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## WOMAN DOCTOR IS SENTENCED

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### Mrs. Chairman Gets a Year on Abortion Charge.

A five times married Hungarian woman physician, one of whose husbands was said to have once been arrested on a charge of assassinating a former Premier of Hungary, was sentenced to a year in the penitentiary today in General Sessions on an abortion charge. When Judge Jacob Gould Schurman Jr., explained that he was being lenient in the sentence because she suffered from a cardiac ailment, Mrs. Alice Chairman, the 56-year-old defendant, bowed low and said: "Thank you, Judge. God bless you."

(Mrs. Chairman, who lives at 233 East 81st street, practiced medicine here legally until 1940, when her license was revoked and she was put on probation after an abortion charge. She was arrested again on September 4 and charged with performing an illegal operation on a 19-year-old mother of twins who discovered that she was again pregnant. On two previous occasions when she was to have been sentenced on the charge, Mrs. Chairman had collapsed in court, but today withstood the ordeal.

(Hugo Laehne, who spent some time in the U.S. in the early 1930's, was undersecretary of Agriculture in the Károlyi cabinet, 1918)

### Of Wealthy Family.

According to the long probation report, the woman comes of a wealthy and aristocratic family in Hungary and obtained her doctor's degree from the Royal Hungarian Scientific Society in Budapest in 1918.

She was first married in 1907 and was said to have brought her husband a dowry of \$250,000. Her husband, identified in the report as Hugh de Laehne, whom she divorced in 1914, was said later to have become Secretary of Agriculture in the Hungarian Cabinet. From 1915 to 1917 she was married to a Hungarian physician, and from 1919 to 1921 to a Viennese Army officer. In the latter year, after her divorce, she married Imre Czernayack, who was described as a cavalry officer in the first world war and the first president of the revolutionary movement committee in Hungary after the war.

In 1919, according to the report, her husband was arrested in Vienna as one of the principals in the assassination of Count Tisza, former Premier of Hungary. Austria refused to extradite the husband to Hungary on the

ground that it was a political murder, and he was later released from custody. The couple then came to the United States, where the husband changed his name to Irving Chairman. They were divorced in 1928, and Mr. Chairman was said to have married a daughter of his former wife by her first marriage. In March, 1929, the woman physician married again—this time Elmer de Szemo, her cousin and fifteen years her junior, in Hoboken, according to the probation report. They are now separated.

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