

### AWARDED DIVORCE FROM 'LONE BANDIT'

Mrs. Frances M. G. Becker, of This City, Wins Decree Against Train-Robber Fugitive

### JULY PETITIONS RECORD

A sequel to the escape from prison of Frederick A. Becker, known as the celebrated "lone bandit," while he was serving a long sentence was revealed in divorce proceedings before Judge Shoemaker and Patterson in Court No. 1 today.

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the sobriquet of the "lone bandit" was attempted by him in February, 1912, when single-handed, wearing a mask, and using two revolvers, he held up a Baltimore and Ohio train at Everett tunnel, near Keyser, W. Va., on the state line. Becker had lived in the locality for some time. He was caught, however, and after a trial at Oakland, Md., he was sentenced to eighteen years in the penitentiary of that state. He broke jail on September 28, 1918, and has never been found by the police. The suit of his young wife for a divorce was entered in April, 1917. She has never seen Becker since his arrest nor heard from him in any way since his escape from jail.

in this class of cases, the judges allowed the divorce. Another divorce granted by Court No. 1 was that to Laura B. Martin, who sued her husband, Walter K. Martin, better known by his psychic pseudonym of "Kenilworth," seer and crystal gazer. While the respondent's mind may soar in the realms of the mystic, Mrs. Martin accused him of misbehavior, cruelty and indignities. The details of the cruelty and indignities to which she was subjected are sealed in the report of the master, who heard the testimony.

fronted with no less than 277 applications for final decrees of divorce, women largely predominating as libellants, or those who brought the suits. Virtually all the applications will be granted either today or tomorrow. Many of the cases have been pending for a year or more. The reason for the heavy toll of the divorce mill is that there will be only one other list, fixed for August 2 in Court No. 8, until the third Monday of September. Every year there is a heavy demand to have divorces put through in July before the lists are suspended for the summer term.

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The reason given for the discharge of Lord is "political activity." Lord is an active Vare man in the Twentieth division of the Forty-second Ward, where he is a ward committeeman for Michael Bennett. At the last election he fought against Andy Froesch, administration leader there, but was unsuccessful. Joseph Phillips, former police ser-

gant and Froesch leader, will probably take the position.  
**Boy-Sleepwalker Hurt**  
Having played all day with firecrackers, John McGinnis, aged twelve, of 6839 Lansdowne avenue, was sent to his room to rest yesterday afternoon. While sleeping he evidently had a nightmare and started to walk from the

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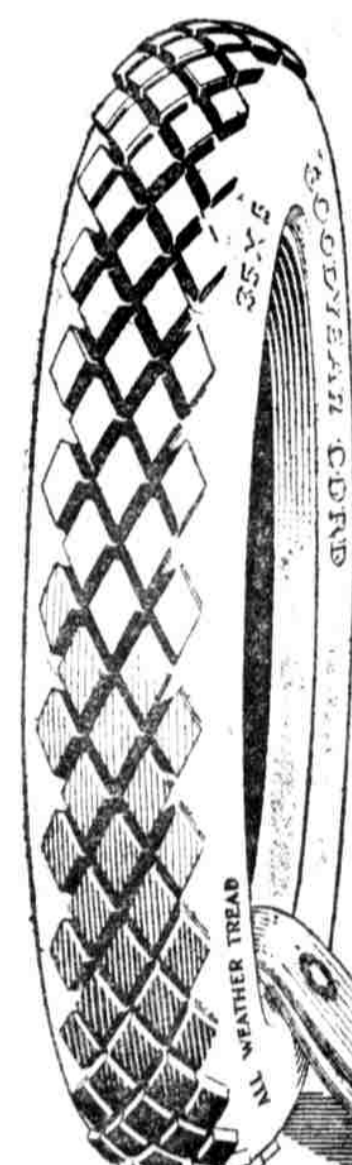
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