

HUGHES DROPS CASE IN DIVORCE COURT

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When lawyers decided yesterday that his charge of desertion was not sufficiently substantiated to make a case in court, Tom Hughes, millionaire politician and retired business man, dismissed his divorce action against his wife, Gertrude Ozmun Hughes, but said he will revive it if he can secure evidence.

Hughes filed his suit following an action brought by Mrs. Hughes, in which she made the unusual assertion that she consented to marry him upon the understanding that he was to transfer \$500,000 worth of his property to her. She declared that he proposed to her fifty times and finally told her that unless she consented to become his wife he would lose an opportunity to become United States senator.

After Mrs. Hughes failed in her suit to gain possession of the property in question, Hughes sued for divorce on grounds of desertion. She has been living in her own home and he has been making his home at the Union League club. Last night at the club he admitted that he had asked that the case be stricken from the superior court calendar.

"I didn't seem to have enough evidence to justify court action," he remarked.

When asked if Mrs. Hughes was making any further attempts to gain possession of any of his property, Mr. Hughes said:

"No, she isn't doing a single thing to annoy me, and I don't think that she will."