

SEMNACHER TELLS OF FATTY'S PARTY

HEARING ON CASE RESUMED

Manager For Virginia Rappe Explains Incident of Liquor Orgy To Court

San Francisco, Sept. 24.—The preliminary hearing of Roscoe C. Arbuckle on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe entered its third day in the police court of Judge Sylvain J. Lazarus here today with the prosecution still presenting its case against the bulky film star.

Al Semnacher, business manager for Miss Rappe, and guest at Arbuckle's party at the St. Francis hotel at which the girl is said to have suffered fatal injury, was the principal witness at yesterday's court session. He has not concluded his testimony when the court adjourned for the day.

His story was of a party at the Hotel St. Francis in which nearly a dozen men and women participated, where Arbuckle and Lowell Sherman, another moving picture actor, were garbed in pajamas, bath robes and slippers, while Mrs. Delmont danced about the room in pajamas.

Mrs. Delmont Only Abstainer
All of the party, except Mrs. Delmont, he said, were eating while some were drinking liquor, which he defined as orange juice "that could have contained gin or anything else."

Semnacher testified that he stayed perhaps an hour, having something to eat and coffee to drink.

Then he took Alice Blake out for a rehearsal at a cafe, but learning the rehearsal had been postponed, they returned in about half an hour, he said, finding a Miss Clark and a Miss Campbell had joined the party. He declared he could not remember if anyone had left the suite.

Possible Mistake Admitted
"Do you remember the testimony you gave before the coroner's jury?" asked Golden.
"I'll never forget it," replied Semnacher.

Golden then read the inquest testimony of Semnacher that "all were having drinks."

The witness asserted first the shorthand reporter must have been wrong, because all were eating as a matter of fact, but he added later that he himself might have been mistaken.

Liquor Is From Bottles.
"The liquor on the table at the party came out of bottles," Semnacher testified regarding the appearance of the room on his return.

"Some of the labels said whisky, others gin and mineral water, and some unlabeled contained orange juice."

Semnacher said he went out with Ira Fortiouis, returning about 4 o'clock, finding the party still drinking, dancing and enjoying phonograph music. Arbuckle was present, according to Semnacher, but he was not sure about Mrs. Delmont and Miss Rappe.

He paid no attention to further movements in the room and soon left to buy cigarettes, coming back again in about half an hour. The party was still in progress, the witness continued, but about ten minutes later two of the women went into room 1219 (where Miss Rappe was later found).

"My best recollection is that on my return the door to room 1219 was shut," he testified.

"Arbuckle was in room 1220," Semnacher declared. "My recollection is he was taking a drink."

The women came out from room 1219 in excitement, Semnacher continued.

"They said we should all come in, as Miss Rappe was ill," he said. "All rushed in," Semnacher re-

Principals In Rappe Tragedy And Torn Garment



Miss Joyce Clark



Fred Fishback



Miss Vera Cumberland



Lowell Sherman

sumed, finding Miss Rappe lying on a bed.

Miss Rappe Unclothed.
Miss Rappe was unclothed, her garments being scattered around the floor and the furniture, he added.

"I am dying. I am dying," Miss Rappe exclaimed, according to the witness.

"Arbuckle requested some one to get a physician," Semnacher asserted. "The ladies offered various suggestions for relieving Miss Rappe. Someone proposed giving her ice."

"Someone called a physician, and I heard that someone called Assistant Manager Boyle of the hotel on the telephone to get a room for her."

"After we returned to room 1220 we could see through the door the girls putting Miss Rappe into the bathtub. I believe they were Miss Blake, Miss Prevost and Mrs. Delmont."

Room Assigned to Woman.
"Mr. Boyle assigned a room for her and I saw someone carry her out."

Before being removed to room 1227 Miss Rappe became sick at her stomach when given a glass of water, the witness went on. Arbuckle was still in his pajamas, he stated.

He told of gathering up her garments, some of which he said were in a waste basket, torn.

The garments he left in room

1227, where Miss Rappe and Mrs. Delmont were, Semnacher testified, and then joined the rest of the party in room 1220.

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Independence last week.

Ralph Gilbert has gone to southern Oregon on a hunting trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Pennington from Nebraska recently visited the former's sister, Mrs. E. M. Hammer. Sidney Hawthorne is staying with his sister, Mrs. Carrie Gilbert during Mr. Gilbert's absence.

Rev. F. Fisher and daughter, Emma, returned from Philomath this week.

Ben Clemens has built a new barn and silo.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Looney were given a surprise party, Tuesday eve by about twenty of their church friends. It was in the nature of a "farewell" prior to their departure for southern California. A "little reminder" was presented and refreshments served.

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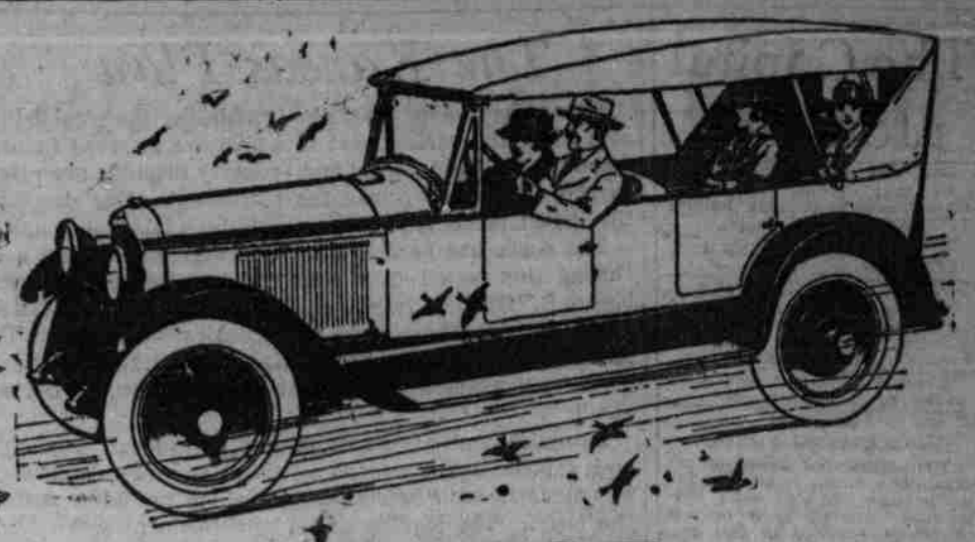
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