

CHANT OF PENANCE FROM BABIES' CRIES.

Clergyman Harmonises Christening Sobs as Psalm Setting.

BACH-LIKE CADENCE.

Babies who cry have found their champion. An infant, when in tears, it has just been found, emits certain musical sounds which can easily be harmonised into the form of a chant or even a secular song.

This singular discovery has been made by the Rev. N. Bonavia-Hunt, a curate of St. Matthew's Church, Willesden, N.W., who has composed a chant founded upon the wailing cries of infants.

This chant will be sung to-morrow at St. Matthew's Church.

It will be used as a setting to the words of Psalm 137, beginning: "By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept."

How he came to write such a strange chant was explained yesterday by Mr. Hunt, who has been at St. Matthew's for over six years.

"During my stay in this parish I have naturally had to conduct many baptisms," he said. "Being of a musical turn of mind it occurred to me that the cries of the babies were remarkably similar, and rose and fell in the same cadences.

LIKE A STEAM SYREN.

"Children's cries always come 'down'—like the syren of a steamer—while I found that the sequence of the notes were usually seconds or sevenths, and, in a few cases, sixths.

"Why not attempt to harmonise these cries in a chant which should be a true reflex of human sorrow and emotion?"

"So I set to work and wrote the chant, which only consists of ten consecutive chords.

"The treble is like the baby's cry, the alto is a more subdued wail, while the bass and tenor represent as far as possible the sorrowful cries of adults.

"It is very difficult to write an original chant, as there is very little scope for new combinations of chords, but I think a novel effect is produced by this 'crying' chant of mine.

BOYS' LUSTY NOTES.

"In listening to the wailing of babies I have found very little difference between boys and girls, except that the former may be a little stronger and more lusty."

Mr. Hunt played over the chant on the organ at St. Matthew's Church. The treble is remarkably like the wailing cries of a baby, rising and falling in despairing tones.

The effect is almost startling in its realism, but at the same time the whole makes a perfect chant—especially appropriate to the sad words of the 137th Psalm.

When Mr. Hunt happened to play this chant over to some people (who were quite unaware of the foundation of the music) they came to him and said, "Why, it was just like a baby crying!"

SONG OF DESOLATION.

"I have also tried to interpret babies' cries into a song I have written, called 'Desolation,'" continued Mr. Hunt.

"The words of the song, written by my sister, start off, 'My heart is full of heaviness, it weepeth, weepeth sore, and here I have endeavoured to incorporate human cries of sadness.

"At christenings I have noticed the babies' notes go up to a seventh and then descend. When the babies take a fresh breath up go the notes again to the original pitch.

"All human cries can be put down in music. Bach is a master in this respect—notably, the cries in his Passion music."

PUBLIC WHIST DRIVES ILLEGAL.

That public whist drives are illegal was decided yesterday by the Divisional Court.

There was an appeal by a Mr. Alfred Morris, of Salford, the promoter of a whist drive in that place in September, 1911, against a fine of 10s. imposed on him by the local Court.

After hearing arguments by counsel as to how far games into which skill entered as well as chance are permissible, the Lord Chief Justice said that it was not necessary to decide that all games of cards played for money were unlawful.

He dismissed the appeal because in the present case the element of chance predominated.

Mr. Justice Avory: The persons playing belonged to both sexes. (Laughter.)

£3,818 FOR STRIKE VICTIMS.

Below are given the latest contributions received from Daily Mirror readers to our milk fund for hungry babies and mothers, the total of which to date is £3,818 6s. 4d.

SUBSCRIPTIONS—TWENTY-SIXTH LIST.

Vernon S. Alabons	£5	0	0
Mary B. Penny-Snook	0	10	0
Third Collection by Mary	0	5	0
E. Lloyd	0	3	0
Collected per G. Stone, The Neptune, How	0	3	0
Ellin (Balford)	0	5	0
N. M. of Golder's Green	0	2	0
C. Friend	0	2	0
G.	0	2	0

DUKE'S PRIVATE COAL MINE.

As a result of the inconvenience which he and his tenantry experienced during the coal strike, the Duke of Devonshire is having a pit sunk on the moors near Chatsworth House, Derbyshire. Two seams of coal have been found.

FOUNDER OF CHIVALRY ORDER SENTENCED FOR BIGAMY.



Mr. Hugo L. Ames, the founder of the Sir Galahad Order of Chivalry, and Flora Matilda Ames (otherwise Wilson) pleaded guilty to bigamy yesterday, and were each sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the second division. Portraits of both appear above.



DARDANELLES MENACE.

Closing of Straits Completely Paralyzes Black Sea Shipping Trade.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 26.—The newspapers here publish a statement by the Acting Minister of the Interior to the effect that the Dardanelles will remain closed.—Exchange.

The Foreign Office telegraphed to the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce yesterday that the stoppage of traffic in the Dardanelles was occupying the serious consideration of the Government, and they were aware of the detriment involved to neutral shipping.

According to Reuter, the Ottoman Government has not reached any decision with regard to the reopening of the Dardanelles. The belief is expressed, however, that steps will be taken to admit neutral vessels as soon as possible.

Complete paralysis of the Black Sea shipping trade has resulted from the closing of the Dardanelles.

"There are at least ninety ships loaded with grain on the Black Sea side of the Dardanelles waiting to get through," said a prominent member of the Baltic Exchange to *The Daily Mirror* yesterday.

"At least another ninety ships are waiting on this side of the Black Sea to load grain, and fully a hundred steamers are at present loading at various ports in the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov, and they will not be able to get through.

"We cannot get any steamers to take on charters for any business all through May, because the owners say it is impossible to forecast how long the present state of things will last."

It is satisfactory to learn, however, that there is no probability of any advance in the price of bread in England owing to the restricted supplies of wheat from Russia. In fact, prices of wheat in Mark-lane were lower yesterday.

"At this time of the year," said a corn merchant, "we import comparatively little grain, and the new season's supplies will not begin to arrive until about June."

TWO CHANNELS FLOWN IN A DAY.

Mr. Hamel Crosses from France, While Mr. Hewitt Flies to Ireland.

A fresh record in flight was set up yesterday when two airmen crossed two channels—from France to England and England to Ireland—in one day.

The flight across the Irish Channel was accomplished by Mr. Vivian Hewitt, who left Penrhos Park, Holyhead, at 10.30 a.m., and after attaining a great height safely covered the sixty-four miles of sea and landed in Phoenix Park, Dublin, at 11.45.

The crossing of the Channel proper was made by Mr. Gustav Hamel, who, with Miss Davies as passenger, flew from Hardelot Plage with the intention of proceeding direct to London.

He passed over Dover at five o'clock, and later descended at Canterbury. He will resume his journey to Hendon to-day.

UMBRELLA TRAGEDY.

William Ward, of Richmond, arrived at Plymouth yesterday from Perth, Western Australia, where he was arrested for the alleged murder of Mr. Ernest Nixey Smith, who was fatally wounded at Chiswick in November, 1908, with the steel point of an umbrella.

SIR GALAHAD SENTENCED

Six Months' Imprisonment for Both Accused in Ames Bigamy Trial.

Withdrawing their plea of not guilty for one of guilty, Hugo Lawrence Ames, who founded the Order of the Knights of Sir Galahad, and Flora Matilda Ames, otherwise Wilson, were sentenced at the Old Bailey yesterday to six months' imprisonment in the second division for bigamy.

The case arose out of proceedings for divorce brought by Mrs. Kate Ames, the male defendant's wife. A marriage certificate showed that the female defendant, who was described as the divorced wife of Arthur Montanare, was married in 1897 to a Mr. C. N. Wilson. The latter, it was stated, was still alive.

The two defendants, said counsel for the prosecution, went to America, where by means of perjured testimony Ames obtained a divorce from his wife, Mrs. Kate Ames. Documents from Idaho showed that someone must have impersonated the real wife there.

Counsel for the defence pointed out that Ames came of an ancient and honourable Bedfordshire family, and that in 1858 he was an Attaché at the English Embassy in Washington.

Asked if he had anything to say before being sentenced, Ames drew himself up and, in strained tones, said:

"I did not deliberately set to work to do anything. I acted from the outset in a perfectly open and straightforward manner, as I understood it, for the betterment of conditions, which, so far as I could see, could under no circumstances have been improved.

The female defendant made a long statement, in which she said that she was the mother of six children and the grandmother of two. She also said:

"My Lord, the truth of the story will never be known. Nobody ever knows what lies behind it. It is all that is lying behind and is concealed from your Lordship that is the trouble.

"I honestly and truly believe that fidelity is the marriage bond of God, and there can be no happiness in any life where that is not pre-eminant.

"At all events, my Lord, I can make no excuse. If I am supposed to be intelligent, I have committed a great folly. I honestly and truly believe that Mrs. Kate Ames can get her entire freedom and that she will eventually be a happy woman. I dearly love Mr. Ames. He has been my husband now for nearly two years, and he is incapable of doing an unkind action.

Mr. Justice Coleridge said both defendants in America made the malevolent suggestion that Mrs. Kate Ames had deserted her husband. The Idaho divorce was obtained by fraud, and was not worth the paper it was written on.

WHAT IS PEACEFUL PICKETING?

Magistrates Decide That Throwing Eggs at Non-Strikers Is Not Peaceful.

What is peaceful picketing?

It has always been a moot point as to exactly how far strikers can go in their efforts to "persuade" other men to leave off working, and to some extent the question was decided yesterday by the magistrates at Letchworth Garden City.

The case arose out of a recent strike of engineers at Letchworth. A collision had occurred between the pickets and the picketed, eggs and stones were thrown and some men were injured.

Sixty-eight summonses were issued against twenty-eight of the pickets, and yesterday, when eleven of them were dealt with, two were found not guilty and nine were fined £1.

THIS MORNING'S NEWS ITEMS.

A convict, one of a gang returning from work, attempted to escape from Princetown yesterday but he was shot at by a warder and re-captured.

Cardiff Corporation yesterday granted the municipal tramwaymen's demands, thus ending the strike.

After forty-four years' service at Windsor Castle, Mr. A. Y. Nutt, M.V.O., the King's Resident Architect, is retiring this year.

South Australia has established a new world's record in an egg-laying competition, says Reuter, at Roseworthy, where six pullets laid 1,589 eggs in twelve months, an average of over 264 each.

Queen Mary, accompanied by two of her sons, motored to Hampton Court yesterday and inspected the royal gardens.

After an all-night debate, Mr. Roosevelt has won the Missouri Republican Convention, says Reuter, delegates being instructed to vote for him.

The Prime Minister, with the King's approval, has requested Field-Marshal Sir William Nicholson to become a member of the Committee of Imperial Defence.

SALONICA, April 26.—The ex-Sultan Abdul Hamid has sold his collection of stamps, which is stated, have been bought by an Englishman for £40,000.—Exchange.

LOVER TO PAY £3,000

Prohibited from Living Within Ten Miles of Married Woman.

HUSBAND'S TERMS.

An agreement by which a wife's former lover was prohibited from coming within ten miles of her was enforced yesterday in Mr. Justice Eve's court.

At the same time, the man in question was ordered to pay £3,000, which he had agreed to forfeit if he broke his undertaking.

In March, 1911, Mr. Henry Charles Upton, of Fyning Foley, Rogate, Hampshire, filed a petition for divorce against his wife, Ellen Serenia Upton, citing as co-respondent Mr. Malcolm Margrave Henderson, who then lived at The Wylds, Liss, within ten miles of Fyning Foley.

There were negotiations, the result of which was that Mr. Upton consented to forgive his wife and take her back to live with him.

A condition was that Mr. Henderson should bind himself by deed, not, for fifteen years, to come within ten miles of the Fyning Foley mansion house, provided that it remained in Mr. Upton's possession.

The deed also appointed trustees, who were to receive £3,000 from Mr. Henderson, and to pay him the income from that sum so long as he kept his covenant. If there were a breach the money was to come to Mr. Upton.

NOT AGAINST PUBLIC POLICY.

Mr. Justice Eve was told that Mr. Henderson had on several occasions last summer broken the agreement by coming to The Wylds.

Mr. Clayton, K.C. counsel for Mr. Henderson, argued that the agreement was invalid because it was against public policy. It was illegal, he pointed out, to withdraw from a divorce suit for a monetary consideration, and this was a similar case.

The agreement also restricted the liberty of the subject, and was, therefore, an illegal imprisonment.

The Judge said that public policy was better suited by compelling a seducer to keep to his promise than by allowing him to break it.

There would be an injunction, and an order for the payment of the £3,000, and costs.

It was arranged that Mr. Henderson should have a week's grace for the purpose of removing his belongings.

HARRY LAUDER—ORATOR.

Popular Comedian's New Role to Plead the Cause of the Pit Ponies.

Mr. Harry Lauder appeared in a new role yesterday when he delivered a speech on behalf of the pit ponies at the annual meeting of the National Equine Defence League at Caxton Hall, Westminster.

Mr. Lauder has the cause of the poor little pit ponies very much at heart, for, as he explained to the audience, he was a miner before he was a comedian, and acted as pony driver.

"I was in the mines for ten years," he said, "and I never saw nor heard of a mines inspector asking, 'How is your pony getting on?'"

Mr. Lauder referred to the fact that a mines inspector had stated that he had offered 140 prizes to men for being good to their ponies.

"I wonder," he said, "what would have happened if there had been no prizes offered. It is very low water mark when a man has to have some inducement to be kind to a wee pony. We must have pit pony inspectors appointed and paid by the Government."

FAMOUS SURGEON DEAD.

Sir Frederick Wallis, Vice-President of the Union Jack Club.

Soldiers and sailors have lost an enthusiastic friend in Sir Frederick Charles Wallis, who died suddenly yesterday morning from heart failure at his residence, 107, Harley-street, W.

Sir Frederick, who was only fifty-three years of age, was considered to be the most expert abdominal surgeon in the country. He was surgeon to Charing Cross, Grosvenor and St. Mark's Hospitals.

The Union Jack Club in Waterloo-road, of which he was vice-president, was to a great extent the outcome of his solicitude for the service men.

After the South African campaign he met his friend, Miss McCaul, one of the lady nurses who did such excellent work during the campaign under Sir Frederick Treves, and as the result of the meeting he decided to promote the club as a national memorial to the soldiers, sailors and marines who died in the war.

BANDITS' HAIR DYE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PARIS, April 26.—Despite the active search of the Paris police, Bonnot, the mysterious chauffeur who murdered M. Jouin, the Deputy Chief of the Paris C.I.D., is still at large.

At the house at Ivry which was the scene of the drama, the police have found a bottle of hair-dye in a bag left by Bonnot when he took to flight. It is composed of nitrate of silver and sulphate of sodium. Bottles of similar mixtures were found at the houses of other members of the band.

KILLED IN POINT-TO-POINT RACE

Through his horse falling at the Dartmoor Hunt point-to-point race yesterday afternoon, Mr. Halifax, well known in the Devonshire hunting field, fell and broke his neck, death being instantaneous.