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GIRL, 15, SAYS SHE SLEW FOR MOTHER

Child Sticks to Story of Man's Attack.

JUDGE DOUBTS CONFESSION

Mrs. Bertha Wilkes Accused of Forcing Testimony.

JURY SENT OUT OF COURT

Little Co-defendant in Murder Trial Declares She Was Afraid to Tell Truth at First.

EVERETT, Wash., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—"He was choking mother. I thought he would kill us both. Mother kicked the revolver when it fell from his hand and called to me to get it.

"I picked it up. I squeezed it. He came at me, his eyes bulging. I squeezed again. I threw it. He went after it."

Fifteen-year-old Treva Pote today made such a confession as she sat quietly in the witness chair telling what happened the night of November 6, when Everett police officers, summoned to the home of her mother, Mrs. Bertha Wilkes, by a telephone call from a woman, found Gus Danielson, logging foreman, dead on the floor, shot three times; once in the right wrist, once downward into the neck, once under the left shoulder blade toward the back.

Daughter Is Co-Defendant.

Mrs. Wilkes has been on trial here since Monday on first-degree murder charges, accused of the death of Danielson, who was her suitor, a week-end boarder at her home and an old friend of her parents. The daughter has been co-defendant, accused of being an accessory to the crime.

The girl's confession denied every statement made in the case before the trial. Both mother and daughter had alleged that Danielson and Mrs. Wilkes had struggled and his revolver, which was not in the mother's hands at any time, had gone off in the fight.

Sobbing and moaning, the mother rose to her feet today a few minutes after the girl's confession and after scorching grilling of the daughter had started by the state.

Hysterically the mother wailed: "Oh, if I had known, if I had known. She never told me. Why didn't you tell me, Treva. My girl is innocent."

Jury Is Sent Out.

Judge Alston sent the jury out.

"You bet she's innocent," he proclaimed. "You keep quiet. This little girl is as innocent as she can be and you know it. The real tragedy was not at the home that night. It is right here. She's made this innocent little girl testify to killing this man.

"Little girl, you never had that revolver in your hand, did you?"

"I did do it," emphatically asserted Treva, sobbing.

The courtroom was in an uproar.

Later in cross-examination which demanded the greatest exactitude the girl asserted again that she had picked up the revolver and "squeezed" it.

Girl Says She Was Afraid.

"Why didn't you tell us this the night of the shooting?" asked Q. A. Kaune, chief deputy prosecuting attorney for the state.

"I was afraid to tell the truth then," she declared.

When the girl first went on the stand this morning, Judge Alston dismissed the jury.

"If you did shoot that man say so, and if you didn't shoot him, say so," was the judge's solemn warning.

"You've got your life to live. You're a little girl."

After this, with the jury back, the defense attorney, S. A. Bostwick, queried her.

"Were you at home the night of the shooting?"

"I was."

"Did you see the struggle between your mother and Gus Danielson?"

"I did."

"Where were you?"

Girl Describes Struggle.

"In the same room, between the bedroom door and the dining-room door."

"Did you see a revolver?"

"Yes."

"Who had it?"

"Gus Danielson."

"What struggle, if any, did you see between your mother and Gus?"

"They were struggling for the revolver. He got her down on the couch."

"Did the revolver go off?"

"It did."

"What happened?"

"It fell on the floor."

"What, if anything, happened then?"

"Mother kicked it. Mother said for me to get it. She said, 'Get it, for God's sake, get it.' He was choking her."

Her confession followed.

Not until presented with the fatal revolver and asked to show how she held it when she shot did the girl break down and cry.

"I won't touch it," she moaned. It

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BOOTLEGGER DISTRICT UNDER MARTIAL LAW

RAID IN TEXAS BY AIRPLANE RESULTS IN 61 ARRESTS.

Nine Stills Captured—Airship of One of Party Is Fired On. Soldiers in Control.

MEXIA, Tex., Feb. 3.—Reports from military headquarters at Teague tonight were that raids by rangers, prohibition agents and guardsmen resulted in the capture of nine stills and 61 prisoners in eastern Freestone county near the town of Young today. Lieutenant Taylor, pilot of an airplane loaned to the military for scouting and raiding purposes by a Mexia newspaper, was fired on twice and a party of three was fired upon eight times in raiding a house. No one was injured.

TEAGUE, Tex., Feb. 3.—Raids by state militia forces, directed from an airplane, marked extension of martial law in Freestone county today. No sooner had martial law been extended than an airplane appeared flying low over the wooded sections of the new territory under command of the state military. Signals were given from the plane and state rangers, working with the state guardsmen and prohibition enforcement officers, went almost directly to spots where they say they found nine stills and made 61 arrests.

The work of searching for stills and persons suspected of violation of the liquor laws went smoothly and quickly. When unidentified parties in a thicket fired at the airplane it quickly flew upward and out of range. There was no interference with the work of the raiders on foot.

The eastern part of Freestone county, in which the officers now are working is rather sparsely settled and the Trinity river bottoms are thickly covered with timber. The topography is said to be ideal for concealing stills and hard for a stranger to penetrate.

CITY THIRD IN COST CUTS

Portland Near Top in Reductions in Living Costs.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Feb. 3.—Only two of the 32 principal cities of the country led Portland, Or., in the decreases of the cost of living in the period from June, 1920, to December, 1921, according to a report made public by the department of labor today.

Living costs in Portland decreased 21 per cent in the year and a half, while Detroit, Mich., had a decrease of 22.7 per cent and Cincinnati 21.6 per cent. Seattle's decrease was 18.5 per cent, San Francisco's 16.5 and Los Angeles 12.5. In the period from September, 1921, to December, 1921, the cities mentioned showed the following decreases:

Portland 1.4 per cent, Seattle 2.3, San Francisco .6, Los Angeles .2 Detroit .3 and Cincinnati 2.5.

RUSSIA GETS HUGE CREDIT

German Manufacturers Combine in Big Commercial Deal.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 3.—Arrangements to give a credit of 100,000,000 marks to the Russian soviet government to cover purchases by the soviet trade department have been made by a group of German manufacturers, according to a report to the commerce department today from Commercial Attache Herring at Berlin.

The credit, the attache said, may be increased later to 200,000,000 marks, but German bankers declare that the amount indicated in the public announcement is nominal, and that the initial credit will not exceed 500,000,000 marks.

The credit is to be used exclusively, he added, for purchases from the participating manufacturers.

FALLING TREE KILLS MAN

Silas Adkins of Mulino Victim of Accident Near Town.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Silas Adkins, prominent resident of Mulino, was killed instantly near that place this morning while assisting in felling a large tree. The tree lodged against another and in falling struck Mr. Adkins, crushing his head.

Mr. Adkins, who was about 55 years old, was in company with J. M. Mallatt and Edward Berdine when the accident occurred. Coroner Pace brought the body to this city. Mr. Adkins is survived by a daughter, who was making her home with her father.

NOW TOBACCO IS BLAMED

Governor Shudders at Evil He Says May Be Laid to Weed.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 3.—Governor McRae, in a proclamation today, declared his belief that "the general use of tobacco by men and women, from youth up, generation after generation, is contributing to unmistakable and certain degeneracy."

He set March 22 as "no-tobacco day," in Arkansas.

"FLU" MAKES NEW MARK

1122 Cases and 15 Deaths Record Yesterday in New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—A new high mark of 1122 cases in this year's influenza epidemic was reported today by the health department. The highest previous figure was 1052.

Fifteen deaths from influenza were reported. Pneumonia cases reported totalled 206, with 72 deaths.

DEFICIT IS AVOIDED IN U. S. EXPENSES

Prospect of Surplus by June Announced.

DAWES RAPS RED TAPE

Praise and Criticism of Departments Are Mingled.

SHOTS ARE SENT HOME

Navy Purchased 18,000 Brooms When It Could Have Had 350,000 for Nothing, Is Declaration.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 3.—President Harding, presiding today at the second business meeting of the government, announced that instead of the deficit in governmental finances forecast in December there now were prospects of a surplus of receipts over expenditures at the end of next June.

The president further announced it had been possible to reduce the government's expenditures from a scale based on $4,500,000,000 a year to the scale of $3,974,000,000 and declared "that even in its formative period the budget system has justified our most confident expectations."

More than 1000 officials from all the departments and establishments of the government met with the president and received the report of the various co-ordinating efforts, transmitted by Director Dawes of the budget bureau, whom the president described as "the genius who made possible the cut in expenditures."

Dawes Brandishes Brooms.

Brandishing a broom in either hand, striding rapidly from one end of the platform to the other and stamping his feet until the echoes rang in the hall, Mr. Dawes brought home to the audience the appropriateness of his "hell-and-Maria" nickname. For more than half an hour he poured forth criticism and praise alike of officials of high and low degree.

Stopping suddenly in the midst of a citation of instances of lack of co-operation by governmental departments with budget bureau co-ordinators, which instances he described as "fly specks" on the bureau's record of accomplishments Mr. Dawes suddenly shouted:

"Where are those brooms?"

Three brooms were produced from under a table by an assistant.

"There," the budget director exclaimed, pounding the floor with the handle of one of the brooms, "is your

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ZION LEADER WANTS ASTRONOMY TEACHER

HERE'S CHANCE FOR FLAT EARTH PROPAGANDIST.

Good Salary and Home Promised Man Who Can Run Copernican Fools to Shelter.

ZION, Ill., Feb. 3.—The astronomical teachings of Wilbur Glenn Voliva, overseer of Zion—that the earth is flat, surrounded by a wall of ice, and covered by a canopy in which the stars, sun and moon are hung like chandeliers—now need only a competent instructor to spread the doctrine outside Zion, Mr. Voliva said today. He is hunting for a man to teach Bible astronomy in the Zion schools.

"I will back the right man up, give him a good salary and a comfortable home and we will print books and pamphlets by the hundreds of thousands and will make these Copernican fools run for shelter," Mr. Voliva said.

"Anybody that could believe the earth is the shape of an orange, and that one man is standing on one side with his head down while I am standing on the other side with my head up and that the whole thing is rotating on its axis at a thousand miles an hour, moving in its orbit at the rate of 1,800,000 miles a day and everything is shooting off towards Hercules, certainly is some chump—that's all I have to say."

QUICK WORK SAVES CHILD

Hole Cut in Girl's Windpipe Prevents Choking to Death.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Quick work on the part of physicians in cutting a hole in the windpipe of Pearl Richards, 2 years old, and inserting a rubber tube, to permit her to breathe until peanuts in her throat could be removed, saved the life of the child, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Richards of 1209 V street.

The child had eaten peanut candy and some of the nuts lodged in her throat. While playing last night they were being forced out, but caught in such a way as to choke her. After the tube was inserted she could breathe and the doctors got the peanuts out.

STUDENTS NOT WELCOME

Morals Too Low, Declare Managers of Dance Halls.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—Dancehall managers here don't want high school students as customers because their morals are so low they have a bad effect upon the regular habitues of such places, Miss Jennie Binford, investigator for the Juvenile Protective association, said in an address before the Chicago Women's club.

"I won't say it's true that their morals are that low," said Miss Binford, "but that's what the managers think. They told me so when I suggested having high school students attend a series of demonstrations of Chicago dances."

FORTUNE TELLERS FAILURE IN COURT

WOMEN UNABLE TO PREDICT JUDGE'S SENTENCE.

Note Sent Jurist After Imposing of Penalty Says Mystics Knew but Forgot.

Two fortune tellers, Miss Katherine Franklin and Mrs. Elizabeth Moore, arrested two weeks ago by Patrolman Kelly and told by Judge Rossman that if they could predict a sentence he would write out and seal in an envelope before February 1 he would release them, failed to do so yesterday in court.

They had been arrested after Kelly sought Mrs. Moore, palmist, to have his fortune read and was told the spirits were unfriendly. Mrs. Moore advised him to see Miss Franklin in the next room. Kelly arrested both for violating the city fortune-telling ordinance, and Judge Rossman made his unusual decision to determine if the women were real fortune-tellers.

Yesterday they appeared with an attorney to argue the case. Judge Rossman was adamant and would not listen.

He read the sentence: "Acknowledge your inability to read fortunes; that is, to tell the past, predict events before they occur and reveal the future. Also sit down, study the fortune-telling ordinance, and then promise never to violate it again."

The two women went to the city attorney's office to read the ordinance. Ten minutes later they sent in a sealed envelope, which they had "forgotten" to give the judge. Its contents were a slip of paper on which was written a similar sentence.

Judge Rossman waved his long arms above his head in the vicinity of the American flag which shadows him as he dispenses justice.

"This is awful; this is bunk; this is terrible. She might have had a hundred written out in her pocket and picked the right one after she left the courtroom. Take it away. Can you imagine that stuff?" he shouted.

RUBLE MINIMUM RAISED

Only Notes of 1000 or More Now Legal Tender in Russia.

MOSCOW, Feb. 3.—Five-hundred ruble notes are no longer legal tender in Moscow. A recent decree of the Moscow soviet announces that hereafter street railways and other government institutions will accept nothing less than 1000-ruble notes.

A 1000-ruble note is worth half an American cent at the present legal rate of exchange.

SUNDAY GAMES BARRED

Checkers and Chess in Massachusetts to Be Curbed.

BOSTON, Feb. 3.—Checkers and chess may not be played in Massachusetts on Sunday without breaking the law.

The house of representatives today accepted an adverse report on bill to make these games legal.

THE LION TAMER.

STAR NOW CENTER OF MURDER PROBE

New Actress Involved in Taylor Killing.

DETECTIVES OBTAIN CLEW

Inquest to Be Held Today in Movie Murder.

SECOND WIFE IS FOUND

Victim Is Said to Have Deserted Woman He Married Under Assumed Name.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 3.—A motion-picture actress whose name has not been publicly mentioned so far in connection with the slaying Wednesday night of William Desmond Taylor, film director, was the center late tonight of the investigation of the detectives detailed to the case.

The true name of the motion-picture director who was known as William Desmond Taylor and who was found slain in his apartments here Thursday morning, was William Deane Tanner, according to a story the Los Angeles Times is publishing this morning.

That statement, together with one that Taylor had twice been married, was said by the Times to have been obtained in Monrovia, about 20 miles from Los Angeles, from a woman known as Mrs. Ada Deane-Tanner, who described herself as "the deserted wife" of Taylor's brother.

Earl Tiffany, who formerly was chauffeur for Taylor, was said to have related in detail as he remembered the incidents, many alleged facts concerning Taylor's friendship for Mary Miles Minter, whom he formerly directed, and also for Mabel Normand, another film actress, and also for the latest motion picture actress to be brought into the case in tonight's developments.

Henry Fellows, Taylor's assistant director and brother to Howard Fellows, chauffeur for the director at the time of his death, also was questioned. While he was closeted with the detectives, his wife and sister-in-law impatiently waited for him.

Few Details Given.

Fellows was understood to have told the officers he could remember few details that might aid them. He formerly was chauffeur for Taylor, but is said to have declared he could not recall the names of some of the persons about whom the detectives sought information.

Tiffany and his wife, both of whom knew Sands, or Fitz Strathmore, were said to have told the police the ex-butler probably would give them considerable information about Taylor's life and friends.

According to Tiffany, Miss Minter was a close friend of Taylor's, and when she called at his apartments Sands would tell her Taylor was not at home, even when he was.

About this time, it was said, Miss Normand came in for more and more attention from Taylor, and still was the director's closest woman friend when Tiffany was discharged.

The movements of Taylor during the last week have been accurately traced, it was announced tonight by police detectives who are seeking the slayer.

Details of what the police learned were not made public, but it was stated that the information as to Taylor's goings and comings had been gleaned through the questioning of Howard Fellows, his chauffeur, and Henry Peavy, his negro houseman.

It was after the prolonged questioning of these two men that the officers announced it was of the "utmost importance" that Edward F. Sands, former butler for Taylor, and sought for several months on a warrant charging forgery, to which the dead director had sworn, be found.

Some of the officers at work on the case, it developed, were still of the opinion that the revenge theory, evolved soon after the director's body was discovered, was still tenable.

Inquest Is Today.

While the coroner was perfecting plans for the inquest at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, to which many men and women prominent in the motion-picture industry have been subpenaed, members of the motion-picture directors' association announced that the funeral would not be held until next week.

Final arrangements, it was stated, would not be announced until New York investigators had found the slain man's daughter, Ethel Daisy Taylor, believed to be at a private school on Long island. It was thought she would come to Los Angeles for her father's funeral.

While the Motion Picture Directors' association was in charge of funeral plans, members of the Overseas club, composed of veterans of British military forces, with which Taylor served as an officer during the world war, also were planning to take part.

It was stated that the director probably would be given a British military burial.

Movie Actress Named.

The name of Claire Windsor, motion picture actress, once reported

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ELEVATOR CRUSHES WOMAN, 58, TO DEATH

MRS. BAIRD CAUGHT BETWEEN CAGE AND FIRST FLOOR.

Accident Happens as Apartment Dweller Hastens to Welcome Some Arriving Guests.

Mrs. Mary Baird, 58, was killed instantly yesterday afternoon when crushed in the shaft of the automatic elevator of the Elmwood apartments, Tenth and Hall streets.

A short circuit of the electric wires had started a small fire in the elevator shaft. Mrs. Baird, who was a resident of the apartment, ran the elevator to the basement and there summoned W. G. Kearney, the janitor. As Mr. Kearney was examining the wires and extinguishing the flames Mrs. Baird stood with one foot on the basement floor and the other in the elevator.

Suddenly the elevator shot upward and Mrs. Baird fell with half of her body extending through the door. As the elevator rapidly moved upward she was caught between the cage and the first floor of the building and crushed to death.

The police were called and doctors from the emergency hospital rushed to the apartment house, but they found life extinct. The body was turned over to Deputy Coroner Leo Goetsch.

Mrs. Baird had been living with her daughter, Mrs. Vern French. She came here from Battle Creek, Mich., with Mr. and Mrs. French, last August.

Mrs. French and Mrs. Baird were preparing to entertain some guests yesterday afternoon before the accident occurred. Mrs. Baird had answered the telephone from arriving guests and was hurrying down in the automatic elevator to welcome them when she discovered the fire in the elevator shaft.

Mr. Kearney and Charles Fasel were the only witnesses of the accident.

Mrs. Baird's body will be taken to Michigan for burial.

CRUELTY PROBE BEGUN

Humane Society to Investigate Reports About Starving Stock.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Following action taken by the Oregon Humane society, Dr. Andrews, Marion county agent for the society, left last night for Gates and other rural communities where he will make an investigation of reports that many horses and cattle are suffering from lack of feed.

In case the reports are found to be true the persons responsible for the conditions will be arrested and prosecuted, officers of the humane society said.

ART PIECE BRINGS $50,000

Sale of "Eight Bells" Establishes New Price Record for America.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Winslow Homer's famous sea canvas, "Eight Bells," established a new price record for modern American art when it was purchased by a New York collector for $50,000, the John Levy galleries announced today.

"Eight Bells," painted in 1886, represents two figures in oil skins "shooting" the sun with a sextant to determine the position of their craft at midday eight bells.

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APATHY IRRITATES CHEST WORKERS

Printing of Names of Slackers Urged.

STRONG CONTRASTS MADE

Working Girls Give More Than Wealthier Persons.

FRIENDLY BREACH ARISES

High Command of Drive Has Task in Keeping Resentment of Campaigners in Check.

PROGRESS OF CHEST DRIVE.

Total budget of chest	$798,777
Incomplete returns to last night	344,242
Remainder to be raised	$454,535

BY BEN HUR LAMPMAN.

The question of the hour concerning the somewhat laggard progress of the community chest campaign, as to why it is that Portland does not make the task a short and shining one, may find its answer in comparisons. Such comparisons as colonels cited yesterday at war council, when there arose a strong antipathy to apathetic and insufficient giving on the part of the prosperous. Such contrasts as these:

Wrapping girls in a local department store have contributed an average of $6 to the charitable and philanthropic fund, while office stenographers have elsewhere averaged subscriptions of $13.

Many business and professional men are giving less than either stenographers or wrapping girls.

"It is not the small giver, the person of modest means, the one who gives for the sake of humanity until it hurts, that is dodging behind the Y. M. C. A. or some other pet objection!" exclaimed Colonel F. H. Ransom. "These generous ones do not ask where their money goes. They——"

"Print the names of the chest slackers!" urged a dozen voices.

Anger Is Voiced.

"Steady!" counseled General Robert E. Smith, "Let's keep our feet on the ground. There are slackers in Portland and we are not going to let them get away. These people who will not give must be made to feel they have a civic duty to perform. Every card of a person refusing to subscribe will be given careful consideration. Just what will be done with them we are not yet ready to announce. I am not worried about the budget. I——"

"To blazes with the budget!" cried an angered captain. "What we want is justice. Is it justice that men and women who are earning $60 to $100 a month should give freely and happily and that men whose incomes are $2000 a year and more should offer the chest $5?"

"No!" rose the shout. "Publish their names!"

"We're in this fight to win," General Smith interposed. He got no further with his olive branch.

Extremes Are Pictured.

"You bet we are," responded Colonel Ransom. "But I know persons who have been spending some time in Europe, as tourists, and their subscription to the chest is $1.. I also happen to know a man out of work who gave 50 cents. Picture those two extremes."

"They tell us," said another field officer, "that they object to this charity of this or that institution. What sort of objection is such a statement? They are privileged to give to any one of them, and there are 45 beneficiaries on the chest list. I pity that man or woman who is so lost to human sympathy that he or she cannot discover one charity to approve of among that many."

At chest headquarters there has risen a breach, friendly but marked, between the actual field workers and the high command. General Smith and Adjutant Walker are urging the hotheads to remain calm and rely upon the merit of the chest appeal. But with 6000 campaigners in the field, and many of them stirred to resentment by reluctant and meager giving, the prospect of insubordination grows with each day.

No Words Minced.

"We are trying to hold them in line," said General Smith, at the close of the stormy war council. "We wish to win without bitterness or personalities. That we will win is certain, and the determination of our workers is the guarantee, but it will be strange if the temper of the field forces does not lead to incidents incompatible with the headquarters policy of logic and persuasion. I regret this feeling, while I cannot but confess that it is not unprovoked. There are men in Portland, many of them, who are shamed by the contrast of their own subscriptions with those of working girls and working men."

Through the council, held at noon in the Multnomah hotel, ran without exception the blend that is the fight-

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