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HARRY THAW SUES WIFE FOR DIVORCE.

Files Petition Charging Misconduct With Former New York Newspaper Man.

Pittsburg, Sept. 1.—Harry K. Thaw, through attorneys, filed a petition in common please court here today asking a divorce from Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, charging misconduct with John Francis, of New York.

The petition is very brief, covering less than one typewritten page. Thaw alleges that his wife was guilty of misconduct at 31 West 31st street, New York, in December, 1909, and January, 1910, and at various other places and times. Thaw also declares she deserted him in July, 1909.

expressed surprise when informed here tonight that he had been named as correspondent in Harry Thaw's suit for divorce. "I have not seen Evelyn Thaw in three years," he said, Francis, at the time of the shooting of Sanford White, was a reporter on a New York newspaper.

"Lone and weary through the streets we wander, For we have no place to lay our heads;

Not a friend on earth have we for both our parents now are dead,"

No man holding appointive office in Kansas is to be allowed to smoke cigarettes. The average cigarette smoker would rather work than to hold office under such conditions.

AFTER THE ARABIC.

"Ye must not murder!" thus we sent Our warnings oversea, To your mad gods all violent We shall not bend the knee. Too long, too long our wrath lay bent, And now we cry, 'Be still!' And the answer came, From a mouth of flame, "We kill as we choose to kill!"

"Twist teeth that snapped like clashing steel We sped the message hot, To your crazed gods we shall not kneel— Spike-crowned and misbegot! Ye must not make the whole world reel Like stars gone drunk at play!" And the answer flew In the tongue of U, "We slay as we choose to slay!"

"Ye must not strike at babes afloat!" We spread our word abroad. "Their ship must be a sacred boat That keeps ye overawed. Ye shall not cut an infant's throat. Nor beat his mother down!" And the answer rose From the sea-hid foes, "We drown as we wish to drown!"

God of the Seases! we cry in vain To you, O puny thing! Your sails of souls sink in the main, Guiped by a braken king! We pray you for an end of pain, Safe from the mad shark's will— Still the answer sweeps From the depths of deeps, "I kill as I choose to kill!" —John O'Keefe, in N. Y. World.

THE BASE-BALL PLAYER'S PRAYER.

Lord, help me to play the game. It matters not to you whether I am talented or poor in natural gifts; wealthy or starving; a leader among men or a simple follower, so that I play the game as you would have it played. Help me to keep my eye on the ball, that the curves of temptation not deceive me. Keep my feet in the path of righteousness, that I may touch second and third on my way round the bases. Help me to beat out my bunts, and hold me that I stray not too far from base when the catcher is ready to peg me. Count not my foul balls against me. O Lord, for the batting eyes sometimes goes wrong, though the intention is right. Help me in the piches, Lord, because a good bingle might bring my brother home. Let not the music of the fans keep my eye from the ball, nor the enticements of the slaban draw me away from the need of a clean single with a man on second. Help me, O Lord, to bat over 300, because my eyes are on the big league for eternity even while I sojourn here among the bushleaguers.

A clergyman rises to remark that Reno divorcees will be no good in heaven. Well, what if they are not? Are we not assured on Scriptural authority that in heaven there is no marrying or giving in marriage?

If there could be any reason why Woodrow Wilson should have another four years it would be to correct the mistakes of this four years, and that he wouldn't do.

KEPT HIS WORD.

Bride—Tom, didn't you vow to give up smoking on our wedding day? Tom—Yes, I did. Bride—But you are smoking now. Tom—Yes, but I didn't smoke on your wedding day, did I?

TAFT ADVOCATE OF STRONG DEFENSES.

Ex-President Speaks on Preparedness at "Taft Day" Exercises at Exposition.

San Francisco, Sept. 2.—William H. Taft advocated preparedness for war and detailed means for its accomplishment in an address today at the Panama-Pacific exposition, delivered at "Taft Day" exercises.

In ceremonies preceding the address Mr. Taft, using the silver spade with which, while president, he broke ground for the exposition four years ago, planted a California redwood tree in "Taft Circle."

He also reviewed portions of the United States coast artillery at the Presidio of San Francisco. A silver loving cup, inscribed, "In grateful remembrance of his unfailing friendship and the fulfillment of his confidence that 'San Francisco knows how,' was presented to him by the exposition officials.

Lauds Wilson's Stand. In beginning his address Mr. Taft declared Germany's acquiescence to the United States' contention for the rights of non-combatants on commercial liners "should be the cause of profound rejoicing by every patriotic American and the occasion for congratulation to the President."

"It must relieve the strain between the two countries. The shadow of a serious breach passes," he continued. "It should not however lead our people away from their duty of reasonable preparation. The incident, though closed, as we all hope, except as to indemnity for the lives of those already drowned, shows how near, as neutrals, we are to the war. It shows that we must be careful to insist upon our rights as such as that we ought to be reasonably prepared to defend against their invasion by any belligerent powers."

GERMANY OFFERS TO REFER U-BOAT CONFAB TO HAGUE.

Berlin, Sept. 2.—Germany, according to Count Bernstorff's instructions, offers to submit the claims for compensation arising out of the Lusitania and Arabic cases to the Hague.

Washington, Sept. 2.—Germany is desirous of having the claims for compensation arising out of the sinking of the Lusitania and Arabic submitted to the Hague. The instructions issued to Count Bernstorff, the German Ambassador at Washington, according to a Berlin dispatch, authorize him to make this offer to the American government. At the same time immunity from attack without warning to passenger steamers is provided for.

Official circles in Berlin are reported to be optimistic with reference to the successful issue of the negotiations between Germany and the United States respecting the German submarine policy.

The mother of a family that had just moved to a small Oklahoma town was being sympathized with by a visitor because of the distance of the house from the creek which furnished the water for household purposes.

"It must be quite a tax upon your strength to carry water for your large family," her visitor suggested. "Oh, I don't mind," was the cheerful reply. "Besides, I gave 'em all a good wash before we left Texas." —Lippincott's.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt is quoted as saying that half the husbands are unsatisfactory and disappointing. May we venture to inquire how many husbands the now Mrs. Catt has tried?

MEN NOT NATURALLY LAZY.

(By H. Addington Bruce.)

Scientists cannot lay claim to infallibility. Being human they are liable to make mistakes. One mistake which many of them make is to assume that everybody is born lazy.

Over and over again we find this erroneous doctrine enunciated. Only the other evening I came across it in the pages of a recent and authoritative writer on business psychology. "Labor or exertion," he gravely affirmed, "is naturally distasteful."

As a matter of fact, it is far nearer the truth to assert that there never was a man born into the world who was born into it lazy.

In proof whereof, one has only to point to the abounding energy and positive passion for exertion shown by nearly all little children.

If you have children of your own, and if they still are quite young, you will be well aware that you have little need to prod them into activity. You are more likely to feel that they are altogether too energetic.

They forever insist on "doing things." They perpetually ply you with questions. They ceaselessly experiment with doorknob, watch, inkwell or tin can, in the endeavor to gain knowledge.

The chances are that you will be tempted to curb them. Also, most unfortunately, the chances are that you will curb them.

The moment you begin to do this, that moment you will have set in motion a process which may in the end make them colossally lazy.

Here then, is the truth of the matter:

Nature intended men to be alert, active, inquiring, industrious. Accident, in the form of a fault upbringing in early life, defeats as a rule the intention of nature.

Ill health also plays a part in the development of the acquired disease of laziness. Anything which lowers the vitality of a growing child tends to slow up his mental and physical activity.

Indigestion, malnutrition, lack of outdoor, exercise, the breathing of foul air, eye strain, ear trouble, tooth decay, adenoid growths—these and other unhealthy physical conditions often share in the making of the lazibones.

But the part they play is unusually quiet secondary to the part played by parental repression and neglect.

Instead of taking nature's hint, and utilizing the child's innate industriousness to form in him lasting habits of intelligently directed effort, too many parents deliberately deaden the energy and chill the curiosity of their children. They bid them "keep quiet." They even reproach them for their incessant questioning.

Also being themselves products of faulty training—they fail to set their children a proper example of zealous endeavor. They waste time recklessly, they even "kill time" in all manner of slothful, useless ways.

All of this the child observes and all of this he unconsciously imitates. Beginning life with the best of intentions, he gradually acquires a "don't care" attitude and lamentable killing propensities.

These first come plainly in evidence when he attends school. They wonder why he has to be driven to acquire knowledge.

They forget that there was a time when he longed for knowledge above everything else, and that they discouraged this longing because its manifestations annoyed them.

They forget that in their own lives, they had set him an example of laziness, instead of forcing themselves to be industrious and energetic, if only for his sake.

They forget, in a word, that if their

boy is lazy, it is they who have made him so.

SLEEP WAS BETTER.

"I think I must have made a bad break last Sunday," mused the fellow who seldom goes to church, according to the Columbus, O., Dispatch.

"You see, I got an alumni catalogue of my old school and in looking through it I found that one of my classmates was the pastor of a Cleveland church. So I called him up and he said that he was still preaching, and that if I wanted to meet him I should come to church on the following Sunday morning, which I did.

"He introduced me to his wife, and well, during the sermon I got very drowsy. I was nodding in the middle of the sermon, and the parson's wife touched me on the elbow.

"You seem sleepy," she answered. "Try some of my smelling salts."

"No, thank you, says I, 'I'd rather sleep."

QUICK WITH THE ANSWER.

Mistress—Bridget, how many times must I tell you not to answer me back?

Bridget—Shure, mum, an' jist as many times as ye go sassin' me in the first place.—Boston Transcript.

ONE OF THE PREVAILING FASHIONS.

We haven't got much hopes of that fellow who is going around town wearing one of his sister's low-neck shirt-waists.—Anderson Mail.

"Did your watch stop when you dropped it on the floor?"

"Sure; you didn't think it would go on through, did you?"—Yale Record.

THE NATION SPEAKS.

Children of Liberty, awake! In ordered ranks your places take! Where Freedom's sons have blazed the trail,

Shall you, their leal descendants, fail To hold in trust the ideal pure That is their heritage secure?

Against the hour you would know how,

Learn ye to serve me—learn it now!

You, who from forms of bondage drear,

Have sought and found a refuge here Who reap the fruit of bitter tears And patriot blood of former years, Taking the most that I can give, Learning how God meant men to live You promised fealty. Your vow, Was pledged to me, I need you now!

I need you now, my sons! Why wait Till an invader storms the gate? Your desperate resistance then Might not avail. A host of men Untrained, undisciplined, are less, In time of peril and distress, Than half that multitude would be, Versed in the arts of soldiery.

Oh these, my children! So secure, So confident, so over-sure, While Europe dies, with warning writ In blood across the face of it!

Valor, I doubt not, warms your heart Discretion is the better part! Lest to the scourge your neck must bow,

Be ye prepared! I need you now! —Beatrice Barry, in N. Y. Times.

PAW'S EXPERIENCE.

Little Lenuel—Say, paw, what does it mean when a lawyer takes a case on a contingent fee?

Paw—It means, son, that if the lawyer loses the case he gets nothing, and if he wins his client gets nothing.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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