

MISS DE WITT FREE

Ancient Law Ends "Poison Pen" Case.

BAR SAMPLE OF HER WRITING.

Judge McPherson in United States District Court at Philadelphia Declares Easton Young Woman Not Guilty and Then Denounces Law Making Acquittal Possible.

Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—Miss Harriet De Witt of Easton, who was placed on trial before Judge McPherson in the United States district court, charged with sending unsigned scurrilous letters through the mails to the Rev. Elmer E. Snyder and others, was declared not guilty.

The trial came to a sudden and unlooked for end when under an ancient law evidence on which the prosecution based its case was ruled out.

And the dramatic part of it was that in ruling out the evidence Judge McPherson took occasion to denounce the law and declared that the evidence was such that it should be admitted. He saw no reason why congress should compel the United States courts to operate in criminal cases under laws of 1870 and then give binding instructions to the jury. The government, upon the refusal of its evidence, abandoned the case.

This is the famous "poison pen" case which several months ago started the country.

It was when John Swartley, assistant district attorney, offered in evidence a specimen of Miss De Witt's handwriting that the legal question was decided and which brought the case to a sudden and somewhat startling end, for the trial brought out that the courts of the United States were compelled to work in criminal cases under the laws adopted from England of more than a hundred years ago. When Mr. Swartley offered the handwriting former Judge W. S. Kirkpatrick, counsel for the defense, objected and addressed the court, quoting numerous authorities to show that such evidence was inadmissible. Mr. Swartley followed with an earnest plea for the admission of the letter, but when he had finished Judge McPherson said:

"You have made an excellent argument, Mr. Swartley, but I am compelled to rule the document out. In criminal cases the United States courts are working under laws passed more than a century ago."

Judge McPherson then instructed the jury to render a verdict of "Not guilty," and Miss De Witt's friends crowded around her to congratulate her.

SLAYS BRIDAL PAIR.

Jealous Suitor Kills Couple in Home of Bride.

Bradford, Pa., Dec. 12.—While discussing arrangements for their honeymoon trip to follow the wedding scheduled for next week Miss Grace Cable and her intended husband, Anthony Kohlen, were shot and instantly killed at the woman's home here.

The police and a posse are searching for Rossini Annisetti, a wealthy fruit dealer, who, it is alleged, was insanely jealous of the girl. Edith Workman of Tuna, a servant in the Cable household, was entertaining Glen Rogers in the kitchen when they heard the shots and attempted to stop the murderer as he rushed through the room. He fired at them and succeeded in making his escape.

TRAPS "TIGER LADY."

Clubman Finds Wife With Another Man and Will Ask Divorce.

Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—Herbert Mason Clapp, wealthy clubman, will now seek a divorce from his wife, Marie, the "Tiger Lady" whom he accused a year ago of shooting him in his apartments.

Mr. Clapp says that he, in company with several private detectives, entered a house here and found his wife, whom he had been paying \$25 a week under a separation decree, in a room with a gambler, known as "Big Frank." He says she sighed and said, "Well, you got me."

CHARGES VOTE BUYING.

Wise Says Steel Trust Is Party to Fayette County Bribery.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Charges that vote trafficking is done in the "open market" in Fayette county, that it rivals the recent disclosures in Adams county, O., and that the United States Steel corporation, through its subsidiary companies, is a party to bribery and intimidation of voters were made before the house committee on elections.

They were made by Jesse H. Wise of Waynesburg, a defeated candidate for congress.

WOMAN IN BASEBALL.

Mrs. Helen H. Britton, Owner of the St. Louis Nationals.



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New York, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Helen Hathaway Britton, owner of the St. Louis National League Baseball club, is at the Waldorf to attend the annual meeting of the National league directors today. She has been in New York for such meetings often, but has never before attended one.

"I was brought up on baseball," she said, "and the National league. First I came on with my father and then with my uncle. And now I am coming on my own account."

"Are you going to vote and take part in the meeting?" Mrs. Britton was asked.

"Oh, dear, no," she answered. "Mr. Steininger, the president of the club, will do all the talking for us, just as Mr. Bresnahan takes care of the players."

Mrs. Britton is the first woman who ever attended a National league meeting.

INDICT NEW YORK BANKER.

Charge Against Jennings Is Misapplying Bank's Funds.

New York, Dec. 12.—Herbert T. Jennings, president of the Mount Vernon National bank, building company promoter, lawyer and business man, was arrested in his office on Broadway by Marshal William Henkel on a bench warrant issued following the finding by the federal grand jury of an indictment charging him with misapplying funds of the bank to the amount of \$154,908.00 by means of dummy loans.

Henry A. Wise, district attorney, is authority for the statement that upon further investigation Jennings' defalcations will total \$400,000.

Jennings pleaded not guilty. He was released on \$25,000 bail.

The Mount Vernon National bank went into the hands of a receiver last summer.

IT'S INTERNATIONAL NOW.

Magnates Change Name of Eastern League.

New York, Dec. 12.—The Eastern league is out of existence, and the International league is again the official title. The change in name was effected at a meeting of the owners, and there was not a dissenting vote.

Edward Barrow was re-elected president, secretary and treasurer of the league for a period of five years.

The new board of directors will consist of George L. Solomon, Newark; J. L. Stein, Buffalo; C. J. Leavis, Providence; F. E. Lipthenheim, Montreal; and J. J. McCafferty, Toronto.

The 1911 pennant was formally awarded to Rochester. It was decided that the season of 1912 would open April 18 and close on Sept. 21 and 22.

PAL MOORE WEDS.

Philadelphia Pugilist Is Married to Miss Katherine McFillin.

New York, Dec. 12.—Pal Moore, the Philadelphia pugilist, was married in the city hall by Alderman Delaney to Katherine McFillin, who also lives in Philadelphia. Moore in filling up his form for a marriage license stated that he was twenty-one years old and that his occupation was that of an "instructor." His bride stated that she was nineteen years old.

One of the witnesses to the wedding was Frankie Burns, the lightweight fighter of Jersey City.

CHANGES SAILING DATE.

Cardinal Farley Will Leave on Liner Berlin Jan. 4.

Rome, Dec. 12.—Cardinal Farley has changed the date of his departure for home. He will leave Genoa on Jan. 4 instead of the 6th by the liner Berlin. This will land him in New York on Jan. 16.

The identity of the nineteenth cardinal named by the pope has been revealed through the fact that the patriarch of Lisbon has ordered his red robes in this city.

Gives Fortune to Son.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 12.—John S. Polk, millionaire and one of the heirs of Jefferson S. Polk's big estate, has turned his entire fortune over to his son, Jefferson H. Polk, without reservation except that he is to receive \$15 a week spending money.

Holiday Recess For Congress.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Senate and house leaders have agreed on a holiday recess from Dec. 23 to Jan. 2.

DISINTEGRATION OF OIL TRUST

200,000 Certificates of Shares Sent Out to Stockholders.

GIGANTIC TASK OF SIGNING.

Machine Equipped With Eighteen Fountain Pens Was Used—John D. Rockefeller Was Relieved of the Work—Care to Avoid Errors.

The disintegration of the oil trust has been carried out in accordance with the decree of the supreme court, and the stockholders have received their proportionate shares in the thirty-three subsidiaries which the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey controlled.

There are more than 6,000 of these stockholders, and consequently the number of new certificates distributed aggregates more than 200,000. The signing of these certificates was in itself a monumental job. It had been in progress for two or three months, or ever since the accountants finished figuring out the complicated fractional shares belonging to the various stockholders under the new dispensation.

Each certificate had to be signed by two officials of the issuing company, but the work was reduced materially by the use of a signing machine. This is an apparatus equipped with eighteen fountain pens. The signer writes his name with one of the pens, and the other pens form the same signature in somewhat the same way that a pantograph reproduces a picture when the operator traces over the original picture with it. Although John D. Rockefeller is president of a number of subsidiaries as well as of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, matters were so arranged as to make it unnecessary for him to take any part in the signing operation.

Dates of Annual Meetings.

With the certificates was sent out a certain amount of information concerning the thirty-three subsidiaries, now to embark on the sea of competition on their own account. Ordinary stockholders in the parent company have never known much about these subsidiaries, and apparently they have never cared much about their affairs, as profits and losses alike went into the pot, and good big dividends on the total operations came out. Now, however, with separate holdings of stock in the various companies it is expected that the stockholders will want to know a great deal more about them.

The dates for the annual meetings of the thirty-four companies, including the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, run all the way from January to May, so that the stockholders will have five months in which to obtain detailed information as to their distributed holdings unless special meetings should be called sooner. It is not expected that the people who have been in control of the combination will make any arrangements for special meetings, as their policy all along has been a literal compliance with the decree of the supreme court, neither more nor less.

Whether other stockholders may take steps for an earlier satisfaction of their curiosity cannot be foretold, but the prospects are that until the regular meeting times they will have to depend for any estimate they may wish to make as to the value of their holdings on the report of the commissioner of corporations, the figures in which represent conditions in 1908. Since then no official statement has been made as to any of the subsidiaries.

Record Example in Fractions.

There has never been before so aggravated a case of fractional shares as that arising from the dissolution of the oil trust. They are usually due to stock dividends or the issue of rights to subscribe to new stock—say on a 10 per cent basis—so that the owner of a single share would receive a tenth of a share and the other fractions would be in tenths. The denominator of the Standard Oil fractions is not only very much larger, but it is quite remote from any connection with the decimal system. That denominator is 983,383, which is the number of 100 shares of stock of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey outstanding. The numerator in the case of each company is the same as the number of shares in it owned by the parent corporation.

In order to make sure that there was no mistake in any allotment, each division of fractional shares allotted to any particular stockholder was checked over six times.

When it comes to the distribution of dividends on the fractional shares by the thirty-three former subsidiaries the arithmetic involved in figuring out the amount of each of the thirty-three checks to each of the holders of so many 983,383ds shares is likely to make the recent operation seem simple, but the labor will now be divided among the accounting departments of the different companies, and there is little doubt that eventually, by one means or another, the fractional shares will be eliminated or consolidated.

Punjab Student at Boston "Tech."

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has a new pupil in the person of Bhagat Singh, just arrived from the Punjab. Singh, who dresses in conventional English garb with the exception of the white silk turban on his head, is to take a three years' course in electrical engineering.

SIRES AND SONS.

Sir William J. Soulsby, private secretary to the lord mayor of London, has held the position for thirty-six years.

Canada's new minister of finance, W. T. White, is not a politician. He is a Toronto banker and vice president of the National Trust company.

Thomas Kinsey, the purser of the American liner St. Paul, has crossed the Atlantic 1,000 times. Mr. Kinsey has been a purser since 1864, the first vessel on which he served in this capacity being the City of London.

The Earl of Plymouth has purchased the Crystal place, one of the great amusement places of England, for \$1,050,000. His purpose is to hold it until the nation shall purchase it, thus avoiding its sale at public auction.

Dr. C. Dillard Hayes, who has been chief geologist of the United States geological survey since 1902, is leaving the service to engage in mining in Mexico. He has devoted himself to government work for nearly twenty-four years.

John Joy Edson, one of the best known bank presidents in Washington, narrowly escaped spending his life as a government clerk at a salary of not more than \$1,500 a year. He escaped because his wife refused to marry him until he had left the government service.

Pen, Chisel and Brush.

Vinnie Ream Hoxie, one of the most eminent sculptors of modern times, possesses more interesting personal souvenirs of famous men than perhaps any other American woman.

Frederick Harrison, the author, who celebrated his eightieth birthday recently, was one of the first players of lawn tennis. He took up the game over fifty years ago and gave it up only recently.

Thomas Robert Macquoid, the English artist, who is nearing his ninety-second year, is still able to use his pen and brush effectively. He has exhibited hundreds of his works at the Royal institute and during his long life has illustrated great numbers of books and periodicals.

The Royal Box.

King George of England takes special pride in breeding black pigs and has reared a particular breed which brings him in a nice little sum of money annually.

King Alfonso has refused \$500,000. The cash was left him by a madman, and Alfonso said he would prefer his benefactors to have some better excuse than lack of wits.

Queen Elizabeth, wife of the king of the Belgians, is a practical business woman and has just instigated the formation of a private company whose business it will be to promote the revival of lacemaking in Brussels, Mechlin and Bruges and to increase the exportation of Belgian laces.

Industrial Items.

According to the latest figures, Uncle Sam's farm hand payroll represents \$645,612,000.

India has enacted a law limiting adults' working hours to twelve a day and children's to six.

Of 9,221,517,000 common brick made in the country in 1910 the south made 2,367,324,000, or something more than 25 per cent, and the value of the southern production was something more than 26 per cent of the total value, \$55,219,551. in the country.

ACTUAL STARVATION.

Facts About Indigestion and Its Relief That Should Interest You.

Although indigestion and dyspepsia are so prevalent, most people do not thoroughly understand their cause and cure. There is no reason why most people should not eat anything they desire—if they will only chew it carefully and thoroughly. Many actually starve themselves into sickness through fear of eating every good-looking, good-smelling, and good-tasting food, because it does not agree with them.

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