

Mother Leaves Baby on Porch; to Be Adopted

Mysterious Phone Call Leads John Patterson to Discover Homeless Waif—to Become Part of Family.

"Please adopt my baby boy, Wendell, born March 13. I cannot keep him." (Signed) "The Mother."

This is the note, written in a coarse hand on cheap note paper, found beside an unidentified baby by Mr. and Mrs. John R. Patterson, 2315 State street, when they obeyed a mysterious telephone command to "look on your front porch," at 3 Friday morning.

Clad in rags and wrapped in newspapers, with a partially filled nursing bottle by its side, the month old child was apparently content with its open-air home when Mrs. Patterson, mother of two children, took it up and carried it inside.

Masculine Voice Calls.

Aside from the telephoned command and the note, neither police nor the Pattersons have any clue to the identity of the child. Patterson only knows that a masculine voice called him at an early hour Friday morning.

"Outside," was all it said, then the receiver was hung up.

Patterson returned to bed. The phone rang again.

"Get the parcel outside," the voice said.

Patterson did, and found the child. Although the Pattersons have a son, Frank, 16, and a daughter, Mary, 17, Mrs. Patterson declared she would probably adopt the child.

"Room for One More."

The Patterson home is not large, but "there is always room for one more, according to Mrs. Patterson, who was holding the child tightly in her arms when police arrived to investigate.

The child never whimpered under the scrutiny of police officers and seemed to realize that it had found a home.

Careful examination of the note found beside the child showed an attempt at disguise of the handwriting, police stated, but thorough investigation to determine the identity of the writer will be made.

Blue Eyes, Curly Hair.

Mrs. Patterson emptied the skimmed milk from the bottle as soon as she got the child in the house and heated some richer milk for it. The baby eagerly received the bottle and presently dropped off to sleep.

The Pattersons say that they will have the child examined by a doctor and if it is healthy they will adopt it.

Mrs. Patterson intends to call the child Gordon Wendell. Patterson is employed at the Blaugas company.

Wendell is a pretty baby, although undernourished, and has big blue eyes and curly hair.

The baby has been taken to the child savings institute until adoption papers can be drawn up by the county court.

JUDGE TELLS GIRL WIFE SHE ERRED

Julia Driver, 3114 South Eleventh street, married a Fort Omaha soldier named Leland Driver, last November, she testified in domestic relations court Friday in her suit for divorce. Her mother said she went to see Driver after he had left her daughter and found him in the guard house.

"I should worry about her," said Driver, according to the mother. "I'm getting letters from four other girls."

"You married too young, married a soldier whom you scarcely knew and married a man who couldn't support a wife," Judge Day remarked to the young wife.

BAKER NEGLECTS SICK WIFE, CLAIM

Elsie Bakke, 2222 Burt street, wept while she testified in domestic relations court against her husband, Andrew, a baker.

"He didn't give me over \$10 a month the last two years," she said. "When I had the flu he didn't even come in the room to ask how I was for three weeks."

They have agreed on a property settlement, whereby she is to receive \$1,000 at the rate of \$25 a month.

WIFE REFUSED TO COOK HIS MEALS

Frank Molinari testified in domestic relations court that he married a woman with five children in Missouri a year ago. He said he came home and found a man who, his wife said, was her cousin. His wife wouldn't prepare his meals, though he gave her his pay checks.

PROWLERS COVET CENTRAL MARKET

The second attempt to rob the Central market, Harney street between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, in the last week was discovered this morning by Patrolman Dodendorf. A side door was found mutilated with an ax. Evidently the robbers had been

Only One Saxophone in Saxony; Window Under Police Guard

Washington, April 11.—There's only one saxophone in Saxony and it is attracting so much attention that special police guards are kept in front of the shop which exhibits it to keep the crowds in order, the Commerce department has been informed by Consul D. S. Haven at Weipig in a report suggesting a new market for these instruments.

Jazz music has taken Saxony's cabarets by storm, says the consul, and he added that enough saxophones should be sent there to enable Saxon musicians to learn their secrets.

RUHR CONTINUES DELIVERY IN KIND

By Associated Press. Dusseldorf, April 11.—The representatives of the German industrialists in the Ruhr area have agreed to continue deliveries in kind provisionally to the allies after the present agreement with the occupying powers, known as the "Meunin" arrangement, expires on April 15. It was announced today. The new provisional agreement, according to the Havas agency, is to be effective pending "a settlement between the governments upon the basis of the experts' conclusions."

Thomas Sworn in as Dry Chief

No Immediate Change in Personnel of Office Is Planned.

Elmer E. Thomas was sworn in as prohibition enforcement director for Nebraska to succeed U. S. Rohrer, resigned, at 9:25 a. m. Friday. The oath was administered by John Nicholson, deputy clerk of the United States district court. James T. Worthington, who has been acting director, served as witness. James English and Attorney H. J. Pinkett also were present.

Robert Samardick, who has been asked by Thomas to become his group chief and who is yet undetermined whether to accept, did not witness the ceremony. Thomas stated he contemplates no change in personnel under him at this time. Shortly after receiving his oath, Thomas issued a statement addressed "To the People of Nebraska," in which he quoted President Coolidge and Woodrow Wilson. He declared he would start incessant war with commercialized bootleggers. For the present, Thomas said, he would confine his entire activities to Omaha, but within 30 days, when he expected to reorganize the department, he would begin drives in other parts of the state.

Among those that paid their respects to Thomas was Frank L. High, superintendent of the state Anti-Booze league. High said he urged Thomas' appointment. High praised Samardick, who has as yet not accepted the post as assistant under Thomas. Among those that visited Thomas during the morning were: J. Dean Ringer, Samardick, J. C. Kinser, George Keyser, Dan Horrigan, W. E. Briggs and H. J. Pinkett.

Kentucky Coal Men Sit Tight

Make No Answer to Governor's Suggestion Concerning Arbitration.

Frankfort, Ky., April 11.—Up to an early hour today Governor Fields was without a reply from Belle county coal operators to his second invitation to arbitrate their differences with miners in that district. William Turnbaker, president of Dis-

trict No. 15, United Mine Workers, from his headquarters at Knoxville, Tenn., wired last night his acceptance of the governor's invitation to a conference to be held here Saturday night. "Keeping the troops in Pineville costs the state considerable money; there must be immediate arbitration in this matter," read the governor's suggestion. "There is no occasion to arbitrate," was the only statement so far from R. H. Atkins, general manager of the Liberty Coal and Coke company, at whose mine 300 militiamen are now on duty with two tanks.

man of the Union Pacific, died at the home, 2903 Vision street. He had been a resident of Omaha for 30 years. He is survived by his wife, five daughters, Mrs. Frank Woolsey, Mrs. J. Hourigan, Mrs. Madeline and Frances, all of Omaha.

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