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CHAMBERMAID AT HOTEL IS STAR WITNESS

Young Woman Tells Jury She Saw Aimee and Ormiston in Room

SENSATION REACHED

Friday Testimony Proves Damaging to Accused Leader of Temple

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 2.—The shadowy outlines of public scandal that have hung over Aimee Semple McPherson and Angelus temple, took definite form here Friday at a witness for the state recounted clandestine meetings between the evangelist and her former radio operator in a fashionable hotel.

The preliminary trial, replete with startling disclosures, reached a higher degree of sensationalism as Agnes Callahan, chambermaid at the Ambassador hotel, took the stand and testified that the Bible teacher retained a room in the famous hostelry and on at least one occasion she had seen Kenneth G. Ormiston visit the room.

Courtroom Electrified

The municipal courtroom, where Mrs. McPherson and her mother, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, face charges of conspiring to defeat justice in connection with the evangelist's kidnapping story, was electrified by the surprising testimony which temporarily left the defense stunned.

The witness was bombarded by a series of cross examination questions that brought to the surface the bitter undercurrent of religious feeling that has characterized the case.

Miss Callahan testified that Mrs. McPherson was a frequent visitor to the hotel.

Identifies Ormiston

"I saw a strange man enter the room on at least one occasion," said the witness, who then identified Ormiston from a photograph.

"Did you ever report that a strange man had entered the room of a woman guest?" asked Attorney Gilbert for the defense. "Yes, I reported it to the housekeeper," Miss Callahan replied.

"You have heard Aimee Semple McPherson over the radio, have you not?" Gilbert demanded.

Religious Difference

The witness replied in the negative and it was at that point that religious difference which the evangelist claims is the basis for attacks upon her, were brought into open court.

"You never attended her church?" was the next question thundered by Gilbert, who added "you don't believe in the kind of religion Mrs. McPherson preaches?"

District Attorney Keyes objected.

"I thought you would object to that," was Gilbert's sarcastic comment, while Judge Blake sustained the objection.

This by-play was taken to mean that the name of the witness, Agnes Callahan, indicates that she is of a religious belief that Mrs. McPherson has charged as antagonistic to Angelus temple and the tenets of the Four Square gospel.

Defense Damaged

The fifth day of the trial was characterized throughout by sudden moves on the part of the prosecution that left the defense helpless, and proved to be the most damaging of the preliminary hearing.

One of the evangelist's followers, Thomas Scott Melville, a man baptized by Mrs. McPherson, took the stand and to the astonishment of the defense, corroborated the damaging testimony offered the damaging testimony offered the day Thursday.

Lambert's Testimony

Lambert had testified that he saw Mrs. McPherson enter the Clark hotel in the downtown business district about five hours before she disappeared at

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That The People May Know

Ashland has one major asset that brings it increasing fame and recognition with each passing year. That asset is its environment.

This city is known far and wide as one of the most delightful home cities on the entire Pacific coast. People come here to spend their summers, and their winters, too. Nowhere in Oregon or on the Pacific coast can the climate of Ashland be duplicated. It escapes the days of endless fogs so common to other points in Southern Oregon during the winter months. It misses the scorching heat which strikes the lower levels during the mid-summer months.

But there is still another asset which justly brings this city widespread fame. That is its health-giving Lithia water as well as its other mineral waters of untold medicinal value.

When the visitor thinks of Ashland he thinks of Lithia water. And when he thinks of Lithia water he thinks of the bubbling springs and sparkling mountain streams.

Is Ashland to lose the prestige which it has fought through the years to attain? It is going to admit that it does not care enough for its water to protect it?

For our part, we do not believe this to be true. We do not believe that the people of this city are going to throw away this priceless heritage.

It is the contention of this newspaper that the municipal water supply is definitely interwoven with the mineral water supply. We wish to cite just one instance to prove our point. Our Lithia and other mineral waters are piped down from nearby hills to our beautiful Lithia Park, admittedly the finest municipal park along the coast.

But what of our Lithia Park today? Take a stroll through the park and you will find lawns which should be green faded and seared and unprepossessing. That distressing state of affairs has but one answer. That is the lack of sufficient water.

This year the water supply was so low that all sprinkling of lawns in Lithia Park had to be halted. The park which all of us cherish and which draws an untold number of visitors to the city each summer suffered immeasurably as a result of this shortage. The mineral water piped down to our park lost much of its value and effectiveness because of the uninviting appearance of the park.

There is only one way in which this condition can be remedied. A bigger and better water system is needed.

Through the cooperation of the mayor and city council, The Tidings is enabled to present the several projects embraced within the general water improvement program before the people of Ashland. Starting Monday The Tidings will publish daily a full resume of what the council has done and why it has done it. It wants the people to understand all phases of the situation that they may be able to vote intelligently.

If at any time during this series there are matters which are not clear, The Tidings invites inquiries and gives assurance that it will endeavor to answer all questions. It is our desire to place all facts before the voters in so far as it lies within our ability to do so.

In all fairness to the city and its future we urge that the water question be considered on its merits alone. The political fortunes of any candidate or any group of candidates should not become identified with this water bond election. Personalities should not be considered.

Throw the searchlight of reason and sound judgment on the water question and then vote your honest convictions. Read this series of articles starting Monday. You owe it to yourself and your city to obtain all possible information.

WORLD COURT PLAN MEETS OPPOSITION

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 2.—(UP)—The United States will refuse to enter the world court under conditions laid down at the Geneva conference of court signatories. President Coolidge has definitely decided that the Geneva proposals violate the spirit and letter of the senate reservations.

If the individual replies of court members to the United States incorporate the Geneva counterreservations to American adherence, the president either will declare the conditions not acceptable or will advise the senate to make such a declaration.

Prison Guard is Dead From Blaze

RENO, Nev., Oct. 2.—(UP)—The fourth victim of the forest fire which endangered Carson City Tuesday was claimed here early today with the death of Bryann Whitmore, state prison guard.

Tidings to Have World's Series

In a determination to give Ashland baseball fans daily results of the world series, The Tidings has arranged with United Press for special stories on the series daily, with batteries and other interesting highlights of this biggest of all sport events.

YOUNG WOMAN FOUND SLAIN IN APARTMENT

Body of Mrs. Elmer Willis, 32, Located in San Francisco House

POLICE HOLD SUSPECT

Business Associate of Dead Woman Taken Into Custody by Cops

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 2.—The body of Mrs. Elmer Willis, 32, was found stuffed in the clothes closet of a Mission district house last night. Police are holding an investigation with Dewey Blair, the man who discovered the body.

Mrs. Willis had been reported missing Sunday. The death cause has not been ascertained, although police found bloodstains on the walls of the closet. The body was wrapped in a man's overcoat and fingerprint samples were found and taken.

Police investigators believe the murder was committed Tuesday night. Attempts were made to link the killing with the depredations of the "dark stranger" who has been held responsible for this section recently.

Mrs. Willis was associated with Blair in the leasing and subleasing of apartments and flats.

W. C. T. U. to Meet At Minneapolis

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 2.—Minneapolis will be the 1927 meeting place for the National Women's Christian Temperance Union, it was announced here today by the executive committee.

Booze Agreement Made by England

WASHINGTON—Oct. 2.—The British government has accepted the agreements made at the recent London conference for prevention of illicit liquor traffic with the United States, the state department announced.

NORMAL SCHOOL IN EASTERN PART OF STATE IS FAVORED

Chamber of Commerce Directors go on Record for New Proposal

Indorsement of the referendum measure to authorize a normal school in Eastern Oregon was given yesterday by the board of directors of the Ashland chamber of commerce in a resolution which was adopted by unanimous vote.

This resolution will be forwarded to all the chamber of commerce of Southern Oregon with the request that similar action be taken.

Following is the resolution: "Believing that it is essential and necessary for the training of efficient and experienced teachers for the state of Oregon, to establish and support enough training schools to meet the requirements of our own state, and believing that Eastern Oregon is entitled, on account of the distance from the other already established schools, to have such a school located in that section, and with the belief and understanding that three schools, one at Monmouth, one in Eastern Oregon, and one in Southern Oregon, will fully meet the requirements of the state we, the Ashland Chamber of Commerce, board of directors, do heartily indorse the proposed bill for establishing such a school in Eastern Oregon, and urge the voters of this section to support this measure on the ballot."

STORY OF TROOPER IS BIG SENSATION

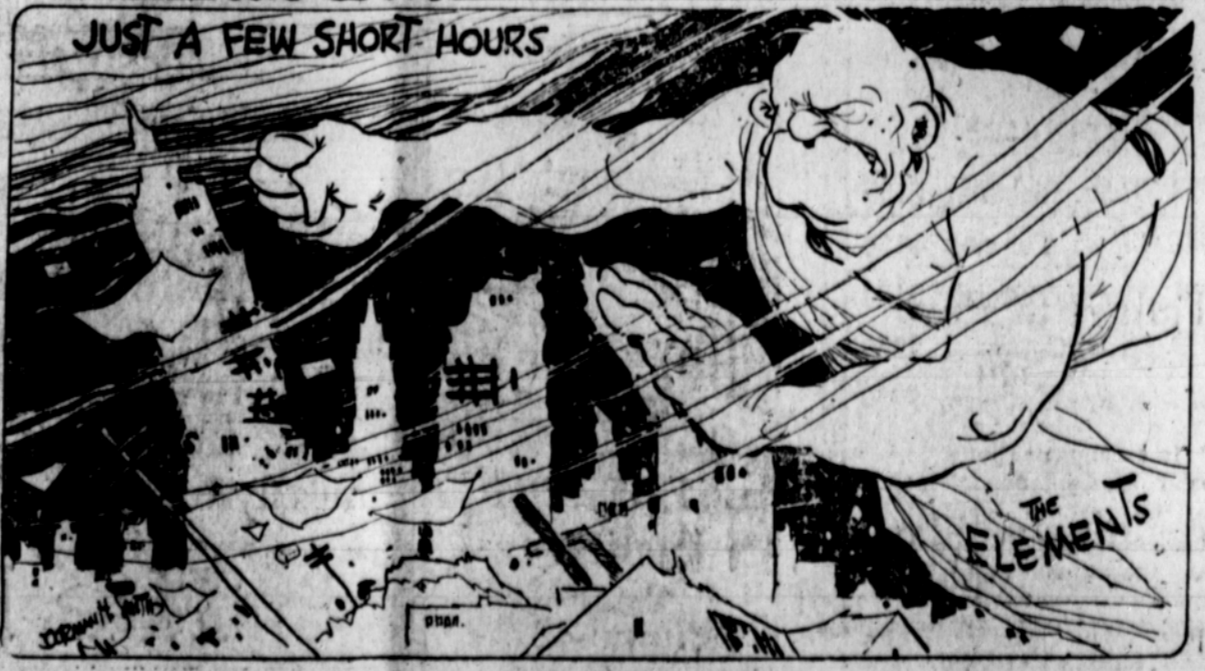
Former Officer in New Jersey Admits He Was Paid to Quit Probe

JERSEY CITY N. J., Oct. 2.—Disclosure Thursday night that Henry L. Dickman, former New Jersey state trooper, had sworn that after working upon the Hall-Mills murder case alone for several months he was paid a large sum of money to leave New Jersey nearly four years ago, is declared by investigators to overshadow every other development since the arrest of the four members of the Stevens family, charged with the crime.

Driver of Death Bus Passes Today

DIXON, Cal., Oct. 2.—(UP)—Benjamin R. Harr, of Berkeley, driver of the California Transit company auto bus which crashed into the Overland Limited here yesterday, killing seven people, died early this morning at Woodland hospital, bringing the death list to eight.

MAGICIAN



PANTHER MAN IS NABBED BY POLICE WOMAN

Real Detective Ability Displayed by Intrepid "Lady Copper"

ATTACK IS INVITED

Bessie Shane Lures Reputed Strangler on Lonely Chicago Highway

CHICAGO, Oct. 2.—Police woman Bessie Shane, dressed in the height of fashion, and with her fingers aglitter with imitation jewels, believes she has caught the Chicago "panther man." She arrested George Wooten when he leaped out at her from a clump of bushes on a lonely north side street Friday night, where she was attempting to trap the marauder who had attacked 22 women here.

Wooten is 24 years old and is said to resemble the sketchy descriptions of the "panther" given to police by several of his hysterical victims.

The "panther" is so called because of his cat-like methods. He invariably makes his appearances between 7:30 and 10:30 p. m., and preys exclusively on women who are alone, clutching their throats, strangling them into submission and then taking their jewels and handbags.

Latest Victim

The "panther's" latest victim was Miss Betty Levelius, who was attacked while crossing her sideyard route to a drug store. She succeeded in breaking the marauder's hold on her throat and he was chased away by Betty's police dog, which came bounding around her home at an opportune moment.

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REFORMED POOR IS NABBED IN EXTORTION PROBE

Officials Talk to Al Jennings in New Los Angeles Mystery

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 2.—Al Jennings reformed Oklahoma train robber, became a figure in the mysterious developments that have surrounded the alleged \$50,000 blackmail plot against G. Allan Hancock, millionaire banker, when he appeared in the United States attorney's office and stated he had been summoned for questioning.

Orders from Washington have delayed the preliminary hearing of Christian Magenheim, wealthy oil operator and Claude Conlin, vaudeville magician, who are charged with seeking to extort \$50,000 from Hancock under threat of death.

Jennings, who since his reformation has turned evangelist, said that he was acquainted with Conlin, vaudeville magician, who "Great" in stage circles. He was questioned for several hours but federal authorities refused to comment on this angle of the case.

JAP DAMAGE SUITS SETTLED IN COURT

Possible Complications Averted in Action Taken by Litigants

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 2.—(UP)—Possibility of international complications between the United States and Japan over the Toledo, Ore., mill riots were averted here when five damage suits brought by Japanese who were evicted from the town were settled in federal court. All five suits were settled for \$2990.40.

CHAMBER FORUMS TO PROVE INTERESTING

Normal School Faculty Will Have Charge of Lunch on Tuesday

Faculty members of the Southern Oregon state normal school will be in charge of the members' forum at the Lithia Springs hotel Tuesday noon, chamber office business men and others an lais said today. It should prove of widespread interest and will give business men and others an opportunity to meet the teaching force of the new school. Secretary Fuller said that some unusually interesting forums are in progress and he expects to arouse more than usual interest in the weekly luncheons during the coming fall and winter months.

Ordered to Take Office to Salem

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 2.—Frank E. Bramwell, state superintendent of banks, was directed in a writ of mandamus issued by Circuit Judge Skipworth, to return the main office of the state banking department to Salem.

The mandamus was issued as a result of a suit brought by Geo. Putnam, Salem publisher, against Bramwell, whom he charged with moving the banking department to Portland, in violation of state law.

Near East Relief Workers in City

Miss Marie Nadelhoffer and M. E. Uronagian, field representatives for the Near East relief work on the coast, were visitors in Ashland yesterday arranging for the Near East Relief campaign will get under way shortly throughout the state. They are from the Portland headquarters.

YANKEES WIN OPENER FROM HORNSBY TEAM

Cardinals Defeated, 2 to 1, in Hard Fought Game at Gotham

HERB PENNOCK STARS

New York Pitcher Lets Cardinals Down With Just Three Hits

YANKEE STADIUM, New York, Oct. 2.—(LP)—Babe Ruth and Buster Gehrig, two big guns of the New York Yankees, took the American League champions out in front before 60,000 spectators here this afternoon when they defeated the St. Louis Cardinals, 2 to 1, in the first game of the world series.

It was a hectic game in which each team crashed through on a nervous pitcher for one run in the opening inning. The pitchers then steadied and the Yankees' attack broke out with a fluster in the sixth inning when Babe and Buster put over the run which won the game.

Sherdel was chosen by Manager Hornsby to do the mound work for the Cards, and his wildness in the initial frame enabled the Yanks to tie the score without anything which looked like a hit. Combs scored on Gehrig's ground-er after Ruth and Musel had been walked.

The game was played in one hour and 48 minutes. Big Herb Pennock took care of the mound work for the Gothamites and let the Cards down with three hits.

RALLY DAY TO BE PLEASING AFFAIR

Rally Day at the Christian church is the big gala day of the season.

Every class room will be filled to capacity and the class period will be largely given over to making new friends and acquaintances. No one will be a stranger for more than a minute.

People who have returned from their vacations or hunting trips will be there. High school and Normal students who have come to the city for the winter will enjoy a grand get-together time. Old members and new visitors, strangers, every one and his first, second and third cousins will be at the Rally Day at the Christian Sunday School, next Sunday at 9:45 a. m.

"259, U. R. I." has been adopted and advertised as the slogan. An invitation has been sent to every family in Ashland. A big parade has been planned for Saturday afternoon. On Sunday morning at 9:45 every one will be there.

Special music and a short but lively program has been arranged.

Christmas Seal Institute Will Be Held Oct. 16

The Southern Oregon Christmas Seal Sale Institute will be held at the First Methodist Church, Medford, Oregon, October 16 under the auspices of the Jackson County Public Health Association of which Miss Mildred Carlton of Central Point is president and Mrs. Lewis Ulrich of Medford is secretary. Delegates have been invited from Coos, Curry, Douglas, Klamath, Josephine and Lake counties. It is hoped the seal sale agents and others interested in health work from all these counties will attend. A local institute in Lane county will be arranged for in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Lane County Public Health Association, October 30th.

Butte Falls—Five-room school to be built at once.