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## JURY HOLDS LIFE OR DEATH OF TREADWAY

Retires to Deliberate After Judge Audenried Reads Instructions

## "BE FAIR," IS FINAL PLEA FOR PRISONER

"Electric Chair or Freedom," Is Demand of State in Closing Argument

## CONSPIRACY TO ROB IS DENIED BY THE DEFENSE

Full Blame for Murder of Peirce Put on Elliott by Accused's Counsel

## SMALLER CROWD PRESENT

"Boots" and Moss Kept in Cells as Case Is Brought to a Climax

## "I Will Be Out Tonight," Prediction of Treadway

"I expect to be on the streets by tonight."

Peter D. Treadway greeted Deputy Sheriff "Nick" Bruno with those words when he was brought up from Moyamensing Prison this morning.

The man who probably will know today whether he lives or dies seemed to have regained all his confidence.

The case of Peter D. Treadway, on trial for the murder of Henry T. Peirce, November 21 last, at 207 Market street, went to the jury at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Court then recessed until 2.

Judge Audenried, who has been hearing the case since last Tuesday in Room 433, City Hall, began his charge to the jury at 12:45 o'clock. The charge, given behind locked doors, was a lengthy one.

The judge entered into a careful analysis of the mass of evidence given for and against the defendant, the two confessions he made, and his recital of the circumstances of the murder as he gave it in person on the witness stand.

The judge then spent some time in outlining the law as it applies in this case, and of the various degrees of guilt in which they might find the defendant.

**Pleads for Defendant.** Judge Audenried began his charge after a morning of debate by the attorneys. C. Stuart Patterson, Jr., representing the defense, made an eloquent plea for the defendant's acquittal, beginning at five minutes to 10 o'clock and speaking until 11:10 o'clock.

The attorney for the defense declared that all the powers of the state were arrayed against a man whose greatest crime was being an accessory after the fact. He argued that Treadway could not be convicted of murder unless it was clearly proved that there had been a conspiracy into which he had entered.

Assistant District Attorney Spieker, who made the principal closing address from 11:10 o'clock, when Mr. Patterson closed, until five minutes after 12. He dissected the speech for the defense in length, emphasizing that there had been no persuasion of Treadway by the defendant, and that he had been convinced most harshly by his own words and deeds.

The district attorney demanded that the jury find a verdict of murder in the first degree.

**Treadway's Nerve Back.** Treadway was ordered brought into Court at 10:45. As he took his seat before the jury he gazed around the courtroom with a sort of "you-know-me" expression, as though a bit of the center of all eyes.

Mr. Patterson began his address as soon as the court had come to order. "It is not a particularly pleasant day," he said, "but I thought as I was on my way down to this courtroom that I had in this country for a great many days, and I thought I have been convicted in all that experience I have never heard a more finished, scholarly or remarkable oration in a criminal case."

**Not Worried About 15 Minutes if He Can See President.** Washington, March 19.—When Senator Francis reached the White House today he was greeted by President Harding. "You would not wait about fifteen minutes?" he asked.



MRS. G. H. McFADDEN, JR. Who testified today against two women, former employers of her household, who are accused in the \$500,000 gem theft from the McFadden home. In this picture Mrs. McFadden is wearing one of the stolen necklaces.

## KILLS HIS 'DOUBLE' AT 'DEVIL'S BEHEST'

Farmer Youth Confesses Murder of Chum After Appeal to Religious Convictions

## BIBLE WAS FIRST REQUEST

By the Associated Press. Warsaw, Ind., March 19.—Memories of his early religion revived by a letter urging him to confess his sins and seek forgiveness, combined with the softening influence of motherly advice given by Mrs. C. B. Moon, wife of the sheriff of Kosciusko county, has resulted in a confession from Virgil Decker, eighteen years old, in which he declares that he alone was responsible for the death of Leroy Lovett, a nineteen-year-old youth of Elkhart, Ind., his "double," with whom he chummed.

Decker signed the confession today in the presence of Mrs. Moon, her husband, three detectives and two Warsaw citizens.

Since his arrest Tuesday at Marion, Ind., on the charge of murdering Lovett, the Decker boy has insisted that he had no part in the lad's death. Almost constant questioning by officers failed to bring any admissions from him except he had sent some time Friday and Saturday at the home of Mrs. Lovett. Yesterday he received in a letter from Mrs. George Walker, of Nappanee, a woman wholly unknown to him, a deeply religious appeal that he confess every thing to the man you have known, and imploring him to "lean on Jesus."

During his incarceration Mrs. Moon also has talked with him. Late yesterday he received a letter from the Bible. Mrs. Moon heard him talking as he walked about his cell. She listened and heard him quoting the Scriptures.

"You find something to comfort you," she asked.

"The boy said he had found something very comforting."

Decker told her he could recite many passages of Scripture and he told her of earlier days when he attended church regularly.

"But, Virgil, if you keep on telling lies, don't you know that you will only make your case worse?" suggested Mrs. Moon.

"Yes, I know it, but I have made my peace with God and I'm ready to tell all," declared the boy.

He then gave a complete account of his trip from Elkhart, Ind., with Leroy Lovett, which started Friday night, March 11, and which, according to the confession, ended Saturday morning in a summer cottage on the Tippecanoe river with an attack on the Lovett boy.

No motive for the attack was given, except that the "devil told me to do it and I just did it."

The attack, with a heavy iron bar, was made, according to the confession, shortly before noon Saturday and was not fatal, but during the consequence that might result from his assault, Virgil changed some of Lovett's clothes for his own, obtained a horse and buggy and drove with the injured lad to a railroad crossing. There he released the horse, leaving the buggy with Lovett seated in it unconscious, expecting that a train would come along, demolish the buggy and leave a body so badly mangled that identification would be impossible except by bits of clothing.

Those bits would be those of the Decker boy's clothing and he planned to disappear, leaving the impression that he had met his death in the accident.

The buggy was hit by a slow freight train, however, and the body fared badly, but not fatally. Later it was claimed by both Samuel Lovett, of Elkhart, father of Leroy Lovett, and members of the Decker family.

Decker declared that he was the only one implicated in the case. He said the boy denied that there was an insurance plot to obtain payments of policies aggregating \$24,000 in event of his accidental death.

## 2 MORE FIREMEN ARRESTED

Ten Members of Columbia Brigade Held for Starting Fires. Lancaster, Pa., March 19.—The arrest last night of two more members of the Vigilant Fire Company, of Columbia, brings the number of firemen arrested here in connection with the fire which broke out at the Penn State police barracks in this city.

Those arrested last night are William Ziegler, former driver of the vigilante fire truck, and Clayton Kiser. Kiser was arrested in Philadelphia. He is a graduate student and was assigned to an automobile company at 750 North Broad street, that city. The men will be sent to the county jail today to await trial.

## 2 FRENCH WOMEN HELD IN THEFT OF McFADDEN GEMS

Former Maid and Governess Put Under Bail on Society Woman's Testimony

## HINT JEWELS WERE HID IN LINGERIE OF OWNER

John C. Bell, attorney for Mrs. George H. McFadden, Jr., whose jewels, valued at \$500,000, were stolen from her home the night of October 6, sought to bring out at a hearing today that the jewels were spirited from Mrs. McFadden's dresser in the folds of the society woman's lingerie, left on a chair before the dresser.

Mr. Bell sought, by his questioning of Mrs. McFadden, to indicate that Mlle. Blanche Maguit, her French maid, had used the lingerie to conceal the jewels in carrying them from Mrs. McFadden's bath to Madame Jeanne Aubriet, French governess in the McFadden home.

Madame Aubriet and Mlle. Maguit were arrested Thursday after the governess had applied for papers to return to France. Her home is in Paris. They were both held in \$5000 bail today for a further hearing in two weeks.

**A Dramatic Scene.** It was a dramatic moment at the hearing held in the courtroom at 11:30 o'clock this morning, when Mrs. McFadden faced the governess and the maid who had been her attendant for ten years.

Madame Aubriet, modestly attired, closed her eyes just before the hearing began, and her lips moved rapidly as though uttering a prayer in her native French tongue. She is forty-seven years old.

Mlle. Maguit, thirty-five years old, the maid accused with the governess, is a blond with a manner of self-possession. She had a tailored appearance.

**Husband Also Witness.** Mrs. McFadden, a stately brunette, entered the courtroom with her husband and young son, Billy. She wore a brown velvet hat, with a heavy lace collar, a black Persian lamb coat and black gloves, with black silk hose and shoes. She wore no jewelry.

The hearing began a few minutes after the McFaddens arrived, and Mrs. McFadden was the chief witness. Her husband also testified.

Magistrate Williamson read the charge of larceny and conspiracy to defraud, a charge preferred against the former McFadden servants. He also enumerated the pearl necklaces and other jewelry taken.

Mrs. McFadden appeared to have lost some of her composure when she took the stand. Her eyes were crowded with curious men and women.

**Left Gems in Bathroom.** After testifying as to employing Madame Aubriet two years ago and the French maid ten years ago, Mrs. McFadden described her preparations for bed on the night of October 6.

"I went to my bathroom, took off my jewelry and placed it in a gold box on top of the dressing table there."

"At 12:25 I had my bath for fifteen minutes. I got into bed and turned out the light."

At this point she made it plain that she had not been in the bathroom dresser contained only the jewelry she had worn that night.

**Describes Condition of Room.** "The room was in a safe in the closet in my bedroom. There was also a string of imitation pearls in the upper part of the drawer of my dressing case in the bedroom. I had a key to it and a leather bag in there that I had brought from Paris."

"At 7 o'clock the next morning, I awoke and walked into the bathroom and drank a glass of water," Mrs. McFadden continued. "I looked out the window and went back to bed."

"I then went into the bathroom to describe the condition of her bedroom and the bathroom when she awoke."

"The general appearance of the rooms was the same as the night before," Mrs. McFadden said.

"You must have left some clothes in the bathroom," prompted Mr. Bell.

"Yes, I did," she replied.

## "EX-TANK" TO LIE IN STATE

Former Drunkards to Honor Late Head of McAuley Mission. New York, March 19.—(By A. P.) The body of John H. Wyburn, "the Drunkard's Friend," was expected to be brought back today from Clifton Springs to lie in state in the home of Jerry McAuley Mission, over which he presided for fifteen years. Mr. Wyburn died last Thursday, on his sixty-second birthday.

Hundreds of "ex-tanks" whom Mr. Wyburn helped back to sobriety, many of them now prosperous business men, are expected to visit the dingy little mission in Water street and pay final tribute to their friend.

## HERT DECLINES OFFER OF POST BY HARDING

Unwilling to Accept Appointment at President's Hands. Washington, March 19.—(By A. P.) A. T. Hert, Kentucky national committeeman for Kentucky, has declined to consider appointment by President Harding either as an ambassador to some foreign country or as the president's representative on the government reorganization commission.

The letters made public today at the White House the President's offer to Hert that he would have had a "very attractive post" in the diplomatic service and permitted his name to be included in the list of those under consideration for ambassadors. The President also declared that since acceptance of the ambassadorial appointment was impossible he was exceedingly anxious to have Mr. Hert represent him personally in the reorganization of the executive departments. In his declining the Republican nomination, Hert gave no specific reason, but drawing his name from the list of possibilities.

During the last campaign Mr. Hert was a member of the Republican executive committee of five. Prior to the convention he was a supporter of Governor Lowden for the presidential nomination and at Chicago was one of the Lowden floor leaders. After election many of his friends urged Mr. Harding to put him in the cabinet.

**Boys Save Companion From Death in Stream.** Four boys, none over ten years old, rescued a nine-year-old companion, Henry Luby, of Switzville, Abington township, when he fell into a creek, stream and lay in the water unconscious.

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Later in the day Stacy Luby, the boy's father, swore out a warrant for the arrest of seven-year-old Henry Meisel for assault and battery, charging that he had pushed the victim from a high bank into the creek. The child was taken before Magistrate Williams but released, as the magistrate announced that he would hold the case under advisement until March 27.

Henry denied he had intentionally pushed young Luby, explaining that they all had been playing tag, and he accidentally had run against his playmate and barely was able to save himself.

## MAN ROBBED IN DAYLIGHT

Armed Highwaymen Hold Up Victim With Dozen Persons in Sight. Two well-dressed young men carrying a briefcase and a satchel, were today held up William Harris, 212 North Franklin street, and compelled him to turn over to them \$47 he had in his pockets. The men threatened to shoot Harris if he would not comply.

The hold-up took place at Ninth and Arch streets, and it was over so quick that a dozen persons waiting for a trolley car on the opposite corner were unaware of it.

Harris told the police of the Eleventh and Winter streets station that the two men walked alongside him. When they reached the corner one of them pulled out a revolver and "requested" him to hold his hands up. The other told him to hand over his money, and in other words to surrender to them.

Harris furnished the police with a good description of the men. One, he said, was twenty-eight years old and the other twenty. Both were well dressed and wore silk shirts.

## SLOW? NOT THESE ALIENS

Bobbed Hair, Short Skirts and Taxi Craving Mark Off Immigrants. A jazz orchestra was the only thing needed to give a finishing touch to the scene at the Gloucester Immigration station today.

Scores of girls with bobbed hair and bobbed skirts, too, of colors which made the rainbow helpless, were among the passengers who tripped ashore from the steamship Samson. Many of them sang as they stepped on New Jersey soil and did not appear to be especially thrilled by the quiet surroundings.

An all-around reporter who picked up some of the jargon slung up their international opinions in this fashion: "Hi! So this is the United States. When you talk taxis, the White Way and the embankments?"

Many of the fair immigrants were silk-stockinged and high-heeled. Some, too, wore a "hit" rough, but the report indicated that more rehearsals will be required in this art.

"They are the most up-to-the-minute aggregation of immigrants I have ever seen here," said James C. Hughes, chief of the Bureau of Immigration, "and they look as though they will be substantial citizens."

## BOROUGH JOBS FOR ALL

Tavistock's Citizens, Totalling 20, Will Elect Each Other. A whole town of officeholders—such will be the situation in the borough or boroughette of Tavistock, N. J. The place is on the outskirts of Hindonfield, but through legislation was separated and made into a regular borough by itself.

There are only twenty residents in Tavistock. It will be a registered town and an election will be held on March 29.

As a burgess, members of council, a tax collector, treasurer, assessor and several patrolmen are to be elected, virtually everybody in the borough will have a job and the people will be the government probably more than in any other place in the country.

## LIVELY MORNING IN CHICAGO

Bandit Shot by Watchman; Woman Killed by Blast; Bomb Thrown. Chicago, March 19.—(By A. P.) A bandit was shot to death by a watchman, a house was bombed and a woman was killed in a mysterious explosion which ran its course through a part of the city today.

## LIQUOR LEAKS, VICE, SALACIOUS MOVIES HIT BY METHODISTS

Temperance Report Presented to Conference Decries Ruling of Palmer on Beer

## TUMULTY'S DEPARTURE FROM CAPITAL HAILED

"What's the Use," Mayor Replies to Dr. Mutchler. "What is the use," said Mayor Moore today when asked about statements by the Rev. T. T. Mutchler concerning Sabbath observance.

"When a man who professes Christianity, like means humanity, willfully denounces the Mayor as an atheist he evinces a state of mind which it would be unwise to attempt to analyze."

"It is even more difficult to understand this state of mind when one reads the application of Dr. Mutchler's assistant for use of the police band on Sunday."

Liquor sold as medicine, salacious moving pictures, commercialized Sundays and gambling were hit by the temperance board of the Methodist conference, which made its annual report this morning.

The Rev. R. E. Johnson, who has achieved considerable notoriety as a "raiding parson," is president of the board and delivered the report in the Wharton Memorial Church, Fifty-fourth and Catharine streets, where the conference is in progress. Today is the fourth business session of the conference.

A forceful attack on what he described as a campaign to weaken enforcement of the eighteenth amendment and the Volstead act was made by the Rev. Dr. Clarence True Wilson, of Washington, secretary of the Methodist board of temperance and prohibition.

Dr. Wilson assailed the "beer ruling" made by A. Mitchell Palmer shortly before he yielded the office of attorney general, and by inference also criticized former President Wilson, speaking of what he termed the weak efforts to enforce the "dry law" under the President who vetoed the Volstead act.

The board of temperance, prohibition and moral affairs, which is the official body of the committee headed by Dr. Johnson, reported a decision of former Attorney General Palmer, which made it legal to prescribe beer and light wines for medicinal purposes.

The report also insists on the immediate repeal of the Brooks high license bill, and the adoption of the Martin bill, and goes on to say that Pennsylvania and New York are guilty of intent of the constitution of the United States "if it does not take these steps."

"Eternal Vigilance" Needed. The report, in its initial draft, reads as follows: "We have waged a long, hard battle against the forces of intemperance and the other temptations of the day, because we have lived to see the day of victory. The liquor traffic stands convicted before every tribunal in the land and is now an outlaw. We must not forget, however, that eternal vigilance is still the price of liberty."

"Battles do not always stay won, and this battle will not remain won if we drop our arms in the day of victory. The most vicious, corrupt and dastardly liquor interests are yet active. We emphasize the imperative necessity for renewed activity and constant vigilance on the part of our friends of prohibition in state and nation."

"To remain quiet now, or to bathe ourselves that the case of the eighteenth amendment is now an assured fact in the constitution and, therefore, the American people will be the great losers if they do not maintain a high moral agency in the land, is a pure hallucination and will bring ruin and defeat to the cause."

"Purs is the optimistic note. We, the American people, must reach the goal, but to be too impatient and over-anxious to realize our ambition in this respect, is a thing almost impossible with God."

**Palmer Ruling Decried.** "Some are already crying defeat. Looking at this question from a candid angle, they are too prone to believe that very little has been achieved, and that the American people never yet started out to do a big thing, never yet finishing it. This is one of the biggest things that God ever put into our hands."

**"HINKY DINK" CLOSES BAR.** High Rent Compels Chicago Alderman to Leave 40-Year-Old Stand. Chicago, March 19.—(By A. P.) The high rent has waded out another Chicago landmark, known as "the hangout for the boys," operated in the vicinity of Clark and Jackson streets for forty years by Alderman "Hinky Dink" Krantz.

"In paying \$500 a month and the new tenant, a restaurant man, I understand, is to pay \$1000. I probably could not stand for some increase, but not for such a boost as that."

"Since prohibition went into effect I have been losing money every day, and I had to have a hangout for the boys. I'm going to find some place not far away and open up a cigar store."

## CHAMBERLAIN NEW LEADER

Chancellor Almost Certain to Head Unionists as Law's Successor. London, March 19.—(By A. P.) The election of J. Austen Chamberlain, Chancellor of the exchequer, to the leadership of the Unionist party, made vacant by the retirement of Andrew Bonar Law from active politics, appears assured, as no opposition has been advanced. Mr. Chamberlain, it is understood, will become leader of the House of Commons and sooner or later resign the chancellorship for a less exacting office.

The convention to select a new leader of the Unionist party has been set for Monday next.

## BOY FALLS FROM TRESTLE AND DROWNS

John Houston, Jr., four years old, 2302 Constitution road, Fairview, N. J., was drowned in Newton creek at 12:45 o'clock this afternoon. With other boys he was playing on the trolley trestle between Gloucester and Fairview. He lost his balance when throwing a stone into the creek.

## GOVERNMENT WANTS CABLE APPEAL ADVANCED

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Solicitor General Frierson today asked the Supreme Court to advance to April 11 hearings in the appeal from the New York decree dismissing the government's application for an injunction to restrain the Western Union Telegraph Company from landing a cable on the Atlantic coast without government permission. The question involved, Mr. Frierson's petition said, was whether the President had the constitutional right to prevent such a landing and was one of great importance to the government, "involving the exercise of sovereign rights."

## Farm Hand Raises \$100 Lim'rick

We had considerable trouble in locating today's lim'rick winner. On his coupon he gave his address as 208 North 5th Street. We found that that is where he lives Saturdays and Sundays when he comes to town but that during the week, he works on Roberts' farm, down at Somerville, N. J. He sure raised a profitable crop when he sent in that last line. His rise is:

**LIMERICK NO. 78.** The birdies that sing in the spring Make love as a regular thing; Said a cop in the park, "Now I think that the lark Gets 'raven' when mocking-birds sing."

JACK'S JINGLE BOX IS IN FOR THE KIDDIES—THIRD PAGE FROM THE LAST

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