

CONVICT SCORES IN TILT IN COURT WITH A LAWYER

Burns, in Confessing to Save Baksa Girl, Amazes and Amuses Courtroom

New York.—James F. Burns, in Sing Sing under the name of Regan, confessed in court that he and not Elizabeth Baksa murdered Mrs. Helen Hamel, for whose death the girl was being tried.

His native acuteness made him a pertinent and fascinating witness. He argued with the judge, upset the prosecutor by his knowledge of law, and confessed to numerous crimes, including the robbery of the home of one of the alienists who recently examined him, and when pressed too hard took refuge in technical objections, in which Judge Rosalsky was forced to sustain him.

"Well," said Burns easily, "I don't know as I have any, from what I've heard."

"Well, I would have, but he was in," he said quickly, and a laugh rippled over the court in which Judge Rosalsky joined.

"Did you see a girl?" "No, not until she went out."

"What did you see in the kitchen, or do after you saw your partner and the woman?"

"I might get twenty years for this and then I would have it wrapped around my neck for the others."

"I take it that you mean you are familiar with the laws of commutation and compensation?" asked Judge Rosalsky with a smile at his precocious witness.

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Antics in Airplane For Wilson Costly

New York.—For one "zoom," two tailspin, divers volplanes and other antics in the air above President Wilson's head as he stood on the

George Washington on Wednesday, Lieut. Fred Kelly, the crack hurdler from the Pacific coast, has been ordered to remain two weeks on post at the Hazelhurst camp.

Lieut. F. L. Pritchard, Kelly's chum, reported this at the dinner of the 52nd Aerial Squadron in Healy's.

Lieut. Kelly plotted the machine, and, his friend told a reporter, "zoomed" up from Mitchell Field 250 feet or so. "Zooming," he explained, means to strain the plane beyond its tested endurance "and get away with it."

Lieut. Pritchard's salute, Mrs. Wilson became so nervous at the antics the plane cut that she went below. The machine circled above the ship and cavorted in the air, greatly to the amusement of every one, especially of the two fliers.

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