

discovered that for two years she has been wife of Chas. M. D. Knowles, 28, farm laborer.

**President Taft today signed** joint resolution of Congress ratifying his action in abrogating treaty of 1832 with Russia.

**Shanghai report says Yuan Shi Kai**, imperial premier, has offered to agree to republican form of government provided he be elected president.

**Heavy fighting is taking place** between Russian and Persian at Tabriz, Persia.

**John W. Dougherty, 23**, Minnequa, Wis., forest ranger injured by falling tree in the execution of his duty, died today.

**Dougherty's aged mother**, who was dependent on him, will receive \$3,000 under the workmen's compensation act, the first in the state to benefit under the act.

**Kansas City bulletin says snow storm** which raged through Oklahoma, Western Missouri and Kansas yesterday, is headed for Chicago.

**Franz Josef, emperor of Austria-Hungary**, reported to be sinking rapidly, and his death is expected any time.

**Franz Josef's death is likely to** bring Europe to verge of general war.

**Committee of London physicians** has asked City Council to employ widows, instead of girls, as telephone operators, to prevent nervous breakdowns that are occurring so frequently.

**Mrs. Wm. Wiggins, N. Y.**, left \$1,500 worth of rings in dressing room of Brooklyn's most exclu-

sive euchre club. They disappeared.

**John Harkins**, former pitcher for Brooklyn and Cleveland, has nine all his own. Ninth son was born to him this morning.

**Cardinal Gibbons received** Christmas cards today from King and Queen of Spain, Franz Josef, King of Belgium, Prince Regent of Bavaria, and the Czar of the Balkans.

**Maurice Maeterlinck**, philosopher and author, is coming to America on Olympic. Has bet up with H. M. Russell, director of Boston Opera House, that he can avoid all newspaper interviews.

**We're sorry for Maurice.**

**Cardinal Falconio took formal** possession of his titular church, Santa Maria In Ara Coeli, this afternoon.

**Commission form of government** declared constitutional by Illinois Supreme Court today.

**Man giving name of Tommy Murphy**, Chicago, was shot by policeman Mahoney, Joliet, Ill., today as he was attempting to escape from Santa Fe railroad station, Joliet.

**Green Bay, Wis.**, voting on commission form of government, and polling heaviest vote in its history.

**Farmers of Colorado, Kansas and Oklahoma**, value snowstorm that swept states yesterday and last night at millions of dollars.

**Tomorrow will be the shortest** day in the year. Official figures from Washington say it will be just 6 seconds shorter than today.