

WOMEN RESENT CHARGE THAT THEY ARE MERCILESS WHEN SERVING ON JURIES

Lawyer's Assertion That They Are Always for Convictions Denied by Leader of Sex.

(Written by Margaret Rex for International News Service.)

NEW YORK, June 22.—In our country there is a bold challenge: no not M. Georges Carpenter, Braver than that, even.

While the Gallie Georges have trouble with only one strong man, consider the tenacity of E. M. Hal-lard, Cincinnati lawyer, who calls all women merciless. He declares he will have some of them in the jury which will pass upon the case of his client, Walter Brechtman, charged with first degree murder.

"I challenged off all five women peremptorily," he said. "No, I don't mind stating my reason. The record thus far in criminal cases has shown that women jurors always are for conviction.

"Women are merciless, much more so than men," he told the court.

This from the state of Ohio, where the

only woman judge in a criminal court, Florence Allen, first of her sex to serve in a court of general jurisdiction.

Judge Allen's own views on the woman juror was brought to our attention by Mrs. Raymond Brown, member of the New York State League of Women Voters, who has commented upon the opinion of the Ohio lawyer.

Woman Jurist's Views on Jurors.
"The best answer to this charge is contained in an article by Judge Allen in a recent number of The Woman Citizen," said Mrs. Brown, who is also managing director of that suffrage publication.

"She points out one phase of the woman jury question that is worth considering that it is difficult to get men of intelligence and education to serve on juries. They are absorbed in their business and try to make excuses.

"Such men feel they simply can't afford to give up their time to jury duty. But there is a large class of intelligent women who have the leisure for this service, and they should be given the opportunity for it.

"Women are usually suspected of

being merciful, but in fact they are usually suspected of being too lenient on juries, and Judge

Allen brings out these points in these paragraphs," Mrs. Brown said, quoting the article as follows:

"There has been some question whether the women jurors would not be too sympathetic and let criminals go free or allow them undue leniency. This doubt certainly has not been borne out in my experience. John Azzarelli was tried for first-degree murder before me and found guilty; the only woman on the jury was steadfast for conviction. We have lately tried Frank Motto for first-degree murder in my court. He was found guilty without a recommendation of mercy, which means that he received the death penalty. The foreman of the jury was a woman; in fact, she was the only woman on the jury. From the first she demanded the death penalty. The murderer was not peculiarly wanted. The jury which has just given the death penalty to Azzarelli, an accomplice of Motto, included four women."

Mrs. Brown then called our attention to the following:

"However, in the preliminary selection of jurors for these cases, many women were excused because they were opposed to capital punishment and would shirk from sending to the chair another mother's son. It is evident that generalizations cannot be made as to women jurors any more than as to men jurors, so far as leniency is concerned.

"Participation of women in jury service, both on the petit juries and on the grand juries, make for intelligent interest in the courts. The community has not understood conditions in the past and because of that inefficiency, delay and injustice have crept into our judicial system. I am confident that the participation of women in jury service is an essential step toward the realization of that universal justice which is one of the noblest aspirations of our republic."

Woman Editor Denies Charge.
Miss Virginia Rodick, the new editor of The Woman Citizen, is rather skeptical of the Ohio lawyer's conclusions regarding the hard-heartedness of women in general.

"I don't think it's true," she said, "that women are always merciless on juries. I do think they are very conscientious and intelligent in dealing with such serious matters."

"When the women of the United States received the vote last year the laws of Ohio made all electors eligible for jury service. Women should be made use of on juries because there by the chances of getting a good jury are doubled."

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CHILE PLANS RAILROAD ACROSS ANDES ACCOUNT ECONOMIC DEPRESSION

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 22.—(I. N. S.)—A possible means of relieving the economic depression of Chile, due to the slumping of the nitrate markets of the world following the war, is now under consideration by the Chilean Government, according to reports here today. This project, which contemplates the building up of a coal export trade to replace the depleted nitrate industry, provides for the construction of a railroad across the Lower Andes, connecting the Chilean railway system with that of Argentina.

By the construction of approximately 155 miles of road, it is stated, easy access could be had from Central Chile to Buenos Aires and Bahia Blanca, and the chronic shortage of coal and lumber in Argentina could be alleviated by drawing upon the surplus stocks of Chile.

The consumption of coal in Argentina is estimated at more than 29,000,000 tons per year, all of which, it is believed, could be supplied by Chile at the price of fifty Chile paper pesos per ton. A government export tax of five paper pesos a ton would probably be levied, netting the Chilean Govern-

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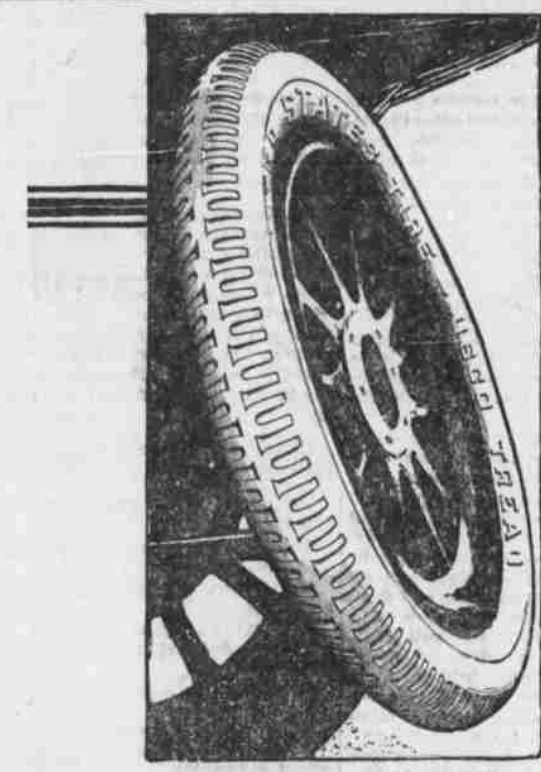
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