

BOY TELLS JURY HE FOUND SHELLS IN KENNEDY CASE

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Los Angeles, Dec. 12.—A boy of 15, who proved to be a modern Huckelberry Finn or Tom Sawyer, took the spotlight of interest in the Arthur C. Burck murder trial in Superior Judge Reeves' courtroom Monday.

He is Tom Bessey, son of a rancher living next to the Kennedy cabin in Beverly Glen, where, on the night of August 5, J. Belton Kennedy was shot and killed, it is charged, in a tragedy of a triangular romance.

Tom, somewhat nervous but having the big adventure of his life, testified he found two shotgun shells the day following the murder, one also told of finding tracks along the hillside trail back of the cabin of death.

JURORS QUESTION LAD
The testimony of the boy aroused the greatest interest among the women jurors and several of them questioned the lad.

"You say you found tracks on the trail back of the cabin?" asked one woman juror.

"Yes, but I don't say they were fresh," replied the boy in an assured and confident manner.

"Why not?" the juror asked again.

"Because the dirt had tumbled in from the sides," was the prompt answer of the observant young witness.

This part of the boy's testimony was deemed important by the prosecution in that it will be used to refute the first statement of Mrs. Madelynn Obenchain, awaiting trial as co-defendant with Burck, that she saw two roughly dressed men shoot Kennedy and then flee over the hill.

The tragedy was recreated for the jury by Henry Leifer, bewhiskered resident of the lonely Glen.

HEARD TWO SHOTS
"My cabin is about 200 feet from Kennedy's cottage," he said. "About 9:40 o'clock on the night of August 5, I was sitting at my table, reading, I heard a shot."

"I jumped to my feet. Before I reached the door, another shot crashed out. Perhaps two seconds elapsed between the shots—just long enough for the murderer to take aim again."

"A few seconds after I reached the door I saw two lights coming up the road. It proved to be an automobile driven by some other people who live in the Glen."

"Almost as soon as the lights appeared, a woman began to cry out. It was Mrs. Madelynn Obenchain."

"Between the time that the shots rang out and the time this automobile appeared, I didn't hear Mrs. Obenchain or anyone else say anything. As soon as the automobile came, though, she began to scream as though she were hysterical. She begged the machine to stop."

Poultry Farm Work Demonstration to Be Continued Next Year

The first year of poultry demonstration farm work in Multnomah county has ended with such good results that demonstration farms for that work have been lined up for the next year in all communities.

December 14 and 15 H. E. Cosby, poultry extension specialist, will be at certain farms to give demonstrations and help poultrymen and others interested. His topic will be "Feeding for Winter Egg Production."

December 14 at 10 a. m. the meeting will be held on the L. O. Seifer farm, one half mile south of Linneton station. At 2 p. m. meeting at the John Lynch farm, Section Line and Barker road.

December 15 at 10 a. m. meeting at the Anna L. Schiller farm, Schiller station, one half mile east of Gresham. At 2 p. m. meeting at the Garman farm, one half mile southeast of Springdale.

Poultrymen are urged to be present and bring neighbors and friends who are interested or may be interested in poultry.

Draw New Venire to Get Arbuckle Jury; 28 Women on List

(By United News)
San Francisco, Dec. 12.—In preparation for the second trial of Roscoe (Pat) Arbuckle on a manslaughter charge in connection with the death of beautiful Virginia Rappe, a new venire was drawn Wednesday in the court of Superior Judge Harold Louderback.

The venire numbers 100. There are 28 women on the panel, 12 of them being unmarried. Arbuckle's case will be called the morning of January 9.

SOLDIER'S BODY EN ROUTE
Dallas, Or., Dec. 12.—The body of Benjamin J. Hill, the first Polk county soldier who died overseas during the World war, is on its way home from France and is expected to reach here about Christmas. A military funeral will be held by the American Legion post.

HUGE FILM THEFT CONSPIRACY BARED

(By United News)
Chicago, Dec. 12.—An international conspiracy to steal successful moving picture films and export them to countries not bound by copyright treaties with the United States was declared by police to have been laid bare here Monday with the arrest of William Pearson, said to have been a leader of a syndicate of wide activities.

Pearson, according to police, is the "brains" of the organization that is said to have stolen \$1,000,000 films in this country and sold them in Japan, China, Mexico, Cuba and in some South American countries, at a great profit.

Pearson was arrested on a fugitive warrant issued in Buffalo on behalf of the United Artists Film corporation. He was held in bonds of \$25,000 after his attorneys had attempted to obtain his release on a writ of habeas corpus.

Other arrests in the dragnet for the leaders of this alleged conspiracy are: T. Shima, alleged shipping agent in San Francisco, arrested in Seattle and returned to San Francisco; F. Kubley, arrested in Honolulu when leaving for Japan with a copy of a picture alleged to have been stolen from the United Artists office in Buffalo; Morris Taitus, arrested in Fort Worth, Texas, and charged with the theft of the same film from Buffalo, and employed by the United Artists as a janitor.

It is alleged that the films of many of the most successful stars were stolen and taken abroad, where there are no copyright protection laws.

Men Are Beaten in Tuberculosis Fight

Washington, Dec. 12.—(U. N. S.)—Nine hundred and fifty ex-service men are dying of tuberculosis in Phoenix, Ariz., having flocked there by the hundreds, with the hope of curing themselves, Senator Ashurst (D., Ariz.) declared in the senate Monday.

Bill Provides Trips To Soldiers Graves

(By Universal Service)
Washington, Dec. 12.—Parents and wives of Americans killed during the World war and buried in France would be enabled to make a pilgrimage to the graves of their loved ones under a resolution introduced in the house by Representative Fish of New York today.

Limit Corn Crop to Meet Demand; Would Avert Former Loss

(By United News)
St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 12.—A reduction in corn acreage for 1932 is being discussed here by hundreds of farmers of the state to prevent a repetition of marketing conditions which caused a drop in prices and the consequent loss of millions of dollars when this year's yield was sold.

The farmers have been asked at the convention of the Minnesota farm bureau federation to keep production down to actual demand, thus eliminating any excess to the producer or hardship to the consumer.

It was argued that there was a greater supply than demand in 1930 and farmers were obliged to sell at a low figure and much corn was wasted.

Federal Grand Jury Sworn In; Foreman Appointed by Judge

William C. Holman was appointed foreman of the federal grand jury Monday afternoon by Federal Judge C. E. Wolverton shortly after that body was sworn in. The court subpoenaed 40 men several weeks ago, 27 of whom appeared, the others having been previously excused. Four of the 27 presented valid excuses and also were permitted to return home.

Judge Wolverton told the jury that neither Judge Bean nor himself had anything to call to the attention of the body, but that most of the information would come through the United States attorney's office. An effort will be made to complete the investigation within 10 days, so adjournment can be taken before the holidays.

Bad Check Passers Arrested; Total of \$712 Is Obtained

Bad checks totaling \$712 have been passed in Portland by William J. Kelly, arrested Monday afternoon by Inspectors Swennes and Wright on a charge of obtaining money on false pretenses, according to his reputed confession to police. Kelly is a laborer.

Among the firms alleged to have been swindled by Kelly are Meier & Frank, \$155; Phegley & Cavender, \$72; Arc hotel, \$20; Benson hotel, \$130; Cat's Fiddle, \$15; Castle Restaurant, \$5; H. G. Eberman, \$35; Brennan & Whalen,

\$5; and others totaling \$300. Kelly is trying to make the checks good, according to police. He is being held at \$1000 bail.

Senate's Tardiness Delay Army Checks

Washington, Dec. 12.—(U. P.)—Allotment checks to some 25,000 wounded ex-soldiers who are taking federal training and hospital treatment over the country will be held up, it was learned late today at the United States veterans' bureau. This is due to the senate's failure to act quickly enough on the deficiency bill giving the veterans' bureau \$40,000,000.

Physician's Death Ends Long Career

Dayton, Wash., Dec. 12.—Dr. J. M. Miller, a practicing physician in Dayton since 1887, died here Monday, following a second stroke of paralysis. He was born in Pennsylvania 63 years ago and was graduated from a medical college in San Francisco. The funeral was held this afternoon from the family home, Rev. F. L. Cook of the Methodist church officiating. He is survived by his wife, two brothers and two sisters at Sharon, Pa.

Prisoner, Alleged Stool Pigeon, Is Attacked by Negro

Birds of a feather flock together, but a jail is no place for a stool pigeon. Jack King, age 25 years, convicted of vagrancy and said to be a drug addict, was transferred from the city to the county jail Monday evening. No sooner had the iron doors clanged shut at the county institution when King was attacked by "Coon Can," a negro, who administered a severe beating before jailers could interfere. The negro said King was a stool pigeon.

King was returned to the city jail.

Baltimore Police Coming for Alleged Wife Deserter Here

Baltimore authorities will leave for Portland tonight to take charge of Eichelbert L. Baier, alias A. Warren Baker, who was arrested in this city Sunday on a charge of wife desertion. He is being held in the city jail in default of \$1500 bail.

Baier is said to have left his wife and eloped with Dorothy Ely, a nurse, who was also taken by police. Authorities in Vancouver, B. C., have been notified concerning Baier's small son, who was placed in a school there following the alleged desertion. The lad will be returned to his mother.

Surgeons Shift in Quarantine Service

Astoria, Dec. 12.—H. M. Manning, surgeon of the United States public health service, arrived in Astoria Sunday night to take charge of the Astoria quarantine service, which has been under acting Surgeon J. J. Tuttle of this city for some time. Dr. Manning has established his office and begun his work. He comes direct from the immigration station at Ellis Island and formerly was stationed at Biltinger, N. C.

TAX DELINQUENCY SMALL
Dallas, Or., Dec. 12.—Of a total tax roll of \$564,887.62, there has been collected in Polk county this year up to December 1, \$522,836.98, leaving a delinquency of \$34,040.65. This is said to be a smaller percentage of delinquency than in any other county of Oregon.

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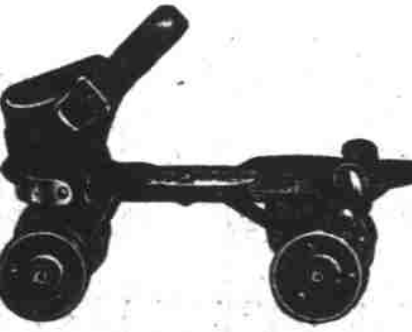
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