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IN FULL PURSUIT OF JUSTICE

It is a peculiar thing that good people—supposedly good people—prefer to think ill of a person accused of a crime or grave mistake. Is it because we have all, in this headlong age, adopted the specious philosophy of yellow journalism, and become set in the thrill-producing habit of thought? We forget, doubtless, that the thing which plays upon our credulity is, too often, only yellow journalism in its most depraved aspect. We forget that the newspaper must create a thrill where perhaps none exists in order to supply the readers with their accustomed diet; for thrill-feeding becomes a habit, so much so, that one who makes it his daily fare, is as dead to news served without it as the man with the palate trained to pungent Spanish peppers is dead to the insipid seasoning of salt. "Let us have spice," say the public, and the public usually gets what it asks for. Meanwhile, the newspaper must have its thrill, and the prosecuting attorney his case.

A man in this community dies, as thousands have died before and as thousands will yet die in time to come, under what appears to be peculiar circumstances. His wife is accused of murdering him. And why? Merely because we do not know anything of the facts. We are not sure that we care to know them either. We are not a fact-hunting people. At present, all the half-baked evidence points an accusing finger at his wife, the mother of his five children. Last winter this woman buried one of those children in Florida, and refused to return home until she could secure permission to bring the body of that small daughter back with her, to be buried where she could watch over her grave,—where she could feel the propinquity and the bond which comforts those who walk the same soil wherein their loved ones sleep.

This woman had only been in her home two weeks when her husband dies. She was putting her house in order for the summer, she was doing her own housework, getting the children's clothes in shape, and ministering to their constant daily wants; for they were young—these children—and young children like young birds, are in constant need of a mother's care.

Nevertheless, suspicion fastens upon this woman. Nothing else presents itself to the unjudicial eye of the public. There is as yet practically no evidence. The long arm of the law reaches out into this busy household where the mother is the center and pivot of all the manifold activity. A sheriff, representing law and justice, lays his hand on her shoulder, and she is placed under arrest. She leaves the house, her work undone. She leaves her children, all untended, standing in the door, their eyes wistful with astonishment and wonder, and follows the man of law to the county jail. There she is incarcerated, and there she will drag out the long summer months until the Grand Jury sits again in the fall, before ever we shall know if she is guilty. She is refused bail. There is no redress—nothing to do but wait and suffer. If, at the end of the long waiting she is found guilty, the end will have justified the means, so says Justice. But if, after the prolonged separation from her children, she is found innocent, what, in all conscience, will be her compensation for those dark months of suffering in which her good name has been in question, in which her friends have dropped away from her, as friends always do, in which her children have endured the mental anguish of her shame?

We know that justice must ultimately be done in this case. The law must be satisfied—a fact which none of us would dare to gainsay. But now, in the meantime, for long months, we are asked to look upon the inert figure of Justice—sound asleep, and the thing is not a pleasant sight for the American spirit to contemplate.

Law deals with facts, as every man knows. And yet, there are other things in the world besides facts, as every woman knows. There are probabilities which have a potency all their own, and one of these is that a mother with little children clinging about her skirts is not a likely pattern of a murderess. A woman may be guilty of murder. The thing is not uncommon. But a mother is a very different matter from a mere woman who may act from her own selfish impulse. A mother, if she is a good mother, in the full discharge of her duty to her children, is just that much more than a woman. She has a multiple personality, being animated first and foremost by the most powerful natural impulse known to science, be she woman or tigress,—the preservation of her young. A good mother is mother first—woman afterward. Let mothers look to it before they join the hot pursuit, before they mingle their cries with the baying of the pack.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Mrs. John Scott, Jr., who has made her home in Oklahoma while her husband has been overseas, arrived in Highland Park last Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Scott will make their home in this city.

Mrs. Mary A. Warner of Oak Park is spending two weeks with her son, Mr. M. Warner of N. Second St.

Dr. and Mrs. B. A. Hamilton left today for White Lake, Mich., where they will spend the summer.

Mr. Harry Sheahan, who has been overseas with the 108th Engineers, for the past year, returned home on Sunday, having been honorably discharged.

Mr. Earl Lahee returned home on Monday from France where he has been for the past two years with the 138th Division. Mr. Lahee received his honorable discharge at Camp Grant.

The C. H. Thayer family will leave next week for Cape Cod where they will spend the summer months.

Miss Louise Haungs of Chicago was the week end guest of her sister, Mrs. John S. Reesman.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Schwab of Nebraska were the guests last Friday of Mr. and Mrs. John Schwab.

Mrs. J. L. Turriff and small daughter, Mary Beverly and Miss Florence Warner were the Sunday guests of Mrs. Joseph R. Noel of Oak Park.

Mr. H. Black and family of Chicago are located in the B. A. Hamilton home for the summer.

Lieut. Homer Scott who has just returned from overseas with the 33rd Division, 198th Engineers, is enjoying a fifteen day furlough.

Miss Beatrice Thayer who was graduated from Principia School, St. Louis, Mo., returned home last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Zehren and daughter, who spent the past winter in Santa Barbara, Calif., returned to their home Monday.

Frank Knight, who is attending Illinois University, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Knight.

Miss Ruth Schwab spent the week end in Naperville, visiting relatives.

Corporal John Scott, who has been overseas for the past year, with the 108th Engineers, 33rd Division, returned home last Thursday, having been honorably discharged from the service.

Mr. George Sullivan spent the week end at the Illinois University where he attended the Phi Kappa dance.

Thomas Morton left Monday for San Mateo, Calif., where he will receive his honorable discharge from the army. Mr. Morton will make his home there in the future.

Mrs. H. F. Clow of Second St., was hostess to the Euchre Club yesterday afternoon.

Miss Bessie Carolan was the Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tolbert of Chicago.

Mrs. A. P. Smith, who spent the winter in Santa Barbara, Calif., returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Robertson will leave on the 19th for Montreal, Canada, from where they will sail on the 21st on the "Canada," for Paisley, Scotland. They expect to be gone a year.

Mr. Harry Rudolph, who has been overseas with the 80th Div., 329th Inf., for the past 21 months, returned home, honorably discharged, on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rudolph returned home Monday, having spent the past week in Bloomington.

Little Janet McCaffrey is spending this week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Carolan of Everett.

The Misses Esther and Louise McDonald spent the past few days at Grafton Hall, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, where they were the guests of former schoolmates.

Miss Frances Buell, who attended Miss Stence's School, New York, arrived home last week.

Mr. W. W. Dike of Second St. is attending the D. A. R. convention at Rockford this week.

Lieut. George Baldwin of the 33rd Div., 124th Artillery, who returned from overseas a few weeks ago, and who, since then, has been stationed at Camp Mills, returned home Saturday to spend a fourteen day furlough with his parents.

Miss Marion Moseley, who was graduated recently from Byrn Mawr College, is spending a few days at Spring Lake, N. J., as the guest of friends.

Miss Elizabeth Shields returned last week Thursday from Shipley School, Byrn Mawr, Pa.

Campbell Chapter O. E. S. will meet this evening in Masonic Hall.

Mrs. William Plant and children have returned from Cincinnati, O., where she spent the past six weeks visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Thomas, who are now the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Koon are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, born Thursday, June 5th.

Albert Arnswald, a member of the 108th Engineers and fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Arnswald, who has seen active service overseas, returned home Sunday honorably discharged from the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Axel R. Larson are receiving congratulations on the birth of a baby girl born Saturday, June 7.

Mrs. W. E. Cummings has returned from the Highland Park hospital where she underwent an operation two weeks ago. She is getting along nicely.

Mr. Lyman Murphy of Co. A., 108th Engineers, recently returned from overseas, returned home Sunday evening from Camp Grant where he received his honorable discharge.

Mrs. C. A. Hoopes of Maywood is the guest today of Mrs. Fred Clow.

Mr. Allan Gerkin who has been overseas with the 80th division, returned home Tuesday, having been honorably discharged from the service.

Miss Esther Hicks completed her four year course at the University of Illinois on Monday afternoon.

The public bathing beach will be open next Saturday, June 14.

Through an error in last week's issue the names of three important characters in the Senior class play were omitted. Allan Mason, as Tillford Wheeler, Junior law partner of the Honorable Jim Hackler, and Virginia de Anguerra as Lucy Rigby, daughter of Elias Rigby, were indeed excellent in their parts and deserve a great deal of credit as does Jack Merryweather who played the part of Wilson Prewitt, editor of "The Banner."

EBENEZER EVANGELICAL

Prayer meeting and Bible study every Wednesday evening at the church.

The Sunday school meets at 10 a. m.

Sunday preaching services are held at 10:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.

The class in religious instruction meets on Monday at 4 p. m.

Choir rehearsal at 8 p. m. on Monday.

Last Sunday evening the pastor spoke on the Boy Scout movement.

Next Sunday forenoon the annual Children's Day exercises will be given by the Sunday school. The children will present recitations, songs, and class exercises. They have been well drilled in their parts and an enjoyable hour is in prospect. The exercises will begin at 10:00 o'clock, and will merge into the hour for the church services. A free-will offering for foreign missions will be received. Special recognition will be given to the members of the Cradle Roll, and the Home Department. The choir will sing anthems at the forenoon and evening services.

HIGHWOOD PATRIOTIC LEAGUE

Monday evening was a "black letter day for the girls of the Patriotic League, for they donned much black paint and curly wigs to strut out upon the stage of the Highwood Theatre for the entertainment of packed house. Local hits, darky songs, and dances kept the ball a-rolling. The program took the form of a regular "minstrel show," ending with a clever darky skit which of course revolved around two delicious chickens. Fitty mans, diphtheria patients and ghosties helped keep the crowd breathless. After the show the actresses adjourned to the League rooms to don their white complexions and to do justice to the "ice-cream" and cake waiting for them.

Friday evening the Be Square club of the Waukegan Patriotic League came to the Highwood Patriotic League as guests of the Monday Night Club. They were immediately escorted over to the beach where a roaring fire was ready to roast the "weenies" and bacon so essential to a good picnic supper. The party was a two-fold success. All the girls had a good time, a necessary part of any success, and secondly the girls from the two clubs incidentally became acquainted.

The vote 204 to 89 of the National House of Woman Suffrage shows that the Congressmen have a thoroughly intelligent conception of who the real bosses are in this country.

About the time the politicians report a delectable condition of harmony, is the time for the people to listen for the soft tread of the gumshoes.

Doughnut Day was celebrated for the Salvation Army drive. Nothing new about that, the kids have always celebrated it whenever the pantry door was left unlocked.

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CARL CRAVEN, TENOR TO GIVE RECITAL

Mr. Carl E. Craven, Tenor, will give a song recital Thursday evening, May 19, at eight thirty o'clock at the Moraine Hotel. The public is cordially invited to attend this recital. Mr. Craven is considered one of America's leading tenors. All who are interested in music will greatly enjoy hearing this noted musician.

BISHOP GRISWOLD TO VISIT TRINITY CHURCH

Bishop Griswold will visit Trinity Church Sunday afternoon, June 15, at four o'clock and will administer the rite of confirmation and will preach. The public is cordially invited.