

DOCTOR SAYS HE IS WRONGED

Principal in the Famous Brugiere Divorce Case Talks of His Troubles to Gazette Representative

The Brugiere divorce case, set for trial today in the district court, has been continued on account of the absence of a witness, Saturday the case will be called and the date for the hearing will be set again at which time it is believed that the case can be heard without further delay.

Doctor Makes Statement.

For the first time since he came to Nevada in January of this year, Dr. Brugiere consented to make a statement for publication.

"I feel that I have been unfairly treated by several of the San Francisco papers," he said. "Things have been attributed to me which I never uttered or even intimated and while I am not seeking notoriety, I think they will stand for correction.

"The suit for divorce which I have entered against my wife is based on the grounds of desertion. There are other charges which I might make to strengthen my case, but I think that is unnecessary. I feel sure that the district court of Washoe county will do justice in the matter.

"I am not seeking this divorce in order to remarry. That charge has been brought against me and the claim is made that I would be a bigamist in such an event, which gives me no concern I have no intention of taking another wife if I am divorced by the Nevada court. In any event, the threats of criminal prosecution are not worrying me in the least.

"I am paying no attention to the suit brought against me for alimony in the superior court in San Francisco. In the first place I know nothing of it for service on me has never been obtained, so the stories that I am in contempt if I fail to appear there at the hearing are groundless. If, as stated in the press, Mrs. Brugiere wants alimony amounting to \$1000 a month,

For the first time since he came to Nevada last January Dr. Pedar Sathar Brugiere has consented to a newspaper interview in regard to the divorce suit which he filed against his wife, who is now suing him in San Francisco for \$1000 a month alimony. The accompanying authorized interview was obtained by the Gazette this morning.

I will say that the claim is absurd. I am a poor man. I have had nothing for years. What property I possessed in my younger days has long since been gone and I am in no condition to pay alimony.

Provided With Funds.

"In this connection I will say that ever since my wife left me that she has been amply provided with funds. Every month she receives not less than \$500 from my mother, at my request. She is maintained in handsome quarters at the St. Francis hotel, her bills are promptly settled by my mother, and in addition to this she is given \$300 in cash every thirty days. It would seem, therefore, that she is not in want and that there is little danger of anything of that kind occurring.

Never Threatened Wife.

"The story that I placed a revolver at the head of my wife last January or at any time threatened her with death unless she consented to the divorce, and the further story that I intimated that I might bring serious charges against her character are wholly untruthful. Both of these statements are slanderous. I was always kind and considerate to my wife, treat-

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ed her with the utmost courtesy on every occasion and was never neglectful. Nevertheless, we seemed incompatible and when she deserted me and continued her desertion for more than a year, I thought that I was entitled to legal separation. As to our child, I stated in my complaint filed in July that I expect to make ample provisions for it."

Reno His Home.

Dr. Brugiere repeats that Reno is his home. "I intend to live here, where I settled last winter," he said when questioned about the matter. "I have applied for a license to practice medicine in Nevada and have a permit to practice. I will soon receive a permanent license."

Will Ignore Alimony Suit.

The doctor says he will pay no heed to the proceedings brought at San Francisco to obtain from him alimony amounting to \$1000 a month. "I have never been legally notified of that suit," he said, "and as I intend to remain in Reno I suppose the case will not be determined until I am legally served. The amount demanded is unreasonable and as for me paying \$2500 in fees to the attorney bringing the suit—why the idea is absurd. Anyway, Mrs. Brugiere is amply able to employ her own attorney."