

## CLARES MANY YOUNG MOTHERS DIE OF BABIES

Aid Society's Chief Relates  
Startling Indianapolis  
Instances.

### DESERTION IS COMMON

By KATHLEEN MCKEE.

The percentage of child desertion by mothers is surprising when it is possible for the mothers to obtain homes through the Mothers' Aid Society," declared Mrs. Henry Ellinwood, president of the organization, in discussing the number of cases which have been brought before the public recently.

"Bad conditions which prevailed during the war are constantly being bettered.

"However, during the last few months we have had four or five instances,"

Full sentiment causes women to desert their children in the majority of cases, was the opinion of Mrs. Ellinwood.

She said more women do not come to the society because they are afraid.

"The co-operation of the women's department of police headquarters has made it possible to find many mothers who have deserted their babies, according to Mrs. Ellinwood.

Mrs. Ellinwood said that many mothers come to the Mothers' Aid Society making requests to have their children adopted.

"We were helping one young woman to care for her three children all less than two years of age, who came to us one day and told us that she 'was too young to be tied down to a family' and that she wanted them to be adopted," said Mrs. Ellinwood.

"A short time ago a woman came to my office and asked me to find a home for her baby.

"I tried to talk her out of it, but seemed only to make her angry at me, and she threw the baby across the desk at me."

Mrs. Ellinwood said another mother

told one of the workers of the organization that she was "tired of her children and did not want to be bothered any more."

"We have found in some instances that the mother will desire the child if we do not consent to take it."

"A few weeks ago a woman came to the office with a baby, saying she had been deserted by her husband and left with a baby and child six years old."

"She said her mother, who was 70 years old, cared for the child while she worked, but was not a competent person."

"The woman told me that she had a sister living in the country with whom she might stay awhile if we would pay her expenses."

Mrs. Ellinwood said the plan did not appeal to her, but she agreed to pay the mother's board.

"She might well believe she desired to keep her baby," Mrs. Ellinwood said.

As the girl did not report to the association, Mrs. Ellinwood made inquiries and found that she had taken her baby to a south side home and left it on the doorstep.

"A lady rooming at the house where the baby was left told us the woman came to the house in the evening carrying the baby."

"She asked for one of the ladies in the house."

"As she did not come out of the house, the boarder asked about her the next day, and found that she had not been seen by the lady she asked for."

"Later it was learned she had passed

out the back door of the house, leaving the baby on the porch of the house next door."

**In Toe to Toe Gun Play Wife's Death Avenged**

CHICAGO, June 22.—Carl Wanderer today scoffed at the idea that his 21-year-old wife, bride of eight months and expectant mother, might have been the victim of a former sweetheart.

Wanderer and the assailant of his wife blazed away at each other with 45-caliber army revolvers in a toe-to-toe battle following the murder of Mrs. Wanderer here last night.

The slayer died with four bullet wounds in his body.

Police today were attempting to identify the man who attacked the couple as they entered the home of Mrs. Wanderer's mother here.

The assailant was hidden in the doorway of the house and opened fire on Mrs. Wanderer when she reached for a light preparatory to opening the door.

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