



CAILLAUX LETTERS REACT ON DEFENSE

Harmless Nature Robs Madame of Motive.

READING IS BELIEVED CERTAIN

Brother of Slain Editor Defends Relative's Chivalry.

NEW INCIDENT DRAMATIC

"If Madame Had Simply Opened Her Mouth," Says Dr. Albert Calmette, "My Brother Would Have Removed Her Apprehension."

PARIS, July 24.—The defense in the trial of Mme. Caillaux for the murder of Gaston Calmette, editor of the Figaro, was caught today in a trap innocently set by Mme. Gueydan, once the wife of the prisoner's husband.

The principal argument of Maitre Labori, counsel for Mme. Caillaux, yesterday, was that his client was driven to shoot M. Calmette through fear that two letters of which photographic reproductions existed, would be published by M. Calmette and the secrets of her inner life thereby made public.

Letters Will Be Read.

This argument, it is said, will be reduced to nothing by the reading of the letters which Mme. Gueydan reluctantly gave over to Maitre Labori yesterday.

She declined to receive them back from M. Labori, replying to a question by Labori as to what she desired done with them: "I do not care what you do with them. Publish all of them if you wish to do so."

Their reading is now regarded as inevitable. Mme. Gueydan's counsel, S. G. Archibald, said today concerning the letters: "They are innocuous. They contain several disparaging references to Mme. Gueydan, M. Caillaux's wife, and consider the possibilities of his obtaining a divorce from her. This, however, he says, would have to be after the elections. They are completed by allusions to local politics of no importance whatever."

Lawyers Spar Over Letters.

The unprecedented spectacle of two former premiers, Jean Barthou and M. Caillaux, standing together at the bar and maintaining with no little heat divergent opinions on the case was of hardly less interest than the fencing of Maitre Labori and Maitre Chenu, representing the Calmette family, over the letters.

Stung by the taunt of Pascal Ceccaldi, an intimate friend of M. Caillaux, that he had not a word of pity for the woman on trial, M. Barthou turned toward her.

"I had the honor, Madame," he said, "to be a guest of your house and you have been a guest of mine. I have said nothing of a nature to aggravate your situation. I wish to say that I have the most sincere respect for you in your position. But, Madame, up to the present the prosecution has hardly pronounced a word against you. You are defended by friends whose devotion I admire and by a husband who stands here full of activity, energy and talent. It was not for me to speak in your defense. I could only give you the respectful salute which is your due. My pity has been for him to whom it rightfully belongs."

Brother's Chivalry Asserted.

A dramatic bit of testimony was given by Dr. Albert Calmette, director of the Pasteur Institute at Lille. He paid a high tribute to the character of his brother.

"I am convinced," Dr. Calmette said, "that if Mme. Caillaux had simply opened her mouth, if she had only said to my brother, 'Is it true that you have in your possession the private letters?' my brother would immediately have reassured her. If you know how scrupulous my brother was with his word! He would have removed Mme. Caillaux's apprehension."

"I go farther; he would have offered her his arm to escort her to her carriage; he would have filled her automobile with flowers."

"Attempts have been made here to defile the memory of my brother in speaking of the manner in which he made his fortune. As the guardian of his children it is my duty to say that my brother worked hard all his life. His work did not enrich him greatly, for in his profession one rarely becomes wealthy. But everybody knows he had formed deep friendships and it was through these friendships that his fortune grew."

Fortune Attributed to Legacy.

"It is common knowledge that it was a result of the legacy of M. Chauchard (the proprietor of a great department store) that my brother's fortune was made. There is no reason to blush for it."

Dr. Gaillard, Mme. Caillaux's dentist, another witness of the day, testified that she had made an appointment with him for two days after the tragedy. Her physician, Dr. Mercigny, also gave evidence.

"Mme. Caillaux is the best of women," he said. "Her character is sweet and calm. I was stupefied when I learned of the drama."

Henri Bernstein, the playwright, and several members of the Figaro staff also were on the stand.

DELANVAN COMET IS SEEN BY NAKED EYE

DECEMBER'S WANDERER VISIBLE IN EARLY MORNING.

After Dawn Telescope Is Required to Discover Tail—100,000,000 Miles Is Nearest Approach.

SAN JOSE, CAL., July 24.—The Delavan comet, discovered last December, now is visible to the naked eye in the early morning, according to a statement today from Lick Observatory, where it regularly has been observed.

The comet is traveling the constellation auriga and rises well in advance of and to the north of the sun. It is as bright as a fifth magnitude star, but the dawn makes it rather difficult to see the faint object without a telescope, and without a telescope no tail can be distinguished.

The comet now is rapidly approaching the sun in its orbit and will pass the sun at its nearest point of approach late in October at a distance of about 100,000,000 miles.

PAUPERS' ESTATES PUZZLE

Small Sums Left by Inmates of County Farm Prove Problem.

The curious problem of how to dispose of the property of those who have nothing has come before the County Commissioners.

This anomaly has been brought about by the question of the disposal of money and effects left by people who die intestate at the Multnomah County Farm. Theoretically, these persons have no property or they would not be at the farm, which is provided, of course, for those without resources.

It happens frequently, however, that inmates of the farm do leave small sums of money and personal belongings.

RATTLER KILLS CHARMER

'Strangest Woman Alive,' at Roslyn, Victim of Newly Arrived Reptile.

ROSLYN, Wash., July 24.—(Special.)—While a big crowd attending the Pollock carnival here last night filled the tent of Myrtle Wilson, aged 25 and billed as "The Strangest Woman Alive," she was bitten by a rattlesnake and died today.

During the night her agony was intense, but death came without pain.

The woman's husband witnessed the affair.

Mrs. Wilson had been a snake charmer several years. The snake was one of five which reached here from Texas yesterday.

TRIAL HELD IN 4 MINUTES

Jury Case in Judge Gatens' Court Is Briefest in Years.

The shortest jury trial in years at the Courthouse was held in Judge Gatens' court yesterday. The case was a damage suit for \$5000 brought by Sam M. Johnson, guardian ad litem for Hugh C. Smith, a minor, against the O. W. R. & N. Company. The hearing consumed just four minutes.

The jury bringing in an agreed verdict for the defendant of \$300.

The case was based on injuries alleged to have been received by Smith last month while working as a deckhand on the steamer Harvest Queen.

ANIMALS NO LONGER STRAY

City Commission Repeals All Ordinances Prescribing Limits.

No longer are lawn and garden owners to be bothered by stray cows, horses or other animals. The City Commission yesterday repealed all ordinances prescribing limits within which such animals can graze without being interfered with by pound officials. The action makes it unlawful to permit the animals to run at large in any part of the city.

The change was asked by Mayor Albee because of the inability of pound officials to ascertain definitely the boundaries of districts where cows and horses could be pastured.

COUPLE ELOPE IN TAXI

Former Portland Newspaper Man and Salt Lake Girl Wed in Ogden.

SALT LAKE, Utah, July 24.—(Special.)—Keeping their intentions secret, George Cecil Cowing, director of publicity of the Salt Lake Commercial Club, and Miss Anne R. Cumback, of this city, went to Ogden today in a taxicab and were married. They will spend a couple of days at a summer resort before retracing home to call on the bride's parents.

Mr. Cowing was formerly a newspaper man of Portland, but has been connected with the publicity bureau of the Commercial Club more than a year.

MOWER TAKES CHILD'S LEG

Tot, to Surprise Father, Jumps Out of Grass in Front of Machine.

DAVENPORT, Wash., July 24.—(Special.)—In an attempt to play peek-a-boo with her papa, the 4-year-old daughter of Will J. Hein jumped up out of the grass in front of the cycle of a mower her father was driving and before he could stop the team one of her legs had been cut off near the knee.

The horrified father controlled the horses and prevented further injury. Another foot advance would have severed the other limb. The little girl probably will live.

PEACE OF BALKANS IN SERIOUS DANGER

Austria's Demand on Servia Imperious.

48 HOURS GIVEN FOR REPLY

Terms Humiliating, Making Compliance Impossible.

MONTENEGRO TAKES SIDES

Support of Servia in Extremity Indicated—Diplomats Will Devote Energies to Localizing Possible Conflict.

VIENNA, July 24.—Baron von Gieseler, the Austro-Hungarian minister at Belgrade, has been instructed to leave Servia with the entire legation staff, if by 6 o'clock Saturday night the Servian government has not notified him that it agrees without delay to comply with the demands of Austria's note.

LONDON, July 24.—European diplomacy is faced with a situation of extreme gravity in the controversy between Austria and Servia. Unless it is handled with great delicacy, it is not unlikely that others besides these two parties will become involved in war.

An Austro-Hungarian ultimatum to Servia, couched in a tone of almost unprecedented severity and fastening on the Servian government and people responsibility for the assassinations of Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife at Sarajevo, has been presented to Belgrade. It demands satisfaction within 48 hours.

Humiliating Terms Impossible.

The almost universal opinion in the European capitals is that the Servian government cannot comply with such humiliating terms as are set forth in the ultimatum, since compliance would be tantamount to an admission of Servia's guilt. The Russian government already is seeking an extension of time for Servia.

The efforts of European diplomacy, should the powers fail to avert the threatened war, will be devoted to localizing it.

Montenegro has indicated her readiness to take sides.

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MICE MAY CAUSE STRIKE

Dorchester "Hello Girls" Demand Riddance as Alternative.

BOSTON, July 24.—Feminine fear of mice may result in a strike of telephone operators.

The young women of the Dorchester exchange, after a vote taken by their union tonight, served notice on the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company that they would leave their switchboards unless the building in which the exchange is located were rid of rodents.

NEWPORT REVELS IN MANCHU SPLendor

Ball by Mrs. Belmont Sets High Cost Mark.

FABULOUS COSTUMES WORN

"Summer Temple in Pekin" Decorated With Real Loot.

EMPEROR GREETES GUESTS

Hundred Persons Attend Affair Given by Her Mother for Duchess of Marlborough and Dinner of Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish.

NEWPORT, R. I., July 24.—(Special.)—None of China's grand courts, even in the palmiest days of the Manchu dynasty, ever presented a scene of such splendor as did the famous Marble House and its grounds during the grand Oriental ball that Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont gave tonight for her daughter, the Duchess of Marlborough. Indeed many of the costumes worn were actually in use during the Manchu period of China's prosperity, and carefully guarded through centuries, they have come to be worth fabulous sums for hire alone, while their value for purchase has not yet been set.

Newport has had many novel and elaborate balls, but this one, in which the Duchess of Marlborough was the central figure, was the most gorgeous and much the most costly of all.

Accessories Represent Fortune.

There was represented in costumes and decorations, both at the Marble House and at the Crossways, where Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish early in the night gave a dinner for 100 in honor of Mrs. Belmont, a fortune of great size. Mrs. Fish had fully 100 guests at her dinner and she had made preparations for this dinner as elaborate as those made by Mrs. Belmont at Marble House.

To accommodate all of the guests in the dining hall, the main hall and large verandas on the south side were thrown into one. All had been decorated to represent a Summer temple in Pekin. Used in these decorations was part of the loot taken in the Boxer rebellion.

The guests entered the main hall, where they found Emperor, Keen Lung, last night and robbed passengers of \$125.

The two robbers were described as each being about 30 years old, one armed with a sawed-off shotgun and the other with a revolver. One was overalls drawn over his ordinary clothes.

PRISON-CELL PHOTO OF DEFENDANT IN FAMOUS FRENCH MURDER TRIAL



MME. HENRIETTE CAILLAUX. — Photo by Underwood & Underwood.

MUCH-LOVED EXILE NOT ILL-TREATED

"GRANDMOTHER OF REVOLUTION" ESCAPES FROM ARCTIC.

Boston Friends Hear From Woman Banished for Plotting Against Russia While in America.

BOSTON, July 24.—Friends of Mrs. Catherine Breshkovskaya, a Siberian exile known affectionately as Baboushka (little grandmother), have just received positive information that a report in Russian newspapers saying she had been transferred from Irkutsk to a tiny hamlet on the Arctic Ocean was unfounded.

Mrs. Breshkovskaya is still in the central prison in Irkutsk. In a recent letter she said she was not ill treated, though strictly secluded.

Mme. Catherine Breshkovskaya, "grandmother of the Russian revolution," was sentenced to perpetual exile in Siberia in 1910 on conviction of being criminally active in the revolutionary organization in Russia. Nicholas Tchaikovsky, the "father of the revolution," who was tried with her, was acquitted on evidence taken in Russia from the United States. Mme. Breshkovskaya was arrested on her return to Russia from the United States, the charges against her arising in part from her activity while in this country.

MOVIE ACTORS FIGHT FIRE

Members of Climbing Party Are Drafted by Forestry Officials.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., July 24.—(Special.)—Louis Shearer, of Portland, Harold Brown, of White Salmon, and Roy Filoon, a mountain guide from Trout Lake, after experiencing the thrills of taking risky moving pictures on the mountain side several days ago, were drafted into the Forestry Service and are held to help fight forest fires at the foot of Mount Adams, near Trout Lake, instead of being allowed to accompany the remainder of the party home.

They belonged to a party headed by R. C. Bruce, which was taking moving pictures of the trip from Portland to the top of Mount Adams.

Mr. Bruce, with his equipment, and Roy Corey, a guide who had hurt his foot, were not impressed.

RABBITS DIVERT HOUNDS

Game Trails Spoil Hunt for Men Who Held Up Train.

LOS ANGELES, July 24.—Blood-hounds, which spent most of the day chasing rabbits, failed to discover today, to the whereabouts of the two men who held up Southern Pacific passenger train No. 25, near Burbank, last night and robbed passengers of \$125.

The two robbers were described as each being about 30 years old, one armed with a sawed-off shotgun and the other with a revolver. One was overalls drawn over his ordinary clothes.

SEVEN BLOCKS BURNED

Jasonville Theater Starts Blaze Sweeping Through City.

JASONVILLE, Ind., July 24.—Fire, which started in a motion picture theater here shortly after midnight today, destroyed seven blocks of business houses. The entire seven blocks were leveled. The city water supply failed a few minutes after the fire started and Terre Haute and Linton were appealed to rush aid.

In all 52 buildings were destroyed. John Huchea, 50 years old, was crushed under falling walls when a building was dynamited to check the flames. He died a few hours later.

TON OF HONEY HERE TODAY

Ex-Policeman Brings Quantity for Public Market Disposal.

A ton of mountain honey will be brought to Portland today and placed on sale at the Carroll Public Market, L. C. Fones, formerly a member of the Portland police force, sent word yesterday that he was going to ship the honey from his apiary near Carlton.

This is the first consignment of honey to be put on sale at the market. Mr. Fones is well known in Portland, where he lived for a number of years before starting his apiary.

RELIC HUNTER PUNISHED

New York Importer Fined for Stealing Robert Burns Memento.

DUMFRIES, Scotland, July 24.—David Graham Carmichael, a silk importer of New York City, pleaded guilty today before the County Court Judge at Ayr to the theft of a brass handle from an antique bureau in Robert Burns' cottage in Ayr. He was fined \$125.

An attorney who represented Carmichael said that the accused man was the worse for drink when he took the article as a souvenir.

WOMEN TO CONDUCT CARS

St. Joseph, Mo., Clubs Plan Novel Benefit for Local Charities.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., July 24.—Women will act as streetcar conductors one day next October on all the lines in this city as the result of an arrangement made today by the street railway management and representatives of the Federation of Women's Clubs.

All money collected in excess of the regular daily receipts will be given to local charity.

UNREST DECLARED MUCH OVERDRAWN

Political Agitators in Part Are Blamed.

FEDERAL HEARING CONTINUES

Witnesses Regard Pessimism as Mostly Unjustified.

WORKERS ARE AMBITIOUS

World-Wide Desire for Better Food, Housing and Clothing and More Leisure Declared Basis of Industrial Charges.

CHICAGO, July 24.—There is no foundation for much of the agitation about business conditions in the United States, George M. Reynolds, president of the Continental & Commercial National Bank, and John G. Shedd, president of Marshall Field & Co., asserted in their testimony today before the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations.

The witnesses said much of the pessimism could be traced to politics.

"Unrest exists, but there is a great exaggeration of present conditions," Mr. Reynolds said. "The prosperity of our own people compared with that of people of any other land is such that so much discussion and criticism is not warranted. A great deal of our troubles are only mental after all."

Picture of Suffering Overdrawn.

"The United Chartist last winter, acting with the laudable purpose of aiding suffering, advertised Chicago's unemployment and suffering. It painted the picture as black as possible to obtain aid, but it overdid the picture. There is too much agitation from all sides."

"Do you consider the amassing of wealth and the commercial supremacy of a nation desirable if it means the submergence of a large class of citizens?" asked Commissioner Garretson, of the Order of Railway Conductors.

"No," Mr. Reynolds replied. "Do you consider the men who make up unions more dishonest than other classes?"

Majority of Men Honest.

"The majority of men in all classes are honest. Individuals sometimes abuse their positions."

Mr. Shedd said that his firm employed between 10,000 and 15,000 men.

"Unrest in industry is worldwide," he said, "and is caused by a desire for better food, better housing, better clothing and more leisure. A large element in the prevailing agitation for purely political purposes is by irresponsible purposes of notoriety. Another element is the rapidly increasing complexity of industrial conditions. Unrest is a sign of progress, not necessarily an evil."

Collective Bargaining Outlets.

John B. Hibbard, Commissioner of the National Trades Association, said he did not believe in collective bargaining because of lack of responsibility of the unions.

"It has become apparent," he said, "that railroads and large corporations have to be controlled. Before unions can be dealt with on a collective bargaining basis, they must also be controlled."

Grace Abbott, director of the Immigrants' Protective League, urged the establishment by the government of a National labor exchange, which, she said, would do away with private employment bureaus by which the immigrant is exploited. She advocated a permanent commission to investigate labor uprisings.

Men Out of Work Unhappy.

Simon O'Donnell, president of the Plumbers' union and president of the Building Trades Council, said: "The industrial unrest comes from men being out of work. Walking around the streets, they need the money to buy ice now and in the winter to buy coal. That makes unrest."

His opinion was that affiliation of unions in a strong central body would help settlement of disputes.

E. M. Craik, secretary of the Building Construction Employers' Association, said that organization of both sides made for peace and harmony.

RACE ISSUE IS AVOWED

Hawaiian Delegate Appeals to People to Use Their Majority.

HONOLULU, July 24.—Color and race are issues frankly avowed by Delegate Kuhie, a Hawaiian, in his campaign for re-election to Congress.

"The Hawaiian race has a right to feel pride," he said, in opening the campaign. "So long as there is a majority of Hawaiian voters in our hands we should use our majority to send a Hawaiian as delegate to Congress. If the haoles (whites) had a majority here they certainly would elect a haole as delegate."

Goldendale Postmaster Confirmed.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 24.—The Senate today confirmed the nomination of Tally and Bratton as postmaster at Goldendale, Wash.