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## WOMEN EXCLUDED IN RHINELANDER TRIAL

### Last Veil of Reticence Torn Away in Monday Session; Letters Read

## BODY IS BARED TO JURY

### At Suggestion of Her Counsel, Young Negro Bride Removes Garments to Show Skin Color

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Nov. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—The last conceivable veil of reticence was torn from the Rhinelander annulment suit today.

Not only were the two "mystery" letters written by Leonard Kip Rhinelander to his negro bride, Alice Beatrice Jones, read in open court, but the defendant herself was taken into a private room so that the jury might determine the color of her skin with some of her clothing removed.

It was a day of one sensation after another. Counsel for the contending sides dropped their usual urbanity and interposed objections to one another's questions, the defendant broke into copious tears and almost suffered hysterics, and women were forcibly removed from the court room when they showed reluctance to give up their seats during the reading of young Rhinelander's letters. The key, however, ended quietly when cross examination of Rhinelander ended and minor witnesses took his place.

When Lee Parsons Davis, counsel for Mrs. Rhinelander, at length barked, "That's all," it was the end of almost a week of mental torture for the wealthy young plaintiff. Day after day he had been subjected to a merciless bombardment of questions on intimate details of his love life, culminating today in the public reading of two of his love letters, whose unprintable nature made it necessary to have the court room cleared of women. He was tired when the ordeal was finished. He slumped down in his seat and the minor actors in the drama took up their part.

Mrs. Rhinelander suffered too. Clinging to her mother's arms, she had left the court room while her husband's letters were being read. She returned, wrapped tightly in a coat, to play an active part herself. Mr. Davis wanted the jury to see for itself just what color her skin was, in an effort to weaken Rhinelander's contention that he thought she was white. At first he wanted the court cleared, but Justice Morschauer suggested that the jury might retire to a private room. Mr. Davis acquiesced, and the party, made up of Mr. Davis, Isaac N. Mills, Leonard's attorney, Justice Morschauer, a court stenographer, young Rhinelander, Alice and her mother and the jury filed out. Alice was in tears and shaking with sobs.

Ten minutes later the party returned, Alice alone remaining in the jury room.

"Was your wife's color just the way you saw it?"

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## COAST TO BE EXPLOITED

### PACIFIC COAST ORGANIZATIONS TO AROUSE INTEREST

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—Preliminary plans were discussed today by representatives of district organizations here and in Los Angeles for coordinated action between organizations throughout the Pacific coast from Seattle to Los Angeles to stimulate interest in the Pacific coast as a distinct and progressive section of the United States.

Among those who participated in the discussion were Herbert Fleischacker, San Francisco business man and an executive of Californians, Inc., a commercial and industrial expansion of this state; Roy N. Bishop, president of Californians, Inc.; Harry Chandler, Los Angeles publisher, and Paul Shoup, executive of the Southern Pacific company.

It was agreed by the conference that they will attend a meeting to be held in Seattle December 8. The invitation to attend was made by Pacific northwest organizations which are to meet in the northern city on that day. The western division of the United States chamber of commerce is also scheduled to meet in Seattle at that time.

The plan for coordinated action between Pacific coast organizations, it was explained, will simply mean unified action designed to benefit the coast as a section of the United States and does not mean that the individual territorial expansion activities of these different organizations would be subordinated or minimized to any extent whatever.

## SMALL LICENSE NUMBERS ARE WON IN ANNUAL COMPETITION

### No. 1 of 1926 Oregon Plates Will be Displayed by Lane County Man; Motorists Dilatory in Making Applications

Oregon automobile license plate No. 1, for 1926, will be displayed by Frank Deeds, of Lorane, Lane County, as a result of the annual drawing held last night at the office of the secretary of state. I. L. Patterson, of Eola, candidate for governor, was the recipient of the honor last year.

Two other much coveted plates, Nos. 13 and 23, were awarded to I. E. Snyder, Enterprise, and Minnie M. Gilds, Portland, respectively. No. 25 went to S. L. Lowry, Eugene, and No. 50 to C. M. Edwards, Portland.

Other motor vehicle owners who will display small numbered plates next year are: John Schifferer, Turner, No. 2; C. R. Marshall, Milton, No. 3; E. J. Burke, Portland, No. 4; H. H. Griffith, Portland, No. 5; R. M. Frain, Klamath Falls, No. 6; M. D. Murphy, Sweet Home, No. 7; D. J. Beals, Springfield, No. 8; J. D. Lawrence, Scotts Mills, No. 9, and H. U. Myers, Lebanon, No. 10.

## STUDENTS RIOT; POLICE WIN IN PITCHED BATTLE

### NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY TOWN IS SCENE OF WAR

### Many Are Injured When 3000 Students Attempt to Quash Police Force

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—Enthusiastic Northwestern university students bent on celebrating the prowess of the Purple football team which finished in a virtual tie for Big Ten honors, tonight turned the quiet suburb of Evanston topsyturvy, set on an abandoned fraternity house, fought half a dozen battles with firemen and policemen and finally subsided after tear bombs had been used against them.

The university town, home of Vice President Dawes, was thrown into an uproar by the upward of 3000 men and women students who set out to celebrate the best showing Northwestern has made in years and wound up by battling the cops and firemen, trying to fire the old wooden stadium and starting a dozen bonfires in the business district.

Several shots were fired by policemen during the battle but no one was hit. One policeman suffered two broken ribs, a dozen students retired with cracked heads and Mayor Charles H. Bartlett was stung by a blow from a club while assisting policemen.

President Walter Dill Scott who had been out of the city, returned just as the celebration was concluding and commented merely that "the fraternity house wasn't worth much anyhow."

The students were quieted mostly through the efforts of the purple gridiron heroes themselves. Captain "Tim" Lowry and Ralph "Moon" Baker, as well as Kenneth L. "Tug" Wilson, athletic director assisted by cheering students, advising them against violence or the destruction of property and assuring them that such a move would reflect on the university and the team.

The celebration started shortly after 9 o'clock and raged for two hours.

William A. Wiltberger, whom Evanston has advertised as the only chief police with a college education, tried to quiet the students but was jeered down as the "scientific cop."

When the students were induced to withdraw from the business district it was blocked off and placed under guard while firemen put out the various bonfires.

## PASTORS AID CHARITY

### OFFERINGS FOR THANKSGIVING DAY TO BE DONATED

Members of the Salem Ministerial association held their weekly meeting Monday noon in the form of a luncheon given at Jason Lee Methodist church. The main order of the meeting was of a social nature, although various ministers were called upon to talk briefly on Scriptural matters.

The ministers decided to give the entire proceeds from the offerings of the meetings at the churches on Thanksgiving day to the Associated Charities of Salem. It was originally planned to use the money for the purpose of purchasing literature to place in the various wall pocket libraries the association has around the city.

The next meeting of the association is to be held Monday, Dec. 7, in the club room of the city library.

## WOULD WORK WITHOUT PAY

SEATTLE, Nov. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—Patrolman Sands, who was suspended last Friday for ten days after he had been charged with interfering with prohibition agents during a raid, today offered to serve without pay during his suspension. Police said his offer is unique in the history of the department.

## CHARGE IS RENEWED BY ACCUSED OFFICER

### Colonel Mitchell Holds Witness Stand for Five Hours in Own Trial

## PROSECUTION IS DEFIED

### Former Air Chief Challenges His Accusers to Break Down His Defense By Cross Examination

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—Testifying as his own witness, Colonel William Mitchell held the stand in the army court martial today for almost five hours, reiterated under oath his sensational charges against the war and navy department's administration of the national defense, and defied the prosecution to break down his defense by cross examination.

From the time he concluded the direct examination which took less than two hours, he was subjected to rapid fire questions by the prosecution counsel, Colonel Sherman Moreland, trial judge advocate, yielding to Major Allen Gullion for this cross examination.

When the court adjourned Major Gullion announced that he would conclude his examination with another hour of questioning.

Repeated assaults by Major Gullion apparently had little effect upon the air officer beyond stirring him at times to heated if not angry denunciation of the war and navy systems for control of aviation. Clashes between Representative Frank R. Reid of Illinois, chief of the defense counsel, and Major Gullion, grew exceedingly warm at times, but the court intervened with admonitions to them to address their remarks to it rather than to one another, and invariably the atmosphere lost its surcharge and tempers as well as cooled down quickly. The appearance of Colonel Mitchell as a witness as soon as the court began its forenoon session came as a surprise, several other moves having been expected to precede it. Word that he had taken the stand spread quickly about the city, how even, and the court room took on again the crowded appearance that marked the earlier stages of the trial.

Colonel Mitchell decried the state of aviation and on two occasions declared it was "a fact" that high army and navy officers had given congress misleading information and that the navy's one airplane carrier, the Langley, "was worthless and obsolete." Other charges contained in his published statements of support, which led to his trial under the 96th article.

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## FEDERAL TAX BILL IS NOW COMPLETED

### Measure Approved Unanimously by Committee; to Be Submitted Dec. 7

## EARLY BENEFIT IS SEEN

### Effect of Tax Slashing Will Be Immediate, Report Says; March Income Payment Will Be Reduced

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—A revenue bill slashing the annual federal tax burden by an amount placed by the treasury at \$336,236,000, was completed today by the house ways and means committee.

Drafted on a non-partisan basis, the measure was unanimously approved by the committee which directed Chairman Green to report it to the house on the opening day of congress, December 7.

The committee felt justified in exceeding the \$300,000,000 reduction limit which it had set, because of estimates that the treasury surplus for the current fiscal year would probably reach \$330,000,000 instead of \$290,000,000, the original figure.

Effects of the reduced tax rates carried by the bill will be felt immediately upon its enactment. Virtually every taxpayer will be benefitted by the measure. Income taxes alone would be cut by \$193,675,000 under the committee program and the revised rates will be effective on incomes of this calendar year. The congressional leaders plan to have the bill enacted by March 1 and the income taxes are not due until March 15.

The revisions in excise rates, many of which were repealed while others were reduced and the reduced inheritance schedules would be made effective upon enactment of the bill. The changes in the occupation levies, many of which also were repealed would become effective July 1, 1926.

Revised estimates of the extent to which the bill as now drawn would reduce the government's annual revenue, as prepared by the treasury, show that \$20,000,000 will be lost next year as a result of the retroactive cut in inheritance rates. This was the principal item increasing the total of \$304,000,000 first estimated by the committee as the amount of reductions it had approved.

## BALL IS CANCELED

LONDON, Nov. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—The Thanksgiving dinner and ball of the American society of London, an event of many years' standing, has been canceled as a mark of respect for the late Queen Mother Alexandra.

## CHILDREN WILL LAUGH LONG AT USED CLOTHES PARTY FILM

### Poor of Salem and of Marion and Polk Counties Only, Will Gain From Celebration Booked for Friday Afternoon

"To present the best possible program, full of laughs and fun, as the entertainment for the Used Clothes Party to be given Friday afternoon in the name of the poor of Salem, of Marion and Polk counties, we are holding over our special Thanksgiving show, "Seven Keys To Baldpate," with Douglas MacLean, and all the regular features," said J. C. Stille, manager of the Oregon theater, yesterday.

"We are making special arrangements to open the box office at 1:45 o'clock, the day of the party, to accommodate the children, and we hope hundreds will have deposited their bundles of used clothing and bedding before 3:30 o'clock, after which time full admission will be charged.

"To the children, we say: 'Come one, come all.' The more the merrier. Let's make this party a great benevolent crusade."

"Seven Keys To Baldpate" is the screen setting of George M. Cohan's mystery farce which marks Douglas MacLean's triumph in film humor. His depiction of the young author who has to turn out a piece of fiction in 24 hours in order to win the daughter of the publisher is laughable throughout.

He goes to a deserted hotel to write, thinking he has the only key to it, whereas six others are also in possession of keys. The complications are ludicrous in the extreme, and are just spooky enough to be thrilling in a mirth-provoking fashion. MacLean is declared to be properly bewildered throughout. Edith Roberts is charming as his sweetheart. But come and see for yourself.

This is the program of fun outlined by the Oregon theater and the Oregon Statesman, joining in a crusade to help collect the good clothing, and good bedding now stored away in Salem closets and attics.

Any child who comes to the theater on Friday afternoon before 3:30 o'clock will be admitted free if he or she deposits a bundle of used clothing for the poor. These bundles will be given to the Associated Charities, an organization capable of distributing the contents wisely among the deserving poor.

Neither this paper, nor the Oregon theater will profit from this undertaking. Its motive is purely one of charity. Its value lies in the fact that all Salem's children, who on Thanksgiving Day enjoy a grand old celebration, will have an opportunity, the day after, to gladden the hearts that will be heavy without their aid.

See that your child attends. Member, Friday afternoon, box office open at 1:45 o'clock, children admitted free until 3:30 o'clock.

## DOPE SHIPMENT SEIZED

### \$50,000 HAUL MADE; LARGE CONSIGNMENT MISSING

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—A \$50,000 narcotic shipment consigned to Pacific coast agents by a New York smuggler, was being trailed by federal operatives here tonight. In announcing their quest the government men revealed that a trunk containing narcotics valued at \$50,000 and believed to have been part of the missing shipment was confiscated in a Los Angeles hotel last Friday.

Believing that the man to whom the trunk was consigned would return to get it, the officers kept their find a secret and waited his return, but he failed to come back.

Tonight Vaughn H. Despain, chief federal narcotic agent, said he had information that a total of 6000 ounces of narcotics imported from Germany had been shipped from New York by a wealthy negro dealer known as "Nigger" Brown. It was placed in several trunks, he said, which were checked from New York on a ticket afterward destroyed, the person accompanying the trunks west using another ticket, presumably to throw off the scent in case word of the shipment leaked out.

One of the trunks was delivered to a small hotel here, a woman accompanying it. This woman disappeared after telling the hotel proprietor that her husband would return for the trunk and tonight was still the object of a widespread search.

## THREE KILLED IN FIRE

### FATHER AND TWO CHILDREN DIE WHEN STILL BLAZES

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—Floyd Camp, 36, his son, Douglas, 4, and daughter, Elizabeth, 7, were burned to death here shortly before midnight tonight when they were trapped in their flame-swept home. Mrs. Camp, 34, and infant child escaped.

A large still, found on a blazing oil stove in the ruins of the little cottage, offered grim evidence of the cause of the tragedy. Fire officials declared the still either exploded or ran over.

## DEATH CAR DRIVER CLEARED OF BLAME

### Coroner's Jury Exonerates Robert Lehman for Killing Mrs. Joseph Jaeger

## DAUGHTER WILL RECOVER

### Margaret Jaeger, 12, Seriously Injured in Accident on Wallace Road Near Brush College Saturday

Robert Lehman, son of U. J. Lehman, route 1, driver of the death car that killed Mrs. Joseph Jaeger and injured her daughter, Margaret Jaeger, 12, on a curve on the Wallace road near Brush College about 7:30 o'clock Saturday night, was exonerated of blame by a coroner's jury last night. The verdict read "killed by a car driven by Robert Lehman." Only members of the Jaeger family were witnesses and Lehman was not called to testify.

Reports from the Willamette sanitarium last night were to the effect that while seriously injured, Miss Jaeger would recover from her injuries. Mrs. Jaeger was rushed to the hospital after the accident and died about 5:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

Mother and daughter were two of a party of five, including Joseph Jaeger, and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Kipper who were walking to a party to have been given by Jacob Singer. At the bend in the road, the women went to the right and the men to the left, according to reports.

Robert Lehman, known locally as a careful driver, was returning home from the football game at Corvallis. As he reached the curve, his lights showed him the walking men, but in giving them room, he struck Mrs. Jaeger, throwing her heavily against Mrs. Kipper, who was only slightly injured, and knocking Margaret to the ground. He stopped the car quickly.

The injured woman and daughter were rushed to the Willamette sanitarium by Mr. Burgmaster employed on the Wallace property. Mrs. Jaeger died of her injuries at 5:30 o'clock Sunday morning. A statement issued from the sanitarium late last night indicated that the daughter was recovering.

Mrs. Marian Holmes and Mrs. Eva Northwick, two daughters, both of Seattle, came immediately to Salem but are awaiting the arrival of Andrew Jaeger, a son, who lives in Los Angeles, before making funeral arrangements. The funeral will not be held before Friday. The son is expected to arrive at 1 p. m. Wednesday. The Jaeger family had lived in Polk county near the site of the accident for many years, and had recently purchased a farm.

## TESTIMONY IS WITHHELD

### AIR OFFICER FAILED TO DISCLOSE EVIDENCE, SAID

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—Discovery that testimony had been withheld from it aroused the ire today of the Shenandoah naval court of inquiry with a result that three survivors came in for sharp questioning.

Arthur R. Carlson, an aviation chief rigger, disclosed that he had tied up the internal gas manifold 15 minutes before the aircraft was wrecked. This separated one half of the helium gas system from the other and was done, he explained, to trim the ship, which was then down by the nose.

Asked why he had not testified to this upon previous occasions, Carlson said he regarded the matter as immaterial to the investigation. Pressed by Rear Admiral Hilary P. Jones, presiding, Carlson with reluctance said Lieutenant Charles E. Bauch, another survivor, had suggested to him that he say nothing about it, unless asked specific questions by the court.

Lieutenant Bauch gave a slightly different version of the conversation. His account was that Carlson had asked him whether he should testify about this incident and his reply had been:

"Of course, if they ask you about it, tell them."

## YOUTH KILLED IN BLAST

### BOILER IN MILL EXPLODES; BOY, 18, MEETS DEATH

BANDON, Ore., Nov. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—The boiler at the Oscar Mather mill on Sixes river, in Curry county blew up today killing Louis Farrier Jr., 18, and injuring two others. George Mather suffered a broken leg and James Smith was badly scalded. The injured men were brought to the hospital here for treatment.

