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## WEALTHY STREET LABORER DEFENDANT IN A DIVORCE SUIT

Dennis Dwyer, Since Beginning Work for the City, Has Saved Almost \$15,000 and Wife Wants Part.

WOULD HAVE AGED MAN'S PROPERTY TURNED TO HER

She Alleges Cruel and Inhuman Treatment on the Part of Her Spouse Whom She Says Kicked Her Into Street.

CANNOT SUPPORT HERSELF.

SHE HOLDS DENNIS ABLE BODIED, STRONG, WELL-TO-DO, IN POSITION TO SUPPORT HER WITH AN ANNUAL ALLOWANCE.

Dennis Dwyer, a well known resident of this city, who has by following the occupation of a common street laborer amassed a modest fortune estimated at about \$15,000, has been sued in the circuit court by his wife, Nora, for support. She also asks the appointment of a receiver for his real and personal property. Last fall, Mrs. Dwyer brought suit for divorce, but after hearing her statement and the one made by Dennis, Judge Fox refused to annul the marriage vows.

In her complaint, Mrs. Dwyer avers that after her marriage to Dennis in 1903, he began to treat her in a cruel and inhuman manner, striking her and beating her, and at one time kicking her into the street. Dwyer, the plaintiff alleges, finally ordered her away from his home and told her never to come back again. Consequently she left him in July last year. Since then, Mrs. Dwyer avers she has been an object of charity, her husband refusing to support her. She says that she is sixty years old, the same age as her husband, and that she is too infirm to work for her own support. On the other hand, Mrs. Dwyer holds Dennis is able-bodied, well-to-do and capable of earning good wages. She says that she would be able to expect \$600 per year and she asks the court that Dennis settle this allowance on her.

In the complaint it is stated that Dwyer owns five pieces of real estate, all valued at \$10,000 and that he holds promissory notes and other papers to the value of \$3,000. Mrs. Dwyer prays the court for an order to sell all of her husband's property and that she be allowed to collect the rents and the purchase money. The receiver asked for is to assume the entire management of the estate of the defendant. The domestic troubles of the Dwyers have been one continuous serio-comedy. When the divorce action was heard in the city court there was enough comedy furnished to provide Peter Dunne material for another of his amusing "Mr. Dooley" stories.

## EDITOR HARDEN DECLARED GUILTY

Must Serve Four Months for Libeling Von Moltke.

Berlin, Jan. 4.—Maximilian Harden, editor of *Die Zukunft*, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment on the charge of libeling Count Kuno von Moltke.

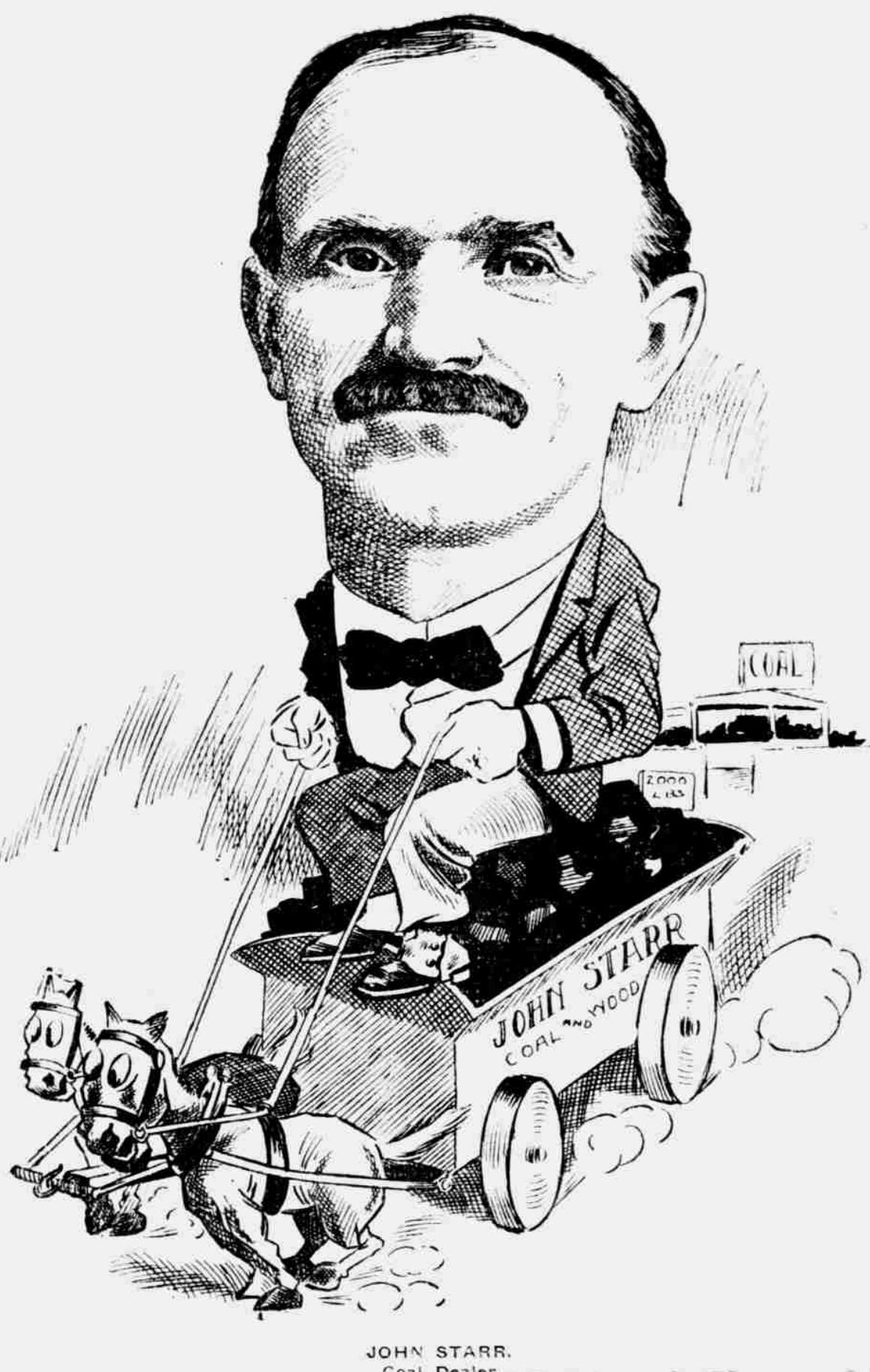
Harden, who has sufficiently recovered to appear in court, spoke in his own defense. It was impossible to obtain positive proof. Harden said, but he was convinced that a ring had been formed around the emperor which he was determined to break through. If his articles had accomplished this result he was glad, but if in his writing he had libeled Von Moltke, all he could say was that he never intended to do so.

## MARION TO MOVE IN RICHMOND'S CLASS

It Is Hoped to Do \$60,000 Business.

The Marion, Ind., postoffice is about to move up a notch, and get into the \$60,000 rank among the first-class offices of the country. This forward movement, which depends on the receipts of the office for the next three months will give the local office better rating than it now has and will bring it into the running for additional carriers and clerks. The office is now in the \$50,000 class.

## MEN OF AFFAIRS IN RICHMOND



## SORROWFUL STUDENT FOX WILL AGAIN TAKES BODY OF YOUNG WIFE HOME

He Stood on the Platform of Pennsylvania Station Near a Snow White Casket Holding Infant in His Arms.

FULFILLING LAST WISH OF HIS LOVED WIFE.

She Desired to Be Buried at Old Home in Portland, Ore., And Young Man Was Taking The Remains to That City.

With his three-year-old daughter and a girl baby eight days old in his arms, George E. McDonald stood at the local Pennsylvania station yesterday afternoon waiting for a Chicago train. On a truck near where he was standing was a white casket bearing the body of his young wife, who died Monday at Dayton at the birth of the baby gift. McDonald was a student at the United Brethren Seminary, Dayton, O. The tiny infant the young seminary student held in his arms, came into the world as a Christmas gift. Just before the mother died she called her husband to her bedside and told him that her dying wish was that she should be buried at her old home in Portland, Ore.

McDonald wished to respect this last wish of his wife but he was embarrassed for lack of funds. When his fellow students heard of his plight, a subscription was started. On the day that McDonald with his two little daughters and the body of his wife started out on the long westward journey, sympathetic friends of the young man gathered at the Dayton station and a roll of bills amounting to \$200 was slipped into his hand.

PASSSENGERS INJURED IN G. R. & I. WRECK

Train Entering Kalamazoo Yards Has Mishap.

Kalamazoo, Mich., January 4.—A Grand Rapids & Indiana passenger train entering Kalamazoo yesterday afternoon was wrecked in the city yards. Several passengers were seriously injured.

## VIRTUE WAS HELD WORTH 20 CENTS

Chair-Pusher Returns Money And Fine Jewels.

New York, Jan. 4.—Honesty may be its own reward, but according to Douglas Gibson, a chair-pusher employed at Atlantic City, the reward is not always much. Gibson, who is married and lives with his wife and ten small children found a handbag on the board walk, in which was \$100 in bills and jewelry valued at several thousand dollars. Soon after finding it, he discovered the owner, a handsomely dressed woman.

When he returned the bag with its contents, the owner, after long speech, rewarded Gibson with 20 cents for his action.

The discovery of the process of converting corundum spar worth 50 cents a karat into rubies valued at \$100 to \$150 a karat was suggested to the French scientist, Professor Bordas, by the fact that minute glass tubes in which radium is confined take off gradually a beautiful azure color resembling the sapphire.

## THE WEATHER PROPHET

INDIANA—Rain in south, rain or snow and colder in north portions. Saturday: Sunday fair.

OHIO—Rain Saturday; clearing and cooler Sunday.

## BIG STICK WILL DESCEND ON STREET RAILWAY COMPANY

For Many Months Speed Ordinance Has Been Violated, Endangering Life and Property—Warnings Unheeded.

## EMPLOYEES WILL BE THE MEN WHO WILL SUFFER.

Strong Arm of the Law Cannot Reach the Owners of Traction Lines, Although This Would Be Liked by Police.

## NOW IN HANDS OF CITY ATTY

IT IS ASSERTED THAT IF SPEED LIMIT IS MORE STRICTLY OBSERVED THERE WILL BE FEWER ACCIDENTS IN THE CITY.

The city is to use the big stick on the street railway company for running the street cars faster than the speed limit of twelve miles per hour, as provided by a city ordinance. Information showing several instances where the speed limit has been exceeded, has been turned over to City Attorney T. J. Study by Chief of Police Jesse Bailey and Mr. Study will file affidavits against the offending car crews.

With in the past few days I have had street cars in various parts of the city timed by stop watches and I have found that it is a common thing for motormen to run their cars at speeds varying from eighteen to twenty-one miles per hour," said Chief Bailey this morning.

"In several tests made by officers, street cars have been timed for a distance of three blocks and have been found to run nearly twice the speed permitted by the city ordinance. The attention of the street car officials has been called to this violation of the law, time and time again, but the warning has been unheeded. Consequently I decided to take steps to prevent this dangerous practice of reckless motormen," he continued.

Chief Bailey said that he did not like to prosecute employees of the company for violation of the ordinance, but there was no other method available to put a stop to the abuse. If there was any way by which the officials of the company could be reached by the arm of the law, it is an assured fact that the humble employees of the company would be overlooked in the effort to make the company comply with the speed limit.

It will be pleasing news to the residents of Richmond, that the city has decided to take steps to prevent street cars running fast along the principal thoroughfares. For several years street cars have shot along Main street at breakneck speed, completely disregarding the fact that such violation of the law placed the lives and property of the citizens of Richmond in jeopardy. If the speed limit for street cars is observed in the future it is certain that there will be fewer accidents and wrecks within the city limits.

## IN STREET BATTLE CRIMINALS ESCAPE

Fusillade Ends Badly for Detectives.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—In an open fight between three detectives and three alleged burglars, at Sangamon and W. Van-Buren streets, at 7:30 o'clock last night, Detective William R. Mooney, of the Desplaines street station, was shot and probably mortally wounded. Two citizens were struck by stray bullets. As a result of the firing of many shots, a patient in the Grace hospital, nearby, received such a shock that it is believed he will die. The three criminals escaped.

This new law does not meet with entire favor in the county, as it deprives the people of an itemized account for the year. The lack of this report deprives the people of really knowing the true conditions in Wayne county.

Mr. James Cronin of New York, has returned home, after visiting his father, Mr. Timothy Cronin, for several days. He was accompanied by Mr. Cronin's granddaughter.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—While Secretary Taft is not an "undesirable citizen" he is a violator of law.

The statutes of the United States specify in positive terms that the secretary of war's annual report shall be completed at the opening of each session of congress. Mr. Taft's report is overdue more than a month.

## PROF. RUSSELL TO SPEAK IN CAPITAL

Ministers of Indianapolis to Hear Him.

Prof. Elbert Russell of Earlham College will speak before the Ministers' Association of Indianapolis, in the Roberts Park M. E. church on "Christianity and Peace", Monday.

## DARKNESS IN AGED WOMAN'S LIFE LIFTED

Had Been Blind for Almost Twelve Years.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 4.—After having been totally blind for more than 10 years, sight was suddenly restored to Mrs. Julia A. Struve, of 28 West Tenth street, Covington, Ky., who is 56 years of age, a few days ago, and since then she has been able to read ordinary newspaper print with ease. About 12 years ago a cataract formed on one of her eyes, and a few months later the other eye was suddenly affected. Within the course of a year or two she completely lost the sight of both eyes.

## BROTHER ASSAULTS HIS SISTERS IN A BRUTAL MANNER

They Dispute His Word and Roy Coombs Flies Into an Insane Rage, Striking His Elder Sister.

## BOTH APPEARED IN COURT AGAINST HIM.

Judge Converse Showed No Leniency in the Case and Punished the Young Man Severely for His Actions.

Angered because they disputed his word, Roy Coombs, 17 years of age, assaulted his two younger sisters, May and Goldie Coombs, yesterday afternoon at the home, 908 South Ninth street. May was the most severely beaten, her brother striking her so hard with his fist, that her arm was dislocated at the shoulder. Goldie bears the marks of several blows received while trying to protect her sister from the attack of the young ruffian.

This morning in the city court young Coombs was arraigned on a charge of assault and battery. So grievous was his offense that Judge Converse fined him \$10 and costs and sentenced him to ninety days in the county jail. In the opinion of everyone present in the court room, Coombs merited the punishment administered to him. The lad has been a constant source of trouble to the members of his family and his confinement in the county jail for the next three months will be a Godsend to them.

The two sisters testified that Roy had been out of employment for some time. They told him where he could obtain a position. He left the house ostensibly to secure this job. On his return home he said that he had been unable to secure the position. His two sisters disputed his word and he immediately flew into a frantic rage striking May twice and knocking her to the floor. Goldie interfered to save her sister and young Coombs then turned on her. Mrs. Coombs telephoned to police headquarters, requesting that an officer be sent to take her son in custody.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—A strike against high rents of tenements is expected to take place in Chicago's ghetto tomorrow. The demand is for a reduction of \$2 a month. If this concession is not granted the Jewish tenants will refuse to pay rent, and will submit to eviction by their landlords.

For this initial strike, which is considered likely to duplicate the strike of the tenement renters in New York, all the necessary preparations have been made. The Chicago strike is to be managed by the Jewish branch of the socialist party, the "Bund" or club that has its headquarters at 446 South Salsted street. A rent reduction conference was demanded by 100 of the tenants of the ghetto.

## HEROINE TAKES ANOTHER PLUNGE

Engagement Announced—Is a

Plucky Girl.

Baltimore, Jan. 4.—The engagement of Miss Katherine Noble, the heroine of the Mohegan disaster, is announced. She will wed Ernesto Trovi-Simonetti of Mexico. Miss Noble was a passenger on the steamer Mohegan when it sank in the English Channel, Oct. 15, 1898. She placed a life belt around her and clung to a plank in the water for five hours before she was rescued.

Sailors tried to take her into the life boats, but she refused, saying they were overcrowded and the addition of her weight would lessen the chances of those already in the boats. The sailors said she was the pluckiest girl they had ever seen. She was one of the eleven passengers saved out of nineteen.

## IMMENSE AMOUNT OF MONEY SPENT FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Over Sixty Thousand Dollars Expended by the City the Past Year for Public Improvements in All Sections.

## GREATEST YEAR'S RECORD IN HISTORY OF CITY.

City Engineer Charles Has Enviable Record During His Three Years in Office as City Has Been Greatly Beautified

## RECORD FOR SEVEN YEARS.

IN THAT TIME THE CITY OF RICHMOND HAS SPENT \$307,637 FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS OF ALL KINDS.

More money was spent in Richmond last year for public improvements, than any other year in the history of the city. City Engineer Fred Charles is just completed his report for 1907, and will submit it to council Monday evening. In this report it is shown that during the past year \$31,890 was expended by the city in this manner. The report also shows that during the past year plans were prepared, but no contracts let for public improvements amounting to \$108,000 and that the total cost of public improvements started last year but not completed, amounted to \$33,350. The grand total of costs of improvements completed, started and planned for in 1907 reaches the unprecedented sum of \$205,840.

City Engineer Charles has made a splendid record during the three years he has been in office. During the Charles regime, more public improvements have been made than in the five previous years. This is shown by the following table of costs of public improvements from 1900 to 1907:

Year	Total
1900	\$27,200
1901	16,332
1902	27,444
1903	33,769
1904	26,505
1905	61,300
1906	51,188
1907	63,890

Total ... \$307,637

Most of the public improvements made last year were cement sidewalks, curbs, gutters and crossings.

In his report Engineer Charles has prepared a table showing the total number of miles of cement improvements made in Richmond. This table is as follows:

Built	Built	Total
1907	Prior	Miles
Alleys	38	14
Curbs and gutters	9,62	4,97
Sidewalks	21,57	7,27
Streets	20	29

Last year was not a busy one for the making of sewers, only 1.27 miles being placed. The report shows that there are now in Richmond a total of 31.16 miles of sewers. Last year there was three fourths of a mile of sewers contracted for, while over four miles were contemplated and will probably be placed this year.

## GHETTO RESIDENTS WILL WAGE STRIKE

Want Lower Rents in Chicago Tenements.

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## PRESIDENT KELLY WILL LECTURE

To Speak at Westfield Next Friday.

President Kelly of Earlham, will lecture at Westfield, Ind., on the afternoon of January 10. His subject will be the "Problem of the Emotions."