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CENSURES WIFE FOR DAUGHTER'S DEATH

McCullough, Fighting \$500 a Week Alimony, Hints Spite Caused Motor Crash.

ASTRAY ON FAMILY DATES

Defendant Denies Charges and Declares He Was Victim of Tongue Lashing.

Edwin Clifford McCullough, importer and exporter and head of E. C. McCullough & Co., against whom Justice Ehlanger in the Supreme Court last week entered an order that he pay to his wife \$500 a week alimony and \$15,000 counsel fees pending outcome of her suit for separation, has denied under oath many of his wife's charges.

Concerning the automobile accident of last June in which Mrs. McCullough sustained fractures of both legs and her daughter, Louise, 15 years old, was killed, Mr. McCullough in answering an affidavit swore:

"Dependent further says on oath that the car which he and his wife drove was a very high geared car. That his daughter was young and he stated to his wife that, notwithstanding the separation, he would permit her to keep and use the car upon the sole condition that she would not permit their daughter Louise to operate it.

"As soon as she ascertained his viewpoint in regard to this matter she did as usual, namely, insisted upon the daughter Louise operating the car, with the result that while she was so engaged, under the mother's directions and to the contrary to dependent's wishes, being inexperienced and inept, she lost control of the car, it ran into a tree, which resulted in killing the daughter and very seriously injuring the plaintiff, which caused her to be confined to a hospital for many months.

Best of Hospital Treatment.

"Notwithstanding the estrangement between them, dependent visited her at the hospital daily, provided her not only with the most expert physicians, but with the most skilled and efficient nurses, and did everything possible to make her comfortable and to restore her to her wonted health.

Attached to Mr. McCullough's affidavit and made a part of the record is a letter he wrote to his wife last December, in which he wrote:

"You knew I had always warned you never to let Louise drive the automobile, and I am firmly convinced that you let her do so and that she was not warned to do so. Thus she lost her life and the responsibility rests on you."

There is nothing in the court papers sustaining the widely published report that at the time of the accident the girl's mother had directed her to surrender the wheel to the chauffeur.

Another inaccuracy has represented Mrs. McCullough as charging that her husband "beat her, knocked her down and kicked her while she lay prostrate" because of her refusal to participate in a scheme whereby her husband "tried to gain a business advantage over another man attempted to use me (Mrs. McCullough) in a situation to compromise this man."

Mr. McCullough also alleges that he was subjected to "constant and terrific tongue lashings."

Mixup on Marriage Dates.

In his principal answering deposition, Mr. McCullough averred that the affidavit submitted by his wife, the plaintiff, "is replete with inaccuracies and misstatements. These," he adds, "dependent attributes either to an obsession or mental aberration, or both." She insisted, he says, that she was only 15 when she was married, but "instead of being married on the 21st day of April, 1892, they were married on the 29th day of April, 1887." The date of the birth of her son Ronald, now deceased, he swore, she similarly related always in giving as in August, 1894, whereas Ronald actually was born on August 15, 1888. Documentary evidence supports these assertions of the true dates.

Thomas B. Fuller of counsel for Mr. McCullough presented corroboratory depositions by W. Morgan Slueter, formerly American financial adviser to the Peruvian Government; Julius S. Reia, president of the Marble Trading and Supply Company; Clifford B. Harmon and others.

Mr. McCullough's reputation among his friends was stated thus by Julius S. Reia, after a friendship of twenty years: "That he is a gentleman of very high standing, strictest integrity, dependability and sobriety, and that he knows his reputation as a man and a gentleman to be excellent." The depositions of Mr. Harmon and others were in like vein.

DAYLIGHT SAVING URGED.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Middlebrook, N. Y., March 29.—The Common Council of this city has received petitions from nearly 1,000 persons, representing eighteen different industries, favoring the adoption of daylight saving. No action has yet been taken by the Aldermen.

JOURNEYS FAR TO DIE IN WASHINGTON SQUARE

Noble Taylor, United Press Manager at Rio de Janeiro, Revives Old Memories and Succumbs on Friend's Shoulder.

Noble Taylor, 29 years old, manager of the United Press at Rio de Janeiro, died yesterday morning at the Hotel Marie, 193 Waverley place. He suffered from chronic heart disease, which recently became aggravated. He was told at Rio de Janeiro that he had three weeks more to live. Mr. Taylor said it was the case he was going back to New York to die in Washington square, a district which he loved better than any place on earth. He went word to his aunt, Dr. Frank M. Gastineau, of Bellevue Hospital.

Dr. Gastineau got him at the pier when the Munson line steamship Aeolus arrived Monday. Taylor asked the doctor to find a place in Washington square where they could talk over old times. The hotel where Dr. Gastineau found quarters is just off the westerly side of the square. Taylor and Dr. Gastineau had been boyhood friends in Indianapolis, and afterward when both were in this city lived at the Brevoort and other places in the Washington Square district.

Taylor sat looking out the window till it got dark, and then moved to an easy chair. He talked steadily and rationally. Dr. Gastineau said, going over the incidents of his life in the square. When the physician told him to rest he said he could not, because he felt so good to be back and he had such a little time to live. They sat the night through, Taylor talking without weariness until 7 o'clock yesterday morning. Dr. Gastineau was sitting on the arm of the chair, and his arm suddenly leaned over and put his arm around his neck and died with his head resting against the doctor's shoulder.

HOLD UP SOLICITING OF FUNDS FOR VETS

Aldermen Criticize Federal Government for Neglect of Disabled Soldiers.

A resolution offered yesterday in the Board of Aldermen by Alderman Charles H. Haubert, granting permission to the National Disabled Soldiers League to solicit funds in the streets from the day to the day of the Federal Government for failure properly to provide for disabled service men.

F. H. La Guardia, President of the Board, declared that the first act of Congress after the end of the war was to appropriate \$300,000,000 to take care of profits lost on cancelled contracts, but that it had failed to make adequate provisions to care for the disabled men, with the result that "these men must be made virtually beggars to support themselves." He cited the Government policy toward the tubercular, in taking them away from Saratoga Lake, where the cost was \$4 a day, and placing them in military hospitals, where the cost was only 65 cents a day.

The War Risk Bureau was criticized by several Aldermen, and opposition also developed to the resolution on the ground that its adoption would make mendicants of the ex-servicemen, disgracing the veterans and insulting the Government. The resolution was referred to the committee on general welfare for investigation.

The board adopted resolutions, introduced jointly by Aldermen William T. Collins and August Ferrand, Democratic and Republican leaders respectively, upon the death of James Cardinal Gibbons, and the board adjourned out of respect for his memory.

Before adjournment the board referred back to the finance committee its report recommending the establishment of street shower baths for children in the city's congested districts in the summer months. The reference was made at the

suggestion of Dr. Royal S. Copeland, Commissioner of Health, that while the purpose was commendable, baths in the open street, in his opinion, would be dangerous to public health and decency. He added that a solution to those aspects of the problem might be found, and promised to advise the committee.

TWO 'WORLD' REPORTERS GUILTY OF CONTEMPT

Story Grew Out of Building Material Cases.

Robert O. Scallan and William P. Beazell, reporters for the World, were found guilty yesterday of contempt of court by Justice John V. McAvoy in the Supreme Court. Ruel E. Smith and James W. Barrett of the World editorial staff, were found not guilty. Scallan and Beazell will be sentenced to-morrow afternoon.

The contempt proceedings grew out of a story published in the World concerning an alleged arrangement by which indicted building material dealers were to be permitted to plead guilty and receive fines but no jail sentences. According to the testimony Scallan wrote the story on a tip from Beazell.

Justice McAvoy, announcing the verdict, took occasion to vindicate William A. De Ford, who prosecuted the indicted dealers, and was represented as the author of the statement that they would get off with fines only.

"I wish to say now publicly," he said, "that the evidence showed not the slightest foundation for any reflection on Mr. De Ford's conduct in the plea offered or rejected. The evidence completely and entirely vindicates every position which he has taken with respect to the case."

Scallan and Beazell were not remanded into custody. The case will be appealed.

ALIEN-OWNED MILL REORGANIZED HERE

New U. S. Custodian in Control and Elects Board of Directors.

What was said to be the first reorganization by officers of the new Administration of alien property seized during the war by former Attorney-General Palmer took place in Passaic yesterday at the stockholders' meeting of the Botany Worsted Mills. Col. Thomas W. Miller, new Alien Property Custodian, came to the meeting with the control of 22,928 of the 26,000 shares of the company's stock, and with two exceptions, elected a new board of directors.

Col. Miller said there was still \$750,000,000 of alien property waiting disposal, and that the Botany Worsted Mills constitute the largest single piece of property. The mills are valued at more than \$15,000,000 and employ 6,200 operatives. He said there are no plans as yet for selling the mills and that they will be operated by a private enterprise. Col. Miller indicated that the future of the mills depends upon such legislation as Congress may pass with respect to the disposal of alien property.

The 23,000 shares actually held by the Government—there were profits for 7,000 more yesterday—were the subject of a fight which was carried to the United States Supreme Court by Max W. Stoehr, who held that they were transferred to him by his parents in Germany before the war. The suit was decided in the Government's favor a month ago. The Stoehrs are known as the woolen and worsted barons of Germany.

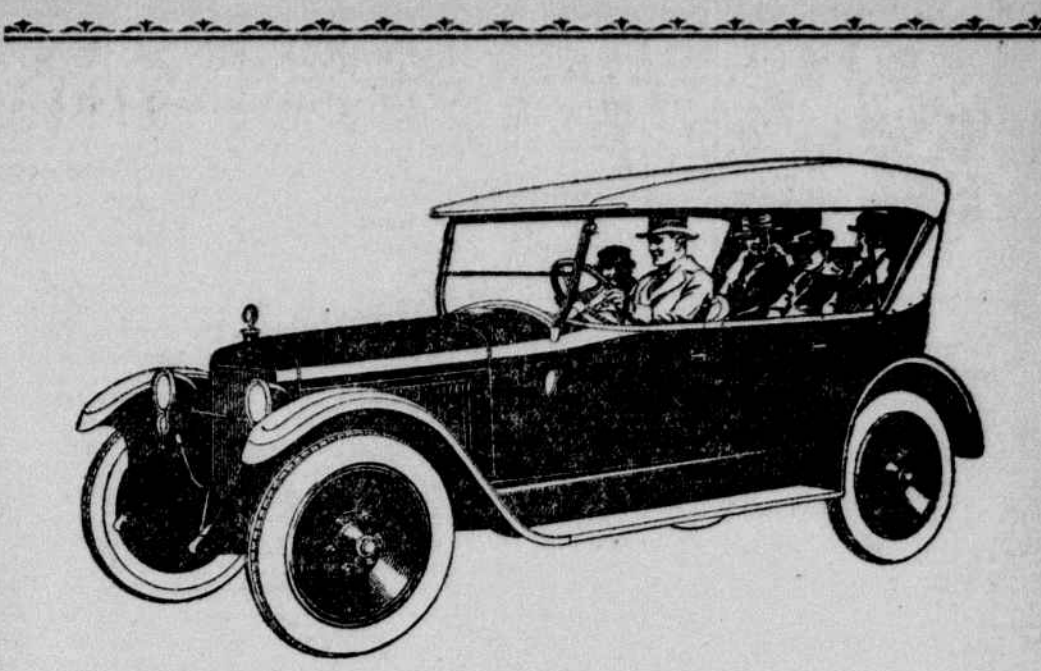
Col. Miller announced a policy of retrenchment, including salary reduction among executives. Members of the Board of Directors, who are believed to have received \$12,000 last year, will receive \$5,000 under the reorganization.

The new board as elected is as follows: Ferdinand Kuhn of Passaic, president of the company, re-elected; Horace C. Jones of Philadelphia, vice-president, re-elected; Col. De Lancey Kountze, treasurer; John P. Murray of Jersey City; Edward C. Stokes, former Governor of New Jersey; William H. Head of Wilmington; James A. Metz, Jr., of Hackensack; Charles F. H. Johnson of Passaic; James T. Logan, editor of the Newark Sunday Call; Henry Myers of Passaic and Walter D. Lazzarero of Philadelphia.

LEONIDAS DENNIS RETIRES.

Leonidas Dennis, a leader in the field of surety law in New York, resigned yesterday as general counsel for the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, after having been associated with the company in that capacity for twenty-one years. Poor health, as the result of over work, has forced his retirement from active practice, which will be temporary. The company yesterday announced the appointment of Edmund J. Donegan and William J. McArthur, two of Mr. Dennis's assistants, as counsel and assistant counsel, respectively.

When Mr. Dennis accepted the company's retainer as general counsel, his resources were less than \$1,000,000. During the two decades of his service the resources advanced to more than \$30,000,000. Mr. Dennis has retired to his country place in Murray Hill, N. Y. If his health permits he may take up private practice in the autumn.



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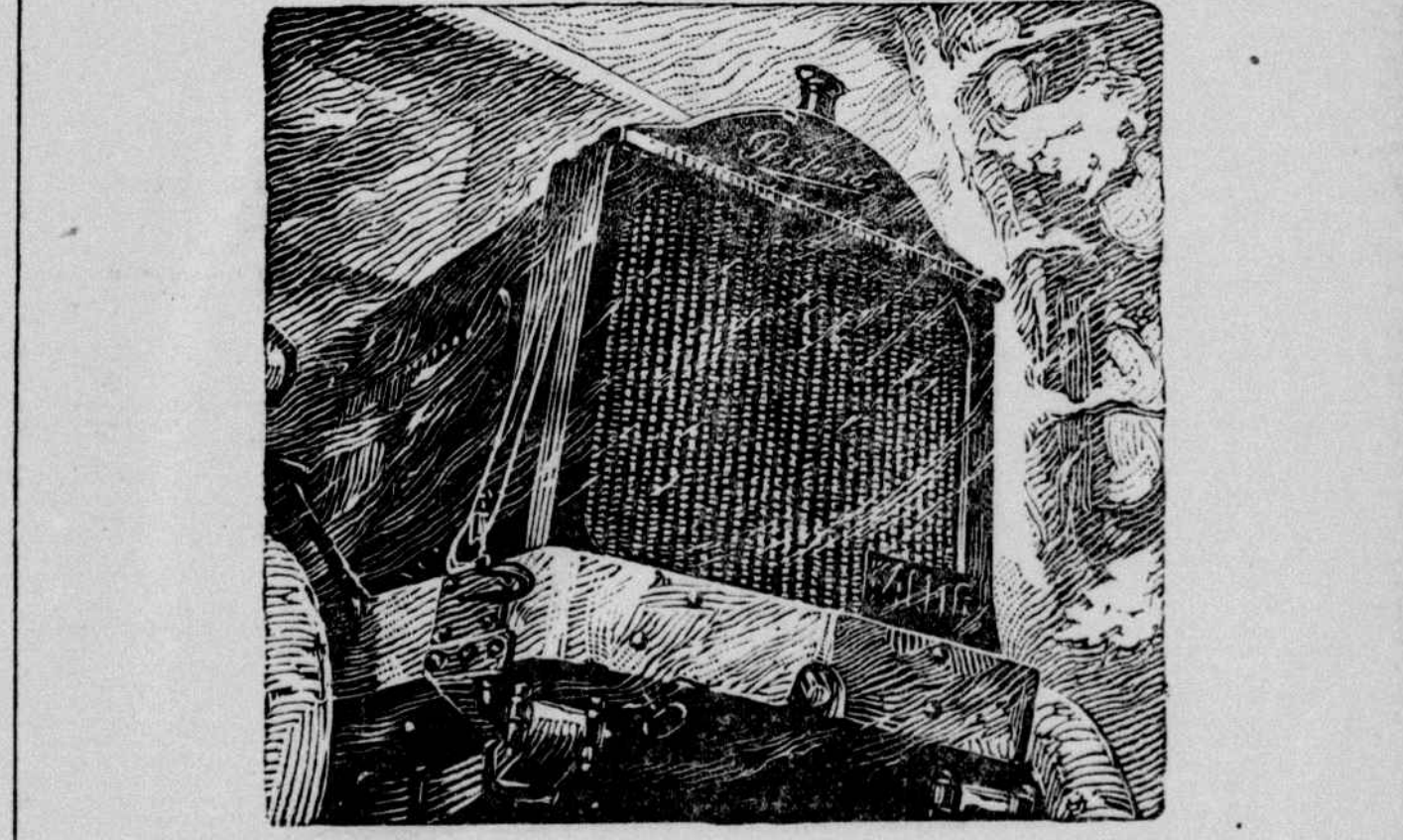
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