

BOARD OF HEALTH ASKS HIGHER TAXES AS WAY OUT OF DEBT

MRS. LEEDS BARES MORE OF HER LIFE WITH J. A. STILLMAN

Two Children Younger Than 'Jay' Died Shortly After Birth, She Declared in Exclusive Interview With the United Press.

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NEW YORK, May 22.—"I will stick till they carry you out in a cold pine box."

Such was Flo Leeds' promise to James A. Stillman in her last appeal, written to him on Oct. 22, 1922, in a final effort to persuade the former New York banker to continue her old allowance of \$1,500 a month for the support and care for the boy, Jay.

This letter, and many letters, written by the banker to Mrs. Leeds will be made public if the differences between Mrs. Leeds and Stillman lead to a clash in court. In these letters, Mrs. Leeds declares the bonker asserted he was only awaiting the day when he could acknowledge the boy as his son before the world.

Stillman drew a will for Mrs. Leeds, making himself, guardian for Jay in the event of her death, she said to day in a second exclusive interview with the United Press.

Jay was not the only child of her union with Stillman. Mrs. Leeds disclosed. Two other children were born after the birth of the chubby "Star-die," as she calls Jay, and in whom her whole life now centered.

Her letter of final appeal to Stillman, dated Oct. 22, 1922, read as follows:

The Final Appeal

Nine Hundred and Sixty-nine Park Ave., Oct. 22, 1922.

"Consider not how I write this appeal to you, J., but why."

"It's for the love I bear our boy, and my desire to do everything that is best for him."

"Together with the existence of my loneliness, the solitude of my thoughts and the bitterness of my unbelief—these are what prompt this last attempt to touch that which I hope exists in your nature—honor."

"Nearly two years ago you pleaded with me to stand by you, I did, loyally, and while I would not raise my voice to the detriment of the woman—or a child that was being fought for—I loved you, and told you:

"I will stick till they carry you out in a cold pine box."

"I have never gone back on that, but I know now that it is not what you want, and with this realization, I case aside all pride—all of the things that are—for those that were—and in this moment I do not seek your love or your purse—for myself—but just a word, a helpful suggestion, for the welfare of little Jay."

"No matter who your interests are centered in today, J., do not ignore this appeal, for whoever claims your attention now will pass—it is only a question of time—but Jay is your flesh and blood—a part of you."

Asks For Consideration

"It is wrong of you to leave two helpless humans, without a word, and I know it is equally wrong to urge the unwilling to return—but surely moments such as we have known—in suffering together—count for at least—consideration."

"To remind you of all this is very humiliating, I can assure you, but down in my heart I know I have done everything that is noble by the man, the woman and the child, under the circumstances."

"I did what you hoped I would do: myself control and silence surprised you; the ordeal has brought out anything that was fine in me. I am better for having gone through it, and while externally defeated in my loss of you, I have established something within me that will never die. And in closing this door behind me, I feel I shall open up another into better and finer things."

"In less elaborate terms the helpful suggestions I ask of you deal mostly with the will. You drew it up, making yourself guardian of Jay."

"If anything unforeseen happens, do you still want to take him?"

"If you have changed your mind with regard to this, too, I must make a new selection. Settling this will greatly add to my peace of mind."

"Then this place; it is beyond me with its taxes and upkeep, and far exceeds my purse—since you have never returned the money I spent out in traveling during your hour of trouble."

"All this actuates my placing it (the apartment at 969 Park Ave., where Mrs. Leeds now lives) on the market. The return will keep the wolf from the door till Jay is old enough to work for himself."

"I believe that any large principal is a hindrance to a man. It does not give his character a chance to assert itself. But I hoped you would continue Jay's monthly allowance until he was 21, which could have been applied to his education."

"And then, too, you promised you would."

"There are many things which I will not attempt to enumerate here."

"Cannot we go over them all—then it would only take an hour."

"You often wrote you were proud of me, and that I had the commendation of your sisters, but surely not a Christian man would speak to you, if they knew of your behavior, so please don't fall me."

"I am absolutely alone—with my problems—and your boy."

Stillman, Mrs. Leeds said, never replied to this letter.

Two Children Dead

The two other children born to Mrs. Leeds and Stillman died, she said. One came a year after the birth of Jay. It was dead when born. A third, baptised "Ainsley," was born at Sloan's Hospital, New York, Nov. 14, 1920, according to Mrs. Leeds. This son died within four hours.

It was shortly after this, she said,

Why Is the College Flapper? Co-ed at De Pauw Comes to Her Defense



—Photo by Hillary G. Bailey.

KATHERINE E. DAVIS.

All college women aren't flappers. Nay, not more than one-fifth of them are. Even so, she's not so bad as she's painted.

Accept it from Miss Katherine E. Davis, De Pauw University co-ed, who, at classic Greencastle, essays to the effect that:

"It is the popular thing to paint the modern girl as reckless and careless and to sum up all our contempt by calling her a flapper because she rouges too much and dares to wear clothes designed by modistes without her advance knowledge."

"The campus flapper is being re-

placed by the 'earnest, purposeful girl of our times.'

"Because there is glamour in being called a 'good sport' the modern girl knickered and sweatered, climbs the steepest hill, chooses the roughest riding horse, explores the most mysterious caves and plays the fastest and hardest game of tennis."

"Sorority girls do not pass all their time outside classes reading love stories, having fudge parties and staging pillow fights, continues Miss Davis.

"The modern girl is trying with zest and the best of intentions to be just a good sport," she adds, defending the flapper.

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FEDERAL JURY TO DECIDE VALIDITY OF WONDER BALL

Suspects, Two Wounded, Say 'Higher Ups' Had Roles.

By United Press

WAUKEGAN, Ill., May 22.—Three men, declared by Police Chief Balz, to have confessed participation in between twenty and thirty distillery robberies in Kentucky are in custody.

Two of the prisoners are suffering from buckshot wounds they said were received in an attempted holdup of the Samuels distillery at Deatsville, Ky., last Tuesday.

They gave their names as W. A. Robey, Peter Walker and Marion Hall, which police believe fictitious.

According to Balz they admitted operations of their gang resulted in many casualties within the bandit ranks in the last few months.

The captured men, Balz said, admitted "higher ups" of the rum ring disposed of the stolen liquor in whole quantities by a "greased line" in Chicago.

The trio was captured when Dr. Florence Stone, a physician, notified police that she had treated the two wounded men in a shack on the outskirts of Waukegan.

PRINTERS ARE TO VOTE WEDNESDAY

PENN. U. STUDENTS DESTROY RELICS

Aiden B. Hattery Is Unopposed for President.

Typographical Union No. 1 is ready for its annual election of local officers and three delegates to the 63rd International Typographical Union convention at Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 13-18.

Those on the local ticket to be voted on Wednesday are:

Aiden B. Hattery, for president; unopposed.

Hubert Riley, vice president; unopposed.

William A. Green, for recording secretary; unopposed.

For financial-corresponding secretary and business agent, William Campbell and Guy S. McCoy.

There are four candidates for delegate (three to be elected): Herbert W. Paul, Eugene B. Chappell, Ralph Verge and Edwin F. Hofstatter.

Three members are to be elected for local election field for the ensuing year from a field of eleven candidates, as follows:

Harry Alexander, John W. Hines,

Edward L. Reinhardt, Joseph Gibson,

Charles F. Bohn, John McCarthy,

Harry Marer, Robert L. Plummer, W. T. White, Robert Richardson, Gustav McDonald and John C. McClain.

Greenwood Association Incorporates

Articles of incorporation of the Greenwood Improvement Association, capital stock \$25,000, were filed today.

Incorporators: James A. Craig, H. L.

McDonald and John C. McClain.

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By United Press

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