

DIVORCE IS VOID, CLAIMS WOMAN

Mrs. Van Claussen Wants Former Husband, Dr. Ho- nan, Arrested

Prayer Healer Offers to Cure the Magistrate, Who Holds Her for Trial

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NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—Alleging that Dr. William Francis Honan is still her husband, Mrs. Ida Van Claussen said today that she was about to sue to set aside her divorce from him, obtained five years ago in Dakota.

She has sent the following telegram to the chief of police at Narragansett Pier, where Dr. Honan is stopping at the Mathewson hotel:

"Arrest Dr. Honan for bigamy and fraud and refusal to support his daughter, Natalie. Papers on file for your inspection. I am still Dr. Honan's wife.

"IDA HONAN."

Dr. Honan is now married to Miss Maude Ives Park. Mrs. Van Claussen says her present action is due to Dr. Honan's refusal to provide for their daughter, Natalie, aged nine.

She says she sent Natalie to Narragansett Pier to ask her father to support her and that he ordered her to leave the hotel.

Mrs. Van Claussen caused a mild sensation in 1907 by demanding the recall of Charles H. Graves, American Minister to Sweden, for, as she alleged, preventing her from being received at King Oscar's court, after the King had invited her orally.

She recently filed papers, of her own draughting, in the Supreme Court, demanding \$1,000,000 from ex-President Roosevelt for damages for "slander, malice and revenge," her case growing out of the incident in Sweden.

Offered to Cure Magistrate

Declaring that her fifteen-cent treatments of ill persons by the application of written prayers to be worn on the affected areas were given for charity's sake, and at the command of God, Mrs. Eva Stein argued with Magistrate Herrman in police court today that she had violated no law when she prescribed for the needy.

The Court ruled that she had practiced as a physician when she had no license and held her in \$300 bail for trial.

The little gray-haired woman made a long statement today, describing in full her methods of treatment.

"I have 30,000 poor people come to me each year for treatment," she said. "What are the poor to do if they cannot afford to pay high-priced doctors?"

Mrs. Frances Benzecory, the agent, of the County Medical Society, who caused Mrs. Stein's arrest, told of the two visits she made to Mrs. Stein, and of the "prayers" she received.

The Court examined the slips of paper containing the invocations, and Mrs. Benzecory said Mrs. Stein had told her she must put them in little bags and tie one around her arm, one around a leg and the third must go under the mattress when she went to bed.

When Magistrate Herrman examined the slips he said:

"Why, the markings on these bits of paper amount to nothing more than scrawls. I cannot read them; no one could."

"Oh, but I can read them; they are by the hand of God," put in Mrs. Stein. "I have no lawyer. I do not need one. I am directed by God. God told me to come here and see you, and that you would do by me what was right."

"I am directed and guided by the hand of God. I give the people magnetic treatment and the prayers. Some cannot pay me, but those who can I charge fifteen cents."

"Twenty-eight years ago, when I was but thirty, God came to me and gave me the power to cure. If you are sick, Judge, come to me and I will cure you."

"Well, I am not sick; and you must not keep up this unlawful work. I am compelled to hold you in \$300 bail for trial," said the magistrate.

Mrs. Stein's husband again gave security for her.

Rescue Ship Brings Eleven

Bringing to port eleven seamen whom she had taken off a sinking schooner out in the Atlantic, after they had made a brave but vain attempt to save their ship, the ore-carrying British steamer King Edgar reached port today from Huelva, Spain.

The shipwrecked men comprised the crew of the American four-masted schooner Edith Olcott, which was abandoned Sunday, August 7, in a waterlogged condition, in latitude 37.03, longitude 64.30, after she had been towed half a mile by the King Edgar in the hope of bringing her safely to port.

The Edith Olcott, Captain Wallace, sailed from New York on July 31 with a full cargo of merchandise for Porto Rico. There was clear sailing, Captain Wallace said, until last Wednesday, when a southwest gale kicked up a tremendous sea, which started the schooner to leaking.

Suicide Follows Murder

Enraged because he was unable to induce her to again receive him as boarder in her home at Middletown, Elias Hanna, a Syrian peddler, shot and killed Mrs. Joseph Rogers today and then killed himself.

Hanna formerly boarded with the family, but had been sent away because of conduct to which the Rogers' objected.