

### N. Y. Man Slays Three Big Bears in Five Minutes

Such Is Story of Newspaper Correspondent Who Failed to Get Pictures of Bruins.

(Warning to New readers: You don't want to believe a word of this unless it is true. We simply pass it along as the faithful correspondent slipped it to us.)

Monticello, N. Y., Jan. 20.—Nook Hoomell, "of near this town" has been crowned the champion bear killer of Sullivan county.

"He accomplished a feat that no man has done or dreamed of doing in more than a half century," relates the Doo Freudian reader of dreams. Metamorphosing himself into the personality of Munchausen, the young fellow adds this: "He killed three large black bears in five minutes."

Declarating that "the killing of one bear is enough glory for a lifetime for a sportsman," the lad who works for The Bee here taps his type machine and reads it as follows:

"But to Nook Hoomell the slaying of three in a single day is all in a day's work. Where he lives—on the Barrens, three miles from Monticello—bears and rattlesnakes are more numerous than human beings, and Nook can shoot the head of a squirrel with a rifle at 200 yards. (Personally, we rather doubt this; we can't even see a tree, let alone a squirrel at that range.)

"A bear or two," says young fellow, "is nothing in the life of Nook Hoomell, but when these animals swoop down upon him in droves, swarms, regiments and armies, Nook begins to take notice. Then, this naturalist goes on: "Nook has never had any quarrel with bears. In fact he likes them. He says they are less deceiving than the animal called man. You always know where the bear stands and what he is going to do next, but when dealing with humans you are up a tree."

Here's What Happened.

Well, anyhow, this is what happened, according to Monticello Mike, the correspondent. Nook and his nephew, Sam Brassington, found some tracks in the snow, bear tracks. A bear came out from under a ledge of rock, "Bam," said Nook's gun and the bear was dead. There was a "snort and a roar," and out came another. Again "Bam!" and a second casualty in the Ursus family. But after that—

"A big bear leaped out, frothing at the mouth, growing like a fever in distress and eyes filled with hate that meant death to the man that came within striking distance."

Nook, so our correspondent swears "fired four shots into this bear's carcass before she yielded and fell over in a death struggle—and there lay the three carcasses in a pile, the fight having lasted less than five minutes."

The last words of the Monticello man's dispatch, we fear, provide what colloquially termed the tip off. He wired:

"Two of the bears weighed nearly 200 pounds each and the mother over 300 pounds. Cannot obtain pictures."

What we'd like to know is, why not?

Cost of Living Drops 21.6 Per Cent at Cincy

Washington, Jan. 20.—Figures on the cost of living in 21 cities, issued today by the bureau of labor statistics, showed a decline from June, 1920, to December, 1921, ranging from 12.5 per cent at Los Angeles to 21.6 per cent at Cincinnati, while declines from September, 1921, to December ranged from unchanged at Scranton to 2.9 per cent at St. Louis.

The percentages of decreases by cities from June, 1920, and September, 1921, respectively, to December, 1921, included the following: Boston, 19.2 and 1.5; Cincinnati, 21.6 and 2.5; Denver, 17.2 and 1.3; Kansas City, Mo., 18.9 and 1.1; Los Angeles, 12.5 and 2; Portland, Ore., 21 and 1.4; San Francisco and Oakland, 16.5 and .6; Seattle, 18.5 and 2.3.

Increases in prices in 11 cities on six groups of items, including food, clothing, housing, fuel and light, furniture and furnishings and miscellaneous between December, 1914, and December, 1921, were listed as follows:

Boston, 70.2 per cent; Los Angeles, 76.4; Portland, Ore., 58.3; San Francisco and Oakland, 63.6, and Seattle, 71.5.

President and Mrs. Harding Hosts to Diplomatic Corps

Washington, Jan. 20.—The president and Mrs. Harding last night were hosts to the diplomatic corps at the first diplomatic dinner of the new administration.

Last night's dinner was also the first formal affair of the kind at the White House in about six years, as President Wilson eliminated formal White House functions as a war economy measure.

Among the 80 guests were the ambassadors, ministers and charges d'affaires of all the foreign governments represented at Washington, the secretary of state and Mrs. Hughes, Prince and Princess Cantacuzene, and others.

Winterset Attorney Will Enter Judicial Race

Winterset, Ia., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—W. S. Cooper, Winterset attorney, has announced himself a candidate for the republican judicial nomination in this district. He is the first candidate, aside from Judge Applegate, to enter the race.

The terms of all three judges of the district, Applegate, Dugan and Hays, expire next January. The former, who has been on the bench continuously for 35 years, will be a candidate. Dugan and Hays have not indicated their intentions.

Farmer Near Belfast Shot in Spine by Gang of Men

Belfast, Jan. 20.—Three armed men took a farmer named Kelley last night from his home near Newtonards and shot him in the spine. His condition is serious.

### Dr. Fields Ready to Begin Sentence



Left to right: Mrs. Leslie Fields, Dr. Fields, Deputy Sheriff Pat Welch.

Still maintaining his innocence, Dr. Leslie S. Fields, sentenced to imprisonment for from one to 10 years for performing an illegal operation, made his wife farewell and stepped into the county jail at 11:50 yesterday morning.

Due to crowded conditions in the state penitentiary, he will be confined in the county jail until he is sent for by Warden Fenton. He was brought from his office to jail by Deputy Sheriff Pat Welch.

Mrs. Fields has opened a vanity shop in the Security building in order to support their little children, Lola, 10, and Elmer, 13, the doctor having spent his last cent in the fight to free himself.

Fields was arrested in August, 1920, after Ruth Ayer, 19, of Hayes Center, Neb., died following an illegal operation.

Wants Fields at Reformatory.

Lincoln, Jan. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Gus Miller, superintendent of the state reformatory, will make efforts to get Dr. Leslie Fields transferred to his institution after he is received by Warden Fenton of the state penitentiary to begin serving from one to 10 years on a charge of performing an illegal operation.

"We need a physician at the reformatory to aid the regular physician," Miller said. "Then too, Dr. Fields and myself are old friends."

See Want Ads Bring Results.

### 500 Present at 'Wed by Rev. Lowe' Farewell Party

First and Most Recent Couples Married by Pastor Here Included—Wives Eulogized.

That it is possible to be happy though married was demonstrated Thursday night, when fully 500 persons attended the "married" dinner at the First Methodist church.

Forty-five couples whom the church's pastor, Rev. Titus Lowe, had united in holy wedlock, including the first couple he married and the last, were among those present.

Earful of Advice.

The most recent couple to reply "yes" to Rev. Mr. Lowe's ceremonial questioning were Charles Betcher, 72, and his wife, formerly Belle Strover, 61. They were married Thursday afternoon by Rev. Mr. Lowe, and enjoyed the "marriage dinner immensely," they said.

Incidentally they received many earfuls of good advice from the "older married folks," including Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Watson, who were the first couple married here by the pastor. Their ceremony was performed October 22, 1913.

When Rev. Mr. Lowe leaves for New York, where he is to become secretary of the Foreign Mission society, he will have married nearly 1,000 couples, it became known last night.

Combs Draws Applause.

The pastor directed his remarks to the newlyweds, S. R. Kirkpatrick responded. Mrs. Charles W. Mead acted as toastmistress. W. Dale Clark offered a bit of advice for the unwed.

It was Tintley Combs who burst into oratory and stopped the "show," however. There were cheers when he said that "pens may scribble and brushes daub, but neither pens nor brushes can describe the grandeur of a wife."

"The wife," he said, "is a wonderful arrangement," and again the applause resounded throughout the church basement.

### Crazed Negro Kills Officer With Own Gun

New York, Jan. 20.—A crazed negro, awaiting examination as to his sanity, last night shot and mortally wounded Patrolman Otto W. Motz in a rear room of a police station. Motz, who had a wife and two children, died less than an hour later, shot with his own gun.

Whaley had been left in the rear room to await the arrival of an ambulance surgeon who was to examine him.

Patrolman Motz then came in with an offender and retired to the rear room to rest before returning to his beat. He removed his heavy topcoat, exposing his holster and gun.

As Motz turned his back, the negro snatched the revolver and fired. The bullet entered the patrolman's temple. Motz was 28 years old.

### Western Union Official Found Dead in Hotel Room

Long Beach, Cal., Jan. 20.—E. E. McClintock of Denver, district commercial superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph company was found dead in his room at a hotel here yesterday. He came here from Denver January 4, because of ill health. He was 54 years old.

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