

# ATTORNEY TROY DENIES FORMER WIFE'S CHARGES

## In Statement Lawyer Says Disbarment Effort Plan to Ruin Reputation

# ECHO OF DIVORCE SUIT

## Alleges Accusation Reshaped of Complaint Once Thrown Out of Court

A gross slander and a scandalously false charge, calculated to ruin his reputation as a lawyer, were the terms in which Attorney Robert P. Troy, in a statement issued yesterday, characterized the efforts of Mrs. Hortense Troy, his divorced wife, to have disbarred him by the Bar Association.

Mrs. Troy, who is the widow of the late Senator Stephen A. White, just Monday filed with the grievance committee of the San Francisco Bar Association a complaint against her former husband, asking that action be taken to exclude him from practice in the courts on the grounds that he has been guilty of moral turpitude and corruption.

Charges and counter charges of forgery, bribery and other crimes, in the contest over large property interests were hurled between the couple during their divorce proceedings last May, when Superior Judge Frank Murphy granted a decree to Mrs. Troy and set aside an alleged community property agreement between Troy and his wife.

In discussing his former wife's attempt to have him disbarred, Troy stated:

The complaint filed with the Bar Association against me by my ex-wife is nothing more than a reshaping of the scandalous and false charge which was thrown out of court during our action for divorce.

Attorney W. S. White, Mrs. Troy's son by her former marriage, is back of this pathetic attempt at a sensation. White cast a greedy eye on my property and induced his mother to assert that it was community property so that she could get a divorce and keep the property.

Mrs. Troy's lawsuit attempt at muddling in the Bar Association will fail. She had the right of appeal to the Supreme Court, but she neglected to avail herself of that right.

The press reports of these charges refer to property which I mortgaged to her in order to secure a power of attorney from my ex-wife. I mortgaged only my own property. I never executed a mortgage on her property. One piece of my property, and one only, was mortgaged by me with her name added to mine.

All of my other property was mortgaged in my name only. In this particular case, a power of attorney which I had not done business before required the wife to sign her husband's mortgage. My then wife gave me her power of attorney and that I could add her name to the mortgage on this piece of property.

**DENIES PROFIT ON LOAN**  
She acknowledged it before a notary public in my absence. She admits her signature to this document. Not a cent was realized by me on this loan. It was merely the renewal of a new loan, which was originally made by the party from whom I bought the property.

There is also a report concerning a check for \$2127.50, which is likely to mislead. The check was given to me by this woman to settle a building dispute which she had with the contractor. I did not effect a settlement and returned the money to her when she submitted under oath. Besides, I have the canceled check which I gave her, with her indorsement and the basic statement showing the money was paid to her.

**Injured Leather Worker Gets \$204**  
Koolman Chasens of San Francisco, machine operator at a local leather works, who injured his index finger while operating a machine, was yesterday awarded \$204.65 by the Industrial Accident Commission.

Other awards made by the Commission in cases of accidents were as follows:

S. A. Dixon, Alameda, \$442.92 cash, and \$19.07 a week with medical expenses until further order of the Commission; Dorothy White, Los Angeles, \$205.70; Dorothy White, Los Angeles, \$205.70; Theodore J. Anderson, \$196.65.

The State of California was the beneficiary in case the desire to place the Low and \$350 was placed in the State rehabilitation fund and a fund to be no surviving dependents. Murphy.

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# "Bill" Hart to Head Features At C. Co.

## Popular Western Actor Will Appear Here in "The Testing Block"



William S. Hart, making his reappearance at the California starting Sunday.

# Popular Western Actor Will Appear Here in "The Testing Block"

Northern California's natural beauty is going to get some more worldwide advertising with the screening of William S. Hart's latest, "The Testing Block," coming to the California Theater Sunday.

Appearing with Hart in this story of the days when California was noted for its gold rushes, pioneering heroes and fortunes-made-over-night is Eva Novak, destined for fame in filmdom.

William S. Hart's motto, marks the picture from beginning to end. Romance lends its charm. Suspense and dramatic tenacity add interest, it is said.

This week the California is offering a world of pep. Teller's ten kings of jazz, Van Loan's crook story, "The Wonderful Chance," with Eugene O'Brien, Mabel Burch and the Metropolitan quartet, and Herman Heller's concert comprise an excellent bill.

# Textile Mills to Revise Wage Scale

## Conference Pending to Fix New Schedules

Special District to the Chronicle. BOSTON, December 8.—Plans are nearing completion for general revision of wages by textile mills of New England, cotton and woolen. The program will probably be decided at a conference of independent mill treasurers within a week, and new schedules go into operation December 15.

Reductions will probably average slightly over 22 per cent, affecting higher-priced employees more than lower. All centers will conform. This will result in wage advances, 12 1/2 per cent, December 1, 1919, and 15 per cent May 29 last. It will re-establish the level prevailing prior to last winter. It is felt the cost of living is moving down substantially, only rents and coal resisting stubbornly. Because of this fact, lower wage costs of South and the necessity of reducing manufacturing expenses to bring down goods costs and end "the buying strike" of the public, textile manufacturers have decided on wage revisions.

# Leviathan Described To Downtown Club

Before a luncheon of the Downtown Association at the St. Francis Hotel yesterday, Commander John Blackburn, U. S. N., told the story of the biggest Army transport Leviathan, upon which he served as executive commander during the war.

The Leviathan, which was formerly the Hamburg-American liner, Vaterland, is the largest ship in the world and during the war carried 93,000 of our soldiers to France. It had a crew of 2200 men and carried 11,000 soldiers, was a floating city with all the conveniences and administration required by a city.

Next week's luncheon of the Downtown Association will be held jointly with the Ad Club, in honor of Chief of Police Daniel O'Brien.

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# CLIFF HOUSE IS AGAIN SCENE OF FORMER GAYETY

## Noted Resort Once More Receiving Guests; Closed for Long Period

# ROBERTS TAKES LEASE

## Gay Party Numbering 450 Attend First Affair; Many Dinners Planned

Beautifully redecored and refurbished throughout, the famous old Cliff House was reopened last night after being closed for more than three years. Four hundred and fifty guests assembled at reserved tables and participated in the rejuvenation of the establishment for which San Francisco was famous in the old days.

With a corps of seventy-five experts assisting in handling the brilliant ensemble of San Francisco's "four hundred," Richard (Shorty) Roberts and his manager, Joe Housner, made every one feel as if they, personally, were the honor guests of the evening.

A staff of talented entertainers were on hand making the moments pass swiftly for those who did not participate in the dancing.

**FINE DINNER SERVED**  
An unusually fine dinner had been prepared by Head Chef John Lana and his corps of eight experts in cuisine. The booths and card rooms were not open last evening, not being entirely finished, but they will be given their initiation into the new regime of the Cliff House today, when the Cliff House will have regular luncheons will be a feature.

Menu cards last night all bore the following personally autographed message of Roberts: "I want everybody to be glad he's here, and enjoy to the fullest, both now and in memory, his share in helping reopen this famous old landmark of the city of San Francisco. Save for brief intervals when fires have destroyed the building, the Cliff House has been in constant operation for some fifty years prior to twenty-four months ago. At that time came the order of the War Department that the Cliff House be vacated by the Army posts must refrain in the future from the sale of liquor."

**ROBERTS TAKES LEASE**  
The then lessee of the Cliff House decided to close the doors. Until quite recently no move was made to reopen the Cliff House, one restaurant falling by the wayside for lack of financial backing.

Recently, however, a ten-year lease on the premises was secured by Richard P. Roberts, local restaurateur and cafe man of this city, who has spent thousands of dollars renovating and reopening the Cliff House.

Tonight the Rotary Club of San Francisco, the members and their wives, will take over the main dining room of the Cliff House for a festive, their own celebration that this dream has come true.

# Chief Yeoman, U. S. N. Dies From Injuries

Paul H. Chapman, chief yeoman, U. S. N., who for the past eight months has been in charge of the Navy recruiting publicity at 742 Market street, died Tuesday afternoon in the Letterman General Hospital at the Presidio as a result of injury to the skull sustained in a motorcycle accident.

Chapman had been in the Navy ten years. Prior to the war he served principally on destroyers off the Pacific Coast. During the war he was with the cruiser squadron in the south Atlantic. During the campaign to recruit Californians for the new superdreadnaught California he won the sobriquet "Lace Wire Chapman."

He is survived by a widow, Mrs. Gertrude Chapman, and a daughter.

# S. P. Flagman Is Killed by Engine

David Lammon, 62 years old, 3817 Twenty-first street, employed as a railroad flag man was instantly killed in the Southern Pacific yards at Seventh and Hooper streets early yesterday morning when he was struck by a locomotive going into the roundhouse.

Frank Shill, the engineer in charge of the locomotive, told the police that the flag man attempted to cross the track and no effort could be made to save him. Shill was arrested on a charge of manslaughter. Lammon's body was taken to the morgue.

# Neilan Screen Story Offered For Romance

## Agnes Ayres, Petite member of the "Go and Get It" film company at the Royal.



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# "Go and Get It," Adventurous Newspaper Tale, Comes for 3 Days

The adventures of Pat O'Malley, playing the part of a dazed newspaper reporter, are visualized in "Go and Get It," the Marshall Neilan film production, which opens at the Royal, Theater, Polk and California streets, for three days, starting today.

Agnes Ayres, Wesley Barry, Paul Montagna and Noah Beery are other notables in the star cast. It is a picture of stupendous and thrilling scenes and declared one of the most realistic newspaper stories ever filmed.

For Sunday only, Dorothy Gish appears in "Little Miss Rebellion," her most recent five-part comedy-drama. At the matinee performance, Madame Morosini and her professional dancers will appear. Johnny Hines in an added film attraction with the "Torchy" comedy, "Torchy Comes Through."

Starting Saturday evening, the Royal announces the illumination of its Christmas tree in the theater. This is an annual event at that house and creates wide interest in the Polk and California district.

# Potato Growers Plan Association

## Step Taken to Form Marketing Organization

A committee of six growers from Marin and Sonoma counties, representing 20,000 acres of potatoes, met yesterday at the office of Gilbert B. Daniels, State market director, and took the first steps towards organizing an association for collecting and marketing potatoes.

The proposed name of the organization, which will be a non-profit and non-stock organization, according to Fred N. Bigelow, secretary of the State Market Commission, is the Northern California Potato Growers' Association.

Attending yesterday's meeting were: Gilbert B. Daniels, State market director, and Fred N. Bigelow, secretary; M. B. Robinson, farm adviser of Marin county; H. A. Windland, farm adviser of Sonoma county; Edward Hunter and L. Cunningham of Fallon; Carl Neilson and John Blank Jr. of Sebastopol; and Russell Smith of Bloomfield.

# Insanity Trial Set In Singleton Case

James H. Singleton, recently tried for the poisoning of his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Singleton, on July 28, will be brought to trial on a charge of insanity before Superior Judge Louis H. Ward on January 17, it was definitely arranged by Judge Ward yesterday.

If Singleton is declared sane Judge Ward stated that he will immediately set the date for Singleton's second insanity trial. If Singleton is adjudged insane he will be committed to an asylum. At the last trial of Singleton on a murder charge the jury disagreed.

# CHARLES E. CHAPIN'S STORY

## Narrative of the Former City Editor of the New York World. Now a Life Term in Sing Sing Prison.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE—Charles E. Chapin, for twenty-five years a brilliant figure in newspaperdom, city editor of the New York World and high in the councils of the Pulitzer, was sentenced to a life term in Sing Sing after he had in a fit of nervous breakdown, killed his wife, intending later to kill himself.

The story is the story of his life. Previous chapters recount his start in life as a newsboy and "printer," and his temporary desertion of the fourth estate to try his hand as an actor.

The story then took up his experiences on the Chicago Tribune, his rise to editorship, and finally his arrival in New York, and his rise, under the Pulitzer, to the city editorship of the World.

Published in chapter talks of some of his "World" experiences.

What I regret most is that publishers have found it necessary to increase the selling price of their newspapers. I believe in the one-cent newspaper that even the poorest can afford. I believe in the widest possible circulation that newspapers can attain. Papers like the World and Times should have a daily circulation of ten million copies. They cannot get and hold it unless they sell their papers for a cent. Past experience proves this.

Publishers justify the raise in price by the great increase in the cost of raw material since the war began. I think it would have been wiser to make the two full pages of advertising space in all of the leading newspapers, and where a dozen or more department stores fill a page more each and every day in the week.

Make the advertiser pay! Let the poor read! The more newspapers that are read the less Bolshevik and V. W.

Newspaper men are notoriously improvident. Many of them spend their salaries as fast as they earn them. Perhaps, if they were to acquire habits of thrift and were ambitious to save, they would cease to be newspaper men and would go into fields where their brains and energy and hard work that make a successful newspaper man would make the same man rich if he earnestly applied to almost any legitimate business enterprise. In proof of this, nearly all of the good newspaper men I knew who left editorial jobs to go into business soon climbed to the top of their profession. I know of many who stuck and grew old and gray, with no taste for business and little inclination to save, counted themselves lucky if we kept out of debt.

Love of luxury was my besetting sin. I was like the chap who declared he could get along without the necessities of life, but could not do so without the luxuries. Perhaps I was too much absorbed in news gathering and newspaper making to give much serious thought to personal matters. I was not one of the saving kind, too fond of the good things of life to hoard my earnings.

**JUDGE IMPROVES**  
Superior Judge John J. Van Nestland, who has been confined to his home for several days with a slight attack of pleurisy, is recovering, and expects to resume his duties at the City Hall next week, it was announced yesterday.

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# Midweek Book Reviews

## WESTERN PIONEERS

"The Splendid Wayfaring" Tells Their Exploits

"The Splendid Wayfaring," by John G. Neihardt, is a book that deserves a more suggestive and appropriate title, considering its contents and merits. It is a story of the exploits and adventures of Jedediah Smith and his comrades, the Ashley-Henry men, discoverers and explorers of the great central overland route from the Missouri river to the Pacific ocean. It is a well told story, too, but there is little splendor about the rough-and-tumble life and the thrilling adventures connected with the wayfaring of Jed Smith, General William H. Ashley and Major Andrew Henry and their party of trappers and plainsmen on the unexplored prairies and in the rugged Rocky mountain regions from 1822 to 1825.

While Jed Smith was the first to travel over the central route westward, is the leading figure in the story, there is a wealth of detail hitherto but little known, which the author has culled from many authentic sources relating to the adventures of free trappers and fur traders, the early mountain men and the daring border characters, all of whom blazed the trail through the wilderness for the expansion of the Nation.

The author's descriptions of scenery and the mountains are as vividly portrayed as any in Parkman's "Oregon Trail"; his character drawings appeal to one as realistic, and the romantic doings of the mountain men and trappers in the vernacular of the period highly suggestive of the once popular border romances of Captain Payne Reid. Here one meets on a familiar footing such famous characters as Jim Bridger, Bill Sublette, Jim Beckwourth and others noted in the annals of the West.

Especially interesting is that part of the book which tells of the wanderings of Jed Smith and his party across the mountains and desert to California and the trip through this State northward from the San Gabriel Mission to the Stagnalus river and the crossing of the Sierra and the Nevada desert to the Great Salt Lake. Also Smith's second journey to California, which he traversed to the Oregon line and on to the Willamette river and later his wanderings to the southward, where he met his death on the banks of the Cimarron river at the hands of Comanches, who riddled his body with arrows. (New York: The Macmillan Company.)

**THE NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE**  
"The Despoilers," by J. Edmund Butler, is a book of propaganda against the Non-Partisan League in North Dakota. It will provide ammunition for those opposed to the activities of the league. (Boston: The Christian Publishing House; price \$2 net.)

**NEW BOOKS RECEIVED**

**FICTION**  
"MERITABLE." By Katharine Adams. (New York: The Macmillan Company; price \$2.50.)  
"THE TALKS OF THE WISE." By Sydney Dickson. New York: Duffield & Co.; price \$1.50.  
"A TRIP TO MARS." By Marcianus F. Ross. (San Jose, Cal.: Marcianus F. Ross.)

**VERSE**  
"COLLECTED POEMS." By Walter de La Motte. (New York: Henry Holt & Co.)

**BEHAVIOR-LETTERS**  
"THE SKYLARK IN ENGLISH LITERATURE." By L. W. Smith and E. H. Huxley. (New York: D. Appleton & Co.; price \$2.)

**BIOGRAPHY**  
"PARACELSUS." By John Marmen Bellman. (Chicago: The Open Court Publishing Company.)  
"ABRAHAM LINCOLN MAN OF GOD." By John Wesley Hill. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons; price \$2.50.  
"THE BARRISTER'S CASE." By Bruce Fairbairn. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons; price \$2.50.  
"AMROSKO RIBBE." By Vincent Sarrett. (Chicago: Walter H. Hill.)

**TRAVEL AND DESCRIPTION**  
"BELGIUM OLD AND NEW." By George Wharton Edwards. (Philadelphia: The Penn Publishing Company.)  
"ISLANDS AND THEIR MYSTERIES." By John G. Reilly. (New York: Duffield & Co.; price \$1.50.)

**WAR AND RECONSTRUCTION**  
"THE PASSING LEGIONS." By George Chapman. (New York: The Macmillan Company; price \$2.)  
"WITH THE DOUGHERT IN FRANCE." By Edward Hungerford. (New York: The Macmillan Company; price \$2.)  
"BUILDING THE EMERGENCY FLEET." By J. W. Wood. (Chicago: The Penn Publishing Company.)  
"THE DIVISION OF ITS SERVICES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE WORLD WAR." By Christian A. Bach and Henry H. Wood. (New York: The Macmillan Company; price \$2.)  
"THE WORLD'S ENLIGHTENING." By Henry Churchill Temple. (New York: The Macmillan Company; price \$2.)  
"ANTHROPOMETRIC MEASUREMENTS." By A. Miles Boulton. (New York: Yale University Press; price \$2.)

**RELIGION AND ETHICS**  
"ASK AND RECEIVE." By Aaron Martin. (New York: The Macmillan Company; price \$2.)  
"THE BIBLE AND THE FUTURE." By Charles Reynolds Brown. (Cambridge: Harvard University Press; price \$1.)

**JUVENILE**  
"THE TALE OF JOHNNY MOUSE." By Elizabeth Gordon. (Chicago: P. F. Volland.)  
"THE REMARKABLE TALE OF A WHALE." By H. W. Wood. (Chicago: P. F. Volland.)  
"THE MAN." By Hendrik Willem Van Loon. (New York: Bantam & Light; price \$3.)  
"QUEERER WIDGES." By R. E. Hawkins. (New York: Bantam & Light; price \$2.)  
"TAKE IT FROM DAD." By George G. Livermore. (New York: The Macmillan Company; price \$2.)

**MISCELLANEOUS**  
"MUNICIPAL LANDS, FIELDS AND AIRPORTS." By George Say Whelan. (New York: The Macmillan Company; price \$2.)  
"GOLDEN MEASURES AND MINES." By William L. Shilb. (New York: The Abingdon Press; price \$2.)  
"MONEY AND BANKING." By John Thoms. (New York: The Macmillan Company; price \$2.)  
"GOLDEN AND COMMONWEALTH." By John H. Wood. (New York: The Macmillan Company; price \$2.)

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