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MRS. W. ELLIS COREY GRANTED A DIVORCE

SON IS GIVEN THE MOTHER BY THE DECREE

New York Clubmen Not Fit Associates for the Boy, Testifies Sister of Steel Magnate

MISS ADA COREY MAKES A STARTLING WITNESS

NERVOUS, broken in health and heart, Mrs. Laura P. Corey is free of matrimonial obligations to her husband. She is also granted the custody of her only child, Allan. No alimony was asked of the millionaire steel manufacturer; the entire case rested on the accusation of desertion, and it was proven. Three hours the time the divorce case was called elapsed between the time the divorce case was called in the district court yesterday and the announcement of the jury that the decision was in favor of the plaintiff.

That Corey left his wife in her apartments in New York with the avowed intention of never returning to her, was the concise testimony of the plaintiff; that the husband has shown incapability of being a proper custodian of the only son was shown by the testimony of his sister. These facts determined the outcome of the case. They were not disputed by the counsel for the defense. Indeed, the attorneys for W. E. Corey introduced no dispute to the application for separation. Evidently Corey wanted the matter settled quickly and with no opposition from him.

Corey Not in Court
W. E. Corey did not appear in court. Miss Ada Corey, his sister, Mrs. Corey and her son, Allan L. Corey were the witnesses whose testimony resulted in the verdict. Vice President Dixon of the steel trust was present and his frequent conferences with the counsel for the defense gave the spectators in the court the impression that he was Corey. This impression was heightened because of his resemblance to the husky son of the steel man.

It is asserted that the only reason the attorneys for the defendant made an appearance in court at all was because of the recent Nevada law that a defendant in a divorce suit who does appear or have counsel at the trial is guilty of bigamy should he or she again marry.

The case was called at 10 o'clock with the statement of the application for separation read by Attorney Joseph D. Redding of New York, associated with District Attorney Craig for the plaintiff.

Prosperity of Corey the Cause
"We will show you a case where material prosperity has brought unhappiness; where material prosperity has taught a husband to forget to treat his wife decently," Redding stated to the jury. "The question of desertion is raised. She alleges desertion; he denies it.

"In 1903 W. Ellis Corey and wife moved from Pittsburg to New York. He was now a great factor in the steel world. From the time of their removal to New York a shadow crossed their lives. The truth dawned

MISS COREY'S OPINION OF CLUBMEN IS NOT AT ALL FLATTERING

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on Laura P. Corey that the crisis was at hand.

"They lived in apartments at the Louraine, Fifth avenue. Into these apartments came the husband one day last year and said: 'I am sailing for Europe tomorrow. I will never see you again.' The woman sat in her room broken hearted, she had been Corey's wife for twenty-two years. In the manner that Napoleon rushed into the bedroom of Josephine and cried: 'I'm going to leave you; the Pope shall divorce us'; so the millionaire did.

"Mrs. Corey lost forty pounds of flesh during the critical period. Corey sailed for Europe. He returned in June. She thought he would return to her; but he did not. Corey's mother stood by the woman; Corey's sister wept with her. They wanted the husband to go home to his wife; he refused.

"Allan L. Corey, the only issue of their marriage, was sent for by the father during the summer of 1905; He said: 'I have left your mother. I shall never return. She is a good woman. But you cannot understand my leaving. Your place is by her side.'

A Broken-Hearted Wife
"Mrs. Corey heard this and she said: 'We will go west, where we can forget the past.' Divorce was farthest from her mind at this time. Nervous, broken in health and heart, she chose Reno as a place of residence. The Fulton house here was selected as a residence. The lease has been renewed for another year. The son has arrived from a Connecticut school to be with her.

"Plans for divorce were made in June of this year. The president of a billion dollars steel corporation is the defendant. However, there is no money involved in the case. If there were, we would not be here today."

A small woman, with black hair, blue eyes and dark complexion, attired in white with black elbow gloves, in all simply and plainly dressed, Mrs. Laura Corey took the stand. She bore bravely the strain of the questioning of District Attorney Craig. The substance of the testimony of the divorce is as follows:

"The commencement of the differences between my husband and myself began after our removal to New York. We have been unhappily married. There was no particular incentive for the culmination of the differences. He left for Europe and never intends to return to me. My husband did not write to me while away, and he made no efforts for reconciliation. He stayed in Europe for two months, but I knew when he returned. I have never seen Corey since that time. Mental distress has seriously affected my health since the estrangement. Only my unpleasant position caused me to bring this suit. Newspaper notoriety over his actions in New York had nothing to do with our separation."

Miss Corey's Denunciation
To Miss Ada Corey, a woman with as much determination and will power as had been accorded her brother, belongs the honors of the anner witness. Like her sister-in-law she is a middle-aged woman, a blonde, and attired in black and white as simply as Mrs. Corey. While on

the stand she showed evident prejudice against the deserter of a wife. Even when the counsel for the defense objected, so determined was she to score her brother, she told all she knew.

"I talked the matter over with Corey after his return from Europe, asserted Miss Corey. "In the summer and again in the fall of last year. He said absolutely that he would not return. Mrs. Laura Corey did not send me to her husband to make any pleas. I went with my mother. Argument being of no avail with my brother, I came west with Mrs. Corey. I have been with her almost constantly since that time. Although she has been sick since coming here she is now nearly recovered. The people here have been kind to her."

Miss Corey made sensational charges against the prevalent high society, such as the associates of millionaires in New York. It was while giving these assertions that she told the counsel for the defense that she was no doubt prejudiced against her brother for his desertion. And during the succeeding minutes she scored the steel king repeatedly, even though he is her brother.

"The mother is the only fit and proper custodian of Allan L. Corey," stated the witness. "William Ellis Corey has never shown the proper attitude of a father, and he should not be awarded the child."

Not Fit Associates
"I do not think the men of New York are the men with whom a boy should associate. My opinion is not based on what I have read, nor from my personal acquaintance with all the dissolute persons of whom I speak, but the associates of William Ellis Corey gave me cause for this impression.

"The effect of New York society is the cause of the estrangement of Laura and Ellis Corey."

"William Ellis Corey has no right to the custody of my nephew because of these companions in New York. They would corrupt the boy. I do not know that the people with whom Allan L. Corey would come in contact are dissolute; but they would have a decidedly ill effect on my nephew were he allowed to live with his father."

"I am a pronounced advocate of my sister-in-law, my mother is also."

Allan L. Corey took the stand to reiterate the statements made by Attorney Redding in the complaint. He showed that he cares little for the father who deserted his mother.

The suit was closed at noon, no witnesses being introduced by the defense. The counsel for the plaintiff argued the case and it went to the jury. But one ballot was taken, and it was unanimously in favor of granting the divorce. Following are the names of the jurors: A. D. Gould, T. R. Biggs, C. E. Clough, E. I. Holcomb, C. J. Anderson, W. D. Phillips, Sol Levy, Bert Linn, J. C. Gallagher, James Dwyne, Freeman, Elwood Beemer and Charles Short.

District Attorney W. B. Craig handled the case for the plaintiff, associated with him were Attorneys Joseph D. Redding of New York and John S. Orr of Reno. Attorneys Chadbourne and Summerfield acted for the defense.