

WILFLEY CHARGES BASED ON SPITE

Judge Has Purged American Name in China by Fight- ing Corruption.

STOOD OUT FOR THE RIGHT

High Tribute Paid by the Outlook to Jurist Whose Impeachment Is Now Sought in House of Representatives.

Public interest, generally, has been aroused in the proposed impeachment by Congress of Judge Lebbeus Redmond Wilfley, of Shanghai, Judge of the United States Court for China. Such a petition has been presented in the House of Representatives by several members of the legal profession whose object was effected by Judge Wilfley by a rigid enforcement of the laws enacted by Congress for the regulation and protection of American subjects, as well as the natives, in China. The petition requesting the impeachment of Judge Wilfley charges that officer with "oppression and misuse of his power as judge."

The attempt to impeach Judge Wilfley seems to be the result of his efforts to elevate the standard of American life in China, socially, professionally and commercially. Years ago the Chinese Emperor gave to American citizens the right to reside in the empire and to enjoy the security of living under the administration of law by American officers. This was followed by the enactment of statutes by Congress investing the American Consul in China with judicial functions. This concession of the Chinese Emperor carried with it the obligation that justice should be administered with impartiality, but it was not long until a system was shown and conditions began to grow corrupt.

Need of American Court.

This condition became more objectionable until James G. Blaine, when Secretary of State, recognized the necessity for establishing a more central authority and one which would be not semi-diplomatic, but wholly judicial in character. The same reform was urged by John Hay and later by Elihu Root, under whose persistent advocacy Congress took the necessary steps to improve the efficiency of the American judiciary and the administration of laws in China.

These recommendations uniformly demanded the establishment in China of a properly constituted court presided over by competent and duly qualified judges to adjudicate the legal controversies arising, affecting the interests of American citizens in that country, as was due the interests of justice and the rights of those citizens alike.

Under the law enacted by Congress on the recommendation of these successive Secretaries of State, the officers of the court are appointed by the President and consist of a judge at \$3000 a year, a district attorney at \$5000 a year and a marshal and a clerk at \$3000 each, under a court house established in June, 1902, and six months later the court was in operation.

Career of Judge Wilfley.

Judge Wilfley, who received the appointment as Judge by President Roosevelt, is a native of Missouri, aged 41 years. He is a graduate of Central College, of Fayette, Mo., and of Yale Law School. Until 1901 he was engaged in the practice of his profession at St. Louis, when he went to Manila as Attorney-General for the Philippines. Politically Judge Wilfley is a Gold Democrat and he is said to have abandoned a promising legal practice in his native state to enter the Government service, where the assignment offered a field of work it was his duty to undertake. After remaining in the Philippines for five years, Judge Wilfley went to Shanghai to take the judicial position from which enemies seek to have him removed. The court has been in operation a year and Judge Wilfley has heard many cases at Shanghai, Tientsin, Hankau and Canton.

Under the caption, "A Fearless Judge," the February number of the Outlook contains the following comment on some of the problems with which Judge Wilfley was confronted when he assumed his duties in China and the means that were employed to correct disgraceful conditions that were a reproach to the American people.

Dumping Ground of Nations.

For many years Shanghai has been an international dumping ground. It has received an influx in which our country has been only too prominently represented. Among these characters were certain "shanghai" lawyers who had the gift of conversation to leave other places. Much more in evidence were sharpers, swindlers and gamblers, but especially large a number of loose women, who either came from America or who had found it advisable to claim to have done so, that not only in Shanghai, but in all Chinese ports, the term "American girl" has become a veritable insult, a mark of contempt and reproach. Some of the lawyers above mentioned were in league with the swindlers and bad characters, defending their interests, assisting them to defraud and deceive, and confusing the consular courts. Of this kind of business and arrogance of the combined resources of vice had a pernicious effect upon the American name in general, and in particular upon our commercial, social, educational and other interests throughout China. Such a condition confronted Judge Wilfley when he took charge of the new court.

As the first necessary step in the execution of justice, Judge Wilfley gave notice that a written examination would be held for admission to the bar of his court. There were eight applicants. Two passed. Those who did not, claimed that Judge Wilfley used his authority either the authority of State or the Department of Justice, and that as should be "impeached" on the ground of fact, the legality of holding examinations of the sort here objected to is a question upon which the Supreme Court has long since passed.

Justice Shown Toward All.

Within a week of its opening, a number of the leading gambling-house keepers and swindlers were brought before the court. They were tried, convicted and sentenced to terms of imprisonment. This started the foreign criminal class and correspondingly impressed the Chinese. In one especially flagrant case an American had induced a Chinaman to pay \$5000 (5000) for the lease of a building to be used as a gambling resort at the coming races, knowing perfectly well that gambling was prohibited by the Municipal Council. The American court gave judgment in favor of the Chinaman and ordered the District Attorney to file information against the American for obtaining money under false pretenses. Within 10 days the American was tried and sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the Shanghai Jail. Judge Wilfley's course with regard to other loose characters was characterized by a like promptness and efficiency. All the eight American keepers of houses of ill fame were

brought into court. They pleaded guilty and were fined \$1000 each. So summary was the action against disreputable houses that all of them kept by American women were closed, and their inmates, over 90 in all, thereupon left China.

In civil, as in criminal cases, Judge Wilfley's record is worthy of note. The result of Judge Wilfley's activity is not only the recovery of the American good name and the conservation of American interests, but also present confidence on the part of the Chinese that their rights are exactly as secure when considered by this tribunal as are the rights of an American.

Legislation should now be secured from Congress to correct defects in the system of law in force in China. Judge Wilfley urges the passage of an act providing first, for certain special and peculiar needs of Americans in China, and, second, for the adoption for general purposes of the California codes as a basis of jurisprudence. This would be appropriate and practicable, since appeals from Judge Wilfley's court lie to the United States Circuit of Appeals for the Ninth District, which sits in California. Nor should Congress neglect their opportunity of showing in this way their appreciation for an American who has risked the threats and obstruction of corrupt and selfish enemies, who hate and fear an unswerving administration of justice.

PASTOR OF NEW PARISH

Father Albert S. Lawler Head of Catholic Division.

Very Reverend Albert S. Lawler, O. P., former superior of the community of the Dominican Fathers at Holy Rosary Church, Clackamas street and Union avenue, is the first pastor of the parish formed during the week. He



Rev. Father Albert S. Lawler, O. P., New Pastor of New Holy Rosary Parish, East Side.

will have for his assistants the other Dominican Fathers of the community. Father Lawler is well-known in the city, having been in charge of the Holy Rosary Church for a number of years, and is one of the most popular pastors in the city.

Before coming to Oregon Father Lawler filled positions of honor in his order in California, and at these posts he left many warm friends. He is now the pastor of a large and growing parish. It is bounded on the south by Sullivan's Gulch and on the north by Williams street. The Holy Rosary Church is in the center of this parish. Very Reverend A. L. MacMahon, O. P., S. T. L., vicar-provincial of the Dominican community, made the announcement at the Holy Rosary Church last Sunday of the founding of the new parish, in the name of Archbishop Christie.

CLOSE WATCH ON THAW

May Be Released if Declared Sane by Experts.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Dr. Ferris, president of the State Commission on Lunacy, said today that Harry K. Thaw, acquitted of the murder of Stanford White on the ground of insanity, was being closely watched by Superintendent Lamb, of the State Hospital for the Insane at Matteawan. Dr. Ferris said that the procedure in such cases as Thaw's is to observe the patient for the first 90 days of his confinement, and at the end of that period, if he is regarded by the superintendent as sane, a report to that effect will be made to the court.

If Thaw is believed by the superintendent, after he has made examinations and observations, to be insane, it is unlikely that a report will be made to the court unless requested by Thaw's counsel.

BRITISH-BOER MARRIAGE

Botha's Sister Weds Englishman, Cementing Union of Nations.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The union between the Boers and Britons was further cemented this afternoon by the marriage in the Dutch Church in London of Marie, youngest sister of General Botha, former commander-in-chief of the Transvaal army and now Premier of the new colony, to R. C. Hawkins, a barrister-at-law and a prominent Liberal. The ceremony was witnessed by fully 2000 persons, including some members of the Cabinet and people prominent in London society.

Fire in Cleveland City Hall.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 22.—Fire of unknown origin broke out in the Council chamber in the City Hall early today and the building narrowly escaped destruction. The Council chamber was practically destroyed, while the whole building was water-soaked.

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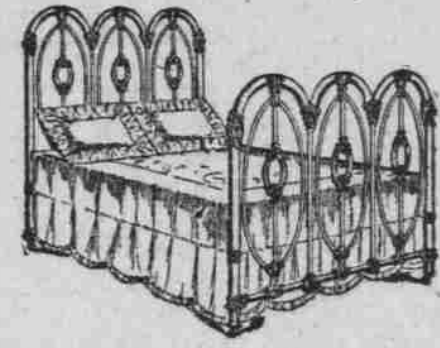
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It is composed of one ounce of Compound Tincture Cinchona, one ounce of Prose Compound, and a half pint of Sherry Wine. Mixed together and taken in teaspoonful doses before meals and at bedtime in a wine glass of water.

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As this is the season of the year for heavy foods and close confinement, most stomachs get out of order. You should have your druggist put up this mixture for you. If you are one of the few fortunate who do not suffer with Stomach Troubles, cut this out and hand it to some friend.

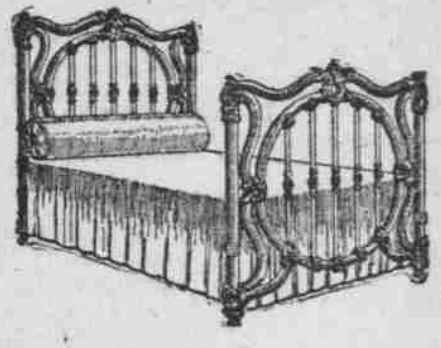
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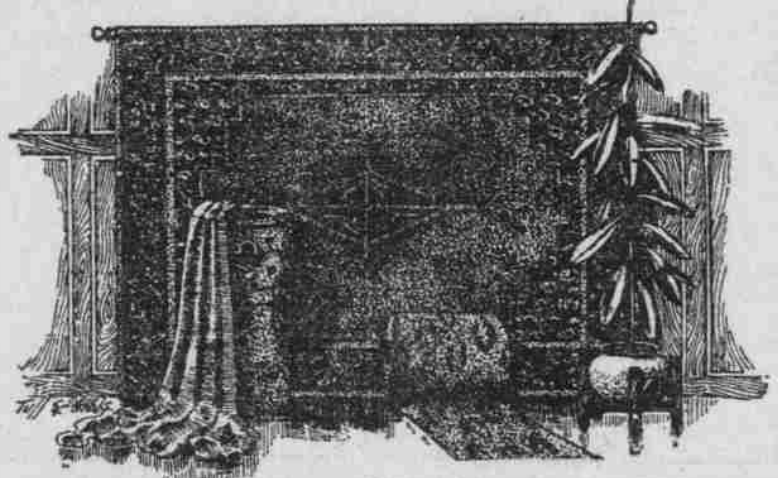
sample patterns, which we desire to close out for new designs now awaiting display space on our floors. Sale commences tomorrow. Mail orders and out-of-town inquiries will be given our careful and prompt attention.

- Pattern No. 603—In pea green; regular price \$3.50, sp'l \$2.25
- Pattern No. 501—In white enamel; regular price \$4.00, special...\$2.75
- Pattern No. 499—In pea green; regular price \$5.00, sp'l \$3.50
- Pattern No. 505—In cream and gold; regular price \$6.30, special...\$4.10
- Pattern No. 635—In cream and gold; regular price \$8.50, special...\$4.90

- Pattern No. 671—In cream and gold; regular price \$8.75, special...\$5.00
- Pattern No. 635—In the Vernis Martin and old gold; regular price \$10.25, special...\$6.50
- Pattern No. 581—Green bronze; regular price \$12.50, special...\$7.75
- Pattern No. 859—Green bronze and gold; regular price \$13.00, special...\$8.00

- Pattern No. 578—Green bronze; regular price \$13.75, sp'l \$8.50
- Pattern No. 588—Green bronze; regular price \$15.00; sp'l \$9.50
- Pattern No. 578—In the Vernis Martin; regular price \$15.00, special...\$9.50
- Pattern No. 578 1/2—In cream and burnt old gold; regular price \$16.00, special...\$9.75
- Pattern No. 588—In cream and burnt old gold; regular price \$16.00, special...\$9.75

- Pattern No. 586—In the Vernis Martin; regular price \$13.50, special...\$8.90
- Pattern No. 578 1/2—In green bronze; regular price \$16.00, special...\$9.75
- Pattern No. 589—In cream and burnt old gold; regular price \$16.75, special...\$10.25
- Pattern No. 815—In cream and burnt old gold; regular price \$21.00, special...\$13.75

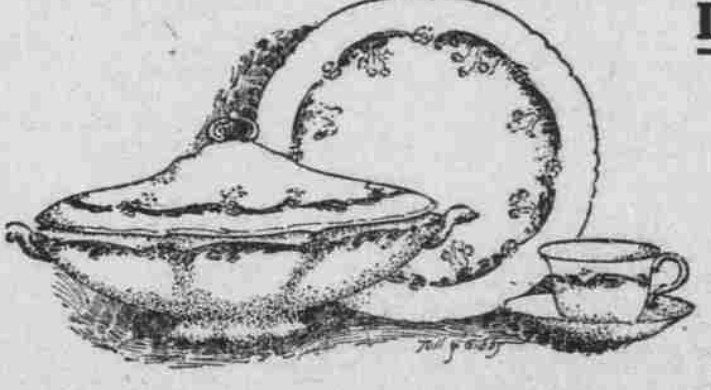


SALE OF SEAMLESS VELVET RUGS 9FT. X 12FT. SIZES—SPECIAL \$19.75

For tomorrow and Tuesday the Carpet Department places on special sale extra quality seamless Velvet Rugs, woven entirely in one piece—of the very best wearing fabric, in patterns and colorings that display perfect harmony and beauty; Oriental designs in correct color combinations, plain and medallion centers, with heavy borders, etc. These slightly and serviceable Rugs are especially adapted to the living-room and dining-room, and the critical buyer of floor-coverings will recognize the unusual opportunity offered in these regular \$27.50 room-size Rugs.

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Harmonious and therefore correct effects in interior decoration of the home can be produced only where a thorough knowledge of this class of work exists, together with the most artistic and up-to-date materials and skillful workmanship. With these in view, our Decorative Department has reached that state of efficiency as enables the most harmonious and pleasing results in the treatment of all rooms to be attained. We carry in stock the most exclusive and artistic of hangings and coverings, both paper and fabric, domestic and foreign, and can furnish original designs that convey the proper idea in the decorating of any or all rooms. In conjunction with this work, we do tinting, enameling, staining and finishing, therefore insuring correct and harmonious effects.



- 56-PIECE DINNER SET FOR \$7.50**
Regular price \$9.50; Maddock's English semi-porcelain; "St. Louis" pink and gold decoration.
- 56-PIECE DINNER SET FOR \$7.50**
Regular price \$9.25—"Allerton" Blue—conventional decoration.

MANY NEW AND ATTRACTIVE FEATURES IN THIS SEASON'S GO-CARTS AND CARRIAGES



Each successive season marks the introduction of many new and important features in the construction of Children's Vehicles. This season's patterns promise to display more advancement, both as regards style and construction, than those of any previous season. Among the many new styles which we are now displaying, we mention particularly the new metal folding go-carts, which show a decided improvement over many styles shown heretofore—can be folded instantaneously, including the hood. These are shown in various popular enamel colorings. The handsome new hood sleeping coaches embody style and comfort never before displayed in the larger vehicles. A number of new styles are now displayed and a wait your inspection.

IN THE CROCKERY DEPT.—THREE DAYS' SALE OF DINNER SETS COMMENCING TOMORROW

- Another of the many popular sales of the Basement Crockery Department, in which is offered for tomorrow, Tuesday and Wednesday, eight attractive patterns in Dinner Sets, in the semi-porcelain and Haviland, consisting of 50 pieces and 56 pieces. Thrifty housewives should take advantage of this three-days' sale.
- 50-PIECE DINNER SET FOR \$7.50**
Regular price \$9.50—semi-porcelain—green and gold—conventional decoration.
- 50-PIECE DINNER SET FOR \$9.25**
Regular price \$11.50—semi-porcelain—royal blue and gold decoration—white centers.
- 56-PIECE DINNER SET FOR \$10.00**
Regular price \$13.25—"Elite" white and gold—semi-porcelain—a new and dainty pattern.
- 50-PIECE DINNER SET FOR \$12.75**
Regular price \$16.25—semi-porcelain—quaint "Iris" pattern in green, gold and brown.
- 50-PIECE HAVILAND SET \$21.50**
Regular price \$26.00—pink and gold decoration.
- 50-PIECE HAVILAND SET \$28.50**
Regular price \$36.50—dainty rose designs pink and green.

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