

WIFE SUES BRIDE STRAUSS PAINTED

Says Mrs. Snellenberg-Seligmann Stole His Love—Asks \$100,000.

ARTIST DENIES HIS AFFECTIONS SWAYED

Facing Separation Suit, Shows Cases Arose from Making Society Girl's Portrait.

"I love my wife and want her back," said Malcolm Atherton Strauss, painter of stage beauties, yesterday afternoon in his studio, at 3 West Twenty-ninth Street.

"I absolutely can't understand her. She did not seem to be the sort of girl to bring an alienation suit when she knew I was so devoted to her."

An alienation suit brought by Mrs. Strauss against Gladys Snellenberg, daughter of a wealthy Philadelphian, for \$100,000 was disclosed yesterday in papers presented to Justice Gavegan in the Supreme Court.

Miss Snellenberg was married last Thursday to Arthur R. Seligmann, of New York, son of the late Maurice Seligmann. Her debut was made in Philadelphia three years ago.

The hearing yesterday was in an application made by Mrs. Strauss for alimony. Twenty dollars a week was granted pending further litigation.

Wife His Former Model.

Mrs. Strauss was Katherine Agnew MacDonald, a chorus girl of the Winter Garden and later a model for the man she married. The ceremony was performed June 13, 1911.

She was nineteen years old at the time and was playing "The Case from Milwaukee." She was then living with her mother.

On November 23 Mrs. Strauss went to Pittsburgh, presumably for five days. When she did not return, Strauss called on her from New York and asked her when she was coming back.

She is quoted as replying, "Never," and charged her husband with having been an intimate friend with Miss Snellenberg.

In her separation suit Mrs. Strauss says she discovered she was not alone in her husband's affections soon after she had met a society woman. She says she became irritable, fault-finding and nervous, declared he could no longer live with her and referred to her as "that little tramp" without cause.

On October 15, 1915, the artist agreed to paint a portrait of Miss Snellenberg, he sets forth in his affidavit in opposition to granting alimony in the suit brought against him by his wife. He also contracted to do a portrait for her in which she was to appear at New York and Philadelphia shanty-bills.

"I had promised my wife not to do anything," continues Strauss's affidavit, "but when I realized that she needed funds as badly as I did I went ahead. I was obliged to finish the work for Miss Snellenberg, but promised Mrs. Strauss that after I had completed the contract I would not see Miss Snellenberg."

The portrait has been finished, but on account of the suit has not yet been delivered.

"As a matter of fact," continues the affidavit, "my love for my wife is as great as ever, and I deny that my conduct with Miss Snellenberg was indiscreet."

"I called on my friend and confidential adviser, Milton Guterman, and told him of my worry and troubles over Miss Snellenberg's painting. He told me that after a few sittings, I would take my wife to Toronto and then to Atlantic City, and everything would be smoothed again."

"Some time my wife called on Mr. Guterman and she represented to him that my conduct with Miss Snellenberg had been highly improper. Detectives were hired, and a few days later I was sued for separation and Miss Snellenberg was made defendant in a \$100,000 alienation suit."

"Mrs. Strauss is said to have been the inspiration of some of the artist's best work. He has painted the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, Miss Fergin, Madame Elliott, Lotta Faust and many other beautiful women. Lotta Faust died two months before she was to have married Strauss.

Since November 30, Strauss has lived alone at his apartment, 34 West Seventy-second Street. He said he had not seen his wife since that day.

MRS. ARTHUR R. SELIGMANN.

Philadelphia bride, who, as Miss Snellenberg, is accused by artist's wife of stealing husband's love.



Portrait by Leopold G. Seyffert in 1915, now on exhibition in Philadelphia.

DEFEAT WOMEN IN BRONXVILLE

Voters Fail to Change the Name Despite Limousine Campaign.

The suffragists of Bronxville who fought to change the name of the village to Gramatan Hills lost their fight last night.

During the afternoon society women of Bronxville used limousines in bringing out voters.

This is the third time the women of Bronxville have tried to change the village name.

In North Pelham Peter Ceder, a Democrat, was re-elected for the sixth time. In Pelham Heights Clarence S. McClellan, a banker, was chosen president.

In Sag Harbor, Long Island, the women do not seem to be strong for the ballot. Given an opportunity at the annual village election to vote on the momentous question of whether the Fire Department's quarters should be transferred to the Municipal Building, only a dozen of them went to the polls.

Some masculine belle in the village, who was chosen president of the opposite sex, evened matters by casting a vote for Mrs. Rosa J. Bates for village president. Mrs. Bates hadn't avowed herself a candidate.

"The strike campaign" started at the eleventh hour by friends of Thomas W. Lister, former president, who were anxious to elect him village trustee, called to win him that office. Men with "sandwich" signs and men with circulars announcing the candidacy of Lister were sent out over town during the day, but when the vote was counted it was found that only 137 votes were polled for Lister.

Casper Schaefer was re-elected village president, defeating William S. Eaton.

WOMAN PESTERS MAYOR

Justice or Death, She Says, and Gets Believed.

"I will have justice, or die in the attempt!" cried a little woman yesterday, who had been haunting the City Hall for six years. At Mayor Mitchell's office door she was caught by Sergeant Lobdell.

Before Magistrate Appleton she gave her name as Mary Harris, of 48 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, and said that she had owned a men's furnishing store at 606 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, but that her husband had taken it from her at 614 Fulton Street. Sergeant Lobdell said that both Mayor Gaynor and Commissioner Waldo had investigated her claims and could do nothing for her, her case having been thrown out by the Supreme Court, after it had been lost in the lower courts.

WILL TEACH AERONAUTICS

Pittsburgh First University to Establish Such a Course.

(By Telegram to the Tribune.)

LAWYER'S SON HELD AS FIREBUG

Admits Setting 5 Blazes, Detectives Say—Faces Arson Charge.

POLICE SHANTY FIRE THOUGHT HIS WORK

Letter Ex-C. C. N. Y. Student Is Accused of Writing Threatened Shack's Destruction.

Saying he "did it just for fun," George Gestow, eighteen, a lawyer's son, confessed last night, detectives of the Fourth Branch Bureau say, that he had set fire to five places within the last week.

He also is said to have admitted that he had sent two anonymous letters, one to Police Captain Abraham Hulse, of the West 177th Street station, and one to the fire captain of Engine House 91, West 181st Street, near Amsterdam Avenue, and had sent in numerous false alarms.

The boy, whose father, Herman Gestow, has a law office at 231 Broadway and lives at 715 West 180th Street, was arrested by Patrolman Miles yesterday afternoon. At that time he said he had been a student at the College of the City of New York and was then studying at the Dwight Business College.

At first the boy denied all knowledge of the charges. His mother, called to the police station, tried to get him to talk and told the police that the boy had, at one time, suffered from infantile paralysis.

Not until he was questioned by Detectives Gompers and Elson was the alleged confession made. An unoccupied building at Broadway and 172d Street, a shanty at Amsterdam Avenue and 194th Street and a barn, a part of the West 173rd Street police station, used to store gasoline for the motor-cycles, "were first on fire, were the places which, it is said, Gestow confessed he set afire.

Letter Has Fire Threat.

On Monday night a call from Behrman's bakery, at 602 West 181st Street, came to the Fire Department saying there was a fire at 1415 St. Nicholas Avenue. The department had become suspicious because of the number of false alarms that had been rung in from that part of town during the last week, and got a description of the man from "Celia Wild, a salesgirl in the bakery.

Two letters, badly spelled, both mailed from the Washington Bridge post office, one on February 24 and one on March 21, were shown to Gestow. He admitted he had written them, the detectives say. The first was addressed to Captain Hulse and said the writer was the young man who had set fire to a number of places. Eight places were given, some of them tallying with the fires mentioned in his alleged confession.

"The reason I set fire to the shanty," said the letter, referring to the barn attached to the police station, "was because it was an eyesore, a menace and a germ-breeding plant. I demand that you notify the department of Health and the Building Department to tear this down. If you don't, I will set it on fire again, or dynamite it. I understand it costs \$25 every time the engines are called. It was not a chimney that set your station house on fire. It was me."

The letter was signed "A Firebug, an incendiary, a Pyromaniac and an Anonymous Writer." The second letter to the fire captain said the writer was sorry he had set in false alarms, and was signed "A Malicious Mischief-maker." Gestow was charged with arson and malicious mischief. He will be arraigned this morning in the Washington Heights police court.

PRISONERS GET AWAY AFTER SHOOTING GUARD

16 Escape Near Providence—15 Others Stay to Nurse Keepers.

Providence, R. I., March 21.—While Deputy Sheriff's Tillingham and Colvin were escorting thirty-one prisoners, including one woman, from the Providence county courthouse in this city to the prison in Cranston to-day the prisoners overpowered the two deputies, shot Tillingham, and beat Colvin into a state of unconsciousness. Sixteen of the thirty-one then took to the woods about a mile from the prison.

The remaining fifteen faced for Tillingham as best they could, and then drove the van, in which they were being transported, to the prison, where they gave themselves up.

Sheriff Wilcox at once sent posse through the woods, and at 6 o'clock tonight five of the fugitives had been returned to the prison, while late tonight five more were locked up in suburban stations.

Neither of the men carrying revolvers taken from the sheriff had been captured, however. Tillingham was removed to the Rhode Island Hospital, where an X-ray was taken of the wound. The bullet struck him high in the left shoulder and passed up into his neck. At the hospital it is stated his condition is dangerous.

Offer Tumulty a Cottage.

Long Branch, N. J., March 21.—Otis Harlan, anchor, left here for Washington this afternoon authorized by the Chamber of Commerce to offer Joseph P. Tumulty, Secretary to the President, a cottage in Cedar Avenue within a half hour of the Summer White House. He carried a letter promising that "there will be no expense whatever attached to the house, either on account of rent or the care of the house, and you may have the choice of a group of seven."

TRULY THOUGHTFUL

Little Jack Horner sat in a corner Eating a Christmas pie But not EVERY crumb, for he said "I'll give some To others less lucky than I."

THE BABIES' HOSPITAL 12th St. at Lexington Ave.

DURANT SUE BY SISTER

Mrs. Rose Enters Judgment for \$1,366,371 Obtained in 1903.

"VICE TRUST" BACKS 4 BILLS, WOODS SAYS

Commissioner Woods Committee of Dangers in Measures.

Police Commissioner Woods yesterday wrote to the Assembly Codes Committee, calling attention to the fact that since his letter of March 3, pointing out the efforts of the "vice trust" to curb the police crusade, he had learned that the same interests were behind three other bills, which, like the first, were introduced by Assemblyman Everett, of St. Lawrence County.

The Commissioner protested first against the bill to take from the Police Department the right to station patrolmen in raided premises before conviction against the proprietors was obtained. Another bill covers the same subject more fully, while the second provides prosecution by grand jury instead of by the district judge.

Commissioner Woods states that the flourishing days of vice have ceased to exist under the present limitations. Most of those who were prosperous, he adds, are in jail, fugitives from justice, or suffering the "ignominy of trying to earn an honest living, while others hang around waiting for better times to come. The last, the Commissioner said, were hoping that the bills will pass.

In Albany it is thought that the bills will not be reported out on committee. Friends of Assemblyman Everett insist that he would not have sponsored the bills had he known their import. He introduced them, it is said, at the request of a New York lawyer, who was the most important organization of New York hotel owners.

GIRLS TRAMP STREETS TO GET STRIKERS' MONEY

Hillquit Praises Sanitary Board—Paterson Strike Unlikely.

Morris Hillquit, counsel for the cloak-makers' union, said yesterday that he regretted the threatened cessation of activities of the Joint Board of Sanitary Control. If Mayor Mitchell's Council of Conciliation fails to prevent the abrogation of the peace protocol the board's work will be ended, Mr. Hillquit pointed out.

"It will leave more than 50,000 men and women at the mercy of manufacturers who already are violating the labor law," said the lawyer.

Thousands of girls collected money on the streets yesterday for the striking shirtmakers. Thirty-five workers who returned to their place of employment, M. B. Harris & Co., at 126 Thirtieth Street, Brooklyn, were mobbed and fifteen of them arrested.

Almost 5,000 architectural iron workers locally opened negotiations yesterday with their employers for an advance in wages from \$5 to \$5.50 a day.

The strike of bakers at the National Biscuit Company, 11th Avenue and Fifteenth Street, met with a little excitement yesterday, when 300 strikers engaged in fights with the police.

SAYS SHE SET CAP FOR HIM

Rich Long Island Farmer States Widow Wanted His Riches.

In defending himself against a suit for \$25,000 damages instituted by Mrs. Mary A. Renson, forty-nine years old, a widow living at 4019 Fulton Street, Woodhaven, Long Island, Frans May, a wealthy farmer of Melville, Long Island, told the jury in the Queen County Supreme Court yesterday that he was the victim of a conspiracy.

May is a widower of fifty years and has eight children. He said he never intended or wanted to marry again, but that Mrs. Renson and her friends fixed it up to try to "catch the rich farmer." Mrs. Renson testified that she first met May at the home of a box maker in Huntington, Long Island, and that he finally proposed marriage. He visited her often, shovelled the snow, fixed the furnace and washed the dishes, she alleged.

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COLE YOUNGER, EX-BANDIT, DIES

Jesse James Comrade Expires in Missouri at Seventy-four.

FREED ON PAROLE, OUTLAW REFORMED

Was Last of Three Brothers Who Spread Terror by Raids Along Border.

Lee's Summit, Mo., March 21.—Cole Younger, widely known outlaw of border days, but of late years a devout church attendant and peaceful citizen, died at his home here to-night, after a lingering illness. He was seventy-two years of age and unmarried.

Cole Younger was one of the last of the members of the notorious robber bands that infested Western Missouri during and after the Civil War. He was a member of the Quantrell band of guerrillas, and, with his two brothers, took part with the "James Boys" in bank and train robberies in Missouri and neighboring states that netted the looters more than \$100,000.

The leading members of these bands are dead, some at the hands of the law, some by suicide and others from natural causes. Younger, after a long term in the penitentiary, became a law-abiding Missouri citizen.

Cole was the eldest of the three "Younger Boys."

The father, Colonel Harry W. Younger, came to Missouri from Kentucky before the Civil War. He was a strong Union man, though a slaveholder. He settled near Lee's Summit, twenty miles from Kansas City, where Cole was born in 1844. Colonel Younger was murdered by one of the bands of lawless guerrillas that infested the Missouri-Kansas border in war times. The sons said their father was slain by Kansas for the purpose of robbery. They immediately took up arms against the North, joined Quantrell's guerrillas and had their part in the memorable sacking of Lawrence, Kan.

When the war was over they and the Jameses became outlaws. Among the notorious robberies of the decade following the war that were laid at their door were:

The raid on the Liberty, Mo., bank in 1868, in which the cashier was shot dead and \$72,000 stolen.

The looting of a Russellville, Ky., bank in 1868 for \$17,000.

The Gallatin, Mo., bank robbery of 1868, in which the cashier was shot and killed.

Raids of Lexington and Savannah, Mo., banks in 1867.

Ten thousand dollars stolen from the Kansas City Fair Association in 1871, while 10,000 persons looked on.

The Corydon, Ia., bank robbed of \$40,000 the same year.

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SUSPECT U. S. AGENTS IN TOBACCO FRAUDS

Officials Think Revenue Men Aided Revenue Law Evasion.

MURDERESS ESCAPES CHAIR

Prisoner's Term Commuted to Life Imprisonment by Governor.

Raleigh, N. C., March 21.—The death sentence imposed on Mrs. Ball Warren, the first woman ever sentenced in North Carolina to die in the electric chair, was commuted to life imprisonment to-day by Governor Craig.

The governor also commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of Samuel Preston, a convict convicted with Mrs. Warren for the murder of her husband in 1914.

Hoboken Prisoner Says He Is German Sailor.

A man who answers the description of Jean Cronos, anarchist and poisoner, was arrested in Hoboken late last night. The man, who appears to be demented, said he was Karl Passgen, formerly a sailor aboard the steamship George Washington, of the North German Lloyd Line. No such person ever was employed on the liner, the police learned.

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A self-formed committee, consisting of William D. Baldwin, Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Otto H. Kahn, Arthur Farwell, Lillian D. Wald and Martha Maynard, secretary, has undertaken the organization of the project.

It is proposed to obtain the subscription of a guarantee fund to insure these productions, although it is believed from past results that the undertaking will become nearly, if not entirely, self-sustaining. During the summer of 1915 ten such concerts were given in Madison Square Garden, and were all attended by audiences ranging from 3,000 to 5,000 persons.

Seventy-five letters have been sent out asking for support for the concert. The letter says in part: "There are many thousands of men and women in this city who understand and love music of high quality who long for the relief which they find in it from the hardness and drudgery of their daily lives, but on account of the prices of admission are prevented from attending any of the numerous concerts given in New York and who feel this as a bitter deprivation. It is to such people that the Civic Orchestral Concerts will appeal and to whom they will be a boon and an educative influence."

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