

HEAR EVIDENCE AGAINST SULZER BEFORE DECISION

Impeachment Court Decide, by Vote of 49 to 7 to Defer Decision as to Legality of Impeachment Articles Until After All Evidence Is In.

Plan to Bring in Acts Before Election as Well as After—Attorneys Sum Up Case.

ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 24.—At the suggestion of Chief Justice Cullen of the court of appeals, the Sulzer impeachment court, by a vote of 49 to 7, decided today to defer decision as to the legality of the impeachment articles until after the evidence against the governor is heard.

Attorney Richards, opening for the prosecution, after the decision had been reached to delay a ruling on the legality of the impeachment articles, denounced Sulzer in the most violent language.

Sulzer Is Excoriated

"He employed hangers to secure the state for contributions to his campaign fund," declared Richards, "and he had a bag himself, open to \$10,000 as well as to \$2 contributions. He did more than collect funds. He intended to keep them to buy stocks and to supply margins for his stock speculations."

Then the attorney reviewed the charges against Sulzer, recapitulating them and attacking the governor personally.

"As high as his office and as high as his position," he shouted, "we are prepared to prove low, sordid crimes against William Sulzer. His chief offenses were plain fraud, larceny and perjury."

Fox's Strong Argument

The suggestion that an official can be held answerable for acts prior to his assumption of office is revolutionary and unheard of," said Fox. "I am loath to believe that this court will approve such a doctrine."

Then he quoted Judge Parker's argument that the constitutional convention of 1846 removed all limitations on the state senate's power of impeachment. "If this be true," he added, "then the limitations in the present criminal code operate in the present case."

Fox's argument was the strongest yet made, since the impeachment trial began, and the most eloquent.

Decision Is Postponed

When Fox had finished, Chief Justice Cullen said that in his opinion the questions raised were such that they could not be decided offhand, and he suggested delay. Senator Wagner moved to postpone action, and his suggestion was adopted.

Attorney D. Cady Herrick then filed Sulzer's answer. It denied all the allegations except that Sulzer admitted receiving campaign contributions, saying he accepted them in good faith. Attorney Richards then spoke.

The managers of the impeachment proceedings have subpoenaed the managers of the local telegraph offices to produce all telegrams sent by Sulzer, his wife, Private Secretary Sarecky, John Hennessey and James Garrison during June, July, August and thus far in September.

The capitol, where the trial is in progress, was packed today, despite the fact that only persons showing good reasons for admission were allowed to enter.

BROADWAY REVELS SHOW NEW LIFE

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—Indications that the "lid," clamped down on Broadway's lobster palaces by the late Mayor Gaynor will be tilted came here this afternoon when Acting Mayor Adolph Kline expressed his belief that Gaynor's 1 o'clock curfew law is too stringent.

"I do not think that the cafes want to remain open all night," said Kline. "It seems to me that it would be well to change the closing hour from 1 to 2 or 2:30 o'clock."

GIRL BRIDE OF ELLIS' TRIES TO COMMIT SUICIDE

Murderer of Shalansky Identified as Virginia Man, Wanted for Series of Hotel Robberies—Married and Deserted 16-Year-Old Girl.

All Victims Were Second-Hand Merchants—Bride Now in Hospital at Point of Death.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 24.—Confident that the murderer of Joseph Shalansky, a secondhand dealer, who was lured to a hotel here and killed after being robbed, is Joseph Ellis of Richmond, Virginia, the Indianapolis police assert that Ellis' capture is only a matter of a few days. With his arrest, the police expect Ellis to confess to a series of hotel robberies in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Toledo and Louisville.

It developed today that Shalansky's murderer pawned a gold watch here which had been taken from a victim at Louisville, this fact convincing the police that Ellis committed the entire series of robberies. Two sons of Shalansky positively identified a picture of Fred Brokaw, wanted for robbery in Pittsburgh, as the youth who gave the name of Anderson and induced Shalansky to visit the hotel. The police declare that Ellis uses the aliases of Anderson and Brokaw.

Wife Tries Suicide

A curious fact pointed out in connection with Shalansky's murder is that all of Ellis' victims have been secondhand clothing dealers.

Shalansky's funeral was held this morning.

Declaring that she had married Ellis, a girl of sixteen years giving the name of Audra Baker shot herself in a rooming house here today. Her condition is critical. The girl said she married Ellis, who then was going under the name of Anderson, at Danville, Illinois, July 5.

The police doubt the girl's story that she married Anderson, but are investigating. In her room was found a letter addressed to Mrs. Iona Baker, her mother, saying her husband had murdered a man and enclosing clippings of the Shalansky crime.

Deserted in Week

The young woman told the police that she recognized her husband's picture in the newspapers as the slayer of Shalansky. She said she lived with Anderson only a week when he deserted her. The girl shot herself in the left side, but walked to a grocery store and told the clerk that she had shot herself. Then a policeman was summoned.

Franklin Dellatore, a roomer, said that a man resembling pictures of Ellis called to see the girl Monday but that she was out. A railroad conductor said that a youth resembling Ellis went to Cincinnati Monday afternoon on his train.

Telegram from Danville confirmed this afternoon the girl's statement that she had married Anderson there in July.

SCHOOLMATE MEETS MURDERER SCHMIDT

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—Father Franz Makert, a former schoolmate in Germany of Hans Schmidt confessed murderer of Anna Amuller, told the New York police that Schmidt was a brilliant scholar. Makert saw Schmidt today, and when the two men met, Schmidt said:

"There is no use talking to me. I have no regrets. I killed by revelation. You do not understand, as you have not had revelations."

Makert named several relatives of Schmidt who were insane and gave the authorities much important information.

BILL COLLECTOR DRIVES DEBTOR TO COMMIT SUICIDE

OAKLAND, Cal., Sept. 24.—While a bill collector waited outside today, George C. Wright of Antioch, Cal., stepped into his room here and sent a bullet into his brain. He lived but a few minutes.

MURPHY READS POEM WRITTEN CAPTAIN'S WIFE

Major Forced to Rehearse Loye Ditty Dedicated to Mrs. Merriam—Little Gained in Cross-Examination Except Paroxysms of Mirth.

Touch of Tragedy Added When Defendant's Mother Tells of Operations Merriam Forced on Wife.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 24.—There was moonlight on the meadows. There were shadows in the lane. As I went along with Bessie At the grinding of the cane.

It was drip, drip, drip— Oh, the cane was sweet to slip. But nothing to the sweetness of her dewy, rosy lips.

And that's only part of it—part of the poem Major Clarence Murphy formerly of the governor of Louisiana's staff, wrote and dedicated to Mrs. Bessie C. Merriam, wife of Captain Henry C. Merriam of the United States army.

His face purple, his brow covered with perspiration and his voice husky with rage, the major had to read the entire poem to a crowded courtroom today at the trial of Captain Merriam's divorce suit against his wife, whom he accuses among other things, of indiscretions with Major Murphy.

Court Room Enjoys Poem

Attorney Linforth for Captain Merriam started on his cross examination today, however, with the avowed intention of "raffling the major's bangs," and, to some extent, he succeeded.

The reading of the witness' poem threw the courtroom into such paroxysms of mirth that Judge Graham, himself on the broad grin, could not restore order for some time, and laughed when he suggested that the major take his lyric to the Orpheum.

The dapper but wrathful major finally reached a point where he could contain himself no longer and exclaimed, regardless of court etiquette: "I have been brought here under false pretenses and ought to be allowed to protest. I was in Paris when I received word that I had been named as co-representative in this case, and I came all the way across an ocean and a continent to defend the good name of this woman and myself—only to be made game of. So I wish to make a statement."

Linforth wouldn't consent, however, and, apparently against his will Judge Graham, who looked as if he would have liked to hear what the major had to say, was obliged to refer him to the newspapers.

Aside from annoying the major, Linforth accomplished nothing. His poems were the worst offense the witness would admit. As for his relations with Mrs. Merriam, he declared emphatically, and with every appearance of truth, that they were perfectly innocent.

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POLLOCK SUSTAINED BY CONGRESSMEN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—United States Judge Pollock of Wichita, Kan., correctly interpreted the Mann white slave act when he declared that the law did not affect "the personal escapades of men and women," according to views expressed here this afternoon by four members of congress.

"The Mann law," said Congressman Adamson of Georgia, "was not intended to apply to private episodes, only commercial ventures."

Representative Clayton of Alabama took the same view. "The Mann act," he said, "was intended to break up the 'traffie' in young girls."

Representative Garner of Texas said: "I think Judge Pollock interpreted the act thoroughly. He is right."

Representative Garret of Tennessee was of the same opinion. "Judge Pollock's decision is in accord with the intent of the law," he said.

MRS. PANKHURST, THE MILITANT SUFFRAGETTE, AND DAUGHTER, WHO ARE COMING TO LECTURE IN AMERICA



WILSON'S CANDIDATE WINS NOMINATION JERSEY PRIMARY

TRENTON, N. J., Sept. 24.—President Wilson's candidate for the democratic nomination as governor of New Jersey was victorious, as shown by complete returns today from yesterday's state primaries. The three nominations were as follows:

Democratic—Fielder. Republican—Stokes. Progressive—Colby.

The Wilson democrats won not only on the gubernatorial nomination but on their choice of a legislative ticket and in the state committee contest.

The progressives cast the smallest vote at the primaries, which Candidate Stokes declared to mean that numerous progressives have returned to the republican fold. On the strength of this, he predicted a republican victory at the election.

CALIFORNIA FOREST FIRES UNDER CONTROL

NAPA, Cal., Sept. 24.—The forest fires which have burned for three days in four central California counties were reported under control today.

A deep fire trail cut late last night saved the Hercules Powder works in Santa Cruz county, and the fire in Napa county also is under control. A shift in the wind is reported today to have saved the mining town of Newcastle, Placer county, which was menaced last night. A fire is reported in San Mateo county, but is of little consequence, as no life or human habitations are endangered.

The heaviest loss was sustained in Napa county, where the damage is estimated at \$75,000.

SENATE COMMITTEE VOTES HETCH HETCHY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—The senate public lands committee was scheduled to take a vote at 4 p. m. today on the Hetch Hetchy bill to give San Francisco a water supply from the Yosemite valley. Opponents of the measure conceded the vote would be favorable.

Former Representative Parsons of New York declared the building of a dam in the valley would destroy nature sounds which he attributed to Echo Rocks, the splashing of fish and bounding deer. Parsons' face flushed when Supervisor Vogelsang of San Francisco suggested that the New Yorker probably meant "the singing of fish and the yodeling of deer."

ROOSEVELT MAY LEAD REPUBLICANS IN 1916 ELECTION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Interviewed concerning a statement recently attributed to United States Senator Sutherland of Utah, to the effect that Roosevelt will be the republican nominee for president in 1916, the consensus of opinion among politicians here today was that "it all depends."

"The question was put to the colonel point blank by a progressive congressman who was visiting him whether he would accept the republican nomination," said Congressman Kelly of Pennsylvania today. "The colonel gave his interrogator every assurance that such an event was most improbable, but did not answer categorically."

"Personally, I believe the report that he will be the republican nominee is unbecomingly intended to distort the issue between republicans and progressives, but even the loss of Roosevelt would not destroy the progressive party."

"I believe that, if the republicans are to win the next election progressives must lead the party," said Senator Gronna of North Dakota.

"All these stories mean nothing," said Senator Bristow of Kansas, "because the election is three years away."

"Roosevelt's candidacy in 1916 depends on the attitude of the progressives toward the republicans during the next three years," said Congressman Austin of Tennessee. "If the progressives continue to put candidates into every congressional district and to malign the republicans the breach will only widen."

"LaFollette, Roosevelt, Cummins, Borah or any other prominent progressive would be acceptable."

SMALL DECLINES IN STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—Little resistance was offered to the selling movement in the early dealings in stocks today. Utah Copper and Amalgamated were forced down one. Colorado Fuel dropped 1 1/2 and declines of from half a point to 1 1/2 also were registered in Reading, Union Pacific, Canadian Pacific, Lehigh Valley, Steel and Can. Later selling became more aggressive when it developed that the declines were not bringing out support. Union Pacific fell 2 and many other declines of 1 to 2 points were registered. Bonds were irregular.

The market closed steady.

Drain Editor Dead

DRAIN, Ore., Sept. 24.—Cortland C. Parker, editor of the Drain Non-Parrel and the Youcailla Times, died of heart failure at Youcailla today. He was 80 years old.

COIL TIGHTENS ABOUT COULSON FOR 2 MURDERS

Accused Man Fails to Account for Whereabouts at Hour Fatal Shots Were Fired That Wounded Common-Law Wife.

Revolver Used Found in Hotel Where Coulson Registered Shortly After Committing Crime.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 24.—Assistant District Attorney James Brennan did not learn much, he admitted today, from the "third degree" applied to A. R. Coulson, the Market street merchant whom the police have been holding since a few hours after George Kovack and William Acker were shot dead and Coulson's common-law wife was seriously wounded, as they were lurching together in the Atlas garage early last Friday morning.

All that Brennan was able to get out of the prisoner was this:

"I closed shop about 5:30 Thursday evening, got a shave nearby, ate in a restaurant near my room, and reached the apartment about 7:45. Half an hour later I took a streetcar to the beach, remained there until midnight, bought a drink of beer at the Crest and came back to town."

From then until after 2 the next afternoon Coulson's account lapsed. He took it up again with the assurance of a newspaper, his reading of the shooting, his visit to his lawyer and his surrender to the police. He did not pretend to have forgotten what happened between midnight and 2 p. m. He simply refused to tell.

Phoned From Hotel

Brennan learned something, however, of the prisoner's movements during the period he would not discuss. The informant was P. B. Rosenzantz, a business associate of Coulson's. According to his statement, Coulson spent the latter part of the night of the murder at the Oakwood hotel, whence he telephoned to Rosenzantz about 7 a. m. to arrange for a meeting with his lawyer.

The police visited the Oakland hotel to verify this story, and at the hotel Clerk Bert Davis did, indeed, identify Coulson as having registered there about 2:30 a. m. on the morning of the shooting, or some twenty minutes after it had occurred as "A. R. Cole, Los Angeles."

Later Mrs. S. K. Stacey, landlady at the Oakwood, found a .38-caliber revolver, such as fired the shots which killed Acker and Kovack and wounded Coulson's common-law wife, and such also, as Coulson is known

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BLACKMAIL PLOT AGAINST BIXBY

LO SANGELES, Cal., Sept. 24.—Two witnesses appeared in court here today to testify in support of the assertion of the defense of George H. Bixby, charged with contributing to the delinquency of Cleo Helen Barker, that a full-blown plot to extort money from wealthy men by blackmail existed among habitués of the Jonquil apartments, a house of unsavory reputation.

Judge W. H. Evans of Monrovia, ruddy faced and unassuming despite his snowy hair and admission of 74 years, was the first to take the stand. Octavius Morgan, 64, an architect of much prominence, professionally and socially, here, was the second.

Evans was subjected to an unpleasant interrogation by Assistant District Attorney Keyes, who directed his questions with discouraging pertinacity to the aged juror's visit to the Jonquil.

Morgan for a time at least escaped the inquisition. His attorney advanced reasons why he should be excused that were taken under consideration by the court.

Myrtle O'Dair, a Jonquil girl, became hysterical while listening to attorneys toss her name about before the court. A doctor cared for her.

DRAGGED HEAD DOWN TO DEATH STRATTON'S FATE

Hotel Worker, Age 30, Falls Backward From Box Car Steps—Life Pounded Out on Ties—Positively Identified.

Three Trains Pass Over Mangled Body Before Discovery—Dead Man Lived Here Two Years.

E Stratton, a hotel worker, about thirty years of age met death Wednesday night, by being dragged head down, from the Southern Pacific water tank to the Jackson street crossing, with one foot caught in the step rail of a box car of a moving train. From one o'clock last night, the time of the discovery of the body until noon today his identity was clouded. Then Councilmen George Porter positively identified him as E. Stratton, who worked two days for the Big Pines Lumber company this week. An inquest will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The dead man had evidently boarded the north bound freight at the water tank, and from a trail of blood, fell backwards from his hold near the Fifth street crossing. His foot caught between the foot rail and against the car floor, and he was helpless, his cries being drowned by the noise of the train. This happened about ten o'clock, and the body was discovered by the crew of a south bound freight train about one o'clock. Two freights and a passenger train passed over his body before a discovery.

A hundred curious people flocked to the Perl undertaking parlors this morning to see the remains. The dead man had lived in Medford for two years at intervals. He was known as "Rip," and had worked as a cook and helper at the Medford Hotel. Recently he returned from a trip to Portland, and Tuesday went to work for the Big Pines Lumber company. Nothing is known of the relatives of the man, though it is believed they live in Southern California.

RACIAL RIOTING STILL IN PROGRESS AT BENTON MINES

BENTON, Ill., Sept. 24.—The racial disturbances which broke out here following the murder by foreigners of two American musicians at a dance Saturday night were still raging today. Foreigners, regardless of nationality, were assaulted wherever they showed themselves. Business houses were closed and the homes of foreign residents barricaded.

The sheriff confessed his inability to stop rioting and martial law was declared.

Fifteen National Guardsmen this afternoon discovered several aliens attempting to enter the home of Wyatt, the only member of the trio of musicians who escaped with his life. He is the prosecution's only witness.

FAILS TO MAKE CROSSING: FAMILY IN AUTO HURT

COLFAX, Wash., Sept. 24.—R. M. Gwynn, his wife and five-year-old son are suffering today from serious injuries sustained when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by an O. W. R. & N. freight train at Pullman. Gwynn attempted to pilot the car over a crossing in front of an incoming train. The boy's skull was fractured and he may not recover.

SIX MONTHS IN JAIL FOR RAISING PENSION CHECK

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 24.—Convicted of altering and raising a government pension check from \$18 to \$1860, John Bogden was sentenced to six months in jail here today by United States Judge Dulling.

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