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TERS OF CHARITY SUED FOR BIG BY EX-MEMBER

er of St. Vincent Paul Charged With Cruelty.

045 IS WANTED

Lehan Says She Was Abused and Worked Hard Without Pay.

Lehan, who was a Sister of Charity for sixteen years, has brought a suit in the Supreme Court to recover damages from the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul for alleged ill-treatment and alleged ill-treatment which she was a member of the order. Her defense is that Miss Lehan is entitled to recover nothing because of the vows she took when she joined the order.

The plaintiff states that she joined the Sisters of Charity in 1889 and as a member of the order assisted from time to time in teaching and in various hospitals, academies and parochial schools, including the Mount St. Vincent Academy, the headquarters of the order. The defendant undertook to provide her with proper habitation, necessaries and needful medical services, she says.

Miss Lehan alleges that for twelve years the defendant refused to give her proper medical attention, although knowing she was in ill health. She informed her superiors that she was suffering almost constantly, she says, but they obliged her to perform services until the strain resulted in a complete breakdown, causing her to be confined in the hospital for a considerable period, and leaving her in a condition that she will never recover.

The plaintiff asserts that she was ill-treated and subjected to humiliating treatment on several occasions when she was still confined to her bed. She says she was deprived of participating in masses and religious services, which aggravated her condition. For this alleged treatment she asks for \$15,000.

The plaintiff states that during the sixteen years she was a member she rendered services for which the order was well paid, and which are reasonably worth \$14,045. She alleges that the defendant is a rich order and is well able to provide comforts for the members befitting their station in life.

The defendant, through Mother Superior Joseph, replies that the plaintiff's services were rendered pursuant to her vows of poverty, charity and obedience, as these vows are understood by members of the community of which the plaintiff was one, in compliance with its rules and regulations and under such vows and regulations said services were to be performed solely for the love of God and in aid of the poor, without promise of any financial remuneration or other compensation.

The defendant says the plaintiff was formally received as a member on September 8, 1891, with the understanding that she could renew her vows every year or withdraw. She renewed her vows voluntarily every year until 1904. Between 1900 and 1904 she was unable to perform any service of value to the defendant and was relieved of all duty and was under treatment in the hospital.

JERSEY OFFICIALS SEATED DESPITE LAW

HACKENSACK, N. J., Jan. 1.—Despite the fact that County Clerk C. F. Thompson announced a few days ago that fifty-five officials at various parts of the county, elected at the recent election, could not be seated on New Year's Day because they had not filed their certificates of election expenses as prescribed by the new Jersey Law, nearly all named on the list were seated today without any trouble, among them being James T. Hutchinson, a member of the Hackensack Improvement Commission.

BRITISH CONSUL SAYS RUSSIANS WERE EASY

TABRIZ, Jan. 1.—The British Consul is authority for the statement that the reported massacre of Persians by the Russian troops in this city is absolutely without foundation. The Persian women and children, who were reported as having been trodden under foot by the Russian troops, took refuge in the Russian camp, where they were well treated.

BUSHIRE, Persia, Jan. 1.—The British protected cruiser Fox has arrived here and landed 100 infantrymen. This action was taken against possible contingencies. The casualties which resulted from the attacks on the guard of W. A. Smart, the British Consul at Shiraz, were six killed and eleven wounded. Smart, accompanied by a detachment of Indian sowars, and who was on his way to his post at Shiraz, was attacked near Kazrun by Kashi tribesmen. Smart was wounded.

GERMAN CAMPAIGN NOW WAXING WARM

Socialists Waging Hot Fight on Reactionaries, and Will Elect at Least 100 Deputies.

BERLIN, Jan. 1.—The lukewarmness of both parties in the campaign for the general election on January 12 is giving way at the turn of the year to a more lively interest in the struggle.

MAN KILLED WHILE ATTENDING PARTY

Hallkeeper Held for Homicide After Fight With Policemen—Two Dying in Hospital.

Too much noise at a New Year's party in the basement of a lodging house at 419 East 123rd street early yesterday resulted in the death of one man, the fatal wounding of another and less serious injury of a third.

LIBERIA INSTALLS A NEW PRESIDENT

MONROVIA, Jan. 1.—Daniel Howard was installed as President of the negro republic of Liberia today. He succeeds Arthur Barclay, who held the office of President for eight years, having been re-elected in 1907 at the expiration of his first term.

TOKIO'S TROLLEYS ARE ALL TIED UP

3,000 Street Car Men Strike for Higher Wages in Capital of Japan.

TOKIO, Jan. 1.—The 3,000 employees of the city tramway are on a strike today and traffic is almost completely tied up.

FIRST COASTING OF SEASON IS FATAL

Eleven-Year-Old Jersey Lad
Crashes Head First Into
Motor Car.

HACKENSACK, N. J., Jan. 1.—It was the first opportunity that they had to use their new Xmas sleds, and Donald, aged 9, and Kenneth, aged 11, sons of B. M. Robinson, one of the traveling secretaries of the international committee of the Y. M. C. A., of New York City, living at Edgewater, were among the several who during the early morning enjoyed the sliding down Glenwood avenue in Edgewater today.

WOMAN HURTS SELF FLEEING FROM FLAMES

When Morris Schean, who lives on the fifth floor, at 537 East 157th street, broke away from a party of friends in his front room last night and peered down an air shaft to find where the smell of smoke was coming from, he saw flames flickering opposite the apartment of Paul Kievel on the floor below.

TEXAS RAILROADS BECOME MORE DEADLY

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 1.—The annual report of the State Railroad Commission, which has just been issued, shows that the total assessed value of all the railroads in Texas is \$342,477. The value of the roadway is placed at \$138,312,041; rolling stock, \$29,167,792; and intangible assets, \$174,645,044.

WATCH OUT, JOHN D.

BUTLER, Pa., Jan. 1.—The New Britain, Pa., refinery of the High Grade Refining Company, which is fighting the Standard, was put into operation today. The refinery has a capacity of 20,000 barrels and cost \$250,000.

CHINESE REBELS BESIEGE HANKOW

Army of 4,000 Attack City. Imperial Forces Accepting Republic.

PEKING, Jan. 1.—The hope that the armistice between the Imperials and Republicans would be prolonged from December 21 has been disappointed. The Western year had not closed when the Republicans, 4,000 strong, at Wu-chang and in that neighborhood again attacked the Imperial forces at Hankow and Han-yang.

NATL. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHOSEN

Berger, Harriman, Haywood, Hillquit, Irvine, Kate O'Hare and Spargo. Elected by Socialist Party.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—The New Year was opened by the National Office of the Socialist party with the announcement by Acting National Secretary Work that the referendum vote of the party for the new Executive Committee had been completed and that the committee elected was made up as follows:

CHURCH BODY SEES TOTS ENTER SHOWS

Women of Immaculate Conception Parish Witness Violations of Law.

While the Gery Society remains inactive, due, undoubtedly, to the influence wielded by the powerful Tammany officials in control of the Fox Amusement Company, which operates the chain of Fox motion picture "theaters," investigating committees from two different churches yesterday visited the City Theater and the Academy of Music, in East 14th street, for the purpose of obtaining evidence of the admission of minors in violation of the law.

7,000 PERSONS GET FREE NEW YEAR'S FEED

A New Year's dinner was given to fourteen hundred needy families yesterday by William J. Wollman, who lives in the Lorington on Central Park West. Wollman distributed the dinners through the Hebrew Organization Society, the United Hebrew Charities, the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Brooklyn, the Bovey Mission and other organizations.

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OREGON MURDERER STANDS BY PROMISE

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 1.—Honor-bound to return to serve out his life sentence as soon as he had earned money to pay of a debt, owed his father-in-law, William Mack is back in the penitentiary again after an absence of six months.

EAST ORANGE MEDICO SCORES SPEED FIENDS

EAST ORANGE, N. J., Jan. 1.—Dr. Charles S. Stockton, whose custom it has been for years to say something to the City Council when it organizes on New Year's Day for the year, delivered a philippic today against the speeding automobilists, taking as his text the fatal accident at Main and Day streets, Orange, on Christmas Day.

GIRL SHOT WHILE GUARDING MOTHER

Gets Two Shots From Her Stepmother After Quarrel With His Former Wife.

Throwing her arms about her mother's neck to shield her from death, Bertha Italian, aged 14, yesterday received two bullets in the head, lying in a hospital. Her stepfather, George Benz, who did the killing, then fired two more shots at his wife, but the bullets went wild. He was arrested at his home, 1510 Gates avenue, Brooklyn, and admitted the killing, the police say.

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HAWTHORNE TEACHERS COME RIGHT BACK AT MORTIMER L. SCHIFF

Declare They Were Never Asked to Formulate Charges.

WILL ACT TODAY

Controller Prendergast to Get Complaints Against Conditions at Reformatory.

The charges of mismanagement and cruelty brought against the administration of Superintendent John Klein, of the Hawthorne School, in an article appearing in The Sunday Call, caused Mortimer L. Schiff, president of the Jewish Protective and Aid Society, that controls the Hawthorne institution, which is the city's reformatory for Jewish boys between 5 and 16 years of age, who are committed to it by the Children's courts of Manhattan, to get into communication with the New York Herald and demand the charges in toto.

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COMRADE SAMANTHA H. MERRIFIELD

By MORRISON I. SWIFT.
(An Address given at the Funeral of Comrade Merrifield in Boston on Christmas Afternoon, 1911.)

The difficulty of many who speak in eulogy of the dead is that they are obliged to invent the virtues which they attribute to those whom they praise. We, who speak of Comrade Merrifield feel that the grandeur of her character and the rich profusion of her noble acts are beyond the power of our utterance to fittingly describe. Every great movement, it is commonly believed, produces its heroes and its grand types; I will not quite say that. The heroes and the grand types equally produce the movement. Comrade Merrifield was one of the creators of New England Socialism.

THE SENTIMENTAL ALTRUISTS

By JOHN M. WOKA.

Some one needs to lay hold of the intellectual collar of the sentimental altruists and urge them into the Socialist movement. The sentimental altruists have a great spiritual passion for humanity. They fool away their lives working for superficialities. They attempt to "uplift" particular individuals. They need to be shown as plain as daylight how barren and useless their methods are—at the same time generously giving their organized charities, their social settlements, their leagues and societies and committees and crusades of various kinds, their due.

OTIS' FAKE ABOUT MILWAUKEE

By CARL SANDBURG.

"Rainbows Dissolved" and "Milwaukee Socialists Unable to Carry Out Their Glittering Promises" are headlines of the Los Angeles Times. A list of things promised, but not secured by the Milwaukee Socialists for that city is then published. Some of these things have been secured. And wherever a platform demand has not been attained, it has been because of either one of two conditions.

REPLY TO SPARGO AND HUNTER

Editor of The Call:

John Spargo made a definite and specific charge against the publisher of this house of which I am manager. I replied that he was simply lying, and called on him to show proofs if he had any. In his reply he admits that he has none, but he has not the manliness to apologize.

WHERE FOLLY AND WISDOM MEET

The intellectual output of the average Jewish rabbi is on the whole usually of a higher grade than that of his Gentile brethren of the cloth, but when occasion demands, he can put forth a line of social drivel that can apparently parallel anything emanating from a "Brick Lane Bethel," a negro camp meeting or an open air Salvation Army orator.

WHAT OF THE ELEPHANT?

By JOSEPH E. COHEN.

Consider the elephant, thou voter, the elephant symbolic of the Grand Old Party. Consider its fate in 1912. For since Mr. Roosevelt's Mr. Taft failed utterly to keep the public in a happy mood while "the interests" rifled the public's pockets, it is doubtful whether Mr. Taft will even be re-nominated, let alone elected.

THE "BUSTED" QUARTET

By JAMES ACKLAND.

Four failures on "the Bowers" met. Dejected in their tone and mien, And with expressions of regret Related what they once had been.

ROOSEVELT OR REVOLUTION

By CARL SANDBURG.

Some six months ago Colonel Roosevelt assured the American people that they need have no fear of revolution while he was around, for if the revolutionists attempted to start something he would walk right in and whip them to a frazzle, or words to that effect. He also hinted that the "progressive" revolutionists knew well what he would do to them and were, therefore, laying low for the present.

THE VERDICT

By IRWIN TUCKER.

One hundred and forty and seven— They screamed in the flames as they died. Now the law its just verdict has given, And we know it was plain suicide.

QUICK MEASUREMENTS

By CARL SANDBURG.

A traveler was detained at a little country railway station for half an hour, and was chatting with the station-master when the bell rang sharply three or four times. Instantly the three employees—station-master, booking clerk, and porter—ranged up in a line on the platform and stood at attention.

UN-AMERICAN

By CARL SANDBURG.

It is un-American for you to permit a few well fed do-nothings to dictate what you should pay for on a railroad. It is un-American for you to permit a few well fed do-nothings to dictate what you should pay for on a graph message. It is un-American for you to permit a few well fed do-nothings to dictate what you should pay for on a graph message.

AN UNSUCCESSFUL SUCCESS

By CARL SANDBURG.

Failure of a business enterprise is by no means so infrequent as to cause wonder, when it is considered that some 95 per cent of all new enterprises started are doomed to failure. But when a publication with the ambitious and inspiring title of Success goes into bankruptcy, the event is worth at least passing notice.