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NEW YORK SOCIETY WOMAN LEFT \$75,000,000 AS SLAG

Second Husband Died on Wedding Tour Former Mrs. J. Rhineland Stewart, Who Got a Divorce a Few Months Ago to Marry James Henry Smith, is Free Again--How a Millionaire Recluse Achieved Social Fame in Record Time.

(From Our Own Correspondent) New York, March 27.--By dying last night, James Henry Smith added another to the list of those who may, with some show of reason, lay claim to the title of "the richest woman in the world."

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Last August the lady who is now the widow Smith was Mrs. Wm. Rhineland Stewart, and as such was the leader in New York's most exclusive set. Her husband, who was a member of two of the oldest American families, and quite wealthy, was of a quiet studious disposition, and did not care for the social whirl.

The wedding party cruised leisurely through the Mediterranean, the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean. They made extensive tours of India, and recently had worked up to Hong Kong. There they took a passenger steamer, the Yokohama and proceeded to Kyotoko, a fashionable Japanese watering place about 100 miles distant. There Mr. Smith died at 8 o'clock last night.

The story of James Henry Smith which ended then, began when George Smith came here a poor boy from Scotland in 1834. George was James Henry's uncle, and then began to get rich. He went to Chicago, worked hard, saved money, and then began to get rich. He went to Chicago, worked hard, saved money, and then began to get rich.

His transition, at over middle age, from a Wall Street grub to a social butterfly is one of the interesting stories of New York. Once possessed of his enormous fortune he developed an ambition to shine as a social leader and did not let any grass grow under his feet in making it known what his ambition was.

HALIFAX JUDGE STARTLES COURT

Tells of a Woman Arrested on a Serious Charge and Never Arraigned

Justice Meagher Tells Grand Jury That the Slurh Said it Was a Case of Murder--Calls on Grand Jury to Probe Matter.

Halifax, N.S., March 27.--Judge Meagher of the Supreme Court, addressed the grand jury today in terms that deeply interested them and the crowd in the court at the time. The judge told in clear language of an incident of some years ago which he said ended in a gross miscarriage of justice.

"But," said the judge, "such things continue. Recently I received an anonymous letter, stating that a young woman employed in a city establishment had given birth to a child, and that criminal accusations followed. The letter also said that the young woman had been arrested, charged with a serious crime, and that notwithstanding such a serious charge, felony could be preferred against her, she walked out of the place of detention at her own sweet will and never came before even a magistrate for preliminary hearing."

"It was also suggested in the anonymous epistle that somebody had been 'traced,' and the writer admonished me to interview Detective Hanrahan," said Judge Meagher, "and that he would bear out that the girl was arrested. I sent for the detective a few days ago. He came to the judge's robing room. I said 'Mr. Hanrahan, what became of the girl you had arrested recently in connection with the death of a child?' He said, 'I don't know.' I said to Mr. Hanrahan 'What do you think of the charge against the person who does it amount to?' Said Hanrahan without a moment's hesitation, 'It's a clear case of murder.'"

"Now," said the judge, "gentlemen, you can see for yourselves. This young woman has never been called to the bar of justice to answer the charge, the enormity of which must be perfectly obvious to you. 'Detective Hanrahan said he placed her under arrest and left her at a city institution. It appears,' said Judge Meagher, "that nothing has been done about this matter, but I consider it my duty to have the matter investigated and thoroughly probed."

Now then you can send for any witness you like. The chief of police, Detective, matron of the home or anybody, and if the circumstances are sworn to, then do his best to settle the outstanding questions between the United States and Canada. Negotiations respecting commercial reciprocity between the United States and Canada, which had been left unsettled in 1898, had not been reopened in the recent negotiations of Ambassador Bryce and would form no part of them.

WILL FORCE FOWLER TO PROVE OR RETRACT

Bourassa Serves Notice of Bringing Scandal Charges Up Again Wednesday

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in Discussing Questions to Come Before Colonial Conference, Says Canada Has No Grievances, But is Willing to Meet Any Trade Offer of Britain's--Is Against an Imperial Council of the Empire--Cattle Embargo a Live Question Yet, He Says.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, March 27.--When the house met today Mr. Monk moved that the refusal of C. H. Beddoe, accountant of the interior department, to answer certain questions regarding the North Atlantic Trading Company at the public accounts committee, be taken into consideration as a matter of privilege on Thursday next week. This was agreed to. The motion calls for Mr. Beddoe to appear at the bar of the house.

The minister of the interior introduced a bill to amend the immigration act and to provide for dealing with stowaways and deportation of criminals. In answer to Mr. Lennor, Mr. Oliver read the London Daily Express on South Africa and making reference to Canada. Mr. Oliver said that no government did not consider any action was necessary in the matter.

Mr. Borden inquired if any negotiations were going on between the government and the United States government regarding the British government respecting matters that have been or are now under discussion as to relations of Canada with the United States. Mr. Borden said that he had no doubt Mr. Bryce has since his arrival been discussing with the United States government the various questions affecting Canada, but no official discussion or negotiations are taking place at this moment.

Mr. Bourassa gave notice that, on Thursday next, he would move a substantive motion in order to give Mr. Fowler an opportunity of either substantiating his charges or withdrawing them. Sir Wilfrid Laurier--Make it Wednesday. Mr. Bourassa--My only reason for making it Thursday is that the house adjourns on Wednesday at 6 o'clock, and there is no sitting on Thursday.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier--I intend moving to place Wednesday on the same footing as other days, that there will be an evening sitting. Mr. Foster--When referring to Mr. Fowler, will the honorable gentleman include himself in proposing any resolution to be adopted by the house? Mr. Bourassa said that any one was privileged to make a similar motion against himself, and he would be prepared to answer it.

Colonial Conference Subjects. R. L. Borden took up the subject to be discussed at the colonial conference. He said that the British colonies and protectorates were of great importance to the British empire. The questions before the imperial conference were of material importance and he wanted the government to look at them with care. He had displayed not only a remarkable pettiness of outlook but a deplorable ignorance of political conditions in this country. (Opposition cheers.)

PRESS VIEWS ON FOWLER'S POSITION

Toronto Globe Says Man from Kings Must Speak Up or Be Branded as Coward

Montreal Star Asks if He is Going to Remain in the Gutter or Make His Words Good--Bourassa's New Motion Regarded as Putting It Up to the New Brunswick.

Toronto, March 27.--(Special)--Referring to yesterday's debate in the commons, the Globe will say editorially tomorrow, in part: Had Mr. Bourassa noticed one form of partisan tactics adopted when the opposition seeks to embarrass the government, or had he brought up the question in such form or under such order that it could be amended, the vote would have some significance as an expression of parliament, on the questions involved. As it now stands the vote means nothing. The government does not mean that Liberals are not eager to have all scandals sifted throughout and all charges investigated.

No Dodging Now. Montreal Star Asks if He is Going to Remain in the Gutter or Make His Words Good--Bourassa's New Motion Regarded as Putting It Up to the New Brunswick. The prime minister has pledged in most absolute terms that any charges will be probed to the bottom, no matter who will be involved or what the consequence. Mr. Fowler cannot dodge the issue. He must back up his scandal talk or get himself branded as a slanderer and a coward.

Against an Imperial Council. Sir Wilfrid read from the blue book the invitation to the conference, in which it was stated that, while such a commission would facilitate the work of the conference, it would not be a permanent organization in London, whether called imperial council or conference. He has not commented very extensively, if at all, upon the attitude we have taken. We have informed the authorities we do not view with favor such a council.

Montreal Star's Bitter Comments. Montreal, March 27.--(Special)--Discussing the Bourassa-Fowler matter the Star says editorially, in part: He would not stand there as a follower or champion of any party in the British Isles. The people of the British Isles must settle all their domestic matters with each other, and it is not for any member of the British government to have a dis regard for his office and delivery of his position with regard to the colonies. He had displayed not only a remarkable pettiness of outlook but a deplorable ignorance of political conditions in this country. (Opposition cheers.)

Ambassador Bryce Visits House. At this point Mr. Bryce, British ambassador to the United States, entered the house and was received by the prime minister, being accorded a hearty reception by members on both sides of the house. Resuming, Mr. Borden said that if Sir Wilfrid Laurier had been fully informed of the principle on which the tariff of Canada had been framed he would have known that every item of that tariff was protective, and had been expressly defended by the finance minister and prime minister. The prime minister might pose as a free trader in Britain but he did not pose as a free trader in Canada when he was considering the question of tariff. (Opposition cheers.)

WARD SYSTEM FOR ST. JOHN FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS

Legislature Passed the Bill Wednesday

Plebiscite in 1908 to Find Out What System of Election the People Want--Premier Pugsley Suggests \$2,000 a Year Grant for Plant to Purify Sewage and Save the River from Pollution--Budget Debate Resumed.

Fredricton, March 27.--In the legislature this evening the bill respecting civic elections in the city of St. John was discussed in committee and agreed to with a section added providing that the common council of the city should take a vote of the electors at the same time at the civic elections of the year 1908 on the following questions: Of retaining the system of representation provided for in the bill generally known as the ward system, or dividing the city into districts with equal representation from each district, or returning to the system in force immediately before the coming into operation of the bill.

The systems are to be submitted to the vote of the electors in 1908 and the system obtaining the greatest number of votes is to be the one to be in force thereafter by the order of the council. The bill was subsequently read a third time in the house and at 11.15 the legislator came down to the house and gave his assent to the bill. The house adjourned at 12.15 a. m.

The house adjourned at 12.15 a. m. Hon. Mr. Pugsley presented a return of the correspondence between McKenna & Mann and himself in regard to the railway down the St. John river valley. Mr. Hazen presented the petition of Archibald Harrison and 325 others, and James T. Bliss and 170 others for stopping the sewage of Fredricton into the St. John river.

The Sewage Bill. The hon. Mr. Pugsley in discharge of what he considered his duty I introduced this bill to carry out the spirit of the resolution of the house passed a few days ago. It is a bill to provide for the opinion that I expressed on the previous occasion, that each member should exercise his own individual judgment in the matter. It is a bill to provide for the opinion that I expressed on the previous occasion, that each member should exercise his own individual judgment in the matter.

Suggests \$2,000 a Year. I suggest the sum of \$2,000 a year be given to the city towards the cost of a purification plant, and I make the suggestion with the sincere desire that the question may be settled in such a way as not to cause any injury to the people living in the parishes below the city, and at the same time to help the citizens out of their difficulty.

Quebec Catholic Church Burned. St. Hyacinthe, March 27.--The parish church of Marville, in the county of Rouville, was burned to the ground this morning. The fire was caused by the explosion of one of the furnaces. This church was built in 1812. It was valued at \$40,000, with insurance of \$25,000.

TO TEST HARRY THAW'S SANITY

First Sitting of Lunacy Commission with Open Doors

New York, March 27.--After the jury which has been trying Harry K. Thaw for more than two months past was excused today until next Monday morning, and the members of the lunacy commission named yesterday afternoon by Justice Fitzgerald to inquire into Thaw's present state of mind had been sworn in, there came the sudden announcement late in the afternoon that former Supreme Court Judge Morgan J. O'Brien, chairman of the commission, had resigned. In a letter to Justice Fitzgerald, Judge O'Brien stated that, upon reflection, he was forced by the condition of his health and professional engagements previously entered into, to decline to serve as a member of the commission.

As soon as this letter was received by Justice Fitzgerald, he made a new order appointing David McClure, a well known attorney of this city, and a member of the former Police Commissioner McKello's advisory board of citizens, to fill the vacancy. Mr. McClure met the other members of the commission this afternoon and was selected as chairman. He later announced that the first session of the commission will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, in the court room where the trial has been in progress. The commission's inquiry in general will be an open one, although there will be executive sessions from time to time.

The announcement of Judge O'Brien's resignation came as a complete surprise. When the Thaw jury reported in court this morning at 10 o'clock, Justice Fitzgerald was engaged in his chambers with the members of the commission whose appointment he announced yesterday. These were former Justice O'Brien, former District-Attorney Peter B. Olney, and Dr. Leopold Tutzel, the alienist. Justice Fitzgerald administered the oath of office to the commissioners and talked with them concerning the case and their duties in connection with the inquiry they were about to undertake. The interview lasted for more than an hour, and then Justice Fitzgerald convened court and the three commissioners filed in and took up their places near the clerk's desk.

Thaw Seems Chirpy. Thaw was brought into court and found all the members of his family awaiting him. He looked exceedingly well physically. He smiled a greeting to his mother, his wife and his sisters and brothers. He then turned to where the three commissioners sat and gazed fixedly at them for several minutes. Justice Fitzgerald, in discharging the jury until next Monday, warned them to be careful not to discuss the case in any way or to read any newspaper accounts of what was taking place. It is said that in directing the jury to report next Monday, Justice Fitzgerald did not wholly expect that the commission would be ready to render an opinion by that time. If the commission's inquiry is prolonged, the jury will be called into court every few days in order that it may be kept intact for a resumption of the trial should Thaw be declared sane at the present time.

Following the proceedings in court, Justice Fitzgerald had another conference with the three commissioners originally selected, and when they left the original courts building at the luncheon hour, Mr. Olney and Dr. Tutzel put in their appearance. Mr. McClure arrived soon afterward and was ushered into Justice Fitzgerald's chambers. His presence was unexplained, however, and for more than an hour the newspaper reporters were kept waiting outside the chambers upon the assumption that the commission could not begin its work until former Justice O'Brien arrived.

Case Settled Out of Court. Grand Falls, N. B., March 27.--(Special)--The case of Tibbitts vs. Hutchison was amicably settled at Victoria court yesterday.