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## SUIT SAYS RUM LED FATHER TO KILL DAUGHTER

Wife Asks \$50,000 Damages of Liquor Dealers She Says Sold Poison

## HUSBAND IS IN PRISON

Unique Suit Brought Under Civil Statute Providing Damage in Such Cases

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Oct. 6.—Branding them as vendors of poison liquor and accusing them of direct responsibility for the fatal shooting of her daughter, Gladys Irene Dedrick, 18, Mrs. Catherine Ball, has filed suit in Supreme Court for \$50,000 against two saloon men.

She accuses the men—Hyman Altman and Fred Knight—of selling wood alcohol to her husband, Frank J. Ball, for liquor before he fired the shot that killed the girl.

Ball bought the liquor in their establishment, known as the "Home-Steak Hotel" and the "Old Home-Steak Hotel," at No. 1001 South State street, it is charged.

Heartbroken with remorse, the stepfather is serving a six-year term in Auburn prison; imposed after he pleaded guilty in County Court to an alleged possession of a revolver.

The mother's suit is unique in United States Court annals, and but one other death case has been brought to court in this country under the Civil Damage act, which permits suits against sellers of liquor to recover for harm wrought by their sales.

Mrs. Elizabeth Groff, also of Syracuse, brought the other case. She recovered a verdict of \$8,500 in 1922 from J. Randolph Robinson, proprietor of the Oriental Hotel, No. 239 east Washington street charging "poison hootch" he sold caused the death of her husband Jacob Groff.

Mrs. Ball said, Now let the saloon keepers pay for it all.

In the complaint served on Altman at No. 1001 South State street by S. E. Courson, Mrs. Ball asks damages for loss of the jailed husband's support, and balm for her sorrow and anguish.

Ball shot his ten-year-old daughter in the kitchen of their home with a revolver, after he had become intoxicated, on the evening of March 1. The girl, a pupil at Vocational High School, was studying when he entered.

Pointing at a whiskbroom on the wall in a demonstration of his ability to handle a gun for the benefit of the girl and her mother, also present, Ball's aim faltered and a bullet pierced Miss Dedrick's stomach. She died two days later.

"Gladys paid for her stepfather's intoxication with her life; he is paying with his liberty; I am paying with slaving and a broken heart," Ball said. "Now let the saloon keepers pay for it all."

Ball was indicted for manslaughter, also for possession of the revolver. The more serious charge was not pressed when Judge Barnum sentenced him. Ball's hair turned gray after the girl's death. He had been very fond of her.

## PLANE FIRES TORPEDO WEIGHING 1,500 POUNDS

LONDON, Oct. 6.—A new seaplane capable of firing a torpedo weighing three-quarters of a ton at an excessive speed has recently been put through tests on the Humber River.

The machine is able to travel to its objective at 140 miles an hour and maintain a speed in the air of 109 miles an hour.

A new device on the elevators enables the seaplane to swoop down almost on the water to deliver its torpedo, while its great speed makes it a difficult target for anti-aircraft guns.

## KLAMATH FALLS-ASHLAND ROAD TO REMAIN OPEN

KLAMATH FALLS, Oct. 5.—For the first time in the history of Klamath County the Green Springs mountain road to Ashland will be open to traffic all winter. This is according to G. I. Stebbins, resident engineer in charge of maintenance.

Contracts call for the completion of all the road by November 30th with the single exception of the contract given to W. D. Miller, local contractor, who must have the rock base on by November 30th but who has until July 31, 1924, to lay on the last layer.

## SISKIYOU YOUTH BAGS LARGE BUCK

CECILVILLE, Oct. 6.—Lester Roff, a 16-year-old boy of South Fork of Salmon River, thirteen miles from Cecilville, has brought in the biggest buck of the season to date. The buck had but four points on its antlers, but after the head, feet skin and all the surplus fat had been removed the animal weighed 150 pounds, which is an extra large deer for this section.

Last week Johnny and Lewis Roff, brothers of Lester, each bagged a three point buck near Onion Meadow. Lester shot his in the Caribou country at the head of South Fork of Salmon River.

## TRIO ACCUSED OF PIT NO. 3 MURDER GIVEN UNTIL FRIDAY TO PLEAD

REDDING, Cal., Oct. 6.—Al Aubrey, William Slater and Philip Peters, all charged with the murder of Joseph Bogdan in the holdup of a poker game at Pit No. 3, on August 19th, were brought into the superior court Wednesday to plead.

Attorneys for Slater and Aubrey asked for further delay, claiming that they needed more time to prepare affidavits on which would be based a motion for separate trials, or dismissal of the charge against Slater. District Attorney Jesse W. Carter opposed any delay.

Judge Herzinger, saying that the rights of the defendants should be safe guarded, decided to postpone the time to plead until next Friday afternoon.

## EVANGELIST HELD

OAKLAND, Cal., Oct. 6.—On charges, sworn to by the mother of twelve-year-old Pauline Carr, of Chehalis, Rev. W. A. Goodwin, known along the coast as "Preacher, Three Finger Jack," and Billy Sunday of the Lumber Camps, was arrested here today on a warrant from Tacoma. The preacher denies the charge, vigorously claiming it is a mistake.

## SIX ESCAPE FROM JAIL

OREGON CITY, Oct. 6.—With crude tools, stove poker and a small iron bar about a foot long, six prisoners dug their way out of the county jail last night. No trace of them has been discovered yet. All were in jail because of liquor charges.

## N. Y. REVENUE MEN GET MEN AND BOOZE

NEW YORK, Oct. 6.—Customs officials, after an all night running fight, wherein more than a hundred shots were fired, captured two rum running motorboats with liquor valued at thirty thousand dollars, and made six arrests. The pursuit took place over thirty miles of rough water.

## CAL. PACIFIC HIGHWAY BE OPEN ALL WINTER

Information has been sent out by Chairman Harvey M. Toy, of the California Highway Commission, that the Pacific Highway in northern California will not be closed this winter. The construction work on the road will continue, but the road will be kept open for traffic even tho difficult.

## Two Mishaps—

Yesterday evening at 5 o'clock a Dodge touring car advanced east on East Main street near the intersection of Oak and Main. The driver, a chap of a few years, signaled to stop intending to back to the curb. A Maxwell touring car, with a driver who declared that he thought the driver of the Dodge car intended to turn left and go north on Oak street, bumped the rear of the forward machine, which had stopped before it was hit. Damages will probably be settled with no trouble. At 7:30 this morning at the intersection of Helman and North Main streets, two cars came together. Particulars concerning the occurrence are hard to find, but it is thought that no casualties were listed.

## Returns from Hunting Trip—

Charles Moore, former employee of the Twentieth Century grocery, has returned from a hunting trip and is ready for anything that comes to him.

Rodney Busey and Bud Densmore of Lebanon are among out-of-town visitors at the Hotel Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Beard of Seattle are among out-of-town visitors.

## Yesterday to Medford—

Mrs. T. H. Simpson was among visitors in Medford yesterday.

## HOP HEAD GOES FOR MAIL, BUT DOES NOT STOP

Came To Town In Big Buick From Portland—License For Stutz Car

## NO CHARGE MADE FOR STEALING TYPEWRITER

Other Dope Heads in Town, Get Prescriptions, Mooch Money, Buy Dope

The "hop head" taken into custody by the city police force Friday morning after the rifling of a Medford doctor's office of a typewriter case, "airplanned" from Ashland last evening, when he was allowed to go to the post office for his mail. No charge had been sworn against him whatever his name was, for the theft of the doctor's case, by the Medford doctor, or for having come into Ashland with a 1922 Buick Big Six, with a license for a Stutz car.

The detainee man said he was driving the car to California for a Portland doctor, according to reports from the police department, to meet the doctor's family in the south. No explanation was given as to the Stutz license on the car, and, in all probability no explanation will be had.

In addition, two other hop heads were in town Friday evening. They mooched money, on the pretenses of hunger, but instead went to a drug store and spent the "easy" for a few grains of morphine, on a prescription which had been written by a local physician. One of the two "main stemmers" appeared to be the youth which, the escaped hop head described, as having ridden part way from Portland with him.

## TWO SUSPECTS HELD IN SEATTLE ROBBERY

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 6.—Two men, suspected of being members of the gang of four, who held up the Western Union office in Seattle Tuesday, have been arrested at Grants Pass. The suspects gave their names as Bert Jacobs and Ray Cummings. They left one thousand dollars at a Portland hotel Thursday, asking the management to hold it until their return from San Francisco. On this clue the men are being detained.

## SMITH MAY BE REMOVED

SALEM, Ore. Oct. 6.—The removal of Johnson, Mmth, warden of the state penitentiary, is a prospect of the immediate future. This action will be taken to relieve the embarrassment in which Governor Pierce has been placed because of the warden's policy for privileges to convicts, which is strengthening the recall movement against the governor. The possibility of Smith's removal is believed to be imminent after several long conferences by the governor with other officials.

## WILL RENEW OFFER

BERLIN, Oct. 6.—Chancellor Gustav Stresemann today announced to the Reichstag he will renew his last reparations offer to France and the Allies. Since the offer was made, Germany has met France's demand for an end to passive resistance in the Ruhr.

## Hard Down Four Comes—

A beating rain driven with a cold wind, covered Ashland today noon and swelled streams running from the side hills to small rivers on the main streets. Bystanders and street gossipers were obliged to hunt shelter and say funny things about how hard they have seen it rain in Oregon during the last 35 years. Traffic slackened while open car motorists raised long disused side curtains and figured at the drips of water that trickled down the region of the collar and spine. Rubbers and high shoes were at a premium for water side tracked by wheels on parked motors rucked over sidewalks and down the street, hastening to fill Ashland creek to capacity.

## Returns from Spokane—

Rev. F. C. Koehler returned Wednesday from Spokane, Washington. Upon his way down, Mr. Koehler visited Fred and Paul Koehler who are at college at McMinnville; Frederick as a sophomore and Paul just entered. Walter Miksch is also in his second year in college. Mr. Koehler found all enjoying college life and just emerging from the sophomore-freshman mix.

## Across the Atlantic in a 14 Ft. Boat



Capt. Wm. A. Andrews, the Massachusetts piano maker, who, in 1892, crossed the Atlantic Ocean from Atlantic City, N. J., to Palos, Spain, in 63 days alone in "The Sapolio." Measurements: length 14' 6"; beam 5' 5"; depth 3 ft.; one mast 8 ft. high and bowsprit, with mainsail and jib; total sail area less than 15 sq. ft.

## HARD LABOR URGED FOR IMMORAL FOLK

Government Investigation of Night Clubs Asked by British Rural Solon.

LONDON, Oct. 6.—Hard labor for infidelity is one of the suggestions for the elimination of "English immorality" made by T. Ernie Fowle, a well-known figure in rural Britain.

Following are the chief points in the scheme for the purification of England and the world generally: Divorce—Persons convicted of infidelity should have six months "hard labor" and imprisonment.

Protection of Children—Flogging should form part of the punishment for immoral offenses against children.

Night Clubs—Government should inquire into the ultimate object of certain night clubs.

Fowle advocates plenty of healthy amusement in country areas and the formation of a league in every village to hinder immorality. Greater, but non-gagging, parental control of children is needed, he declares, and parents should decline to entertain ladies who wear insufficient or transparent clothes.

## EXHIBITS BIG POTATOES

Bert Moses, of the Sap and Salt ranch, proudly exhibited a big potato in Ashland yesterday. The spud weighed just a fraction short of four pounds. It was grown on the ranch. The spud had one large body, with two fairly good sized spuds, like lobster claws, grown to each side of one end.

## LITHIANS MEET

The Lithians held a regular Pop-off last night at the Armory although rainy weather interfered with the usual outdoor ceremonies which were postponed to a later date.

Report showed that twenty-seven members will be provided with the new suit-uniforms shortly and able to appear at any occasion requiring such apparel. A request was made that all members who have not placed their order do so at once in order that the entire aggregation be regularly attired.

An invitation to appear at the Chamber of Commerce dinner next Tuesday evening was enthusiastically received and it is likely that the Pop bunch may actively engage in the program.

## SALEM EXPLOSION HURTS TWO

SALEM, Oct. 5.—Two women suffered slight injuries and considerable property damage resulted when a fumigator in the plant of the Kings Fruit Products company here exploded. Windows were broken, siding was torn from the building and the entire plant was shaken as a result of the explosion. This was the third time the fumigator has exploded since it was installed a few years ago.

## OREAN WATER BOILS IN SPOT NEAR FIJI ISLANDS

SUVA, Fiji, Oct. 6.—A boiling patch of ocean is one of the recent freaks of the sea seen here. Dense columns of steam, 90 to 100 feet high, were recently seen rising from the sea off Nukulofoa. Previously there had been in the vicinity a pale-green patch of ocean. The water appeared in a state of ebullition, boiling up two feet high, and the steam visible twenty miles away. An earthquake had occurred at Nukulofoa on the day previous.

## DURANT WILL NOT LET HIS STAR BE ECLIPSED

Apparently resolved that his particular Star shall not be eclipsed by any other either in the heavens or on earth W. C. Durant met with a sensational slashing of prices just when the wisecracks were forecasting a raise in them.

The new prices are evidence that Durant has resolved that the Star shall continue to cost less than any other selective transmission car built.

Again keeping faith with the public the great builder announces that a rebate will be made to everyone who has bought a Star car since Sept. 1.

## BROTHER AND SISTER MEET DEATH AT SAME SPOT

PORTLAND, Oct. 6.—Fate claimed that Rosa Monaco and Sarafino Monaco brother and sister, should die at virtually the same spot in the same manner, although almost two years apart.

Rosa, 4, was killed at East Forty-fifth and Lincoln streets in February, 1921.

Sarafino, 4, was struck yesterday by an automobile and died six hours later. This accident occurred at the same street intersection.

## GMC HAS BIG MILEAGE

One GMC K-16 owned by Chapman Brothers, 128 Walter Street, Vancouver, B. C., has traveled more than 100,000 miles and has given absolutely no trouble, according to a letter from that company.

They assert that they are getting a little over 15 miles to a gallon of gas and the oil consumption is practically negligible. They assert that while the truck is rated at one ton, they are hauling from two to two and one-half tons and have no difficulties, with a governed speed of 25 miles per hour.

They also compliment our engineering force on the fact that the braking and steering of this model is particularly good.

## FORD MEN VISIT

Harry Harrison, accompanied by other high scribes of the local Ford Garage visited Medford Thursday evening and attended a meeting at which several heads of the Ford garages of other cities were in attendance.

A car load of Ford models is expected early next week and will be on display to the public in the show rooms of the garage on North Main street. All models will be in stock and in accordance with other active turnovers the machines will probably not last long.

It is little to be wondered at that the Ford dealers on the coast report an immediate response for these machines by the public through the recent cut in prices. At the new prices there is hardly a family but which can afford a Ford when they are backed by the prompt and efficient service that has grown with the Ford machine.

## BRITAIN MAY ACCEDE 12 MILE COAST LIMIT

LONDON, Oct. 6.—Great Britain is preparing to accept the Washington proposals that the three mile coast limit be extended to twelve miles to facilitate the search of ships suspected of smuggling liquor, it was learned today from semi-official sources.

## NATURAL STEAM HEAT TO BE UTILIZED IN ICELAND

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, Oct. 6.—Natural steam heating plants are being considered by the authorities here. It is proposed to harness natural hot springs and geysers in order that they may furnish heat for the entire town, doing away with the use of coal.

## HARVARD, Ill., Oct. 6—Harvard's great murder mystery has been solved and the city has settled back to the peace from which the finding of a man's head in a local dump aroused it. Two boys playing in the dump made the ghastly discovery. Police were at once called and the splendid state of preservation indicated that the man had not been long dead.

Dr. N. L. Seelye, a local eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, dispelled the murder theory by informing police that he had had the head for a number of years for experimental purposes and that it had been thrown away by persons cleaning out his barn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hudson, Mrs. Hudson and Mrs. Wilson of Vancouver, B. C. were out-of-town guests yesterday.

## NEW ENGLAND IN SADDLE AT CAPITAL CITY

Democrats Expect To Boomerang Republicans Claims Against Wilson Administration.

## WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—The Democrats are planning some sweet revenge upon the Republicans.

Long did the Democrats write under the shouting of the Republicans that: "The South is in the saddle at Washington," during the Wilson administrations.

Perhaps it was true, perhaps not, but the Republicans used it on every occasion and with telling effect in the Western and Northern sections of the country.

Now the worm has turned, and those age-minded gentlemen who manufacture Democratic campaign arguments, et cetera, are getting ready to tell the country in stentorian tones that:

"New England is in the saddle at Washington."

There is a good deal of truth in the Democratic assertion, for a close examination of the Government these days reveals that an astonishing number of New Englanders are in the saddle, with their feet firmly in the stirrups.

In all three branches of Government—Executive, Legislative and Judicial—the dominance of men from the Northeastern part of the United States is clearly apparent.

Calvin Coolidge, a Vermont and Massachusetts Yankee, is President of the United States.

John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts, is Secretary of War in his Cabinet.

Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, is majority leader of the Senate—a position of some power and eminence.

Frederic H. Gillett, of Massachusetts, is Speaker of the House of Representatives—also a position of some power and eminence.

In the powerful Senate Committee the prevalence of New Englanders is still apparent.

Senator Lodge is Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Senator McLean, of Connecticut, is Chairman of the Banking Committee.

Senator Brandegee, of Connecticut, is Chairman of the powerful Judiciary Committee.

Senator Hale, of Maine, is Chairman of the Naval Committee.

Senator Fernald, of Maine, is Chairman of the Public Buildings and Grounds Committee.

And so on.

In the Judicial Branch of the Government there is William Howard Taft as Chief Justice. Although the ex-president was born in Ohio he has become to all intents and purposes a New Englander, maintaining his home in New Haven, Conn., and spending most of his time in New England.

The other representatives of New England on the Supreme Bench are: Justices Oliver Wendell Holmes and Louis D. Brandeis, both of Boston.

The Democrats are going to make much of this in the coming months of hectic politics. Already there are well-developed plans to carry into the solid South and into the politically restless West to "break the hold" of New England on the Federal Government at Washington.

The Republicans themselves, particularly those from the West and Mid-West, realize that, with the elevation of Mr. Coolidge to the Presidency, things do look a little top-heavy—with New Englanders at the head of all branches of the Government.

This realization may manifest itself at the opening of the new Congress in December by some changes in leadership in both House and Senate.

For some time there has been an undercurrent of revolt against Speaker Gillett. No one questions his fairness and impartiality in presiding over the house, nor his fitness for the job, but there are any number of Republicans from west of the Alleghenies who are in favor of a speaker from the grain belt. There are numerous candidates for the job, and three outstanding ones—Representative Graham, of Illinois; Representative Anderson, of Minnesota; and Representative Longworth, of Ohio. It is likely, however, any of them would be satisfied with the Republican floor leadership instead of the speakership.

Fred Pyle and Ray Wheeler of San Francisco were guests last night in Ashland.