

PRELIMINARY HEARING "ACUTE AND GRAVE"

Miss Rappe's Manager Testifies Rev. Dr. Hall Thus Describes "Fatty" Admitted Attack on Girl Situation to Councils of Reformed Churches

EXCLUDE MEN FROM COURT TOO MANY DENOMINATIONS

By the Associated Press San Francisco, Sept. 22.—The preliminary hearing of Rose ("Fatty") Arbuckle on a charge of murder, in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, before Judge John S. Gurnea, occupied the attention of all connected with the case today. Men were excluded from the hearing under an order issued last night, the authorities ruling that as Judge Lazarus' court is a woman's courtroom, no men except court officers and newspaper reporters should be admitted.

To Last Three Days Brady said he believed the preliminary hearing would occupy at least three days. The prosecution will take a little more than a day to put in the testimony, and he expects the defense to take about as long, he said. The witnesses subpoenaed for today's hearing are as follows: Charles M. McGarvey, who performed the autopsy on the body of Miss Rappe; Dr. William W. Belmont, who performed an autopsy in company with Dr. William Runwell, Miss Rappe's physician; Mrs. R. M. Belmont, complaining witness against the comedian and friend of the dead girl; Miss Alice Blake, one of those who attended the Arbuckle party.

Miss Judge to Fix Crime Judge J. P. Moore, former moving picture actress and one of those who attended the party as a guest, was called upon to fix the crime.

Arrangements were made to open the hearing at 1 P. M. An expert money counter was following her long-distance telephone plea from Los Angeles that he did not have enough money to make the trip. Senator Charles H. McNair, who was in charge of the party, and Miss Rappe's manager, the train fare from Los Angeles is \$22 and the boat fare is about \$18.

Los Angeles, Sept. 22.—A sworn statement that Rose ("Fatty") Arbuckle admitted to him on the morning after the alleged rape of Virginia Rappe, who died following attendance at Arbuckle's San Francisco booze party, that he had inflicted an injury that might result in the death of the girl, was made before the County Grand Jury here late yesterday by Al Semmacher, Miss Rappe's manager.

Only Arbuckle was sent to Al Semmacher for his appearance here following his long-distance telephone plea from Los Angeles that he did not have enough money to make the trip. Semmacher is a motion picture producer and was Miss Rappe's manager. The train fare from Los Angeles is \$22 and the boat fare is about \$18.

Miss Fitzgerald said, according to Camarillo, that she understood Arbuckle's cellar was "generously stocked" with liquor, that he alone entered it, that he did not know who had been taken away with him when he was taken for San Francisco on the trip which resulted in his arrest for the alleged murder of Virginia Rappe, Miss Rappe's manager, and that while she arranged for the payment of other household expenses, she never had seen a bill for liquor among them.

Cammarillo stated that Miss Fitzgerald's statements checked with evidence already in the possession of Federal officials who were investigating the source of the liquor drunk at the Arbuckle party in San Francisco.

All First National film exchanges were ordered today to withdraw all film from exhibition in which appeared Virginia Rappe, the actress for whose death Rose ("Fatty") Arbuckle is charged with murder. It was announced here that twenty-two hundred exhibitors are represented in the film industry.

Testimony said to have been given yesterday by Al Semmacher before the Los Angeles County Grand Jury in direct contradiction of his sworn statement before the County Grand Jury. District Attorney Brady said he declared he would further question Semmacher here today.

Brady said that Semmacher testified before the Grand Jury here that Arbuckle made no admissions to him whether concerning the alleged rape of Miss Rappe or the alleged murder of her. Semmacher also alleged in his testimony that Arbuckle did not make those admissions.

District Attorney Brady, of San Francisco, had requested District Attorney Swann to get in touch with the California authorities which wished to question him regarding the party in the hotel suite of Miss Rappe.

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AMERICAN SAILORS HONOR ZR-2 DEAD IN LONDON



Part of a ship's crew marching down Whitehall, in the English city, on their way to the memorial services for the men who died in the Hull disaster. It was held in Westminster Abbey.

PROSPECT OF IRISH CONFERENCE FADES

British Cabinet Members at Consultation Show More Rigid Attitude LLOYD GEORGE UNBENDING

By the Associated Press London, Sept. 22.—Prospects of a conference between Sinn Fein representatives and members of the British Cabinet at an early date were declared today to be less hopeful as a result of yesterday's consultation between Prime Minister Lloyd George and several of his ministers at Gairloch. Several of the morning's newspapers reflected this view, and reports from political correspondents at Gairloch generally agreed that the Ministers showed a more rigid attitude toward Southern Ireland.

The directors of the company is quoted as saying the explosion occurred in a storehouse containing 4000 tons of nitrous sulphate, which had previously been examined and was believed to be free from danger of explosion. All the workmen's dwellings in the vicinity were razed. Ludwigshafen reports say three workmen's trains were derailed by the wreckage and many children on their way to school in that town were injured.

Several United States Government officials are involved in illegal importation of liquor. They will be charged with facilitating and assisting in the smuggling of contraband rum into the United States. Brooks said. Warrants could have been issued for the officials, he said, but he decided it was advisable to await the return of the indictments.

Brooks declared that, in all, he expects fifty indictments. These will include charges against several men already under arrest, including Captain Joseph H. Hester, now under \$25,000 bail in connection with alleged smuggling of liquor into the United States. Brooks also mentioned the names of several other men who are being investigated.

Philadelphia Seeks Conventions The Philadelphia delegation will make strong representations to the convention to bring the State convention to Philadelphia in 1926 during the Sequel to the national convention of the American Legion to the city at that time.

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SENATE PITS ASIDE BEER BILL AGAIN

Attempt to Jam Measure Through Fails—Tax Report Promised Today

MANY REVENUE CHANGES

Washington, Sept. 22.—Efforts to jam the Willis-Campbell Anti-Beer bill through the Senate as one of the first measures to be acted upon at the reconvening of Congress were made yesterday, but the attempt met with complete failure, and the bill was shunted aside.

Senator Sterling, who had the Anti-Beer bill in charge, failed to secure its immediate consideration. The amended House Tax Revision bill was presented last night to the Finance Committee, who gave notice that he would submit the majority report measure by the end of the week. The Finance Committee is expected to report by the end of the week.

Reduction of the maximum income surtax rate from 65 per cent to 32 per cent, effective next January 1, as proposed in the House bill, but with changes made in the lower brackets, so as to reduce the amount of surtax paid by all individuals. An increase of 5 per cent to 15 per cent in the income tax rate on income of \$3,000 to \$5,000, the amendment provides for the repeal of the excess-profit tax of January 1, 1922, as proposed by the

Reduction of the freight and passenger taxes from 3 and 8 per cent to 1 1/2 and 4 per cent respectively, effective next January 1, with their repeal on January 1, 1923. The House proposed repeal of all transportation taxes as of that date. An increase of \$500 in the exemption allowed to heads of families having net incomes of \$5000 or less, a House provision. An increase from \$200 to \$400 in the exemptions allowed on account of dependents, also a House provision.

The Finance Committee concurred in the House action in repealing the so-called luxury tax sections in the act collected direct from the consumer and substituting manufacturers' taxes. An important change in the House bill, heretofore made public days with taxes on the net gain of the taxpayer's return, and only 40 percent of such capital net gain being taken into account in determining the amount of the net income upon which taxes are imposed by sections 210, 211 and 230 of this title (the normal income, surtax and corporate income taxes) in such case the tax shall be collected and paid upon the sum of the amount of ordinary net income plus 40 percent of the amount of the capital net gain.

MISS CROSBY A SUICIDE Investigation Falls to Fix Motive for Scenario Writer's Act New York, Sept. 22.—The reason why Zella Crosby, gifted and beautiful movie scenario writer, took her life last night still remains a mystery. Secret hearings were held yesterday at noon and in the afternoon by Chief Medical Examiner Charles Norris. At the end of the hearings, Dr. Norris issued this brief statement: Mrs. Schuster, the mother of Zella Crosby, who was examined, she produced for me a letter to her daughter. The letter clearly indicated that the daughter was despondent and in ill health, and was about to take her own life. She was satisfied that she committed suicide.

It was pointed out that persistent rumors that Miss Crosby had killed her father, Mr. J. H. Crosby, were unfounded. It was pointed out that persistent rumors that Miss Crosby had killed her father, Mr. J. H. Crosby, were unfounded. It was pointed out that persistent rumors that Miss Crosby had killed her father, Mr. J. H. Crosby, were unfounded.

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