

RULING IS MADE ON WAR WIDOWS

Divorce Matter has Prominent Part in New Rulings; Must Make Showing That She was not at Fault in Such Matters.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 25. — The secretary of the interior has just rendered a very interesting opinion relating to former widows of veterans of the civil war.

Under the act of May 1, 1920, such a widow must show that all subsequent marriages have been dissolved and, in case of divorce, that the same was obtained without default on her part. The records of the courts of the various states, both under the act of 1920, and prior legislation, have been accepted by the bureau of pensions as conclusive where the husband obtained the divorce from the wife, as showing fault on the part of the wife.

The secretary now rules, however, that where the husband moved into some other state than that where the wife resided and obtained a divorce by publication, and there is nothing in the record to show actual service on the wife, the wife would be entitled to make a showing that she was not at fault and that such showing could be made in the pension bureau itself.

The case in which the decision was rendered is that of Mary M., an former widow of William Keaton, who died in 1875. Several years afterward the widow married a man named Irvin, in Missouri. Irvin subsequently moved to Oklahoma, and in 1904 obtained a divorce without knowledge on the part of his wife.

Under the former practice, the widow would be denied the pension because the husband obtained the divorce. Under the present ruling, the widow will be entitled to make a showing, as a matter of fact, that she was not at fault.

Another interesting opinion of the secretary is in the reversal of a decision of the bureau of pensions to the permission of a pension to Charlotte Beatty, of Captain David Beatty's independent company of scouts.

Captain David Beatty organized his scouts in 1862, and the company rendered service under the command of the army of Tennessee through the civil war. The troops, however, were never mustered into the regular military service of the United States, and consequently the scouts had no status under the pension laws.

In 1879, however, an act was passed for the relief of Beatty's scouts, giving them the same status as other soldiers. The pension bureau, nevertheless, held for many years that this did not permit of pensions to the scouts, except as to prior legislation. Secretary Fall has now decided that under the language of that act the benefits of the pension law, whether passed prior to that time or since, come within the purview of that act and that the scouts are entitled to relief thereunder.

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PLAN CHRISTIAN MEN'S MEETING

(By Associated Press)
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 25. — Application of Christian principles to daily business life is to be discussed at a conference called by the Business Men's Christian Unity of Kansas City to meet here October 21st and 22nd.

This meeting is but a forerunner of a national convention which is planned to be held in Detroit, Mich., in 1923, an invitation having been extended by Detroit club to others of this country to meet there.

At the suggestion of the Kansas City club, a more definite national organization will be established. Various needs and purposes will be suggested by club delegations and from them an association standard formulated prior to the national convention.

The object of the association, it is stated, is "to search out and apply God's laws in all commercial relations between ourselves and all men. Loving service shall be the keynote of our commercial ambition, rather than personal gain. We are all handed together to help one another in all ways but especially to realize that God is the source of all our prosperity and that we must, in the end, all demonstrate his laws in our affairs. The teachings of Jesus shall be our guiding light."

The meeting will be held at Unity Park and combine the pleasures of an outing with the association work. Invitations to all business men, believing in the principles of the association, whether members of clubs or not, have been extended.

JAPAN TRAVEL NOW LIGHTER

(By Associated Press)
TOKIO, July 15. (By Mail). — The number of foreigners coming to Japan for sight-seeing is decreasing every year. This tendency is chiefly due to the high prices of commodities in Japan. Another reason is that there are not enough hotels in Japan to accommodate foreign visitors. According to the Japan Tourist Bureau the number of foreigners who came to Japan during the last year was 25,600 persons, a decrease of 7000 compared with the previous year. Most visitors are Americans and Chinese.

rates from all parts of the south are expected to attend. Some of those who will be asked to take part on the program include John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Roger W. Babson, Dr. George W. Truett and James J. Davis, secretary of labor.

BAPTIST BIBLE CLASS TO MEET

(By Associated Press)
HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Aug. 25. — The organized Bible Class Department, Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Conference, will hold their annual meeting here January 16-18, according to information received here from Harry L. Strickland, of Nashville, Tenn., secretary.

More than fifteen hundred delegates from all parts of the south are expected to attend. Some of those who will be asked to take part on the program include John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Roger W. Babson, Dr. George W. Truett and James J. Davis, secretary of labor.

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K. K. K. ISSUE IN TEXAS POLITICS

(By Associated Press)
DALLAS, Texas, Aug. 25. — The Ku Klux Klan promises to be an issue in Texas politics until after the final election in November. It has become a vital issue in the democratic party especially in the state for democratic nomination for United States Senator, and is creeping into the race for nomination for lesser state offices. It also has been a bitter issue in certain counties.

The action of the republican state committee in opposing the Klan in its platform, adopted in convention at Fort Worth, August 9, precludes dropping of the issue after the democratic primary of August 26. Politicians declare they see a bid by the republicans for the anti-klan democratic vote in the platform plank opposing the Klan. The republicans, for the first

time in a number of years have a full state ticket in the field now. Heretofore nomination on the democratic ticket has been considered equal to election, with only an occasional exception. There are few members of the republican party optimistic enough to declare they expect success of their candidates this year, but they do say they expect the republican vote will show an increase, and the democrats will not have as easy a time as in the past.

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