

BLACKMAIL, SAYS NICOLL.

Howard Gould's Counsel Makes a Nasty Insinuation.

More Testimony Given of Mrs. Gould's Alleged Habits.

Broker, Guest on a Yacht Cruise, is Among Husband's Witnesses.

New York, June 17.—The spotlight of the cross-examiner continued to oscillate to-day in the trial of Mrs. Howard Gould's suit for separation, from the estate of Castle Gould to the Saint Regis Hotel, the farm at Blue Gap, Vt., the Gould's yacht, Niagara, and back to New York again; but except for those moments when it lingered on Dustin Farnum, it never got very far from the butler's keys to the wine cellar.

There was visible an attitude on the part of the defense, which in this trial has been curiously shifted over to what is virtually the prosecution, to prove that Mrs. Gould was not only so frequently under the influence of intoxicants as to fall within the rulings of Justice Dowling that she must be provided a habitual drunkard before her husband can be justified in leaving her, but to prove that, when she had been drinking, her character underwent a transformation for the worse.

De Laney Nicoll, counsel for the husband, was willing enough to adduce testimony that the wife was affable when herself if only he could bring her good nature into contrast by testimony that tended to show her violent, abusive, uncertain in her motives and confused in her actions at those moments when she was alleged to have been drinking. There was no abatement of her ordeal to-day, and as the burden of iteration grew, she shrank visibly, smiled broadly or shook her head in amused denial.

Only once was there a break in the procession of footmen, butlers, chauffeurs, maids, waiters and bellboys on whose testimony it is sought to prove Mrs. Gould an inebriate; that was when Mr. Nicoll called Melville E. Chapman, a broker, who was a guest of the Goulds on their yacht on several cruises of the year 1905. Several times, he testified, he had seen Mrs. Gould drunk, and he described also several alleged outbreaks, with emphasis on the overbearing manner of the wife and the efforts of the husband to soothe and conciliate her.

"BLACKMAIL," SAYS NICOLL.

In the effort to discredit this witness, Mr. Shearn drew the word "blackmail" from Mr. Nicoll, and became so much agitated at this application to his own conduct of the case that for some moments he was unable to continue his cross-examination. The court ruled the use of the word offensive, and Mr. Nicoll apologized for introducing it, but did not retract it. On the contrary, he reiterated that he could prove it. Justice Dowling wished the incident closed, and it was considered so before Nicoll had an opportunity to make good his assertion.

It is probable that the case will continue for another week or ten days.

Andrew Frederickson, who was employed as night watchman at Castle Gould from September to December, 1906, was the first witness called to-day. He testified that he saw Mrs. Gould under the influence of liquor on November 7th, 1906.

"It was in the evening, and I was making the rounds of the house," said the witness, "I noticed a fire in the kitchen garden, and I went in that direction. I went up to her and found it was Mrs. Gould. She said something, but I did not understand it. I went in to the kitchen garden and found the straw fire in three places.

"While I was putting out the fire I heard low cries in the kitchen and went in and found Mrs. Gould there. Her face was flushed and she talked rapidly and appeared to be under the influence of some intoxicants."

The witness said he saw Mrs. Gould again the same night and that she was intoxicated then, in his opinion.

DRUNK ON THE YACHT.

Edward Bechtold, who was in charge of the wines and liquors aboard Mr. Gould's yacht Niagara in December, 1905, when the Goulds were cruising with a party of friends, testified that he saw Mrs. Gould intoxicated several times during the cruise.

After a dinner at Kingston, at which Mrs. Gould drank wine, the witness noted her as she was going to her stateroom to retire, he said.

"She stopped in the music-room and took hold of a chair to steady herself," the witness said, "and she had to take a long breath before she could go on."

"Now, you never heard Mrs. Gould curse or swear on that trip, did you?" asked Lawyer Shearn, on cross-examination.

"Oh, yes, I did," said the witness. One night at quarantine, he said, he heard her swearing. On another night when he was in the kitchen, Mrs. Gould started to open the kitchen door, mistaking it, the witness thought, for her stateroom door, which was a short distance beyond.

"She blushed and turned about and walked unsteadily toward her stateroom, and I followed her, thinking she wanted something," said the witness.

Mr. Nicoll called Charles T. Dodge, a carpenter, who said he worked at the Gould estate for eight months in 1902. He testified that he saw Mrs. Gould on one occasion when he thought she was intoxicated.

BROKER ON THE STAND.

Melville E. Chapman, a broker, who had been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gould on the yacht Niagara on several trips in 1905, testified that Mrs. Gould was frequently under the influence of intoxicants and was very loud and abusive in her language to the servants at those times. The witness said that during a cruise to the West Indies, he remembered several occasions when Mrs. Gould had been drinking and became dissatisfied with everybody and everything, and would become greatly excited and say that she intended to run the boat, and that no one should take orders from anyone but herself. The witness described two such outbreaks, one in Santiago harbor and the other in Havana harbor.

"What did Mr. Gould do and say on those occasions?" asked Mr. Nicoll.

"He invariably tried to soothe and calm her and pass the incident off pleasantly," replied the witness.

DUSTIN FARNUM MENTIONED.

Counsel for Mr. Gould read into the

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reced the depositions of a bellboy, James Clark, of the Hotel Carroll, in Lynchburg, Va., where Dustin Farnum, the actor, was staying in November, 1906, at which time, it is alleged, Mrs. Gould stayed two or three days at the hotel on her way to Blue Gap farm. The deposition said Clark saw Mrs. Gould in the reception room waiting for Mr. Farnum on Nov. 19, and after Mr. Farnum came they went up to Mrs. Gould's rooms.

On two occasions that day he was called to Mrs. Gould's rooms, the bellboy said, and each time saw Mrs. Gould and Mr. Farnum alone in her room. They were in the outside room, which was really a bedroom, with a bed in it, but which Mrs. Gould used as a reception room. Mrs. Gould talked with him each time with the door partly closed, he said. He did not see them together in the public dining room or about the hotel. Mr. Farnum changed his room and obtained one on the floor above, directly over Mrs. Gould's rooms, according to the witness.

Mrs. Gould's counsel read into the record the cross-examination of Clark, in which he told of coming to New York and seeing Mr. Watson, of counsel for the defendant, and talking over the testimony which he was to give. The boy said he went to various places of amusement and had a good time while in New York, on the expense money allowed him by Mr. Watson. He said he had not received or been promised any money for testifying, except his expense and pay for his loss of time in his position.

Mr. Watson, of counsel for defence, read the deposition of a waiter at the Carroll Hotel, who told of serving supper for Mrs. Gould and Farnum in her rooms at the hotel on Nov. 18, 1906. The boy said he left Farnum and Mrs. Gould in the room after he had cleared away the dishes.

The following morning he witness was called to Mrs. Gould's rooms and she ordered breakfast for two. She stood in the doorway and read the bill of fare, and he saw her but a small part of the room. He noticed that a door leading into another room of the suite was closed. He served supper for Farnum and Mrs. Gould in her rooms that night again. She left some time that night.

WHAT WOULD THE COLONIES DO? (New York Mail.)

"What would the United States do, if England were attacked by superior force?" is a question that has been asked on the other side. There is a question nearer home which should be asked, and answered first. What would the self-governing British colonies do?

They are tendering Dreadnoughts to the imperial fleet, and when the Boer war came on they voted money and sent troops to South Africa against a foe out of the water and with no means of retaliating upon them. This, however, established no precedent for such a collision as that about which conjecture now ranges.

What would Canada, New Zealand, Australia and British South Africa do, if some naval power of the first rank should attack the mother country and at the same time should announce that it would respect the neutrality of the colonies provided they practiced it themselves, but would send expeditions against them if they attempted to take part?

SCHOOL BOOKS AND WHISKEY. (Moncton Transcript.)

A Tory contemporary, referring to that school book vendor in York county who had been guilty of illegally selling liquor, contends that the Hazen Government cancelled his appointment as soon as the facts became known. The facts were known long before the vendition was cancelled. In fact, it was only after the matter had been taken up in the Legislature by the Liberal Opposition that the Government decided to take any action.

THOSE FOOLISH QUESTIONS. (Washington Herald.)

"Our train hit a bear on the way down." "Was the bear on the track?" "No; the train had to go into the woods after him."

At Red Deer, Man., on Wednesday R. J. McDonald, millwright, was engaged in fixing a loose pulley at the Red Deer Company's sawmill, when he fell in between the belt and the pulley and suffered injuries from which he died three hours later. Deceased was 28 years of age, and his home is at Boston, Mass.



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WELLAND CANAL.

MUNICIPALITIES AND BOARDS OF TRADE WANT IT DEEPENED

Permanent Organization Will Be Formed to Press the Matter on Dominion Government—Initial Meeting Held in Toronto.

Toronto, June 18.—That a permanent organization of the municipalities, Board of Trade and other public bodies be formed to urge on the Dominion Government the deepening of the Welland Canal at once, and that a joint deputation from the permanent organization wait on the Government at a suitable time to be arranged; that Mr. Joseph E. Thompson, Commissioner of Industries, Toronto, be appointed Secretary of the organization, and that the organization be known as the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Navigation Improvement Association." This is the text of a resolution passed at a meeting held in the City Hall yesterday, with Ald. T. L. Church of this city in the chair, and representatives of Boards of Trade of Toronto, Hamilton, Kingston and St. Catharines, and of the Dominion Marine Association, Toronto Harbor Commissioners, and Canadian Manufacturers' Association, as well as members of the Toronto City Council, present.

It was agreed that the various bodies in question should select one representative each, and these representatives should meet and organize and formulate a plan of procedure.

The consensus of opinion as expressed at the meeting was strongly in favor of deepening the Welland Canal, and opposed to the projected Georgian Bay Canal. It was claimed that the improvement of the Welland Canal would mean much greater facilities for transporting grain from the west to the east, and instead of the cost of carrying grain from Du-

luth to Montreal being six cents per bushel, as at present, it could be carried for three and a half cents by means of large vessels and barges. It was prophesied that in ten years the products of the west would be double what they are now.

It was stated that the marine interests had not been looked after by the Government as well as the railway interests had been, and that if the St. Lawrence system were enlarged, the deepening of the Welland Canal being involved in this, of course, Canada would then be in a good position to compete with the United States in the carrying trade. One of the Hamilton representatives stated that if the Georgian Bay Canal were built Hamilton might as well be 150 miles inland, and Toronto would be similarly affected.

Resolutions from the Toronto Board of Trade and the grain section of the Dominion Marine Association in favor of the deepening of the Welland Canal were read. These urged that the matter be laid before the Dominion Government.

Following were the representatives present: Mayor Campbell, Ald. W. H. Merritt, St. Catharines; Mrs. Thomas Conlon and Mr. S. W. Secord, St. Catharines Board of Trade; Mr. H. W. Richardson, President of the Kingston Board of Trade; Mr. Francis King, K. C., counsel for the Dominion Marine Association, and Chairman of the present; Mayor Campbell, Ald. W. H. Merritt, St. Catharines; Mrs. Thomas Conlon and Mr. S. W. Secord, St. Catharines Board of Trade; Messrs. R. A. Robertson, A. B. MacKay and H. H. Champ, Hamilton Board of Trade; ex-Controller Spence, Chairman of the Toronto Harbor Commission; Mr. Peleg Howland, ex-President of the present; Mayor Campbell, Ald. W. H. Merritt, St. Catharines; Mrs. Thomas Conlon and Mr. S. W. Secord, St. Catharines Board of Trade; Messrs. R. A. Robertson, A. B. MacKay and H. H. Champ, Hamilton Board of Trade; ex-Controller Spence, Chairman of the Toronto Harbor Commission; Mr. Peleg Howland, ex-President of the present; Mayor Campbell, Ald. W. H. 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