

ALIMONY AWARDED MRS. O. A. RICHES

Chief Justice Finds Husband's Behavior Cruel and Dictatorial.

In a judgment handed down yesterday Chief Justice Sir William Mulock awarded Mrs. Olive Adele Riches alimony with costs in her action brought several months ago against her husband, Charles H. Riches.

The parties were married on April 6, 1911, when the plaintiff was 23 years of age, and had been in the employ of the defendant for five years as his stenographer.

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By IDA L. WEBSTER.

It is usually expected by men who are looking for municipal honors, that they will have to contend with only 40 per cent. of the voters in Toronto, because the rest of the folks do not take the trouble to go out and exercise their franchise.

The situation is, of course, deplorable, and one which should be remedied. If by no other means, then there should be a bylaw which would either inflict a fine upon the delinquents or which would disqualify them.

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TWO MEN INJURED WHEN BLOOR CAR STRIKES RIG

Two men were injured about the head at 540 last evening when a motor car driven by W. Culbertson, 431 Walmer road, struck a wagon on which they were driving and hurled them in front of a Bloor car at the corner of Bloor and Manning avenue. John Marshall, 91 Ellsworth avenue, is in Grace Hospital with scalp injuries; George Henderson, 18 Carney avenue, was cut about the head and after being attended at the hospital was allowed to go home.

Ward Seven Electors Endorse Candidates for Civic Honors

A meeting of the electors of ward seven was held last evening in the Victoria Club.

G. W. P. Hood, who presided, spoke on the subject of transportation and the good accomplished by Sir Adam Beck in connection with the Hydro radicals, and advocated the allowing of Tommy Church to finish the job.

Mr. Alexander, candidate for Board of Education, on rising to address the meeting, came in for a warm reception, due mainly to his connection with the various organizations in ward seven.

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VETERANS

Items of Interest to Returned Soldiers Will Be Printed in This Column if Phoned or Sent in.

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necessarily by too much non-compromise talk, and that both sides had overplayed a waiting game in the hope that a break would come in the opposition.

After their conference Sunday with Senator Lodge, the mild reservation Republicans seemed confident that he would take the initiative, if necessary, in carrying the compromise negotiations forward. On Monday he saw Senator Underwood of Alabama, a prominent Democratic advocate of compromise, but it was said today that their talk got nowhere.

The Irreconcilable Group. Meantime it became known that the irreconcilable group of Republicans had been bringing pressure to bear to induce the party leader not to consent to any compromise proposals which did not meet their approval.

Senator Johnson of California, one of the leaders of this group, telegraphed today that he would change his plans and return to the capital from his home state next week.

In the Democratic ranks the treaty situation is complicated by the contest between Senators Hitchcock and Underwood for choice as party leader, some of the talk for a bi-partisan agreement coming from the Underwood supporters. The party caucus has been called for Jan. 15 to elect a leader, and in the meantime Republicans and Democrats apparently are doubtful as to who can speak with authority on the Democratic side.

Senator Hitchcock repeatedly had declared his willingness to make any compromise which does not vitally harm the treaty, but has indicated that he expects the next move to come from the Republican side. Senator Lodge also has said he would not propose a compromise so long as the foreign relations committee reservations are not vitally impaired, though he considers that the next move is up to the Democrats.

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15 to 31 King Street East AFTER XMAS CLEAN-UP SALE SATURDAY DEC. 27th

Here is a Fine List of Bargains That We Have for Today. Come Early. They Are Well Worth Coming for

New Year's Cards at Half Price and Less. These were among our big purchases of the Raphael Tuck stock.

Bringing his Presents Home with Him! AND—BEST OF ALL—IS THE Overcoat. If it's a Murray-Kay model, he may well be proud of it!

Taffeta Flouncers on These Underskirts at \$4.95. Fine Heatherbloom, with flouncers of taffeta in the same shade.

Soiled Boxes of Good Stationery At Greatly Reduced Prices. Though the boxes are soiled the contents are perfect and you may on Saturday buy a good supply of fine stationery for your own use at far less than you would pay by the quire.

Materials are Tweeds, Fleece Cloths and Chinchillas, splendidly tailored and well lined. Colors Navy, Grey, Brown. Sizes 29 to 37. Boys' Shop—King Street Door.

Clearance of Brassieres and Corsets at \$1.00. BRASSIERES of fine quality cambric, beautifully lace trimmed, and fastening in front.

Regular prices were 75c to \$3 per box. Today—50c to \$2 (No Phone or Mail Orders.)

Half-Price Sale of Sample Blouses. Regularly \$9.00 to \$22.50. Blouses of Georgette and a few of Crepe de Chine—some are slightly soiled.

After-Christmas Clearance in Furs

TWELVE HUDSON SEAL COATS, of fine quality, with large shawl collar and deep cuffs of Seal, Alaska Sable, Russian Squirrel, or Opossum. They have all-around seal belts, slash pockets and beautiful linings of Pussy Willow silk.

The Balance of Our \$25 Children's Coats \$19.50. As smart as can be are these splendid little coats in Silvertone, Chevot, Tweed, Blanket Cloth, Velour and Diagonal Serge.

Embroidered in lovely designs, depth of work 10 to 12 inches. In Sky, Russian Blue, Nile, Flame, and Orchid.

ONLY ONE SET EACH of Beaver, Grey Squirrel, Hudson Seal (combined with Ermine), Mole (combined with Ermine), Hudson Seal, Mole, Mink, Black Fox, Brown Fox, Alaska Sable, Taupe Wolf. \$100

These coats are 3-ply all-wool, and come in plain colors and color combinations. Very exceptional value.

Flouncings, 18 inches wide. Regular \$2.50 per yard. Special \$1.00

These Are Very Special Value

1 HUDSON SEAL COAT, with Raccoon shawl collar and cuffs. Length 36 inches. Priced at \$275

"Niagara Maid" Black Silk Stockings

At Half Price. If they weren't seconds, never for an instant could you purchase such a famous make at this price.

Flouncings, 34 inches wide. Regular \$5.00 per yard. Special \$2.50

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Sweaters at Less

For Boys Who Got None. These coats are 3-ply all-wool, and come in plain colors and color combinations.

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All Hurt Books

HALF PRICE. Of course, as the result of tremendous holiday business, some books had to get hurt.

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German Appointed Member of Child Relief Committee

Rome, Dec. 26.—Pope Benedict has appointed Monsignor Wortmann, secretary for the German Federation of Associations for Charity, as a member of the committee that is being formed in Geneva, Switzerland, to take charge of the distribution of relief to poor children, victims of the war in central Europe and other countries.

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BRANTFORD COUNCIL CLEARS OVERDRAFT

Brantford, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—This evening the city council decided to wipe out the overdraft of \$67,000 and start the new year with a clean slate by using the contingent funds on hand from the sale of the Waterous property and other such, and allowing the tax rate to be kept down.

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REARRANGE PILOTAGE DISTRICT ON NORTHERN PACIFIC COAST

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—An order-in-council gazetted this week establishes a pilotage district from the international boundary between Canada and the United States on the south to the boundary between Canada and Alaska on the north, excepting the waters of the pilotage district of New Westminster. The new order cancels those fixing the limits of the pilotage districts of Vancouver, Nanaimo and Victoria-Esquimalt, and the new district is to be known as the pilotage district of British Columbia. Payment of pilotage dues in the district is made compulsory.

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BIG SHOW OF POULTRY

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TO PREPARE TURKEY'S DEFENCE.

Paris, Dec. 26.—(Havas.)—The Turkish grand vizier has requested Tewfik Pasha, head of the commission appointed to prepare a defence of Turkey's interests before the peace conference, to hasten the work of the commission because the Turkish delegates may be summoned to Paris next week, according to reports.

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FINE CURTAIN VALUES

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EMPLOYERS HONOR EMPLOYEES

A pleasing event took place on Christmas eve at the manufacturing jewelry plant of McElheran and Plant, 66 and 70 West Dundas street, when the office staff and factory employees presented Mr. McElheran and Mr. Plant each with a case of pipes as a token of the bond of unity and good fellowship that has always prevailed between employers and employees.

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CITY HALL NOTES

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