STATE IS TAKEN ABACK BY MOVES IN BURCH CASE

Los Angeles, Nov. 2.—(I. N. S.)—Alienists employed by District Attorney Woolwine were today expected to examine Arthur C. Burch, whose attorneys have demanded that his sanity be tested before he is placed on trial for the murder of J. Belton Kennedy, in preparation for the prosecution's answer to the defense claim that Burch is insane.

Proceeding on the theory that Burch is sane and taht the defense request for a jury trial to determine Burch's mental condition, is a ruse to prevent him from being tried on the murder charge, Woolwine summoned numerous witnesses to his office for the purpose of taking affidavits.

STATE GREATLY SURPRISED

With a rush that nearly swept the prosecution from its feet and in one of the most dramatically spectacular courtroom scenes ever enacted here the defense drew "first blood" yesterday.

Almost before officials and spectators were settled in their seats for the opening formalities of the trial, resulting from the tragedy of a much entangled romance, Paul W. Schenck, chief counsel for Burch, filed a series of affidavits in which the defendant was declared to be insane.

This first big surprise of the now famous murder case proved to be such an unexpected blow that District Attorney Thomas L. Woolwine first obtained a recess of a few hours and then a continuance of the trial until next Monday morning.

SECOND BLOW COMES

Then literally before the prosecutor could gain his "second wind" came the second surprise of the day—one almost as severe as the first—when the trustees of the Los Angeles Bar association by unanimous vote recommended that Charles E. Erbstein, noted Chicago lawyer, be admitted to practice here as chief counsel for Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain, co-defendant with Burch.

Prosecutor Woolwine had made a hot and bitter fight against Attorney Erbstein charging that the eastern attorney was a "trickster and suborner of perjury."

But Attorney Erbstein successfully countered the charge with official records from Chicago showing that he had been acquitted of the charges filed against him in the East. The Chicago Bar association, it was stated, had certified that he was an attorney in good standing there.

Counsel for Burch demanded that the murder trial be halted until the defendant could be tried, either by a jury or by a commission of alienists, on a sanity charge.

FIGHTS INSANITY PLEA

District Attorney Woolwine first stated that he did not want to try Burch for murder if he was insane, but at the afternoon session warmly declared he would fight the insanity contention. He then asked for the continuance in order to prepare counter affidavits.

The defense affidavits were sworn to be Attorneys Schenck and Richard Kittrelle of Los Angeles and Attorney John J. Sullivan of Seattle, associated in the defense; by the Rev. W. A. Burch of Evanston, father of the defendant and by three alienists. All stated they were convinced Burch now is insane.

It most certainly was a day, if not the day, for the defense and even the beautiful Madalynne Obenchain, storm center of the drama of actual life, had her part in the scene by endeavoring to personally address Superior Judge Sidney N. Reeve, the trial judge, during the morning session.

CASES CONTINUED

The case of Mrs. Obenchain, as well as that of Burch, was continued until Monday, at which time Judge Reeve was expected to formally admit Attorney Erbstein to practice as her chief counsel and to order her trial as soon as the Burch case is disposed of.

The last minute counter offensive of the defense came as one of the most complete surprises ever staged in a local courtroom battle.

Almost immediately as the situation was realized by him, Woolwine slipped from his chair, stepped to the row of newspaper reporters and exclaimed in a stage voice, "This means that Burch admits his guilt."

But a careful perusal of the affidavits read into the court record showed that the defense attorneys, probably with the utmost care, had avoided mentioning any incidents prior to Burch's incarceration to support the insanity theory.

EYES TURN ON BURCH

While Attorney Schenck, in droning voice, read through the legal documents, all eyes in the courtroom centered upon Burch. Prior to this time the defendant, Madalynne Obenchain and Mrs. J. D. Kennedy, mother of the slain man, divided attention.

No motion picture thriller ever produced a more exciting and dramatic scene. No story of fiction ever held the attention of the reader more intensely than did the proceedings held in spell those in the little crowded courtroom.

And then, as an anti-climax to the great movement of the day, Madalynne Obenchain, wearing a dress of black that was trimmed with Irish lace, stepped forward, and, in a low voice, addressed the court in her own behalf.

The "sideshow" contest between District Attorney Woolwine and Attorney Erbstein necessitated the appearance of the heroine of the entangled drama.

GALLANT HUSBAND APPEARS

As soon as the court had granted the prosecution a few hours to decide what action to take in combating the insanity move of the defense, and while the electrified courtroom was abuzz with murmured comment, Ralph Obenchain, divorced, but modernly gallant husband of the fair co-defendant, quietly arose.

In a voice in which emotion was evident and acting as associate counsel of the woman for whom he is fighting, despite her former action in leaving his home for the man later shot down at her side, Obenchain asked permission for Mrs. Obenchain to address the court.

Then the courtroom received its second and supplemental thrill of the morning. As though she had had no interest in the proceedings bristling with sensation that had just closed, Mrs. Obenchain stepped jauntily to the attorney's table.

But at the last moment the great effort of the "heroine of the story" failed. She could not lift her voice high enough for the judge to hear what she was endeavoring to say.

Leaning forward, Judge Reeve waited a moment as the low mumblings of a feminine voice tried to form distinct words.

"I cannot hear what she says," the court interposed a moment later.

Mrs. Obenchain, her shoulders slumping slightly in despair as she fought to control herself, tried again. It was useless.

On his guard, as he constantly has been, to protect her, the discarded husband of the past hurried to the side of the woman who so greatly needed his aid.

"She asks the court to continue her case until the Bar association has acted on the admission of her lawyer, Mr. Erbstein of Chicago," said Obenchain.

"The court cannot act on her request until later in the day," replied the judge.

The picture was one of sharp contrasts as the legal battle opened. A large crowd gathered outside the hall of justice more than an hour before the trial was to open.

Despite the fact that deputy sheriffs announced the venire of men and women would fill all available spectators' seats, the crowd waited for the thrill they seemed to sense.

One white haired woman even was locked in the courtroom during the night. She was rescued by a deputy sheriff shortly after midnight. Officers did not obtain her name, but she told them she was from Evanston, Ills., and that her folks there had written urging her to tell them all "about" the trial.

BRITISH NAVY HEAD FOR DISARMAMENT

New York, Nov. 2.—(I. N. S.)—President Harding's conference on limitation of armament will serve notice on militarism that it must "quit," according to the opinion expressed by one of Great Britain's delegation to the Washington conference, Lord Lee of Fareham, first lord of the admiralty, who arrived from England Tuesday on the Olympic. Delegates and advisers to the conference representing Italy, China and Japan, arrived on the same boat.

"This is what brings us to Washington," said Lord Lee, "and, if, as I trust, we all go there in a spirit not merely of hope and sincerity but a fixed determination to convert the president's lofty aspirations into a practical working agreement, the war will not have been fought in vain."

Another passenger on the Olympic was Senator Carlo Schanzer, of Italy, head of the Italian delegation to the conference. He favored the disarmament proposals.

The importance of the Pacific problem to be tackled by the conference was emphasized by Senator Albertini of the Italian delegation.

"After the World war," he said, "an event dominates the situation—the gravitation of naval power from West to East. It seems to me that this event is at the bottom of the Washington conference.

"If the sound, realistic vision and feelings of human sympathy which inspired the president are shared by the other nations, the conference will be a great success and will constitute a great step towards the permanent maintenance of peace."

V. K. Wellington Koo, formerly Chinese minister to Washington and now minister to England, who will be at the conference for China, declared that the stability of China would be a great contribution toward assuring world peace. He also arrived on the Olympic.

Washington League To Continue Fight

Spokane, Wash., Nov. 2.—The national Non-Partisan league of Washington will continue its activities in this state more vigorously than ever, despite the defeat of the league in North Dakota, stronghold of non-partisanism, according to Y. C. Mansfield, director of the state organization and acting manager at the headquarters located here.

Harding to Revive New Year Reception; First in Ten Years

(By United News)

Washington, Nov. 2.—New Year's "open house" is to be restored at the executive mansion by President and Mrs. Harding.

For the first time in 10 years, the White House on January 1 next, is to be thrown open. Neither age, sex nor color line will be drawn in this event, established years ago, but discontinued under the Wilson regime.

It is estimated that 10,000 people, more than ever attended such an open house in the past, will come to this one.

According to the rules set up for the occasion, the president and his wife first receive in order, the justices of the supreme court, members of the senate, members of the house, all with their families; then the heads of the departments in order, then employes of all the departments, until the last of the government workers has passed through the line.

At the conclusion of this parade the public generally will be admitted by the front entrance and permitted to file single file through the blue room, each shaking hands with the President and Mrs. Harding.

Pasco Child Burned To Death When Fire Destroys Residence

Pasco, Wash., Nov. 2.—The 16-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Selvig was burned to death Tuesday morning when their home on the east side was destroyed by fire.

The origin of the fire is undetermined. Mrs. Selvig had gone to milk a cow, leaving the two children, one about 4 years old and the other the 16-months-old baby, playing in the house. When she returned the house was in flames and the older child was found in the yard, but was too frightened to talk.

The house had been built out of old, dry lumber and burned like paper. The baby was burned to a crisp. The remains are now at the undertaking parlors of the Lee Perry company and funeral arrangements will be made later.

Vice Squad Mills Is Busy During Month

The vice squad of the Portland police, under Sergeant John Keegan, made 221 arrests during October, according to figures compiled at police headquarters Tuesday. The largest number of arrests were for being behind barred doors, 38 being made on that charge. Others were taken on the following charges: Vagrancy 31, disorderly conduct 26, violating the prohibition law 25, visiting lottery 21, visiting gambling game 18, gambling 17, drunkenness 13. Fines aggregating $2080 were levied against defendants. Days spent in jail totaled 519.

ASTORIA RESORT RAIDED

Astoria, Nov. 2.—A rich hoard of liquor, both moonshine and bonded, was seized Tuesday, when Sheriff Nelson and Deputy Hansen swooped down on the Louvre soft drink resort, once the largest and most palatial establishment in Astoria. Seventeen sacks of liquor were seized.

BRUMFIELD VISITS WITH HIS FAMILY

Salem, Nov. 2.—Mrs. R. M. Brumfield arrived in Salem today from Roseburg and this afternoon spent half an hour visiting with her husband, who last night was "dressed" in as a prisoner at the state penitentiary and assigned to a cell in murderers' row.

Mrs. Brumfield, who was accompanied by her three young sons, came only for a visit of a few days and does not intend to make her home in Salem, it was explained.

Prison rules permit relatives to visit condemned men daily if they so desire, and also allow the bringing of food and reading matter.

Neither the prisoner nor his wife displayed any emotion upon their meeting here today, the prisoner being apparently resigned to his fate, while the wife clings to a hope based on the proposed appeal to the supreme court.

MRS. BRUMFIELD WILL GO TO WILLAMINA, REPORT

Roseburg, Nov. 2.—Mrs. Richard M. Brumfield, wife of the condemned murderer of Dennis Russell, left here this morning for Willamina, where she will remain indefinitely at the home of her husband's sister, Mrs. C. B. Patrick. She was accompanied by her three little sons. Mrs. Brumfield took her departure on an early morning train. She refused to talk to newspaper men, nor would she be interviewed at any time during the trial of her husband.

After bidding her husband farewell at the jail Monday morning she remained at her home and did not appear at the train to see him depart on his prison journey. It is understood that Mrs. Brumfield informed friends here that she would visit her husband as often as prison rules would permit.

Robbed Gas Station At Hillsboro; Two Confess When Taken

Jejn Cooper, 22, and Horace Lampson, 24, were arrested Tuesday afternoon on a charge of robbery, and confessed to holding up the Standard Oil station at Hillsboro, Saturday night, when $180 and 16 books of tickets were taken. They were identified by a tax driver who took them to Hillsboro on the night of the holdup.

In their confession they stated that they first planned to hold up the Standard Oil station at Sixth and Caruthers streets, but changed their minds. Cooper and Lampson will be taken to Hillsboro today by Sheriff Alexander of Washington county.

Child Wounded by Ricocheting Bullet

The Dalles, Nov. 2.—Struck by a ricocheting bullet, which glanced from a rock at which boys engaged in target practice with a .22-calibre rifle were shooting, Vera Winfree, 9 years old, is suffering from a severe wound in the forehead. The accident happened in the municipal auto park. The girl was standing on a rock several feet above the ground, and the impact of the bullet caused her to fall unconscious.

B. F. Irvine Is to Address Teachers At Wasco Institute

The Dalles, Nov. 2.—B. F. Irvine, editor of the Oregon Journal, has consented to deliver the opening address here in connection with the annual institute of Wasco county teachers, which Superintendent Gronewald is planning on a more elaborate scale than was ever attempted in the county before.

Irvine will speak in the high school auditorium Tuesday evening, November 22. J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public schools, will speak Monday morning. A branch of the State Teachers' association is to be organized for the county Wednesday.

School children of the county will enjoy a vacation during the entire week of Thanksgiving, Superintendent Gronewald said Tuesday.

Attempt to Destroy Liquor Costs $100

Police were searching a soft drink parlor at 321 Water street, when Gordon Pattee, age 19 years, endeavored to roll a bottle containing moonshine through a hole in the floor. He kicked the bottle at the hole, but it missed and bounded out where the officers saw it. Then he hurriedly thrust it down, but police saw him, and recovered the bottle. Below the opening a number of rocks had been placed, police believe for use in just such an emergency. But Pattee's throw went wild and the bottle hit in some soft dirt. He was fined $100 in municipal court Tuesday, for attempting to destroy evidence.

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