

Wife Blamed by Senators When Hubby Deserts

Committee of Upper House Turns Down Treaty With Canada for Extradition of Men Who Leave Mates.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Who is at fault when a man deserts his wife? The lady, responds the foreign relations committee of the senate which has found in considering the treaty with Canada for the extradition of wife deserters that marital as well as international relations fall within its purview.

Holding this view the committee has voted against the ratification of the treaty, Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, the chairman, alone dissenting. He promises to carry the matter to the floor of the senate to win a two-thirds vote for ratification.

Senator Lodge points out that 40 states now have laws permitting the extradition of wife deserters so that a treaty with this provision would mean no new precedent.

Senator Pomerene, of Ohio, leads the opposition to the treaty and he will direct the fight against it if Senator Lodge makes good his threat of bringing it up on the floor. The senator insisted not without asperity during the committee's deliberation of the subject that he as a lawyer had found the women are almost invariably to blame in cases of wife desertion, in fact to such an extent is this true that when he represents the wife he says he kept her out of court for fear her sharp tongue will lose the case.

The Ohio senator believes that where there are children the father should be compelled to provide for their support and he has been in touch with the State department seeking a modification of the Canadian treaty to bring this about. But for the wife he has no sympathy and if he can prevent it there will be no treaty to return the husband whose wife has forced him to forsake home and country to begin live anew elsewhere.

American Film Firm To Get All German Releases for the U. S.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—A "film alliance" was made today between Germany and America, when after long negotiations an arrangement was finally perfected by which American promoters have obtained control of all the productions of the leading German moving picture producers for all English speaking countries.

Germany ranks second to America in film picture production and the alliance made today gives New York not only control of America but of German production as well for England, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the other English speaking British colonies.

The negotiations, according to the announcement, was conducted for the Famous Players by Ben Blumenthal and S. Rachmann.

Besides Pola Negri, Germany's famous star, the American, it is announced, also get the services of Ernest Lubitsch and another of Germany's leading picture directors.

Central Nebraska Fair Names Officers

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special)—The directors of the Central Nebraska Agricultural association have reorganized for the ensuing year with the election of D. A. Dodge of Wood River, president; E. T. N. Alford, Cairo, vice president; Charles Taylor, Cameron, treasurer, and Rudolph Durtschi, Wood River, secretary. The board of managers will consist of Richard Goehring, sr., of this city, James Cox of Cairo, and Representative John McLellan of this city.

Moonshine Expensive, Fremont Man Finds

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special)—Two drinks of moonshine, according to William Mowler of this city, cost him exactly \$81.30, and the "bar-tender" who did the "profiting" was Judge A. K. Dame in police court. Mowler has been before the judge on previous occasions and police testified insists upon going on a prolonged spree about once every few months. Between times they say he is as sober as a deacon is supposed to be, and does not touch a drink.

Judge Dame said that he would try to break the habit, and administered a fine of \$75 and costs. Mowler raised his right hand and said "Never again."

Cuming County Farmers Union Discusses New Laws

West Point, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special)—The Cuming County Farmers union met here under the presidency of L. L. Lauritsen, representative-elect for this county and held a discussion relative to proposed legislation. The meeting was largely attended and went on record in favor of the following proposed measures to be introduced: A state bank and home building law, to relieve the present financial stringency; a law to abolish a party circle on the ballot, alleged to be destructive of the independent action of the voter; utilization of the water power now going to waste in this state, and the adoption of the Torrens title law.

West Point Starts Move For Commercial Club

West Point, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special)—A movement has been commenced in West Point for the organization of a commercial club. Up to this time the city has never had an organization of this kind.

New Law Will Cause Germany to Observe Cakeless Christmas

Berlin, Dec. 18.—Germany will have a "cakeless" Christmas. The Reichstag today passed a special law prohibiting under severe penalties the baking of any and all cakes, doughnuts and cookies by hotels, bakeries or cafes.

The ban includes the favorite coffee cakes and the famous New Year doughnuts, the eating of which is an old custom in Germany on the first day of the year.

Private families are not included in the ban. The purpose of the new law is to save grain and white flour for mixture with potato, rye, rice and other flours for bread, the scarcity of which is beginning to cause alarm that the consumption of all bread and cereals may be ordered.

The cafe proprietors association immediately called a meeting to consider the situation as the order prohibiting the making of cake threatens to ruin their business.

In the fight between the government and the Berlin hotels regarding the serving of white bread and butter, the National Association of Hotel Proprietors announce its intention of joining the Berlin movement by closing all the large hotels in the country.

Genoa Woman Wants Deed Given Lawyer Set Aside by Court

Columbus, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special)—An interesting case has been set down for trial in the district court at Fullerton, January 4. Mrs. Nannie Phillamalee asks that a deed she gave Attorney George Rose of Genoa, for a half section of land, be set aside. She declares she did not sign the deed, or if she did has no recollection of it.

Attorney Will Rose of Fullerton is also named as defendant in the suit, it being alleged that he acted as agent in the sale. The consideration was about \$30,000. Seven thousand of this was in the shape of South Omaha residence property. Mrs. Phillamalee alleges they secured a first mortgage loan on the place, paid her a few thousand dollars, gave her the South Omaha property and pocketed the difference, giving her as security a second mortgage on the property.

West Point Fraternal Orders Elect Officers

West Point, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special)—New officers elected for the Modern Woodmen of America are: Counsel, H. S. Badler; advisor, Guy H. Tuttle; banker, James Wostoupal; clerk, August Hanft. The Royal Neighbors elected the following: Oracle, Lizzie Koch; vice oracle, Ina Gillogly; past oracle, Edith Solt; chancellor, Bertha Dill; recorder, Bessie Howarth; receiver, Eva Tuttle; marshal, Bertha Krause.

Tigers' Actors to Show Stunts Here

Princeton Players to Present Comedy at Brandeis Theater Christmas Night.

The Princeton Triangle club, which will present the musical comedy "They Never Come Back" at the Brandeis theater Christmas night, dates back to the year 1891 when it was started by Booth Tarkington. Scott Fitzgerald is the latest literary light whose name has been connected with the club. Fitzgerald, who became nationally known by his book "This Side of Paradise," wrote in Who's Who of the Saturday Evening Post recently that he "went to Princeton in order to write the Tringle play."

Since its inception the club has had a long line of writers of literary reputation connected with its history. Among those who have played in the performances are many Nebraska men. Dr. J. H. Mahew of Lincoln wrote the music for the first Triangle play, Herbert Rogers, well known Omaha hardware man, played a leading part in some of the earlier performances. George Voss, son of Mrs. George Voss, of this city, is a property man on the present staff and will be here with the 75 members of the club at Christmas.

This year's play was written by E. H. Weaver of Indianapolis, president of the club, who plays one of the leading roles. He has taken part in a number of professional productions and is planning to go on the stage following graduation.

Savants Declare Coulon's Hypnotic Touch Unaccountable

Paris, Dec. 18.—Charles Richet, famous physiologist, winner of the Nobel prize, announces that the superior hypnotic touch demonstrated before the Academy of Sciences by Johnny Coulon, former bantamweight prize fighter, is obtained from force which as yet is unknown to science.

The entire corps of savants who witnessed the exhibition by Coulon are stirred by the apparently marvelous feats of the bantamweight, who performing stripped, successively rendered powerless the most famous scientists of France by the simple touch of two fingers.

Coulon denied that jiu jitsu figured in any way in the demonstration. He says he cannot explain where the power comes from. He declares he never used it in any of his fights.

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