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CLAIM AIMEE WAS TRYING TO FOOL HER OWN MOTHER

Blind Attorneys Secretary Reveals Professional Secrets of Employer

SAYS OFFERED MONEY

Witness Declares Mrs. McPherson Offered to Pay \$1500 for Kidnappers

BY DAN CAMPBELL
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LOS ANGELES, Oct. 19.—
(United News)—Aimee Semple McPherson is trying to fool her own mother.

Like a message from the spirit world the foregoing opinion of a dead man went into the records of the evangelist's perjury hearing Monday, brought about at the instance and to the confusion of the defense.

Professional secrets of R. A. McKinley, blind attorney, which would have been buried with him, had not his blindness forced him to use another's eyes, were revealed by his former secretary, Miss Bernice Morris, on the witness stand.

"As sure as I'm alive Aimee Semple McPherson is a fake and now she is trying to fool her own mother," McKinley told his secretary, she declared, shortly before his death in an automobile accident.

This, and other startling opinions of the man who had been working with the evangelist, it is claimed, to find her "kidnappers," were aired in court by Miss Morris when her objections to telling secrets of a confidential nature were overcome by W. I. Gilbert, chief of the defense counsel, who declared "we want to get to the bottom of this thing."

The damning circumstances as revealed by Miss Morris would have been humorous but for the seriousness of the case in which the state contends that Mrs. McPherson conspired to defeat justice by perpetrating a hoax to conceal a ten day vacation spent with Kenneth G. Ormiston at Carmel-by-the-Sea.

McKinley had no qualms over taking to Mrs. McPherson a picture of one of his process servers, Joe Watts, showing the man with sideburns and shaggy eyebrows, made with mascara, so confident was he that the "kidnapping" story was a fake, Miss Morris declared under oath.

"Mr. McKinley told me that he knew she would identify any picture of any one we would produce, provided we would show it to her in the presence of her mother," Miss Morris testified. "When I handed her the photo of Joe Watts, Mrs. McPherson cried: 'That's him, absolutely, I'd know him any place.'"

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MANY SENSATIONS PROMISED IN "PEACHES" DIVORCE SUIT

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—(United News)—"Peaches" Heenan Browning has countered her 52 year old husband's suit for separation with one of her own, in which he is charged with cruel and inhuman treatment.

As a preliminary step the young Bronx miss, who was wooed and won, with much publicity, by Edward W. Browning, wealthy realtor, has obtained a supreme court order appointing her mother as her guardian.

"Peaches" now has two guardians if she needs them both, for Browning, after his child wife left his bed and board, had a lawyer of Putnam county named to take charge of her interests.

Although the middle aged millionaire, whose penchant for spreading sunshine in the lives of little girls has brought him a great deal of trouble, was the first move for a separation, charging desertion — it is from the trial of "Peaches" suit that

That The People May Know

All founded rumor has the faculty of traveling faster than fact. Ashland is now in the throes of such a rumor when those who are so careless of the source of their facts that they are taking a great delight in doing everything in their power to defeat the water bond issue by circulating the absurd report the water users will have to pay as high as twelve dollars a month for their water supply should the bonds carry.

On the face of it this is an absurdity. Were those who are evidencing such an interest in the future welfare of their city fair enough to read the reports, or take the trouble to inquire at the Reorder's office, they would find that they were dealing in fancy rather than fact.

As a matter of fact the water bonds, if carried, will increase the cost per month about 80 percent. In other words if you are now paying \$1.20 per month for water, with the bond issue in effect it would cost you in the neighborhood of \$2.15 per month. This is not an unreasonable increase. Other cities are now paying more than that per month and glad of the opportunity. Ashland's water system is not now nor has it for some time been on a self-sustaining basis. Regardless of whether the water bonds are carried or not, water rates will be increased in order that this defect in the general business scheme of the city can be remedied.

This fact should be remembered and when such ill founded rumors as are being circulated the past few days come to you, brand them as false as they are made of whole cloth. Vote for or against the bonds, which ever you feel is the proper thing for the best interests of the city. But do not let absurd statements, concerning the cost to you as a water user, influence you in making your decision.

Locate Missing Papers of Klan

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 19.—(United News)—The "missing papers" believed hidden by former Klan dragon D. C. Stephenson before going to prison, and which promised to reveal the full story of high power in Indiana, were in the hands of the grand jury as it swung into the second week of its inquiry into political corruption.

Miss Mildred Mead, Stephenson's stenographer, who appeared dramatically after a week's absence, led Prosecutor W. H. Remy to the documents in the safe deposit box.

Before revealing the hiding place of the documents Miss Meade was questioned for more than two hours by the jurors.

Other witnesses questioned Monday were Maxine Elliot, former secretary to Stephenson, and Carl Losby, a close personal friend of the ex-dragon.

While the grand jury was in session nine members of the republican editorial association met here and denounced Thomas Adams' part in the inquiry as unauthorized. Adams headed a special committee of the association which started the political probe.

The editors, however, approved the grand jury probe, and asked that it be made "a thorough airing."

Teachers Close Busy Sessions

With approximately 275 teachers registered here the Jackson County Teachers Institute closed a busy two-day session this afternoon with an address on "The Standards of Promotion" by State Superintendent R. R. Turner.

In the afternoon election of officers was held and the general business of the Institute was transacted.

The sessions were unusually instructive at this session according to officials with many from the outside occupying the lecture platform. Among those who took part in the program were: State Superintendent R. R. Turner, Miss Beatrice Walton, representing the State Library, A. C. Strange, V. V. Caldwell, Miss Louise G. Marsters, and Miss Clara Trotter all of the Southern Oregon Normal; Mrs. W. A. Bingham of Monmouth, Miss Emma Henkle, Miss Laura Roguse, supervisor of Music Ashland public schools, Miss Celeste Slavson, Children's Librarian, Medford, Mrs. Jessie Dodge, State Vice-President P. T. A., Dr. V. S. Geary, County Health Unit and R. G. Fovier County Club Agent.

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BANDITS TAKE \$30.00 FROM INSURANCE MAN

Two Shots Are Fired at James Bannister Late Last Night

BULLET HITS POCKET

Victim Narrowly Escapes Serious Injury as Coins Are Bent By Bullet

Narrowly escaping injury or possible death last night when a holdup man fired one shot that went through his coat pocket, bending some coins there, James O. Bannister, collector for the Mutual Life Insurance Company was robbed of \$30, about eight o'clock last night on the foot hill road near the John Childers place.

Bannister met a man yesterday morning near the postoffice, that told him he was recently from California, having purchased a home just outside of Ashland, and that he was desirous of transferring some life insurance in order to facilitate payment. Never thinking that it was not a bonifide request the holdup victim made arrangements to meet the highway man between seven and eight o'clock. The appointment was kept and after a statement that the necessary papers were out to his home, Bannister and his assistant got into the former's car and drove out across the covered bridge, where it was found that there was no house. Both men got out of the car, and as they alighted, Bannister was met with the command to "Stick 'em up."

This was accompanied by the flourishing of a revolver, which was finally pointed at Bannister's stomach. Thirty dollars was removed from his coat pocket, and the bandit in disgust declared that "You have more money than that on you, and I know it."

"You go to—" was Bannister's reply and with that, due either to a nervous finger or a desire to scare his victim brought a report from the gun that came so near seriously injuring the life insurance man.

After firing one shot, the bandit turned and ran down the road where a large touring car, man-

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CALL THE TIDINGS

The Tidings, in its desire to better serve, has established a special carrier service, which will be available until 6:30 every evening except Sunday. If you do not receive your paper by this time phone 39, the Tidings office, and the special carrier will deliver one to your door.

Committees to Call Public Mass Meet

The Committee appointed by the Directors of the Chamber of Commerce to investigate the proposed plans of the City Council spent the afternoon yesterday in a trip up Ashland Canyon and in going over the different propositions involved in the plan. It is understood that this Committee desires to have further information on several points involved and believe that the people should have opportunity to hear the question thoroughly discussed by the proponents and the opponents and to this end will recommend that a public mass meeting be called early the coming week for this purpose. It is likely that the Armory will be chosen for this meeting and that the engineers in charge of the investigation and members of the Council will be asked to state the plan, answer any questions and that any who are opposed to the program will also be invited to state the grounds of opposition.

Those making the trip yesterday were the Committee: Messrs E. D. Briggs, A. E. Kinney, A. M. Beaver and Messrs Fuller and Malone.

Is Arrested On Visit to Prison

SAN QUENTIN, Oct. 19.—(United News)—The desire to see a comrade with whom he had served 23 years behind the walls of San Quentin penitentiary has cost Ray Brigearts his liberty for the next three years.

Brigearts entered the prison in September, 1902, to serve two terms, one for grand larceny and the other for assault with intent to kill. In September, 1925, with about three years yet to serve, he was paroled because of good conduct.

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QUEEN MARIE STRIKES TWO SNAGS IN HER POPULAR WAVE

Diplomatic Dinner Before Visiting President Brings Criticism

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—The onward wave of Queen Marie's American popularity struck two snags today. Officials were busy trying to hush up the criticism of the queen's violation of diplomatic etiquette in holding a state dinner here last night without first calling upon President and Mrs. Coolidge.

Meanwhile Washington matrons were aggrieved by Marie's last minute decision, not to let Prince Nicholas out of her sight, thus eliminating any chance of informal entertainment for him.

Capital Loses Head
WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—The capital that never looks twice at a president lost its head tonight over a queen.

A troop of cavalry and two dozen husky policemen couldn't drive a thousand Washingtonians away from the Rumanian legation, until Marie of Rumania stepped out on a balcony and made them a little speech.

First she appeared at a third floor window with her son and daughter.

"Come out on the balcony," the crowd called. A minute later the three opened the door leading to the second floor balcony. Another minute passed, while the crowd cheered and screamed. Then Marie waved her hands and there was silence.

"So nice of you all to come," she said. "Thank you very much."

She turned and went in and the crowds of cops, tried, once more to induce the crowd of curious men, women and children to go home. But the majority of them stayed most of the evening, hoping for another glimpse of her majesty.

Meanwhile, police were on duty at every door, secret service men had to O. K. every person going in and baggage men delivered 50 hand bags and seven trunks in time for the royal party.

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AUTHOR TRIES TO SHOW WASHINGTON IMPERFECTIONS

Late Book is Supposed to Remove Some of "Bunk" Around Early Leader

BY RODNEY DUTCHER
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NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—Patriotic societies, basing their existence on the American revolution will now turn their muskets on W. E. Woodward, the latest biographer to expose the imperfections of George Washington.

Woodward, a former businessman, who wrote "Bunk" and other books, has undertaken to remove some of the bunk from the popular conception of the national parent in a book just published entitled "George Washington, the Image and the Man." After an exhaustive study, Woodward does not picture Washington as a hard drinker or a rake, but he accuses him of various actions and faults with which a public man could not get away in these enlightened days, and contends that he was a mediocre general whose stupid blunders would have caused disaster had not the blunders of opposing British generals been absolutely stupendous.

Washington, according to Woodward's book, married Martha Custis for her money while at the same time in love with a married woman, Mrs. Sally Fairfax. He introduced some of the first president's correspondence to back up this assertion.

Although it has often been written that General Braddock's defeat and the massacre of his troops was encompassed through his failure to heed Washington's advice, the author points out that the general accepted one "tragically unsound" piece of advice from Washington "which contributed greatly to his disaster" when he agreed to divide his forces at a time when an undivided force would have beaten the opposing French and Indians.

Woodward implies that George was something of a show-off that luck was one of his greatest assets, that he plied Indians with liquor to see them caper, that he condoned the practices of camp-following women, that free distribution of liquor replaced eloquence in his first election campaign, that he had only ordinary intellectual ability and never an original idea, and that he caused atrocious punishments to be inflicted for breaches of discipline after he took command of the continental army.

"Howe had continued the battle on Long Island on August 27, 1776," Woodward writes, "Washington would have disappeared from history, except as an incompetent general who almost ruined the American cause at the beginning."

Up to George's time, Woodward says, the Washington family was persistently mediocre—they were "sane, dull people, ex-

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SAN FRANCISCO POLICE HOLD TWO FOR MANY CRIMES THERE

Twenty Two Year Old Boys Are Believed Responsible for Reign of Terror

OFFICERS WOUND ONE

Police Let Loose Hall of Bullets, As One Tries to Make His Escape

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 19.—Twenty-two year old youths were in the custody of the police today, charged with the five terrorist murders of Saturday and Monday a week ago. One was near death from wounds received when he attempted to allude the police. Both men were identified by victims of the holdups. They gave their names as Lawrence Weeks, and Clarence Kelley. Kelley was the man believed to be dying, while Weeks was said to have confessed.

Some Articles Recovered

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18.—(United News) The two bandits who a week ago killed 5 men and who terrorized San Francisco a wounding three others in a spectacular two day crime wave have been captured.

One of the killers, Buck Kelly, was wounded late Monday when he sought to escape a squad of 10 detectives who closed in upon his hiding place. Kelly's partner, Lawrence Weeks was with the raiding officers.

After a week of investigation the police took Weeks into custody while he was working as a laborer. Detectives questioned him all day and finally Weeks consented to lead them to Kelly's hiding place.

Kelly apparently anxious over Week's failure to return to the room they occupied together, was looking out of the window when the officers arrived. He ran from a rear door, but was cut down by a volley of bullets. Kelly was removed to the emergency hospital, wounded in the arm and body.

Weeks previously had led officers to a "blind pig", where some of the articles were stolen from the bandit victims were recovered.

Larger Wheat Surplus

The U. S. Department of Agriculture estimates there will be an increase of 14 per cent in the acreage of winter wheat in the there will not be any material increase outside of this country. If the winter and spring wheat yields in the United States shall equal the ten-year average, the Department estimates the exportable surplus will be considerably larger than that of this year.

A Cause for Serious Thought



MILLIONS OF LONDONERS SHIVER AS LACK OF COAL IS NOTICED

LONDON, Oct. 19.—(United News)—Millions of Londoners shivered today following a 30 degree drop in temperature within 48 hours.

A rush to coal dealers sent the price of fuel soaring as Englishmen began to realize the full effect of the six months old coal strike. In some districts the price jumped from four shillings and three pence a hundredweight to four shillings and fourpence, but despite the rise in price stocks were depleted rapidly.

While hundreds of thousands of unemployed men went to labor exchanges to collect their doles, others crowded around the only fueled fireplaces in their homes and many went into cheap movie houses, public buildings and saloons to seek warmth. The Limehouse district was a picture of frigidty. Those who were able to afford coal used a single fireplace and made the best of the single hundredweight allowed them for a fortnight.

Gas companies are adjusting meters so that only a certain

amount will be given per shilling, and electric power and light companies are planning similar action due to the shortage of these two fuels. A great demand was made all day for electric heaters and both gas and electric companies restricted installations.

Many stores and homes resorted to use of oil stoves and this brought a rise in the cost of coal oil, which has never before been so popular in England. Many even have bought discarded tarred wooden paving blocks, which sell for a penny apiece.

Business offices have been further restricted in the use of coal stocks and landlords have issued warnings that only a minimum amount of coal can be burned. Even the largest government offices have been allotted only 10 pounds of coal daily.

Miners at work Monday numbered 219,190, a decrease of 1,000 from the number of men at work Saturday. A decrease in output was noted after the work of the day.