

MAN CALLS FOR \$50,000.

Or Will Kill Two Sons and Himself.

Brings Boys to States and Demands Ransom.

Blackmail Attempt Made by Englishman on His Wife.

New York, Oct. 7.—Lives of two children and that of their unnatural father, who threatened to kill them and himself, unless a \$50,000 ransom were paid, hung in the balance for thirty days in this city while the District Attorney of New York county, the Supreme Court, the Federal authorities, as well as the Pinkerton Detective Agency and a firm of lawyers, bent their energies to avert a triple tragedy.

Through the departure last week of the Umbria of one of the principals who, under an assumed name, goes to London to purge himself of contempt before the High Court of Justice and to sue for his acquiesced ransom, it is revealed for the first time the story of this drama of two continents.

In relating the details the Herald is under the pledge of secrecy not to tell the name of the father until it becomes known through litigation which is likely to be instituted within a few days in Great Britain.

He is a member of one of the best county families of England, and is of distinguished ancestry. He had inherited a large fortune and the estates from which he derived his income had for many generations been in the possession of those of his race.

Names in High Places. His wife was of equally good birth and station. The names of both are very well known in London, and would be recognized by many persons in New York were they mentioned.

The Englishman and his wife until recently seemed happy and contented in their married life. Two sons were born to them and the man was apparently deeply devoted to their education and welfare.

All this was changed by the advent of "the other woman." At first reports came to the wife of her husband's flirtation with one who moved in a circle entirely different from their own. She placed little credence in the story at first until affairs took a turn that she was obliged to recognize that he was the victim of a foolish infatuation, for he abandoned her.

Although she still retained her affection for him, she then yielded to the advice of her friends and sought reconciliation which was impossible, and reluctantly brought suit in the High Court of Justice for the restoration of her conjugal rights.

Pending a decision, the English tribunal awarded to her the custody of the two boys, then six and eight years old, and directed that they be left in the boarding school where they had been sent until their next vacation.

Father, Enraged, Departs. This so angered the father that he decided to leave the country. He gathered all the cash which was available, about one thousand pounds, and made his arrangements to take them to the United States with the woman to whom he had become attached as his companion. His love for his children seems to have lingered to some extent, for he went to the school where they were staying and, under the pretense of taking them for an outing, got them away from their instructors and brought them and his companion to this country.

His wife's attorneys at once informed the Justices of his action. He was declared to be in contempt of court and an order of sequestration was issued not only against his house in London but against his country seat, which was one of the show places in a shire renowned for its romantic and historic interest. By this means the recalcitrant husband and father could not avail himself of the use or income of property valued at a quarter of a million dollars.

He lived at the best hotels when he came to New York, and the woman for whom he had abandoned his social position was introduced by him as his wife. He placed his sons in a boarding school for boys on Long Island not far from this city, paying their board and tuition for a term in advance. The man and the other woman lived lavishly in the metropolis until his funds were practically exhausted. In order to replenish his dwindling resources he instructed his London solicitors to sell his English property and to send him a draft for the proceeds as quickly as possible. It was then that he learned for the first time of the decree of the court which sequestered his estate.

His Position Desperate. The woman in the case disappears at this point, for she was not of the stamp to submit to any economies. The man, after making some ineffectual efforts toward obtaining employment, realized that his position was desperate. If he could make some financial coup he felt certain that he could regain the object of his infatuation. He was forty years old and had two other sons in England had never been trained to make his own way.

Discovery of Valuable Mine Property in Her Name at Colorado. Denver, Colo., Oct. 7.—In a resurvey for the United States patent on the group of claims adjoining the Caribou Lake and St. Paul properties in the Red Mountain district, the fact has come to light that one of the most valuable claims of the group is owned by Mrs. Cassie Chadwick, now in the Ohio Penitentiary. It is understood that she came into its possession through a New York broker, who is now financing a proposition to develop the property by a tunnel involving \$100,000 outlay.

The claims, sixteen in number, contain enormous copper deposits, the estimated value of which is placed at \$1,000,000. Some men put on their best manners just as they put on a dress coat.

NO DIVIDEND YET.

York Loan Liquidators Say None Will be Paid for a Year.

Toronto, Oct. 7.—The National Trust Company, liquidators of the York County Loan and Savings Company, have issued the following statement: "There has been some misunderstanding with reference to the present position of the York County Loan and Savings Company liquidation. The machinery for determining the rights of creditors was provided by the Dominion Act and no change has taken place in the liquidation except that Mr. Kappel has taken over the work of the referee at the point where Mr. McLean requested to be relieved. Several statements have appeared that a dividend will be paid in the near future. As a matter of fact, it will be some considerable time before any dividend can be paid. The referee has given a series of appointments for the consideration of the matters to be adjusted, but it is absolutely impossible, owing to the nature of the issues to be tried, that the referee can give a final judgment for some months, and after his judgment is delivered the various parties have the right of appeal (first) to a Single Court judge, and from there to the other courts of appeal. It is, therefore, possible that the referee also will be asked to give a final judgment to the liquidator to pay a dividend. In the meantime the assets are being realized upon to advantage, and as soon as the court is able to give the liquidator a direction, a small dividend can be paid."

The Threatening Letter. "This letter comprises my absolute views and intentions. Dear Sirs:— "I am in receipt of your cablegram stating the writ blocks all transactions, and that you cannot deal with property. A settlement must be effected with my wife. I will not alter my terms. I mean this to be final, for if she or the court, or both of them do not give way within one month of this date (this is the time that I believe she should have will last), I tell you most devoutly before God that I shall put an end to all things, for I am not one to let myself even go into the gutter, much less my children. We are all better out of the way than that. So if she and the court deem it best that this should be so the omnia reata with them. Please do not misunderstand me, for I mean every word of it, and have made up my mind some time since. Therefore, if either my wife or the court have any desire to protect the children they must accept my terms or one other alternative, which I now give for the first time (and this is the only one), viz, let me take \$10,000 (ten thousand pounds) in cash and my personal effects and some furniture. If either of these proposals are agreed to within the time named I have no objection to coming alone to London to expedite the settlement; not otherwise and only if it will expedite it. This is final, once and for ever, and the sooner the other side knows that I am in earnest the better, for I consider that I have been punished more than enough for anything I may have done wrong. "Yours faithfully,

He also sent a second document of the same date which read:— "I recently of, and take oath before God that unless the court or my wife stop the legal proceedings that are going on by accepting the settlement I have offered or by allowing me out of my estate the sum of \$10,000 (ten thousand pounds) in cash I shall within one month from the date hereof put an end to both my boys and myself, for I declare before God that I consider this far better and happier for us all.

Practically all the clues which the lawyers of the wife had then were contained in the two letters, and with such insufficient data they sought to circumvent the plans of the Englishman on this side of the water. They engaged a well known firm of attorneys in this city to look after the search and the services of the Pinkerton detective agency were retained. The details of the quest were placed in the hands of Mr. Pender, of the agency.

The New York attorneys of the man who were asked for his address protested that if he had made any threats it was without their knowledge or consent, but nevertheless they did not consider it incumbent upon them to tell where he lived. The days were slipping past and the date on which the man said that he would carry out his threat was approaching. At length a repeated conference the Englishman's New York lawyers then proposed to disclose his abiding place if his wife would waive the contempt proceedings, see that the writ of sequestration was lifted and institute no criminal proceedings against him.

Transfer of Leo XIII to St. John Lateran May Not Take Place for Years. Rome, Oct. 7.—Cardinal Satolli left Rome today to spend a month in Perugia, the Basilica St. John Lateran, where the body of Leo XIII. is to be buried, told the correspondent of the Sun today that the removal of the Pope's body had been postponed indefinitely and that in all probability it would remain in its provisional tomb at St. Peter's for several years.

Pope Pius X., in referring recently to the difficulty of removing his predecessor's remains, said: "When I left Venice for the last time I promised my good people that I would go back to them alive or dead. I have broken half the promise already, but intend to fulfill the other half and arrange for my burial there. I am afraid, however, that I shall have to break the promise altogether, as since it is so difficult to remove the body of a Pope from one church to another in Rome it will be impossible to remove one from one extremity of Italy to the other."

THREATENS WIFE. Paris, Oct. 7.—A woman leaves her husband at North Tonawanda. North Tonawanda despatch: Another interesting chapter in the life of William King, of Kumbold avenue, was enacted today, when his wife applied to Commissioner of Charities Schaver for transportation for herself and four small children to Paris, Oct. 7.

King is the man who was taken into custody while trying to gain admittance to the White House about three years ago for the purpose, as he put it, of furnishing President Roosevelt with instructions as to how to run the Government. King was in prison several months for the offense. Peculiar accounts in Detroit soon after his release from the jail at Washington caused the police of the Michigan metropolis to take King into custody.

While the authorities consider the man's mental qualities decidedly colored, they have not been able to find that there was sufficient derangement to necessitate his treatment for the disease. He was examined a year ago to determine his mental condition, but

WERE TOO LATE.

French Government Intended to Arrest Anti-Militarists.

Paris, Oct. 7.—The Gaulois declares today that Minister of Justice Guyot-Desagne, Prefect of Police Lepine and the Public Prosecutor had a conference last night, at which they drew up a list of the French anti-militarists, including Gustave Hervé, to be arrested this morning. Orders were given also to seize the consignments at the railroad stations of the Voix du Peuple, the organ of the General Federation of Labor. The present issue of this paper contains some violently worded articles. The police went to the railroad station, but they were too late; the papers already had been removed.

DIVORCE A NECESSITY. Lillian Russell Declares It to be Greatest Blessing of To-day. Cincinnati, O., Oct. 7.—Lillian Russell today delivered a few thoughts on "Love, Divorce and Matrimony." Excerpts follow: "I do not believe a marriage contract should be permanent. Divorce is one of the greatest blessings in the world today. It is a real degradation for a woman and a man to live together as man and wife after love has passed away. For the woman, I can imagine no more terrible fate than to be fettered to a man she has ceased to love. Divorce is a necessity. "I do not wish to give the impression that I am a free-thinker and I would not have marriage abolished. But the system as it now is is faulty. "I think the responsibility for unhappy marriages lies mostly with the woman. A woman's financial independence is her greatest blessing. It will keep many a man from saying the fatal 'yes' when it should be 'no.' "I want to warn girls against proposals tainted with the smell of whiskey. Every girl and woman should have some sort of religion."

CAN'T REMOVE POPE'S BODY. The Government Commission Reports Cures Numerous in Germany. Toronto, Oct. 7.—The asylums in Germany are being practically emptied, and patients are returning to their homes cured. "It is a remarkable message brought by Hon. Dr. Willoughby, who returned to the Parliament buildings this morning, after his transatlantic trip. With Dr. Clarke and Dr. Ryan, whom he joined at Berlin, the Minister formed an official commission to look into the operation and conduct of European asylums, with a view of securing suggestions for Ontario. "Our report will be ready in a month's time," he told a reporter this morning.

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COUNTESS WARWICK.

SHE HASN'T MUCH TO SAY ABOUT HER VISIT TO U. S.

Over for a Brief Time Only to be the Guest of Jefferson M. Levy at His Place in Monticello—Objects to the "Babbling Broke" Story, an Ancient Scandal. New York, Oct. 7.—The Countess of Warwick was a passenger on the steamship Campania. She was on the passenger list as Mrs. Greville. The countess is going to Monticello, where she will be the guest of Jefferson M. Levy.

The countess said to the reporters: "I shall be here only two weeks. I am here as a private person. I am not going to talk. I think after a few hours rest I shall leave for Virginia. No, I am not here to discuss any international charity scheme."

The Countess of Warwick was Lady Brooke until her husband succeeded to the earldom in 1893. She is the daughter of the late Col. Henry Maynard, a son of Viscount Maynard. She was presented at court in 1880, and on account of her great beauty at once attracted attention. She married Lord Brooke in 1881. She took a leading place in London society and was singled out by the Prince of Wales, now King Edward, and became more prominent through his friendship.

The countess objects seriously to the recrudescence of the story that she was called "Babbling Broke" in London society because of the revelation of the baccarat scandal at Tranby Croft. She says she was not the one who caused to become public the affair which the Prince of Wales, now the King, tried to keep secret then.

A few years ago the countess started the world again by declaring that she was a Socialist. She wrote and spoke in favor of her ideas and declared that if she were a multimillionaire she would spend every penny for the Socialist movement. She spent her money for the cause and during the last campaign in England spoke with other Socialists at political meetings. In London she spoke to the workmen and the dock laborers, standing on a cart to address them.

She has helped the Anti-Dues League, members of which are pledged to have only two dresses a year besides a gown. She founded a school for horticulture, where the work and poultry keeping, and young women, a home for crippled children and a technical school.

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TWO CHICAGO LOVE TRAGEDIES; TWO WOMEN BADLY INJURED.

Both Were Shot, One by Her Husband and the Other by Jealous Lover.

Chicago, Oct. 7.—Two women were shot and probably fatally wounded in Chicago last evening—one by her husband, who later committed suicide, and another by a jealous suitor whom she had rejected. The two cases were entirely separate, but both women now are at St. Elizabeth's hospital.

Haines, Mrs. Mary, 23 years old, 178 North Wood street, shot in head by her husband, Lloyd Haines, a laborer, who then shot himself, dying almost instantly.

Maurro, Mrs. Loretta, 30 years old, 153 Grand avenue, shot three times in back by Joseph Stodricia, laborer, who lives at 173 Grand avenue. Stodricia was arrested and confessed.

The shooting of Mrs. Maurro occurred on the sidewalk in Grand avenue in front of Stodricia's house. Both are Italians. Mrs. Maurro was passing and was seen by Stodricia. She had left her husband three months ago and since that time she had tried to force his attentions on her, without success.

She had left her house at 8 o'clock, walking east in Grand avenue. She was stopped by Stodricia, who again told her of his love and asked her to marry him. When she refused his offer and attempted to pass on, he seized and threatened her. She laughed and pushed him aside. Then, without further warning, he drew his revolver and fired five shots.

Mrs. Maurro fell and her assailant fled. Many persons, attracted by the shooting, gathered and joined the police in the immediate search for him. The west Chicago police ambulance took Mrs. Maurro to the hospital.

Five minutes later Stodricia, who had gone into hiding in a passageway between two nearby houses, dashed out and ran east in Grand avenue. Men, women and boys took up the chase, and Stodricia moved that thirty cartridges. The revolver with which he did the shooting could not be found.

The chase led through alleys and streets in a circuitous route until Stodricia returned almost to the same spot where he had shot Mrs. Maurro. He then gave himself up and was locked up. He confessed that he did the shooting, could not be found.

The suicide of Haines and the attempted murder of his wife furnished the culmination of a series of quarrels which neighbors said the couple had indulged in since their marriage two years ago. Three weeks ago Mrs. Haines left her husband, but a reconciliation was brought about, and last Saturday she returned to live with him. A dispute arose before the shooting last evening and Mrs. Haines declared her intention of preventing this, the police believe, that Haines tried to murder her. Both were only partly dressed when the police arrived.

Mrs. Haines was taken to the hospital and her husband's body was taken to Conboy's undertaking rooms, 821 Grand avenue.

A SAD STORY.

MURDERER'S MOTHER TELLS OF INSANE TAIN IN FAMILY.

Tearfully Tells of Relatives Who Committed Suicide or Were Inmates of Asylums—Effort to Prove Hodson Insane. Buffalo, Oct. 7.—With quivering lips and tears streaming down her cheeks, Mrs. Hodson-Haskell tremblingly told the jury who will decide her son George's fate of the insane taint which she says has run in the family for several generations.

Her testimony was adduced in an effort to show that George Hodson was not responsible for his actions, the night he stabbed Peter Forrester to death.

After first telling about the boyhood of her son, she went into the family history. Mrs. Haskell said: "George was an inveterate cigarette smoker when a boy and to my knowledge he has kept it up ever since."

"Many of our family had been afflicted with insanity. My own sister committed suicide by going over the falls. A male cousin of mine is now an inmate of the Buffalo State Hospital. Two sisters who were double cousins of my mother died insane in Bloomingdale Asylum. A girl cousin on my father's side shot herself and her brother also committed suicide. My great grand father and a great grand-uncle also killed themselves."

The cross-examination of Mrs. Haskell did not develop any new features except that her son had probably quit the cigarette habit during his three years' confinement in the Rochester Reformatory.

The other witnesses for the defence were men with whom Hodson worked on the day he killed Forrester. They were put on the stand to prove that Hodson had been drinking all the afternoon and evening of July 10th.

ROSS WAS FOUND.

LIVED AT DOVER STATION HOTEL UNDER ASSUMED NAME. Declares He Was Robbed—Tells Strange Stories to London Newspapermen—Alleged to Have Had Ambitions of Winning the Derby.

A Toronto despatch: The mystery surrounding the disappearance from London of Dugald Ross, the young Streetwise stock dealer, has not ended apparently with his location under an assumed name at a hotel in Dover. Having succeeded in discovering his whereabouts, the London police and the London press are now busily engaged in trying to fathom the reasons for his hasty departure from the metropolis and his journey to Dover. All fears as to his safety were set at rest yesterday by the receipt of a cablegram from the Canadian Associated Press, announcing that he had been found in the nomenclature that he had been found in the railway station waiting room at Dover, where he had been staying at the Hotel Burlington under the name of Robinson.

Ross had been staying at the hotel under the name of Robinson, and on being challenged by the inspector, "Robinson" promptly admitted that he was Ross. According to this cablegram, Ross interviewed by The Evening News, stated in reply to a question as to why he left London that he had been "done out" by a Star man in connection with the Kimberley diamond mine shares. In answer to a query as to how he lost such a big amount Ross said: "It all occurred on Tuesday week. It was a freak of mine, and was all my own fault." He stated that he had been "done out" by a Star man who had been inquiring to go after a man who from inquiries he had since made seemed to "have escaped to the continent, while yet another insistent interviewer claimed that he declared he was really chasing a man who had robbed him of £20,000. Both The News and The Star say that Ross indulged in ambitions of winning

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