

FIGHT IS MADE TO PROVE BABY MYTH

Agents of Dead Millionaire
Resist Mrs. Gay's Efforts
to Cut Into Estate.

WOMAN ACCUSES DOCTOR

Threats Declared to Have Been
Made to Put Her in Asylum and
to Take Child From Her if
She Told Secret.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 8.—Although the court hearing will not be resumed until September 21 in the sensational proceeding of Mrs. Estelle Cooper Gay, wherein she seeks a large slice of the estate of John C. Mayo, depositions are to be taken on both sides. Meantime the questions whether Mrs. Gay ever gave birth to the Mayo baby and whether the baby is being hid by representatives of the late multi-millionaire's estate, have stirred lively partisan discussion in a large part of Ohio and Kentucky.

In her testimony in court Mrs. Gay said that she was with the late millionaire during the last three or four years of his life. She last saw him alive in January, 1914, at her apartment in New York City. Her baby, she said, was born June 9, 1913, and shortly before its advent into the world she charged that Dr. S. J. D. Meade and Mr. Mayo held a conference as to its future existence. She said Dr. Meade had been employed by Mayo to act as her physician.

Threats Said to Have Been Made.

On the day after Mayo died, Mrs. Gay said she was operated on at Roosevelt Hospital in New York City. When she was recovering a mysterious individual named "Jack" called her up, and said if she told anyone of the existence of the child it would be taken from her. He also told her that she would disappear as well as the child.

In July, 1914, she returned to Cincinnati. Dr. Meade, she alleged, called on her and said that she would cause much trouble for everyone if she said anything about the baby. He threatened, she alleged, that if she failed to follow instructions she would never see the baby again. At his request she told two of Mr. Mayo's business associates that the baby was dead.

She told of threats to put her in a lunatic asylum and charged that while she was ill at the Roosevelt Hospital, in New York, an attorney for the Mayo estate told her that he had her where he wanted her and hoped she would starve to death.

She told of a conference in New York, where she said she received \$1000, and \$500 a month until the Mayo estate was settled was promised her, when she was to receive \$500,000 for herself and the child.

Son Wanted by Millionaire.

Attorney Tyree produced a statement written by Mrs. Gay in which she detailed her relations with Mayo. This statement declares that Mayo strongly desired to have a son. "He thought he would be a brilliant man," she says in this statement, adding: "The baby resembled the father, but lived only an hour."

The witness was asked to reconcile her present statement, but she only replied that Dr. Meade had instructed her to say the baby was dead.

Attorney Tyree in a long statement asserts he took up Mrs. Gay's case with the belief in her story that she was the victim of a great injustice. He made efforts to have the agents of the Mayo estate settle fairly with her. She then dropped her attorney and planned to settle direct.

Then, according to Attorney Tyree, Dr. Meade was unable to collect for his services.

"I am satisfied Dr. Meade is telling the truth when he says that she never had any child born to her in Cincinnati to his knowledge," he continues.

MOTHER OF BABY THAT AGENTS OF DEAD MILLIONAIRE DECLARE IS MYTH.



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