

STRIPED GARB FOR HIGH PRIEST OF MYSTERIOUS CULT

Abductor of Pretty Mildred Bridges Can No Longer Carry on Orgies With Women in Chicago Flat.

- Chief Items in See's Career. 1902—See came to Chicago from Kalamazoo, Mich. 1904—With his wife and Mrs. Felicia Rees organized the Absolute Life cult. 1905—Converted Mrs. Lucille Bridges and her husband, Stephen H. Bridges. 1906—Frolics with young women and girls on the north side. 1907—Converted Mona Rees. 1908—Converted Mildred Bridges. 1909—Founded the Love Juniors. 1910—Quarreled with Mrs. See. Established the Holy Kiss and Sinless Hur. Jan. 6, 1911—"Love Jungle" raided by police. April 1—Indicted on charges of abducting Mildred Bridges. June 1—Placed on trial before Judge Honora. June 15—Jury completed and sworn. July 5—Testimony closed and case ready for argument to the jury. July 12—See found guilty of abducting Mildred Bridges. Estimated cost of prosecution to the state, by Assistant State's Attorney Burnham, \$10,000.

Chicago, July 22.—Facing an indeterminate sentence of from one to ten years in the penitentiary at Joliet, Evelyn Arthur See, convicted of abducting pretty little Mildred Bridges, is today stripped of the remarkable power he once swayed over women in this city.

No longer is the high priest of the Absolute Life cult surrounded by adoring women to call him divine and God-man. He is being prepared for the stripes and the life of a convicted felon.

Trial Most Sensational. Chicago has never had a more sensational trial or one that brought forth more weird and unwholesome facts, Mrs. Lucille M. Bridges, mother of the abducted girl, stood staunchly by See all during the trial. So did Mrs. Felicia Rees, mother of Mona.

Mother and daughters were all devotees of the cult, the creed of which was based on matter so salacious and revolting that the newspapers could not print it. This revolting matter was contained in a volume called "The Book of Truth," compiled by See for the foolish women who flocked to his apartment to perform the rites he had designed. It contains a mass of corruption piled about the idea of creating a new and stronger race.

Some of the orgies that went on in the See flat were indescribable. It is known, however, that the women devotees of the cult took the oath around a table, holding aloft swords. On the center of the table was the "Book of Absolute Life," also known as the "Book of Truth." With swords raised they repeated in chorus, "All for One, and One for All!"

Made Women Frenzy. The evidence showed conclusively that See used the gullible women for immoral purposes, and that the newspapers that printed the news were to entrap the cult and get money from them for his cult. They were working with him to found a colony at San Bernardino, Cal. All the while the architect of the Absolute Life was breaking up and wrecking homes as he passed as a God-Man. The home of Stephen Bridges, a well to do citizen, was utterly blasted. His wife and beautiful young daughter left him to follow See. In See's bureau drawer the police found a letter from Mildred, signing herself as his wife.

See's real wife, a patient woman, said after the verdict of guilty that she had done her best to keep her husband from forming the cult, pointing out to him the awfulness of his teachings.

"Yes," she said, "it will be hard for him and hard for me, but our sufferings will buy the community freedom from one of the deepest abysses of moral degradation."

See is still confident that he will get a new trial, and he insists that his cult will go on and wax strong whatever his own fate may be. The women he took from their homes to teach immorality still declare themselves devoted to the cult and say that it will continue.

The verdict of guilty was easily reached by the jury, the first ballot being eleven guilty and one not guilty.

Absolute Life See, Girls He Held and Mothers Defending Him



Below—Mrs. Felicia Rees, Evelyn Arthur See, Mrs. Stephen H. Bridges. —From Chicago Tribune.

GOVERNOR OFF FOR MOUNTAIN RETREAT

Ill Health of Daughter Takes Executive From His Office for Several Days.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., July 22.—Governor West will be absent from the state house several days as he has been advised to take his daughter, Helen, to the mountains for her health. When he returns he will take up the consideration of calling a special session of the legislature. Petitions prepared by the Medford Commercial club and sent to other commercial bodies to be forwarded by them to the governor have been coming in.

FOREST FIRE FATAL TO 70 CAUSED BY A CIGARETTE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Forquihine, Ont., July 22.—Chief Forester Atkinson of the Dominion Conservation association after thorough investigation on the spot declared that the recent fire which resulted in the loss of 70 lives, was in all probability caused by a cigarette.

MYSTERIOUS FIRE BURNS WOOD AT STEVENSON

(Special to The Journal.) Stevenson, Wash., July 22.—Between 300 and 400 cords of wood was burned near this place this morning. The wood had been beached on the Columbia river for shipment to Portland by Ash & Nord. Two thousand cords were in the general lot, but the fire was gotten under control before all the wood was attacked. The fire is thought to have been of incendiary origin. A bucket brigade, carrying water from the river, did good work in holding the fire to small areas.

Woman Killed by Car

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Diego, Cal., July 22.—Mrs. Bristol Taylor was thrown from a street car here today, dragged 50 feet and killed.

GRAND JURY GIVES FREEDOM TO BLOOD

Slayer of His Stepfather Will Not Stand Trial for Confessed Crime.

(Special to The Journal.) Baker, Or., July 22.—Although positively known to be the slayer of his step father, George Chase, and a self-confessed murderer, Emmett Blood, principal in the Rock Creek tragedy, was yesterday released from custody on the order of the grand jury. In company with his mother, a half-breed Indian, and his little brothers, Blood immediately departed for home.

SMALLPOX APPEARS ABOARD PACIFIC LINER

(United Press Leased Wire.) Vancouver, B. C., July 22.—Special advice just received from Victoria state that the Canadian Pacific railroad White Liners Empress of India, due to reach William Head quarantine station at 1 o'clock this afternoon from the Orient with 170 saloon and 400 Chinese passengers aboard, has a case of smallpox aboard, discovered during the voyage across the Pacific among the Chinese steerage passengers. Many guards have been hired at the capitol and this morning preparations were completed to hold the liner in quarantine. The Empress will probably be manned by a skeleton crew on Monday and allowed to proceed to this port. The passengers will be held in quarantine for 18 days. The Empress of India in company with the liner S. L. Sandry left Hong Kong July 1 with a valuable Oriental cargo and the above number of passengers. Yokonama was cleared several days later and nothing was noticed amiss in the steerage quarters by the health authorities at the Japanese port. The victim suffering from the disease was located in mid-Pacific.

SANDRY IS CUT SHORT ON DOUBLE STATE JOB

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., July 22.—The arrival of a voucher for \$75.89 from the state for the salary of S. L. Sandry revealed to Secretary of State Olcott yesterday afternoon that Sandry was holding two state offices, strictly at variance with the law. Sandry is deputy fish warden for a fishery district No. 2 and gets for this a salary of \$1000 per year and \$500 expense allowance. Under the statutes he is to devote his entire time to the fishing industry of the state. His appointment to the additional office of state game commissioner carries an additional salary of \$300 per annum. The voucher was returned by Secretary Olcott unpaid.

Injured by Falling Wood

(Special to The Journal.) Glendale, Or., July 22.—Karl A. Miller, cashier of the Glendale State bank, was injured this morning by a wood pile falling on him. He suffered a severe scalp wound, requiring several stitches to close.

CAR PLUNGES INTO COQUILLE RIVER

Party of Roseburg People in Horrible Accident While on a Pleasure Trip.

(Special to The Journal.) Myrtle Point, Or., July 22.—Al Creason, of Roseburg, with his wife and daughter, were plunged down the steep embankment into the Coquille river late yesterday afternoon, when the automobile in which the party was on a pleasure trip got beyond control. The scene of the accident is considered the most dangerous spot on the Roseburg-Myrtle Point road. The road winds around the edge of the mountain and in places is 200 feet above the river. Automobiles bearing physicians were sent from Myrtle Point to the relief of the injured party, and reports received last night indicate that the injuries of the mother were severe if not fatal. The daughter was not seriously hurt.

COBLE CRIME MAY BE SOLVED BY MRS. WILSON

(Special to The Journal.) Olympia, Wash., July 22.—Evidence connecting J. H. Wilson, section foreman at Rainier, with the Coble killings, July 10, is being gathered by Sheriff Gaston, which seems to fasten the crime on him. Previous to that time Wilson was more firmly on Wilson than on any of the three suspects arrested before the section foreman was detained. Mrs. Wilson is in Olympia today and Sheriff Gaston is closeted with her and the prosecuting attorney in an effort to get all the facts which she may have relative to Wilson's conduct toward her and at the time of the tragedy. It is said that she found blood stains about the Coble killings. Previous to that time Wilson had been sleeping at the bunk house with the section crew.

PORTUGUESE IN FEAR OF ROYALIST INVASION

(United Press Leased Wire.) Lisbon, Portugal, via Badajoz, July 22.—Troops of the provisional government were rushed to the northern frontier today, where a force of Portuguese monarchists under Captain Couceiro is reported to be about to invade the country. The royalists, it is reported, are equipped with modern arms.

SCARED WOMAN FALLS AND BREAKS HER NECK

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, July 22.—Explosions of an automobile engine frightened Mamie Roggenbuck into leaping backward so suddenly that she lost her balance, fell and broke her neck, dying instantly.

REDOUBLE EFFORTS TO LOCATE ILL GIRL

Family and Friends Offer Reward of \$1000 for Information About Maiden.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, July 22.—With a reward of \$1000 for information of the whereabouts of Mary Gertrude Iig posted by the family and friends of the missing girl and a possibility that the state will offer an additional sum, efforts today to locate the young woman who disappeared Monday were redoubled. The most important clue was furnished by three women living near Menlo Park, who claim to have seen a young woman answering Miss Iig's description.

HINES IS RECALLED BY INVESTIGATORS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, July 22.—Recalled to the stand, Edward Hines, the Chicago lumberman, accused of having worked to collect the \$100,000 "blush fund" alleged to have elected Senator Lorimer, testified today before the senate investigating committee.

FALL OF FOUR STORIES MAY NOT PROVE FATAL

(United Press Leased Wire.) Seattle, Wash., July 22.—Falling four stories from a window six stories above the ground to a roof, Glenn McKensie, 19, son of W. E. McKensie, president of the McKensie-Hunt Payer company, will probably live. He had been enjoying the football festival and came in at 10:30. He partly undressed and went over to sit in the open window to listen to the music of a band. It is believed that he fell asleep and lost his balance. No bones were broken, but he was internally injured. He is at the Pacific hospital in a serious condition.

FLAT SALARY BILL PETITIONS READY

Experiment of Getting Signers Without Paid Circulators Is to Be Tried.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., July 22.—An experiment with the plan of getting signatures to an initiative measure without the aid of paid circulators is to be tried in the case of the bill to place the state printer on a flat salary. The bill is now printed and the petitions will be sent out at once to granges and labor organizations and to most of the county clerks of Oregon. In some instances petitions will be carried upon the streets, but in most they will be held at a certain point where signers will go and affix their names. Unless the time for filing the signatures approaches too closely without the desired number of names no money will be paid circulators.

The bill itself contains but 89 words, and is as follows: "A bill for an act to amend chapter 266 of the laws of Oregon for 1911 placing the state printer on a flat salary. Be it enacted by the people of the state of Oregon: Section 1. Section 20 of chapter 266 of the laws of Oregon for 1911 is hereby amended so to read as follows: Section 20. This act shall be in full force and effect from and after December 1, 1912."

In connection with the mailing out of the petitions to their widely scattered points of circulation, there will be mailed to the taxpayers of the state a letter reviewing the struggle to get the state printer placed on a flat salary as follows:

The Letter to Taxpayers. "On January 1, 1907, the fee system of paying state officials was succeeded by flat salaries. The change cost not thousands, but hundreds of thousands of dollars to the taxpayers. This fact is vouched for without hesitation in the secretary of state's office through which all accounts pass. The office of the state printer was the only one omitted from the flat salary system. The reason has never been explained.

"Bills to place the state printer on a flat salary have been before every legislature since flat salaries were adopted for the other offices, but have invariably been juggled into worthlessness or defeat. The last legislature passed a reasonably good flat salary law for the state printer, but it was made the brunt of one of the most disgraceful log rolling campaigns ever known to our law making body. When passed it was so amended that it does not go into effect until January 1, 1915.

"Many people believe the office of state printer is greatly overpaid. Figures in the secretary of state's office indicate it. Past and present secretaries have asserted it unhesitatingly. They also state that the state printing department is by far the most expensive of any of the state's affairs. It has been asserted that the people indorse the present system when they elected Edward Hines, minister of finance. We believe this is a mistake for the reason that the issue was lost in the assembly and anti-assembly struggle.

"In order that this issue may be put up to the people fairly and squarely, efforts have been caused to be printed initiative petitions to put the Miller law into effect December 1, 1912, or immediately following next election."

Membership of Committee. Since the beginning of this movement the services of A. C. Bigelow, representative in the legislature of 1911, have been secured making the personnel of the committee: Minister of Finance, Spence, master of state grange; Will Daly, president Oregon State Federation of Labor; L. E. Bean, state senator; M. A. Miller, state senator; C. C. McCulloch, state senator; C. Smith, representative, 1911; Ralph C. Clyde, representative, 1911; Timothy Brownhill, representative, 1911; A. C. Bigelow, representative, 1911, and Harry H. Hill, secretary Capital Typographical union of Salem. Mr. Hill has stated that the judge was too ill to remain work in that time, but Dr. Sether's evidence the state closed.

PRESIDENT SIMON LOSING HIS POWER

United States Minister Says End of Present Government is Near.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, July 22.—Cable dispatches from United States minister at Port Au Prince to the state department today say that the end of the present Haytian government is near. He says that the diplomatic representatives of the powers are anxiously awaiting the arrival of United States warships, fearing that looting and rapine will follow the entrance of the rebels into the city.

MRS. HARRIMAN RECEIVES 5000 BEGGING LETTERS

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, July 22.—More than 5000 begging letters, asking for sums aggregating \$10,000,000, it was announced here today, have been received by Mrs. E. H. Harriman during the last year. At first the widow of the great railroad warlord and financier gave the letters her personal attention in an effort to sort out the worthy ones, but of late the task has become so large that she has been obliged to turn over the correspondence to assistants.

The sums asked for range from \$10 to very large amounts.

DRAKE TO ANSWER GRAND JURY ON A CHARGE OF LIBEL

Justice Marster Fixes Bail at \$250 in Hearing of Man Who Wrote Sensational Letter to Portland Newspaper.

(Special to The Journal.) Roseburg, Or., July 22.—J. O. Drake charged with libel, was bound over to the grand jury this morning by Justice R. W. Marster. Bail was fixed at \$250.

In the preliminary hearing of J. O. Drake, charged with criminal libel as a result of his communication to The Oregonian, charging, among other things, that Judge Hamilton feigned illness to avoid trying the McClallen case, and that he collaborated with McClallen's attorneys in preparing instructions to the jury, Judge Hamilton emphatically declared that he was not connected, either directly or indirectly, with the preparation of the instructions submitted by Judge Coke and that he was too ill to preside over the case.

Following is the paragraph of Drake's letter which refers to Judge Hamilton and which caused Hamilton to swear out the complaint against Drake: "Why did Judge Coke and Cardwell, the attorney for the defense, leave the courtroom before he, Judge Coke, instructed the jury? It is my candid opinion that Judge Coke never wrote the instructions to the jury but that Judge Hamilton of Roseburg and Judge Cardwell, the attorney for the defense composed the transcript, and Judge Coke permitted himself to be a tool for the Douglas county ring, a class who will do anything to shield one of their clique—a class that has no regard for true justice, God, home, nor the true morals of American patriotism. It was claimed Judge Hamilton was sick; that was not the truth; he could go out in the garden and hoe and dig; he was able to work. What a sham!"

Would Clear Judiciary. "I consider it my duty to prosecute Drake," Judge Hamilton stated, "not because I have any ill will toward him, but for the reason that the judiciary should be cleared of the aspersions cast upon it by his letter."

"I did not assist Attorney Cardwell in any way in preparing the instructions to the jury in the McClallen case," said Judge Hamilton on the witness stand, but I had not yet recovered from the effects of a high fever and Dr. Sether warned me that if I attempted to resume work I might suffer a relapse that might result fatally. It was May 30 before I was able to leave my home.

Count Clerk James corroborated Hamilton's testimony by testifying that he called at the judge's home and found him sick in bed. Attorney Cardwell testified that Hamilton did not assist him in the preparation of the instructions.

Another phase of Drake's alleged libel with which the hearing had to do related to his censure of the district attorney for not placing on the witness stand at McClallen's trial, Lillian Speicher, the woman who figured so prominently in the tragedy. Evidence adduced in regard to this was that the woman was too ill to appear in court or even give a deposition and that her testimony would have been detrimental rather than helpful to the state's case.

ZEIGLER BEAT OFFICERS BY INSANITY DODGE

(Special to The Journal.) Glendale, Or., July 22.—Charles Zeigler, arrested for disorderly conduct on the street, dodged a term of insanity while confined in the jail, smashing all the furniture and fixtures in his cell and bruising and battering himself severely. He was taken from the cell and placed under the care of a physician in a rooming house and escaped shortly afterwards, no trace of him having been found.

"Pony Bob" Is Dying

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, July 22.—Despite his father's refusal to mix in the matter at all, Selwyn Edgar, Jr., today is hurrying toward Chicago from Tarrytown, New York, to take charge of the body of his mother, who was killed here by an automobile and whose identity as the divorced wife of the St. Louis millionaire, had been shrouded in her role as a domestic. Young Edgar has not seen his mother since the divorce, 23 years ago.

Yosemite Discoverer Dead

(United Press Leased Wire.) Danville, Ill., July 22.—Gustavus C. Pearson, retired capitalist, who formed one of the party which discovered the Yosemite valley 60 years ago after they had been driven out of Utah by the Mormons, is dead here today.

End of Wellman's "Dash." (United Press Leased Wire.) Augusta, Maine, July 22.—Hearings on a petition to dissolve the Wellman-Chicago Record Herald polar expedition company was heard here today. The corporation was organized to finance Walter Wellman's "dash" to the North Pole in a balloon.

LAWYERS ABSTRACT & TRUST CO. 6 BOARD OF TRADE BLD. PORTLAND, ORE. "Take Them All Back" Said the manager of a large real estate company when he found that ten abstracts received from an irresponsible concern were full of errors. "Take them all back and have abstracts made by the Lawyers' Abstract Company. Our attorney says he can pass on these and know he is right." It paid them. It will pay you—to insure against having GOOD abstracts—the kind you issue. Half a million behind every abstract.