

# NEW DIVORCE BILL

**Kansas City Members of House Framing Measure to Correct Present Evils.**

## WILL CREATE A NEW COURT

**Domestic Relations to be Combined With Juvenile Department of the Circuit Bench.**

A bill calling for the creation of a court of domestic relations with powers not precedent in any similar court is to be presented to the Missouri Legislature when it meets in January.

John H. Taylor, a member of the legislature from Kansas City, is to present the bill. He has begun the framing of the bill. Frank Wilkinson, another member of the legislature from Kansas City, also is interested in the proposed bill.

A few of the suggestions for such a bill which have been given by W. W. Wright, divorce proctor, are:

The juvenile and domestic relations courts should be combined under one judge.

The domestic relations judge should have criminal jurisdiction in order to enforce all orders of the court.

The investigating corps should be similar to one now in use in the juvenile court work under Dr. E. L. Mathias and they should be combined.

The law should affect only Jackson County and St. Louis, as aggravated divorce conditions do not affect the country districts.

All divorce applications should be made direct in the domestic relations court.

The domestic relations and juvenile courts should be made permanent in one division of the circuit courts so that eventually men will be candidates for that court alone.

A definite period of time should elapse after the filing of a divorce petition before it is heard and a time as long again should pass before the final separation should be granted.

All children of divorced parents should be made wards of the juvenile court merely for the sake of protecting them in case the parents fail to do so. Power should be given the court to enforce by jail sentence, if necessary, the payment of alimony to former wives and children. More than 70 per cent of the wards of the juvenile court now are children of divorced parents.

**Forest Fire in Ozarks.**—Reports received from Barry county told of the first outbreak of forest fires in the timber belt of Southern Missouri. Persons arriving at Springfield said that fires on the mountain side were visible from passenger trains between Cassville and Exeter on the Cassville & Western and between Exeter and Monett on the Frisco.

**Explosion Injures Nine.**—Eight men were injured at Carthage by a boiler explosion at the Atlas mine. The men had just left the building at noon and were barely outside the door when the huge tank shot up through the roof. The plant was badly damaged. All the men, it is believed, will recover.

**Marshall Kills Night Prowler.**—J. H. Dintelman, night marshal of Kirkwood, shot and killed a man whom he saw prowling near a bank the other night.

**Boy Accidentally Shot.**—While cleaning his father's revolver, Charles Prewitt, 15 years old of Carthage, was accidentally shot in the stomach. His recovery is doubtful.

**Church Dormitories at M. U.**—Plans are being drawn for two dormitories for Episcopalian students at the University of Missouri—one to accommodate forty men students and a smaller building for twenty women. The idea is that of the Rev. F. J. Bate, rector of the Columbia Episcopal church, who hopes to make the parish there more efficient by the special training of students who will become churchmen.

**Oldest Missourian Dies.**—Daniel Potter, said to be the oldest man in Missouri, died recently near Aldrich, Polk county, at the age of 105 years. He was born at Bowling Green, Ky., in 1810, and lived in Polk county sixty years. Three of eleven children survive him. Potter was too old to serve in either army in the Civil War.

**Money for Red Cross.**—The Sedalia auxiliary of the Red Cross netted \$55.21 by the Kirmess it gave at Liberty Park Convention Hall. The money was sent to Kansas City to be incorporated in the fund for European sufferers.

**Pioneer Lumberman Dies.**—Charles Harrison, pioneer lumberman of southwest Missouri, is dead at his home in Carthage of heart trouble. He was 70 years old. He had been in business there over fifty years, and took leading part in the building of the first railroad into southwest Missouri.

**Civil War Veteran Dies.**—William Maynes, a native of Tennessee, who had lived in Pettis County since 1871, is dead. He was 69 years old, and served in the federal army in the Civil War.

# INSURANCE RATES TOO HIGH

**State Commission Recommends Teaching Fire Prevention Measures in Public Schools of Missouri.**

A law requiring the teaching of fire prevention in the public schools at least two hours each week is one of the recommendations to the legislature of the commission appointed by Governor Major to recommend a revision of the fire insurance laws. The report of the commission has been sent to the governor at Jefferson City.

The commission found, its report says, that a great deal of the present trouble over fire insurance rates in Missouri is due primarily to the excessive fire loss. It says that a big percentage of the fires that now occur could be prevented by a campaign of education along the lines of prevention. It says the place to start that campaign is with the school children.

The commission also will recommend that the office of fire marshal be created, who shall see that the fire rules and regulations, especially in the cities, are rigidly enforced.

The commission goes extensively into the question of rate making. It will prepare a bill outlining its ideas on that subject. It also will have a bill putting reciprocal companies under supervision of the state insurance department.

A new proposal of the commission is for the state superintendent of insurance to have supervision over the character of fire agents. It says that much trouble is occasioned by fire agents writing risks they know are unsafe in order to obtain the premium. The plan of the commission would give the insurance commissioner authority to revoke licenses.

E. F. Goltra of St. Louis, is chairman of the commission. It was appointed shortly after the state and fire insurance companies had trouble over the threatened withdrawal of most of the fire companies from the state.

## SO THE FARMERS MAY KNOW

**Missouri State Board of Agriculture Issues Bulletins on the Foot and Mouth Disease.**

Do you know the nature of the foot-and-mouth disease for the control of which, during the present outbreak in other states, the sum of \$750,000 has already been expended? Do you know what farm animals are subject to the disease, and do you know whether or not man may contract it? Do you want to know?

The facts are all given in a new bulletin just issued by the Missouri State Board of Agriculture. This bulletin, which is the only publication issued by any department of the state of Missouri, may be had free upon application to the Secretary of the Missouri State Board of Agriculture, Columbia, Missouri.

This new bulletin on the foot-and-mouth disease is up to the minute. In addition to much of the material in the original bulletin, it contains a chapter by Dr. D. F. Luckey, state veterinarian, who, immediately upon the discovery of the disease in the Union Stock Yards, Chicago, went there and made a personal study of conditions. There are also extracts from official publications just issued by the United States Department of Agriculture.

**State Historians Elect.**—The State Historical Society of Missouri, at its annual meeting in Columbia, elected the following officers: President, R. M. White, Mexico; first vice-president, Jonas Viles, Columbia; second vice-president, John W. Millton, Mexico; third vice-president, W. R. Nelson, Kansas City; fourth vice-president, W. R. Painter, Carrollton; fifth vice-president, William C. Breckenridge, St. Louis; sixth vice-president, J. West Odwin, Sedalia; treasurer, R. B. Price, Columbia.

**Child Burned to Death.**—Myrtle, 3-year-old daughter of W. C. Chastain of Carthage, was burned to death recently. During the absence of the mother the child lighted a piece of paper from a fire in the kitchen stove and her clothing was ignited.

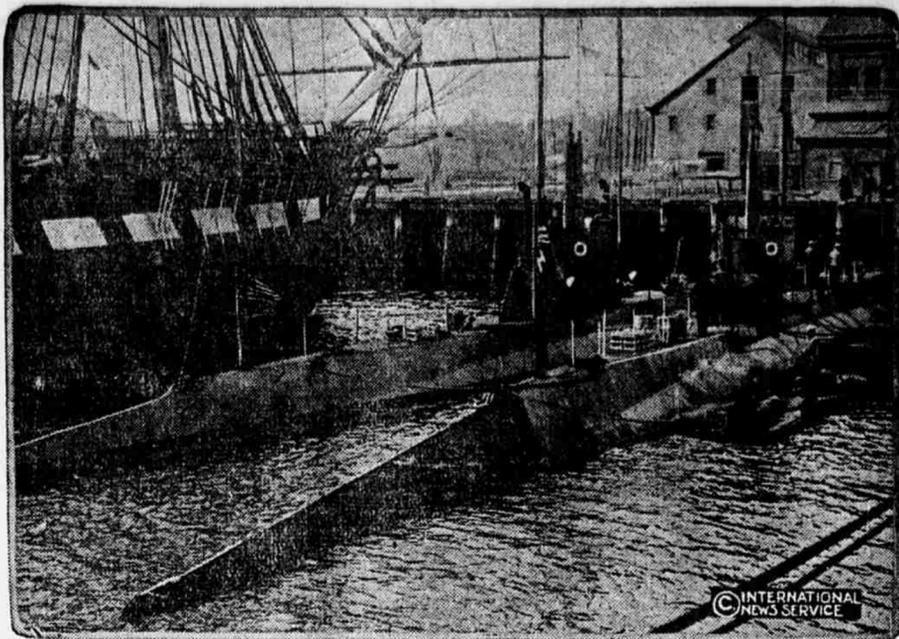
**Infant Burned to Death.**—Jasper Gullo, 1-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gullo, was burned to death recently near Bevier. The child and her 3-year-old sister were left alone by their mother. The eldest child removed a piece of burning wood from the stove and the infant's clothing took fire.

**Sunday School Meet Elects.**—Election of officers and the award of prizes for county and city Sunday school displays concluded the business sessions of the forty-ninth annual convention of the Missouri State Sunday School Association, in session in Springfield. The new officers are: William H. Danforth, St. Louis, president; R. A. Long, Kansas City, vice-president; Phillip J. Stummel, St. Louis, recording secretary; Lansing F. Smith, St. Louis, treasurer.

**Mailed Ham to Pekin.**—An 11-pound ham, consigned from the postoffice at Rocheport to Pekin, China, was transferred recently in the handling of parcel post business. The ham carried postage to the amount of \$1.42. It will reach Pekin about December 20 and is a Christmas gift.

**Big Fire in Gallatin.**—A fire recently destroyed a theater, three stores and a livery barn, and damaged the Y. M. C. A. building and two other buildings at Gallatin. The loss is about \$50,000, half insured.

# OLD AND THE NEW IN AMERICAN NAVY



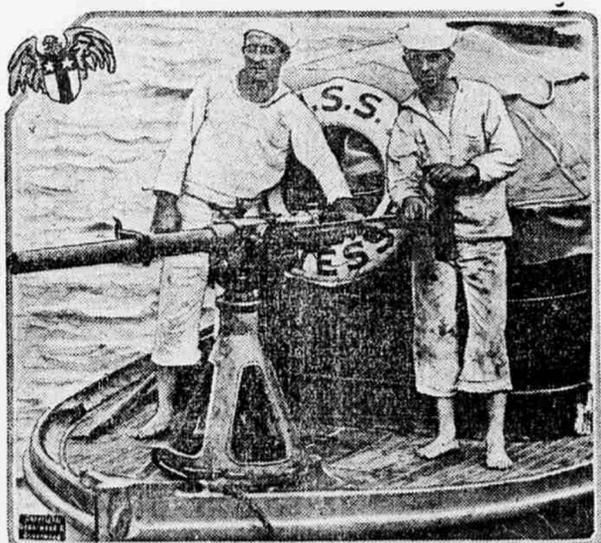
America's first battleship, the Constitution, and the navy's latest acquisitions, the submarines K-5 and K-6, lying side by side in the Charlestown navy yard.

## KHAKI-CLAD TURKS MARCHING AGAINST RUSSIANS



Regiment of Turkish regular infantry, drilled by the Germans and wearing their new khaki uniforms, marching across the desert to meet the Russian troops on the Caucasus border.

## TARGET FOR TURKS' "FRIENDLY" SHOT



This is the launch of the U. S. S. Tennessee at which a Turkish fort in the harbor of Smyrna fired a shot, which afterward was declared to be only a "friendly" warning that the harbor was mined and closed to alien vessels.

## FRENCH SOCIETY WOMEN AS NURSES



Parisian women, well known in society, attending wounded soldiers at the Gare du Nord as they arrive from the battlefields.

## TERROR OF NAVIGATORS



This big steel ball is one of the deadly mines that are feared by all navigators. It was washed ashore at Szevel, Suffolk, and its explosives were removed by a torpedo instructor. Many of these mines have been beached along the coast of England.

## WARNS KING OF ENGLAND

**Astrologist Tells George to Beware of Evil Days in March of Next Year.**

Boston.—That King George of England must beware of evil days next March is the prediction of Catharine H. Thompson, astrologist. Miss Thompson bases her prediction on the fact that Jupiter enters Pisces, a watery, unstable sign, next March, and afflicts the king's radical sun, and sickness and trouble should increase rather than diminish. While Jupiter was passing through Aquarius this year, she says, trouble for the king was allayed. Something extraordinary will happen, she predicts, such as the siege of London, the fall of Westminster abbey, St. Paul's cathedral or Buckingham palace.

**A Thorough Soaking.**  
"Some of those soldiers fighting along the Aisne must lead a dog's life."  
"I should think that lying in a trench half full of water day after day would be more like a frog's life."

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## Before Congress of Vienna.

One hundred years ago Alexander I of Russia, the king of Prussia and other sovereigns, accompanied by a large retinue of diplomatists and soldiers, made their solemn entry into Vienna to take part in the congress which was to readjust the map of Europe. The thrones which Napoleon had overturned were to be righted and the old despots whom he had dismissed were to be given back their scepters. The first weeks of the congress, however, were not devoted to the serious business at hand, but were spent in a succession of magnificent festivities. Notwithstanding the financial ruin of the country, Austria appropriated sums amounting to thousands of dollars daily to provide balls, banquets, concerts and other entertainments for the visiting monarchs and their advisers.

## The Presidents.

Seven presidents have been born in Virginia, of whom five lived in that state when they were elected. Ohio has been the birthplace of six presidents, and five were elected while residents of that state. New York and North Carolina have each had three and Massachusetts two. Five other states have had one each.

## Frank Intention.

"I want to marry your daughter, sir."  
"What are your means of support, young man?"  
"I haven't any; that's why I want to get married."

## Backache Spells Danger

Do you know that your bad back may be merely a hint of some hidden, deep-seated kidney disorder? Census records show that deaths from kidney disorders have increased 75% in 20 years. People can't seem to realize that the first pain in the back, the first disorder of the urine, demands instant attention—that it may be a signal of coming rheumatism, gravel, dropsy or fatal Bright's disease. The best prevention of serious kidney disorders is prompt treatment—the best medicine is Doan's Kidney Pills.

**An Illinois Case**  
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