

WITTMAN'S WIFE SELLS HER JEWELS

She Pleads with Judge Woodrough for Sake of Her Unborn Baby.

IS LOYAL TO PRISONER

Mrs. Xavier W. Wittman, young and pretty wife of Xavier Wittman, accused of using the mails to defraud, appeared before Federal Judge Joseph Woodrough and pleaded that her husband be set free with a cash fine instead of a prison sentence. She tearfully told the judge that she could not bear to bring her child into the world with the knowledge that its father was a convict. If he would grant her this request, she said, her husband would plead guilty to the charge of using the mails to defraud. Judge Woodrough told her that he could do nothing in the matter and that the law would have to take its own course.

Fights for Him.

Mrs. Wittman, who is a native of Sydney, Australia, was wooed and won there while police authorities all over the United States were searching for Wittman. Since his capture she has stood loyally by him and has even sold her jewels to enable her husband to fight his case.

Judge Woodrough Tuesday reduced Wittman's bond from \$4,000 to \$3,000.

The prisoner is the erstwhile head of the Electro-Oxygen company of this city, which claimed to put forth a panacea for all human ailments. He is charged with having used the mails to defraud in connection with his business. A. L. Sutton is defending him.

Shafer Company Plans New Plant

M. F. Shafer & Co., advertising specialists, are going to build a \$150,000 home at Seventeenth and Webster streets. Ground for the building will be broken in the early part of February.

To make sure that their new quarters will have every modern facility, W. E. Shafer, vice president of the company, and John McDonald, architect, left Tuesday for a tour of advertising houses in the east. Valuable suggestions they get there they intend to embody in the new structure.

Two Taxis Collide And Salesman Hurt

Charles J. Carlson, salesman of Des Moines, Ia., was seriously injured, when the automobile in which he was being driven to the Union depot to catch a train collided with another taxi at the intersection of Fourteenth and Dodge streets. Carlson was thrown to the pavement and received internal injuries. He was taken to the St. Joseph hospital.

The car Carlson was in was being driven by Ira Ehrenreich. L. R. Brunson was the driver of the other car. Both were arrested and held for reckless driving.

Live Fish in Mail Package Scares Clerk

Shenandoah, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—When Miss Christine Swanson, a mail clerk at Hamburg post-office touched a package in the evening delivery and it flopped, she gave a shriek that brought the force and the postmaster to her rescue. It happened this way: Stanley Opelt's father lives across the Missouri river at Peru, Neb. He sent Stanley a fresh fish that evening and it was of the buffalo species, noted for longevity. When the young woman picked up the package containing the fish it wiggled and squirmed fiendishly and she dropped it like a hot potato.

Sixteen Killed in Anti-Deportation Riot in Belgium

Amsterdam, Dec. 12.—(Via London.)—Sixteen persons were killed and several mortally wounded in a riot at Tourcoing on the occasion of the deportation of 300 civilians by the Germans, according to the Echo Belge.

The paper says that the riot started when one of those ordered deported was struck on the head with a rifle butt by a German soldier because he did not walk fast enough. Thereupon the crowd of spectators rushed at the soldier, and a general melee followed, the German troops using their rifles. The account says that a squadron of cavalrymen had to charge the crowd before order was restored and that fifty arrests were made subsequently.

Perseverance is the Cardinal Virtue in Advertising.

How to Cure Coughs and Colds. Keep out of drafts, avoid exposure. Eat and live right and take Dr. King's New Discovery. In use over 40 years. Guaranteed. All druggists.—Advertisement.

Mrs. William Leet, Pretty Omaha Girl Who Eloped, Asks Maintenance

Alleges that Her Husband is Squandering His Fortune in Riotous Living.

ARE SOCIALLY PROMINENT

Pretty Mrs. William A. Leet, nee Anne Robertson, is suing her husband, "Billy" Leet, 20, wealthy sportsman, for separate maintenance. The young couple's elopement created quite a sensation nearly two years ago on account of the youth and prominence of the principals and because of a threat to annul the marriage, made by the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Lida Leet.

Mrs. William Leet is the daughter of Mrs. E. L. Robertson and is a sister of Mrs. Fred Hamilton.

In her petition filed in Carroll county, where the Leets own a farm at Manning, on which a luxurious home and other modern features, such as a swimming pool, have been erected, Mrs. Leet charges:

That on October 10, "Billy" deserted her, refusing to contribute to her support.

That for more than a year prior to his leaving her, he squandered large sums of money in prolonged debauches in Chicago and other cities, materially dissipating the large fortune left him by his father.

That "another woman" entered their marital tribulations in Chicago last October. She names one Maxie Goodwin as co-respondent and declares that she had not condoned the alleged intimacy;

That although "entitled to a divorce on account of his conduct," she is unable at this time to institute such proceedings as she has forfeited her residence in Nebraska; that Leet, since the 10th day of October, "has absconded from the state" to escape service of summons, and that finally she has not resided long enough in Iowa to qualify for divorce.

Mrs. Leet claims her boy husband



Mrs. William Leet.

is still the owner of \$150,000 worth of Iowa property; that she waited for him to return to their magnificent farm near Manning, and that anxiety and worry attendant upon the vigil produced a nervous breakdown which caused her to be confined for several weeks in Miss Stewart's hospital in Omaha.

Judge E. G. Albert of the Sixteenth judicial district of Iowa, after hearing Mrs. Leet's application, granted a writ of attachment against \$75,000 worth of Leet's farming lands in Carroll, Audubon and Guthrie counties in Iowa, to secure her demands for separate maintenance. The writ is issued without bond for Mrs. Leet, and was executed at Rockwell City, Ia., December 8.

Service was obtained upon young Leet at Manning, according to Fred Miller, clerk of the Carroll county district court.

Mrs. Leet has been in Omaha for several weeks past, visiting her mother after she was discharged from the hospital. She is said to have returned to Manning Friday, where she was met by Leet, who, according to reports from Manning, returned the day before from Florida.

WIFE OF ALLEGED BANDIT IS LOYAL

Louis is Good Enough for Her, Mrs. Assman Says, 'Even in Jail.'

VISITS HIM AT FREMONT

Right or wrong, in jail or out, A. Louis Assman, who with Tom Colcord is held at Fremont, charged with the robbery of the State Bank of Winslow, can bank on the loyalty of his wife. This was made plain by Mrs. Assman when seen at her pharmacy at North Sixteenth and Nicholas streets. "If he's good enough for me when he's out of jail and will work hard to support me, he certainly is good enough for me when he's in jail, and I will get along as best I can," she declared. And she added that "people who think otherwise are off their base."

Sorry for Colcord.

Mrs. Assman visited her husband at Fremont Monday, but, she said, she was not permitted to see him alone. She brought him a change of clothes and also supplied Colcord with clean linen. "I don't know Colcord," she said, "but I felt kind of sorry for him." She says she intends to visit Assman again in a few days.

Frank and Harry Goddard, arrested by the Omaha police on the suspicion that they aided Assman and Colcord, will be taken to Fremont today. It is said that they have not established the fact that they were here the day of the robbery, but officers who have investigated the case declare that the Goddard boys visited Winslow with Assman and Colcord a couple of days before the robbery.

To Select Officers for The Builders' Exchange

Nominations for the officers and directorate of the Omaha Builders' exchange are to be made this evening at a meeting of the members in their headquarters, sixth floor of the Barker block, at 8 o'clock. A nominating committee will be chosen, which committee will probably get together immediately and make up the nominations to go on the ballot. The annual election will be held the first Monday in January, which is New Year's day.

Gregory Says He Will Not Resign

Washington, Dec. 12.—Attorney General Gregory has no intention of resigning now or later, it was said authoritatively today. According to officials this makes it certain that all of President Wilson's cabinet will remain in office for at least a time after March 4.

Kellom School People Plan Two Big Meetings

Mrs. R. O. Freeman of Chicago will talk Thursday night at 8 o'clock before members of the Kellom school community center in Kellom school. Her subject will be "Give the Kids a Chance." Mildred Krasme will give a piano selection and Anne Melcher a vocal solo.

On Saturday night, Rev. John F. Poucher, ex-adjutant of the Fourth Nebraska regiment at the border, will tell of his soldier-life in Mexico. Piano selections by Miss Emile Phelps and vocal solos by John Gunn and Mrs. Longnecker are also on the program.

Thousands of Families Rely On This Kidney Medicine

About nine years ago the doctor had given me up, saying I had kidney trouble, enlargement of the liver and stomach trouble; that there was no medicine for me that he knew of that would help me, and hearing of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root I bought one fifty-cent bottle, which did me so much good I bought six one-dollar bottles. After taking this amount of Swamp-Root I was completely cured and have not consulted a physician since, and am doing my own work every day. When I feel any of the old symptoms coming on I go back to my old friend, Swamp-Root, which immediately gives me relief.

Very truly yours,
MRS. J. J. WEIDENTHALER,
Grand Island, Nebr.
Personally appeared before me this 8th day of October, 1915, Mrs. J. J. Weidenthaler, who subscribed to the above statement and made oath that the same is true in substance and in fact.

THEO. P. BOEHM,
Notary Public.

Letter to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.
Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You.

Send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample size bottle. It will convince anyone. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, telling about the kidneys and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention the Omaha Daily Bee. Regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles for sale at all drug stores.—Advertisement.

Toyland at the Central

Where you will find practical Toys for the children of any age. Useful Toys that will keep the hands and mind busy as well as Toys so amusing that even the grown folks must laugh. You are sure to find what you are looking for at this store, and you can save 20 to 50 per cent on every purchase.



Kiddie Horses

This popular exercise Toy comes in various sizes, like cut... .95c

- Drums
- Games
- Trains
- Autos
- Wagons
- Velocipedes
- Doll Carts
- Doll Furniture
- Child's Furniture



Teddy Bears
Three sizes, at—
40c, 80c and \$1.20
Electric Lighted
Eyes, in same styles,
\$1.50, \$1.75 \$2.10



Black Board on Easel, like cut, at... .19c

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Give the Genuine Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen

One of the useful gifts, in keeping with these days of efficiency and sensible gift giving.

At the Best Stores
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KNOW THE WORLD OVER BY THIS MARK OF SUPERIORITY

XMAS CARDS A. HOSPE CO., DOUGLAS ST.

Tom Moore Facts you should know

IT is surprising how few facts smokers know about their favorite cigars.

It is a good thing to have faith in a cigar as satisfying as Tom Moore, but it is better to have good reasons for that faith.

These facts may interest you:

Tom Moore's Havana filler grows in the garden grounds of Cuba.

This filler leaf is cured on Cuban soil, then mellowed by natural ageing in this country. This takes an average time of two years.

Tom Moore's mild wrapper comes from the Island of Sumatra in the Dutch East Indies.

Finally, Tom Moore Cigars workers (many of whom have been at their benches for twenty years), fashion Tom Moore's chosen materials into easy drawing shapes.

In every process we aim to preserve Tom Moore's Havana fragrance without sacrificing Tom Moore's essential mildness. And of this feat we are rather proud.

We would be very glad if this brief description of Tom Moore should interest you to smoke one or two for a trial.

TOM MOORE CIGAR-TEN-CENTS
A light hearted Havana
LITTLE TOM 5c

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There's an Electrical Gift for every member of your family—a gift that combines good taste with everyday utility.

For Father there's an Electric Engine and Radiator Heater to keep his automobile in good condition during the cold weather, an Electric Desk Lamp, a Shaving Mirror, or a Cigar Lighter.

Mother would be delighted with an Electric Washer, a Vacuum Cleaner, an Iron, or one of the dozens of table or toilet appliances.

A Traveling Iron, a Chafing Dish, a Boudoir Lamp, or an Electric Hair Dryer, would bring joy to the Daughter of the house.

Brother would be happy with Electric Toys, a Study Lamp, or a Couch Bracket, while Baby will soo his pleasure over an Electric Radiator, a Nursery Milk Warmer, or a Heating Pad.

Make this an Electrical Christmas.



Omaha Electric Light & Power Co.
Geo. H. Harries, Pres.



"Slippon" Slippers For a Man's Christmas Present

There is one Christmas present that a man always appreciates and that is easy slippers.

All men hope to find a pair beside their beds on Christmas morning—they might almost be called the Standard Christmas Present.

We have a big, new line of Men's Slippers, all sizes, many new shapes and styles, from \$1.50 to \$3.50 a pair.

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