

**TOBACCO DEALER
MUST PAY WIFE
HEAVY ALIMONY**

**\$500 a Week Is Assessment
Made Against Edwin C.
McCullough in Suit.**

**ONLY CHILD KILLED
Abandoned After Both Her
Legs Were Broken in Ac-
cident, She Charges.**

**JUSTICE IS IMPRESSED
Romance of Poor Printer Who
Gained Wealth in Philip-
pines Is Revealed.**

Charging abandonment by her husband ten days after an automobile accident in which their only child was killed and both her legs were broken, Mrs. Louise McCullough of 410 Riverside Drive, began yesterday an action for separation from Edwin Clifford McCullough, importer and exporter.

Supreme Court Justice Erlanger was so impressed by the charges in the affidavits filed with the County Clerk that he directed Mr. McCullough to pay his wife \$500 a week alimony and \$15,000 counsel fees pending outcome of the suit. The award is one of the largest made in recent years in the local courts.

Mr. McCullough is 52 years old, the head of E. C. McCullough & Co., of 116 West Seventy-third street. The company imports cigars and tobacco from the Philippines and sends there paper and printing stocks. Mrs. McCullough alleges he is worth at least \$2,000,000. She is 42.

Just as startling as the alleged abandonment is Mrs. McCullough's charge that her husband sought to use her to compromise a man with whom he had business dealings when the McCulloughs lived in the Philippines.

According to Mrs. McCullough's affidavits, she was injured and her daughter was killed in an automobile accident in the Bronx on June 27 last. The girl, who was 15 years old, was at the wheel of the automobile when her mother directed her to surrender it to the chauffeur. While they were changing places the big machine swerved and struck a tree. A piece of glass punctured the daughter's lung and she died almost instantly. Mrs. McCullough has been an invalid ever since, with two sturses in attendance and frequent visits from specialists.

In outlining the history of their marital life, Mrs. McCullough describes herself as a musician of ability and a linguist, speaking German, French and Spanish, as well as English. She is the daughter of a musician and was living at Bunker Hill, Cal., a suburb of Los Angeles, when Mr. McCullough met her at a dancing school. She was then 15 years old. Mr. McCullough was "very much attracted" to her, and on April 23, 1912, they eloped and were married at San Bernardino, Cal. In 1918 they went to the Philippines to live and until 1915, when they returned to the United States, Mrs. McCullough recites that she was "prominent in the social life of the American colony there."

An estrangement, Mrs. McCullough continues, was due to the fact that her husband, "in order to gain a business advantage over another man, attempted to use me in a situation to compromise this man and thereby cause him to be run out of town." Mrs. McCullough alleges that because she refused to participate in the scheme her husband beat her, knocked her down and kicked her while she lay prostrate and then carried false tales to their son.

Their married life was happy, the plaintiff's affidavits continue, until Mr. McCullough began to tell her of his affairs with other women, wives of his social and business friends, and she was compelled to break off her own friendships with these women. She says he justified his absence from home until early morning three or four nights a week by telling her he was entitled to live his life in his own way. These intrigues with other women in Manila were carried on shamelessly, she continues, so that to calm her own feelings she took a long trip to Paris in 1916.

"When the novelty of his escapades wore off or his affairs seemed fraught with danger," she continued, "he always came to me with disingenuous confessions—humiliated himself to me to a degree that was pitiful, and in seeming earnest pleaded with me to forgive him and let him use his past to correct his faults. We started anew, but the start was soon the finish."

When she married Mr. McCullough he was a printer in San Francisco, Mrs. McCullough recites. After the American occupation of the Philippines a Government printing contract he held was extended to cover considerable work on the islands, so they moved to Manila. They came to New York in 1918, taking an apartment at Bretton Hall until they established their own home in 410 Riverside Drive, corner of 113th street. But her husband left her in January, 1920, she says, when he moved his effects "and his liquor" to the New York Athletic Club.

He returned to her after the death of their daughter and her own injuries in

**STILLMAN FAILS TO
ANSWER CHARGES**

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was Caucasian and very fair, while his father is an Indian. Mr. Page, like Mr. Brennan, peered into Beauvais's bedroom, the testimony says, and saw both the woman and the guide there. Joe Page is quoted as saying that late in the winter of 1916 he met Mrs. Stillman and her guide on their way to Little Lake and they were then fifty miles from Grande Anse. Later he said he mounted a ladder and looked into Beauvais's room and there saw Mrs. Stillman and the guide.

Not an Accurate Account.

It was denied by Mr. Stillman's attorneys that they knew who had made

this public, and a member of the firm of Stanchfield & Levy said: "Mrs. Stillman's attorneys consider the publication of this so-called examination of witnesses before the referee a gross breach of etiquette and a most unusual proceeding in a case of this character."

"It is not an accurate account of what occurred before the referee, and the published story makes it evident that the witnesses were not spontaneous, but were procured. It is noticeable that no cross-examination is shown. Cross-examination of several of these witnesses serves to explode their whole story, even to the point of striking out, to a considerable extent, evidence they already had put in."

"Whatever there was that was favorable to Mrs. Stillman is carefully omitted. This is a garbled interpretation of a legal proceeding."

It became known yesterday that Justice Morschauser's decision, which will be handed down this week, will not be confined to alimony and counsel fees alone, but will take the nature of an opinion upon the competence as evidence of certain letters figuring largely in the case. These include letters that passed between the banker and his wife and others said to have been written by Fred Beauvais to Mrs. Stillman.

Persons in a position to know said it would take Justice Morschauser but a

comparatively brief time to settle the financial questions. Inasmuch as Mr. Stillman admits to an income last year of more than \$330,000. Included with the papers now before the Justice are all the contested letters. The so-called "lysterical letter" written by Mrs. Stillman to her husband seven months before the birth of Guy, is said to be among them.

Both sides appear to agree that it cannot be used in any divorce action by Mr. Stillman because of its nature. But they cannot agree upon whether it is available as evidence in the legal action to establish the status of the boy Guy. If Justice Morschauser deems that the letter is competent he will thereby establish a legal precedent, the lawyers say.

Whether Beauvais's alleged letters to Mrs. Stillman will be admitted depends upon many things—whether they ever reached Mrs. Stillman, for example. She maintains that she never received the letters now in possession of Messrs. Nicoll and Sullivan. They are somewhat fiery epistles, it is said, replete with terms of endearment.

Moreover, Fred Beauvais himself can balk divorce proceedings if, when his testimony is sought, he takes advantage of his legal right to refuse to answer any questions put to him by a commission sent to Quebec to take his testimony. He cannot be forced to come

here. Mr. Stillman may send a commission to him. It is a virtual certainty that he will ignore such a commission.

"To be entirely truthful," said one lawyer, "there is so little chance of either Mr. or Mrs. Stillman obtaining a divorce that we are all ready to concede the folly of going through with it. Mrs. Stillman's allegations will nullify her husband's. And all lawyers know that 'he who comes into the court of equity must come with clean hands.'"

NEW LINER CAN CARRY 2,500.

After four months of labor and \$100,000 in cash had been spent on fitting her out as a modern third class passenger ship the Minnehaha of the International Mercantile Marine Company reached port yesterday from Quincy, Mass.

The liner, now under the American flag, is the largest carrier of storage passengers in commission. She can carry 2,500 passengers, and despite this large number has lounge smoking room, large dining hall and broad promenade decks. She will ply between New York and Hamburg as an American liner, making her first trip on March 31.

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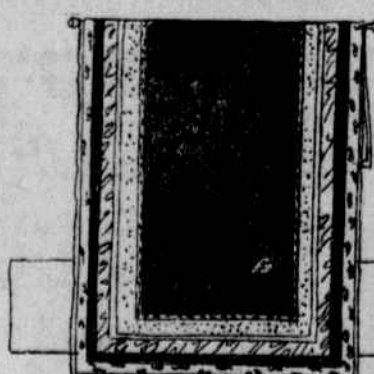
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