

"Kemp-ton-Wace Letters"

Cause of Divorce Suit

Wife of Jack London, the Alleged Author of Them, Brings Action, Alleging That Opinions Put Forth Are Sufficient Grounds for Separation.

Who wrote the "Kemp-ton-Wace Letters"? Means Macmillan, the publishers, will say nothing about the matter. Possibly they do not know. The public has exhausted itself in conjectures. Poultony Beggan, Mrs. E. B. Beggan, George Atherton and the author of these are only a few of the names that have been suggested. And then Jack London's name came prominently forward. But at first it came not as a joke. It was always coupled with that of a female collaborator. For that collaborator some people felt back upon Mrs. Atherton. More, more positive, looked forward to Miss Anna Strunsky.

Who is Miss Anna Strunsky? According to the Jenkins of the Pacific coast, Miss Strunsky is a young Californian of Russian Jewish parentage, a graduate of the University of Chicago, who has devoted herself to the cause of socialism, writing articles for socialist periodicals and addressing various women's clubs.

The latest Californian news about the "Kemp-ton-Wace Letters," however, ignores Miss Strunsky's share in them. It simply announces that Mrs. Jack London has brought suit for divorce against Mr. Jack London, alleging the opinions he has put forward in the "Kemp-ton-Wace Letters" as grounds for her action.

And now, who is Jack London? That question is easily answered, especially at the present moment, when his "Call of the Wild" is one of the "best selling books" of the hour, and in point of literary merit is unopposedly the best of all these best-selling books.

He is a Californian by birth as well as residence, the son of a nomadic trapper, scout and frontiersman, who came to San Francisco in 1873. There Jack London was born on January 12, 1876. He is the youngest of ten half brothers and sisters. The family circumstances were straitened. After picking up a fund of miscellaneous information through the free libraries, and especially the free libraries, he left home at the age of fifteen, and became literally a vagabond on the face of the earth. Please remember that literally and etymologically the word vagabond has no unpleasant associations.

By turns he was a seaman, a fisherman, a oyster pirate, a fish peddler, a longshoreman, and a general bay-faring adventurer. He shipped before the mast as an able seaman, going as far as Japan and spending some time seal hunting on the Russian side of Behring Sea. He tramped thousands of miles over the United States and Canada. He lived up the coast in the East End of London. He went over Chilcot Pass with the first of the Klondike adventures of 1897. He never lost his delight in life. He loved the sea, and especially the free libraries, he left home at the age of fifteen, and became literally a vagabond on the face of the earth. Please remember that literally and etymologically the word vagabond has no unpleasant associations.

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"And I do truly love her," he declares, "but in the intellectual sense, and not in the sense of a fanatical demand, nor not related with a foolishly written word look upon her and touch her hand. Nor do I feel impelled to leave her presence if I would live, as did Dante in the presence of Beatrice, nor the painful creature who looks upon her and touch her hand.

"We will not begin with affection and avoid love. Why go through an insane episode, which is bound to terminate in sadness, when which—without insanity as its starting point—may end in the saneness of affection as readily as in the saneness of affection."

So reasons Wace. Kemp-ton strives vainly to combat his views. He grants that sexual selection obtains among men as among the lower animals. He grants that it is incumbent upon intelligent men and women to call to the aid of instinct their social wisdom. But social wisdom insists that men and women should obey the choices of instinct.

"Our social wisdom is only another phase of our refinement, which in impelling us to a love of the beautiful does not the less impel us to love. Our social wisdom educates our taste without lessening our taste for the thing. 'Love a beautiful person nobly, but be sure you love her,' says one social wisdom with interesting tautology."

He, too, has his programme. That programme does not break with nature. On the contrary, it obeys every instinct and listens to every call of the senses. "My love begins in me biologic self, grows with my growth, takes its hues from my nature, and is as natural as my breath."

"I do not look for, always able to get a job shovelling coal, sufficing, or doing manual labor of some sort."

He was twenty-three when he began to turn his experiences into literature and cash. His first article appeared in the Overland Monthly in 1899. His first book came out the following year. His many essays dealt with his life in the Klondike. Even on the trail he had felt the impulse to write and had tirelessly brooded over the thought, but outwardly he had continued his share in the Klondike.

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Since then his name has been familiarly and greatly known to magazine and book readers. His "Son of the Wolf," his "Children of the Frost" and his "Call of the Wild" have made his name a cumulatively notable one. His "People of the Abyss" has been a best-seller. His "The Sea Wolf" embodies his London experiences and his scholastic theories. For his heart and soul a socialist, taking an active part in the propaganda of socialism.

He married Miss Elinor in 1900 and by her has two children. His home is in Oakland, on the Piedmont Hills, overlooking San Francisco Bay. But most of his writing is done on his sloop yacht in the bay itself.

And now comes, last, the question which perhaps ought to have come first—What are the "Kemp-ton-Wace Letters?" They are, then, epistolary communications that are feigned to have passed between two friends—the middle-aged Dane, Kemp-ton, an American poet living in London, and the young "Herbert" Wace, a scientist and sociologist living in Berkeley, Cal. Kemp-ton had once been in love with Wace's mother and has ever cherished her memory; hence the interest he feels in the young man and his sister Barbara, who has married and is settled in London.

The occasion for the correspondence is Kemp-ton's engagement to Hester Stebbins. He describes her with tempered enthusiasm. She is a glorious creature—but he does not profess to be in love with her in the old-fashioned, rapturous way, but by the force of the laws of delicacy in the art of living for young people.

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SEN. JOHN W. DANIEL, VIRGINIA

"Republicans Muddling on the Financial Question"

—SENATOR JOHN W. DANIEL.

Leader of Minority in Senate Finance Committee Finds Democratic Ammunition in the Proposed Fowler and Aldrich Measures.

HERALD BUREAU, WASHINGTON, D. C., Saturday.

Senator John W. Daniel, of Virginia, declares himself uncompromisingly opposed to the present republican programme of financial legislation.

In view of the fact that Senator Daniel is now the democratic member of the Senate Finance Committee, having succeeded to that position by the retirement of Senator Vest, of Missouri, his declared attitude is of importance at this time. By virtue of his rank on the committee the Virginian will be the leader of the minority in whatever financial legislation is introduced at the forthcoming extra session of Congress.

Senator Daniel was seen at his country home, near Lynchburg, Va., to-day by the Herald reporter. The Virginian rarely talks for publication except from his seat in the Senate, but the importance of the subject of financial legislation appeals to him so strongly that he voluntarily consented to make a statement to the Herald.

While asserting that at this time he views the subject with an open mind, he does not believe that any republican leader has undertaken to frame a bill that will meet the approval of the majority of democrats in the Senate, Mr. Daniel frankly avows that he does not believe there will be any financial legislation this winter unless the republicans devise a scheme that is radically different both from the Aldrich bill and the Fowler scheme.

Protruding and self-sacrificing, espousing the Aldrich proposition. However, Senator Daniel has heard nothing from Senator Bailey on this subject since the close of the last regular session of the Senate, and he is of the opinion that the Texan will do at the next session.

He says he feels sure that Senator Teller, of Colorado, and Senator Money, of Mississippi, will join him and oppose the Aldrich bill, and that the majority of the currency of banking laws that in their opinion would inflate the currency or give increased power and privilege to the banks.

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SIR THOMAS IN A STORM OF KISSES BY HURRICANE

The Rosina Runs Into Storm in Gulf and Loses Her Deck Cargo.

MAN WASHED OVERBOARD

Crew of Thirty-Two Men Have Thrilling Battle for Life in Wind and Seas.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.] NEW ORLEANS, La., Saturday.—The hurricane in the Gulf which the Weather Bureau has been vainly endeavoring to "forecast" was found by the British steamer "Rosina," which reached this port to-day sooty and soggy.

The Rosina was on one day from Cuba, on Wednesday the 12th, the storm was apparently reaching its height. The vessel at times was entirely beyond control. Captain Hurry was constantly on the deck directing affairs, and once or twice was washed off the bridge and thrown against the guardrails. Mate Williams was once thrown off his feet and sent sprawling on the deck, and every one held on firmly, but said this morning that he could not have held on against the waves if the rain drops struck the faces and hands of the crew. The wind increased in velocity and the night was dark and stormy. The ship continued rolling heavily. Every moment the crew expected to be washed down, but appeared to be in no danger of the storm lessening. Toward morning the sea became fiercer.

It was the morning of Thursday that Pietro Sparosa, a Greek sailor, lost his life. Captain Hurry, Mate Williams and Mate Jones were on deck, and the rest of the crew of thirty-two men were scattered about the boat. At midnight Sparosa was seen on the deck, and the boat was put on his skids, and told the men about him that he was going upstairs to go on watch. Sparosa was seen on deck, but it was not long after he came up that the heaviest part of the storm struck the vessel. The water struck her on the starboard side, knocked the life-raft against the side of the ship, and she then tore up the planks of the deck and carried away four of the ventilators.

Captain Hurry, who was on the deck, and the crew were thrown between two lifeboats on the port side of the ship. Williams was thrown against the side of the ship, and held on. Sparosa was forgotten in the fight for life. He did not go on watch, but another man took his place and was thought that he had probably gone to sleep, being tired out. The next morning at muster he was missing.

FOGG FAMILY REUNION

New England Persons of That Name Planning to Complete Genealogical Record.

HAMPTON BEACH, N. H., Saturday.—The Fogg Family Association will hold its second reunion next Thursday morning at half-past ten o'clock in the Casino, Hampton Beach. This association was organized on September 2, 1902. To it all persons of the name of Fogg, or descended therefrom or connected by marriage, are eligible.

The object of the association is to unite interest and aid in compiling a genealogical and biographical memorial of the Fogs in America, to cultivate the ties of kindred and promote social intercourse among the members.

All members of the family are requested to assist in this work by becoming members and furnishing such data relating to the family as may be in their possession.

It is desired that any who do not feel like rendering financial aid by becoming a member, should at least contribute to the fund by sending in their own family records, that the memorial may be made as complete as possible. The secretary, Mr. J. H. Brainerd, is at the Tremont Building, Boston.

HERIFF SEIZES BANK

Brothers Who Conducted Institution Disappear, Leaving \$150,000 Liabilities.

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A. H. Hall, Brainerd's attorney, says his client's disappearance is a surprise to him. The lumber company here, he says, is in no shape.

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Nearly every one of Mr. Palmer's friends has received one or more of these letters. This fact gives ground for the belief that the writer is a person who has a close knowledge of the Palmer family.

Detectives and Post Office inspectors are doing all in their power to find the guilty one. The investigation made by Inspector Street a year ago pointed in one certain direction, but the evidence was not sufficiently strong to warrant an arrest.

RUNAWAY BOY AT CONEY.

Walked Many Miles from Home and, After Worrying Parents, Tramped Back.

Determined to see the sights of Coney Island, despite his parents' objections to them, Joseph Werner, eight-year-old son of Maurice Werner, a grocer, living at No. 285 Bedford avenue, Williamsburg, took the matter into his own hands on Friday afternoon. Leaving his home without giving any intimation of his destination, the youngster walked the fifteen miles to the beach, spent the remainder of the afternoon and evening taking in the sights, and then, tired out, curled up on the sand and slept.

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For Yachting, Coaching, and Mountain Wear, The "Pompadour" and "Paddock" Coats

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Gauze Swiss Ribbed Lisle and Mercerized Cotton Vests, plain, lace trimmed or crochet fronts, Value 43c 29c

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