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Fight For Lebaudy Millions Is Begun

Sister of "Emperor of Sahara" Files Suit to Revoke Letters of Administration Makes Attack on Widow

Mincola, L. I., June 5.—A suit to revoke the letters of administration of Mrs. Jacques Lebaudy, who was released by the grand jury after killing her husband, the "Emperor of the Sahara," on Jan. 11, on the ground that she acted in self-defense, has been begun in behalf of Maria de Fels of Paris, a sister of Lebaudy.

The papers in the case were filed by Major Henry A. Utherhart, who returned to this country a month ago, after serving as an observer with the Italian Army. They assert that Mrs. Lebaudy never was lawfully married to the eccentric Frenchman, and that she is a drug addict and therefore unfit to manage the property. It also is asserted that the thirty-year-old Jacqueline Lebaudy is not Lebaudy's daughter.

The letters of administration were issued to Mrs. Lebaudy twelve days after the killing, on her assertion that she was Lebaudy's lawful wife. The question as to the legality of her status was not raised in court proceedings at the time, but it was asserted in her behalf that a legal marriage had taken place.

Major Utherhart said that Lebaudy had declared, during proceedings regarding his sanity, in October, 1915, that no marriage had taken place, and that he never had acknowledged his companion of twenty years as his wife. On one occasion, it was stated, Lebaudy sought to sue for libel a newspaper, alleging, among other things, that he had been injured by the paper saying he was married to Mrs. Lebaudy.

"Of course," he said, "if Mrs. Lebaudy appears in court and produces satisfactory evidence of her marriage to Le-

baudy that will lend the proceedings. Otherwise the relatives of Jacques Lebaudy, though willing to make a liberal provision for the woman known as Mrs. Lebaudy, are not ready to admit a claim that she is a wife by common law."

Paul E. De Fere of 183 Broadway, New York, lawyer for Mrs. Lebaudy, said he had not heard of the filing of the suit. He said it had not been possible to form an estimate of the value of the Lebaudy estate, because it was scattered all over the world and much of it consisted in mines, the value of which was more or less uncertain. He said the estate undoubtedly was large. Persons who knew

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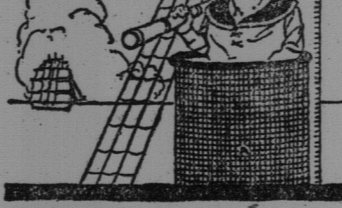
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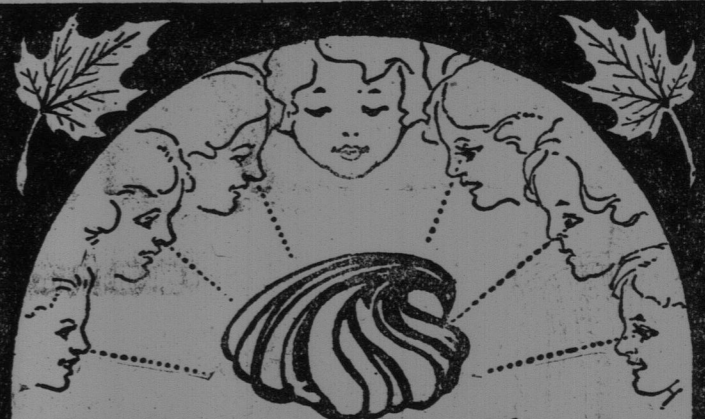


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