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**RICH MAN DEFIES THE 'BLACK HAND'**

Wesson, Revolver Manufacturer, Warned That His Mansion Is to Be Dynamited.

Springfield, Mass., Oct. 27.—The life and property of Daniel W. Wesson, the millionaire revolver manufacturer, have been threatened by the Black Hand.

The attempt to blackmail Mr. Wesson, who is the wealthiest resident of western Massachusetts, has until now been kept a profound secret by the police. About a month ago Mr. Wesson received a letter demanding that a sum of money be left in a certain place before a certain day. Mr. Wesson ignored the communication and a week later received another missive. The handwriting of the second letter was identical with that of the first. The sum of money demanded was larger, and the letter closed with a threat to blow up Mr. Wesson's magnificent residence with a dynamite bomb.

The murderous tone of the second letter decided Mr. Wesson to lay the matter before the police. In a third letter the sum of money demanded was again raised and the threat to dynamite the Wesson mansion repeated.

**Police Perplexed.**

The case is one of the most perplexing the police have ever had to deal with. For reasons which are not made public it is certain that the attempt to blackmail Mr. Wesson emanates unmistakably from desperate men. The handwriting of the threatening letters is scarcely legible and gross illiteracy characterizes the portions of them. All were written on the same kind of stationery and all were postmarked from the same place. The sending place, which was not Springfield, is understood to be a suburb of New York city.

Mr. Wesson admitted that attempts had been made to blackmail him and that threats of violence accompanied the letters. Mr. Wesson had read with interest the story of the work of the Black Hand in Stanton street, New York, yesterday.

"I will never pay one cent to extortionists of any stripe," said Mr. Wesson. "It is not a pleasant experience and I do not care to make any statement at present."

Mr. Wesson is still vigorous in the in his 80th year. His wealth is estimated at upward of \$10,000,000. He is one of the heaviest stockholders of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad.

Mr. Wesson's residence in Maple street is one of the finest in New England, costing upward of \$1,200,000. The exterior is of brown stone and marble. The carving in the halls represents a fortune in itself. The mansion is built on the side of a hill. The massive granite retaining walls cost several hundred thousand dollars.

**Man of Benevolence.**

Mr. Wesson, besides maintaining manufacturing industries of incalculable value to Springfield, has given liberally to the charities of the city. His latest gift to the city is the Hampden Homeopathic hospital now building. Mr. Wesson gave the site of the hospital, is paying for the structure itself, and when it is finished will provide it with the best equipment money can buy. In addition he purposes to endow several wards of the hospital with a permanent fund. The prevention of consumption is a hobby with Mr. Wesson, who is president of a society organized last spring for the purpose of educating the public concerning the propagation of consumption germs.

Associated with Mr. Wesson in his business are his two sons, Walter Wesson and Joseph Wesson, both of whom are millionaires.

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**MOTHERS GIVEN ADVICE**

Mrs. Dubois Addresses Women on Their Family Responsibilities.

IOWA FALLS, IOWA.—"Quit the club and stay home with the babies," was the keynote of an address made before a union of mother's clubs in this state by Mrs. Dubois, the wife of the Idaho senator. In addressing the meeting, the speaker condemned the sacrifice of children for fads and fashion, citing facts to prove that the average American mother of today is neglecting the home training of her children and shifting the responsibility of discipline upon the teacher in the public school. Of the public

school system, she said that the physical development of the child was sadly neglected and the mental training crowded beyond the capacity of the growing child.

It is reported that some physicians in Iowa are to be prosecuted by the state board of health for failure to observe a state law requiring them to file with the city clerk of their home city, a certificate that certain patients are afflicted with a contagious or infectious disease. In many parts of the state, the state board has found that physicians are lax in this respect and sometimes seek to protect families from quarantine by failing to report the sickness.

The commutation of the court's sentence to that of life imprisonment by Governor Folk of

Missouri, in the case of E. Bailey, convicted of the murder of a hackman in Kansas City, is of peculiar interest in this part of the state on account of Bailey's former residence in Weight county. Several years ago Bailey went to Iowa to engage in the publication of a newspaper. Leaving there, he drifted to Missouri and shortly after, became involved in the trouble that came very near costing him his life. He was known to many persons in this part of Iowa and many used their influence to secure a modification of his sentence.

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**CREATORE'S WIFE SEEKS A DIVORCE**

Sues Bandmaster for Separation and Mme. Barilli for Trespass.

Philadelphia, Oct. 27.—Creatore, the band leader, has received word that his wife, Anne, has filed an action against him in the supreme court of New York, asking for a divorce on the ground of desertion. Action in trespass was begun here against "Sonn' Ebn'li" by Anne Creatore. Mme. Barilli, a famous soprano, is with Creatore's band. A year ago, in this city, she brought suit for divorce from Armand De C. Barilli, alleging desertion and non-support.

No papers were filed in connection with the action in trespass, and the significance of it is not known. C. B. Fraley, Mrs. Creatore's attorney, is out of the city.

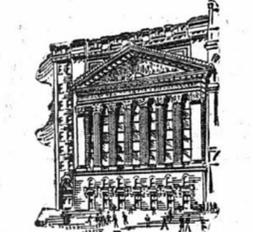
Creatore is now living at 1326 Pike street. "Yes, it is true that I left my wife in 1901," he said, calmly. "But I provide for her. I send her money, or my secretary in New York does; sometimes \$25, sometimes \$15, sometimes \$10, sometimes \$5 a week, and occasionally a new dress or a new hat, or something of that sort. She says my income is \$25 a year. Oh, yes, well. I married my wife nine years ago in Naples. There was no romance. We just met and married. I soon discovered that I had made a mistake. Her soul did not respond to my soul. She cares nothing for music, in which, as well as by which, I live. A reconciliation would be out of the question. It would be a discord. She jars on me. I shall not contest the suit, if she says only that I left her."

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