

TRIAL OF ARBUCKLE HELD UP BY WOMAN

Prospective Juror Admits Doubt, Is Challenged, Accepted and Then Excused

PANEL STILL INCOMPLETE

San Francisco, Jan. 14.—After a day of reasonably rapid progress, the task of selecting a jury to try Roscoe Arbuckle on a manslaughter charge struck a stretch of heavy going yesterday afternoon in Judge Landis's court, and prospects of an early start on the testimony seem dimming.

Mrs. Sarah Hladson, who was called as a prospective juror, admitted having a doubt in her mind, and the battle was on to determine whether the doubt was serious.

She insisted that her doubtfulness could be dissolved only by listening to the evidence. The State promptly challenged her. The defense objected, alleging that a doubt might not be an opinion of such a fixed nature as to effect a decision, and Judge Landis denied the challenge.

Half an hour later, after another lengthy war of words, he reviewed his panel and Mrs. Hladson was excused, leaving the panel still incomplete.

Five peremptory challenges were exercised during the day. The defense challenged Mrs. Mary A. Nagel, a bookkeeper, and Miss Emma Holland, the State exercised peremptories on Stephen Parr and Mrs. Mary Daniels.

Frank H. Coy, Jr., Howard B. Veeder, Harry A. Noonan, John M. Peters and Howard Spinkes, son of Rudolph Spinkes, capitalist, were temporarily accepted. Henry Hinnburger was called to the box before the adjournment and was examined when the session was resumed at 10:15 o'clock this morning.

The jury panel from Judge Louis Weiser's court, which served yesterday afternoon, the regular panel having been exhausted. Fifty-one takers have been examined so far.

In spite of the wearisome nature of the proceedings so far, the attendance of spectators persists. A section of the room has been set aside for prospective jurors, but more than half the space is constantly filled with spectators.

Lloyd George and Poincare Confer

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otherwise most desirable," he says. "It would be well to proceed as in 1904 to a general liquidation of the difficulties outstanding in the Franco-English alliance. It is indispensable that the voice of France be able to speak as freely as that of England."

An Anglo-French agreement disposing of outstanding questions between the two countries, notably with regard to their rights in Newfoundland, Egypt and Morocco, was signed April 8, 1904.

M. Poincare has been meeting with difficulties in forming his cabinet from various causes. In the cabinet, the National Bloc in the chamber, controlling 150 votes, is insisting upon the selection from its membership of four of the ministers, including the Minister of the Interior, who, in view of the approaching elections, will be, it is considered, one of the most important offices in the cabinet.

It was learned that another of the former President's difficulties was objection on the part of the Chamber of Deputies to the presence of too many Senators in the Ministry.

The make-up of the majority to support the Poincare Ministry will lean much more to the right, the Conservatives side, than that of Poincare's first government, owing to the refusal of the Radicals to collaborate with the new Ministry.

The Socialists and Communists, who always have opposed Poincare, are also holding aloof. The majority, therefore, will be composed of Royalists and members of the right and center, these groups favoring a sterner policy towards Germany without, however, it is declared, risking a break with England.

Rome, Jan. 14.—(By A. P.)—M. Poincare's return as Premier, says the Epoca, commenting on the political situation in France, means the assistance of France to fight without Germany and annex the Ruhr region.

The Popolo Romano sees the headline: "The Alliance of Poincare Appears on Europe's Horizon," over its story on the French Cabinet crisis.

In its comment the Corriere d'Italia says: "Neither the United States, recent Britain nor Italy, will follow France in her nationalistic intransigence."

PRESS OF BRITAIN FRIENDLY TO FRANCE

London, Jan. 14.—(By A. P.)—Desire for continuance of close relations between Great Britain and France, as voiced generally in this morning's newspaper editorials on the French Cabinet crisis. Although the situation is viewed from different angles by the various writers, the majority adopt a friendly tone toward France.

The Times, which sees all the results of the Cabinet crisis as resulting from Premier Briand's resignation, believes that, in the long run, "the sudden recall to realities" will prove salutary.

A fatal mistake in tactics was made at Cannes, and Briand felt the consequences," the Times says. "There is no fear that serious French statesmen will attempt to reduce France's position to defiant isolation. . . . They will criticize schemes which appear unreal and fantastic, but will certainly not oppose measures that will really contribute to the restoration of Europe."

The Daily Telegraph dwells chiefly upon the prospect for establishing the defensive agreement which it thinks should appeal thoroughly to Raymond Poincare, whom it heartily endorses.

M. Poincare desires that France should be secure against another German attack and that Germany pay the full extent of her capacity for the injury she has done, says the newspaper. "That, broadly stated, is what the people of England desire also."

HEARST AGENT FORMS UNION Vehicle to Further Publisher's Political Ambition Predicted Albany, Jan. 14.—The "Political Union for Progress in Government" came into existence yesterday after a conference here between L. J. O'Reilly, political advance agent for William Randolph Hearst, and a number of upstate men.

CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING



Frederick Widmann and his wife today are celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding at their home, 1031 Glenwood avenue

COLLEGE SALARIES UP 50 PER CENT

Increase Includes House Rent of Presidents and Faculty Members

WESTERN STATES IN LEAD

Chicago, Jan. 14.—The salaries of presidents and faculty members in State colleges and universities have increased 50 per cent since the school year of 1913-14, John J. Stage, Commissioner of the Bureau of Education, Department of the Interior, asserted today in an address before the national meeting of the Association of American Colleges.

"In the collegiate year 1913-14 just closed the average salary of the presidents of the State institutions was \$3,240. In 1921-22, the present year, we asked the presidents to estimate the value of the salary and the result, in addition to the salary and to add it to the salary. In this way we arrived at an average salary of \$4,860 from seventy-four reporting. This would be an increase of about 49 per cent over the average for 1913-14, but no estimate of houses was made in that year. In 1921-22, when no houses were considered, the average president's salary was \$7,524, or an increase of 43.3 per cent."

"The salaries of faculty members rose more rapidly than did the salaries of presidents in the State institutions. This was probably due to the fact that those nearest the margin of greatest need in meeting the greatly increased cost of living were attempted first and presidents came in later for increases."

Oregon, Iowa and Utah have the largest number of students in their colleges, according to their respective populations, and Tennessee has the lowest proportion, with Arkansas and New Mexico following Tennessee. Dr. George F. Zook, of the United States Bureau of Education, told the association. Dr. Zook stated that he obtained this information from statistics compiled for the last full college year of 1920-1921.

"The statistics also reveal that the Western States of California, Oregon and Utah take care of a larger proportion of their students in their own colleges and universities than any other States," continued Dr. Zook. "New Jersey brings up the rear with only 18 per cent of the students in New Jersey institutions, and Connecticut follows with 35.6 per cent."

"On the other hand, the Eastern States of New Hampshire, Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey and Massachusetts contain the institutions that draw most powerful from other States."

Dr. Zook also announced that the attendance at universities, colleges and professional schools last year reached 450,000, which is a gain of 30 per cent over the attendance in the war year of 1917-18.

MARRIED FIFTY YEARS

Seven Children of Couple to Take Part in Celebration

Four generations will be present at a reception which will be held tonight in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Widmann, of 1031 Glenwood avenue. Their seven children, six grand-children and two great-grandchildren, will be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Widmann were born in Germany and were married there in 1872. They came to this country in 1883 and have lived in Philadelphia ever since. Mr. Widmann is a retired engineer and his wife is seventy-five.

Their seven children are August, Harry, William and Frederick Widmann; Mrs. Elsie; Miss Mrs. Rose Walton and Miss Minnie Widmann.

ELKS TO SEEK MEMBERS

Philadelphia Lodge Will Launch Campaign Next Month

Representatives of fourteen Elk lodges in the southeastern district of Pennsylvania met last night in the Elk lodge at Arch and Juniper streets, and adopted a plan for the State-wide membership drive which the Philadelphia lodge will launch next month.

The drive will comprise eighty lodges, secretaries and chairmen of the membership committees from the respective lodges. Dinner followed the meeting, at which Charles H. Gradow, president. Addresses were made by Louis N. Goldsmith and W. Freedland Kendrick. Moving pictures were shown of the trip the Elks took across the continent to attend the Los Angeles convention last summer.

Towns represented by the delegates were Norristown, Pottsville, Pottsville, Pottsville, Bristol, Coatesville, Bethlehem, Hanover, York, Lancaster, West Chester and Chester.

Legion Post to Reorganize

A plan for the reorganization of John P. Garland Post, 109, American Legion, has been prepared by Franklin J. Graham, the new post commander. This includes a revision of the bylaws and a campaign for increased membership.

STARTLING FACTS ABOUT PARENTS

Read Mother and father will want to read this book. It tells what you don't know about your own parents. Published by the Educational Book Co., 207 N. 2nd St., Philadelphia. Price, 25c.

RYAN DENIES GUILT IN POISONING WIFE

Declares She Took Tablets Voluntarily and He Attempted Suicide

VICTIM IS STILL A LIVE

By the Associated Press

Paris, Jan. 14.—Thomas Stewart Ryan, of the Paris staff of the Chicago Tribune, firmly protesting his innocence, is being held in Santa prison in connection with the serious illness of his wife, due, it is alleged, to the taking of poison tablets while in Mr. Ryan's room.

Mrs. Ryan is a Californian. She is a violinist, and is known professionally as Miss Audrey Creighton. She is in a serious condition, but the attending physicians hold out little hope for her recovery.

No formal complaint has been filed against Mr. Ryan. He is being held on a deposition made by Mrs. Ryan, Counselor for Ryan contends that the deposition makes no mention of "violence or compulsion," but says Mrs. Ryan took the tablets when she was in the room.

Mr. Ryan appeared to be unshaken when he told his version of the affair to the examining Magistrate in the afternoon. He is being held on a deposition made by Mrs. Ryan, who made no threats and did not lock the door of his room while Mrs. Ryan was with him there. He said he had told Mrs. Ryan that he had had poison in his hand-bag when she said she did not want to live, but he thought she was pretending when she took the poison.

Mrs. Ryan said that she had swallowed the tablets, she had and despairingly attempted to cut his throat with a pocket knife, but was able to summon aid and carry his wife downstairs to her hospital immediately.

May Be Suicide Pact

Another version of the case was revealed by Police Commissioner Frailes in reporting statements which Mrs. Ryan made to the police. Her husband, the Commissioner quoted her as saying, had told her he knew she had had an intrigue with a young man named Richard Thomas, who had been whereupon Mrs. Ryan took the three tablets and Ryan cut his wrist and neck. Mrs. Ryan, however, losing courage, refused to cry and he demanded to be taken to a hospital.

A letter from his wife was found in Ryan's possession when he was arrested. In this letter, which he had received while he was in the hospital, she had decided to break with him entirely. There were also two letters in pencil, written during their interview at the police station, one addressed to his mother and the other to the man whose name Ryan brought into the case.

In these letters, the police stated, Mrs. Ryan said she was pregnant, she had a picture of a child, and she had a bottle, two glasses and numerous cigarette stubs.

Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 14.—Thomas Stewart Ryan, whose wife is reported to be in a serious condition in a hospital, is a son of Ed C. Ryan of this city, who for the last twenty-eight years has been in the government service, and is in charge of operations in the former Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

When last heard of, Ryan and left Chicago in September on an assignment in India for the Chicago Tribune. His father is in California.

Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 14.—Bryan and Creighton, of Los Angeles, Andy St. Clair Creighton first left this city several years ago a ship of a school girl to study the violin in New York City, but later returned to Los Angeles to study and later abroad, but returned to Los Angeles to visit her mother, an English woman, who made her home here for several years and was prominent in the social life of the community.

Her runaway marriage to Thomas Stewart Ryan four years ago caused a scandal locally. The couple were married in a small ceremony, but Ryan later claiming she was forced to go with Ryan and a chauffeur to Los Angeles, where the ceremony was performed by Rev. Martin's program, who later testified in her suit for annulment of the marriage. The suit was filed March 24, 1919, a year and ten months after the marriage, and at the time Ryan had gone abroad to fight with the allied forces in the Balkans.

According to the story she told the court on the occasion of the alleged kidnapping had been the first time Ryan had spoken of marriage. She said she had reported to the police that she and Ryan were riding, but had been unsuccessful.

The court agreed with Ryan in denying the suit for annulment, that there had been no "force," fraud or strategy employed as the wife charged.

Two years ago Miss Creighton went to study in Paris, where she won great honors at the American Conservatory of Music at Fontainebleau. Mrs. Creighton accompanied her, giving up her home here for the time being. Ryan's uncle, Telford Ryan, who died here Wednesday, was buried here today.

He was, for a number of years, attached to the staff of a Los Angeles newspaper, while Mrs. Ryan was known professionally as Audrey Creighton.

FORD'S MUSCLE SHOALS OFFER UP TO CONGRESS

War Department Draws Up Contract Embodiment Proposal

Washington, Jan. 14.—(By A. P.)—Law officers of the War Department were drawing up in contract form today for the National Government the proposal of Henry Ford for purchase and lease of the Government's nitrate and water power projects at Muscle Shoals.

Secretary of War Weeks yesterday announced his decision to put the offer to Congress, following his conference with Mr. Ford, and it was said that with the latter's offer there would be referred to Congress also two proposals from Frederick Ingraham, of Wilmington, N. C., and C. C. Timber, of San Francisco.

Secretary Weeks, stating that he would reserve any comments on the Ford offer, said the only modification Mr. Ford agreed to yesterday was that of guaranteeing payment of a 4 per cent interest on the construction cost of dams Nos. 2 and 3, regardless of the cost, where as he originally offered interest only on \$25,000,000.

Bishop to Institute Rector

Bishop Rheinboldt tomorrow morning will institute the Rev. Alfred O. Barrett as rector of Emmanuel Church, Kensington, and will also administer the rite of confirmation to a class in the same church. Tomorrow night the bishop will confirm a class at St. Matthew's Church, Bishop Garland will confirm a class tomorrow morning at Christ Church, Bridgeport, Pa., and at night will confirm a class in St. Gabriel's Mission, this city. Friday night Bishop Garland will confirm a class in St. Nathaniel's Church, East Allegheny avenue.

Lumberjack to Preach

Lumberjack Jack McCall will make address at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church and Bryn Mawr College tomorrow.

Woman Identifies Purse Snatchers

Frank Steven, Armat street, and Joseph Richards, 112 West Duval street, were identified last night by Miss Sarah McBride, 250 Harvey street, as the two men who stole her purse at the corner of Arch and Juniper streets in Park, Germantown avenue above Chestnut. The men were arrested shortly after the robbery.

MADRAS RIOTS OVER PRINCE

Police Patrol Streets in Armored Cars—Gandhi's Followers Blamed

Madras, India, Jan. 14.—The arrival of the Prince of Wales yesterday was accompanied with riotous disorders resulting in several casualties. The rioting became so intense that the police interfered with armored cars.

London, Jan. 14.—A dispatch to the Times from Madras says the magnificent reception prepared for the arrival of the Prince of Wales was spoiled by a sudden outbreak of rioting, similar to that which took place in Bombay. Two deaths are reported to have resulted. One of the dead was a rioter who was shot by a member of the mounted police staff, which the mob had attacked.

Benjamin F. Shibe, Owner of A's, Dies

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incident to his position as executive of the organization.

Few in the great army of baseball fans would have recognized the kindly faced president of the Athletics had he been met on the street. But the man who invented the modern baseball, the man who gave this city its greatest baseball star, Ben Shibe, died last night at the age of 59.

Ben Shibe, a native of Philadelphia, was born in the city on March 10, 1862. He was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society.

He was a member of the Philadelphia Athletic Club, and was a member of the Philadelphia Yacht Club. He was also a member of the Philadelphia Golf and Country Club.

He was a member of the Philadelphia Cricket Club, and was a member of the Philadelphia Polo Club. He was also a member of the Philadelphia Lawn Tennis Club.

He was a member of the Philadelphia Rowing Club, and was a member of the Philadelphia Sailing Club. He was also a member of the Philadelphia Canoe Club.

He was a member of the Philadelphia Archery Club, and was a member of the Philadelphia Fencing Club. He was also a member of the Philadelphia Boxing Club.

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DREAMLAND ADVENTURES

Wolves in the Woods By DADDY

Jack and Janet go coasting with the rabbits in the moonlight. Two strange animals offer to drag their sleds up the hill. These animals prove to be wolves. Jack and Janet try to get away by stuffing their coats with bushes and then dropping off the sleds.

CHAPTER VI Wolves Before, Wolves Behind HELTER, skelter, down the hill he rushed the two hungry wolves seeking Jack and Janet. The children crouched behind the sheltering rocks, put on their coats and wondered what to do.

"They had to make up their minds in a hurry, for the two wolves might come searching back up the hill. Worse than that, the wolf pack was drawing near. Perhaps the keen noses of the wolves already had scented them.

"If the children stayed where they were they would be caught in another minute. If they tried to run the two-footed pack would quickly run them down. How could they escape? "We must slide down the hill on our sleds."

"But the two awful wolves are waiting there!" shuddered Janet. "Maybe I can steer around them," whispered Jack.

He lay on the front sled, and Janet sprawled on the second one. Jack gave a shove with his foot and away they slid.

They were not an instant too soon. As they gained speed the wolf pack caught sight of them and broke into its hunting cry. The swiftest of the wolves dashed at them, caught up with them, snapped at them. Janet kicked the nearest wolf in the snout. It tried to jump back and slip, and went down, with the other wolves sprawling over it. By the time the wolves picked themselves up the sleds were going so fast the wolves couldn't catch them.

But down below were the two wolves that had drawn the sleds up the hill. Jack saw he couldn't steer the sleds around the wolves. If he did so he might bang into a tree. And if he did that the wolves would have them in a jiffy.

So Jack did a daring thing—he steered straight at the wolves. The beasts were astonished. So late they saw what he was going to do. They tried to jump aside. Jack held the sleds straight for them, and ducked his head.

"Bump! Wham! The sled hit the legs of the first wolf, knocking him somersaulting in the air. Bump! Wham! The sled sent the second wolf flying head over heels into a ripping thorn tree.

Whizzety! Whoppety! The sleds sped down the hill, faster, faster, faster. Suddenly they were in the yard around the bungalow. They hit a snow bank there. Over went the sleds and Jack and Janet went flying off.

In some strange way Jack flew into his own bed, all undressed again. And Janet flew into her own bed.

Outside on the hill the wolves howled. Inside the bungalow, Freddie Pupkins and Johnny Bull barked. Jack and Janet buried their heads under the covers. They were glad they were safe and snug in the safest and snuggiest place on earth—their own beds at home.

(Next week will be told another adventure of the woods in which Jack and Janet have fun and excitement.)

BECOMES MAGNATE

And when Ben Johnson and Connie Mack decided that Philadelphia should have a team in the American League, Ben Shibe seized the chance to restore baseball to the city.

Ben Shibe was not content to be a stockholder of the old Athletics and didn't mind the loss of a few thousand dollars at the time in the pursuit of his dream. He was up to the standards of the game.

Through all the years his ideas and works to the interest of the game have been just a step in advance.

To his genius and business sense is due the largest manufacturing house of baseballs in the world, and it's here in Philadelphia.

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