

JURY IN HALF HOUR ACQUITS MRS. AGEE

Alleged Husband-Slayer Is Set Free.

NO EMOTION IS SHOWN

Jurors Shake Woman's Hand, as Do Few Spectators.

VERDICT IS NO SURPRISE

Father and Widow of Slain Man Smile and Soon Leave Court in Automobile.

Not guilty! Mrs. Louise Agee, accused slayer of her husband, Harry Agee, who was found at St. Johns the night of June 11 with his throat slashed, was acquitted of the charge at 11 o'clock last night after the jury had been out only 29 minutes.

The case was put in the hands of the jury at 10:30 after a dramatic plea had been made in the afternoon by the defense. "Death is nothing" and after the prosecution had completed its argument at a night session of the court.

When the verdict was announced there was no particular demonstration either on the part of Mrs. Agee or the spectators. It had been a foregone conclusion that such a verdict would be returned and it was received in a matter-of-fact manner.

Woman and Father Smile.

Smiles of happiness and relief spread over the countenances of Mrs. Agee and her father, D. J. Swing, but, characteristic of the Osarks, from whence they came, there was no demonstration of emotion.

Bloody Overcoat Factor.

Summed up in a few words, it was the bloody overcoat which bore the knife and the trombone music introduced by the attorneys for the defense and the testimony of Klecker, introduced by the state, that brought the speedy verdict for Mrs. Agee. The state's attorney argued valiantly with the evidence at their disposal to obtain a conviction, but it was insufficient in comparison to the many witnesses and the defensive evidence introduced by Collier, Collier & Gillard.

Following the verdict, Judge Morrow announced that Mrs. Agee was released from custody, bailiffs conducted her and her father to a waiting automobile and they hurried away.

During the closing arguments in the afternoon, rights to conviction of murder in the second degree or manslaughter—lesser degrees involved in a murder charge—which go not carry a death penalty, were waived by John A. Collier as he asked the jury to free his client or send her to the gallows.

"There is no middle ground in this case," he stated. "If she wielded the knife that killed Harry Agee she is guilty of cold-blooded, premeditated murder in the first degree. If she did not, she is innocent. It is either death or acquittal."

GREEKS Routed BY TURKS

Army Retreating, Abandoning Materials and Prisoners.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—It is announced from a Turkish source that Greek troops have been checked in front of Sivrihisar, according to a Reuter dispatch from Constantinople, and that the Greek army is retreating towards Eski-Shehr, abandoning enormous material and prisoners.

Both Sides Rest Case.

Both sides rested at 2:30 yesterday afternoon and arguments began at 2:30. Samuel H. Pierce, deputy district attorney, opened for the prosecution, Henry Collier for the defense, Joseph L. Hammersly, chief deputy, closed for the state.

Mrs. Agee was not called to testify in her own behalf.

The state was not so sure that it desired that the woman be hanged or freed, as the only alternatives. It inferred that it would be satisfied with a lesser degree of punishment if the woman was found guilty on the theory that circumstantial evidence produced indicated that if not the principal slayer, she was an accomplice in the slaying of her husband.

"If this woman left her husband at midnight, admitted to the house her paramour, stood at his elbow when the foul deed was accomplished and then fled, she is not, in my opinion, as blood guilty as the man who drew the blade across the throat of Harry Agee," asked Pierce in closing his argument.

PERJURY IS SUSPECTED

Hammersly asserted yesterday that the district attorney's office intended to lay the matter of the blood-splattered overcoat and gory knife, together with the incriminating sheet of music, before the Multnomah county grand jury for investigation. "And in doing that, I do not expect an indictment of Klecker," he said. "If such should occur, he will be prosecuted to the limit of the law. But I believe a more likely result of the investigation would be an indictment for perjury."

No matter what may be found out in later investigations concerning the connection of Mrs. Agee with the

\$35,000,000 RAISED FOR LIVESTOCK POOL

WESTERN INDUSTRY SOON TO RECEIVE HELP.

Committee to Be Named in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Mont- tana to Pass on Loans.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Aug. 1.—More than \$35,000,000 already has been subscribed to the pool intended to finance the livestock industry of the west, Senator Stanfield of Oregon was advised today in a telegram received from M. L. McClure of Kansas City, president of the new organization.

Local committees of three members each will be appointed before the end of the week in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, President McClure said. These committees, it is understood, will pass on all loans made to livestock men. The pool has been functioning, however, for several days and considerable money already has gone into the northwest states.

A bill already enacted by the senate authorizing the leasing of state lands in Washington, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota for oil or other mineral purposes for a term greater than five years and not to exceed 20 years, was passed by the house today.

By the terms of the enabling act under which those states were created, lands ceded to them by the federal government could not be leased for mineral purposes for a longer term than five years. It was held that no one would undertake oil development under such a term lease, and the Washington state legislature enacted a remedial law at its last session subject to approval by congress.

PHILADELPHIA IN "RUINS"

Planes Theoretically Destroy City and Blow Navy From Harbor.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 1.—A squadron of "army" air marauders theoretically destroyed Philadelphia today and thus opened the way for an invasion by land. The mimic warfare was inaugurated to demonstrate the effectiveness of airplanes as super-machines of destruction.

Air Fire Patrol Ended

Western Service to Be Discontinued Next Summer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 1.—Use of army airplanes for fire protection in western forests will be discontinued next summer, Secretary Weeks announced today, because "the large reduction now being made in appropriations" permits expenditures for only the most necessary strictly military needs.

Mr. Weeks wrote Secretary Wallace, who had asked army aid in protecting timber lands near Prescott, Ariz. The war secretary said it would be impossible to detail either aviators or planes to such work in 1922.

BOY IN BATHING DROWNED

Independence Youth Unable to Swim Loses Life in Willamette.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—Sidney Buchanan, the 14-year-old son of Mrs. Brown of this city, was drowned here last evening. With several other boys he was bathing in the river, when, going beyond his depth and not being able to swim, he sank and did not come to the surface again.

The body was found an hour later near the spot where the boy disappeared.

TWO AVIATORS ARE KILLED

California Flyers Fall Near Elgin From Unexplained Cause.

LAWTON, Okla., Aug. 1.—Captain John M. McCrae, Los Angeles, Cal., and Lieutenant Francis Nunemacher, Berkeley, Cal., student officers at the aerial observation school at Post field, were killed today when their airplane crashed three miles west of Elgin. The cause of the accident was unknown.

A board of investigation has been appointed.

GUNMAN OF MINGO DIES IN LAST DUEL

Sid Hatfield and Co-Defendant Slain.

MATEWAN WITNESS IS HELD

Private Detective and Four Friends Arrested.

VICTIM IS PICTURESQUE

Career of West Virginia Fighter Is Ended, but Question of Who Fired First Unsettled.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—Sid Hatfield, best known of the defendants in the trial centering about the Mingo mine labor battle, and a member of one of the clans made famous by the Hatfield-McCoy feud, and Edward Chambers, one of Hatfield's co-defendants, were shot to death in Welch, W. Va., in a gun fight this afternoon.

C. E. Lively, a private detective employed by the Baldwin-Felts agency, who was the state's star witness in the Matewan case, was arrested for the shooting and four of his friends are being detained. Hatfield and Chambers met Lively and several others on the street, exchanged greetings, then quarreled—and the Mingo county coal mine war broke out afresh.

HATFIELD MET BY FRIENDS

Hatfield's presence in Welch, the county seat of Madoxwell county, was made necessary through orders of a distant cousin, William J. Hatfield, a sheriff, who had arrested Matewan's ex-chief of police last week for alleged complicity in the shooting up of the mining town of Mohawk a year ago. Friday night Sid Hatfield passed in jail, but on Saturday was admitted to bond with Chambers, also accused of participation in the Mohawk shooting.

As Hatfield and Chambers strolled along the streets of Welch this morning to answer to an indictment returned against them by the grand jury, they were met by a number of friends. Entering the courthouse yard together, they discovered Lively and a number of friends.

Quarrel Is Sudden One.

Spectators said the two groups met amicably enough, but that something, which no one seemed to hear, precipitated the quarrel. Soon men on both sides were talking loudly and gesticulating violently. The shooting began so suddenly that no one could recall who started it. It lasted only a few moments, but Hatfield fell to the courthouse steps, shot in the chest, and Chambers to the ground, shot through the head and near the heart. Both men died almost at once.

The crowd that had come in from the hills for the hearing and which

TONGMAN IS SLAIN; ONE OF POLICE SHOT

INSPECTOR NORENE WOUNDED IN LEFT LEG.

Prisoner Who Gave Battle Con- fesses to Shooting of One Wounded Oriental.

Ley Leung, prominent member of the Suey Sing tong, was shot and killed instantly about 6:30 last night in a gaming room at 93 Second street. About 5 o'clock Lee Wong, said to be a member of the same tong, was shot and seriously wounded on Fourth street between Everett and Davis streets. The shootings followed a day of unrest in old and new Chinatowns and marked the opening of war locally as a result of the shootings last night in Marysville, Cal. The shooting also involved the theft of a girl slave.

Shortly before midnight Police Inspector Norene was shot through the left leg, but not seriously injured, when, with Chief Jenkins and other officers, he cornered Albert Wong and another Chinaman in a wood yard at Wood and Abernethy streets. When the officers, who had been tipped off that Wong and his associates were hiding in the woodyard, approached Wong opened fire and a bullet struck Norene in the leg. The officers returned the fire.

After a scuffling by the police Albert Wong admitted that it was he who had shot Lee Wong, the Chinaman who was wounded. In his confession Wong implicated two other Chinamen, also Hop Sing from Seattle. The Chinamen were named by Wong as Lee Hing and Steve Ching. Captain Harms, with a patrol wagon load of officers went to the wood yard and made a search for the companion of Wong.

The shooting of Ley Leung took place early in the evening, but his death was not reported to the police until a few minutes after Wong had been taken to the city emergency hospital for first-aid treatment. Owing to the difficulty of identifying them the men may be members of different tongs and the blood debt may have been wiped out last night.

\$500,000 HOTEL IS BURNED

Geneva Firemen Are Helpless Be- cause of Recent Drouth.

GENEVA, Aug. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—Firemen, helpless because of lack of water because of recent drouth, watched the half-million-dollar Grand hotel in the Alpine town of Villars burn to the ground within an hour early this morning.

Two hundred and fifty guests tossed their valuables out of the windows and escaped in pajamas and nightgowns.

COOLIDGE SIGNS FAIR BILL

Plan to Invite Foreigners to Port-
land Will Go to Harding.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 1.—The Mc-Nary resolution authorizing the president to invite foreign nations to participate in an exposition at Portland in 1925 was signed by Vice-President Coolidge today.

It will be sent to the president at once for his signature, it is understood.

FLIGHT OVER NORTH POLE AVIATORS' AIM

HOP-OFF FROM ALASKA IN SEPTEMBER PLANNED.

Scientific Observation of Ocean, Air and Ice Currents to Be Chief Purpose of Voyage.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 1.—Plans for a trans-Polar flight in September from Point Barrow, Alaska, to Spitzbergen and the North Cape, Norway, were announced here today by Edwin Fairfax Naulty of New York. Scientific observation of ocean, air and ice currents will be the chief purpose of the trip, he said, with the hope of establishing the feasibility of a new route for commerce as a secondary consideration.

As announced, the start will be made from Seattle with a convoy of several planes which will proceed by easy stages up the Alaskan coast to Point Barrow, stopping at Ketchikan, Anchorage and Nome. The Arctic flight will be made by one plane carrying four men, including Mr. Naulty. The other three are ex-service men.

"We plan to make the flight as early as possible," Mr. Naulty said, "and strange as it may seem, do it in late September. There are good reasons for the choice of this time. Our flight speed estimate will be about 100 miles an hour to which might be added the speed of a following air current."

Fuel was conceded to be their chief problem. A supply ample for 50 hours of continuous flight will be carried, it was said, and those planning the attempt expressed the belief that the world furnish an excess which would permit short by-flights at the first landing place on the Polar ice and at the pole itself. If no landing places are found, it is the intention to make the 1150-mile hop without a stop.

If the first flight is successful, others will be undertaken at once, it was said, with a view to setting definitely the location of the magnetic pole and the determination of "magnetic polar verticality."

PELLAGRA HITS OKLAHOMA

County Health Authorities Report 342 Cases in State.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Aug. 1.—Three hundred and forty-two cases of pellagra were reported today to Dr. R. Lewis, state health commissioner, by county health authorities.

The disease was shown to exist in 29 counties in the state.

BATTLESHIPS SAIL SOUTH

Portion of Atlantic Fleet Off for Practice Cruise.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—A portion of the Atlantic fleet, which has been anchored in the Hudson river, today set sail for southern drill grounds for three weeks' maneuvers.

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HARDING SEES ERA OF WORLD PEACE

Plymouth Rock Rededicated to Justice.

PAGEANT DEPICTS LANDING

Pilgrims Lauded for Example to Posterity.

GALA CELEBRATION HELD

President Confident Disarmament Conference Will Lead Nations to New Understanding.

PLYMOUTH, Mass., Aug. 1.—Plymouth Rock, for three centuries a landmark of American freedom, was rededicated by President Harding today as a symbol of "real human brotherhood" for all the world.

Speaking at the tercentenary celebration of the landing of the pilgrims, the president declared his fervent hope that the principles of toleration and liberty for which our fathers crossed the Atlantic might soon awake a new world era in which peace and understanding would be assured among the nations. He referred in particular to the nation's effort toward disarmament, asserting his faith that the movement would succeed.

ENGLISH-SPEAKING RACE LAUDED

With his tribute to the Pilgrims Mr. Harding linked an eulogy to the achievements of the English-speaking race everywhere and declared he was convinced that the mission of the race would encompass even greater things than it had yet accomplished. The leadership of the English-speaking peoples in the present world crisis, he said, could not be denied nor doubted by anyone.

The president's address, delivered within a few hundred feet of the spot where Plymouth rock has been enclosed in iron pallings to preserve it for posterity, was part of an anniversary celebration in which Vice-President Coolidge and many other officials of state and nation participated.

PAGEANT DEPICTS LANDING

Earlier in the day he had headed and reviewed a parade of civic, military and naval organizations through the historic streets of Plymouth and tonight he witnessed the tercentenary pageant reproducing the landing of the pilgrims.

With Mrs. Harding and a party of friends, the president reached Plymouth from Washington shortly before noon on his yacht *Slightly*, named for the pilgrim ship which entered this harbor under slightly different circumstances 300 years ago.

Three battleships and six destroyers formed an escort for the *Mayflower* of today. She was welcomed by a booming band of the presidential salute from a battery ashore, while a British cruiser, the *Cambrian*, tipped her flag at her anchorage just outside Plymouth harbor.

Ashore a troop of cavalry formed a presidential guard of honor and many organizations, including a unit of British marines from the *Cambrian*, marched in the parade, which passed in review before Mr. Harding and his party.

PIGRIMS' FORTITUDE PRAISED

The president's hope that Plymouth rock might become a shrine for all free nations was echoed in brief address by William H. de Beaufort, charge of the Dutch legation at Washington, and Captain Sydney H. Bayley, naval attaché of the British embassy there. Vice-President Coolidge, who was not scheduled to deliver an address, satisfied the demands of the throng by speaking briefly. Secretary of War Weeks also had a place in the speakers' stand.

The exercises, indeed, were turned into an old home week celebration when, at the word of the chairman that they were to be closed, the crowd called loudly for Vice-President Coolidge, Senator Lodge, Major-General Clarence R. Edwards and Secretary Weeks. President Harding first brought to the front personally the senior senator from Massachusetts.

Senator Lodge, in brief remarks, commented on the early Americanism of the Pilgrims, pointing out that once they had set foot in the new country they had cut loose from virtually all ties in the old and had begun to love America even though it was a wilderness, and to build for the future.

HOPE FOR PEACE EXPRESSED

A hope that the disarmament conference called by the United States may bring to the world a new era of peace and freedom was expressed by President Harding.

Characterizing the international situation as "more than promising," the president asserted that the seed of confidence, tolerance and understanding planted by the fathers here was beginning to bear fruit a thousand fold in the relations between nations.

"A new hope looms today," said the president. "We are slowly but very surely recovering from the wastes and sorrows and utter disarrangements of a cataclysmic war. Peace is beginning its new assurances and persistence realization, and insistent confidence will preserve that peace."

CANADIAN EXPORTER STILL FAST IN SAND

PORT OF PORTLAND TUG FAILS TO FLOAT STEAMSHIP.

Wallula Turns Stranded Craft Around, but Position on Split Becomes More Difficult.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—The British steamer *Canadian Exporter*, which stranded on the north spit at the entrance to Willapa harbor Sunday morning, was still hard fast tonight. The British salvage tug *Algerine* is understood to be at the scene, arriving there at 3 o'clock this afternoon, although no direct word has been received from the steamer since morning, and will attempt to float her about 10:30 o'clock tonight. The Port of Portland tug *Wallula*, Captain E. B. Grunstad, turned this morning after an ineffectual effort to haul the craft into deep water.

Placing a line on the *Canadian Exporter* last evening the *Wallula* pulled on her for six hours, but was unable to get her off the sands. When she stranded the steamer was head about northeast, she was fast about midships and appeared to hang on a pivot with the sand piling up around her, partly from the action of the tides and partly from the force of the steamer's own propeller when an effort was made to back her off. As the steamer is lying on sand her hull apparently is not damaged, although her frame may have been strained. No one on board has been injured.

While the sea is smooth and the weather pleasant, one thing is expected seriously to hamper the salvage of the stranded steamer. It is the existence of a sand ridge, on which there is about 15 feet of water, between the vessel and the sho, with a long shoal further out. This makes the taking of tugs close to the vessel a very difficult matter.

After the *Wallula* had turned the steamer partly around, Captain Bradley, master of the *Canadian Exporter*, dismissed the tug, supposedly intending to rely wholly on the salvage tug *Algerine*. Captain Reed, the bar pilot, was placed on the steamer last evening from the *Wallula* and is still with her.

SOUD BEND, Wash., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—The North Cove lifesaving crew went out to the stranded steamer *Canadian Exporter* of Willapa harbor, last night, and has been standing by her ever since. There will be a nine-foot tide late tonight, when it is hoped that the two tugs standing by will pull the vessel off.

Better Business Predicted.

Portland's ninth annual buyers' week got away to a wonderful start yesterday.

From every point of the compass there came visiting merchants but City's great bazaar and when the first day ended 700 merchants from many states had registered, setting up a new record for opening day. Last year's opening day attendance, itself a record, was 500.

Every year, thus far, has shown gains over its predecessor and this year's event will make it hard for 1922 to repeat the usual order, in the opinion of those managing the affair.

One merchant had attended Seattle buyers' week, just ended. He was no quite satisfied with what the Puget sound jobbers offered and came on to Portland. He bought everything he needed yesterday morning and said: "All my business has been transacted and I am ready for your entertainment programme—shoot."

There was not the least doubt last night that it is the general opinion of the visiting merchants that the fall and winter business will be heavy. The visitors began buying heavily and their purchases were said to be larger than at any buyers' week since the war.

These out-of-town merchants, it was said, have seen the wheat fields of the interior with their crowded yellow heads bending heavily in the sunshine and the crop is now said to be past danger of damage. The grain crop is made and it will be a bumper crop for the reason given by everyone for the great interest displayed in Portland stocks by visiting merchants yesterday.

One feature that aroused comment was the fact that more buyers have already reported from southern Oregon south of Roseburg than usual and it was declared this must mean that southern Oregon retailers are being won away from the California markets that have formerly attracted them to a great extent and are giving their trade to Portland.

WOMAN REGISTERS FIRST

First to register yesterday was Mrs. W. G. Washburn of Ketchikan, Alaska. Idaho and Montana scored the largest delegations yesterday, with California heavily represented, and in fact the entire west was there with representative merchants. One came from Hawaii.

Basic automobile caravan of 20 persons drove up from California. Many delegates who have been here every year since buyers' week was inaugurated were here again. All forenoon there was a big rush at registration headquarters but the staff in charge handled all callers well and everyone was taken care of satisfactorily.

Four registered for the competitive speaking contest at the Ad club luncheon at Washington park tomorrow. They were: Albert J. Ziv, Spokane; C. E. Johnson, Seattle; Jerry J. Ploger, Myrtle Point, Or.; and Miss Bessie M. Williams, Blackfoot, Idaho. The subject all will discuss is: "Why I Prefer Portland as My Buying Point" and some real eloquence is anticipated.

Complete registrations yesterday were:

D. P. Dickerson, Ashland, Or. C. E. (Concluded on Page 4, Column 2.)

