

WAR IS DECLARED ON AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

WOMAN ASKS \$10,000 DAMAGES FROM SPOUSE WHO DIVORCED HER

VISIT TO CHILDREN IS SAID TO HAVE CAUSED ASSAULT

LOSTANT IS AGOG

SENSATION IS SPRUNG IN CIRCUIT COURT WHEN MRS. LUVANA SMITH FILES DAMAGE SUIT AGAINST EX-SPOUSE.

A \$10,000 valuation for an alleged thrashing she received has been placed upon the injuries suffered by Mrs. Luvana Smith when she was assaulted by D. E. Smith, her former husband.

Mrs. Smith, whose indiscretions with Charles Reynolds, a wealthy resident of Lostant, kept that village agog with wilder rumors, late yesterday afternoon filed suit in Circuit Court asking \$10,000 from her ex-spouse for assault and battery.

The only the praecipe was filed authentic sources trace Mrs. Smith's suit to an episode of August 31 last when D. E. was charged with beating his former wife while she was on one of her visits to their children who then, and are now, in his custody.

Mrs. Smith will claim in her bill of particulars that she was into the law when she went to their old home to gather up some of her trinkets and wearing apparel and at the same time visit with her three children—Mae, now, aged 9; George, aged 6, and Robert, aged 4. In the divorce decree which, by the way, was granted to Smith on ground of infidelity, it was specified by Judge Eldredge that Mrs. Smith could call on her offsprings as long as she made the visits between sunrise and sunset. It was while in the act of taking advantage of this decretal order that the alleged assault occurred.

To her counsel—Judge S. P. Hall of La Salle—she recounted the many things that happened while she was the victim of her husband's rage. She was given, according to neighbors, the regular old-fashioned matrimonial trouncing. Beat, checked, kicked, etc., as are invariably expressed in divorce bills.

Following her experience she became sick and was forced to undergo an operation for appendicitis, her affidavit to prosecute as a sane person set forth, and she has not been unable to earn for herself since that time.

Mrs. Smith was defendant in the sensational divorce proceedings in which Reynolds, a wealthy farmer, was prominently mentioned as one phase of the triangle. At the hearing there was mention of settlements between Reynolds and Smith, but nothing was said as to what amounts passed between the two men, following the exposure of Mrs. Smith's relationship with the co-respondent.

That there was a settlement, the complainant agreed.

The wife after admitting her misconduct, said she would follow the straight and narrow, but Smith averred it was not very long until he again heard that Mrs. Smith and Reynolds were being seen together during his absences from home. He then filed suit for divorce and was granted a decree July 5 with the provision that in lieu of alimony he pay his wife \$200 in full of any claims she might have against him. The children were given to the husband and now are living at his home. The Smiths were married in Ottawa June 20, 1896.

Smith is a renter and has a farm three miles east of Lostant. While the divorce case was not contested the suit filed here by Judge Hall promises to reopen all the past incidents that disrupted the Smith home. All of Lostant is having its hearing apparatus set in shape to attend the trial. To them a trip to Ottawa will be worth while, when the promulgance of the people concerned is considered.

Grandmas Not So Old.
Ester gazed long and earnestly at the picture of a be-creped and be-spectacled little old lady that headed her reading lesson. "Miss Brown," she said, wonderingly, at last, "they don't make grandmothers nearly so old as they used to, do they?"

OTTAWA'S LABOR IN RED CROSS WORK IS GIVEN RECOGNITION

NATIONAL BODY GIVES LOCAL CHAPTER THE ONLY QUOTA OF DRESSINGS ALLOTTED TO SMALL CITY—MEANS BIG TASK FOR LADIES.

Ottawa's bit in the great Red Cross work now going on in America is to be a big undertaking, according to a statement given out today by one of the ladies who is taking an active part in this great undertaking.

Ottawa has the distinction of being the only "small" city to receive a quota of gauze dressings from the national body, who has called upon the city to furnish 5,000 sponges and 3,000 compresses during the next ten days.

In an appeal for Ottawa to uphold its reputation of the past this statement to the Free Trader-Journal says:

The ladies of Ottawa who have folded the gauze dressings and the members of the surgical dressing classes of the Ottawa high school should feel highly complimented in the great drive for surgical dressings which is now on they have been called upon to furnish a special quota.

On account of the cleanliness, accuracy and excellence of the work they have shipped Ottawa, the only auxiliary outside the larger cities which is now on they have been way.

The quota for this auxiliary is 5,000 sponges and 3,000 compresses, which must be made during the next ten days and be in Chicago on December 19th that they may be draped and forwarded to France New Year's Day.

These are new dressings and are easy to fold. The instructors are at the rooms at the high school and are prepared to assist any one wishing to aid in the cause.

At a conference held in Chicago at the La Salle Hotel Thursday morning, Mrs. Glass, head of the surgical dressing department of this division of the American Red Cross asked that the American women bear in mind the sacrifices the English women are now making—some who before the war never fasted their own selves are engaged in field work, others are in the munition factories.

Why should not the American women forego their Christmas preparations this season and aid in relief work? This drive is being made for one of our soldiers.

Don't let Ottawa fall behind in her quota.

MRS. NELLIE DOWNEY WEDS THOS. WALSH

Mrs. Nellie Reedy Downey and Thomas Walsh, a well known Ottawa couple, were quietly married shortly after 8 o'clock Wednesday evening at St. Patrick's church by Father Hackett. They were unattended.

The bride was prettily gowned in a light gray taffeta silk dress with hat to match. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Walsh went to the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Bridget Reedy, 1924 Chestnut street, where they will remain until after the holidays, when they will go to housekeeping.

Mrs. Downey has been employed for several years as a clerk at the Lucey dry goods store. Mr. Walsh is proprietor of a saloon at 1321 La Salle street.

BRICKTON EMPLOYE INJURED ON HAND

John Schartz, 1417 Nebraska street, received a cut on his index finger of his right hand while working at Brickton this afternoon shortly after 1 o'clock. He was removed to the Ryburn hospital and Dr. P. J. Clure was called to dress his hand, after which he was able to return to his home.



—Greese in New York Telegram.

TWO ARE ASSESSED HEAVY FINES WHEN TRIED BY JUSTICE

STUTTERING NEGRO MUST PAY \$200 FOR STEALING BRASS FROM POOL HALL—AUSTRIAN WHO BERATED U. S. IS FINED LIKE SUM.

Yesterday afternoon proved a costly period to "visitors" to Judge Geo. Koehn's court. In the short space of time allotted them for hearing three men were given two hundred dollar fines and hustled back to the county jail to serve them out as wards of the county.

Henry Jackson, a stuttering negro, was the first to be called onto the carpet. Jackson, whose affliction would not permit him to connect up any two words at one time, was given a chance to plead. He grasped at the offer but his tongue would not serve him at the crucial moment and after he had sucked in and blown out enough air to inflate an army balloon while trying to start his "you honor" sentence, the court took it for granted he was hopelessly trying to say "g-g-g-g-g-g-g-g-g-g" and was assessed damages at the 200 mark.

Jackson was arrested Thursday by Deputy Sheriff Arthur Barrett who, after trailing him to a downtown feed stable saw him unfile a bundle of clothes from which he extracted two large pieces of brass. The brass formerly served as Kelm Bros. name plates and were worth originally about \$30. For their old metal they had a value of \$4.00 and were stolen from the Madison street pool hall.

Jackson is an itinerant negro who came here from Chicago in quest of employment, making his home in the darky settlement of South Ottawa.

Foreigner Assessed \$200.

On the eve of America's declaration of war on Austria-Hungary Justice Koehn was not willing to show any clemency toward Antone Ziedrich, a subject of the dual monarchy, when he was brought before him nominally on a disorderly conduct charge but in reality for attacking the American government. He admitted he had said something in a La Salle saloon that were not appropriate at this time and was ordered to pay \$200 or lay in jail until Uncle Sam was ready to handle his case.

Ziedrich is the man who said he would not serve in the United States Army and before he would permit himself to be enlisted he would cut his own throat. His threat was overheard by naturalized countrymen who are now loyal to America and they reported the case to the police.

Hinton Clabaugh's office is looking up the man's record and it is more than likely he will be taken charge of by government operatives before his term expires.

BROTHERS FOUND AIR GUNS PLACED UNDER CITY BAN BY POLICE DEPT.

MARSEILLES MEN ARE ORDERED COMMITTED TO LINCOLN—SEN- ECA BOY PLACED IN DETEN- TION HOME ON MOTHER'S RE- QUEST.

Two brothers, Paul and Joe Denning, of Marselles, today are on their way to Lincoln, where they will become patients at the state school for feeble minded. At hearing in Judge Mayo's court the brothers, one of whom is 34 years and the other 38, were found to be a menace to the community in which they lived and were ordered committed in the institution at Lincoln.

Born with this affliction no official steps were taken to have them declared feeble minded until yesterday. Complaints coming in that they were a menace caused action to be taken to have them taken away.

Seneca Boy Dependent.

Walter Green, a 19 year old Seneca boy, is a resident at the detention home, where he was ordered housed by Judge Mayo after a hearing for dependency in the County Court. The boy's mother is Mrs. Clara Green, who was forced to surrender her boy three years ago, since which time she has had hard times trying to keep her son properly clothed and fed and to educate him.

A temporary commitment was ordered by Judge Mayo, while efforts are being made to find Walter a permanent home with some deserving family.

MICK STORE MENACED BY BASEMENT FIRE

Fire that started in an ash box of the Carl Mick pharmacy caused a few minutes' scare to occupants of buildings near the corner of Main and La Salle streets this morning. Bright flames were discovered by Mr. Mick who wasted no time calling the department.

The blaze was extinguished before any great amount of damage was done. The store building was filled with smoke and some loss was caused to the stock.

Hot ashes thrown into the box are blamed for the hapless conflagration. It took the firemen only a few minutes to extinguish the blaze.

A Theory.
Fogg says that the reason the fashions change so frequently is that they are trying to elude some of the people who are following them.—Boston Transcript.

FREQUENT COMPLAINTS TO BRING WRATH OF CHIEF EUR- ICH AND HIS FORCE UPON THE HEADS OF OFFENDERS.

Death warrants of air guns and 22 rifles were signed today by Chief of Police George Eurich and his energetic assistant, Miss Luania Aussen. Frequent complaints that boys are illegally shooting birds and using their air rifles too promiscuously for safety in the residence sections, today brought an order from the chief to arrest all users of these "contraband arms."

"I will arrest any boy or youth who is caught using an air rifle or any other dangerous arm in the city limits," said the chief to the Free Trader Journal, "and furthermore, I will prosecute him to the limit."

"The state and city laws are very specific in this regard and the frequent violations reported to head quarters will be traced down and the offenders prosecuted. The law prohibits the use of firearms and air rifles and certain sections report that the "harmless" little weapons are appearing frequently on the streets of late.

"Miss Aussen has been enlisted in the campaign and she will use every means at her command to bring about the arrest of all boys caught with air guns in their possession," he added.

AUTO PINCHED BY INTERURBAN CAR

Caught between an eastbound inter-urban car and a machine that had been packed in front of the Colonial restaurant, Nevoj Strawn had a narrow escape from injury last night when his Cadillac roadster was damaged.

When the car started to make the Columbus street curve Mr. Strawn's machine was pinched in between it and the other auto. The fender was badly bent but the auto was able to run on its own power.

TAX AMENDMENT REFUSED REHEARING BY SUPREME COURT

Springfield, Dec. 7.—The state Supreme Court today refused to grant a rehearing in the case of the People vs. Lewis G. Stevenson in which it was decided at the last time that the proposed tax amendment to the state constitution was defeated at the last general election.

BOTH HOUSES VOTE TODAY ON MEASURE

BULLETIN

Washington, Dec. 7.—The House this afternoon passed a resolution for war on Austria-Hungary. The bill now goes to President Wilson for his signature.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The senate this afternoon adopted the resolution declaring war on Austria-Hungary after unexpectedly brief debate. The measure would have been agreed without a roll call, but Senator Stone, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, insisted that a record vote be taken.

HALIFAX CASUALTY LIST REACHES 3,000 SAYS REPORT TODAY

SWEEPING SEARCH BEING MADE TO FIX RESPONSIBILITY FOR YESTERDAY'S HOLOCAUST — MILLIONS IN PROPERTY LOST.

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Dec. 7.—At least three thousand lives were lost in yesterday's disaster, according to latest police estimates this afternoon. But as the hours pass the horror of the catastrophe grows it is possible that this estimate may be exceeded.

City authorities declared this afternoon that it will be many days before an accurate estimate of the deaths can be made. Scores of persons were blown to atoms and identification is practically impossible.

Several hundred persons are missing and are believed to have perished, but they have not yet been included in the casualty list.

An area of more than two square miles is in waste and the property loss runs into the millions.

As soon as conditions have improved a searching investigation will be made to fix the responsibility for the collision between the French munition ship carrying high explosives and the Norwegian relief ship Ima.

Now "City of Ruins."
Halifax, N. S., Dec. 7.—Halifax, the chief naval station of British North America, is today "the city of ruins." The terrible explosion of yesterday when the Mont Blanc, a French munition ship, was rammed by the Ima, a Belgian relief steamer left in its wake a staggering picture of death and destruction.

More than 2,000 men, women and children are dead. Hundreds are dying from injuries and the number of those receiving injuries of less import cannot be computed at this hour.

Comparative Disasters.

How the Halifax catastrophe compares in loss of life with other disasters.

- 1902—Monte Pelée volcanic eruption, 40,000 lives lost.
- 1902—Iroquois theater fire, Chicago, 575 lives lost.
- 1904—Sinking of steamship General Slocum in East river, New York, 1,499 lives lost.
- 1906—Earthquake at San Francisco, 1,999 lives lost.
- 1908—Mesa earthquake, 299,000 lives lost.
- 1912—Sinking of Titanic, 1,504 lives lost.
- 1914—Sinking of steamship Empress of Ireland in St. Lawrence river, 1,027 lives lost.
- 1915—Earthquake in interior Italy, 35,000 lives lost.
- 1915—Torpedoing of Lusitania, 1,198 lives lost.
- 1915—Sinking of Eastland steamer in Chicago river, 812 lives lost.
- 1917—Munitions plant explosion in Australia, 1,000 lives lost (unconfirmed).
- 1917—DuPont powder plant explosion, Chester, Pa., 112 lives lost.
- December, 1917—Explosion at Halifax, 2,000 lives lost (estimated).

ROACH ESTATE HAS \$400 CLAIM VS. R. I.

A claim for \$400 damages against the Rock Island has been filed in almost the entire estate of William Roach, who met death at Utica August 7 last. A petition to administer has been filed in the Probate Court. The deceased's brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces, will share the \$400 if the claim is proven.

Just before the roll was called Senator Vardaman, of Mississippi, took the floor and announced that he would give his whole heart and support to the war. Debate in the Senate on the war resolution occupied on four days five Senators making speeches. The speed with which the measure went through emphasizes the unity of the Senate behind the administration.

House Divided Over Rules.

In the House Representative Flood's proposal of a unanimous consent agreement to vote on the war resolution at 5 o'clock this afternoon failed. Members could not reach any common understanding as to the division of the time for general debate and debate under the five-minute rule.

Representative Foss, of Illinois, Republican member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, came out squarely for the resolution.

Capture Monte Siamoni.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—Austrian-Hungarian forces fighting with the Germans in Northern Italy have captured Monte Siamoni by storm, the war office announced this afternoon. The war office claims the capture of four thousand additional Italian prisoners, bringing the total number taken by the invaders since the new offensive was launched on Wednesday up to 15,000.

Rome Claims Victory.

Rome, Dec. 7.—Six heavy attacks were launched by the Austro-German forces against the Italians at Monte Siamoni, but all were repulsed with severe losses the war office reported this afternoon.

When the Teutons had been beaten off, the Italians began counter attacks and a number of assaults were delivered.

The advance of the invaders in that district was checked the statement continued. Before the assaults had been administered in this sector, the Italians were forced from the mountains, which Austro-German forces occupy.

Roumanians at Armistice.

London, Dec. 7.—The Roumanian government participated in the armistice negotiations on the eastern front. An official telegram acknowledging Roumanian's part in the negotiations was received here today.

Hostilities have been suspended all along the eastern and Roumanian fronts.

Launch Counter-Attack at Lems.

London, Dec. 7.—In the sector of the Scarbe river south of Lems the German artillery has increased its cannonading to great violence, the war office announced today.

Another respite in the battle of Cambrai was reported. The only activity on this front during the night was carried out by raiding parties and patrols.

Hand Plow Built From Bicycle.
A farmer in California had no hand plow, so he proceeded to improvise one, says the Popular Science Monthly. The body of the plow he made from an old bicycle frame. The bicycle handle-bar was taken off, turned backward and set solidly in the frame. The wheel was taken from a large gate valve. The plowshare is attached to the frame by a U-bolt.