

ROOMS OF RICKARD  
Liquor Storehouse

Explanation Made by Counsel  
in Promoter's Defense.

PERFECT ALIBI OUTLINED

Attorney Makes Opening Statement  
in Alleged Assault Case of  
15-Year-Old Girl.

NEW YORK, March 24.—In opening the defense of the 15-year-old Sara Schoenfeld, counsel for the sport promoter today told the jury that a perfect alibi would be proved for November 12, 1921, the day of the alleged offense.

Max Steuer, chief defense counsel, also set forth that the two apartments on West Forty-seventh street, mentioned in connection with the case, had been rented by Rickard while he was arranging the Dempsey-Willard fight in Toledo to store his liquor because he saw prohibition coming.

Day No Ordinary One.

Steuer said his client knew nothing of the two girls except that Sara had once come to Madison Square Garden with her mother to enlist his aid in obtaining the release of her brother, imprisoned on a charge of kidnaping. The prosecution would have to prove the offense took place on the night of November 12, 1921, between 7:30 and 10 o'clock, according to the story told by the girls.

Rickard never kept a diary, Steuer said, he could always recall the past by looking at the record of events that had taken place at the Garden and with a glance at these records to refresh his memory, the promoter recalled that November 12 was no ordinary day in his life.

Steuer said he would show that in the morning Rickard went to the Garden; that at 1:30 o'clock he went to the Polo grounds to watch the Dartmouth-Pennsylvania football game, accompanied by his secretary and publicity manager, and that there he had exchanged comments with a newspaper sporting writer and "Big Bill" Edwards, ex-Princeton gridiron star, and that he had returned to the Garden to prepare for a dance to take place there that night.

That Mrs. Rickard had been taken ill and a physician summoned. That later he had taken his guest and another woman to the dance at the Garden, and then returned home. Steuer advanced an explanation for the testimony given yesterday by Herman Gerch, janitor at the 47th-street apartment house, who asserted that he had been told by Rickard, after the latter's arrest, to keep quiet.

This exhortation, according to Steuer, concerned the liquor stored in the apartments, which were occupied by Walter Fields. The janitor, the lawyer said, had been summoned by Rickard solely for questioning concerning the safety of the liquor after a visit paid by detectives working on the assault charge.

Rickard's counsel denied that the promoter ever had gone motoring with either Sarah or 12-year-old Nellie Gasko, the corroborating witness for the prosecution.

Life Is Sketched.  
Steuer began his address to the jury with a sketch of the promoter's life. He said as a boy Rickard had come with his parents from his home in Kansas City to west Texas and as a youth had been a cowboy.

When the Klondike gold rush was on, he related, Rickard had been stamped to Alaska. There, he conducted a saloon and gambling house and was later arrested and imprisoned when a local government was established at Nome.

Willard McIntosh, superintendent of the Madison-square apartment house where Rickard resides, was the first defense witness. He testified the telephone switchboard in the building was not visible from the stoop, contradicting testimony offered yesterday by Nellie Gasko that she had seen the switchboard from the entrance.

Girls Crowd About Promoter.  
Frank Coutry, the promoter's secretary, testified that he and Rickard were together in the lobby during the forenoon of last November 12. That in the afternoon they drove to the Polo grounds and witnessed the Penn-Dartmouth game, and that they then returned to the Garden, Rickard remaining there until 6 o'clock.

Coutry admitted that children of 12 years were allowed in the Garden without guardians, "if they paid the fee," and said he often had seen Rickard surrounded by groups of little girls. He said he never had seen Rickard give money to them.

"Do you know why the girls crowded around Rickard?" he was asked by the prosecution.

"No, but I could guess," said the witness. He was told his guesses were not wanted.

RATIFICATION IS WON

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Malcolm Jennings, who was Harding secretary at Marion during the campaign last year; Mrs. Frank B. Willie, wife of the Ohio senator, and Miss Laura Harlan, social secretary.

Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth and Mrs. Alice Pomeroy, wife of the Ohio senator, occupied seats in the front row of the senator's family gallery, and senators' wives were numerous, including Mrs. William H. Murray and Mrs. Frank R. Gooding of Idaho, Mrs. Fredlinghusen of New Jersey, Mrs. Cull of Rhode Island, Mrs. Ashurst of Arizona, Mrs. Knute of Minnesota, Mrs. Harrell of Oklahoma and Mrs. Oddie of Nevada.

Record Vote In Forecast.  
Senator Frazier, of Washington, asserted himself early in the voting by forcing a record vote on one of the Robinson amendments, which his author sought to withdraw. Frazier demanded the regular order, which compelled a vote that gave the first exposure of the weakness of the opposition.

So accustomed is Senator Jim Reed, of Missouri, to being against everything that he inadvertently voted "no" on one of the amendments offered from his side of the house. Some amusement was caused by his exhibition of discomfiture as he changed his vote. There were frequent conferences of the "wrench

throwers," this being a name for those senators who having discovered that opposition was futile, sought to delay the vote by harassing amendments.

Amendments Are Offered.  
Senator Robinson, of Arizona, offered several amendments after conferences with Senator Borah, Tom Heffel, Tom Watson and Gilbert Hitchcock. As an amendment was offered, one opponent senator might be seen winking at another and there was little or no attempt to ascertain what any amendment meant.

Tom Watson of Georgia, bitter enemy of the treaty, buzzed about the senate like a flapper, but managed to keep a smile on his countenance which sometimes changed to a scowl as he glanced toward any one of the pro-treaty demonstrators, usually following the Underwood leadership.

Decorum Is Splendid.  
The treaty democrats had to be given credit for their splendid decorum. Senators John Shaver, William of Mississippi, Dial of South Carolina, Ransdell and Broussard of Louisiana, Myers of Montana, Fournier of Ohio and Fletcher and Frammel of Florida kept their own counsel and never left their seats between votes. There was evidence in their countenance that they felt the shadow of scorn that was being cast over them by their party colleagues for following their leader on a course marked out by a republican president.

Knute Nelson, aged senator from Minnesota, a statesman who has a record of never having dodged a vote on any question, stuck to his seat to the last minute, chewing his tobacco with a nimbleness of jaw that made one forget his age. Once during the last two hours which were taken up by the offering of force comedy amendments by Johnson of California, La Follette of Wisconsin, Robinson of Arkansas, Hitchcock of Nebraska and Pittman of Nevada, "Uncle Knute" manifested his disgust by expostulating with a piercing sound that could be heard far up in the galleries.

Hearst Keeps Up Attack.  
William Randolph Hearst kept up his attack on the treaty in his Washington paper to the last minute, threatening dire things for those senators who dared support the pact. In the last two days Mr. Hearst was aided by all of his subsidiaries, which include those persons who went to bed with severe headaches on November 12, 1921.

So-called "all-America" committees, purely Hearst institutions, were organized in the last few days to bombard the treaty advocates with the hope of shaking their judgment and their votes.

The vote by which the treaty was ratified, exceeded by two the most optimistic expectations because, besides the 47 supporting the pact, the two absentees, Crow of Pennsylvania and Jones of New Mexico, were for it.

WEEK'S FATALITIES TWO

384 Industrial Accidents Reported to State Commission.

SALEM, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—There were two fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending March 23, according to figures prepared here today by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were John Smith, bucker, of Boring, and L. W. Gilliam, logger, of Portland.

Of the total of 384 accidents reported for the week, 317 were reported to benefit under the workmen's compensation law, 17 were from firms and corporations that have rejected the act, and 13 were from public utility corporations not subject to the provisions of the law.

HONOR STUDENT CHOSEN  
Arthur Montgomery Leads Salem High Seniors in Scholarship.

SALEM, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—Arthur Montgomery, 21-year-old, has had the highest scholastic standing during the last two years of any member of the senior class of the Salem high school and as a result will be honor student to appear on the commencement programme to be held June 16. This was announced today by J. C. Nelson, principal of the Salem high school.

Young Montgomery has made his way through school, acting as editor of the Clarion, the school publication, and handling other jobs for which he received small compensation.

CHILD AGAIN IS HAPPY  
Buton Restricting Breathing for Four Months Removed.

PHILADELPHIA, March 24.—Thirteen-year-old Louise Nettles of Pottsville, Pa., who for four months had been able to breathe only through the four holes in a rubber button lodged in her throat, today was well and happy as a result of an operation yesterday by Philadelphia surgeons.

The child had swallowed the button while playing last November and it lodged in her windpipe.

Slain Prisoner Cremated.

SALEM, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—The body of James Ogle, who was shot and killed in the state penitentiary Tuesday, was cremated today. Although his father was notified by telegraph of his son's death he made no reply to the message. Ogle was killed by John Davidson, one of the guards at the penitentiary, after Ogle was serving a life term for the murder of J. N. Burgess and George Peringer of Pendleton.

Seventh Abatement Suit Filed.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—The seventh abatement suit under the prohibition enforcement law this week was filed today in the superior court and Thomas McDonough, to close for a year the Elko cafe, a resort operated by them on the old Barbary coast. The McDonoughs have conducted a ball bond brokerage business here.

Cashier Position Taken.

SALEM, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—K. S. Parr, who recently was elected to the position of cashier in the office of the state treasurer. He will succeed C. K. Krickelbocker, who resigned recently to accept employment in a bank at McMinnville. Mr. Parr is an ex-soldier, married man and has his home in Eugene for several years.

Banker Visions Money Fight.

CHICAGO, March 24.—David R. Forgan, president of the National City bank, in an address in Chicago today said concerning recent currency reform legislation that he expected to see a "second money fight" in a few years. He predicted Henry Ford would be the leader.

Rediscunt Rate Reduced.  
CHICAGO, March 24.—The federal reserve bank of Chicago today announced to the member banks of district No. 7 that the rediscunt rate will be reduced to 4 1/2 per cent, effective tomorrow. The rate has been 5 per cent.

Best grades of coal, well screened, Diamond Coal Co., Edwy. 3927—Adv.

MONSTER-RUNNERS  
ARE WELL PREPARED

Rifles, Explosives and Even  
Gasoline Motor Taken.

TAXIDERMIST WITH PARTY

Lake to Be Mined in Case Modest  
Plesiosaurus Refuses to Come  
Out and Be Captured.

BUENOS AIRES, March 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Elaborate arrangements for the capture or destruction of the anachronistic creature reported to have been seen in an Andean lake have been made by the expedition which left Thursday for Patagonia under the auspices of the Buenos Aires zoological garden.

The members of the party are all well armed, carrying elephant rifles and lassos. Explosives are also being taken, with which to mine the lake and thus scare the monster—be it plesiosaurus, glyptodon or megatherium—as variously reported.

The zoologist is taking along embalming materials for use in case the beast is killed. Another item of the outfit is a gasoline motor with which to propel the boat to be constructed on the shores of the lake.

Professor Onelli, director of the zoo, who organized the expedition has directed that, if it fails to find the animal after six weeks' search, the party shall proceed to other parts of Patagonia. He said to the correspondents:

"I am laughing at, but I am convinced that some large, strange animals exist in Patagonia. When Theodore Roosevelt visited Argentina he was presented to the late Theodore Roosevelt hide picked up in Patagonia with long hair still attached to it. The hide was half an inch thick and strongly reinforced beneath the surface with tiny rods of bone. It must have belonged to some huge animal recently alive. What was it?"

RELIC CONSIDERED NO CLEW  
New York Scientist Believes Hide  
in Museum of Little Import.

NEW YORK, March 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The hide, the bone and the hank of hair, upon the existence of which South American scientists partly base their belief that a prehistoric monster still frolics in a Patagonian lake, now repose in the American Museum of Natural History. Professor F. A. Lucas stated today. The biological fragments were presented to the late Theodore Roosevelt during his South American expedition, undertaken after he left the White House.

Professor Lucas declines to share the optimism of Professor Onelli, who heads the expedition to capture a capture a weird monster reported to have been seen in the fastnesses of Patagonia. If the expedition intends to use the Roosevelt relic as a clew to the present habitat of the monster, it is doomed to disappointment, he believes.

The relic in Professor Lucas' care is a small piece of wrinkled hide about a half inch thick, with a structure of closely woven, bony cartilage and a thin lot of hair clinging to it. It is Professor Onelli's theory that the animal to whom this hide belonged must have been quite recently deceased.

"We have definitely established," the New York scientist explains, "that the relic was a part of the anatomy of the bryobacetus, a huge land animal of fantastic proportions, which primitive man kept as a pet."

According to Professor Lucas, the bryobacetus had nothing in common with the animal reported seen in Patagonia, which disports itself about an unexplored lake, was a tall a score of feet long, has the jaws of the crocodile, the nostrils of a pachyderm and wings like a Chinese dragon.

"To the contrary, the bryobacetus was strictly a non-carnivorous land animal of the pleistocene period," Professor Lucas asserts. "The piece we have was given to Mr. Roosevelt by a South American collector, who found it in a cave near Laet Hope, one of the caves which sheltered primitive man of nearly 20,000 years ago."

"In fact, the presence of the remains of the bryobacetus in one of the human habitations leads us to believe that primitive man tamed the hideous monster and shared his home with it."

R. W. G. Vall, superintendent of the Roosevelt Memorial association, believes the former president himself failed to attach much significance to the bit of hide he brought with him from South America. A search of the Roosevelt memoirs of the expedition does not reveal a single mention of it.

\$11,000,000 WORK MAPPED

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Oregon City, on the south, a difficult matter. As the commission is determined to finish the Pacific highway this year, action must soon be taken. Ten days' delay was granted by the commission to enable the Portland Railway, Light & Power company to see if it cannot find other contributors.

The Dalles-Dufur section of The Dalles-California highway was located yesterday. The Eight Mile creek route was taken, which is 3.2 per cent grade. The road will connect with the Columbia highway about Seufert. Advertisements were ordered for grading the 11-mile section, the contract to be let at the next regular meeting of the commission. This is a co-operative job.

Rhea Sliding Survey Ordered.  
Survey has been ordered from Rhea sliding on the Oregon-Washington highway, to a point about two miles south of Arlington, on the John Day highway. The original route continued from Rhea sliding to Hepper Junction, down Willow creek, on the

Gilliam county side. The county has no funds to purchase the right of way on the first location or constructing between Rhea and the Columbia river highway. If the proposed new route is adopted the county will be handled as a market road and there will be co-operation on a 50-50 basis.

For this year \$15,000 of market road funds will be available. At this time there is no way of knowing what the new section would cost. The commission are of the opinion, in view of the finances of Gilliam county, that it is a matter of from Rhea to the John Day highway or no road.

In addition to work already under contract and advertised on the John Day highway in Gilliam county, the commission has decided to advertise for grading and rocking the seven-mile section between Arlington and Shuler, for the next meeting.

Highway Opening Wanted.

Desiring to open up the John Day valley this year, the commission hopes to advertise work between Valades ranch and a point east of John Day town, on the John Day highway. This work may be advertised for letting at the next meeting. This work probably will be the last that the state can do in the county until there are further finances for the county has an agreement with the forest people, it is probable that the highway will be opened by that means next year so that traffic from the valley can get out to Vale in the opposite direction.

The 2 1/2 miles between Junction City and Lancaster, in Lane county, a section of the Pacific highway, has been ordered advertised for grading and rocking at the next meeting. This leaves 1 1/2 miles between Lancaster and the Harrisburg ferry unimproved. If Lane county can see its way clear to provide the money, the advertisement will be for the stretch from Junction City to Harrisburg.

Salem Route Is Adopted.  
Route of the Pacific highway through Salem was adopted as follows: Coming in from the south on Commercial street, to Court street, to North Capital street, and north on that thoroughfare. The route follows the fair grounds road and there is to be a party trail crossing near the fair grounds.

A cash offer at par of the \$350,000 road bonds, bearing 5 per cent, authorized by the state legislature and approved by County Judge Gardner yesterday. He informed the commission, was presented to the bonds, and telegraphed to Chicago that he would accept the terms.

Today the commission will conclude its work at the courthouse, starting at 10:30 A. M.

MR. BONE COMING WEST

Governor of Alaska Expects to Start North April 5.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—Scott C. Bond, governor of Alaska, will go to New York tomorrow night to visit his sons and then leave for Seattle, where he will sail April 5 for Alaska. He said today on leaving the White House after a conference with President Harding. The Alaskan governor said he hoped President Harding would be able to make his contemplated visit to that territory this summer, and indicated that the president expected to see if congress adjourned by July 15.

President Harding has already indicated his intention to make a personal inspection of the Alaskan situation before taking any steps looking to the consolidation of federal authority over the territory under one government head.

FLIRTATION BADGES USED

Menace to Morality Seen in Organization of Flappers.

NEW YORK, March 24.—"Flirtation badges" being advanced from young folk of the opposite sex, are part of the bait used by the Society of Shifters in its membership campaign among working girls, Miss Gertrude Robinson-Smith of the Vacation association, discovered today.

She denounced the apparently harmless flapper organization yesterday because its fee collections were preventing working girls from laying aside money for vacation trips.

Her discoveries of today, however, caused her to redouble her efforts against the "shifters" on the ground that it was a menace to morality.

OPIMUM PRICE GOES UP

San Francisco Chinese Can Not Understand Shanghai Chinese.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—Chinese of San Francisco cannot understand the language as spoken in Shanghai and so opium prices in the devils channels through which it finds an illicit market have jumped from \$45 to \$150 a tin in the last four weeks. The advanced prices are due, indirectly, to the strike of Chinese sailors in Hongkong.

J. W. Smith, federal narcotic agent, said that the strike in Hongkong had necessitated obtaining Chinese from Shanghai to man the ships. They speak a different variety of Chinese. The liaison between sailors and their countrymen in San Francisco has been demolished. So opium is up.

Three Autos Smashed.  
WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 24.—(Special.)—Three automobiles were

badly smashed in a tangle on the College Place road late last night, but none of the occupants was hurt. One of the drivers, H. L. Clark, having the car lost a wheel and the truck was damaged badly. Drivers of the other two cars said Clark had no lights.

Logging Concern Files  
Manary Company Incorporated  
With Capital of \$200,000.

SALEM, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—The Manary Logging company, with headquarters in Portland and a capital stock of \$200,000, has been incorporated by James Manary, Roland Manary and Gordon J. Manary. Articles for the concern were filed in the state corporation department here today.

The Twin-Two Motor company has been incorporated by L. H. Steels,

Fred N. Bock and Over B. Huston. Headquarters will be in Portland. The capital stock is \$100,000. The Vancouver Improvement association took part. The building will be a two-story brick with full basement.

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