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CARUSO SUED FOR \$100,000

Mildred Meffert Brings Action Against The Tenor

CHARGES BREACH OF PROMISE

Says He Proposed Many Times—Action Will Be Defended To The End, Says Counsel For The Famous Singer

New York, April 24—Enrico Caruso, world supreme tenor, has been served with papers notifying him that Miss Mildred Meffert proposed to sue him for breach of promise.

Miss Meffert, whose address is not mentioned in the complaint, names \$100,000 as the sum she desires in exchange for the love which she contends the tenor promised her.

Caruso was served with the complaint and summons in his apartments in the Knickerbocker. Irving E. Ziegler, attorney for Miss Meffert, made the service. Immediately thereafter, the tenor took to the innermost room of his apartments and telephoned for his attorney, Alfred T. Seligberg.

After Mr. Seligberg conferred with his client for a few moments he delivered the following statement: "I have just been retained by Mr. Caruso in an action brought by Miss Mildred Meffert for breach of promise of marriage. Mr. Caruso was served at the Knickerbocker with the summons and complaint. The damages asked are \$100,000.

"I should prefer to make no statement whatever about a matter which is being litigated, but I believe it only fair to Mr. Caruso to state that the plaintiff has no cause for action against him for breach of promise of marriage or any other grounds.

"Miss Meffert is said to be about twenty-eight years old, rather plump, and with very dark hair and eyes. In her affidavit she charges that the first of several offers of marriage was made by Caruso on April 9, 1909. Again, she says, on April 15 he proposed and did so with such fervor that she accepted him as her husband. She says she went to live with him in West Eighty-third street.

Subsequently, France, England, Italy and several other European places Caruso, she says, renewed his proposals. It became a habit with him, she says, always to renew his pledges of undivided love, her complaint says, and thus was the world brought into March 18, 1914, when for no reason she might assign, the tenor rudely informed her and proceeded to live as though he had never met her. She adds that not the least intent of Caruso's proposals occurred in the Hotel Seymour in New York in 1911.

"As a result of her associations with Caruso, Miss Meffert says, she lost all her friends. As a just recompense, therefore, she demands the sum of \$100,000. The suit has not yet been filed in court. Mr. Ziegler has three days in which to do this. Aside from a few pressive shrugs not a comment could be drawn from Caruso.

STEAMER SINKS IN CALM WATER; THREE PASSENGERS DROWNED
Hobart, Tasmania, April 24—Mystery surrounds the disappearance of the fruit steamer Huon, which was foundered today without apparent reason. Three passengers were drowned. The weather was calm, and the water like a mill pond.

WORLD'S OLDEST MASON
London, Ont., April 24—The oldest Mason in the world has come to make his home at Kingsville. He is Abraham Littlejohn. On October 8 he will be 99 years old. He joined the Masons in Waterford in 1827. He has a daughter aged 78. Alexander, of Detroit, who is past eighty years, is a brother, the youngest of the family.

Phebe and Phebe's WEATHER BULLETIN
Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service.
Synopsis—The high pressure is passing southeastward from the Great Lakes towards the Atlantic and the western low area is moving towards Lake Michigan. The weather continues warm in the western provinces and is becoming warmer from Ontario eastward. Showers have again occurred in Manitoba.
Still warmer
Maritime—Moderate to fresh northerly winds. Fine. Saturday moderate westerly winds, fine and a little warmer. Washington, D. C.—New England overcast: Fair tonight, warmer in the interior. Saturday, increasing cloudiness and warmer, moderate shifting winds coming southerly.

Much Now Depends On Constitutionals

Attitude Affects Extent of American Operations In Mexico

MORE TROOPS ARE UNDER ORDERS

Five Thousand Out of Camp For Transport—Menace in Bad Water—Britishers Among The Refugees Leaving Mexico City

Washington, D. C., April 24—President Wilson and his staff today proceeded with their plans for operations in Mexico, with businesslike expedition. The day found every available American warship ploughing southward on the Atlantic and Pacific, and full brigade of the first army division shipping in transports from Galveston to Vera Cruz. This army force would place more than 10,000 American troops in the Mexican seaport, to hold the city or begin offensive operations toward Mexico City, with Vera Cruz as a base.

WAR NOTES
The Mexican representative in Washington, General Alvaro Obregon, has left for Toronto. British foreign secretary, Sir Edward Grey, now in Paris, is quoted as saying that he believed the United States was undertaking a work in Mexico, of which thoughtful opinion in Europe approved. A military guard has been placed at the United States embassy in Mexico City.

A refugee train from Mexico City, carrying 100 Americans, 100 Germans, 800 Spaniards and Mexicans, and 10 Englishmen, arrived at Vera Cruz last evening. British marines escorted them to the train, and the Americans were taken to the city.

Many Mexicans in the United States were reported to be leaving the country. King Alfonso of Spain, it is said, has expressed his willingness to set an example to his subjects.

The Hamburg American line is said to be sending a ship to Vera Cruz with a full complement of arms and munitions. General Caballero, commanding the constitutionalist forces, has ordered General Zaragoza, Federal commander, twenty-four hours to surrender.

It is reported that the European powers are looking into the matter of blockade of Mexican ports by the United States.

SHOW WILSON GAVE ORDER TO ATTACK
Washington, April 24—The story of how the president ordered the customs house at Vera Cruz to be seized is revealed. The president had gone to bed on Monday night after having read his message to Congress. The senate was debating the joint resolution to approve the use of the army and navy, and the president had determined to withhold action until the resolution passed, although feeling that in an emergency the executive had ample authority to act.

At four o'clock on Tuesday morning Secretary Bryan received a cablegram from Consul Canada telling of the approach of a German vessel with a tremendous cargo of ammunition for Huerta. Locomotives and many cars were in readiness to rush the arms to Mexico City.

Mr. Bryan telephoned Secretary Tumulty, who decided to awaken the president. He telephoned the White House. The servants were timid, but Mr. Tumulty insisted.

Finally the president came to the telephone, and while Secretary Tumulty was explaining the situation Secretary Daniels called up and was put on the same line. He, too, had a dispatch about the ammunition.

Rear Admiral Fletcher had sent a wireless that 15,000 rounds of ammunition and 240 machine guns would be landed from the German vessel by noon that day.

The president listened in silence. "What shall we do?" asked Secretary Daniels.

"Tell Fletcher to seize the customs house," replied the president without hesitation.

"Good night," said Secretary Daniels. In a few minutes wireless dispatches were sent to Rear Admiral Fletcher.

He received the message at 10 a. m. and an hour later American marines had landed and taken possession of the customs house. The ammunition will go back to the shippers in Germany.

SISTER OF HIS HONOR, JUDGE BARRY, DEAD
On Thursday Mrs. Ellen McNulty, widow of John McNulty, died at her home in Lower St. Mary's. She was about seventy years of age and is survived by one son, William, and five daughters, Mrs. John Duffy, of Fredrickton; Mrs. John Sears, Lower St. Mary's; and Misses Nellie, Blanche and Gertrude, all at home. Judge Barry and E. C. Barry of Fredrickton, Patrick Barry of Spokane, Wash., and John Barry, of Nashua, are brothers. One sister, Mrs. Peter Hughes, of St. Mary's, also survives, as do six grandchildren.

AFTER THE MEETINGS
The meetings of the Women's Auxiliary closed yesterday afternoon and many of the visiting delegates left the city on the evening trains. Several, however, will remain in the city over Sunday.

A DOG MYSTERY.
Three valuable dogs—a thoroughbred collie owned by James Henderson; a spaniel owned by Mr. Reynolds, and another collie—have disappeared from a residence within the last few days. There is not a trace of them to be found.

VESUVIUS AND ETNA ARE ACTIVE

Rome, April 24—Mount Vesuvius, on the west coast, and Mount Etna, on the island of Sicily, became active simultaneously today. Reports declare there is no immediate danger in the vicinity of Vesuvius.

THE RIVER TODAY

Reports to the Times today are: Edmundston—River still closed here, water remains scant. Antigonish—Large ice floes passed here last night, river still rising weather fine. Woodville—Fair and cool, strong north west wind, water fell about four inches last night, quite a lot of ice running today. Fredericton—No change in ice, still cold, weather fine and cool.

TWO MATTERS ARE COMPLAINED OF AT T. & L. COUNCIL SESSION

One Has To Do With Postal, The Other With Railway Service

At a meeting of the Trades and Labor Council last evening, the president, J. L. Sprague, occupying the chair, two complaints were heard and resolutions passed concerning them. One complaint was brought forward by some members from North End regarding the accommodations, or lack of accommodations as they termed it, in connection with the port office at North End, and the other was that the working people were not protected in the use of the street as a means of access to their homes. The complaint was referred to the council to be dealt with at their next meeting. The other complaint was that the railway company were not doing their duty in connection with the postal service. It was decided to refer the matter to the council to be dealt with at their next meeting.

JURY SAYS MURDER IN NOVA SCOTIA CASE

Recommend Arrest of Husband on Charge of Killing Mrs. Susan Hilton

(Special to Times) Yarmouth, N. S., April 24—The jury in the case of the death of Susan Hilton, at South Ohio, found a verdict of murder in the first degree. The husband, John Hilton, was recommended for arrest on a charge of killing his wife.

OBJECT TO THE TAXES

Montreal Wants \$856,944 From The Harbor Commission

Montreal, April 24—The City of Montreal has decided to appeal against the decision of the harbor commission to exempt from taxation the property of the harbor commission. The city called on the harbor commission to pay taxes amounting to \$856,944 for 1911, 1912, and 1913.

DEATH OF JOHN S. COLLINS

Forty-Four Years in Navigation Work in Northumberland Strait—First Trip of Season

Charlottetown, P. E. I., April 24—John S. Collins, steward of the S. S. Empress, which runs in summer between Charlottetown and Point Du Chene, died at his home here yesterday, aged sixty-nine. He had been employed for forty-four years continuously by the Steam Navigation Company on their boats plying between the island and mainland.

The S. S. Northumberland left today for Pictou on her first trip of the season—a fortnight later than last year.

Home from Philippines.
Tokio, Japan, April 24—Major General J. Franklin Bell, who retired recently as commander of the Philippine division of the United States army, sailed today for the United States. Major General Thomas H. Barry has succeeded General Bell.

HEAD OF THE ATLANTIC FLEET WHO IS COMMANDING VESSELS AT MEXICO



REAR ADMIRAL CHARLES J. BADGER

SOME SETTLERS FOR NEW BRUNSWICK REACH HERE ON THE VIRGINIAN

Allan Liner's Last Voyage to St. John This Season—Wife and Children of St. George's Captain on Board

The Virginia, Captain Remick, the last of the Allan steamships, this season, arrived in port last evening and docked this morning at eleven o'clock at No. 9 wharf. The big mail steamer had a cargo of 1500 tons of goods. The captain, Mr. Remick, and his wife and children were on board. The ship was the last of the Allan line to arrive in St. John this season.

MEN OFF TO LUMBER DRIVES ON TOBIQUE

(Special to Times) Fredericton, N. B., April 24—Forty men were sent to the Tobique this morning to work at steam driving for Fraser Limited.

CHATHAM MAN KILLED IN ONTARIO

Scalded in Pulp Mill, Wm. Carroll Succumbs—Wife and Six Children

(Special to Times) Chatham, N. B., April 24—Word was received here last evening telling of the death of Wm. Carroll, of Chatham, in Dryden, Ont. He was in the employ of the Dryden Pulp & Paper Company and in an accident at the mill was scalded to death. Mr. Carroll was a native of Chatham. He left here a year ago and had just recovered from a serious accident at the same mill some time last night. He was forty years of age and is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Susie Cramer, and six children.

THREE LITTLE ONES ARE SUFFOCATED; MOTHER PROBABLY FATALLY BURNED

Holland, Mich., April 24—Fire today destroyed the home of John Cloegme and resulted in the death of three of his children and the probable fatal injury of their mother. The children ranged in age from one to four years. They were suffocated. The father was burned about the head and arms and barely had time to escape.

MODIFIED "MENAGE" TO BE GIVEN USE OF THE MAILS

Ottawa, April 24—A statement issued by the post office department today announces that the Canadian edition of the "Menage" has been admitted to the mails. This is an anti-Roman Catholic publication recently refused the privilege after the appearance of the first issue, the ground taken being that it was exceedingly offensive. Since then it was said at the department that the contents had been moderated. The question of postal rates is being considered. The paper is published in Aurora, Ont.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Mrs. George Irvine was held this afternoon from the residence of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Stout, Main street, Fairville. Services were conducted by Rev. W. M. Townsend. Interment was in Cedar Hill.

JUDGE HALTS MURDER TRIAL

Instructs Jury to Pass on Sanity of Prisoner

A WESTERN SENSATION

Anderson, Charged With Killing Wife, Once Found Guilty, Mind Gives Way—Saving an Hour of Daylight

Medicine Hat, Alb., April 24—The trial of Alex. Anderson on a charge of killing his wife, in last June, abruptly ended late last night, when Justice Scott asked the jury to retire and bring in a finding as to the present state of the prisoner's mind. The verdict arrived at after eight minutes, was that the man was insane, and therefore his trial was declared illegal, and the prisoner was turned over to the police to be held until such time as he is sane enough to stand trial. Anderson was found guilty in last November and was to have been hanged in February, but was granted a new trial.

Doctors who examined him said he was a paranoiac of the worst type. Anderson beat his wife to death with a hammer.

SOME SETTLERS FOR NEW BRUNSWICK REACH HERE ON THE VIRGINIAN

Allan Liner's Last Voyage to St. John This Season—Wife and Children of St. George's Captain on Board

M. Fowles, of Sussex, returning after a visit to the old country. Before returning home she will be the guest of Mrs. W. B. Tinsley for a few days. Mrs. Corbett, wife of Captain Corbett, of the C. E. S. steamer St. George, accompanied by her five children, was also on the steamer. They will take up their residence in St. John while the steamer is on the Digby route. Other first class passengers were C. E. Betts, D. F. Colton, Miss A. M. Drummond, A. T. Greenwood, H. T. Gussion, K. A. Hanly, Mrs. Hudson, Miss C. M. Hildon, George Jackson, Mrs. L. White, Mrs. F. M. Wilson, Masters C. T. R. and D. F. M. Wilson, Miss Flora Withers and Miss B. M. Fowles.

THE ENGLISHMAN MAY GO TO HALIFAX FIRST

(Special to Times) Halifax, N. S., April 24—The 19,000 ton freight steamer Englishman, which left the other side several days ago, will be forced to come to Halifax like the Teutonic. No word was received from the Teutonic this morning, and while it is not as yet announced officially she is coming to Halifax, there seems to be little doubt of it. Conditions in St. Lawrence are such as to prevent her reaching Montreal. If the Englishman comes to Halifax, it will mean that the winter port men on the return to Upper Canada.

WINTER PORT MEN ON THE RETURN TO UPPER CANADA

With the end of their season here, the members of the winter staff of the Allan Line are making preparations for leaving the city. S. C. Blair, of the customs department, will leave tonight for Quebec, while A. W. Wilkie, the cashier, will go to Montreal tomorrow. The rest of the staff expect to get away soon after the sailing of the Virginia next week.

Men Cannot Afford to Be Poorly Dressed

Good appearance is a strong factor in business success. Good clothes are essential to good appearance. But good clothing need not mean extravagance. The making of attire for men is now standardized almost to an exact science. Prices are often quite moderate and seldom unduly high. Glance through the advertising in The Telegraph and Times from day to day and notice the character of the clothing the stores are offering. Not much trouble to dress well if men are alert to their opportunities. The advertising in these newspapers is the guide-post to Opportunity Street.

POLICE COURT

Michael Julius, charged with having a drunken man in his pool room in Mill street on Tuesday evening, was fined \$30 and costs. The magistrate said that all proprietors of pool rooms who were violating the law, especially with regard to having those under eighteen on the premises, would be fined when convicted. A man arrested last night by Policeman Ross on charge of being drunk, was in such a helpless condition when arrested that he could not move or speak. He was remanded with the hope of finding out where he obtained the liquor. He was let out of jail a few days ago.

Italian to Be Hanged

Port Arthur, Ont., April 24—Nick Scarfo, found guilty last night of shooting Salvatore Monticchio, another Italian, was this morning sentenced to be hanged on July 14.