

**THE WEATHER**  
Increasing cloudiness probably followed by light rain tonight; Thursday generally fair and slightly warmer.  
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

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## WOMEN WITNESSES AID ARBUCKLE DEFENSE IN FATTY'S DARKEST HOUR

Defendant Scores Heavily Just After State's Strongest Blows

SCIENTIST DECIPHERS FINGERPRINTS' TALE

Girl's Hand, Covered by Man's, Violently Pressed Against Door, Heinrich Says

UPSET BY MAID'S STORY

Comedian Laughed and Offered Drink After Tragic Scene, She Also Testifies

By BART HALEY

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San Francisco, Nov. 23.—This should be another day of rejoicing for cynics.

Three women witnesses, called in wild haste by Fatty Arbuuckle's lawyers, gave mighty aid to the tragic comedian in the blackest hour that he has known since his trial began.

The unexpected happened again as it always does. And the help did not come from girls like Zey Prevost or Alice Blake.

It was a poised and smiling gentleman, a maid who might have stepped readily costumed accented out of the politest musical comedies, and a professional nurse with an uptilted chin and an air of bored tolerance, who did their best to make wreckage of the wall of dangerous evidence which the prosecution threw suddenly about when it noted its case and gave the floor to the defense.

What is more, these barriers of comfort to the afflicted seemed to find a dim note of pleasure in their work and something very much like satisfaction in the recital of testimony that caused Brady, the District Attorney, and his two assistants to bark and growl objections like men in physical pain.

So Fatty got off with a flying start this morning toward the formal vindication of his dreams. But it was not an inspiring performance at that. The great McNab and his associates have at last suggested broadly the course of action which they, as defending lawyers, intend to follow. It is as dreary a prospect as can be imagined.

Virginia Rappe died from blood poisoning which followed an internal rupture.

Will Need Fresh Air

"We will show," said Nathan Schulowitz, speaking at Fatty's side, "that the physical breakdown in this instance was due to organic weakness induced by disease." "You mean," said the Court, "that this was the cause of death?"

"A contributory cause," said the lawyer in a slightly altered voice, and every one knew that fresh air will be even more desirable about the Hall of Justice when Arbuuckle takes the stand than it is now.

The great McNab and his five colleagues needed the help that came to them from an unexpected quarter at the crisis of the case and they needed it badly. They were shocked out of their usual equanimity when savage and continued objection from the State and out of their first important witness, George Glennon, former house detective at the St. Francis, who was tossed out of his job for chatting about the details of a conversation he had with Virginia in the hours before she lost consciousness.

"She was out of her mind," the State said in effect. "And she is not here to question or deny what this man may say."

Glennon left the stand without uttering a word, and for the first time in his life McNab the terrible seemed at a loss. His poise had been disturbed an hour earlier when the State closed its case by summoning its most important and interesting witness.

Maid Heard Girl's Cry

To get the conviction for which it is fighting, the prosecution must show that Virginia was attacked by Arbuuckle. It had called one of the hotel maids who corroborated other witnesses. She said they had heard Virginia's voice crying, "No, no, no—oh, God, no!" This woman said she had been struck by the noise of merry-making in the Arbuuckle suite and that she stopped to listen and heard that out-cry, and then tip-toed away.

"That will do," said Brady, and the

## W. D. STEWART SHOT TO DEATH AT HOME OF FIANCEE IN WEST

Mystery Surrounds Tragic End of Philadelphia and Baltimore Clubman in Los Angeles

ANGRY VOICES IN GARAGE WHERE SHOOTING OCCURRED

W. Donnell Stewart, wealthy clubman of Baltimore and Philadelphia, was mysteriously shot and killed in Los Angeles yesterday, almost on the eve of his marriage to beautiful Mary Nordhoff, of Los Angeles.

Whether his death was the result of accident, murder or suicide remains undetermined. The sudden and tragic end of life of the young man, as prominent in a brilliant series of entertainments in honor of his approaching marriage, has brought gloom to the society of three cities.

The young society man was the Baltimore manager for Caswell & Co., brokers, of this city. His brother, W. Phineas Stewart, of Leonard, Chester County, married Miss Elsie Cassatt, daughter of A. J. Cassatt, who was formerly president of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The girl, W. Donnell Stewart was to marry in a Los Angeles hotel, noted as a leader among the younger social set, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stewart, an prominent in California as the Stewarts are here.

Elaborate Honeymoon Was Planned

The wedding was to have been one of the most brilliant of the early season in Los Angeles. It was to have taken place tomorrow. Thanking the young couple had planned an elaborate honeymoon.

Mr. Stewart's family and friends here and in Baltimore have few details of the tragedy. Charles Stewart, another brother, who is in Baltimore, learned today by long-distance telephone that the shooting probably was accidental. W. Donnell Stewart also is visiting near Baltimore.

Mr. Stewart, who was twenty-seven years old, was found dying yesterday in a room over the garage on the West side of the city.

McNab and Heinrich Clash

The battle that followed between the witness and McNab was a thing to remember. Heinrich was humorous, calm, quiet, statistical, unflinching, as cold as Job, and it was clear that he cared for nothing under heaven but the integrity of his theories.

He looked upon the great McNab with an air of unspoken pity, as you look upon a child that is difficult to teach. A great lock of blond hair fell forward over his forehead and once in a while he brushed it back. He put his fingers together in the teacher's manner and gazed curiously at the charging lawyer and waited. He was in no hurry.

"How do you know," demanded McNab, "that among all the millions—I mean hundreds of millions—of people in this world there are not some who have fingerprints like those of Virginia Rappe and Roscoe Arbuuckle?"

"I do not know that," said Heinrich, patiently. "There may be in the world a million people whose fingerprints would be alike."

"Then," said McNab, advancing triumphantly, "all this is guesswork?"

"Not guesswork," said Heinrich as he might have said it to a class. "But deduction gained through the law of averages, scientific experiment and psychological knowledge."

"With a pen he swiftly calculated the number of people who probably used the suite occupied by Arbuuckle's party since the day the hotel was opened, and reached a conclusion that

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## ANTI-MEDICAL BEER BILL SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

Measure Prohibiting Manufacture and Sale Goes Into Effect at Once

Washington, Nov. 23.—(By A. P.)—The anti-medical beer bill was signed today by President Harding.

The measure goes into effect immediately.

The bill automatically closes the gap between the National Prohibition laws and the anti-medical beer law, which was signed last March by Attorney General Palmer in an opinion that there was nothing in the Volstead act to preclude the prescription of beer as medicine.

The agreement, which was probably the result of a compromise, provides that the prescription of beer as medicine is limited to 100 prescriptions for such liquor in ninety days unless extraordinary reason is presented; that importation of special beer for medicinal purposes is prohibited unless the amount on hand shall not be sufficient to supply the current need for non-beverage uses; that private residences may not be licensed without a search warrant; and that the courts of Hawaii and the Virgin Islands are given jurisdiction to enforce the National Prohibition act.

## NEWBERRY CASE GOES OVER

Senate Defers Vote on Contest Until Early in January

Washington, Nov. 23.—(By A. P.)—The Senate today agreed to dispose of the Ford-Newberry senatorial election contest early in January.

## TESTIFYING AGAINST ARBUCKLE



The picture shows Zey Prevost, actress, and one of the State's strongest witnesses against Fatty Arbuuckle, on the witness stand in the San Francisco court, where the case is being tried

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## BANDITS GET \$10,000 IN JEWELS AT 52D AND CHESTNUT STS.

Men Shoot Into Store and Smash Window as Frightened Pedestrians Flee

TAKES PLACE AT 9:30 A. M.; ROBBERS ESCAPE IN AUTO

Frightened Thanksgiving shoppers at Fifty-second and Chestnut streets this morning scattered in every direction.

Robbers crawled behind the counter and pulled up to the curb. There were four flashily dressed young men in it. The two in the front seat remained in the car and the other two got out on the pavement.

They roughly shoved several woman shoppers to one side and walked toward the store.

One man stepped up to the door and shouted, "Duck, d—n you!"

Fires Into Store

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## MARINE FIRES ON MEN RIDING AT MAIL CAR DOOR

One Drops From Train and Other Is Arrested

Pittsburgh, Nov. 23.—(By A. P.)—Private Wasserman, United States Marine Corps, guarding Baltimore and Ohio mail train No. 9, from Washington to Pittsburgh early today near Washington Junction, Md., discovered two men at the door of a mail car.

He fired on them with his shotgun. One man dropped off the train and the other swung out on the hand rail of the car. He later was captured and brought to jail here.

Wasserman said that soon after the train left Washington he thought he saw some one on top of one of the mail cars. He gained an advantageous position, and swept the top of the car with fire, but did not know whether he had hit any one as the train was in motion.

A few minutes later Wasserman saw two men on the platform of a mail car. One of the clerks opened the door and Wasserman fired. One of the men disappeared, and the other swung himself from the platform and hung to the handbars on the side of the car. The marine went after him, and brought him unharmed into the car.

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## TREASURY BARE, STATE CAN'T PAY BILLS LONG DUE

Snyder Reports Millions in Bank, but Appropriations Are Lapsing

INSTITUTIONS ARE TOLD TO 'GO OUT AND BORROW'

High Interest to Be Saddled on Taxpayers Later in Form of Deficiencies

FISCAL SCANDAL IMPENDS

Those Expecting Money From Commonwealth Ask Where Funds Are 'Impounded'

By GEORGE NOX MCINN

Harrisburg, Nov. 23.—There is the germ of a State-wide secession, if not a scandal, in the present condition of the State's fiscal affairs.

And not only for the immediate present, but for the future. All sorts of unpleasant rumors are afloat of unpaid appropriations, while charitable and other institutions are clamoring at the doors of the State Treasurer for money to keep their wheels moving.

Within the past twenty-four hours I have seen a letter in which, in reply to an inquiry as to why an appropriation was withheld, a State official declared that there was no money in the State Treasury.

Another instance of which I am cognizant concerns a great public institution. Payment from the State Treasurer of an amount in excess of \$125,000, part of its legislative appropriation, has been overdue and withheld for months. A few days ago \$25,000 was paid on account. This is barely sufficient to pay an installment on its bills due for food.

Rumor Factory Busy

There are very disquieting rumors, to use no more vigorous term, of the manipulation of funds, not on a criminal, but rather in the sense of what the astute Senator Plunkett, of New York, once described as "legitimate graft."

Up to this time platitudinous excuses and cheerful estimates of the State's income and expenditures have been put out like crude petroleum on a troubled sea, to calm the rising protests about the lack of State funds.

Nearly five months ago State Treasurer Snyder, in answer to an attack on the condition of the State's finances, wrote a very carefully worded statement. Mr. Snyder said, among other things:

"In my opinion, formed after a careful survey of conditions as shown by the records of the fiscal departments of the Commonwealth and in the light of my experience in the office of Auditor General and State Treasurer, there is no cause for alarm over the financial condition of the Commonwealth."

Snyder Breaks Silence

This statement recognized even then that alarm had been started over the State on the subject. Possibly a firm which the State owes more than \$40,000 for a long period may have raised the alarm bell. Whoever it was, it started things moving sufficiently to provoke State Treasurer Snyder to this further purging of his official seal.

"It is true that we are temporarily embarrassed in the matter of taking care of current bills by reason of the fact that within the last few months the demands on the Treasury have been unusually heavy, and that collections, although diligently attended to, in a very unusually large number of cases have not been made. As a result, the Treasury is unable to meet its obligations for 1922 and 1923 made by

"I feel sure, however, that an adjustment of these pending tax settlements for the years 1919 and 1920 will soon be made, and that, as a result, funds will reach the Treasury in sufficient amount to enable us to take care of our current bills promptly upon their receipt."

Snyder Merely "Hopeful"

There are two things worth noting in this voluntary declaration of State Treasurer Snyder. The first is the confession five months ago that the treasury has been embarrassed. The other is the uncertainty that this embarrassment, through failure to pay its bills, can be removed. This is expressed in his declaration, "I feel sure that an adjustment will be made to enable us to take care of our current bills."

There isn't the straight-out, blunt declaration, "an adjustment will be made," he merely hopes it will be. His hope seems hopeless, especially with an empty treasury, or at least, inability to pay its bills promptly upon their receipt.

May Rain Turkey Day

Unsettled Weather Is Prediction for Thanksgiving

Enclosed with a strong probability of rain over the eastern half of the country was the weather forecast today for Thanksgiving by the Washington Weather Bureau.

The bureau said there would be rains and possibly snows tonight and tomorrow in the Great Lakes country, northern New England and northern New York and parts in Southern New England, the Middle Atlantic States, the Ohio Valley, Tennessee and on the East Gulf Coast.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR HELP? See page 25.

## RAIL DETECTIVE SLAIN NEAR MEDIA

Body of Lieutenant L. B. Leaman Found