

WIFE DESERTERS SHOULD BE SHOT

Cincinnati Women Stirred by 2700 Cases in Three Months Appeal to President

SHOULD BE EXECUTED ON SPOT

If the Traitor to His Marriage Vows Surrenders Quietly He Should Be Jailed for a Long Term in a Federal Prison.

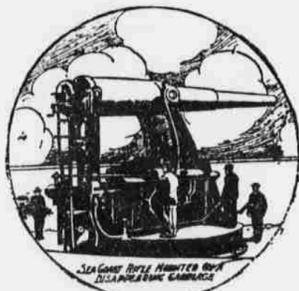
Cincinnati.—Six hundred earnest women of the Cincinnati Woman's Christian Temperance Union decided that a husband who deserts his wife should be punished precisely as Uncle Sam punishes a man who deserts the army or navy.

In a word, these ladies vow that a wife deserter, who, being apprehended, tries to continue his flight, should be shot on the spot. If he surrenders quietly he should be jailed, perhaps in Fort Leavenworth, for a long term. The 600 Cincinnati women, most of whom are married happily—which is to say that the others are unmarried—met in special session and voted unanimously to write to the President and ask him to put wife deserters under the same unitive laws as army and navy deserters. And the Cincinnati women voted to ask their sisters of the women's clubs in New York and Chicago to sign the letter to President Taft, too.

Some appalling figures were presented to the meeting. It was reported authoritatively that no fewer than 2,700 cases of wife desertion have been discovered in Cincinnati alone during three months.

Any mathematician, indeed any spinster, will tell you that, counting a month as thirty days, and presuming that the 2,700 husbands disappeared during the last ninety days, this is an average of thirty desertions a day. To go into fractions, one and one-sixth husbands have taken to the timber during each hour of every day for ninety days.

This picture of all Cincinnati mankind feeling, presented as it was on the 23d, suggested writing on the subject to President Taft, a devoted husband and father. And the women here already are framing a letter to those of New York and Chicago asking them to join in a conference which will appoint a lobby to go to Congress and urge a law making the punishment of wife-deserters fit the crime.



Newest Type of Coast Defense Gun Adopted by the U. S. Government.

FINDS A NEW POLAR LAND.

Whaler Bower Penetrates Region New to White Men.

San Francisco.—W. J. Bower, a well known Arctic whaler, has arrived here from Point Barrow. Bower had the distinction of penetrating Prince Albert Land, where white men had never been seen before.

With several others on the gasoline schooner Olga he reached a point about 1,800 miles east of Point Barrow. There they found a colony of natives different in type from Eskimos. They resemble Indians in face and figure.

Bower was bitten by one of the enormous spiders that abound in Prince Albert Land and lost the sight of an eye. Some of these spiders were six inches long. They appeared when it began to thaw in the spring.

FINDS BURIED TOLTEC CITY.

Prof. Mens Makes Archaeological Discovery in Mexico.

Mexico City.—An important archaeological discovery was announced here by Prof. Ramon Mens, who headed a Government expedition to Otumba, State of Mexico, which has uncovered a buried city of great antiquity. A pyramid similar to that uncovered at San Juan de Teotihuacan was exposed. The pyramid is sixty feet high and 200 feet square at the base. The remains indicate that the city was built and occupied in the time of the Toltecs.

'CHUCKS TOOK LANTERNS.

Farmer Had Placed Lights in Garden to Frighten Animals.

Winsted, Conn.—Woodchucks, as he believed, stroyed his garden in the night, so Henry Blum of Huckleberry Hill, in Avon, placed lanterns at each end of it in an effort to frighten the animals away.

Daylight showed that the supposed woodchucks, after using the lanterns to select their plunder, had carried them away with the vegetables. Blum is now on the lookout for a woodchuck with a lantern.

DOG AIDS THIEF IN AUTO

Picks Fowl from Roost and Carries Them to Machine—Trained to Rob Henhouses.

Cinton, N. J.—Jersey justice, whip in hand, is looking for an up-to-date chicken thief who is riding about the country in an automobile and using a trained collie dog to rob the hen roosts. The plan of the thief is to visit the farmer first in the guise of a poultry purchaser for the holiday market. He takes the collie with him. In the course of the negotiations for the poultry for delivery between November 15 and December 1, the thief makes an excuse for visiting the hen house to see that the poultry is kept properly. While the visitor is making an inspection the dog is nosing around and becoming familiar with the surroundings. Fancy prices are offered for the poultry, and after a promise to pay promptly on delivery the deal is closed.

After giving a lecture on proper poultry raising the stranger drives away in his machine, and the happy farmer goes in to tell his wife of the splendid prices obtained. Afterward the automobile poultry thief drives around to the same place in the night time. He sits in his automobile and one by one carries the chickens from the roosts to the auto and delivers them to its master. The dog knows its business so well that it grips them by the neck firmly enough to prevent their squawking and yet not hard enough to kill them. Turkeys, geese and ducks also receive its attention.

Jacob Herman and John Van Woert, two of the farmers who have lost their poultry this way, went to Monclair to look for the man. They say he gave the name Sandy Farkerson, and said he lived in Montclair. No such man is known there. The farmers would like to have a five-minute interview with him.

To Miss Helen Van Woert belongs the credit of uncovering the game. She was aroused by the barking of a black-and-tan dog. Getting up she went to the window and saw a small automobile standing in the road in front of the house. Miss Van Woert also saw an animal of some sort running to and fro between the auto and the yard. The farmer was aroused. He used his night glasses and saw that it was collie. Seizing his gun he started to open the door to do a little shooting. The click of the lock alarmed the chicken thief. He whistled for his dog and rushed away at top speed. With them went seventeen of the farmer's chickens.

MELONS RAISED ON A BOTTLE.

Branch Vine Inserted in Sweetened Water Helps Growth.

Bloomington, Ill.—Watermelons raised on a bottle have added new fame to the Carroll county products. The process is simple, consisting of cutting a runner or branch vine immediately back of the developing melon and inserting the cut end of the vine into a bottle of water sweetened with sugar.

The water is quickly absorbed, resulting in increased size, rapid growth and greater sweetness. One melon raised this season after this treatment weighed eighty pounds. Carroll county is the watermelon centre of Illinois. Where the soil is adapted to melons the crop is the most profitable that can be grown.

The season opens the middle of August and is now about at an end. About 300 carloads have been shipped out this season, ten solid trains of thirty cars each. About \$30,000 has been paid to the growers for their fruit. One grower realized \$2,000 from a forty-acre field.

DESTROY INFIDEL'S MONUMENTS

They Contain 15,000 Words Denouncing the Christian Religion.

Kenosha, Wis.—After standing for nearly fifty years, the monuments of Lewis Knapp, an infidel who died ten years ago, are to be removed from the Kenosha Cemetery. The denunciation of the Christian religion contained on the monuments is to be entirely lost, as the agreement for the removal of the monuments with the relatives of Knapp is that they are to be broken up, and completely destroyed.

The inscriptions on the monuments are made up of more than fifteen thousand words, and in them is a bitter attack on the Christian religion and the priesthood.

AEROPLANE AS MOTOR CAR.

Santos-Dumont Expects to Use His on Ground or in Air.

Paris.—Santos-Dumont at Saint Cyr reduced the record previously held by Curtiss for the shortness of the run of an aeroplane prior to taking wing from eighty to seventy yards. Three thousand persons witnessed the experiment.

Santos-Dumont says he expects in a few days to be able to use his aeroplane as a motor car along the road, rising at will and descending again to resume running upon the ground. He believes that he will further reduce the distance necessary to traverse before rising to forty or fifty yards.

Put Limit on Newsboys' Voices.

St. Louis.—Police in the business district ordered to put the "soft pedal" on newsboys' voices have adopted this rule: A "newsie" must not shout "Utry!" loud enough to be heard more than half a block if there is another newsboy at the next corner.

STRANGE ROMANCE OF THE PLAINS

Two Braids, a Famous Apache Chief, Finds He Is Not of Indian Blood

NOW ASKS GOVERNMENT AID

After Forty Years with the Red Men Thomas Stringfield Applies to the Authorities to Be Restored to Citizenship.

Washington.—Two Braids, chief of a tribe of Apache Indians, has made application to the government to be restored to citizenship, and this brings to light a strange story, for this Indian chief is not an Indian at all.

For nearly forty years Two Braids has been known as an Indian and has supposed himself to be an Indian, but he has just learned of the fact that he is really Thomas Stringfield, white man, who was captured 44 years ago by a band of Apaches in a raid in McMullen County, Tex. His father, mother and elder brother were killed in the raid, and his little sister was left for dead, with several ugly wounds from the Apaches' tomahawks. But the little girl survived, was adopted and reared by an uncle and is now living not many miles from the scene of the massacre. Her name is Mrs. Ida Hatfield, and she and her brother have been reunited.

Two Braids tells an interesting story of that part of his life which he remembers. Reared in an Indian camp, it was natural that he should fall in love with a woman of his race, and about thirteen years ago he married Bright Moon, daughter of another Apache chief and niece of the notorious Geronimo. Two children were born of this union, a daughter, Nucki Two Braids, who is now ten years old and has won fame for her horsemanship and rifle shooting, and Starlight, a bright little son now three.

Two Braids first learned the true story of his life from an old warrior



Chief Two Braids.

named Death Face, one of the most treacherous of Apaches. About a year ago on his death-bed this Indian told Two Braids that he had not a drop of Indian blood in his veins, and that he was a paleface and had been kidnapped by the Apaches 40 years ago in Texas. Death Face could not remember the name of the place, but he described the incident and the locality. Two Braids took up the trail, which he followed with dogged tenacity for 12 months. When he had found the spot and met old residents who remembered his parents he received permission to leave Fort Sill reservation in Oklahoma, and, taking his daughter with him, he traveled back to the scene of his childhood days. He met his sister, and the battle-scarred uncouth warrior and the gentle paleface woman wept for joy for their recognition was mutual and positive.

Though living with the Apaches for 40 years, Two Braids swears he never took a human life and that he worried about the crimes his brothers committed on the raids to which he was a party. Twenty-three years ago, when a band of Apaches was rounded up and captured in western Texas after a long series of depredations including murders, burning of farm property and pillage, Two Braids was in the band. They were taken to San Antonio and shipped from there to Florida and later to Fort Sill, Okla.

Two Braids' hair is long, but not as black and not as coarse as an Indian's. His cheekbones are not high.

With his sister he visited the graves of their parents, who were laid to rest at the mouth of San Jose creek and on the banks of the River Nueces. Two Braids is raising a fund with which to erect a marble shaft to the memory of his parents and the subscription list has grown to several hundred dollars.

HAD TO WASH FEET OF BOSS.

Domestic Also "Manicured" His Toes, but Got No Pay.

Kansas City, Mo.—Because, she alleges, it was necessary in the performance of her duties as housekeeper to daily wash her employer's feet and manicure his toe nails, for which she received no compensation, Hattie Rappas instituted civil proceedings to recover from N. Lope, her former employer, \$26, which she declared was due her in wages.

NEW HEAD OF GOTHAM COPS

William F. Baker Appointed Commissioner by Mayor McClellan to Succeed Gen. T. A. Bingham.

New York.—William F. Baker, who has been appointed police commissioner to succeed Gen. Theodore A. Bingham, has had more experience in



William F. Baker.

office-holding than in police matters, though he has been connected with the force for a long while, and at the time of his appointment was first deputy commissioner. He was secretary to Bird Coler when the latter was civil service commissioner, and from that position was transferred to the post of deputy police commissioner and put in charge of the borough of Brooklyn, then he was transferred by Gen. Bingham and established at headquarters. The feeling in general is that the appointment is political and that it means a renewal of friendship between Mayor McClellan and Murphy, the Tammany chief, and harmony between McCarren and Murphy.

USING FEW DRUGS NOW.

Hospital Ban on Ambulance Gongs—Tubs, vs. Shower Bath.

Washington.—Fifteen years ago the average expenditure for drugs per capita on cases in American hospitals was \$2.50; to-day it is 51 cents. This was the gist of a paper read to the American Hospital Association by Dr. R. R. Rose, Superintendent of the Buffalo General Hospital. He told the physicians that the directors of hospitals have learned the curative power of fresh air, light, water, mental and other drugless treatments.

Dr. Ross also touched on the ambulance evil. He pointed out that many cities have abolished the clanging of ambulance gongs and the sensational gallops after patients. He said that these practices of former years brought more patients to the hospitals than the accidents to which the ambulances were summoned.

The doctors have finally taken into account woman's vanity, and a long discussion of the relative merits of the tub and the shower bath in hospitals was a victory for the tub bath champions, on the plea that women preferred the tub because it did not get their hair wet.

NO CLOCKS IN CHURCHES.

Methodist Preachers Decide That They Are Too Distracting.

Cincinnati.—The Methodist churches of Ohio will hereafter be conducted without clocks.

This was one of the weighty matters decided by the conference at Jackson, Ohio. It was adopted upon the recommendations of Bishop Thomas B. Neely, who said that he found clocks an attraction which continuously disturbed his congregations and himself.

"You will never know what 'quiet blessedness' is until you get rid of them," said the Bishop. "People continually turn around to see what time it is and you as ministers naturally follow their gaze and cut short your sermons."

Then the resolution was read and adopted.

"LICK" WIFE IF SHE FLIRTS.

So Decides Judge Fake of Chicago in a Sample Case.

Chicago.—Frank O'Connor was walking down Michigan Boulevard with his wife. O'Connor was watching the automobiles go by and he avers his wife was watching the men. He asserted that when a peculiarly dashing pedestrian passed she smiled on him and then said: "Isn't that a handsome man?" He struck her and both were arrested.

When arraigned before Judge Fake O'Connor explained the case. "A woman's eyes and words should be for her husband alone," quoth the Justice. "Discharged!"

Smoking in Church.

Dayton, Ohio.—In order to stimulate interest in the afternoon meeting for men, the Rev. Thomas W. Cook, pastor of St. Andrews Episcopal Church here, announces that he will permit smoking during service. Invitations have been sent broadcast asking the men to attend the meetings, bringing their smoking materials along.

Preachers Must Eschew the Weed.

Kansas City, Mo.—The Northwest Missouri Methodist Conference adopted a committee report suggesting that a law be passed prohibiting the use of tobacco by any prospective member of the conference unless he gave a pledge to discontinue the habit.

Neatly Put.

Two Quakers were having an argument and one considered the other was speaking falsely. This is how he reproved him:

"Friend Thomas, I will not call thee by any bad name, but if the mayor were to ask me who was the greatest liar in the town I would hasten to thee and say: 'Thomas, I think the mayor greatly desireth to speak with thee.'"

Giant at Head of Buffalo Police.

At the last convention of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, in Buffalo, the biggest man present was Michael Regan, the head of Buffalo's police department. Chief Regan could easily qualify for New York's crossing guard's squad, as he stands six feet four inches in his stockings. He was elected vice-president of the association.

As Observed.

"Golf is a good deal like the piano," observes the grouchy old sportsman. "It's generally played by people that don't know much about it."

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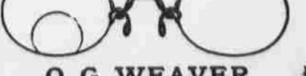
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