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ALMA BELL IS NOT GUILTY OF MURDER

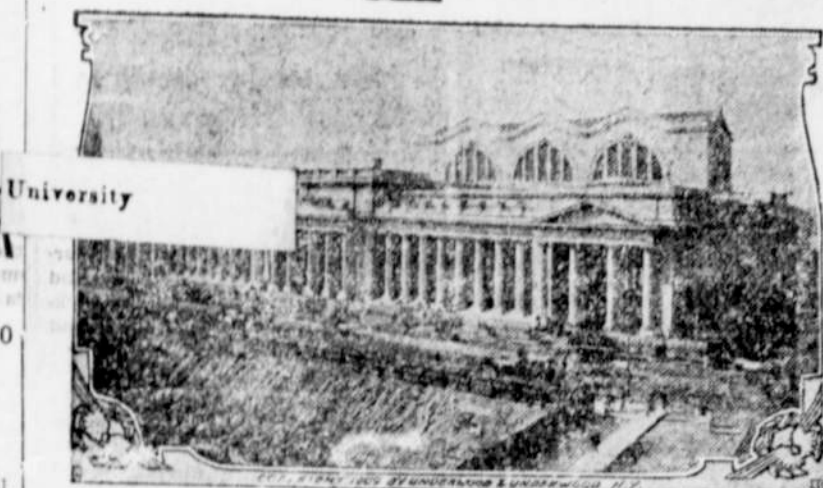
Jury Clears Young Woman Who
Killed Her Faithless
Lover

Auburn, Cal., Nov. 24.—Alma Bell, accused of the murder of Joe Armes, returned a verdict of not guilty today. She was alleged to have killed Armes because of his refusal to make good his promise of marriage.

On the witness stand yesterday, the girl was pale but calm when she faced the courtroom, which was crowded with a solid jam of people, anxious to hear her tell her own story.

She smiled as she answered the preliminary questions of her attorneys with confidence. She first told how she took the news to Mrs. Armes of the death of her husband on February 25, and how she later attended the funeral. After this, she said, she remained with the Armes family.

"I told Joe of my condition the first of May," she testified, "but he said he thought I was mistaken. On



NEW PENNSYLVANIA STATION, NEW YORK, NEARING COMPLETION.

As the new terminal of the Pennsylvania railroad, in the heart of New York city, nears completion property values in the neighborhood are increasing with leaps and bounds, and the effect is felt far out on Long Island, whence the tunnel trains will carry vast armies of passengers to and from their suburban homes. This the most gigantic terminal enterprise ever undertaken will bring trains under the Hudson river from the west and connect with Long Island also by tube under the east river. The terminal station will be the most modern structure of its kind ever built, combining every known facility for the safety and comfort of passengers and the rapid handling of trains.

On the tenth of May I told him again, and I said: 'Joe, we had better get married right away.'

Without a show of shame, the girl told how she knew of her condition, and then stated that she asked Mrs. Denny, at the behest of Joe, what would relieve a girl in her condition.

The court ordered this part of the testimony be stricken out.

The direct statement of the girl was not lengthy and was confined to main facts, that is, the statement that Joe Armes promised to marry her and then refused.

"It was all because he refused to

CONDITIONS ARE IMPROVING IN FLOOD DISTRICT

Weather Is Cooler and Most of
the Streams Are Re-
ceding

Portland, Nov. 24.—The flood situation in Oregon and Southern Washington today shows considerable improvement. The weather is somewhat colder and the volume of water in the rivers is decreasing, especially in the upper Willamette valley. The crest flood has passed Eugene, but the water is still rising at Albany and Portland. The crest is expected to reach this city Friday. The lower docks in this city are flooded but the damage is not great. The river is still full of debris which is sweeping toward the ocean.

In Southern Washington the streams are still running bank full but the danger of a serious flood is apparently over.

keep his promise," she said. "That was the cause of the trouble between us, and it followed the trouble about Kenyon and Joe Ruth." She stated that she had been engaged to marry Joe Armes since August 1, 1906.

ALL BUT TWENTY-ONE OF MISSING MINERS FOUND DEAD IN LOWER VEIN OF ST. PAUL

Cherry, Nov. 24.—One hundred and sixty-eight bodies were found early today in the lower vein of the St. Paul mine. The rescuing party found fans improvised from tool boxes, and messages written on pieces of slate. The bodies were a tangled mass, completely blocking the staircase leading to the second vein, and some were also scattered through the vein where they dropped before reaching the stairway. The black damp was the cause of death.

There remain 21 miners unaccounted for.

There was no evidence that the men made any attempt to barricade themselves from the black damp. Many of the former workers in the mine protested angrily after they discovered that the men would have been safe from the deadly fumes had not the ventilating fan in the mine been reversed shortly after the discovery of the fire.

HIGH JINKS IN GOTHAM BEGIN TODAY

French Students' Masquerade
Will Provide Unique
Amusement

New York, Nov. 24.—Thanksgiving Day will be ushered in by the French students' organization of New York, who will begin their twenty-fifth annual masquerade ball at Terrace Garden this evening. The ball will continue throughout the night and the customary highjinks will probably be exceeded. It was at this annual festivity that a visiting Russian notable distinguished himself a few years ago by drinking wine from a lady's slipper. Other exploits, quite as daring and original are indulged in by the thousands of department store salespeople, chorus girls, clerks, mannequins, buttonhole workers and other gay Bohemians of the metropolis, and joy is unconfined.

Handsome prizes have been offered Broadway show girls in a competition for the most novel costumes. For many days the stage beauties have been cudgeling their brains to decide what or what not to wear, and the effort of this mental effort is likely to be stunning, to say the least of it. The French students are not alone in preparing for Thanksgiving. The Salvation Army and all the charitable

LYMAN GAGE WILL BE MARRIED

Aged Financier Will Take Bride
On Thanksgiving
Day

San Diego, Cal., Nov. 24.—Lyman J. Gage, former secretary of the Treasury, aged seventy-three, is to have a Thanksgiving present tomorrow, according to reports. The gift is the hand of Mrs. Ada Ballou, beautiful and charming and young enough to be the ex-cabinet member's daughter.

Mr. Gage has lived here for some time, and is a devout disciple of Mrs. Katherine Tingley, head of the theosophical cult. He has persuaded his prospective bride to become a Theosophist, it is alleged, and has prepared a beautiful home for her at Point Loma, the Tingley headquarters.

Mrs. Ballou is tall and stately, with pale blue eyes, white skin and a mass of glowing red hair. She sings and plays the piano well, and has the reputation of being one of the most fascinating women in the city. The announcement of the engagement was given out to local newspapers by a strange woman whose identity cannot be discovered.

Mrs. Ballou is a daughter of George H. Ballou, a prominent merchant of San Diego, who admitted that his daughter was to marry Mr. Gage. Mrs. Ballou's friends say that several years ago she married a Pittsburgh man, who was a winter visitor here. The courtship was brief, but romantic. She told her friends that he proposed while they were on a sailboat becalmed in the bay at night. He died soon after the wedding, and the widow returned here from Pittsburgh, where they had gone to live. She resumed her maiden name.

Lyman Judson Gage, who has earned a high reputation as a financier, was born in 1836. If he marries Miss Ballou she will be his third wife. He married Miss Sarah Etheridge of Hastings, Minn., in 1864; she died ten years later. In 1887 he married Mrs. Cornelia Washburn Gage of Denver, Col. She died in Washington, at the age of fifty-eight. Her husband was secretary of the treasury and it was said the strain of her social duties at the national capital did much to break down her health.

Retiring from business in 1900 Mr. Gage went to live at Point Loma, eight miles from San Diego, Cal. He was a member of the Society for Psychological Research, and the report spread widely that he had been converted to theosophy and would join the colony founded by Mrs. Kitty Tingley, the "Purple Mother," at Point Loma.

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NOT STARVING
Earnings From July 1, 1908, to
June 30, 1909, Were
\$4,105,441.45

Salem, Or., Nov. 23.—According to the report of the Oregon Railway & Navigation company filed with the railroad commission today, covering the period from July 1, 1908, to June 30, 1909, that corporation netted earnings of \$4,105,441.45. During the same period dividends were declared totaling \$4,356,825, which was \$251,383.55 in excess of the net earnings for the period covered.

Despite these large dividends, exceeding the earnings by \$250,000, the railroad company still enjoys a surplus of \$8,596,844.81. The dividends included 12 1/2 per cent on 240,000 shares of common stock, equaling \$2,997,425 and 12 1/2 per cent on the 110,000 shares of preferred equaling \$1,356,825. The total as stated above, being \$4,356,825. The company has 20 stockholders, among whom this nearly \$4,500,000 are divided.

The first arrest in Salem for exceeding the speed limit for autos happened yesterday. Ellis Edmondson, a well-known local chauffeur, was the victim of the new ordinance.

MANY CITIZENS OF UNITED STATES ARE IN PRISON

President Zelaya Arrests All
Who Refuse to Pay
Tribute

New Orleans, Nov. 23.—A cablegram from Panama today says that Edgar S. Harris, of Columbus, Ohio, an American commercial traveler, touring Central America, declared that several Americans were in jail at Managua and other places in Nicaragua, arrested on orders from President Zelaya. Every American in business in Nicaragua, who refused to contribute to the war fund levied by Zelaya, was arrested and thrown in the prison, Harris says. A few arrested Americans bought their way out of prison by paying the tribute demanded.

Warships are Ready.

Washington, Nov. 24.—The navy department is ready for any development growing out of Nicaraguan affairs. Over time work has resulted, in putting the troop ship Prairie in condition to sail any moment after Thursday with 400 marines. If necessary this number can be increased to 700 or 800 within a few hours. Although the navy department disclaims any knowledge of the intentions of the state department, it is known to be in hourly expectation of orders for the dispatch of the Prairie and they could not be in the least surprised if other vessels were ordered to the Nicaraguan coast.

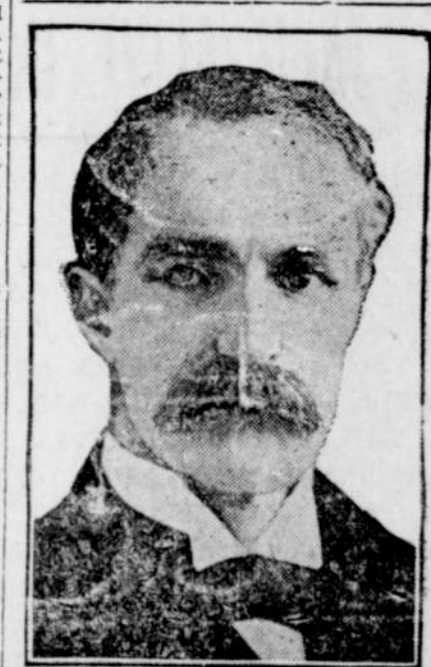
Revolution Grows.

New Orleans, Nov. 24.—A dispatch from Port Limon reports a great movement of troops in Salvador ports. General Alfaro was the head of a large body of troops and Barahona is expected to arrive momentarily and it is said he will join Alfaro. The revolutionists are in possession of Castillo Viejo.

The predicted invasion of Salvador by Nicaraguans may precipitate a general uprising in Central America. Many Americans have volunteered to join Estrada, but were refused because of the neutrality laws.

Awaiting Details.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Developments in the Nicaraguan situation are awaiting details from Managua.



GIFFORD PINCHOT.
Gifford Pinchot, chief of the forestry service of the United States, who is involved in a dispute with Secretary of the Interior Ballinger over the proper disposal of public lands, is a wealthy man who holds his office for the love of the work. He is a native of Connecticut, a Yale graduate and is forty-four years old.

The vice-consul at that capital, Mr. Caldera, is presumably working on the case, but the state department has heard nothing from him.

COFFEY OUT FOR FRANK BENSON'S JOB

Portland, Nov. 23.—John B. Coffey, state senator from Multnomah county, yesterday announced that he will be a candidate for nomination for secretary of state. Mr. Coffey is the first aspirant for any public office to be filled at general election next November, who has flatly declared he will go before the assembly for its endorsement. It had been rumored for some time that Mr. Coffey probably would be a candidate for that office, and when asked yesterday concerning his plans politically he confirmed the report.

PROBABLY SHOWERS
FOR TOMORROW
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\$15.00; sale price will be \$12.00
\$18.50; sale price will be \$14.80
\$20.00; sale price will be \$16.00
\$25.00; sale price will be \$20.00
\$30.00; sale price will be \$24.00



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