

EASTLAKE BEGINS FIGHT FOR CHILDREN

Asks War Department for Month's Leave to Open Legal Proceedings

TOTS ARE COURT WARDS

Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 21.—Roger D. Eastlake, freed yesterday by a jury in Montross, Va., of the charge of murdering his wife, Margaret, reported to the Navy Department at Washington this afternoon and immediately applied for a thirty-day leave of absence to begin a fight to recover possession of his two children, Roger, Jr., eight years old, and Margaret Katherine, five years old.

Watt T. Mayo, the District Attorney of Westmoreland County, who was defeated in court yesterday by the jury's speedy verdict of acquittal, yet was victor to the extent that the children remain in his custody, swears he will not let the father have them without an order from Judge Joseph M. China.

The fight for the children is likely to develop into a three-cornered contest, for their dead mother's brother, the Rev. Thomas M. Yardley, of Cantonville, Md., who had the youngsters in charge during the weeks preceding the trial, has them again, having put up a bond of \$800 for them.

Eastlake's fight for the children began almost as soon as the verdict was returned. The children were not in court, of course, at the time the jury returned its "not-guilty" verdict late yesterday afternoon, nor were they in the little hotel at Montross, where they had been for several anxious days when there was question of possibly putting them in the witness stand. They were safe at Prosecutor Mayo's home when the District Attorney was thundering invectives at their father in the little second-floor courtroom, and remained there until last night.

Eastlake left town soon after the verdict had been returned, his counsel wishing to avoid any possibility of popular demonstration against him. He had no chance to greet his children, who still believe he is on sea duty, and are praying that their "Daddy" will return in time to spend Christmas with them.

Won't Surrender Children

W. W. Butzner, Jr., Eastlake's chief attorney, went to Hagerstown, Md., last evening. The Rev. Dr. Yardley made the same demand. To Mr. Butzner the District Attorney returned a point-blank refusal. He told the uncle that he could have the children only if he put up a bond, so that they might be produced at the trial of Miss Sara E. Knox, the Baltimore trained nurse jointly indicted with Eastlake for the murder and still awaiting trial.

Mr. Mayo said: "Judge China must give me instructions to turn the children over to their father before I will do so. No one dare cross my threshold to take them until I get such an order. Of course, if the Judge gives me orders to turn the children over to the guardianship of their father I will do so, but I am of that Anglo-American strain that believes a man's home is his castle."

Mr. Butzner will make application today to Judge China for the children. Under the Virginia law the father is entitled to the children until it is proved that he is not a proper person to take charge of them.

Lieutenant Commander Joseph H. Green, of the Dahlgren Proving Grounds, Eastlake's superior officer, said emphatically late yesterday that the former defendant's status as a chief petty officer in the United States Navy is not changed by the trial.

"You may draw your own conclusions," said Commander Green when questioned about the status of Eastlake in the navy. "When the crime was committed Eastlake was an ensign. If you know anything about the regulations of the United States Navy you know that a man on leave must return to his station in ten days, but if taken into custody by the civil authorities, his leave automatically expires. On his release he is bound by the regulations to return to his station at the first opportunity."

Eastlake, sitting in the dining room of the Princess Anne Hotel, in Fredericksburg late last night, expressed his gratitude for his freedom. He said: "Thank God the jury believed in my innocence, exonerated and sent me back to my babies. I cannot say I was surprised because I had an idea that I would be freed of the horrible charge of having murdered my poor wife, the girl I loved so well."

"I'm happy, happy to be free once again. No one will ever know what misery and agony I have endured since the day I was arrested, charged with the murder of my wife. It was a veritable hell for me. No one but my mother, sister, brother and my counsel believed in my innocence. Many of my good friends were both believe me guilty of such an atrocious charge, but they never bothered much about me. I had to suffer alone, cheered only by my own immediate relatives and counsel, but I knew the day of reckoning was coming and, as I believed, it came."

"When I sat in my cell with my Bible as my only companion, I never lost confidence in myself. My only and sole thought was how could any one believe that I could kill my Margaret. God knows they really tried to hang it on me, but they failed because it was impossible to convict me of something of which I was not guilty."

"My next plan will be to get my children and start my new life for them and try to make up the loss of their mother. I will make their little lives as happy as possible."

"I cannot discuss my plans for the future as a matter of fact they are somewhat hazy. I had planned to return to my station at the Dahlgren Proving Grounds, but maybe this will be changed."

"I talked with Commander Green, my commanding officer, but I am not at liberty to discuss what passed between us. All I can say is that I am more than thankful to every one who helped me in my hours of trouble and trust I may some day be able to pay in full my obligations to them. I am happy; a great load has been lifted from my mind."

Mother Too Happy to Talk

Eastlake's mother, Mrs. S. M. E. Eastlake, 7449 Boyer street, Philadelphia, too, was happy, but she did not care to express her joy in words. The mother, who has been with Eastlake constantly since he was placed on trial in Montross, Va., December 13, said in a quivering voice as she fondly patted the freed man on the cheek:

"Since I am happy, really I do not know what to say. I felt that right would win out, and it did."

Mrs. Mabel Chambers, a sister of Eastlake and also a Philadelphian, was the happiest of all the family. Her face was wreathed in smiles.

"I told you Rog would be acquitted. He should never have gone on trial, because he was innocent. The idea of charging our Rog with such a brutal crime, it was outrageous, and the jury did not lose much time in convincing those who thought different that their views were entirely erroneous."

Donald Eastlake, a brother, who was constantly at the side of the acquitted man all through the long trial, was emphatic in his remarks.

"The jury returned the only verdict it could have found," he said. "There was not one iota of evidence to connect my brother with this crime, but there certainly was a lot of evidence introduced that the Commonwealth had absolutely no right to offer."

Tom Mayo, foreman of the jury that acquitted Eastlake in thirty-six minutes, said it was a just verdict.

"We sent for the chief petty officer's cap and the letter to refresh our minds," said Mayo, "but that didn't

amount to much, because we only took two ballots, the first being eleven to one for acquittal, and when we took the second vote twelve hands were raised and each man said acquittal. There wasn't any evidence to connect Eastlake with the crime."

Judge China said the verdict was a just one.

"The jury could not have reached any other conclusion judging by the evidence," said the Judge.

"The verdict was quite proper," Eastlake lost no time disappearing from the little town of Montross after he was freed.

Before he left his cell yesterday morning he had packed his belongings in his ditty box, so confident was he that he would be freed, and when the jury opened the door of liberty for him he wasn't a minute getting under way.

He left Montross at 5:30 o'clock, just twenty-five minutes after the verdict was in, and two and one-half hours later he was wallowing in a bathtub in his hotel.

"It will take sand and canvas to scrub me up right," he playfully shouted to his brother. "When I get this dirt off myself I think I'll run ten miles into the country to get limbered up. That eight days cooped up in the Montross hobo hatch was some punishment; I've not had a chance to stretch my legs since I left Richmond."

FREED OF ANARCHY CHARGE

Judge Dismisses Indictments for Carrying "May Day" Circulars

New York, Dec. 21.—(By A. P.)—Criminal anarchy indictments against John E. Seibert, Abraham Jakira and Israel Amber, arrested last April for having in their possession "May Day" circulars urging overthrow of the Government, were dismissed today by Judge Talley in General Sessions.

He held there was no evidence to show the trio "prepared, composed, printed, circulated or distributed" the circulars, as the indictment charged.

"Mere possession of such literature is not a violation of the law," he said. "What they did was by way of preparation for, not consummation of a criminal act. The police acted with commendable zeal, but they acted too soon."

NO. 13 ON PARDON LIST DIES

Harrisburg, Dec. 21.—The State Board of Pardons was yesterday notified of the death of Carey Braxton, Delaware County, whose application for pardon was to have been considered today. Braxton's case was No. 13 on the list.

GERMAN DEBT CUT REFUSED BY BRIAND

French Premier Outlines Plan for Protection of British Industry

TAX ON EXPORTS PROPOSED

By the Associated Press
Paris, Dec. 21.—Premier Briand, in his conference with Prime Minister Lloyd George in London, has refused firmly to consider any further reduction in the total amount of reparations due from Germany. It is understood in official circles here.

The French Premier, according to the information, has proposed a tax on German exports to be collected in the importing countries. This course would be taken in order to facilitate payments by Germany and at the same time protect British industry from German competition, which was represented as having become ruinous through depreciation of the mark. The aim would be to equalize the German selling prices abroad with British prices.

From other official dispatches received here, the impression prevails in official circles that the conversations of the Premier will be confined to this one subject of Germany. The questions of Turkey and Russia will be postponed for subsequent meetings, it is understood.

The expectation now is that all that will be done in London at this time will be to prepare the way for meetings of the Supreme Council early in January by bringing out clearly the respective viewpoints of Great Britain and France.

London, Dec. 21.—(By A. P.)—Louis Loucheur, French Minister of Liberated Regions, said today that before he left Paris to come to London for the conversations on German reparations and kindred matters, he told representatives of the Belgian Government that the London conversations would be merely informal. He said he had promised the Belgians that nothing

would be decided without consulting them.

The above dispatch apparently has reference to an unofficial statement made after yesterday's conference between Prime Minister Lloyd George and Premier Briand to the effect that a suggestion had been made for holding a five-power conference early in January, to which representatives of Russia and Germany should be invited. This suggestion gave rise to conjectures as to what European country would be the fifth participant in such a conference, assuming, of course, that Great Britain and France would be in the group. It may be that M. Loucheur's announcement means that Belgium would be the fifth nation in the proposed conference.

LIANG SHIH-YI IS NEW HEAD OF CHINESE GOVERNMENT

Coalition Cabinet Being Formed of All Reactionary Parties

Peking, Dec. 21.—(By A. P.)—Liang Shih-yi has been named as Premier of the Chinese Cabinet to succeed Chin Yun-feng, who, with all his ministers, resigned on Sunday.

The fall of the Cabinet followed the arrival here of General Chang Tso-lin, Governor of Manchuria, who is now engaged in forming a coalition government in which all the reactionary parties are participating. It is charged that Chin Yun-feng was guilty of peevishness and the sale of offices.

The new Premier is credited with having inspired the attempt by Yuan Shi-kai to create himself Emperor in 1915. Under his auspices many of the

officials of the Government overthrown last summer are now participating in the councils of state.

Among those in General Chang's following are Wang Chan-yuen, former military governor of Hupeh, and Chang Chin-yao, who was Governor of Hunan province at the time of the murder of the Rev. W. A. Reimert, an American missionary in June, 1920.

The American Legation demanded that he be held responsible for the crime. The legation is said to be preparing a protest against his presence in Peking at the present time.

Another of the men taking part in the movement is General Cheng Hsun, who headed the unsuccessful Manchu restoration in 1917.



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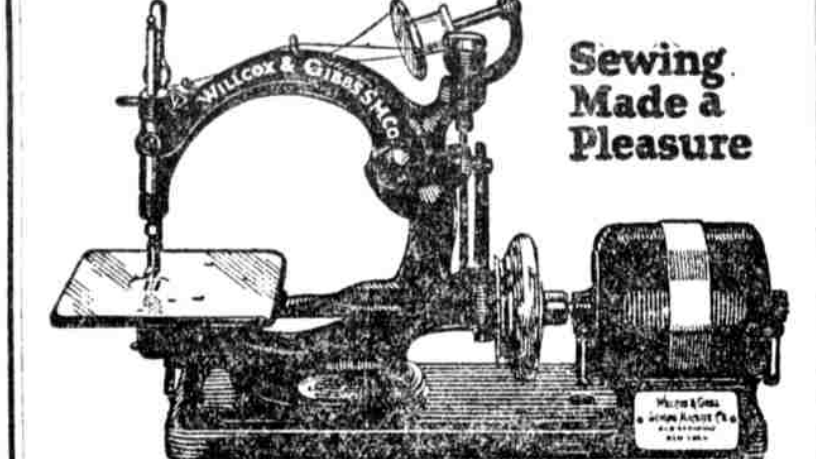
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