

## LEAVE FAMILIES; ELOPE TO EUROPE

Architect Frank Lloyd Wright  
and Mrs. Edwin H. Cheney of Oak Park  
Startle Friends.

## ABANDONED WIFE LOYAL

Spouse Victim of a Vampire, She  
Says, and Will Return When  
He Can; Other's Hus-  
band Silent.

A wife pledging faith in a husband gone with another woman, and avowing affection for him in the face of knowledge of his act two abandoned homes where children play at the hearthside, and a fly-by-night journey through Germany, in which a prominent Oak Park architect has as his companion the wife of a Chicago manufacturer—these are features which make an affinity tangle of character unparalleled even in the checkered history of soul mating.

Frank Lloyd Wright, whose fame as a designer of original conceptions in residence structures extends to foreign shores, left his Oak Park residence early in October, ostensibly to publish a portfolio of plans in Berlin. He sailed from New York and later was heard from in the German capital.

About the time of his departure Mrs. Edwin H. Cheney, wife of the president of the Wagner Electric Manufacturing company and the Fuel Engineering company of Chicago, with offices in the Marquette building, disappeared from the residence of a friend in Colorado with whom she had been spending the summer.

Mrs. Cheney with Wright.

Efforts to establish the whereabouts of Mrs. Cheney, guided by circumstances which already had linked her name and that of Mr. Wright in gossip in Oak Park society, led to the discovery that she has been the companion of the architect for a month in Germany and now probably is traveling with him en route to Japan.

In Berlin Wright has had apartments at the Hotel Adlon, where he registered "Frank Lloyd Wright and wife, Chicago." His business address in the German metropolis has been in care of Ernest Wasmuth & Co., architects, 35 Markgrafenstrasse. At this address Wright has received mail from Chicago friends, and cablegrams and letters addressed to Mrs. Cheney by relatives here have been called for and received there by her.

Neither Wright nor Mrs. Cheney, who posed as man and wife at the hotel and at the Wamumth company offices, had any explanation to offer when Mrs. Cheney claimed letters and dispatches addressed to her in her own name.

Four days ago they gave up their apartments in the Hotel Adlon, left no address, but announced that they were going to Japan.

Remarkable Conditions Disclosed.

Investigation of the circumstances surrounding the elopement of Wright and Mrs. Cheney, which will occasion astonishment among acquaintances today and confirm a suspicion which has been strong in the minds of relatives and intimate friends, reveals conditions unusual in character. Here is a wife who poses as a co-warrior and defender with her husband in the struggle against the lure of another woman and a husband who, suspecting the intrigue in which his wife was implicated, has denied its existence and sought by every means to win her back to the love now trampled upon and spurned.

That Wright is the victim of a strange infatuation against which he has battled for years is the declaration of Mrs. Wright, now living in the seclusion of her Oak Park residence, surrounded by her six deserted children.

With a faith in the abiding affection of her husband for her and an open assertion of her love for him, she expresses confidence that he will conquer an infatuation which has led him away, and she believes he will return to his wife and children.

Mrs. Wright's Faith Unshaken

"My heart is with him now," she said to a reporter for THE TRUTH yesterday. "He will come back as soon as he can. I have a faith in Frank Wright that posesseth understanding, perhaps, but I know him as no one else knows him. In this instance he is as innocent of real wrongdoing as I am."

Mrs. Wright was reluctant to admit that her husband was in the company of Mrs. Cheney, though not denying that their relations for several years past in Oak Park had been such as to occasion trouble in the Wright household which almost led to separation.

Expressions of continued affection, pledges to endure whatever the future might have in store for the sake of children and husbands as well, followed the perusal of cablegrams which established the fact that Wright and Mrs. Cheney were together.

Discovery of the hotel register signature led to an inquiry by THE TRIBUNE at the offices of Wright's business connections in Berlin. From Wasmuth & Co. it was learned by cable that Wright had visited the establishment accompanied by a woman whom he introduced as his wife.

#### Gets Mail in Wright's Care.

They called for mail from America and the pseudo Mrs. Wright accepted letters and messages addressed in care of Wasmuth to M. B. Cheney. Neither offered any explanation, though clerks in the German architectural establishment hesitated at turning over the mail to Wright's companion.

After Wright and the woman left Berlin, announcing that they were going to Japan, others' letters reached the Wasmuth office addressed to M. B. Cheney, and these were followed by a cablegram four days ago to the Wasmuth company signed by E. H. Cheney and inquiring if the letters and messages sent previously had been delivered. This message read:

"Have letters and cablegrams sent in your care been delivered to M. H. Cheney?"

The architectural firm sent the following cable in reply:

"Partially, holding remainder."

**Cablegram Not Delivered.**  
This message never reached its destination. It was addressed simply "Cheney, Chicago." It was returned undeliverable. The only "Cheney" cable address was that of the Columbian Bank Note company, of which C. C. Cheney is president. At the offices of this concern the message was started on its way back.

At the Wasmuth offices now are several thick letters addressed to M. B. Cheney, the