

Judge Tells Laraine She Must Explain

Jurist Dissatisfied With Mexican Decree

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 23 (U. P.) — Movie Actress Laraine Day must satisfactorily explain her "outing" of the California courts, or face revocation of her three-day-old divorce, a stern-mannered judge decided today.

Superior Judge George Dockweiler is dissatisfied with the actress's preliminary explanation of second divorce, Mexican variety, and immediate remarriage, this time to Leo Du Rocher, manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Miss Day excused her actions by saying that she just wanted to be happy.

"Can't I Be Happy?"

The \$100,000-a-film actress will be served probably today, with an order requiring her to prove that she acted in good faith when she got a California interlocutory decree Monday.

In her explanations to the judge during an hour-long conference, Miss Day said she married Leo Du Rocher "on an impulse" and did not intend to by-pass the California decree. This decree does not become final for a year.

"I was very unhappy in my last marriage," she told the judge. She then asked, "can't I be happy now?"

Judge Dockweiler, after the conference, decided that the decision was up to the courts, and ordered the "show cause" papers prepared. He was obviously unhappy over what he felt was the couple's lack of respect for California justice, and spoke of their "flouting" the court.

Meanwhile, Miss Day and Mr. Du Rocher were taking no chances of further legal difficulties in California. He was living at his Santa Monica hotel and she at her home, nearby.

Taft Barely Wins First Senate Test

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he did not see the issue as a test of party fidelity.

Shake Off Leadership

Three other Republicans shook off Mr. Taft's leadership — Senators George D. Allen (Vt.), Charles W. Tobey (N. H.) and Wayne Morse (Ore.), and another, Senator Clyde M. Reed (Kan.), withheld his vote. But the Republicans picked up a Democratic vote from Senator Lee O'Daniel (Tex.), and they decided to provide a "pair" for the absent Senator John E. Overton (D. La.), which had reduced their own roll-call total by one.

Senator Tydings' resolution to give the investigation to the executive expenditures committee was defeated, 47 to 45. A scant two-vote margin — though the G. O. P. Senate margin over the Democrats is six votes and three Democrats were absent.

The Republicans worked hard to keep the stubborn Kentucky mountaineer, Senator Cooper, from crossing party lines.

Bitter Debate

There were bitter exchanges in debate. Senator Carl Hatch (D. N. M.) sought to get Senator C. Wayland Brooks (R. Ill.) to yield the floor briefly — usually accepted courtesy. Mr. Brooks declined. Again Mr. Hatch asked Senator Brooks to yield "just for a half-minute."

"Not for one second," retorted Mr. Brooks.

Now and then Republicans got their signals crossed. Senator Taft said the importance of the issue of extending the life of the special war investigating committee had been exaggerated all out of proportion to its real value.

Yet Mr. Brooks later told the Senate that this was one of the most important decisions it would be called upon to make.

Frequent Conferences

All sides whipped out-of-town members back to the capital — Senator Joseph H. Ball (R. Minn.), flying from St. Paul, arrived 10 minutes before the vote was taken. He never was received more warmly by his G. O. P. brethren.

Leaders of both sides hustled about in frequent strategy conferences.

Senator Taft, taking up the campaign of Senator Owen Brewster (R. Me.), who will be chairman of the investigating committee, won his fight — but there were some who criticized his judgment for risking prestige on such an issue. A new test tomorrow will be on continuing the special small business committee.

Special Bananas Fail To Save Irish Poet

DUBLIN, Jan. 23 (U. P.) — Patrick Michael O'Connell, 32, poet and balladeer, who wrote under the pen name of Owen Roe Ward, died today of a nutritional ailment after five months hospitalization.

A special shipment of bananas was flown to the writer last Sunday by U. S. admirers, including New York's Mayor William O'Dwyer, in response to an appeal from Dublin's lord mayor. It was hoped at the time the fruit would save his life, but his physician said he became too ill to be fed.

QUICK FREEZERS PRICE CUT
FOND DU LAC, Wis., Jan. 23 (U. P.) — The Sanitary Refrigerator Co. today announced a cut of \$50 in the price of quick freezers, the first price drop to be announced in the refrigerator industry since the war ended.



FLAMING FREIGHT CARS — Two freight cars burn like kindling after one of two 4000-gallon gasoline tanks on a truck exploded today when the stalled vehicle was struck by a Big Four freight train at Cincinnati. Three Indianapolis trainmen were injured.

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