

## MANAGERS TO GET TWO SALARIES

The Chef of Austria's Emperor Also Does Duty for Count.

Paris, Dec. 24.—This story is told by the Cri De Paris: The chef receiving the highest salary known to pot-and-pandem is received by the cordon-bleu of the Emperor of Austria, \$10,000 a year. His name is Perski; he was formerly in the service of the Count De Reingau. One day the Emperor dined with the count. There was served a lordly dish, brawn made from a wild boar. The old kaiser ate and ate again. Then he said:

"Count, accept my gratitude. I never ate so well before. You have an incomparable cook."

Highly flattered, for Francis Joseph is a very critical gourmet, the count responded:

"May I have the honor of giving your majesty the same satisfaction again at the palace?"

The Emperor accepted, contentedly. One day, a huge case was brought in a private carriage to the palace in Vienna; the count's lackeys unloaded it with great care and announced that the count requested as a great favor that his majesty deign to be present himself at the opening.

The Emperor descended. With infinite precaution the lackeys opened the case.

As the last strip of the cover was torn off up shot from a mass of packing stuff the chef himself, dressed in the old style livery of a court cook, with ruffles and sword.

He saluted and recited some verses the count had composed, setting forth that there was only one man in the world with the skill to prepare wild boars' brawn fit for a sovereign's eating, there was only one man in the world able to appreciate that brawn at its worth; the count, his master, therefore begged to be allowed to present the finest of cooks to the subtlest of appreciators of the culinary art.

The Emperor enjoyed the prank immensely, accepted the present and, as the count paid the cook \$5,000 a year, added to the sum the same wages from his own purse.

Hence the happy chef is twice paid and, being wise, has laid up for himself houses and lands waiting for the day when, retiring from the imperial service, he shall be ennobled as he hopes, and marry his sons and daughters into the old aristocracy of the country.

## MAY BAR EVELYN FROM THE STAND

Prosecution in Thaw Case Will Endeavor to Prevent Her Telling Story.

New York, Dec. 25.—Using the Barker-Keller trial in the public prosecutor's office in Jersey City as a precedent, the district attorney expects to prevent Evelyn Nestle Thaw's story of the causes that led up to the shooting of Stanford White by her husband from being told to the jury at the trial.

Representatives of the district attorney in this country were today busy in examining the records of the New Jersey case, and it was said it was the intention to pursue the same course followed by the prosecutor against Barker, who was convicted and sentenced to five years in the state's prison.

Barker did not kill his victim, but was tried on the charge of assault, with intent to commit murder.

In this case there were all the elements of the so-called "unwritten law," upon which Thaw is depending to escape the electric chair.

Thos. G. Barker, who was an employee of the Commercial Cable Company, hid behind a hedge in Arlington, N. J., on Sunday, Feb. 3, 1901, and fired two shots into the head of the Rev. John Keller, pastor of the Episcopal church of that village.

The minister was seriously wounded, but recovered. Barker's plea in justification was that the clergyman had attacked Mrs. Barker.

The trial that followed was notable in criminal procedure. Public opinion was wrought up and Arlington was divided.

A Thomas G. Barker defense association was organized to raise a fund to defend him, and another association was formed to sustain the reputation of the minister.

When the trial was on the state succeeded in preventing the defense from putting in evidence Keller's alleged assault or insult with reference to Mrs. Barker, as justification for the crime. Nor was the minister permitted to deny until the end that he had ever attacked Mrs. Barker.

The issue was kept within the limits of the question: "Was Thomas Barker justified in taking the law into his own hands?" Judge Blair was the trial judge. A man named Erwin was the prosecutor. In his summing up, he said: "Barker committed this act on the mere statement of a woman; or her mere say-so that Keller had mistreated her. He never investigated the story. Mrs. Barker did not fly like Lucretia. She waited nearly two years before the story got to her husband. No good woman would do this. No woman who had a proper regard for her husband would wait two years with this awful story on her conscience. But Mrs. Barker did, and then after digesting it for ten days, Barker thought he had a right to go out and shoot Keller without asking Keller anything about it."

In eight minutes after the case was submitted to the jury, Barker had been found guilty. He was sentenced to serve five years in the state prison at Trenton, and two years later was pardoned.

## PLUCKY WOMAN HUNTS WOLVES

Penetrates Michigan Woods With Young Husband, Who Seeks Health.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—A woman reared in luxury has become the most noted wolf hunter of the Michigan woods.

Mrs. Frank Woodward left the comforts of her home in St. Charles, Mich., to go into the forests that her husband might not die of consumption. He was a young physician, but without means.

At first he arranged for his wife to remain with friends, but Mrs. Woodward refused to consider the matter and argued that whatever place was good enough for an invalid, especially her husband, was good enough for her. Less than a fortnight after this the two were situated in a lumberman's abandoned shanty a few miles back in the woods from the little Ontonagon (Mich.) postoffice.

Here they continued to live for some time in the heart of the forest, and little by little the doctor's strength returned. He took to hunting in the woods, nearly always accompanied by his wife, and one day he shot a wolf. He sent the animal's scalp to the proper authorities and a few days later received the bounty of \$15, which the state pays.

It was then there was born in Mrs. Woodward's head the idea that has made her a genuine heroine, and she at once began describing to her husband how they might with profit become professional wolf hunters.

Dr. Woodward captured two small wolf whelps, and was on the point of killing them when his wife objected.

"Give them to me for pets, Frank," she said. "We will use them as decoys."

Early in the evening on moonlight nights the two wolf hunters would take their captives to some point, perhaps a mile or so from their home, and would there fasten them while they concealed themselves on a platform previously built in a tree. Several feet above the heads of their decoys they would hang a chunk of raw meat.

They had learned from experience that when a wolf smells raw meat very near it gives a different call than when the meat is a long distance away, just as a hound will change its cry when it catches sight of its prey. This call is recognized by other wolves, and they hasten to join in the chase or feast.

In this way the animals in the woods were attracted by the decoys, and on one night during the past winter the hunters killed four wolves. During their first year's hunting with decoys Dr. Woodward and his wife shot 198 wolves, whose scalps were worth \$2,970.

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So the report gets to the bottom of the causes for this excess of supply over demand, and to do so the committee took the very sensible view that the heads of big business firms could probably teach military men something in the way of how to recognize merit and make promotions.

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## GALWAY TASTES OF MOB RULE

Boycotting and Organized Outrage of Daily Occurrence, It Is Said.

London, Dec. 24.—The past few months have witnessed a marked revival of agrarian crime in parts of Ireland, notably in East Galway. Boycotting and systematic outrage are now going on more largely than at any time since the passing of the estates purchase act.

This increase is not shown in the criminal records, for the police, acting evidently under orders, are permitting methods of popular coercion never before allowed. It has become a commonplace in some parts that it is safe to stone the police, because they dare not retaliate.

At Drumshanbo and Downa, in County Leitrim, processions of boycotters a mile long, parade down the roadways and over the hills, with horns and drums. In Loughrea the police were very badly handled in an outburst of popular violence, several being seriously wounded. Summonses were issued against the ringleaders of the mob. By order of Sir Antony MacDonnell these summonses were withdrawn.

In County Galway the main purpose of the agitation is to drive the large grazing farmers off the land, and to have their properties divided among the people. The league believes that if the big grazing farms are left idle their value will be so reduced that when the peasants come to secure their holdings under the estates commissioners they will buy more cheaply.

In East Galway the reign of disorder has centered around Loughrea. Soon after the incoming of the new Government this year there was a revival of boycotting and of violence. This received a great impetus from a serious tactical blunder by Mr. Shaw Toner, Lord Clanciarde's agent. Mr. Shaw Toner attempted to evict the local secretary of the United Irish League, because the league was boycotting other tenants.

The people of Loughrea showed fight, and a picturesque battle followed. The secretary's premises were barricaded, and the townsmen defended them splendidly, meeting the police with shillalags, volleys of stones and showers of boiling water. The police and bailiffs operated with scaling ladders, a battering ram, and a sledge hammer. At intervals wounded and battered policemen were carried off to hospital.

At the close of the second day's fight orders were received from Dublin that the police were to stop. Sir Antony MacDonnell came down to negotiate with the rioters, and promised them immunity from punishment if the house was given up. This was done, and the local heads of the police were shortly afterwards transferred elsewhere.

The league considered this a notable triumph, and since then it has ruled the district with a high hand. It has two sets of informal courts, popularly known as the "Sessions" and the "Assizes." The "Sessions" are composed of the local branches of the league. The "Assizes" are the South Galway executive, presided over by Mr. Wm. Duffy, M. P. He has as his colleagues delegates from Loughrea, Ballyvaughan, Killybeggs, Ardara, Leitrim, Killeenadegha, Mullagh, Cloosheen, and Killybeggs.

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