

WASHINGTON RIOTS

Wife of Lieut. 'Hard Boiled' Smith Petitions for Divorce

While He Was in Prison for Cruelty to United States Military Prisoners, She Begins Court Action Alleging Brutal Treatment.

San Diego, Cal., July 22.—Mrs. Marguerite Michl Smith filed in the superior court today a petition asking for a divorce from Lieutenant F. B. Smith, who was given the sobriquet of "hard boiled" by the men of the American army. She alleged brutal treatment. Smith's career as commander of prison camp No. 2 in France recently came in for congressional investigation.

called "Hard Boiled" Smith by his men while he was stationed at Camp Kearney. She added he seemingly took pride in the sobriquet.

Mrs. Smith was a San Diego girl at the time of her marriage to Lieutenant Smith on March 16, 1918. At that time Smith was a lieutenant in the 158th infantry, an Arizona national guard organization, which was part of the Fortleth division. He had done recruiting duty for the regiment before it was sent to Camp Kearney.

Mrs. Smith said soon after her marriage she heard Smith was harsh with his men and that some of them sent her word of their troubles with him. She said she pleaded with Smith to be less severe, but "he seemed to delight in his attitude."

Soon after the regiment went to France Smith obtained charge of the prison farm near Chelles-Sur-Marne, according to his wife. This farm became known among soldiers as the "hell hole of France," according to reports.

Representative Ballinger, who began the congressional inquiry into the prison camp, according to dispatches received here, said he had been informed the only punishment Smith had received for harshly treating soldiers was dishonorable discharge from the service. Mrs. Smith today said Smith wrote her not long ago he had been sentenced to eighteen months imprisonment in addition to losing his commission.

Threats against Smith by returned soldiers have been made to her, Mrs. Smith said.

WILSON CONFERS WITH BAKER OVER FIGHT IN CAPITAL

President Deeply Concerned Over Fatalities Attending Strife.

MARTIAL LAW NOT YET ASKED BY AUTHORITIES

Seven Killed and Scores Are Wounded in Battles Lasting Three Nights.

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With a colored population of 145,000 out of a total of 400,000 Washington is experiencing the worst race riot in its history. Late reports give a list of seven killed and scores wounded as a result of last night's orgy, which lasted until daylight this morning. The number included a few whites.

Approximately 500 negroes are under arrest, it was stated to the World-Herald this afternoon. The city is being policed by marines from Quantico and soldiers and sailors from nearby camps. Street cars in all parts of the city have been stormed with bricks and stones and shooting is an occurrence so common as to be hardly noticed now. In one skirmish last night near the capitol over 200 shots were exchanged, in another near the White house, fifty shots were exchanged between the police reserves and a crowd of negroes. At this point one marine was shot and killed.

CHINA LIKELY TO SIGN IF AGREEMENT SHOWN

Agreement Between Powers Over Shantung Likely to Be Published.

Notes Taken at Time and Plan Now Is to Reduce Them to Writing.

Paris, July 22.—Informal conversations on possible compromises which would solve the Shantung problem constantly are taking place. The opinion prevails in conference circles that some arrangement probably will be reached by which the gentlemen's agreement formulated between Japan and the other great powers that Japan shall return Shantung to China will be made public.

While this agreement was not formally prepared and signed by the great powers it is known that notes

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