

WITNESS SUFFERS LAPSE OF MEMORY

Important Details of Alleged Kidnaping Plot Are Not Remembered

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 11.—(By Associated Press.)—A lapse of memory from most circumstances surrounding the alleged plot of three men to kidnap Mary Pickford, screen celebrity, featured the rebuttal testimony of Louis Geck, police informer, at the trial of the trio here late today.

Geck admitted on the stand that he discussed the alleged plot with C. Z. Stephens, Claude Holcomb and Adrian J. Wood, the defendants, and then immediately went to the police detective bureau where he told the story to Chief of Detectives George K. Howe, now retired.

Home gave him some money, he said, but he did not remember how much, neither did he remember the dates he received it. His memory was equally as vacant on cross examination by the defense when he failed to recall dates of the alleged discussions or where they took place.

He remembered, however, that he bought and paid for the liquor for the men at a downtown hotel on the evenings when police declared they "listened in" on the alleged plotting.

The defense, after a hot exchange of legal broadsides, brought forth that reminiscence from Geck after counsel explained that it was to show an "entrapment" of the men engineered by Los Angeles detectives as a publicity scheme to cover themselves with glory as the saviors of Mary Pickford.

On direct rebuttal for the prosecution Geck laid the entire scheme at Stephens' door, declaring that possible victims the defendant first mentioned included Jackie Coogan, Baby Peggy, child screen stars, and Edward L. Doherty's grandchildren. Geck said that happened about April 15 last, and he immediately went to police headquarters to report the alleged plot.

Geck was on the stand when court adjourned at 5 o'clock and faced further grilling by the defense later tonight.

Adrian Wood, testifying in his own defense shortly before the defense rested, was closely questioned concerning a revolver he is alleged to have bought for use in the alleged kidnaping venture.

"I had never heard of Mary Pickford when I bought that gun," he testified.

SHIP VICTIMS' BODIES

NATHAN STARKEY AND BABE SENT TO SANTA CRUZ

The remains of Nathan Starkey and his baby daughter, Leona Belle, killed in an automobile accident here Friday were forwarded last night to Santa Cruz where funeral service will be held followed by interment there.

Other members of the family with Mrs. Leona Boye, aunt of Mr. Starkey, are still in Salem hospitals, their condition not permitting their attendance at the funeral in Felton, Cal., near Santa Cruz. The grief-stricken mother, though not seriously injured, is receiving continued medical care. The daughter, confined to a hospital, not burdened with heavy casts that must aid in the reconstruction of a broken leg and hip.

The baby twin of Leona Belle, seven months old, is suffering from illness caused by the shock and strain of the accident. Mrs. Boye barely escaped the necessity of having one hand amputated, but was informed yesterday that the operation would not be necessary.

At another hospital Jess Willard Starkey, 10, is bravely undergoing the tedious recuperation from a fractured skull.

Sheridan Starkey, brother of the deceased father, accompanied

War on Censors and "Blue Laws"



War has been declared on all censorship, anti-evolution and Sunday "blue laws" by the Anti-Blue Law League. John D. Bentley, Washington, is president of the new organization.

Commands U. S. Asiatic Fleet



Rear Admiral Clarence S. Williams takes command of the U. S. Asiatic fleet at a time when the post is particularly important, because of the situation in China. He has been president of the naval war college for some time.

by his wife, arrived in the city Monday.

A letter was yesterday received by Police Chief Minto from a man in Santa Cruz who had employed Mrs. Boye in his home as a nurse for four years, asking for details of the accident and said if it was possible for him to aid the family in any way he should be notified. Telegrams which he sent here, he declared, had been returned.

YEOMEN STATE FIELD WORKERS MEET HERE

FORTY REPRESENTATIVES TO GATHER THIS WEEK

Four Large Joint Meetings Are Being Planned; Session to End Saturday

More than 40 representatives of the field department of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen of the state of Oregon will gather in Salem next Friday and Saturday, including the state officers and other active members of the order throughout the state. Friday afternoon and evening will be devoted to registering and making preparations for the main meeting of the convention that convenes Saturday morning at 8 o'clock in the fraternal hall. State Manager J. H. Ezell of Portland will preside at the meeting.

One of the special features at the meeting will be to unite the entire field force of the state and state officers of the society in a state-wide membership campaign, the outcome of which will be a visit to the entire Oregon force to the homecoming convalescent spring to Elgin, Ill., where the Yeomen's \$5,000,000 children's school home has recently been established. Plans are already being worked out for the Oregon delegation to make the trip in an auto-caravan. In addition to this trip, plans will be perfected for four large joint meetings in the state this fall, where large class adoptions of new members will be admitted into the order, and also the conferring of the Rhadamanthus degree of the society on more than 150 candidates now waiting for this supreme degree.

Saturday night the state officers, field workers and many other members from all parts of the state will meet with Salem lodge in a class meeting, the degree staff of Silverton exemplifying the degree work, assisted by the Salem guard team.

Official representatives from Salem will be C. E. Albin, state master of accounts for the society, and A. L. Bones, district manager.

FIRE CONDITION BETTER

SERIOUS BLAZES IN NORTHWEST SAID CHECKED

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 11.—With the skies partially overcast and cooler temperatures prevailing over the entire Pacific northwest today the forest fire situation took a decided turn for the better. Reports received at the forest service office here indicated that the serious fires which sprang into life during the past week had practically all been checked or brought under control.

High humidity not only aided the fire fighters but served to clear the atmosphere somewhat of the heavy pall of smoke which had covered the northwest with a heavy blanket for several days.

Although the situation has improved, forest officials were still apprehensive. They declared that a crop in the humidity together with a warm east wind would soon fan the flames beyond all control again.

CAPT. SCOTT HONORED

DEVONPORT, Eng., Aug. 10.—A national memorial to the members of the Scott expedition who perished while returning from an unsuccessful dash for the south pole in 1913, was unveiled today near Captain Scott's birthplace here.

County News in Brief

Stayton

Threshing in this end of the county will be pretty well over by the last of this week, some machines having already completed the season's run and pulled in. Spring wheat was pretty light in most fields, while straw is exceptionally heavy. Oats turned out fairly well in some localities, while in others a decided shortness was noticeable over last year's yield.

Word was brought here late last week that forest fires were menacing the safety of several homes in the North Santiam district, a few miles west of Stayton. It was said fire had been burning in some driftwood and slashings on the Linn county side, when it jumped the river at that point and caught in the timber on the C. F. Loose place, and owing to dry underbrush, spread rapidly. It is now under control.

The marriage of Mrs. Ethel Goodman and Ellis Hill, which was an event of Tuesday, August 4, at Salem, came as a surprise to their many friends here, where both are well known both having spent their childhood days here. Mr. Hill is a son of Mrs. Mary Hill of Stayton, where the bride and groom have been visiting over the week-end after their return from a wedding-trip among the coast resorts.

The three miles of pavement which the county has had under construction on the Mehama road east of Stayton was completed last week, joining last year's work at the F. J. Ware farm. A few miles of pavement each year on the market roads leading into Stayton add quite materially to travel in this section.

Mrs. L. C. Mills went to Salem Friday where she met her father, who arrived on the afternoon train from Kansas City, Mo., for an extended visit with his daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Mielki, who have been visiting relatives here for the last week, left for their home in Portland Sunday. They were accompanied as far as Salem by Mr. Mielki's parents and his two sisters, Cecelia and Clara.

Mrs. M. Hirscheisen was out on the streets Saturday for the first time in 10 weeks, having recovered from an accident when an auto driven by a Sublimity woman ran her down on the highway, seriously injuring one of her feet.

Frank Thomas, a house decorator from Mill City, has been here the past week doing some decorating in the homes about town.

Mrs. John L. Tweedie and three small children, who have been visiting with relatives at Woodburn for the last week, returned to their home here Sunday.

C. E. Taylor drove over to Newport Saturday, returning Sunday, bringing Mrs. Taylor and their son, home with him. They had been spending a couple of weeks at the seashore.

Rosedale

The Red Hill Birthday club had a very enjoyable party last Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. Blinston and family and part of the Trick family have gone to Tillamook.

The Young Friends' conference at Twin Rocks has been the vacation grounds of several Rosedale people. Among those going were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Way and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cammack and family.

Mr. Foster has gone to California.

Mrs. Albert Brownless of Seattle is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kime.

Miss Mildred Cannoy visited relatives in Polk county a few days last week.

Marion

There will be no preaching services at the Presbyterian church Sunday, Aug. 16, as the pastor will be away on a vacation.

Mrs. Tyson, who is ill at the Deaconess hospital, Salem, is reported to be slowly improving.

A new boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson Thursday, Aug. 6. He has been named Clarence.

Mrs. E. E. Bings of Salem, who formerly lived near Marion, was a visitor at the H. L. Dane home last week.

Miss Glenna Russel is visiting friends in Portland.

A camping party under the auspices of the Presbyterian Ladies Aid society, spent Thursday and Friday at Greens Bridge. A very enjoyable time was had by all present. Over 40 were present for a supper Thursday evening. A weenie and marshmallow roast was enjoyed in the evening. Eighteen stayed all night. Bathing was also enjoyed by many of those present.

Hazel Green

The Woman's Missionary association will hold their annual district picnic at G. G. Looney's farm Thursday, Aug. 13, an all-day meeting. The following program has been arranged by the locals:

Devotions by Mrs. J. C. Hill, Salem. Prayer, Rev. Z. Mower, pastor of Englewood U. B. church, Salem. Building a Christian Home in China, Mrs. C. A. Van Cleave, Hazel Green. Song, Mrs. Ralph Van Cleave and daughter Violet, Hazel Green. Dr. Luke and the First Commandment, Mrs. Louis Kobow, Missionary Alphabet by children, Song, Mrs. Hall, Report of the board meeting, Mrs. E. K. Bartness, Portland. Special music, Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Turley of Winona Lake, Indiana. Paper, Our Response to Our Lord's Commission, Mrs. Z. Mower, Salem. Music, Salem W.M.A. Playlet, Some Familiar Advertisements, by

Salem and Hazel Green locals. Mrs. Ella McCaffery and son Joseph made a business trip to Portland and spent the week-end with daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Word and family and Mrs. Anna Zelnick and son Donald went to Selah Springs, Sunday.

F. O. Johnson and family spent the week-end at Alsea.

Mr. and Mrs. McKee and children of Stayton and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Minch of Riverside drive, James Sims and friend of Portland were Sunday visitors at Mr. Waken's.

Mrs. William Hawkins and Mildred and Bertha Williamson of Salem spent Saturday at their father's, M. P. Williamson.

Mrs. Rudolph Macken and daughter Irene and Mrs. C. A. Kobow are enjoying a vacation at Netarts. C. A. Kobow returned from Netarts Sunday.

Mrs. Worden is visiting at Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Layman and Mrs. Layman's mother, Mrs. Green, and sister, Mrs. Weaver of Wisconsin, are visiting Edward Dunigan, Sr. They expect to remain until after the Wisconsin picnic.

Maurice Dunigan's daughter who had pneumonia with the whooping cough, is recovering.

A Christian Endeavor society will be organized Sunday evening at Hazel Green church.

Mrs. Virgil Perrin is visiting her folks in Portland.

Edward Dunigan Sr. took his friends from Wisconsin to Silverton Sunday afternoon.

LeRoy Van Cleave and Guy Allen Looney have returned from the YMCA camp at Neekowin.

Mr. and Mrs. Crow, who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. A. T. van Cleave, left for their home in Moscow, Idaho, Saturday.

Livesley

George Mayes of Portland was a visitor at the C. D. Query home last week end.

Oscar Hansen who was hurt in

an automobile accident is improving. Raphael Bettincourt is harvesting his string beans and cucumbers.

Carpenter Brothers, Rev. and Mrs. Earl McAlbee and children, Mrs. H. B. Carpenter and Paul Carpenter spent Sunday at Falls City attending the Epworth League institute.

Mr. and Mrs. George King of Portland visited Mrs. Alice Coolidge Sunday.

C. D. Query finished hauling logs last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Statesman spent the week end in Portland.

James Bell of Salem spent Sunday and Monday with Paul Carpenter.

Mrs. C. Eiken visited her uncle at Halls Ferry Sunday.

Classified Ads in The Statesman Bring Results

WOULD INCREASE TAX WASHINGTON IS ASKED TO RAISE STATE TAX ON GAS

SEATTLE, Aug. 11.—(By Associated Press.)—Speakers at a meeting here today of the King County legislative delegation discussing plans for annexing of Stevens Pass highway in the Cascade mountains to the state roads program urged an increase tax from 2 to 3 cents a gallon on gasoline in Washington.

Stewart Johnson, chairman of the Chelan county commissioners said "the state is big enough now to support to or even the highways across the highways. It should adopt not only the Stevens Pass but also the Naches Pass highway to the south. An increase of the tax on gasoline to 3 cents would raise the money for this purpose.

Edgar Wright of Thurston coun-

ty, organized a state road between Harper and Grays Harbor.

FIRES ARE CONQUERED

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 11.—After a week of desperate fighting the people of British Columbia were reported tonight gaining the upper hand of forest fires. Gales that had swept the flames upon homes here died off, and folks were cheered by unofficial predictions of rain within 24 hours.

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