

MME. ANNA GOULD AND HER CHILDREN

Her Former Husband, Count Boni
de Castellane, Brings Suit
For Their Custody.

ACTION CAUSES SENSATION

Prince Helle and Count Gave at Each
Other—Former's Past Raked Up
And Presented.

Paris, Nov. 25.—The first day's proceedings in the suit of Count Boni de Castellane against his former wife, who was Miss Anna Gould of New York, and who is now the wife of Prince Helle de Sagan, for the custody of his three children, were characterized by a strong denunciation of the prince and princess by M. Bonnet, who represented Count de Castellane. The courtroom was crowded. There were many Americans and English present.

Prince Helle and the count glared at each other for four hours while M. Bonnet pleaded that the custody of the children be confined to their grandmother, the Marquise de Castellane, because the marriage of Mme. Gould to the prince had polluted the atmosphere of their home. He described the marriage as a catastrophe, which had resulted in the quasi-abandonment of the children, and without mercy raked de Sagan's past, his early life, his amorous adventures with questionable companions, his ostracism by his family, the month he had spent in jail before the case charging him with the forgery of notes to the value of \$80,000 was not pressed through the intervention of his father, and his amorous escapades even since his marriage.

The princess's reputation after she fell under the influence of de Sagan was likewise assailed in scathing terms by Count Boni's counsel. He described her conduct with Prince de Sagan on both sides of the Atlantic, and spoke of the world-wide scandal which he declared it had caused. M. Bonnet offered to bring proof of many of the incidents to which he referred. In all there are 29 different counts in the indictment, and such an array of scandal has seldom been witnessed, even in a French court. The spectators laughed uproariously at the statement that Prince Helle was anxious to seek a monastery, and their laughter was even augmented at times as M. Bonnet dramatically enlarged some of the scenes.

George Gould, as trustee to his sister's estate, is party to the suit, in which it is sought in addition to securing the custody of the children, to obtain a large annual allowance for their maintenance. M. Bonnet asked as much as \$60,000 a year for this purpose, but said that he was willing that the count should fix the amount.

This is the first time the French newspapers, which are forbidden to publish divorce proceedings in court, have had an opportunity to ventilate this scandal, and they were represented in force by reporters and artists.

WAR TO THE KNIFE.

From the very beginning of the proceedings it was apparent that it was to be a war to the knife between the adversaries, and that no one would be spared. M. Bonnet, representing the count, was the first to be heard. He presented the general grounds upon which his client stated that the children be confined to the care of their grandmother, the count's mother, and that the Princess de Sagan be compelled to contribute \$60,000 annually to their support. He said that the moral atmosphere of the Sagan household was unfit for the children.

This allegation was in three parts: First, the alleged scandalous conduct of Prince Helle de Sagan in the past; second, that he had not reformed since his marriage; M. Bonnet said he was prepared to prove that the prince had seen two of his former mistresses since the date of his marriage, and, third, that the conduct of the princess before

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her marriage to Prince de Sagan had been improper.

M. Bonnet developed this theme. Keeping constantly to the fore, he claimed that the count was seeking only the welfare of his children. He said it was with a sad heart that the count had been compelled to bring a suit involving his former wife, whose alliance with de Sagan, he declared, was dragging her into an abyss of shame, and, whose pride and hatred rendered a settlement out of court impossible.

To prove that the princess had contemplated seeking a separation from her present husband, M. Bonnet related certain alleged consultations held Nov. 8 between the Prince and Princess de Sagan and the count's lawyers. He said the princess on this occasion admitted the difficulty of having the children live under the same roof with the prince, and proposed to turn the over to the count and keep the third herself. The prince at this consultation, complained that if there was any separation his creditors would descend upon him and seize his effects. Two days later, however, the princess publicly denied that a separation had been contemplated, and this ended the hope of a compromise.

M. Bonnet declared that his client desired to respect the dignity of his former wife. He said that if the count had committed a grave wrong in the past, this had been fully expiated and that he would not intervene now had the princess married a man of reasonable moral respectability; but by her marriage to the prince she had forfeited her right to her children.

M. Bonnet then entered upon an elaborate exposition of the grief of his client, which he said was a thing of things, the humiliation to which the count on several different occasions had been subjected. Once, when he sought the children back to their home after a visit with him, the servants of the princess, on their mistress's orders, refused to allow him to pass the gate, and after his election to the chamber of deputies he replied to a telegram of congratulation from one of his constituents in the following words: "I am happy that you are content that you have elected a rogue instead of a worthy man." This was before she secured her divorce from the count.

PRINCE'S PITIABLE PLIGHT.

Turning to the Prince de Sagan, M. Bonnet said that before his marriage he was reduced to a pitiable plight. He was hounded by his creditors and abandoned by his family; he had no abode and was living in a questionable company. After ridiculing de Sagan's public profession of love for his future wife, counsel for the count referred to the princess' alleged improper conduct with de Sagan before her marriage. He said she received him intimately in her house on Avenue Malakoff, rode and dined with him alone in Paris, and that was in Italy they traveled together and carefully concealed their whereabouts from the count, thus making it impossible for him to communicate with his children. Furthermore, M. Bonnet went on, de Sagan last summer, in the name of his chauffeur, rented an \$800,000 villa at St. Cloud and received his future wife there secretly, and at her country seat, the Chateau de Marais, the prince occupied a room on the same corridor. While in New York the members of the Gould family declined to receive de Sagan, hence the clandestine departure of the prince and the date of his marriage, and, third, that the conduct of the princess before

THE BEST COUGH CURE

secure the annulment of the marriage of the count and countess by the pope, and falling in this, de Sagan became a Protestant in order to make marriage possible.

M. Bonnet dwelt at length upon what he termed the demoralizing influence of de Sagan upon the princess, saying he had dragged her into the Bohemian life which he loved to the complete neglect of her children.

COUPLE'S CONDUCT.

The lawyer then declared that the conduct of the couple at the Hotel des Reservoirs at Versailles was so scandalous that the other guests refused to allow their children to play with the Castellane children. De Sagan spent his evenings in the apartments of Mme. Gould. After the left Versailles for England under the name of Thompson, one of the children fell ill and the count had this child removed by force. The countess thereupon notified the physician that she would not be responsible for his bill. No relative of either the prince or Mme. Gould was present at their marriage in London on July 4. De Sagan sent a telegram to Berlin requesting that Emperor William be notified of the ceremony.

Since the marriage the children had complained to their grandmother, the Marquise de Castellane, that the conduct of the prince was disgraceful to them, giving examples and incidents.

Going back to the record of the prince before his marriage, M. Bonnet reviewed his escapades.

Of recent years de Sagan's life has been a veritable vaudeville performance, M. Bonnet said. He explained that de Castellane had been informed of the prince's conduct through a chauffeur with whom the prince had had a misunderstanding. He declared that the prince had called upon his former mistresses since his marriage. Special agents were made of one Jeanne Labouche. Since his marriage he had lunched and dined with Mme. Labouche, gone on trips with her and had deposited \$200 to her credit. For this money the prince took a receipt which he hid in his stocking. He subsequently turned this paper over to his chauffeur, who in turn gave it to de Castellane. In the same manner de Castellane got possession of a receipt for \$50, which he gave to another woman on July 10.

The lawyer then said that when the princess chided her husband for these actions he confessed to the countess that if she would give him an allowance he would enter a monastery for the rest of his life. This remark was received with laughter from the crowded courtroom.

M. Bonnet insisted that his client had refused all money considerations for consent to leave the children in the possession of the de Sagan.

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To show the count's solicitude for his children, M. Bonnet read some letters written by the count to them while they were in America, in which he asked them to pray for him as he was praying for them. After the marriage of the prince and Mme. Gould, the count wrote his children he was sorry they would be forced to live with a "bandit."

"The princess will some day rue her marriage to a man of de Sagan's type," M. Bonnet declared. He wound up with a high tribute to the Marquise de Castellane and said the placing of the children in her custody would be a proper solution of the whole affair.

In conclusion, M. Bonnet said that while he asked for \$80,000 a year, with the view of creating a fund for the children or protecting their interests in the future event of another child being born to the princess, he was willing to allow the count to fix the amount of this payment.

M. Clemenceau for the prince and princess will reply next week.

It is evident from today's proceedings that M. Bonnet had detectives constantly on the track of the former wife of his client. Next week de Sagan's attorney, M. Clemenceau, is expected to retaliate by laying bare Count Boni's record.

The opinion is that today's array of evidence was strong, rendering a decision in favor of the withdrawal of the custody of the children from their mother much more likely than had been anticipated.

ENGINEER SAVES LIVES OF 150 PASSENGERS

La Crosse, Wis., Nov. 25.—The heroism of Engineer Julius Severson of La Crosse saved the lives of 150 passengers in a collision on the Burlington railway train at Portage Junction, Ill., early today. As passengers were crowded on the train, the engine, which was the heaviest on the line, drew near Portage Junction, a freight train was notified just ahead. The freight train jumped and was killed, but Engineer Severson stuck to his post, applied the emergency brakes, and succeeded in considerably reducing the speed of the train, which had been running 60 miles an hour, before the freight train was struck. A half dozen box cars were smashed and piled on to the passenger engine. The engineer was dug out of the debris uninjured, and none of the passengers was hurt.

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No request for admission to bail was made. Counsel for the defense attempted to have the case set for the January term of court, but Judge Hart allowed the state's request for Dec. 8. The court remanded the prisoners to jail.

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Details of How Republican Campaign Fund Was Collected and Used Subject of Conference.

C. P. TAFT'S CONTRIBUTIONS.

They Numbered Five, and Made Him
The Largest Single Contributor.

Hot Springs, Va., Nov. 25.—Details of how the Republican campaign fund was collected and used formed an interesting part of the conference between President-elect Taft and National Chairman Hitchcock here today. Mr. Hitchcock explained that while the total sum rightfully credited to the national committee was about \$1,600,000, as a matter of fact the committee fund was but \$1,000,000. The excess over this amount was collected by state organizations and turned back to them by the national committee for use. While the fact appears in the official publication under the law, Mr. Taft just told the eye significantly and did not appear in the published statement.

Five separate contributions were made by C. P. Taft, which made him the largest single contributor. All of these, Mr. Hitchcock explained, were made at times when the campaign committee was without funds and when the demand for them was great.

Mr. Hitchcock arrived this morning accompanied by Charles H. Boyton of New York, both of whom will remain here until Friday. The national chairman dined with Mr. Taft tonight. He said his time recently had been taken up arranging the preliminaries of the inaugural ceremonies in Washington. The military feature of the inauguration, he said, was to be given special attention.

Senator Elkins of West Virginia also came in today.

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BUTTE MINERS' UNION.

After Stormy Meeting Decides to Pay
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LABOR'S DESIRES.

Things President Will Probably Recommend to Congress Cover All.

Washington, Nov. 25.—"The things President Roosevelt had in mind for the improvement of conditions of labor throughout the country, and which he will probably recommend to Congress covers everything we desire," said A. L. Faulkner of Cleveland, president of the National Union of Workers, who with Vice President W. A. Jarrigan, called at the White House today.

"The president's ideas are entirely satisfactory to labor's representatives generally," said Mr. Faulkner.

Mr. Faulkner was one of the labor men who attended the president's labor dinner on Nov. 17. He said that the president at that time had outlined to those present his ideas for the improvement of labor conditions and asked for suggestions on that question.

ENDOWMENT OF LINCOLN MEMORIAL ASS'N

New York, Nov. 25.—A committee, with Frederick Townsend Martin as president and Gen. O. O. Howard as secretary, was organized here today to forward the movement for the endowment of the Lincoln Memorial association to erect a monument to the memory of Abraham Lincoln.

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