaintiff was a widow and the mother of a son about 13 years of age; that shortly after said marriage plaintiff's mother came to live with them and ever since said marriage the defendant has supported plaintiff, together with her said son and mother and has at all times done everything in his power to make their home pleasant and agreeable and has used all of his income in the care and support of his family, save and except the amount necessary to care for his said children and has deprived himself of many of the actual necessities of life in order to do so and that he has been compelled to borrow money and become indebted to provide for his family, to-wit: the sum of \$100, which sum is still unpaid; that he is indebted at the present time for the support and care of his children, in the sum of \$140, and also a doctor's and hospital bill for his sick son, who is now in the hospital. That he borrowed said \$100 in order to provide plaintiff with spending money which she demanded of him.

"That immediately after the marriage of said plaintiff and defendant the plaintiff commenced to tantalize and harass him and make unjust, unreasonable and unreasonable and wrongful demands upon him for money, clothing and luxuries in violation of their said agreement and understanding entered into prior to their marriage and beyond his ability to meet, as plaintiff well knew;

and that plaintiff has threatened to blackmail him if he did not comply with her unjust demand for money, and has refused to cook for him, or to care for his clothing or to attend to her household duties; that she has, on many occasions and almost constantly since their said marriage, cursed and abused him, refused to let him sleep or rest, threatened to poison or kill him, and has threatened to throw carbolic acid in his face and disfigure him for life; that she has, on numerous occasions, struck him with her hand, assaulted and injured him; that she has constantly abused him and called him all manner of vile, obscene and

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## SLASHED HIS THROAT THEN SHOT HIMSELF

Isaac North, 74 years of age, committed suicide yesterday at his home, E1109 Jackson avenue, by slashing himself with a razor and firing repeated shots with a rifle and revolver.

Although frightfully cut with the razor and torn with the bullets from rifle and revolver, the old man did not die until 7:45 o'clock last night.

He was alone at the time of the deed and was found later by Mrs. W. H. Spink, a neighbor who called to get his breakfast for him. Mrs. Spink found a trail of blood leading into the bedroom, where North was found on the bed in a dying condition.

North has been despondent for some time, his troubles being due mainly to the illness of his wife, who has been attended at the Deaconess Home.

He was the owner of the Minnesota Butter & Cheese company, 203 Riverside avenue, and leaves several children. One son, Charles North, is a veterinary surgeon in Spokane.

Coroner Witter received a report from Dr. Kalb and Dr. Nelson and decided not to hold an inquest. The body was taken in charge by the relatives.

## SURE OF CONVICTIONS IN LAND FRAUD CASE

(Scripps News Association.)

WASHINGTON, March 13.—It is announced the cases against Senator Mitchell and Representatives Hermann and Williamson of Oregon for alleged complicity in the public land frauds will be brought to trial in Portland early in June. District Attorney Heney, who secured the indictments, left for Oregon Saturday after a conference with the president, Secretary Hitchcock and Attorney General Moody. He expects to secure a number of new indictments of prominent men on the coast. Hitchcock assured the president of his ability to obtain convictions in cases now pending.

## INSULTED THE GRAND DUKE

(Scripps News Association.)

ST. PETERSBURG, March 13.—Grand Duke Constantine, president of the Academy of Science, was recently insulted in a rude manner by 14 members of the academy, who signed a protest against the present regime. Two of the members have resigned as a result of this action. Other resignations are expected.

## MINISTERS ALLIANCE CONSIDERS VICE CRUSADE

At a meeting of the Ministers' Alliance of Spokane today Dr. Van Osdel called attention to the tenderloin evil upon which he has preached a number of sermons recently.

The situation was discussed generally, but after the meeting it was announced that no definite action had been taken.

## JAPS ARE REPORTED NORTH OF TIE PASS

(Scripps News Association.)

TOKIO, March 13.—A dispatch from the front today says: "Our forces drove the enemy completely out of the districts 25 miles north of Mukden yesterday. They are still pursuing the Russians in all directions, inflicting heavy damage on the defeated enemy. The Russians abandoned countless carts, supplies and ammunition. Additional stores intended for the Russians have been seized at San Min Ting. One of the colors captured belonged to the 162d regiment from the Vilna district, which had been engaged in three previous wars."

ST. PETERSBURG, March 13.—Kuropatkin reports retreat being carried on amidst extraordinary difficulties. Two regiments practically wiped out. Total Russian wounded in recent fighting 50,000. Division and half of Japanese within a short distance of his rear guard, which is under constant fire. Kaulbars lost 28,000 prisoners. He barely escaped with the remnant of his division. He is now being pursued. General Meyendorf, commander of the First corps, was wounded.

TOKIO, March 13.—One of the Russian officers of the Port Arthur garrison has been arrested for breaking his parole. He left Shanghai and went to Sin Min Ting.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 13.—A dispatch from Tie Ling states the Russians are nearing that place this morning. The Japanese are moving north from Mukden in detachments.

LONDON, March 13.—A dispatch to the Central News states that several encounters have occurred in the streets of St. Petersburg between police and the people. A company of soldiers was ordered out to assist the police, but the mob was dispersed without casualties.

PORT LUIS, Island of Mauritius, March 13.—The steamer Oxus reports Rojstvensky's Baltic squadron still at Nossibe island, northwest coast of Madagascar, March 4. It is understood the squadron will remain there until the end of April. The crews of the ships were drilling night and day and engaged in frequent target practice. There is no confirmation of the report that Russia has bought an island in the Indian ocean for use as a naval base.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 13.—The czar has summoned a war council for tomorrow to consider the situation in Manchuria and the general war situation. No further news has been received from the front this morning, but the magnitude of the catastrophe is apparent to all. The war office admits the remnants of the army are still in danger. It is reported that Japanese flanking columns are in touch above Tie pass. There may be a Sedan there. It is admitted the Russian killed and wounded already total 65,000.

TOKIO, March 13.—Oyama reports that in the direction of Hinking the enemy's losses have not yet been ascertained, but more than 800 Russian corpses have already been found on the field. According to the statements of prisoners the Seventy-first division of the Russian army was almost annihilated. Although the Russians burned storehouses at Manchuntan and other places, large quantities of fodder and ammunition fell into the hands of the Japanese.

PARIS, March 13.—A telegram from St. Petersburg says a strong agitation has been started on the bourse and in commercial circles looking toward peace.

## FUNDS HAVE DISAPPEARED

CHICAGO, March 13.—A bill was filed in the United States circuit court today by F. C. Butcher of Cleveland alleging that Charles Piper, secretary, and William Hyde, archon of the supreme council of the League of the Fraternal Insurance Society, have spent unlawfully more than \$30,000 of the funds of the society. They ask that the officers be enjoined.

## SAFE BLOWERS SECURE \$3,000

(Scripps News Association.)

GENOA, O., March 13.—Safe blowers secured \$3000 from a local bank last night.

## STILL MORE DELAY IN NEW WATER PLANS

Politics was played at the meeting of the city council last Saturday night in an effort to prevent the consideration of any plan for bettering the water service of the city except that of the water commission. This resulted in nothing being done other than another reference of the plans to engineers.

After much wrangling by the engineers during the afternoon and prior to the council meeting the opposing experts failed to get together as the members of the commission, led by Engineer Scott of Seattle, once more rallied to force the city engineer and his plan into the background and to bring about the adoption of the stage site.

The entire weight of the commission influence was thrown to the Stage site as, that adopted, it would mean a practical victory for the commission which could change the plans as proposed to correct weaknesses already discovered since the elimination of the water meters.

It was through this policy that the commission and its friends succeeded in preventing a free discussion of opposition plans.

The entire matter was allowed to go over until the meeting of the council tomorrow night, by which time a member of the water commission and a representative from the engineer's office are expected to work as a committee to make a report of the cost of improving the system under each plan.

This will give the councilmen some idea of the financial merits of the two plans and settle the dispute as to the costlier plant.

## CHADWICK CASE MAY GO TO SUPREME COURT

(Scripps News Association.)

CLEVELAND, O., March 13.—Up to noon attorneys of Mrs. Chadwick had not filed a motion for a new trial. This action will formally be taken, however. It is the intention of the woman's attorneys to carry the case to the United States supreme court if necessary. Mrs. Chadwick is ill in her cell in the county jail. Dr. Chadwick has not yet called to see her. Her son, Emil Hoover, remains in devoted attendance. The Chadwick bankruptcy proceedings were postponed until Friday, on which day the effects of the Chadwick mansion will be sold by the receiver.

Cashier Spear will probably be placed on trial this month.

## CZAR'S PAGE REVOLUTIONIST

(Scripps News Association.)

ST. PETERSBURG, March 13.—It is reported on good authority that the senior page at Tsarskoe-Selo, a personal attendant of the czar, has been arrested. The page was in regular communication with the revolutionists and had chemical mixtures within the palace. The case is being investigated.

## TRIED TO KILL CHIEF OF POLICE

(Scripps News Association.)

ST. PETERSBURG, March 13.—News reached here of an attempt at assassination of the chief of police of Minsk. A shot was fired at the official, but he escaped. A Cossack officer is reported assassinated at Kremantichug.

## BAD WRECK, MANY HURT

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., March 13.—Missouri Pacific train No. 11, southbound on the Rio Grande road collided with Rio Grande train No. 4, southbound, 14 miles south of here and seriously injured Pullman Conductor Creighton and Charles Richardson and wife of Buffalo. Creighton may die. Several others were slightly injured.

## DAVID IN JAIL

Deputy Sheriff Butler arrived today from Baker City, Ore., bringing with him R. R. David, wanted here on a charge of forgery. David is the man who was captured at Denver and who got away from the officer at Baker City while Butler was taking care of David's accomplice. He was captured after a chase lasting a week and turned over to the officer by the Oregon officers.

## BLEW THE BANK

BENTON, Ky., March 13.—Burglars blew the safe of the Benton bank last night and escaped with \$4000.

## MAY OUST ADAMS

(Scripps News Association.)

DENVER, March 13.—The supreme court this afternoon will render a decision in the gubernatorial contest. It is generally believed the court will take jurisdiction and declare the legislature has a right to declare the office vacant. If this is done, the legislature will oust Adams and allow Lieutenant Governor McDonald to fill the vacancy. This will end the Peabody contest and in large measure satisfy everybody.

## AUSTRIA IS AFTER TURKEY

(Scripps News Association.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 13.—The Austrian ambassador has presented to the porte a demand for recognition of Austria as the protector of Catholics throughout European Turkey and a recognition of 300 Austro-Hungarian schools throughout Turkey.

## AN EDITOR DEAD

(Scripps News Association.)

MINNEAPOLIS, March 13.—Howard Bilman, managing editor of the Minneapolis Times, died today of Bright's disease.