

CASTLE BRINGS SAD ENDING TO ITS MARRIAGES

Society Wonders Who'll Be Next in Mansion Known for Its Heart Aches.

By MARGERY REX.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The "Curse of Castlewood," the million-dollar mansion built at Coddington Point, Newport, a number of years ago by Louis Bruguiere, and eventually sold to pay off the mortgage upon it, is said to bring bad luck to its occupants, the last of whom was the late Mrs. John Hanan, who died recently.

Castlewood; the Bruguieres; wealth and romance—how many emmories they recall!

Many people remember the sensational exploits of the Bruguieres at Newport. "The wonderful Bruguieres, what will they do next?" was the general comment upon the ventures of the native sons.

Louis—in those days nicknamed by Nialon Rives "Louis le Grand"—was the youngest of the four sons of Emile Bruguiere, millionaire of Monterey, to storm the gilded gates of Newport. He became a favorite of such social arbiters as the late Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish and Mrs. George Oelrichs. He had charming bachelor dinners and before he bought a site on Coddington Point and built "Castlewood" at a cost of \$1,000,000.

When the new home was nearly completed Brother Emile, poet, musician and satirist, appeared on the scene and produced an operetta, called "Baroness Fidlesticks," rideling well known persons of the set in which Louis le Grand was anxious to shine. This had disastrous results for "le Grand's" ambitions.

FRISCO FIRE
DEBTS DOWNFALL.

Debts and financial embarrassment due to a slump in the Bruguiere fortunes after the San Francisco fire made it necessary to mortgage "Castlewood" and finally the home had to be sold to meet demands. It was said that this time a society "and-cave man" who was interested in Louis—became quite frigida.

Newport had been very kind at one time to Louis and his mother, the widow of Emile Bruguiere, a "poor-oiler," who left her almost \$10,000,000, although it was known that their fortunes were ebbing and they were deeply in debt.

And it was about this time that Mrs. Pedar Bruguiere, now divorced from Pedar and son of a "poor-oiler" after the death of the latter, Polar in a divorce at Reno. She then married Stewart Denning, a broker, and this marriage was soon annulled. Her reported engagement to W. P. Burden caused a sensation, made greater by her sudden departure to Europe without explanations. Burden had been the husband of Nellie Rives, who gave Louis a nickname and whose name has shocked society.

That summer at Newport Peter Cooper Hewitt became interested in Mrs. Bruguiere and has since become her husband. He is a descendant of Peter Cooper, philanthropist, and is a distinguished scientist, having invented the Cooper Hewitt light. Mrs. Hewitt recently returned to New York wearing a diamond necklace.

PEARL TAKES HIS THIRD WIFE.

But Pedar, too, had been busy and had married Anna Prince King, his third wife. He had been twice divorced previously to this.

When their financial situation made life at Newport difficult, Louis took his mother to France where they lived several years. Mrs. Bruguiere returned to America, but after the beginning of the war, feared submarines, especially following the Lusitania disaster. She finally did sail for home on the Aralba.

The vessel was torpedoed and Louis and his mother, Josephine Sather Bruguiere, were among the last persons left on the promenade deck. A desperate effort was made to save her, but the mother was drowned, and Louis went back to fight for France.

In 1916 a contest was begun among the heirs for the Bruguiere fortune, which had recuperated after the fire. Pedar, Louis, Francis and Emile were in the legal battle. Louis was the best known socially.

The Bruguieres are descendants on the paternal side of Spanish dons which may account for the restive propensities displayed, and Mrs. Josephine Bruguiere was the daughter of Pedar Sather, a Norwegian and pioneer San Franciscan.

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Richey Will Address Kiwanis and Ad Men

Paul Richey, Indianapolis advertising expert and director of promotion on the board in charge of arrangements for the convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, to be held here in June, will be one of the principal speakers at a joint meeting of the Kiwanis club and the Advertising Club of Indianapolis, to be held Wednesday at the Seville Hotel.

Mr. Richey, who is vice president of the Russell M. Seeds Company, will explain the various promotion campaigns which will be carried out under the direction of the advertising club in charge of arrangements for the coming convention to "sell" Indianapolis by pointing out the many advantages of the city.

The first meeting of the committee of 100 Indianapolis business men, who will sponsor the promotion campaigns, also will be held in connection with the joint meeting.

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JAIL GETS DAD AS SON IS OUT

Stepfather's Cash Saves Only One in Court Tangle.

Jail doors today closed on Jacob McLain, 48, for forty-eight hours when it was proved in criminal court that he was appropriated for his own uses \$158 which was raised to pay a fine for his son, Oliver McLain.

Oliver was sentenced some time ago on a charge of robbing a bank, the property of a girl whom he afterwards married. The son spent sixty days on the Indiana state farm and was released when friends of young McLain raised \$75 with which to pay the fine and costs.

The son was stayed for ninety days. The son testified that before this he gave his father \$83 to pay his fine and that his father failed to pay the fine and costs. The fine was finally paid when the stepfather of young McLain put up the money.

Judge Collins sent the older McLain to jail until Monday to "think the matter over behind iron bars."

CAVE MAN THIEF GOES FOR GIRLS

Makes Three Attempts to Steal Sleeping Ones.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 2.—The St. Louis police force has dealt with every possible kind of burglar. It has had its regular quota of ordinary burglars and "stick-up" men, common with the "thief of whisky" burglar, our thieves, candy robbers, second-story men who dealt only in women's negligees—thieves had stolen every possible thing there is to steal, the police thought, until a "new one" sprang up several weeks ago.

He is the "girl burglar," specializing in stealing girls from their beds—or rather attempting to steal them, for so far he has met with failure in three attempts, due to prude parents.

POLICE CALL HIM MOST BAFFLING.

It is the most baffling burglar the police have had to deal with, and a city-wide dragnet has been spread for the man.

His latest attempt was at the home of Mrs. Freda Rich, No. 3218 Dodier street, where, in the wee, small hours the burglar crept in, grabbed 12-year-old Viola Rick from her bed and dashed from the house. The girl's screams brought her father in pursuit. Glad only in his night clothes and barefoot, the father dashed after the kidnapper, dropped Viola, wearing only her sleeping negligee, in a snowbank and disappeared up a handy alley.

STOLEN GIRL, 16, JUMPED IN SNOW.

The burglar pursued the same tactics an attempt to carry a 16-year-old Miss Mildred Bunde, No. 2228 Madison street. The burglar was dumped in a snowbank in the rear yard of her home when her family pursued the intruder.

The third victim was not so lucky.

There being no snow when the burglar visited her home, she was dropped on the cold pavement when the pursuit became too hot for the "cave man" burglar.

London Has Branch of U. S. Hoboes' Union

London, Feb. 2.—As all things good and bad, percolate from America to England sooner or later, the establishment of a bona-fide London branch of the American Hoboes' Union, of which James E. How, the St. Louis millionaire, is president and arch-bishop, should be welcomed.

"Our members are idealists, but victims of existing economic conditions; they are submerged in this world of squalor. They have ideals for a better system of civilization, but have neither conditions, they are submerged giving practical expression of them."

Income Tax Tough-on Alimony Club

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—The "alimony club" here is wailing shrill walls over what it terms the injustice of the income tax law.

The case of one man is typical. Being divorced, he is listed as a single man under the law, with an exemption of only \$1,000. He pays \$90 a month, or \$10,800 a year.

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Boy Gets Long Term for School Shooting

Leavenworth, Feb. 17, was sentenced to serve from two to fourteen years in the Indiana reformatory on a charge of killing a revolver at Feejee Biddy, 809 Lexington avenue, who is a janitor at a city school at Virginia and Fletcher avenues.

The evidence showed that Peeler, derided angry at the janitor when he entered the grounds when in company with a girl and that he obtained a revolver and fired one shot through a window of the schoolhouse. Peeler was not tried.

Peeler tried to obtain a suspended sentence because of illness, but the court refused to be influenced.

Stork Picks Button From Bride's Coat

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—Capt. Roy M. McRae, an attorney, and his bride returned here recently from their honeymoon in Paris. While here they visited an ostrich farm. During their inspection they were followed persistently by a long-legged, long-billed bird much different from the others. It finally became so affectionate that it packed a couple of buttons off the bride's coat, which McRae decided was somewhat nervous.

"What kind of an ostrich is this, any way?" he demanded of a keeper.

"That ain't no ostrich," replied the keeper. "It's just a plain stork."

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RICH PRIZES IN SCHOOL CONTEST

Benefits of Army Enlistment Subject for Essayists.

The youthful author of the best essay on "The Benefits of Enlistment in the United States Army" in the Indianapolis schools will be remunerated in a degree according to the merit of the popular writers, it was announced today.

More than \$300 in Liberty bonds and a fountain pen are included in first prizes offered today in the army recruiting service contest for school pupils.

Prizes are being held in other cities throughout the state. Prizes are being contributed by business firms and individuals. Nearly all prizes that have been donated to to date have been accumulated by stipulations that they are to be "first prizes."

MEREDITH NICHOLSON OFFERS CASH PRIZE.

Frenzel brothers, loans and investment securities, have offered a \$100 Victory bond for the best essay on the subject of enlistment.

The book "The Complete Guide to the Contest" is a fountain pen.

City Ice and Fuel Company, a ton of coal; Leo Krauss, jeweler, a silver loving cup, for the best essay written in city schools; Vonnegut Machinery Company, \$100 in cash for the best essay written by an Indianapolis high school boy; Knobell, jeweler, a fountain pen; \$100 in cash for the best essay by a high school cadet; W. H. Berry, grocer, \$5 worth of merchandise for the best essay written by a pupil of school No. 11, Thirteenth street and Capitol avenue, and a similar \$100 for the best essay written by a pupil of school No. 12, Harrison street.

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