

RUMORS THICK IN GENOA

JURY FREES ARBUCKLE OF CRIME CHARGE

Took Six Minutes to Reach An Agreement on His Guilt.

EX-STAR MAY AGAIN BE IN THE FILMS

Jury Issues Statement In Explanation of Verdict, Wishing Him Much Success.

(By Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 13.—The remaining manslaughter charges against Arbuckle will be dismissed immediately, Assistant District Attorney Friedman announced today.

(By Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 13.—Roscoe Arbuckle, acquitted in six minutes at his third trial on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, film actress, last evening, said he would take a good rest and get rid of the surplus flesh he acquired during his trials. He plans to return to pictures if the public wants him.

Edward Brown, whose presence on the jury was objected to by the prosecution, was foreman. There was a slight delay when the jury returned due to the absence of the district attorney.

The defendant was deeply affected. The verdict was received by him with a great sigh of relief. There was no demonstration, the court having warned against it.

Mrs. Minta Durfee Arbuckle, the defendant's wife, cried quietly. Both she and Arbuckle shook hands with the jurors.

Return Unexpected. The quick action of the jury was a surprise. The verdict was by acclamation, the deliberation taking less than a minute. The additional time was consumed by details.

The jurors and spectators crowded around Arbuckle and his counsel and finally bore him off to the jury room to congratulate him further.

"Arbuckle has no immediate plans," Gavin McNab, his chief counsel, said. "It was a splendid victory."

"The jury did its duty," was the comment of Milton T. U'Ren, assistant district attorney.

Mrs. Arbuckle expressed her thanks to McNab by giving him a resounding kiss. The jurors held an informal reception with Arbuckle in the jury room while newspaper photographers, armed with flashlights, took many pictures.

The statement issued by the jury was signed by all the jurors, including the two alternates. It follows: "Arbuckle is not enough for Roscoe Arbuckle."

"We feel that a great injustice has been done him. We feel also that it was only our plain duty to give him this exoneration, under the evidence, for there was not the slightest proof (Continued on Page Five.)"

Reforestation One Of Problems to be Discussed Tomorrow



Arbuckle

Japanese Troops Have Driven the Chitans Far Back

(By Associated Press) TOKIO, Apr. 13.—Japanese troops have driven the Chitans government forces from the neutral zone between them and Vladivostok government troops, says a Vladivostok dispatch. Japanese forces have driven the Chitans troops as far north as Shmakovka, about 150 miles from Vladivostok, and are approaching Usuri station, a few miles farther north. Vladivostok government troops have occupied the town of Olga.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press) DUBLIN, Apr. 13.—The peace conference of the southern Ireland factions met today and adjourned until Wednesday without reaching an agreement.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Apr. 13.—The administration tariff bill assailed today by Senator Simmons of North Carolina, ranking democrat on the senate finance committee as the "most un-American bill ever framed."

(By Associated Press) CHARLESTON, S. C., Apr. 13.—Eight hundred kegs of powder stored in a building a quarter of a mile southwest of the Charleston general ordnance depot, 10 miles from here, exploded today. The shock was felt for miles. First reports said that 30 lives were lost.

(By Associated Press) CHARLESTON, S. C., Apr. 13.—Three workmen were killed and several injured in the powder explosion, according to latest reports.

(By Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 13.—Late today the district attorney dismissed the remaining Arbuckle charges.

Annual Meeting of Union County Fire Association to be Combined With Important Forest Meeting.

The question of reforestation, especially as it affects northeastern Oregon, will be thoroughly discussed at tomorrow's meeting of timbermen, logging operators and state and federal forest officials if all of the representatives of the forest service who are expected arrive. The meeting will be held in the city commission rooms of the city hall and will be called to order at 10 o'clock.

This meeting is one of the most important meetings regarding forest work held in Eastern Oregon in recent years and representatives from various places will be on hand. The Union County Fire Association will hold its annual meeting in connection with this meeting, the election of officers and other business matters preceding the discussion of problems confronting the forest service and timber and logging operators.

The meeting will be public and will probably last all day. Many prominent forest officials will be here to speak on the various problems outlined for discussion. Following the more or less formal talks on the program general discussion will be in order.

The program includes talks by E. I. Stoddard, State Forester F. A. Elliott, C. G. T. Gerlinger and T. T. Munger on slash disposal, while W. C. Calder, Dan B. Smythe and E. N. Kavanagh will speak on grazing in forests. Other speakers are expected to be here to discuss the reforestation problems.

State Forester F. A. Elliott will arrive this evening. He spent a short time in La Grande last evening, arriving on the branch line train from Wallowa county and going on to Baker later in the evening.

(By Associated Press) SERIOUS CHARGES. PORTLAND, Apr. 13.—Charges of inefficiency, misconduct and drunkenness were filed against Fire Chief John Young today by C. C. Brown, Portland resident, through an attorney. The chief denied the charges and declared they are the result of a conspiracy of his foes who hid "behind an outsider not amenable to discipline."

LAST WEEK TO REGISTER FOR THE PRIMARY

Next Tuesday Registration Books Close for May 19 Primary Election.

The county clerk, C. K. McCormick, will be at the Security Land and Savings company on Adams avenue, Friday and Saturday evening this week at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of registering voters. Tuesday, April 18th, is the last day on which one may register and Mr. McCormick is taking these steps to give everyone the opportunity to register.

Persons who have formerly registered and have not failed to vote at least one election during the past two years need not re-register. Persons who have changed their residences to a different precinct must re-register. Persons becoming 21 years of age between April 18, the last day of registration, and May 19, the date of election, may register and will be allowed to vote on election day.

No one is eligible to register who is not a citizen of the United States, over the age of 21 years, and who has not resided in the state for a period of at least six months. Naturalized citizens or persons claiming citizenship by virtue of a father or husband's naturalization must present the certificate of naturalization at the time of registering.

Regular electors who expect to be absent from the county on election day may secure a certificate of registration from the county clerk which certificate will enable them to vote in any other county in this state for state and district officers.

The offices to be filled are: state representative to congress from second district, governor, state treasurer, three justices of the supreme court, superintendent of public instruction, commissioner of the bureau of labor, statistics and inspection of factories and work shops, commissioner of the public service commission of Oregon; district—state senator, 19th senatorial district, representatives to the state legislature from the 24th and 25th districts; county—one county commissioner, county treasurer, justices of peace and constables for the various justice of peace districts, and one precinct committeeman will be elected in each voting precinct of the county.

April 19th is the last day on which candidates may file their declarations with the county clerk.

Famous Aviator Meets Death

Ross Smith, Had Planned to Make Flight Around the World.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Apr. 13.—Sir Ross Smith, Australian aviator, who with his brother, Sir Keith, had planned to start from Croydon April 25 on a flight around the world, was killed when a plane crashed in a practice flight at Brooklands today. Lieutenant Bennett, engineer, who planned to accompany the Smith brothers on the world flight, was also killed. The machine which crashed was the one the Smiths intended to use in the flight.

Catholic Church to Celebrate Easter In Fitting Manner

Three Services are Scheduled for Sunday; Musical Program Promised to be Excellent.

Extensive preparations have been made by the members of the Catholic church to celebrate Easter in a most fitting manner. There will be two morning services at 8:00 and 10:30 and also an evening devotion at 7:30 to which all are cordially invited to attend. At the eight o'clock service or Communion Mass, the children's choir of some 100 voices will render the inspiring Easter hymns.

At the 10:30 service, or Parish Mass, the large choir will deliver a beautiful program, to-wit: Introductory, Vidi Aquam, Gregorian chant. The music of the Mass is an excellent polyphonic composition from Eduardo Leonard in B flat. The offertory will consist in a soprano solo of the joyous Easter canticle, Regina Coeli, rendered by Miss Dorothy Casey, with violin obbligato by Clark Fitzgerald. The recessional will be by the choir. The choir is under the direction of Mrs. Paul Massee and great effort has been expended to procure a musical program both devotional and refined.

A number of vested acolytes will also enhance the devotional phase of this service. The evening service will consist of appropriate prayer and benediction.

The splendid altars of this church will be artistically decorated with cut flowers and a host of lighted tapers for these services. Also a concise sermon, proper to the nature of this august feast, will be delivered at the respective services.

THREE DAYS OFF.

LONDON.—The stock exchange here will be closed April 14, 15 and 17, Easter holidays.

UNION COUNTY LIBRARY MAKES GOOD SHOWING

Report Shows that People in Isolated Districts are Eager to Take Advantage of Facilities.

A report has just been issued by the Union county library board which shows the extent of the work being done by that organization. The distinctive feature in the report is that it shows that the people in isolated districts are "hungry" for good reading matter and that the books sent to some of these districts are loaned over and over again in a short period of time. The report is as follows:

One of the great problems of library work has been to reach the isolated districts of the county. It is always easy to reach the people who live in the city and get good books to them; but when it comes to people who live in the outside districts, it is hard to reach them, not only because of transportation difficulties, but because after a person has been isolated for a time he loses interest in the reading of books. The Union County Library is meeting this problem with wonderful success. Six branch libraries have been established, branches being located at North Powder, Union, Cove Imbler, Elgin and La Grande. In addition to these branch libraries, 40 rural school stations have been established, and during the month of March 1922, from 30 of these stations there has been reported a circulation of over 700. The most remarkable showing is the book station at Wolf Creek, where there were 209 loans during the month of March, with an additional 65 loans in the school, making a total of 274 loans at Wolf Creek. At the station of Pleasant Grove there were 75 loans; at Ladd Canyon 54, and at Fairview, in the north end of the county, 59 loans. Besides this county circulation, there were 158 books mailed out from the central library at La Grande upon requests from individuals.

This increase in reading in the county is also reflected in the towns. For example, Union, during the month of March, 1922, made 1460 loans, as compared with 801 a year ago. Elgin made 1078, as compared with 554 a year ago; Cove made 636 as compared with 472 a year ago; Imbler made 302 during March of this year, and had no library a year ago. At North Powder the library has just been established, and was open only two afternoons in March, and made 66 loans. At La Grande also, March was a record month, showing a total number of loans of 4966. In La Grande for the first quarter, there were 9907 loans, while a year ago there were only 3587 loans. Thus for the first three months of the year the Union County Library shows a gain over 10,000 loans.

Moreover, the country resident takes advantage of the city libraries, for at Elgin during the past quarter there were 54 new borrowers, of whom 14 lived in the country; at Imbler there were 71 new borrowers, with 29 living in the country; at Cove there were 50 new borrowers, with 6 living in the country, at Union 65 new borrowers, with 3 living in the country. At the

FRANCE MAY BLOCK ACTION ON ARMAMENT

Stubborn Attitude of French On Important Matters.

REAL WORK WILL BEGIN TOMORROW

Lenine Will Replace Chitcherlin as Head of Soviet Delegation, is Announced Today.

GENOA, Apr. 13.—While rumors of a sensational nature are flying thickly about economic conference circles today, most of them being promptly disavowed, one fact that appeared to stand out was that neither disarmament nor the reparations question would be brought up for special action against the opposition of France.

(By Associated Press) GENOA, Apr. 13.—Nikolai Lenine, soviet premier, will come to Genoa to replace Chitcherlin as head of the Russian delegation when negotiations of the economic conference reach their proper stage, says the newspaper Secola.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Apr. 13.—Lloyd George, Foreign Minister Schauer and Louis Bathou, heads of the British, Italian and French delegations to the Genoa economic conference, are holding an important meeting today, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Genoa. Bathou saying that the real work of the conference begins tomorrow.

RAILROADS LOSE

(By Associated Press) OLYMPIA, Apr. 13.—The department of public works overruled protests of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company and the Walla Walla Railway and granted a certificate to George Symptom and V. E. Barry to operate freight trucks between Walla Walla and Pendleton.

SOME SPEED. BRUSSELS.—With the help of a heavy crane, Capt. Donald Muir piloted an aeroplane from London to Brussels, 200 miles, in 80 minutes.

AMERICANS KILLED.

PARIS, Apr. 13.—A number of American drivers of relief wagons in Russia have been killed in the streets by the famished populace who seized the horses for food, according to reports to American relief organizations. The reports are from the Ufa, Gansker and Tolyllabai districts.

THE SEASON IN FLORIDA CLOSES



Fee to be Charged For The Use of Fair Grounds

At the meeting of the city commission last evening a decision was reached to put the fence in repair and patch up the roofs of the buildings and then keep the fairgrounds locked excepting at such times when the grounds or a portion thereof is to be rented. In the future a fee will be charged for the use of the grounds, according to the resolution passed.

The repair of the fence, including replacing of the posts and putting wire on top, is estimated at \$145, or 10 cents a linear foot, and the city will advertise for bids for the work, the county exacting half of the expense. The road work will be confined to clearing drains, for the open space and will require about 600 feet of drainage, according to the estimate of the commission.

10 per cent of the gate receipts. This latter includes all high school athletic events for which admission is charged, and baseball games. The commission, as well as the county court, is taking the stand that while there is no desire to make a profit out of the use of the grounds an effort should be made to return enough revenue to pay for the maintenance of the grounds.

Heavy podlocks will be placed on the two entrances of the grounds and at no time will the grounds be unlocked unless the fee decided upon is paid. Drinking water will be supplied by the city, it is expected, although no definite action was taken last night.

Good Friday Will be Observed Here Tomorrow

La Grande merchants, manufacturers and professional men are appealed to by ministers of the city to co-arrange their affairs that as many as possible of the personnel in each establishment may attend Good Friday services tomorrow afternoon. This appeal does not include a complete shut-down in business but does ask that every person who possibly can get away without closing business, attend the services. For a time it was hoped that all business close its doors between 12 and 3 on Good Friday. On reconsideration it was thought best by those who are initiating the movement to not ask for a complete holiday but to ask every merchant to allow as many of his employees as is practical to attend the services. The opinion is general that a year from now a permanent definite policy of closing for three hours on Good Friday will be adopted. The half day services, which have been conducted at the Arcade Theatre this week as a part of Holy Week

services will be conducted tomorrow as usual. This begins at noon and ends at 12:30. At one o'clock a two-hour service takes up at the Episcopal church, to which the public is invited to attend as long a period as may be convenient. There will be no entertainment for attendants at that service to come and go as time permits. Rev. Gunn will be the speaker at that period and suitable Easter music will be provided. The plan of holding business for a brief period on Good Friday was popular here a few years ago but for a time the movement lagged. The idea of part holiday on Good Friday has come to a general downtown meetings are a matter of course in all cities and in a large majority of them the practice of closing on Good Friday afternoon meets with general approval for the reason that all denominations of the Christian faith place Good Friday on the calendar with close accord, to Christmas and Easter.



Tonight and Friday rain in the west and rain or snow in the east portion of the state.