

CLOSING THE RENO DIVORCE MILL

Mill Where the Wheels of Justice Ground Quick to be Shut

On the first of the year the famous Reno divorce colony became a thing of the past, for upon that date the Nevada divorce law was amended. Until January 1 it was only necessary that anyone suing for divorce should have resided in the state for six months previous to bringing action.

From now on one year's residence is required, and this automatically is expected to put an end to the scandal that has been associated with the town of Reno for some years past.

The colony has not disappeared as yet, for there remains some hundreds of persons who had arrived in the state after July 1, and had filed notice of their application for citizenship, and who will be able to make their application after six months' residence, but as soon as these survivors are disposed of gloom will descend upon Reno.

It will be able to offer no more advantages than probably a thousand other cities in the United States for those who seek freedom from infelicitous marriages.

Lovers Put Reno on the Map

Nevada's first law, which was enacted 52 years ago, required a two years' residence rule for all divorce actions except those arising from non-support or desertion. About 1900 this law was repealed, and a six months' residence law was established. It ought to be understood, however, that the law was not chiefly or primarily intended to expedite divorce action.

It was desired to encourage citizenship, Nevada felt that she was not attracting settlers as fast as some other States, and as a further inducement to newcomers she was willing to

admit them to the full rights of citizenship after only six months' residence. The law was in effect for some years before it was discovered by an enterprising lawyer that there was a great opportunity for wealthy Easterners who desired divorces.

So he advertised in some Eastern papers and thus started the stream that has irrigated Reno ever since. For some time this lawyer had almost a monopoly of the divorce cases, but other lawyers flocked on his heels, until competition grew so keen that the lawyers had scouts to meet the incoming trains like porters of the local hotels and solicit patronage.

Few Applications Failed

For the past three or four years Reno has been a scandal. Protests from hundreds of organizations were received at Washington, but Washington could give no relief, and the Nevada legislators were influenced by the demands of the Reno business men, who found the divorce colony, a very profitable one.

Probably hundreds, if not thousands of citizens of Nevada have gotten rich on the Easterners who have established residences in order to become separated, and for a long time the agitation seemed hopeless. However, it was the issue of the last State elections and a majority of the Nevada legislators were influenced by the demands of the Reno divorcees that made the scandal still more notorious was the fact that few divorces were ever refused.

Nine out of ten actions succeeded: Of course in the great majority of cases those brought by wealthy Easterners, the separation was by mutual consent. Man and wife would agree to separate, decide upon the financial arrangements, and one of them would then go to Reno to establish a legal residence.

Few Had Children.

Statistics of the Reno divorce court show that about 120 successful petitioners for divorce remarried immediately in the city. Many of them had never met their future helpmates until they arrived in Reno, but the great majority went there accompanied by their "affinities."

Three thousand two hundred and eighty-eight actions, civil and criminal combined, represented the total cases of all character which had been filed in this district from January 1, 1910, the beginning of the divorce colony activity, and ending Wednesday December 31, four years. Of this total number 2,216 are divorce cases, or 68 per cent. of the entire court register. About 70 per cent. of the applicants have had no children, according to their pleadings.

Only about 5 per cent. have asked any alimony for themselves. Only about 10 per cent. (those having children. In several ways the courts during the past few months have been much more stringent as to demanding better service if a possibility, and alert to any evidence of fraud or tricky practice, as

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Insuring Thumbs, Hands and Toes Perhaps

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The famous conjuror and illusionist A. de Biere, has insured his thumbs, on which he relies for his cleverest tricks, for \$12,500. He is but following the example of some well known musicians.

Paderewski's hands are insured for 2,500,000 francs, as also is Kubelik's right hand. This big sum is payable in event of total incapacity, proportional amounts being guaranteed in the case of temporary disablement.

In the case of Kubelik the premium is said to be 7,500 franc a year. Cavalieri's larynx is insured for \$500,000. When a year or so ago an injury to the first finger of Paderewski's right hand prevented his playing at Philadelphia, he received \$5,000 under the terms of his policy.

Reduced Rainfall Will Change Nations

It appears to be a certain thing as Professor Meyers says that the various invasions of Egypt were similar to the result of droughts in Arabia and Libya, and the moral and intellectual decay of the Greeks, as well as the later decadence of Italy, have become epidemic, owing to the rivers being reduced to mosquito breeding pools. If this desiccation of the earth is still in progress, it must lead to further great political changes, for in time the populations of the world will be forced out of the centres of the continents and crowded into the continental margins. In recent years many scientists have asserted that a great climatic change was carrying the earth slowly and irresistibly towards world-wide drought.

Lepers' Doctor At Molokai a Canadian

We learn from the Literary Digest that the leper colony on the Island of Molokai, Hawaii, with its six or seven hundred population, is said to be the best-equipped institution of its kind in the world. The "homes" are hospitals, churches, stores, schools and administration buildings. The treatment which most of the patients receive is surgical, and there is an ideal surgical operating hospital for the work done at the clinics, which are held bi-weekly. These modern improvements have been provided largely through the efforts of Dr. William Goodhue, who has worked for the lepers for more than ten years. Dr. Robert Koch, the famous bacteriologist, visited the settlement a few years ago and called it "one of the greatest clinics in the world."

Born in Quebec Province

Dr. Goodhue was born at Arthabaska, Province of Quebec, Canada, October 8, 1869, his parents being James Goodhue and Mariam Emerson, both of New England families. He received his elementary education at home and in the public schools of Rochester, N. Y. Going with his parents, in 1884, to Riverside, California, he took, later, a business course in Los Angeles; but was persuaded by his brother, then a medical practitioner in the city, to begin the study of medicine. This he finally did with some misgivings, and graduated from Rush Medical College in 1897.

Just previous to entering college, he became engaged to a young woman whom he idolized, and when later she gave him up to marry an old man of assured position and wealth, he felt "life is dark before me." But he turned to his work with redoubled assiduity and mastered his weakness, thankful at last that he had not become married to a woman so unworthy of him. Perhaps because of this disappointment his heart is more tender with love and pity for those who suffer. He now is happy in the companionship of a lovely, devoted wife and a sweet little girl in whom he is totally wrapped up.

Lured by Love of Men

Dr. Goodhue's work is thus described by his brother, Dr. E. S. Goodhue:

Dr. Goodhue has not written any account of his work among the lepers, the reports that are required biennially by the Hawaiian legislature. Every mention of his work at Molokai that has appeared in public print or otherwise has been due to the interest felt by his numerous friends, but even to whom he has been consistently reticent regarding his work. Said one traveller of him: "I never saw a man so absolutely devoid of selfish ambition and love of praise." But in his reports he has taken pains to mention others who have been associated with him in his work, and even to exaggerate, perhaps, the importance of their help.

With the Roman Catholic fathers he is on terms of deep friendship, although a Unitarian himself; and like Lincoln, he has worked, not for religion's sake, but for the love of the brotherhood of man.

He has devoted his spare time to his laboratory, where in 1905 he discovered the bacillus of leprosy in the mosquito and other insects, and at the time, a report of the bearing of this discovery upon the spread of leprosy in Hawaii. In this report he speaks of the assistance of Father James, now in Paris, while he also has been often referred in a kindly way to "Father" Dutton, whose picturesque attitude toward lepers and Molokai has been widely advertised.

The doctor makes no fuss about his work done for lepers in his self-exile to the leper colony, nor does he ever worry about the ever present danger of infection. Though comparatively unknown, he deserves the respect of humanity for his immensely important sacrifice of himself for the sake of the lepers, fully as greatly as any of the more widely advertised workers on their behalf.

NATIONAL ARMAMENT CAMPAIGN PLANNED

MAKING OVERTURES

BERLIN, Feb. 2.—Despatches from Hamburg announce that some transatlantic steamship lines have made overtures to the Hamburg-American line, suggesting that the conditions existing under the agreement which expired on January 31 should be maintained during the month of February. On the receipt of this news, shipping shares, which at no time had been seriously affected by the prospective rate war, rose vigorously.

His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, spoke cheering words to hospital patients at Toronto General

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Both sides to the controversy over national armaments are planning platform campaigns for the exposition of their views. The National Peace Council, which includes many Liberal members of parliament, and is opposing any increase in the naval estimates, has already held several meetings. A great demonstration organized by the committee for the Reduction of Armaments is planned at Queen's Hall on Feb. 3rd, and from then on the "little navies" will hold meetings throughout the country.

This is not the first time that Liberal economists have threatened revolt against the Government over the naval estimates. In 1909 a committee, consisting of 144 Liberal and Labor members of Parliament started an agitation against the estimates of that year. On that occasion Premier Asquith took a firm stand, and the agitation soon died down. This committee has been revived in the Reduction of Armaments Committee which already claims a membership of 100 Liberal members of Parliament. The movement has been given an impetus from the declaration of Lloyd George against the heavy burden of armaments.

MRS. JANE STUART HAS LAW-SUIT

Application of Bank of Hamilton Was Dismissed at Osgoode Hall.

TORONTO, Feb. 2.—An application by W. N. Tilley, K.C., for particulars of the claim of Mrs. Jane Stewart in her suit for \$227,126.05 against the Bank of Hamilton was dismissed by Master-in-Chambers Cameron at Osgoode Hall this morning.

The bank, it is stated, will appeal. W. J. Elliott appeared for Mrs. Stewart. It is stated on behalf of Mrs. Stewart that she inherited \$250,000 under the will of her father, John Jacques, who died in 1886 and that prior to August 1, 1905 her husband, the late John Stewart had deposited the sum of \$227,126.05 in the Bank of Hamilton, of which he was president, in a trust account to the credit of John and Jane Stewart. The plaintiff alleges that some of the trust moneys were invested in the capital stock of the bank, the amount having been debited out the same day it was deposited. Mr. Tilley pointed out that it was alleged that there Stewart's consent and as to this the Bank of Hamilton desired particulars. The same lady had had an action, he said, against the Bank of Montreal.

"We want to know what her trust estate was" declared Mr. Tilley.

"We want to plead to what she did with it. Suppose I say her property went into the Bank of Montreal and that she has been reimbursed?"

Mr. Tilley asked who the officers were who knew about the trust account, and what shares in the bank were her shares.

Mr. Elliott declared that it was not a case for particulars, as first the bank must show that it would be unable to plead without them. It was not, he said, of trust between Mrs. and Mrs. Stewart, but between Mrs. Stewart and the bank.

"The bank has \$227,000 of our property," declared Mr. Elliott, "and we want the bank to deliver it to us. The Bank of Hamilton is the trustee, not John Stewart."

Master-in-Chambers Cameron suggested that the money might have been withdrawn and deposited in another bank.

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Dr. Addison of St. John's, who had been appointed to the suit against the directors which was instituted by Mr. Worrall stated evidence was being done by directors were scattered all over the country, and difficulty was experienced in serving the directors. Mr. Vickers, who gave motion at the last meeting, stated that the first bondholders share allocation of any profits should be made in the meantime.

Mr. Wallace of Woods the adjournment of the meeting to Wednesday, Feb. 11th, in order to give the directors something definite to rely on in regard to the road.

Mr. Stockdale thought the 11th meeting he could persuade the directors to take to close up one of the road. He was as a bondholder to get affairs satisfactorily.

Brantford bondholders of the road have been met by Mr. R. H. Hume, M.P., and R. H. Hume, M.P., who is generally thought to be the most reliable of the bondholders as a bondholder is getting patient over so many a Mr. Stockdale stated that been for the troublesome the City of Brantford a road could have been ago.

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