

# NAVY PILOT SAYS WEDDING FORCED UPON HIM BY CO.

Wife Says Charges Silly, and Baby His; Annulment Suit Filed.

San Francisco, Feb. 17 — (UP) — Navy Lt. Clyde Monaghan's charges that he was forced by his commanding officer into a "shot-gun" wedding with a woman expecting another man's baby, today were characterized by his wife as "utterly ridiculous."

"The baby has been born and it is his," said Mrs. Nancy Monaghan at the home of her mother, Mrs. W. R. Hillberg, in Washington, D. C. "The whole thing is utterly ridiculous."

The 30-year-old navy pilot, stationed at Floyd Bennett Field, N. Y., but currently "on mission" and not reachable, filed suit for annulment of the marriage in Superior Court here Friday.

The commanding officer at the Atlanta, Ga., naval air station, he charged, told him to choose between a bride and the brig when Nancy told the Co's wife she was expecting a child, and that Monaghan was the father.

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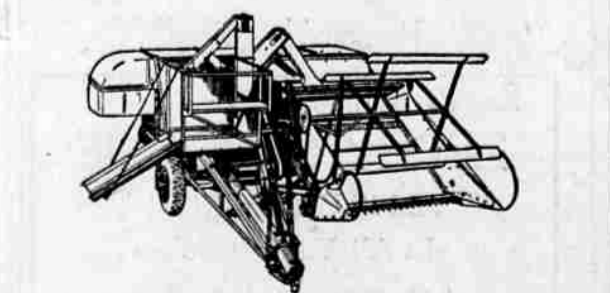
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