

FATTY'S ACT HELD UNSPEAKABLE ONE

Witness Refuses to Repeat Story Details.

TESTIMONY IS WRITTEN OUT

Alfred Semnacher on Stand at Arbuckle Hearing.

DEFENDANT'S SMILE DIES

Apparently Cheerful Mood of Film Comedian as He Enters Courtroom Soon Passes.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24.—Alfred Semnacher declined to repeat aloud from the witness stand today the details of Rescoe (Fatty) Arbuckle's description of his treatment of Miss Virginia Rappe at the revel which led to the girl's death and instead wrote them out on a paper which he showed to the attorneys and to Police Judge Sylvain Lazarus, who is hearing the murder complaint against the film comedian.

He first said that Arbuckle's story of the incident, told to himself, Lowell Sherman, Fred Fischbach and Arbuckle's chauffeur, Harry McCullough, and which involved the use of the word "blow," caused a general laugh. When the details were demanded, he objected to testifying verbally.

No one remonstrated at Arbuckle's tale, according to the witness, who said it was told in Arbuckle's suite at the Hotel St. Francis, where he and the drinking party had taken place the afternoon before. Other conversation about the affair was limited to discussion of the intoxicated condition of some of the participants, Semnacher said. He testified yesterday that he had only coffee to drink.

Nothing Impeachable Noted.

In answer to questions from Arbuckle's attorneys, Semnacher said he had observed nothing improper in Arbuckle's action toward Miss Rappe or any of the other women at the party.

When the news of Miss Rappe's death was brought by a newspaper reporter to Arbuckle, Sherman, Fischbach and Semnacher in Los Angeles the evening of September 9, Semnacher declared Arbuckle expressed regret at her fate. All of the group spoke of her death as an "unfortunate accident" which they could not understand, according to the witness, and Arbuckle, after a discussion of what had better be done, telephoned to the chief of police in San Francisco offering to come north immediately if he was wanted.

After Arbuckle decided to come north to report to the San Francisco police, according to Semnacher, the start was made in the early hours of Saturday, September 10. He drove in one machine with Fischbach and Sherman, while Arbuckle, Dominguez, Arbuckle's manager, Lou Anger, and the comedian's chauffeur occupied another.

Entire Truth Demanded.

There was very little discussion of Miss Rappe's death en route, he said, and none at all about Arbuckle's conduct with her.

Semnacher was the first witness to be subjected to questioning by the defense, and those inquiries were but few. Aside from his statement regarding Arbuckle's conduct at the party, the defense drew from him an admission that Frank Dominguez, chief defense counsel, had told him to tell the entire truth to Captain of Detectives Matheson, and that the defense had never heard his version of the case.

The prosecution introduced as exhibits the garments which Semnacher said Miss Rappe wore on the occasion

SHRINERS DELIBERATE ON HOSPITAL PLANS

MAYOR BAKER PRESENTS CLAIMS OF PORTLAND.

Trustees to Go to St. Louis to Decide on Number of Institutions to Be Erected.

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—The board of trustees of the Shriners' crippled children's hospitals, which has been meeting here for two days planning the expenditure of the initial fund of \$1,000,000 now in their hands for the building and maintenance of hospitals throughout the country, adjourned Friday night and left yesterday morning for St. Louis, where it will complete the unfinished business of deciding upon the number to be erected.

The fact that \$1,000,000 will be available every year for an indefinite period to devote to this benevolent project of correcting the deformities of crippled children presents a problem of such magnitude that the committee is moving slowly in its deliberations. Beyond the fact that a sort of mother hospital will be established at St. Louis for the perfecting of orthopedic surgeons and developing of nurses to take charge of the various hospitals to be established, nothing has as yet been definitely decided.

George L. Baker, mayor of Portland, who was here in the interest of getting one of the hospitals for Portland, said that he did not urge the selection of Portland unless the committee believed that it would be for the best interests of the crippled children of America.

PROFITEERS' CASH SOUGHT

Demand to Be Made at Unemployment Session to Help Veterans.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—Urban LeDoux today announced that he would go to Washington tomorrow and appeal to President Harding to publish a list of war profiteers with the hope that they would split half of their earnings with destitute and unemployed war veterans. The request will refer to those who made more than 100 per cent profit.

"I may take some human documents along with the hope of procuring an interview in the White House, where the president can hear from the bottom of the man's hearts their story," Mr. LeDoux said.

Six truck loads of "human documents" would be taken to Washington to be shown President Harding, Mr. LeDoux said.

There will be an encampment on the steps of the White House and at the doors of the unemployment conference until they act on my proposition," he added.

JUDGES HAVE WRANGLE

R. G. Morrow's Protest Overruled by Lower Court Official.

Though Robert G. Morrow is presiding judge of the circuit court his jurisdiction does not extend to the district court, an inferior bench. Judge Morrow protested yesterday afternoon at the office of District Clerk Manning because the bail of Frank Dunlap, head electrician for the Portland dock commission, had been fixed at \$1000 by District Judge Hawkins after Dunlap's arrest on a non-support charge. Judge Morrow declared the bail was excessive for the charge. Judge Dech of the district court appeared on the scene and insisted that Judge Morrow was out of his bailiwick, which the presiding justice of the circuit court was compelled to admit.

Should habeas corpus proceedings be started, Judge Morrow would acquire jurisdiction.

MISS ROBERTSON WARNED

Threatening Letters Believed to Be Work of Fanatics.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Sept. 24.—Letters threatening the safety of Miss Alice Robertson, representative in congress, today were turned over to postal authorities for investigation. It was revealed by her friends. They said they believed the letters were the work of fanatics.

JOB DISTRIBUTION CONFERENCE TACKLE

More Equitable Awarding of Work Keynote.

SESSIONS BEGIN TOMORROW

Big Industries of Nation Will Be Surveyed.

GROUPS TO SEEK RELIEF

Government Prepares Data on Methods to Ease Unemployment Problem.

BY HARDEN COLFAX. (Copyright, 1921, by The Oregonian.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—When President Harding's conference on unemployment meets Monday at the department of commerce its prime attention will be devoted not so much to increasing the number of jobs for the jobless—although that phase also will be discussed and efforts made to increase employment—as to distributing more equitably among the workers of the country the present amount of work to be done.

Employers will not be asked, for sentimental reasons, to increase their payrolls. The government does not intend to devote the best thought of the conference to analyzing the situation and acting intelligently to relieve distress wherever such action can be taken.

Distribution Is Task.

The task, therefore, is primarily one of distribution of existing work. There is a certain amount of work to be done. There is a certain force to do it. That force, at the present, is in excess of the requirements of man power for the job. How can the idle manpower be given an opportunity to share, at least to some extent, in the benefits of employment?

The main questions the conference will seek to answer.

The device of "staggered working hours" will be discussed. Under this plan manufacturers in certain sections, unable to supply work to all the workers needing it, are working two crews. One crew works one week and the other the next. In effect it amounts to half time work for all and gives everyone an opportunity to earn a part of his normal pay, rather than giving some workers full time and others none at all.

Groups to Study Situation.

The conference is expected to last two weeks. After the first few sessions it probably will be divided into group meetings, each group representing one or more major industries. Each group will study the situation in its industry and the relief work being done in other industries with a view to determining whether such relief can be applied by the group in question. Also the groups will study a great volume of data which the government has been preparing for the conference, chief of which are recent and accurate figures as to the extent of unemployment throughout the country.

For the last ten days a group of advisers has been at work in New York preparing a skeleton program for the conference. It will be presented at the Monday meeting, but it will only be a skeleton program for the administration does not want to have a cut and dried affair thought out in advance for the

MANY WOULD ENTER U. S. POSTAL SERVICE

APPLICANTS FOR POSTMASTER JOBS ARE LISTED.

Examinations Held in Several Cities—Portland Aspirants Are Thoroughly Overhauled.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Sept. 24.—Many have entered the contests for postmaster appointments in Oregon and the civil service commission now has before it long lists of applicants from which in the case of each office three eligibles are to be certified to the postoffice department. From these three eligibles the postoffice department must pick the man deemed most suitable for the responsible job of delivering and dispatching mail.

For several of the offices, however, the civil service commission will not be able to certify three eligibles, because only one or two persons have shown any disposition to enter Uncle Sam's postal service. Names of applicants for numerous Oregon postoffices for which postmaster examinations have been held are as follows:

ASTORIA—Frank J. Carney, Charles J. Lachner, Arthur V. Swift, Byron W. Halderman, Hans M. Bos, Herman Wise, Henry Z. Wherly, John A. Buchanan, W. C. Wilson and Henry F. Peacock. Mr. Wise is the present democratic postmaster of Astoria.

BEAVER—Henry S. Burgan, William S. Bowers, Walter H. Pickett, William J. Lachner, Raymond F. Bucher, Ibra H. Snook, Arthur V. Swift, Byron W. Halderman, Hans M. Bos, Herman Wise, Henry Z. Wherly, John A. Buchanan, W. C. Wilson and Henry F. Peacock. Mr. Wise is the present democratic postmaster of Astoria.

CROSBY—Roy A. Giles, Carlton—Mrs. Alice J. Kutch and Mrs. Amanda E. Bonez. Clatskanie—Stephen A. Easterday and John W. Thompson. Condon—Frank L. Laughrige, William E. Wilkins, John P. Hess and James F. O'Rourke.

CROSWELL—Roy E. Ethel, N. Everson and Cass H. McKay. DALTON—Clare R. Foster, Mrs. Myona M. Gray, Major G. Miller and Otto L. Bertram. Drain—Ira Wimberly.

DRAIN—Roy E. Ethel, Albert M. Porter and Claude H. Bryant. Gresham—David M. Roberts, Mrs. Minnie B. Eastman, Willard L. Gorse and Miss Elizabeth Johnson. Halfway—Edwin F. Muncy, Shelby F. Deaderick, Eugene W. Bellows, Clarence E. Gaylord and Amhur H. Williams.

HOLM—Della M. Corson and Miss Ruby E. Mackay. Jefferson—Edna R. Shumaker, Mrs. Ruth E. Snodery and Harry E. Jones. Molalla—Arch M. Miller and Annie S. Clifford.

NORTH POWDER—Volney E. Lee and Oliver M. Moore. Rainier—Miss Doris Gulker and Lawrence E. Clark. Seaside—Eliel G. Arnold, Miss Daisy Buckner, John S. Sticha, Donald M. McKnight, Duane C. Thomas, Charles F. Thayer and William Z. Sims. Stayton—Edward D. Alexander, Edgar B. Walters and William H. Smith. Mr. Alexander is the present democratic postmaster of Stayton.

NYSMA—Elizabeth Thompson. Wallawa—Edwin Marvin, Mrs. Jessie Hood and Henry M. Pfeiffer. Westport—Walter C. Holland. Wheeler—Mrs. Hazel B. Johnson, Mrs. Mabel A. Wann and Minta D. Lundberg.

YONCALLA—George L. Eder, Mrs. Beatrice Wilson and Miss Clara Hill. Silverton—Reber G. Allen, Willis W. Cooley and John R. Ross. Cascade Locks—James Henderson and Harriet H. Wait. Cove—Logan E. Anderson. Helix—Richard E. Tozier. Parkdale—Robert J. McIsaac and John H. Sheldrake. Union—Orin J. Skiff and Tony D. Smith.

Applications for postmaster appointments in southwest Washington include the following: Toledo—William F. McAlpine, Dillon S. Farrell and Lettie Shultz. Bickleton—Rolla K. Waggoner.

Examinations of candidates for postmaster of Portland were held in this city yesterday. They will be continued until all of the aspirants who

LIQUOR CRIMES LAID TO POLICE IN CHICAGO

HALF OF FORCE SUSPECTED IN ILLICIT TRAFFIC.

General Superintendent Asserts Efficiency of Department Is Seriously Impaired.

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—Charles O. Fitzmorris, general superintendent of police, today asserted in letters he sent to John H. Alcock, first deputy, and Charles F. Clyne, district attorney, that he is convinced that 50 per cent of the members of the Chicago police department are involved in illegal sales and transportation of liquor.

Chief Fitzmorris promised drastic action if evidence to support his belief were obtainable. Fitzmorris after writing the letters, in which he asked aid in obtaining evidence against his officers and men, said he would take the guilty men before the civil service commission when the government had supplied him with evidence. He said the same step would be taken "if I can get the evidence myself."

"Prohibition now is a farce, and there are more deaths and drunkenness than in the 'wet' days," he said in one letter. "From reports I have received, I am convinced a large percentage of the membership of the police department is involved seriously in the illegal sale or transportation of liquor.

"In fact, the reports and rumors indicate 50 per cent of the department is interested in some way in violating the prohibition laws.

"I have made every effort to correct this condition, which is impairing the efficiency of this department."

The Chicago police department consists of upward of 5000 men.

PORTLAND MAN HONORED

J. W. Jones Elected Senior Vice-Commander of Veterans' Body.

DETROIT, Sept. 24.—Captain Robert G. Woodside of Pittsburg was re-elected commander in chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars today; John W. Jones of Portland, Or., junior vice-commander of the organization for the last year, was elected senior vice-commander. R. S. Jones of Washington, D. C., editor of the Stars and Stripes, was elected junior vice-commander.

Seattle, Wash. was chosen as next year's convention city.

John W. Jones is an inspector in the sanitary division of the city health bureau and has been prominent in the veterans' organization for many years. He served in the service. He is past commander of the post.

BOY BRINGS DOWN HAWK

Bird's Neck Pierced by Cleverly Thrown Spear.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—Knights who thronged the courts of King Arthur had nothing on Marlan Smith, aged 2, of this city, when it comes to throwing a wicked spear. Marlan was playing with some other lads when a huge hawk lit in a nearby tree. He called to his playmates to watch, threw a spear at the bird, and brought it to earth, pierced through the neck.

The hawk measured 34 inches from tip to tip of its wings.

BRUMFIELD AGAIN ACTS STRANGELY

Dentist Refuses to Recognize Anyone.

WIFE GREETED AS SISTER

Accused Slayer Says He Doesn't Know Own Name.

HEADACHE IS COMPLAINT

Breakfast Is Ignored—Lapse of Memory Expected to Be Murder Trial Defense.

ROSEBURG, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—Dr. R. M. Brumfield, alleged slayer of W. Dennis Russell, who yesterday attacked Deputy Sheriff Hopkins with a cell chair, today refused to recognize anyone. He remained in bed nearly all day and refused to eat the meals brought him.

Either Brumfield is really insane or he is doing some very clever acting to convince the officers that he is subject to lapses of memory, which, he contends, shrouds the time during which he was alleged to have killed the hermit laborer.

He acts as if he knew no one and professed not to understand why he should be called "Doc." He says he did not know he had a wife. He also professed to believe that his father is Charles Cobb, twice convicted moonshiner, who occupied an upstairs cell.

Attorney Called Strangers.

"Who are you?" he demanded when his attorney, Dexter Rice, appeared at the cell late this afternoon.

"I am your attorney," Mr. Rice replied.

"What do I need an attorney for?" the dentist wanted to know.

As the attorney stood leaning against the bars his client invited him to come inside and sit down and when the attorney declined to do so Brumfield also stood up, and when asked why he did so, said it was not polite for him to remain seated while his visitor stood.

He answered all questions put to him by his attorney, although whenever his real identity was touched upon his mind appeared to be blank and he said he could not remember or could not understand.

"Have I a Wife?" Is Query.

Finding questioning useless, Attorney Rice told Brumfield that his wife was coming to see him.

"My wife?" asked Brumfield. "Have I a wife?" and when he was answered in the affirmative, he continued: "Well, that's a good joke on dad. He always said I couldn't get anyone."

All day Brumfield complained of pains in his head. He refused to get out of bed this morning, and in fact did not leave his cot until his attorney appeared at the cell late this afternoon. In response to questions

\$3,324,000,000 TAX YIELD IS EXPECTED

REVISION BILL FAVORABLY REPORTED TO SENATE.

Shrinkage of \$1,000,000,000 in Income and Excess Profits Returns Are Reckoned On.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 24.—A shrinkage of more than \$1,000,000,000 in income and excess profits taxes this fiscal year was reckoned on by the senate finance committee in revising the house tax bill with a view to raising \$3,324,000,000 in internal revenue in the 12 months ending June 30.

This was disclosed by the majority report approved today by committee Republicans and made public. The estimated total of revenue is \$3,324,000,000 less than treasury experts have figured would be returned this fiscal year under the present law, but is \$34,000,000 more than the revised total under the house bill.

The estimated returns this fiscal year from income and profits taxes are \$1,850,000,000, according to the report as against \$3,000,000,000 of actual collections in the fiscal year ended June 30. Only about \$60,000,000 of this difference of \$1,120,000,000 is accounted for by proposed changes. Treasury officers and committee members explained that the remainder is charged to shrinkage on account of business depression, reduction of funds to tax exempt securities and other causes.

Declaring that the \$3,324,000,000 total proposed under the revised bill was only \$2,000,000 more than the treasury had estimated would have to be raised through internal taxes, the report said this was "a margin of safety none too large for the fiscal year 1922 in view of the business depression and the uncertainty attaching to the yield of the income and profits taxes."

"Your committee has acted," the report said, "on the assumption that except the special railroad expenditures which will be nearly if not wholly completed in the fiscal year 1922, the aggregate expenditure for the fiscal year 1922 will be substantially as large as that for 1921.

The special railroad expenditures included in the 1922 budget amount to \$500,000,000; and receipts from customs and miscellaneous sources for the fiscal year 1923 are estimated at \$700,000,000. Deducting both amounts from the total revenue available for 1922 (\$3,324,000,000) leaves in round figures \$2,800,000,000 to be supplied by internal taxes for the fiscal year 1922.

The revenue bill, as recommended by your committee, will raise during 1922, it is estimated, \$2,735,700,000. The difference or deficit of \$64,300,000—about equal to the corresponding surplus for the fiscal year 1921—can and should be avoided by savings and economies. Your committee recommends a tax programme, which, while providing revenues substantially sufficient to meet ordinary expenditures—about equal to the corresponding surplus for the fiscal year 1921—can and should be avoided by savings and economies. Your committee recommends a tax programme, which, while providing revenues substantially sufficient to meet ordinary expenditures—about equal to the corresponding surplus for the fiscal year 1921—can and should be avoided by savings and economies.

DOCTORS RAP PROHIBITION

Volstead Law Denounced and 2.75 Beer Advocated.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 24.—The Independent Medical association, in convention today, adopted a resolution favoring beer of 2 7/8 per cent alcoholic content and denouncing the dry law.

The resolution asserted that the association was "convinced of the value of properly brewed lager beer in the treatment of patients," and that beer of 2 7/8 per cent alcoholic content would be an "admirable substitute for stronger alcoholic drinks now consumed by our people in large quantities."

The Volstead law, the resolution declared, "restricts medical practice and compels the physician to become a go-between for his patients and the saloon."

NEWBERG SWEEP BY \$40,000 FIRE

Four Buildings Destroyed; One Damaged.

10 AUTOMOBILES ARE LOST

Blaze Starts in Garage and Makes Rapid Progress.

MECHANIC BURNED BADLY

75 Men Turn Out and Fight Flames but Can Do Little Except Prevent Conflagration.

NEWBERG, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—Fire which started at 4:20 o'clock this afternoon in the vulcanizing department of the Lisle Palmer garage, on the main business street of Newberg, destroyed the garage, ten automobiles, an adjoining building, a meat market and a barber shop, and damaged a two-story wooden structure.

Marvin Moore, a mechanic, suffered severe burns. The loss was estimated at \$40,000. The fire department of Newberg, aided by volunteers, fought the flames more than an hour. For a time destruction of a large part of Newberg's business district was threatened.

Moore and his brother Dinty were working in the repair shop of the garage when they looked up to find flames enveloping the entire vulcanizing room and beginning to pour out the windows. An alarm was sounded hastily. The Moore brothers attempted to save a number of automobiles, but so quickly did the fire sweep through the garage that only two machines of 12 in the building were saved. In taking out the second automobile Marvin Moore suffered burns on the hands and neck. His injuries were not dangerous.

Building Burns Quickly.

With flames shooting up out of the garage, firemen began to play five streams of water on a building adjoining the garage on the east. The structure, which was owned by a Portland resident, was rapidly destroyed.

As John Williamson, operator of the Palace meat market, aided by volunteers, cleared out his books and cash, the fire followed his trail and swept away his place of business. A stock of meat on hand and fixtures were lost.

The fire-fighting forces were increased to approximately 75 men—50 members of an organized fire-fighting force and 25 volunteers.

While the forces were playing water on a two-story wooden structure owned by the Duncan estate in an effort to keep the flames away, the W. E. Manchester barber shop was consumed. Mr. Manchester, the proprietor, saved all his fixtures and supplies. The building was owned by Mrs. Maggie Littlefield.

The frame building next was attacked. From its roof the main fire-fighting forces played heavy streams. William Hannegan, operator of a pool hall and confectionery stand in the downtown section of the structure, succeeded in moving out his stock and fixtures before the flames reached them.

Lodge Rooms Damaged.

Upstairs quarters occupied by seven fraternal organizations of Newberg were badly damaged. An unsuccessful attempt was made to save furnishings. The building was heavily damaged.

Burning shingles, carried two blocks away, set fire to the top of the W. T. Lewis building. The blaze was discovered soon afterward and early extinguished.

Several business establishments across the street from the fire suffered damage to plate-glass windows

PICTORIAL COMMENTS BY CARTOONIST PERRY ON SOME EVENTS IN THE NEWS.

