

COURT TAKES SON FROM MRS. SLOAN PENDING HEARING

Judge W. A. Cant Orders Child Given to Uncle in Divorce Suit.

The "mysterious" disappearance of Cecil Sloan, age 7, reported to Duluth police Wednesday night, was merely a new step in a long standing legal controversy between the boy's parents, who are separated, it was learned yesterday. Cecil was taken from the home of his mother, Minnie Camille Sloan, age 27, by agents of his father, Cecil Gerald Sloan, age 27, in accordance with an order issued by Judge W. A. Cant, court records show.

Each of the parents has battled for possession of the children since March when Mrs. Sloan instituted divorce proceedings against her husband on grounds of desertion. Although the divorce action has not yet come to trial, numerous hearings have been held in district court to determine which parent shall have custody of the children in the interim.

Charges and Counter Charges.

Mrs. Sloan, plaintiff, asserts that her husband left her, in December, 1918, naming a woman at Ironwood, Mich., as co-respondent. Sloan alleges that his wife has had improper relations with other men and that she has not taken proper care of their children. Mrs. Sloan claims that Sloan's mother, Mrs. Rose Sloan, 32 West Second street, contrived to have her sent to an insane asylum for eight months.

Sloan's latest move was an affidavit, filed in district court yesterday, alleging that his young son, Cecil junior had told of his mother's alleged relations with other men. Judge Cant ordered that, until a hearing to be held tomorrow, the boy shall be placed in care of Clark Sloan, his uncle, and Gwendolyn Sloan, his aunt.

The Sloans were married at Antigo, Wis., April 6, 1911. Sloan served in the army from September, 1917 to December, 1918.