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NO PROOF TO CONVICT DR. CRIPPEN

Identity of Remains Found in Cellar in Doubt—Mile. Leneve Faints in Court From Elation Over Outcome—Crown's Case Is Collapsing—Expert's Damaging Admissions.

LONDON, Sept. 14.—In the Bow street police court today, Dr. Pepper, government analyst, under the searching cross-examination of Attorney Arthur Newton, repudiated his former testimony in the Crippen case, declaring that it was impossible for him to determine the sex of the lime-entombed body found in the basement of the house occupied by the Crippens in North London.

Dr. Pepper said that the only way to determine the question of sex was by an anatomical investigation, and that with the mutilated parts of the body discovered no genuine determination of the question could be reached in that way.

Were Human Remains. He believed, he admitted, that when he first saw the portions of the body that the remains were those of some animal. It required close examination, he said, to determine that they were parts of a human body. That there could be no mistake, however, as the examination was once made, he declared positively.

"I quickly saw my error," said Dr. Pepper, referring to the admission that he had at first believed the body to be that of an animal. "There is no question that the body is that of a human being. There could be no mistake about that. I believe that the remains are those of a woman, probably of a middle-aged woman of rather large proportions. This is indicated, and I may say almost established, beyond doubt, by the fact of the operation of hyoscin poisoning."

Dr. Pepper said that the day after the body was found, July 15, he and Dr. Marshall, one of the experts for the crown, performed a post-mortem examination, eliminating all doubt in regard to the body being that of a human being.

Damaging Admissions. Then Attorney Newton began his cross-examination. Dr. Pepper made damaging admissions, leaving the identity of the body dependent on strands of hair found in curlers near the place where the remains were discovered, and on another lock of hair found in a handkerchief. Dr. Pepper admitted that the hair found in the curlers was dark, while that in the handkerchief was of a light color.

Dr. Pepper previously had maintained that identity was established beyond doubt. Admissions made later in the morning, when the crown's expert, Dr. Marshall, took the stand, leave the question of the identity of the body still in doubt. Identification, according to Marshall's statements on the stand, would depend on the evidence cited by Dr. Pepper. It is believed that unless some more convincing evidence is discovered the case against Dr. Crippen will collapse.

Leneve Faints in Court. Mile. Ethel Clare Leneve, who sat with Dr. Crippen in the prisoners' docket, was elated at the result of the cross-examination. Suddenly she fell forward across the railing that formed the front of the pen. Her elation gave place to depression and caused a complete collapse. She is on the verge of a nervous breakdown, the physicians who attended her today say, as a result of the strain of the trial.

Dr. Crippen was also highly elated when the questions of the attorney for the defense showed the case of the crown was weakening. Even the collapse of his companion could not entirely undermine the good spirits evident at the change of the trend of the testimony.

Good Prices Received For Rogue River Bartletts

There have been up to date one hundred and forty and some odd cars of Bartletts and early pears shipped from Medford. The average price of the Bartletts that has been received per box is about \$2.60. Prices have ranged from \$2.40 a box to \$3.60, which is the price that John G. Gore received for a car of Bartletts in Chicago. This price beat by 27 cents the returns that the Burrell orchard received at New York earlier in the season for a car, which for a time held the blue ribbon as to banner prices of the year.

Of the cars that were shipped from Medford the Rogue River Fruit and Produce association shipped 73, the Burrell orchard 47, John G. Gore 11, Hillcrest 18, Bear Creek 7, Hill 2 and Allen 2.

John G. Gore's prices averaged \$2.70 a box, those of the Burrell orchard \$2.55 each, those shipped by the Rogue River Fruit and Produce association \$2.50 each and the Bear Creek orchard \$2.68½ per box.

It costs growers from 70 cents to \$1 to ship and market their pears. The prices this year were lower than last year because the crop was two weeks earlier in ripening and thus was thrown into the market before the California season was over.

Comice and d'Anjou pears are now being shipped. The Bosc and Winter Nelis are yet to be picked.

SUGAR SWINDLER GIVEN 2 YEARS

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—Federal Judge Martin today sentenced Ernest Gerbraicht, former superintendent of the Williamsburg refinery of the American Sugar Refining company, to serve two years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta and to pay a fine of \$5000 for his participation in the sugar-weighting frauds perpetrated at the Williamsburg docks.

Gerbraicht was indicted with several weighers and officials following the filing of charges that the government was being defrauded systematically of duties by means of a cleverly constructed device fitted to several pairs of official scales. A small steel spring, manipulated by the weigher by a rope in the platform of the scale, enabled him to return weight results favoring the importers.

Gerbraicht was convicted several months ago, but was not sentenced. It was announced today that he will appeal the case. A stay of execution of sentence, pending the hearing of the appeal, was granted.

DISASTER IN COAL MINES

LINTON, Ind., Sept. 14.—One man was killed, one fatally and ten seriously injured today by an explosion of a gas pocket in the Dugger coal mine in Sullivan county.

More than 200 miners were in the tunnels when the explosion occurred. It was at first believed that all were entombed and little hope was entertained that they would escape alive.

The men were working in a distant tunnel, to which fact they probably owe their lives. The killed and injured were returning toward the shaft when the accident occurred.

When the news of the explosion spread through the mining community the families of the men working below ground rushed to the mine entrance. Many women were hysterical and some of the pitiful scenes of the Cherry mine disaster were re-enacted.

JOE CANNON TO BE RENOMINATED

DANVILLE, Ill., Sept. 14.—With the congressional primaries but one day distant, "Uncle Joe" Cannon seems assured of renomination from this district. His opponent for the republican nomination is the Rev. Henry Downs, who is making his campaign on an anti-saloon platform.

Because of Cannon's almost certain renomination, little interest in tomorrow's primary is being taken here. The democratic nominee undoubtedly will be William Cudriff.

TAFT ENDORSED SO IS TEDDY

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Sept. 14.—A joint indorsement of Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft is the feature of the republican platform in Missouri. The document was finally drawn up after an all-night session and was presented to the convention today. The platform recommends the conservation policies of both Roosevelt and Taft, pays a tribute to the tariff, indorses Governor Hadley and his administration and the record of the republican party generally.

Hadley led the fight against the Taft endorsement. The platform endorsing Hadley with Taft is expected to start a quarrel between the regulars and insurgents. It is predicted that a republican split in the state may follow.

PEOPLE BOUND TO LEGISLATE

Captain M. F. Eggleston, city recorder of Ashland and candidate for the legislature, who was a visitor in Medford today, upon being questioned as to probable subjects of legislation at the session next winter, said:

"There is a great deal of legislation coming before the people upon the initiative at the election this year and the work of the legislative assembly will be minimized to a certain extent. This may be looked for every two years, as the people will take in hand certain matters eliciting large special or general interest. "However, in biennial sessions lasting only 40 days, I think members of the legislature will find subjects to deal with which will fully absorb their time.

Good Roads Legislation. Good roads legislation will depend much upon the adoption of the amendment of section 10 of article xi of the state constitution. This is to remove the restriction on the people's power to bond the several counties to raise money for road improvement.

If the amendment be adopted, which is quite probable, there will be some important road legislation. Under the terms of the amendment such county bonded indebtedness can only be made with the approval of a majority of the people voting at a

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DEMOCRATS ALL RUDE ON PASSES

DENVER Col., Sept. 14.—By publicly charging the delegates to the state democratic convention with coming to Denver on passes issued by a railroad corporation, and admitting that he himself had secured many passes for offenders, State Chairman Charles Ward today created a sensation on the floor of the convention.

"All of you rode to the convention on passes," he cried. "Wait; I'll take that back. A few names of passing delegates came to me so late that I was unable to get the transportation, but I personally got most of the passes you used.

"If the democratic party wants honest delegates, should you come here with bribes in your pockets? Many of you have been yelling for years for an anti-pass law. Some of you came here to flay our legislators because they haven't passed such a measure, yet you have forced me, your chairman, to become the dispenser of passes and so-called 'courtesy.'"

PANAMA ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

PANAMA, Sept. 14.—Pablo Arosemena, liberal, was this afternoon elected president of the republic of Panama to fill the unexpired term of the late President Obaldia. The vote was 22 to 6. Few conservatives were present when the balloting occurred.

OFFICIAL COUNT FOR MAINE CONGRESSMEN

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 14.—Claiming a plurality of 26 votes, George Hanson, democrat, asserts he defeated Congressman Guernsey in the Fourth congressional district. Hanson will demand a recount of the vote.

In the First district, where Asher C. Hinds' plurality is apparently 324 votes, a recount will be demanded by William H. Pennell, democrat, who made the race against Hinds.

Old Subscribers Entitled to Votes--Ask For Them

There is no extra charge for securing votes in the Mail Tribune's Big Contest. If you have a back subscription to pay up, ask for the votes and in that way assist your favorite candidate in the contest to win the Automobile, a \$400 Piano or one of the other valuable Prizes. Every Contestant in this enterprise is entitled to the zealous support of her friends and business acquaintances, and you now have an opportunity to aid the one that you would like to see win.

Also, any subscription that you wish to pay in advance, whether it is new or old, would be the means of helping some one in the race. GIVE SOME ONE THE VOTES--THEY ARE ABSOLUTELY FREE.

INSURGENTS WIN WASHINGTON

FERRIS TELLS OF PLUCKING BY POLITICIANS

Defeated Californian Candidate for Lieutenant-Governor Itemizes His Expense Bill Showing What a Good Thing He was to Managers.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 14.—Dick Ferris, defeated republican candidate for the nomination for lieutenant-governor, filed today with the county clerk an account of his campaign expenses, in accordance with the law. A few items of his expenditures follow:

"Telegrams from Minneapolis, 'biting at the bait,' \$10. "Personal expenses and canvass of voters, such as being the 'fall guy' for a bunch of alleged voters hanging around saloons who 'moved in' when I attempted to buy a drink for myself—\$100.

"Circulating and verifying petitions and printing bill. I don't know whether this money was spent or not—it is my opinion it was not—\$1396.

"Circulating and verifying petitions, so G. L. Moselle says. Personally, I don't know and don't believe him. I have tried to get vouchers from Moselle and D. W. White and failed. In fact, I have every reason to believe I was the red-headed political lamb, sheared by these two gentlemen—\$1250.

"Money borrowed by D. White and G. Moselle to cover alleged advance on circulation of petition. They tried to get \$550 more for the same alleged purpose, but I refused to further answer 'hands up'—\$450.

"For conveying a few infirm and disabled voters of Orange county to the polls, who must have voted for my opponents—\$25."

KELLOGG TO BE FEDERAL JUDGE?

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—A rumor that caused considerable commotion reached Wall street today to the effect that Frank B. Kellogg of Minneapolis, government trust-buster, has been slated for a place on the bench of the supreme court of the United States. The rumor was generally credited, although it had no apparent authoritative source.

Kellogg has been connected with some of the most important trust litigation that the government has undertaken, having virtually conducted the dissolution suit now pending in the supreme court against the Standard Oil company. Since President Taft is anxious that this case go before a full bench, and since Kellogg was active in the prosecution of the case, it is doubted in some quarters whether Taft would appoint Kellogg. The doubters declare the same reason exists for rejecting him as for the rejection of Judges Sanborn or Adams, who heard the Standard Oil case.

Reports that Secretary Nagel may be named to the supreme bench receive little credence here.

WESTERN PACIFIC TIES UP WITH SANTA FE SYSTEM

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 14.—According to the terms of an agreement just made public today, the Santa Fe railroad has gained a northern and the Western Pacific a southern and eastern outlet for their freight. The two lines have adopted an agreement for interchange of traffic. It is said by railroad men that this means the beginning of an active fight for business against the Southern Pacific in territory hitherto considered exclusively Southern Pacific.

POINDEXTER WINS BY 30,000 INSURGENTS ARE VICTORIOUS ALL CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

Humphrey and McCreddie Meet Defeat—Entire Delegation in Insurgent Column—Poindexter Carries All Counties But Two.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 14.—The winners:

For senator—Miles Poindexter, Spokane, insurgent.

Congressmen: First district—T. P. Revelle, Seattle, insurgent.

Second district—Stanton Warburton, Tacoma, insurgent.

Third district—W. L. La Follette, Pullman, insurgent.

Congressman Miles Poindexter of Spokane, insurgent, was yesterday nominated by the republicans for United States senator by a plurality over Judge Thomas Burke, standpatter, of more than 30,000, and by a majority over all five of his opposing candidates.

Carries King County.

Poindexter carried King county (Seattle), Judge Burke's home, by more than 5000; carried Pierce county (Tacoma), home of James M. Ashton, third man in the race; carried Spokane county (his own home) by seven to one, and all of Eastern Washington by four to one. He has apparently carried every county in the state except Thurston (Olympia), carried by Ashton, and Jefferson county (Port Townsend), carried by Burke.

While returns are meager, the three insurgent candidates for congress have apparently won. William E. Humphrey, incumbent, in the first district (Seattle) is running close to and may lead R. P. Revelle, progressive, on first choice vote, but the indications are that he will not get 40 per cent, and the second choice will be required to decide, in which case Revelle will win, according to his managers.

In the second district (Tacoma), Warburton, insurgent, in a three-cornered fight, has carried the district by 3000.

In the third district (Spokane), W. L. La Follette, Pullman, farmer, insurgent and cousin of Senator La Follette, leads all six of his opponents on both first and second choice. Election Is Assured.

Poindexter's nomination in the primaries insures his election by the legislature, since four-fifths of the successful legislative candidates are pledged to support the party choice.

While there are no returns from the democratic primaries, results in that party, most of them uncontested, or practically so, will be George F. Cotterill of Seattle for senator; W. W. Black of Everett for congress from the first district; Maurice Langhorn of Tacoma for congress from the second district, and J. B. Dorman or W. H. Merritt of Spokane for congress from the third district.

The senatorial and all three of the congressional contests in the republican party were fought on the national insurgent issues, the Payne-Aldrich tariff, the high cost of living, national as opposed to state conservation, the domination of politics by big business, Aldrichism and Cannonism.

Yesterday's result probably means that the entire Washington delegation in congress next year will be in the insurgent column.

OFFICERS PLEASED WITH MEDFORD'S RECEPTION

M. L. Ericson, supervisor of the Crater national forest, desires to express deep gratitude on behalf of the forestry department to the Medford Commercial club for its generous treatment of the soldiers when they passed through on their way back to Vancouver barracks from the forest fires.

Poindexter Talks on Result—Says People Have Decided to Put Political Machines Controlled by the Corporations Out of Business.

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 14.—Spokane county, the home of Miles Poindexter, gave him nearly 85 per cent of its entire vote for United States senator. The total vote, as tabulated early this morning, gives Poindexter 5896, Burke 1031 and Ashton 473. This is simply an indication of how the vote is running, as about 16,000 votes were cast in this city alone.

In a statement issued this morning, Congressman Poindexter said: "With a full appreciation of the honor that has been bestowed upon me, I congratulate the people of the state of Washington on their victory—not that they have nominated Miles Poindexter, but that they have shown unmistakably and in a manner long to be remembered that political machines received their motive power from corporation influence are no longer efficient in this state. That, and not my nomination, is the real victory.

"For myself, while pleased beyond measure, I am none the less sensible of the responsibility that weighs upon me. It is no small thing to be a representative of this great state in the senate of the United States, and the task is no light one. I will need all the assistance, all the kindness and all the confidence of the people who send me there.

"The task that confronts us is one of many difficulties; we have the powers, entrenched for a generation, to dislodge and they will fight hard; they will fight cunningly; they will fight to the bitter end.

"But the people will triumph in the end; victory is often deferred, but sooner or later victory comes. It is the law of evolution, the law of all national development and the law is in effect today as it was when Washington gave armed defiance to King George. The people will win; they must win, or this government will perish."

W.C.T.U. TO HOLD ANNUAL MEET

The annual convention of Jackson County W. C. T. U. will be held Saturday and Sunday in the Baptist church and tabernacle. Any one who is interested in temperance is invited to attend. Following is the program:

Saturday afternoon—Devotional, Mrs. Buck; reports from delegates; business a deletion of officers.

Saturday evening—Song service; address, Rev. E. H. Hicks, Ashland; ladies' quartet will furnish music.

Sunday afternoon—Devotional meeting, Rev. Matlock; reading, Mrs. R. C. Webster; vocal solo, Mrs. Holmes; address, Rev. F. C. Lovett, Grants Pass.

Sunday evening—Song and praise service; address, Mrs. Unruh, Portland; state president of W. C. T. U.; men's quartet will furnish music.

THORNTON, WASHINGTON, DESTROYED BY FIRE

COLFAX, Wash., Sept. 14.—The entire business section of the town of Thornton, in Whitman county, was destroyed by fire last night, according to information received here today. The blaze was started by the explosion of a gasoline stove in the rear of a restaurant in the southeastern end of town. The loss is estimated at \$60,000.