

THIS TAFT IS BAD.

At Least Wife Makes Ugly Charges Against Him.

Says He Tried to Use Her for Blackmail.

ALSO POUNDED HER

Amused Himself by Slapping Her Face.

Now She Asks the Court for a Divorce.

Frank G. Taft, who alleges that he in some manner of 3rd cousin of William Howard Taft, president of the United States, was today made defendant in a suit for divorce filed by Beulah Helen Taft, his wife. Trouble arose, the petition says, when Taft wanted his wife to make sensational charges against the prominent professional man for the purpose of blackmail. When Mrs. Taft refused, the husband beat her.

The parties to the action were married in Kansas in January, 1896. They have one son, Franklin E. Taft, 5 years old. Taft has a shooting gallery and other amusement resorts on lower Kansas avenue. He also owns several concessions at Vinewood park. It was about a year ago when Mrs. Taft was confined in St. Francis hospital.

After her recovery, the woman states, the husband prevailed on her to make charges of an illegal operation against a prominent physician, whose name is not mentioned. She refused. Mrs. Taft says the husband's purpose was that of blackmail; and when his plan was defeated, Taft lost his temper and beat his wife. Taft prevailed on his wife to make sensational charges against the conduct of "a prominent Topeka lawyer, whom she knew only by sight and reputation." Again she refused. Then there was more trouble in the Taft home.

Once, the petition reads, Taft struck his wife on the back, causing her severe injury. On another occasion he struck her on the arm with such force that a blood vessel was ruptured. Frequently the alleged relative of the child executive is charged with amusing himself by slapping his wife's face. It was on Wednesday evening when Mrs. Taft decided to abandon her life journey with the man who wears the presidential name. On that evening, the plaintiff says, she went to her husband's shooting gallery. Here Taft modestly showed his wife a revolver with which he proposed to "fix" her at some future date. The next day Mrs. Taft told her troubles to a lawyer. Now the woman wants a divorce, the custody of her minor child and a just equity in Taft's amusement stands.

HE WAS NOT SO GREEN.

Boy Arrested for Forgery Didn't Go Back to Hoyt.

Archie Nunneley, the 18-year-old forger of Hoyt, who was held in the station here for Mr. Rupp of that city, is again at large. Rupp came down last evening and asked to take the last to Hoyt. He considered the formality of bringing a sheriff unnecessary and told the local police he was not so green as he looked. The boy also told the police he was the so green as Rupp thought he was. The consequences are that after boarding the St. Joseph train at Rock Island, Rupp became engaged in a conversation with a traveling man and Nunneley stepped off the train when it slowed up at the yard before leaving the yards. Rupp missed his prisoner when he got across the Kaw river bridge, but was not found his charge. Coming back to the police station he offered a \$50 reward for Nunneley's capture, and it is understood the lad's chance of compromise is small.

OBJECTS TO INHERITANCE TAX.

Mrs. Osenberg Doesn't Want to Pay the State \$60.

Ellen Osenberg has filed a petition remonstrating against the assessment of \$60 against her share of the John W. Moore estate, under the provisions of the inheritance tax law. The levy was made by the state tax commission and Mrs. Osenberg's remonstrant will be heard next week in the probate court.

Acting under the presumption that her share of the estate constituted a gift, the tax commission decided Mrs. Osenberg should pay \$60 to the state. Then Mrs. Osenberg stated the commission was wrong. She avers that she works for her money—every dollar of it—and that she should not be forced to pay an inheritance tax. The Osenberg petition was filed in the probate court today following an order from the tax commission to collect the money.

Two Players Go Up.

Montgomery, June 17.—Manager Dobbs of the Montgomery Southern League club announced this morning that Shortstop Champ Osteen had been sold to the Brooklyn Nationals and that Pitcher Bailey, formerly of the St. Louis Americans, had been signed by Montgomery.

To Get Its Beneficial Effects, Always Buy the Genuine

Advertisement for California Fig Syrup Co. featuring 'SYRUP OF FIGS and ELIXIR OF SENNA' manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. Sold by all leading Druggists. One Size Only, 50¢ a Bottle.

OUT FOR A STROLL IN HER HOME TOWN.



HELEN TAFT. CATHERINE ANDERSON.

Cincinnati, June 17.—Latest photograph of the daughter of the president, showing the popular White House debutante just after she alighted from a Washington train. She was met by her cousin, Miss Catherine Anderson,

at the station. Miss Taft inherits her father's jolly and good natured disposition which makes her extremely popular with Washington society and is winning for her the popularity once enjoyed by "Princess Alice" daughter of ex-President Roosevelt.

DID THEIR WORK POORLY

City Assessors Failed to Make Accurate Returns of Population.

One of the glaring acts of omission of the city assessors became apparent today when the county clerk's office totaled the enumeration for the six wards of Topeka city. So flagrant were the mistakes of the assessors that the clerk's office was compelled to estimate the population, using the 1911 registration books as a basis. When the books of the several assessors were turned over to the clerk's office, they showed but 40,719 people in Topeka, although the registration for the spring election reached 18,216. On the government basis that this was 41.9 per cent of the total population, Samuel Zimmerman, county clerk, concluded that there were at least 42,882 residents of Topeka. Still Zimmerman scratches his head and declares that figures are all too low. It's all the fault of the assessors, he says. In the Sixth ward especially were startling inaccuracies found in the returns. Here the assessor, who says he made a careful and accurate count, found but 1,533 people—men, women and children. Yet in the Sixth ward 1,563 people voted for mayor in the spring election.

The enumeration as reported by the assessors was as follows: First ward, 8,495; Second ward, 8,155; Third ward, 7,927; Fourth ward, 9,850; Fifth ward, 5,592; Sixth ward, 1,533. Total, 40,719.

Zimmerman's estimate is as follows: First ward, 5,045; Second ward, 10,076; Third ward, 9,279; Fourth ward, 7,242; Fifth ward, 7,652; Sixth ward, 4,333. Total, 43,637.

GRAND ARMY GIVES PICNIC.

Flag Day at Garfield Park Is Appropriately Celebrated.

A Grand Army picnic was held at Garfield Park Wednesday afternoon, June 14, to celebrate Flag Day. Lincoln Circle No. 1, in connection with Lincoln Post No. 1, of which they are an auxiliary, revealed in one grand outing, the decorated with flags, ranging from 30 feet down in size. The program consisted of a beautiful flag drill by twenty-four children from the East side kindergarten, superintended by Miss Lulu McKee, with Miss Josephine Hines at the piano. This exhibition demonstrated the patriotism instilled in their daily exercises. Besides their drill, they gave the salute to the flag and a song entitled "Soldier Boy Where Are You Going," also giving the language of the colors of the flag.

Miss Eva Corning sang a solo, "Our Own United States." Little Edith Peterson gave a reading, "Address by Hattie L. Williams along the lines of patriotic instruction. She urged that eternal vigilance be kept in homes, schools and public places for universal liberty. J. W. Sidwell, chaplain of Lincoln Post, made an address, telling what the flag represents to all countries. He read a poem by his brother, Ed Sidwell, which was a grand tribute to the flag. He was followed by Department Commander E. D. Anderson of Kansas City, who made some inspiring remarks. The address came next given by the ladies and the convocation. Baskets were sent to the sick, and the remaining baskets to the Orphans' Home. In the evening many remained to enjoy the round table talks, songs, readings, etc. Grand Army Day by Lincoln Circle, Grand

SHE WILL SNUB QUEEN.

London, June 17.—If the current rumor is to be believed, Countess Maldstone, formerly Miss Margarette Dressel of New York, will not attend the court social functions during



VISCOUNTESS MAUDSTON.

the coronation festivities. This is because of the fact that several of the American colony who have married English royals have been snubbed by the court, and Countess Maldstone feels that in justice to her American friends she should remain away.

ROCK ISLAND TEAM HERE.

Came From Kansas City in Special Car to Meet Topeka on Diamond.

A special car, containing eighty Kansas Rock Island employees, arrived in Topeka early this afternoon. These employees come to this city to witness the baseball game at League park between the Topeka and Kansas City Rock Islanders.

Fairmount Dean Resigns.

Wichita, Kan., June 17.—Dr. Samuel S. Kingsbury, dean of Fairmount college, one of the most widely known educators in the state, has resigned and will accept a position with the Colorado university. The illness of his wife, who has been compelled to remain in Colorado the past year in an effort to better her health, caused the resignation, it is stated.

Advertisement for 'One Pill' medicine. Text: 'One pill at bedtime. Brings morning relief from the headache, indigestion, nervousness, biliousness, due to constipation. If your doctor approves, why not use Ayer's Pills? Ask him.' J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

Come to the After-Supper Sale and Share These Good Values--Sale Begins at 7:30

Advertisement for 'After-Supper Sale' featuring various clothing items and their prices. Items include Women's 15c Gauze Vests, Children's 25c Knit Pants, 50c Lisle Thread Gloves, 25c Sash and Hair Ribbons, Kirk's Toilet Soap, Fountain Pens, Barred Lawn Night Gowns, Girl's Romper Dresses, and Men's Soft Shirts.

After Supper Sale of Rugs, Carpets and Draperies

Advertisement for 'After Supper Sale of Rugs, Carpets and Draperies' listing items like 70c Stair Carpets, \$15 Tapestry Brussels Rug, 35c Swiss, 25c Scrim, and \$4.00 Folding Table.

Savings After Supper in the Bargain Basement

Advertisement for 'Savings After Supper in the Bargain Basement' listing items like Men's Shirts, Silk Ribbons, Women's 25c Hose, Special Sale of Lawns, Belts, and Embroidery.

THE MILLS DRY GOODS CO.

Advertisement for 'THE MILLS DRY GOODS CO.' featuring 'BOOK NOTICES' and 'SAVES TIME AND ENERGY' sections. The book notices mention 'The Long Roll' by General Jackson and 'The English reviews take it for granted that "Ryecroft" who appears at the very beginning of Mrs. Bollo-Lowides' latest novel, "Jane Oglan-der" published by Scribner's, is no other than the late English novelist George Gissing. The reader sees Gissing in his work he showed the same intense earnestness that he does now. He was young, ambitious, always in a hurry, and very hot-tempered. Once, in a fit of rage, he brought his fist down with much violence on an iron safe. He rehearsed with one hand for some days afterward. He had always a keen instinct for discovering the dramatic sense of a story or a manuscript.' From Daniel Frohman's "Memories of a Manager," just published by Doubleday, Page & Co. The English reviews take it for granted that "Ryecroft" who appears at the very beginning of Mrs. Bollo-Lowides' latest novel, "Jane Oglan-der" published by Scribner's, is no other than the late English novelist George Gissing. The reader sees Gissing in his work he showed the same intense earnestness that he does now. He was young, ambitious, always in a hurry, and very hot-tempered. Once, in a fit of rage, he brought his fist down with much violence on an iron safe. He rehearsed with one hand for some days afterward. He had always a keen instinct for discovering the dramatic sense of a story or a manuscript.' From Daniel Frohman's "Memories of a Manager," just published by Doubleday, Page & Co. "By jove, old man, how I wish there was no such thing as money." "Well, we have no positive proof that there is."