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BIG EXPRESS LINES MAY BE PROSECUTED

SUPREME COURT HOLDS ADAMS COMPANY IS SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION.

STOCK OWNERSHIP FAILS

Supreme Court Rules That Adams Express Company May Be Prosecuted, Having Affirmed Lower Court—Defense Held Stock Ownership Prevented Such Action—Other Cases Decided Today.

Washington, June 9.—The supreme court has decided the Adams Express company may be prosecuted for violating the interstate commerce laws. Decision in the case was unanimous. The opinion of the court was read by Justice Holmes. He said in part: "It has been notorious for years that some of the express companies were organized as stock companies for express reasons it seems, of evading the law."

Because the government could not proceed in criminal suits against the Adams Express Co., as a company, by obtaining service of subpoenas upon officers all over the country, it brought suit in the federal district court at Cincinnati. A grand jury indicted the company for alleged overcharges on packages sent into Ohio. The indictment was dismissed on the ground that joint stock associations are immune from criminal prosecution, having no legal entity, and that only members of the association are liable. Most of the members live in New York. For offenses outside of New York, the government was practically unable to secure service of subpoenas. Evasion of many federal liabilities by the joint stock organization was charged by the department of justice against the company.

Oregon Case Decided.

The supreme court has affirmed the decision of the Oregon supreme court in convicting Lem Moon, a Chinaman, of first degree murder. Moon killed Lee Tai Hay in Portland in 1808 during a tong war.

BLAZE IN SPRINGFIELD

Close to a Million is Estimated Loss of Big Fire Today.

Springfield Mo., June 9.—The entire northeast section of Springfield was swept by fire today, causing a loss estimated at \$700,000 to \$1,000,000 before it was controlled. Fanned by a high wind it spread rapidly and for a time threatened the city. The Springfield Traction company, owned by the Bell Telephone were heavy losers, the wires being centered in the public square where the fire started. The square was cleaned. The Heer Dry Goods Co., in whose basement the fire started, was the heaviest losers, estimated at a quarter million.

BURNING SHIP SAFE.

Cuban Steamer Afire but Passengers are Saved—All is Well.

New York, June 9.—Wireless dispatches at noon from the Cuban steamer Olinda which was reported afire at sea earlier in the day, state all are well, and that the vessel lay 500 miles south of Scotland lightship. It is believed the Olinda has enroute either to Brunswick or Savannah, Georgia.

Carnegie and Lord Weardale Talk Over Peace Celebration



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THESE are two of the great pacifists of the day. Of course you recognize Andrew Carnegie on the left. The other is Lord Weardale of England, chairman of the committee from Great Britain which came to the United States to arrange with the American committee for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of peace among English speaking people in 1915. Mr. Carnegie, the man of many libraries and many millions, was one of the New York committee that met the visitors and welcomed them to our shores. Lord Weardale and his companions later visited Washington, where they met the president and other notables.

"Insidious" Gotham Not Are Fleeing Divorce Mad

WILSON ADMITS PUBLICITY WORKED HAVOC.

OTHER CITIES OUTDO THE METROPOLIS.

Senators are Unburdened Records Prove the Fact

Currency Problem Not Definitely Settled by Wilson to Date.

Several Cities of the United States Lead Over New York.

Washington, June 9.—"The insidious lobby" charge has already had the intended effect and has relieved the president, senators and congressmen of a considerable burden. This is the substance of a statement by the president in an audience with correspondents. He believes many lobbyists have already left Washington and thinks the "breed" will be scarce during consideration by the senate of the Underwood bill. The president doesn't believe Senator Townsend's charges that he is himself a lobbyist, necessitate a reply.

There is little hope for quick action on the currency legislation entertained by the president. He said he was undecided whether elastic currency will be the base of the United States notes or those of national banks. The president said Solicitor Moore of the state department is framing an answer to the rejoinder by Japan regarding the alien law. He thought it probable that an answer would be submitted to China this week. The president thinks there will be considerable diplomatic negotiations before a settlement is effected.

New York Has Cold Snap.

New York, May 9.—New Yorkers shivered in real winter weather. Thermometers registering 48 above.

New York, June 9.—Much malignancy as is New York about its divorces and general disregard for the sacredness of matrimony, facts and figures show that the metropolis is really the safest American city for conjugal bliss. Despite the popular ideas about the wickedness of Gotham, the records show that divorce is not the fearful menace to Father Knickerbocker's household as is the general belief. For instance, St. Louis and Cincinnati both are more easy going in the matter of dissolving the marriage tie, and St. Louis holds the country's palm for its quick divorce batting average.

New York's goodness, where divorce is proved by official records of the courts of jurisdiction in the four counties embraced by the municipality of Greater New York. It is a record to which the citizens may point with pride and a record which other cities of the first class might view with alarm in making a sociological self-examination.

In the four counties of New York, in the year 1912, there were granted 1782 divorces as against 52, 282 marriages, about one knot untied to every 29 marriages. Were it not for Brooklyn's numerous lapses from the domestic ideal, the city's record would

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LETTER FROM ASTORIA HAS NO NEW FACTS

RUTH BURNETT FERNANDO WROTE TO MOTHER ON DAY SHE WAS KILLED.

BURY PRETTY GIRL THERE

Beautiful 17 Year Old Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burnett of This City Who Was Either Killed or Suicided at Astoria Friday, Will Be Buried There—Is Second Death in Home.

Remains of Ruth Burnett Fernando, the extremely pretty 17-year-old wife of a former Spanish instructor of this city, and who was either killed by her husband or suicided at Astoria last Friday, will not be brought to La Grande for burial according to present plans arranged by the father and mother in this city. The condition of the invalid father precludes the feasibility of bringing the remains here, as the 16-year invalid is in a serious condition as a result of a nervous breakdown from the news of the distressing death of the daughter. James Burnett has gone to Astoria, and it is likely the funeral will be held there.

Last Letter Comes Today.

A letter written by Ruth on the day on which she met her death, reached her mother, Mrs. Susanne Burnett, corner Cedar and Washington today, but not a word of the fateful climax to that day was contained in it. Its tone was the same as all the other regularly-received letters—she was satisfied, happy and continually impressed upon her mother and father that her husband treated her kindly. The parental objection barrier raised last winter when Miss Ruth wanted to marry the Spaniard, who until recently was a teacher in the La Grande Business college, was finally lowered and the wedding followed. "Ruth has apparently been happy since she was married," said her broken-hearted mother this afternoon. "We consented to the marriage, thinking it was the best thing to do."

The suspected husband has no ill-will from the mother of the dead girl. "If he killed my daughter, I want him punished, but if he didn't we can bear him no ill-will," continued Mrs. Burnett. "This is the second child I have lost through violent death. One of my sons was killed just before he was 20, and now Ruth is killed."

"We had first planned to bring the body home, but now we think it best to lay the little girl away in Astoria where she drew her last breath. Jimmie is there and when he learns all the facts in the case he will know what to do."

Dealing on the details of the death, an Astoria papers says:

Declaring in the face of adverse circumstances that she had plunged a heavy knife into her breast, Ruth Burnett Fernando, formerly of La Grande, the 17-year-old girl-wife of Fernanz Fernando, a cigar maker employed at Lankester's cigar store, was carried to St. Mary's hospital last night at 7 o'clock mortally wounded, and at 11 o'clock death sealed forever the lips that might confute the whispered assertion of suicide and fasten the charge of murder upon her husband, to whom circumstances and his own incoherent story point an accusing finger.

The first knowledge the public had of the affair was when Fernando called a next door neighbor into the little home where he and his wife resided alone at 375 18th street last night at 6 o'clock, imploring her to

BALKAN WARS BECOME A REAL DANGER AGAIN

SERBIA HOLDING PEACE CONFERENCE IS FORCED TO SUE.

GREECE REMAINS NEUTRAL

Likelihood of War in Balkans Becomes Serious Today—Bulgars and Servians Who Oppose Each Other and Attitude of Other Balkan States Is Not Made Clear at Present.

London, June 9.—More war in the Balkans was semi-officially admitted a serious possibility when the peace conference adjourned after a final session of three and a half hours. Serbia didn't participate. The Balkan delegates meet again, until the powers force a renewal of negotiations.

All envoys agree that many important points growing out of the Turkish struggle remain unsettled and while not admitted openly there is now little doubt but that chances of Serbia and Bulgaria resorting to arbitment by war are more than grave. No intimation is given out as to Greece's attitude should Bulgars and Serbia come to blows. It is probable, however, as Greek and Bulgarian swords point to Salonika, Greece may be found aligned with Serbia if the clash comes.

phone for a doctor—that his wife had fallen and injured herself. A call was sent to Dr. Forsstrom who responded instantly. But a glance at the prostrate form on the bed and the husband was dispatched post haste for an ambulance, and the young woman, barely breathing, was hurried to the hospital where every effort was made to save her life.

In reply to the question "How did this occur?" she answered "I did it," and this she repeated in a whisper over and over as the physician labored for her life. "I did it; I did it."

The husband stood by the bedside of his bride of three months with tear-brimmed eyes and silent. Until questioned he offered no explanation.

Fearful Blow Struck.

According to Physicians Forsstrom and Pilkington, the blow struck was a fearful one, coursing downward from high in the left breast with such force that a piece of the breast bone was cut clear. The wound was made with an ugly long-bladed pocket knife, causing internal bleeding and choking the lungs with blood. The position of the wound and the apparent force of the blow made the idea of suicide most improbable.

The husband when questioned by the officers, made the following statement:

Husband's Story.

He was seated on the opposite side of the dining room table from his wife who was slicing bread with his pocket knife. In some manner she slipped and fell, the knife piercing her breast. He picked her up and placed her on the bed. Then, before calling in help he removed the bread to the sideboard and cleared the dishes from the table. Until the doctor arrived he did not know how seriously she was wounded. He and his wife had never quarreled and there was absolutely no reason for believing that he attacked her.

As the officers' questions grew more numerous he became excited and was removed to the police station.

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PARLIAMENT AGAIN FACES HARD TUSSLE

TWICE-PASSED HOME RULE BILL AGAIN COMES UP IN LOWER HOUSE.

MAY FORCE A PASSAGE

House Passes Home Rule Bill as Originally Introduced, Lords Must Act Favorably Upon It—Issue is a Burning One in London—Measure Sets Up a Parliament at Dublin.

London, June 9.—The Irish home rule bill entered upon its second stage today when the measure came up for its second reading in the house of commons under the provisions of the parliament veto act, which permits a bill thrice passed by the commons to become a law despite the fact that the house of lords may have rejected it. The bill was rejected by the lords four months ago.

The measure which sets up an Irish parliament in Dublin to deal with national affairs, while retaining 42 members at Westminster to vote on imperial affairs, was passed by the commons on January 16 by a majority of 110, but rejected a fortnight later by the lords by a majority of 257. The Liberal-Labor-Nationalist coalition was in full force today, and will have to vote down all opposition amendments, as the bill, in order to comply with the terms of the parliament act, must go through in its original form. There will be two days of general debate on the second reading, and instead of the usual committee stage, Premier Asquith has substituted a parliamentary novelty in a "suggestion stage" during which the house may pass "suggestions" which will be sent up to the lords with the bill, so that the latter body can incorporate them as amendments if desired.

Only suggestions approved by the government will be sent up, and as no compromise is likely to be arrived at, the bill almost certainly will pass through its third reading in about a month, in its original form. If, as is generally expected, the lords reject it again, the bill will be reintroduced next spring, and will automatically become law after its third rejection.

FATHER KILLS CHILDREN

One Son and Daughter, Killed, and Insane Father Then Suicides.

Marshalltown, Iowa, June 9.—News of a double murder and suicide by a Grundy county farmer, Ben Kniseley, has reached here. Kniseley shot and killed his son, Ralph, aged four years, shot his daughter twice with a shotgun, killing her instantly, and then fired twice at the other daughters, missing both. He blew out his own brains. He is believed to have been insane.

McLOUGHLIN WINS.

Defeats Australian for Semi-Finals in Davis Cup Race.

New York, June 9.—Maurice McLoughlin of San Francisco is national tennis champion by defeating Stanley Doust, of Australia, three straight sets which won for the American the right to compete in the semi-finals with Germany for the Davis international cup. The scores were 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.