

FILM FOLK RUM SUPPLY IS TRAILED

Expectation of Startling Evidence Leads to Delay of Court Action

UNDERGROUND FROM MEXICO

San Francisco, Sept. 19.—Federal indictments under the prohibition laws in connection with the party staged at the Hotel St. Francis, here, by Roscoe C. Arbutkole will not be asked tonight, as intended, Robert H. McCormack, special assistant to the United States Attorney General, announced today.

McCormack is conducting an exhaustive investigation into the conduct of the liquor supply alleged to have been consumed at the Arbutkole party, the outcome of which has resulted in charges of murder against Arbutkole for the death of Miss Virginia Rappe.

Belief that his investigations will unearth a system of liquor smuggling from Mexico to Los Angeles and San Francisco was expressed by McCormack, Examiner of Customs at Los Angeles, who may be able to divulge information concerning the party liquor is being continued, he said.

Statements Obtained McCormack yesterday received from the South the complete transcript of the statements secured from Ira G. Fortson, Al Semmeyer, Lowell Sherman and Fred Fishbach—all guests at the fatal festivities on Labor Day.

Putting the statements together, with evidence secured here from the managerial staff and the heliograph of the St. Francis, as well as other statements collected from Mrs. G. McCormack, McCormack made the following statement:

"That a regular system was in operation whereby certain weekly quantities of liquor were smuggled from the south and distributed to the city and its environs by means of a liquid sustenance during their stay here."

Two of the witnesses questioned by McCormack had to be threatened with instant arrest before they would tell their tales. One at first said he would rather go to jail than tell what he knew, but he told.

Mrs. Rumbin Maude Delmont, the State star witness, is standing bravely by her guns. That she has not wavered in the least in her determination to bring full vindication to her dead friend, Virginia Rappe, was quite evident from a brief interview given by her here yesterday.

Won't Change Story She was propped up on pillows in her bedroom at the Plaza Hotel, where she is under the care of a nurse and the guard of a policeman. She spoke with great nervous intensity, her gray eyes flashing. She is a woman of forty, with gray-bespinkled hair. She said: "I'm ready for the defense any time. All I have to do is to stand in the front and talk. And all the Fatty Arbutkoles and Frank Dominguezes in the world won't be able to shake me."

Virginia Rappe was a good girl. Any suggestion to the contrary is a lie and a defamation. "Of course, as every one knows, I had had quite a number of drinks myself. But other than that, I had my eyes to what was happening. Virginia Rappe's condition woke me up. Like 'Fatty,' I am off the booze forever."

"Why did I kick on the door? Because I knew something was wrong. I don't like that kind of thing. I had taken Virginia there and was responsible for her going. I liked that girl. She was whole-souled and genuine."

"I'm not afraid of the defense. They'll get the truth and nothing else. There's enough of that to keep them busy."

Mrs. Maude, the latest booze party witness to be interviewed, tells a story on the whole favorable to Arbutkole. She stated she had known him for some years, and had never known him to be other than a gentleman. She said:

"These parties are held every day. They suddenly something comes and hits you like an avalanche. I am very sorry for Mr. Arbutkole—a fine man and a hard worker."

Mr. Fischbach, Mr. Arbutkole's several others and myself had an engagement to dine together the day of the party. When we entered Mr. Arbutkole's suite to get him the room was full of people. I didn't particularly notice Miss Rappe.

Warned Arbutkole "I told him: 'The hotel won't like you going this party. You are an actor with a lot of prominence and popularity; you can't afford this sort of thing.'"

"I went down to the dining room. Later Mr. Fischbach hunted me up and said Roscoe wanted me. I returned to find the people talking about Miss Rappe. I did not see her; they said she was in the other room."

"They told me she was under the influence of liquor and was tearing off her clothes. Some one was banging at the door of the room opposite. Later she came out by another way and came among us, looking very strange. It was Mrs. Delmont, clad in pajamas."

"At dinner, Roscoe mentioned the affair to me. He only said the girl was intoxicated. I am sure he had no notion as to her being hurt."

"Roscoe and I danced together that evening. But it was not heartless. Nobody knew Virginia Rappe was hurt."

Another defense witness will be Miss Jennie C. 'Dolly' Clark, whose home is in Kansas City. She was a well present. Miss Clark is said to tell a story contrary in many important particulars to that told by Mrs. Delmont.

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Penrose Expected Here to Lead Fight

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An Executive Committee meeting of the Republican Citizens' Committee, an independent organization backing Frank Penrose, was held today at headquarters in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. All the candidates were present.

The committee is expected to select at least several of their candidates. A feature of Mr. Penrose's campaign for the District Attorneyship nomination is a pledge that he will try all important cases in person if elected.

On the eve of the primaries both sides are hard at work perfecting details for the balloting tomorrow. The Voters' League predicts a majority of at least 25,000 for the independent candidates. Vares leaders, such as "Tom" Cunningham, predict a majority for the fifty-fifty state of at least 100,000 and claim forty-two of the city's forty-eight wards.

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Governor Sproul's interest in the convention, however, may result in the Vares organization putting the convention on their side.

Vares Seek to Keep Slate Short Vares leaders want to keep their slate as short as possible, so as to save their candidates for magistracies, with whom they are having no end of trouble. The state of election is not big enough to contain the names of all the Vares Committee candidates for magistrate who insist on being slated.

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It became known that the Vares are making a bid for the Italian vote in South Philadelphia by having Joseph M. Perri, vice president of the Twenty-sixth Ward Republican Executive Committee, Congressman Vares's home ward, primary in general, invited to address the Voters' League endorsement of Henry D. Berardino tomorrow also will be the day of special election for a Congressional at-large. The Republican nominee is Colonel Thomas S. Crago, the Democratic, John P. Bracken. Those voters who are registered as non-partisan may vote for Congressman at large and also on the question of the Constitutional Convention.

Mayor Advises Care in Vote Mayor Moore took a hand in the political situation today, when he urged supper for the Voters' League ticket.

"The situation is fraught with unusual political complications," the Mayor said. "There is probably less unity of action upon the part of political organizations than has existed for many years. It would be well, therefore, to look over carefully before entering the polling places, with a view of making sure that those names for whom the citizen seeks to vote are properly marked and not left to the

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The most important development was the fact that when the door leading to Room 1221 was closed a person speaking in an ordinary tone of voice could be heard in the sitting room, where the other members of the party were drinking while the attack charged was taking place.

Mr. Golden went into Room 1221 and closed the door. He then shouted to Mr. Brady, who was in Room 1220. It was discovered that it was not necessary to raise the voice very much to penetrate into the next room.

As there are two doors leading into Room 1221, both were closed and further tests conducted. It was found that a voice penetrated both doors, though not so easily as it did the single door.

Dr. Beardlee, upon his arrival in San Francisco today, will be asked to meet District Attorney Brady immediately. After ascertaining his knowledge of Miss Rappe's condition, Brady will determine whether to take the physician before the Grand Jury tonight. If Dr. Beardlee testifies that Miss Rappe was injured, as has been testified by members of the party, and that he believes her injuries were the result of an attack by Arbutkole, Mr. Brady said he undoubtedly would take him before the Grand Jury to get his testimony on record.

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Upon information from Los Angeles that Lowell Sherman, film actor, who attended the Arbutkole party, had left the city and started for the East, District Attorney Brady last night telegraphed authorities at Salt Lake City and many towns to intercept and return him to San Francisco. Brady announced also that he had telegraphed the District Attorney at Los Angeles to locate and place under surveillance Al Semmeyer, Fred Fishbach and Ira Fortson, members of the Arbutkole party.

Brady said he wished to have Semmeyer, Fishbach and Fortson watched to prevent their leaving the jurisdiction of the California Court.

The re-arresting of the Arbutkole party in the suite he formerly occupied at the hotel was done with a dramatic intensity, bordering on the real. Every article of furniture in the three rooms was arranged according to the position it occupied at the time of the entertainment. Virtually every member present at the party was questioned regarding the position of various articles, and with this as a basis Brady staged once again the affair that is believed to have resulted in Miss Rappe's death.

Brady was accompanied by Assistant District Attorney Milton U'Ren and Isadore Golden. They were assisted by Harry J. Boyle, assistant manager of the hotel.

Most attention was paid to room 1221, which formerly was occupied by Arbutkole and in which room the alleged attack took place. Here the beds were arranged as Mrs. Rumbin Maude Delmont, Miss Alice Blake and Miss Zey Prevozt, three women members of the

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It is possible that several guests at the St. Francis Hotel at the time of the fatal party will be called as witnesses. Search is being made for a man and his wife who occupied room 1222—next to that in which were the film comedian and Miss Rappe. They are sought in an effort to learn if they heard the cries of Miss Rappe at the time of the alleged attack. They are believed to be brought back to San Francisco to testify. Several women witnesses were examined yesterday, but no names were divulged. Brady said they were unimportant and might not even be called at the trial.

ARBUCKLE CASE THEM OF MINISTER'S SERMON The Rev. W. Earle Ledden Draws Lesson From Fatal Party Whether the influence of the life of the movie "set" could have been responsible for the Arbutkole tragedy was the question raised last night before the congregation of the Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church, Camden, by the Rev. W. Earle Ledden.

"Day by day the abysmal depravity pictured in the charges becomes more real and more revolting," he said. "Thoughtful men everywhere are wondering what influences led to this moral debacle. The tragedy comes as a climax to a succession of scandals engulfing stars of filmdom."

Continuing, the preacher said: "The trouble with 'Fatty' Arbutkole is that he was not 'born again'—simply dressed again. Brought from the barroom and the burlesque show to the movie colony, he changed his wardrobe and his manners. But it takes more than cars and called in to attend Miss Rappe, and it was learned yesterday, passed almost all of Labor Day night at her bedside. According to information so far received

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