

Wealthy New York Woman In Bad Smuggling Scrape

**Alleged to Have Purchased Jewellery and Other Articles Abroad
Value of Over \$100,000 on Which She Paid no Duty--
Arrested and Admitted to Bail on the Sum of \$7,500--Fines
and Penalties in Case May Aggregate \$200,000.**

(New York American)

Mrs. Ada F. C. Adriance, wife of I. Reynolds Adriance, millionaire harvester manufacturer and banker of Poughkeepsie, and herself for years the social autocrat of Dutchess Co., was held yesterday in \$7,500 bail to await the action of the Federal Grand Jury for failure to declare property worth \$14,000 when she entered the port of New York Sunday. At the same time she was ordered to appear Thursday afternoon before Surveyor of the Port Henry to prove that jewels found on her person on the Baltic, and worth between \$100,000 and \$150,000, were not purchased abroad.

The Government cases now confronting the woman are therefore, first:

Definite charge that she attempted to smuggle into this country:

One pearl necklace, broken, up and concealed in her hat, valued at \$6,000.

One seven-foot point lace shawl, valued at \$3,000.

One pearl collar, valued at \$2,000.

One solid gold gem encrusted handbag.

One silver bag.

Second—Among the articles found in a chamois bag on Mrs. Adriance's person by the examiners, and held on suspicion are:

One dog collar, consisting of eleven rows of perfectly matched pearls, divided every three inches by strands of diamonds, with a large solitaire diamond in the front, valued roughly at between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

One bracelet of diamonds and sapphires of great size and brilliancy; value not estimated.

One oval brooch set with twenty large pearls, perfectly matched and colored.

One diamond and ruby ring, each stone weighing at least 2½ karats.

One 3-karat pure white, flawless diamond solitaire ring.

One opal ring, surrounded by diamonds of a large size.

One horseshoe shaped breast pin, three inches high, which is formed by forty large diamonds. This pin is estimated to be worth at least \$10,000.

One bow-knot brooch, formed of diamonds.

One amethyst ring.

One gold necklace set with pearls.

Seven other pieces of jewelry, made of diamonds, pearls, sapphires or rubies.

Although Collector Loeb regards the case of Mrs. Adriance as the most flagrant that has ever come under his official observation he has never had in his toils a woman who was cooler, less perturbed and more defiant.

IS UNMOVED BY HER ORDEAL.

Instead of showing the least effect of nervous strain throughout her ordeal of yesterday, Mrs. Adriance looked bored when she was not haughty.

At no time when she was before Commissioner Alexander, or facing a battery of cameras or talking to her attorney, Abraham Rose, did she show anything more than a disdainful attitude toward Government officials.

The night had not broken the nerve with which she confronted Special Agent C. C. Wall aboard the Baltic and withered the customs inspectors, including the women who uncovered a gold mine of valuables about her and among her effects.

Neither she nor her husband would make any explanation yesterday.

Told that the chamois bag of jewels would be held until she proved that she had purchased them in this country, she lifted her eyebrows and said: "Really." Asked about them by the officials, she declared she had bought everything of a Fifth Avenue firm of jewelers.

Told that her photograph was being taken, she exclaimed languidly: "How extraordinary!"

When the time came for her to sign the bail bond, she half yawned, slowly withdrew a glove from her right hand, produced a gold locket, surveyed the paper, with a bored look and then slowly wrote her name.

That being done, she yawned again and accompanied her family to the Hotel Belmont.

Mr. Adriance, who faces the payment of fines and penalties which may run up to \$200,000, was not so imperturbable as he wrote his name

to the bail bond. His hand was not so firm as it ordinarily is, and he appeared glad to escape the ordeal.

FORMALLY CHARGED WITH SMUGGLING

Mrs. Adriance and her daughter, Marion, who was attending a finishing school near Vienna when her mother went for her, had been ordered to appear before General Henry, Surveyor of the Port, at two o'clock yesterday afternoon, to explain why they had failed to declare the necklace, shawls and bags which Special Agent Wall, it is said, knew they had purchased abroad, with other things.

How Mr. Wall knew this, as it is claimed he did, is put down as a great mystery at the Custom House, and there are many hints about a United States Secret Service abroad which watches all purchases. But it is pretty generally known that the secret service maintained is that of the American Jewellers' Association, which is determined to make it just as expensive to purchase diamonds and other gems abroad as it is in this country.

This same system of information caused the downfall of ex-Governor Rollins, of New Hampshire, and brought to light at least two other important cases within six months.

Before General Henry could hold his hearing, United States Attorney Wise stepped in and said his office would take the case without any further formality, so far as the first batch of property alleged to have been smuggled was concerned. Assistant United States Attorney Felix Frankfurter was placed in charge, and he at once drew a complaint, charging Mrs. Adriance with smuggling into this country shawls and necklaces worth at least \$8,000. This was signed by Wall.

It was resolved not to press a criminal charge against Miss Marion Adriance, whose hat held a pearl necklace. Miss Adriance showed that she had taken the greater part of the necklace abroad with her, and had only bought ten pearls on the other side. These were seized, but nothing

more was done.

CASE GOES TO U. S. GRAND JURY

The Adriance family, father, mother, John Adriance, the eighteen-year-old son, and Mrs. Mary H. Doughty, of Poughkeepsie, who travelled with Mrs. Adriance abroad, all came down from Poughkeepsie at noon yesterday and went to the Hotel Belmont. Mrs. Adriance wore a blue tailored gown, and had a small hat, covered with a thick veil. The party declined to say a word to the reporters, and at 12 o'clock went down to the Federal Building, where the warrant was served on Mrs. Adriance in Commissioner Alexander's room.

Mr. Frankfurter and Mr. Rose then had a conference, after which the Government prosecutor said: "I understand that the defendant in this case desires to waive hearing. I therefore ask that bail be fixed at \$7,500."

This was conceded by the Commissioner, and Mr. Adriance, who was the only worried person in his party, at once offered Edencourt, the family home at Poughkeepsie, which he declared was worth at least \$50,000. There is no doubt of that. Then Mrs. Adriance was asked to sign her name

which she did with great show of languor, and the husband signed afterward. Immediately the party returned to the hotel. The case will go to the Federal Grand Jury this week, and an indictment probably will be found at once.

DRASTIC DEMANDS ARE MADE

The case in the Federal Building had nothing to do with the jewels in the chamois bag. When these were found Sunday afternoon they were held without any idea of their value, simply as an earnest that Mrs. Adriance would return yesterday.

When the bag was opened and the experts began to scan the contents there was a gasp. Seldom had they ever beheld finer jewels. Each one appeared absolutely pure and of the first water. It was undeniable that some were in settings that had been worn before, but in the lot there were several pieces that appeared to be new. This was the case with the dog collar and the diamond and sapphire bracelet.

"Those are jewels I took with me," Mrs. Adriance declared when the bag was taken from her. She gave the name of the firm from which, she said, most of the property had been purchased. She appeared to think that settled the matter, but yesterday her lawyer was directed to inform Mrs. Adriance that she not only must produce the receipted bills for all her possessions, but must bring other evidence to show that the purchases were made in this country. It will not do for Mrs. Adriance to show that she took the jewels with her when she last went abroad, but now she must show that they were purchased in this country originally.

They can be seized if they were smuggled in on former trips.

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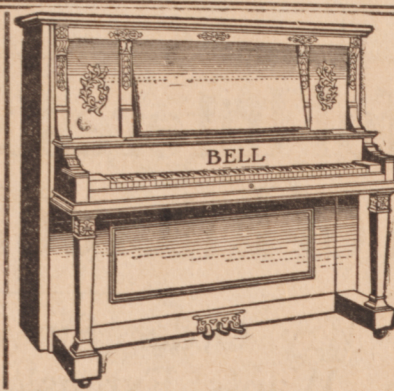
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