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Scene as Caruso Gave His Testimony in Court.



SIGNOR ENRICO CARUSO AND HERR CONRIED ENTERING THE COURT ROOM.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—After a breathless crowd, which packed the Yorkville police court to its doors, had listened for more than an hour Wednesday afternoon to the charges made against Signor Enrico Caruso by Policeman James J. Cain and Captain John Stephenson, who accused the singer of annoying women in the Central Park monkey house, and had heard the policeman's charges unshaken on severe cross-examination, Caruso took the witness stand in his own defence and entered a general denial to the allegations.

He gave his testimony through an interpreter, and when he had finished Caruso was the recipient of a wild ovation, only a few hisses mingling with the cheers. He had to fight his way through the crowd to reach his carriage.

Replying to a question of his counsel, former Judge A. J. Dittenhotfer, the grand opera star said:

"These charges are all false. I have never seen any women in the monkey house to annoy her. I have never followed any woman, never pressed against one nor attempted to touch any one. What is said here is not true."

In further testimony Signor Caruso said the facts of the case were that the woman had tried to flirt with him and that he had endeavored to discourage her attentions. He declared the woman was the one who later accosted him.

THE CHILD PROBLEM

(By Rev. R. Mathers.)

The child problem is as old as the first baby. The Bible account of the mess Adam and Eve made of their first child is singularly natural. God was no longer their daily counsellor, and they didn't know how to bring Cain up; as we say, they spoilt him. And so do a very large percentage of parents today with their first child, and the only way to avoid it is to ask counsel of God the only Being who has any amount of common sense. He has figured everything out for us ages ago. All our organs are mathematically constructed, and all our emotions have a numerical coefficient; sight, sound, color are closely mathematically connected.

Man is the supreme effort of the Creator, and in him all the possibilities of life next to God Himself are concentrated. The grouping of mankind into families with the power of a sub-creator is peculiar to man amongst all intelligent beings with whom we are acquainted. Family life is evidently intended to be a revelation of the social life of the Deity, in whom the Three Persons are represented by Father, Mother, Child.

Christ, the great exponent of the social life of the Deity, affirms that two great principles underlie and maintain the happiness of that social life, order or law and self-abnegation. He rolls back the curtain of Eternity and shews us the Godhead in council about creation. He assures us that they agreed upon a plan of procedure, determined the department of each Person, and have adhered to this plan ever since, and further that nothing has occurred in the past to induce Them to deviate from this plan, or order, or law in the least; and therefore that plan will be adhered to throughout Eternity. The passing of heavens and earths are only a part of that plan of which "one jot or tittle shall not pass away."

These two great principles of Divine happiness, order and self-abnegation, are also the only source of human happiness. Bad children are the outcome of bad homes, homes without order or self-abnegation. Hasty and ill-assorted marriages of undisciplined minds and hearts invariably result in confusion and misery to them and theirs.

Citizen, on Friday night, in the Times, laid the blame on the mothers. In this he was right to a great extent, though not altogether. The care of children is undoubtedly the chief duty of man, whether regarded individually or collectively. All other duties occupy a secondary place. Children are sent to help us in learning the secret of life, which does not consist in the abundance of things a man may possess. Wealth tempts to luxury and self-indulgence, which means weakness, disease and death. Self-abnegation, self-restraint, is life. The philosophical weakness of intemperance of any sort, whether of ambition, or sensual indulgence, is its failure to recognize our Divine Sonship; of ambition that we can never get any more than our Father gives us; of self-indulgence, that we act as if we should never have another chance of gratification.

To guard against this temptation God has made the obligations of the family, of friendship and of country binding for life. The relations of man and wife are quid pro quo, but the child furnishes the opportunity and incentive to practice self-abnegation in its Divinest sense; and by it we are initiated into the secret of the highest happiness—giving, not receiving.

Children are capable of doing us much more good than we can do for them. They seem to be the only means whereby we can learn the sweetness of life worth living, but succeeding generations of men could be created as were the first pair, and cared for by angels. Children are the highest means of our salvation; "a little child shall lead them" is forever true. The assurance of those parents who expect to enter into life beyond, without taking their children with them, fairly staggers one. It is the only thing, besides, of our character that we can claim in another world.

Do parents thus regard their children? Alas, very few! Why not? Because the tendency of the times is against it. The world is full of ambition to get, to hold, to shine, to be courted, flattered and gratified, and children are sadly in the way in all these cases. One of your correspondents, an old boy, says keep the girls off the streets and the boys will go off too. No doubt this is as true as it was in the day when the first man left his father and mother at the call of his wife. The streets are no place to train girls for future mothers. Neither are the office and the factory.

Woman in nearly every direction is unfitting herself for the duties of motherhood. The so-called independence of woman is being attained at the expense of the decay of motherly instincts, and other good qualities, which are the source of all our future hopes.

In the Incarnation, God has set His seal upon the value of a home! Christ, the great mother of creation, likened Himself to a hen gathering her chickens under her wings; and who that has seen a hen with her brood can fail to grasp the depth of that unwearying solicitude which distinguishes the true mother?

The boy, or rather child problem, can never be settled except by the parents in the home. Every home should be a "nest" not a boarding house. A painful sign of the times is the unwillingness of girls to help mothers in the care of their children. "No children" is an attractive advertisement for domestic help, boarders, and landlords. Sometimes it is "without encumbrance!" No wonder Milton thought that the devil had charge of man. No wonder that God takes so many children back home. The devil has thrown dust in our eyes, and amused us by crying "winter port, increase of wealth, increase of population," and all the while he has been undermining the foundations of our homes and happiness.

The boys are bad through our neglect. We quench their activities at school and then turn them loose to be a prey to the devil, because they have nothing to do.

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Alongside us, the school board has a large vacant lot, on which could be built at moderate cost a block of buildings for a trade school, that would be a credit to the city as well as help the boys.

Unless we concede the fact that our fathers and mothers are very bad, the blame of bad children lies at our own doors, and may be removed. The richest soil bears the biggest weeds, and our boys are as intelligent as can be found anywhere. Look after them and they will turn out all right; Continue to neglect them, and nothing can save the city from ruin and disgrace. Honor the mothers and help them. There is more time and strength wasted in walking up and down our streets of an evening than would help all the overburdened mothers in the city.

As to the criminal cases, the law should undoubtedly hold the father responsible for the damage done by his boys; whether by fine or imprisonment should be left to the discretion of the magistrate.

What the province, or at least St. John, needs, is a good estate in the country as a home for boys, who, without being depraved by vicious tastes, have been beguiled into evil ways. Plenty of elbow room, freedom from city temptations, teaching and training under the purifying influences of God's country; and there are very few who would not respond to it.

(To Be Continued.)

OTTAWA NEWS

OTTAWA, Ont., Nov. 25.—(Special).—Beyond the statement that Captain Pratt of the Curlew is to be dismissed upon the evidence submitted against him, nothing further can be obtained at the marine department.

For the part they played in the recent riots, Mayor Vallilee of Buckingham and six of the strikers have been arrested. The mayor is charged with failure to read the riot act. Coroner Roderique will be arrested tomorrow.

There were about seven hundred attended the drawing room in the senate chamber Saturday evening and were presented to their excellencies.

A monument to Robert Fulton, the inventor of the steamboat, is to be erected at Spuyten Duyvil.

SCENE AT GILLETTE MURDER TRIAL

(Continued from Page 1.)

a row in the south bay of Big Moose Lake the evening young Gillette and Miss Brown set out on the journey which ended in the latter's death. Mrs. Carey declared that she had been startled by hearing a piercing scream coming from near the east end of the shore of the bay.

"It was the cry of a person in peril," the witness added.

This voluntary statement called forth a storm of objections from the defence and it was ordered stricken from the records. Mrs. Carey was allowed to state it as her opinion that the cries were undoubtedly those of a woman.

Mrs. Carey's testimony caused such a sensation that the court had to rap for order. The witness' examination was short, but she was subjected to a severe cross-examination. Former Senator Mills tried to confuse Mrs. Carey as to the time she heard the supposed death cry, but the woman, who was very cool and self possessed, made an excellent impression.

Gillette was as calm as ever, and showed not a tremor of emotion when Mrs. Carey told of what she had heard at the conclusion of her testimony.

Herkimer, N. Y., Nov. 25—The trial of Chester Gillette for the murder of his youthful sweetheart, will be resumed tomorrow. District Attorney Ward will make an effort to complete the case of the prosecution in one day, permitting the defense to open Tuesday.

Gillette spent a quiet day at the jail. He expects to be called to tell his story of Grace Brown's death not later than Tuesday or Wednesday. It is generally expected that the defense will set up the claim of suicide. In this connection the letters from the girl to Gillette and which the prosecution read in court, are expected to play a part. In some of these letters the girl expressed a wish that she could die. In others her belief that she would not live long; while she intimated that her death might be a desirable end to all their troubles.

Gillette has shown remarkable fortitude thus far.

ST. ANDREW'S MEN ATTEND SERVICE

The annual service for the members of St. Andrew's Society, which was held in St. Andrew's church yesterday, was more largely attended than for several years. The members assembled at Oddellows' Hall, Union street, and, accompanied by St. Stephen's and St. Andrew's Boys' Brigades, marched to the church, where the chaplain, Rev. David Lang, preached an interesting sermon from the text "Am I my brother's keeper." Rev. A. A. Graham and Rev. G. M. Campbell assisted at the service.

The statement of the principal candidates in the recent state election showed that Mr. Hearst spent $256,370.22, and Hughes $618.55.

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AUTHOR OF QUO VADIS SCOLDS THE KAISER IN AN OPEN LETTER

LONDON, Nov. 24—Henry Sienkiewicz the well known Polish novelist has sent to British and French newspapers an open letter to Emperor William, denouncing Prussia's treatment of Poland, especially in connection with the school question, which has already been explained in the despatches to the Mail and Empire. The letter says, among other things:—"The evil and wrongdoing need redress, and the redress appertains to you, sire, as the head of the state. When an inscrutable decree of Providence set your majesty over one considerable part of the great Polish nation it at the same time laid upon you the duty of respecting the national spirit, working for its welfare, and protecting its faith, traditions and feelings, and yet the sufferings and hardships which these provinces have undergone ever since their incorporation with Prussia have only been increased and intensified in the course of your reign. Not only have their complaints not met with sympathy, but your majesty's ministers have answered them by new laws, which, in the eyes of all surrounding nations, are beyond all doubt the outcome of a spirit of hatred, vindictiveness, and oppression."

Sienkiewicz denies that the Polish unrest is prompted, as the Prussian officials contend, by political agitation, and he declares that the school laws are persecution. He adds:—"Year by year the martyrdom of the children grows heavier, and the sound of blows and weeping is louder and frequenter in the schools. The measure is overflowing. Its overflow brings with it, besides God's wrath and the indignation of men, your own disgrace as well."

After referring to the great wars waged by the Kaiser's ancestors, the letter continues:—"In your day, sire, there is but one momentous conflict that of mighty Prussia fighting little children. On one side are rods and prison, and on the other side tears."

The letter concludes:—"May your majesty's royal and Christian conscience make itself known in the future by your deeds."

The United States Census Bureau on the 14th inst. estimated the total wealth of the country in 1904 to be $106,881,415,009. This shows an increase in wealth over the estimates for 1900 of nearly 21 per cent., and of nearly 64 per cent. over the estimate for 1890, when the total wealth was $65,037,091,197.



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