

**DENIES HIRING GUNMAN TO SLAY HER HUSBAND**

**Detroit Wife Disputes Story of Detective Who Avers She Offered \$20,000.**

Detroit, Dec. 13.—Mrs. May Blinn Ford, charged with trying to engage a professional gunman to kill her wealthy husband, collapsed when taken into the municipal court for arraignment. A plea of not guilty was entered and she was taken to the county jail under \$25,000 bail. After she had recovered her composure, Mrs. Ford reiterated her previous statement that she was the victim of a "frame-up" that grew out of domestic difficulties, including a suit for divorce, filed last August, in which she charged cruelty, and a suit asking \$20,000 damages of her estranged husband, for alleged assault.

"It's absurd," she said, "that I, a trained nurse, should attempt to engage a gunman to kill my husband after I had left him, when it would have been so easy for me to do it when I lived with him?"

She charged her husband, New J. Ford, a Dearborn farmer, with cruelty, adding that he had private detectives trail her and that on one occasion he had threatened to put her "behind the bars." "This," she added, "is the way he proposes to do it, I suppose."

Mrs. Ford asserted that she had no recollection of a meeting with Edward Kunath, a detective lieutenant, who claimed that she offered \$20,000 to him to kill her husband, believing the detective to be a professional gunman. Kunath and three other detectives who figured in the investigation that led to Mrs. Ford's detention averred the money was to be paid as soon as the case came into possession of her husband's estate, said to amount to \$230,000.

Mrs. Ford, the detective asserted, gave to him a photograph of her husband to make sure the right man was slain. Three other detectives swore they heard a conversation between Mrs. Ford and Kunath in which several plans for killing her husband were presented by Mrs. Ford. One was that he be shot in his farm home west of Detroit and others that he be shot or

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**KITCHENER WROTE INTERESTINGLY OF HIS LIFE IN EGYPT**

**Letters to Early Friends are Placed on Sale in London—Faulty Spelling and Punctuation Revealed.**

London, Nov. 17.—(By Mail)—Messrs. Patten and Simpson's sale today included a number of early letters of Lord Kitchener, all written from about 1881 to 1888 and addressed to Mrs. (afterwards Lady) Bovill and Sir Elliot Bovill, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for Cyprus. They are extremely interesting and outspoken and deal exclusively with his life and adventures in Egypt and his work there as an army officer, both before and during the Nile Expedition and in the operations near Suakin. The earliest of all is a letter of eight pages, dated Suisun, December 7, 1881, to Mrs. Bovill.

"I had rather an adventure the other day while out surveying alone. I met an individual who turns out to be a murderer. He pointed his gun at me, so I rode round him out of range shouting at him, he dodging behind the stones, kept his gun pointed at me. I then went to a village near and got a boy to come with me, we found our friend not far off the place I first saw him in some bushes, he yelled out something and my valiant guide immediately fled. The murderer then fired at me out of the bushes, as I had nothing but a hunting crop, I rode off to another village but none of the people would come out."

Two of the three letters written in 1883 are dated from Cairo, and in one of these, August 8, he speaks of having had a lively time with cholera, and of having seen—

"The most beautiful want of forethought in both English and Egyptian H. Q. Officers. The English went on the principle of no panic, so nothing was done for a few days, then one evening orders for the whole lot to move in different directions next morning no transport, nothing ready, utter confusion."

In March, 1884, he writes from Ab-

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The French Club met yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Miller Wood, 23 Horsfield street, and the programme for the meeting was an interesting one, consisting of the work and life of Mistral, the writer of Provence, who wrote only in the language of that province, his purpose being to keep alive the Langue d'oc speech. All his works were afterwards translated into French. Mademoiselle Le Roi gave several readings from Mistral's works. The members of the club were interested to learn that the Emma S. Fiske Memorial prize for French which was won by Miss Harriet Roberts, is to be presented to her some time this month.

**PHONE MESSAGE SAVES LAD IMPERILED BY ANGRY BULL**

London, Nov. 23.—(By Mail)—A telephone call recently was the means of saving a boy from being seriously injured or killed by a bullock, says an item in "The London Daily Mail."

Two Selby, Yorkshire, business men were traveling in an express train between Selby and Howden on Saturday afternoon. When nearing Wresale Station they saw a bullock attacking a boy in a field by the side of the railway.

The two men scribbled on slips of paper the words: "Bull killing boy near Wresale Station." They threw the notes out of the window at a level crossing. When the train reached Howden they told a signman. He telephoned to Wresale Station—about three miles distant. Help was sent at once and the boy was rescued. He was the son of Mr. Woods, a farmer.

The members of the Charlotte street Baptist church were at home last evening to the friends of the winter port. The pastor, Rev. Charles Freeman, presided and an address of welcome was read by D. C. Clark. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the Ever Ready class. An interesting programme was carried out, consisting of solos by Mr. Freeman and Miss Nichols; readings by E. L. W. Ingraham and Miss Wayner; duet, Mr. Freeman and Mrs. P. L. Webb; quartette selection; the Stackhouse brothers.

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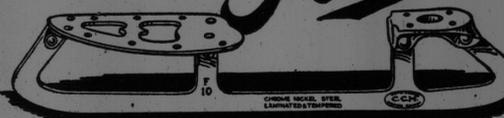
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**RAISE \$102,000 IN AN HOUR**

Montclair Presbyterians Nearly Wipe Out Debt on New Church.

Montclair, N. J., Dec. 12.—In sixty minutes \$102,000 was raised for the building fund of \$160,000 for the Central Presbyterian Church. The last-mentioned sum is amount still due on the new \$500,000 edifice which the congregation recently dedicated. The contributions came from many members of the church, and the total is said to be a record for one hour in raising funds in Montclair.

A. F. McCarraugh of the New Era movement presided at the meeting where the money was raised.

The Metagema concert party gave an excellent entertainment at the Seaman's Institute last evening and, in spite of the inclemency of the weather, a large crowd turned out to enjoy the programme. Mr. Riley, from the Metagema, acted as chairman last evening. Among those who took part last evening were: Mrs. Oscar Brentnall, Mrs. Thompson and Messrs. Campbell, W. Brindle Price, Harry Hammond, McGuire, Nicholson, Strachan and Wilbraham. Mrs. Thompson and Mr. Price acted as accompanists.

basilyeh of going to Berber, "further south than I have ever been before," and as being "much pleased at having been selected for this trip, as it will be most important work opening the Berber-Southern road and getting Gen. Lord out of Khartoum safely—I am only afraid the government will change their minds before I get off, they do it every half hour now. In July of the same year he writes of starting for Wady Halfa. "I suppose you have seen of my doling in the papers, it is rather annoying to find them reporting in big print scraps of information given them by Sir E. Wood in Cairo." In a letter dated Korti, January 4, 1885, he describes sending the Christmas night with the R. E.

"Afterwards there was a big bonfire, Lord W. and everyone went, there was singing, &c, afterwards they gave cheers for Lord W. &c, and I was much astonished to find the British army cheering for my name. They did it again on New Year's night when we were traveling in the desert. I was much flattered."

Two of the letters were written in May, 1885, one on the 4th and the other twenty days later. Each tells its own tale, and in both cases comment is not necessary. The earlier, in the course of its eight pages, contains this paragraph:—

"The Govt. seems to be shilly-shallying about what is to be done out here and to be quite unable to make up their minds for any policy. The troops are pretty well tired already of their summer quarters and are kept on the by Reuter's telegrams. Fancy we poor intelligence officers trying reassure the people and then a flaming Reuter published in all the camps that every one is going away at once. I have just been writing rather a long report for Lord Granville on the situation. My General here, Sir E. Wood, nearly had a fit when he read it."

The later, like the earlier, is dated from Debbah. The latest of the dated letters is one from Cairo, November 26, 1888:

"We are all now very busy getting a force to Suakin to have another go at the Derwishes. I am going and shall have command of a brigade, which is a thing I have longed for in action, though I have already commanded one in peace it is quite a different thing and so I am proportionately happy."

**WOMAN SHERIFF DEFIES 'HARD-BOILED' CRIMINALS**

Fair Officer, Armed With Pistol and Handcuffs, Awaits Raids by Crooks.

Washington Courthouse, Ohio, Dec. 12.—Fayette County has the first woman game protector in Ohio in the person of Mrs. Rosetta Zimmerman, twenty-four, daughter of C. P. Luttrell, a wealthy farmer.

Mrs. Zimmerman carries a pistol and a pair of handcuffs dangles at her side. "When I go after them they get to come," declares Mrs. Zimmerman, who some nights ago made a trip to Dayton and placed a man under arrest early in the morning. The man was fined \$10 and costs for hunting without the owner's permission.

"If they get hard-boiled with me I simply show that I can be hard-boiled too," declares the woman game protector. "I am not afraid and I can shoot, if it ever becomes necessary."

Mrs. Zimmerman wears knickerbockers while on duty.

An alarm from box 24 called the firemen to extinguish a small fire in one of the rooms of the Dufferin Hotel yesterday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock. The fire was handled by the use of the chemical engine and the only damage was done to the curtains on the window, which were destroyed.

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