

Mrs. Dilling Called Topper

Special Correspondence

CHICAGO, Apr. 3. — Albert Dilling swore in Superior Court yesterday that his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, isolationist author of *The Red Network*, frequently got drunk in the presence of their two children.

Testifying in his suit for divorce, Dilling said that in the last few years Mrs. Dilling was almost constantly intoxicated and filled in sober periods by doping herself with sleeping tablets.

His testimony came at the first orderly session of the divorce trial. It was orderly because Judge Rudolph Desort excluded spectators at the start of the session and later admitted only a limited number passed by police. Between 300 and 400 women, described by Dilling as his wife's followers, crowded into previous sessions and shouted interruptions at testimony against Mrs. Dilling, starting four fights in one hour at the height of their indignation.

Session Uneventful

Yesterday's session fell rather flat. The important fireworks was scheduled to come with the playing of a record of Walter Winchell's Mar. 1 broadcast, which, Mrs. Dilling alleged, slandered her. But Judge Desort ruled that the possible slander had no bearing on her husband's charge of drunkenness.

The court also put off, until after the divorce trial, sentencing of Mrs. Dilling for contempt of court. She was cited last week after her alleged followers interrupted testimony by starting fights. (*See Heard and Overheard, Page 23.*)