

START TRIAL OF VALENTINO, WIFE FIRST WITNESS

LOS ANGELES, June 1.—The state of California began production of a real drama by reel artists today under title of "People versus Valentino, Rigamy," in which Rodolph Valentino, twice married film actor, appeared in the title role, and Jean Acker, his first wife, a screen actress, appeared as witness for the state. It was the preliminary hearing of Valentino on a felony charge growing out of his marriage May 13 at Mexicali, Mexico to Miss Winifred Shaughnessy Hudnut, known in professional life as Natacha Rambova. The marriage occurred after a divorce case in which Valentino was awarded an interlocutory decree from Jean Acker in January.

The California law of divorces provides that the marriage status is unchanged by an interlocutory finding and that marriage is not terminated until one year thereafter when a final decree issues.

The preliminary hearing opened with Jean Acker on the stand. She testified that her name was Jean Acker Valentino, and after consultation with attorneys it was made part of the record that the legal or real name of Valentino is Guglielmo. She testified that she married Valentino in Hollywood on November 3, 1919 and that the marriage had not been annulled.

William Clay Silver, a newspaperman of Calexico, the California town across the border from Mexicali, testified that he attended the wedding of Valentino at the home of Mayor Moller on the afternoon of May 13. It was attended by about fifteen persons, including several Mexican officials, Silver testified.

A dinner followed the ceremony. Silver said, and photographs were taken of Valentino and the bride. Just prior to the wedding Silver said, the bride-to-be was reluctant to go ahead with the marriage and asked if it were valid and being assured by Silver and Valentino that it was perfectly valid, Silver said she consented to the ceremony. Silver's wife also testified of witnessing the marriage.

Mrs. Ramaldo Lugo of Palm Springs, Cal., at the northern end of the Imperial valley testified that Valentino and his bride occupied for two or three days a cottage at Palm Springs. She identified a photograph of the bride, one taken at the Mexicali ceremony, as the woman living in the cottage with Valentino.

Mrs. Lugo said that she went to the cottage in the forenoon and saw Valentino and the bride at breakfast, attired in pajamas.

AMERICAN WOMEN WIN IN TENNIS

CHESWICK, England, June 1.—Miss Elizabeth Ryan of San Francisco won her match today in the women's singles for the Middlesex tennis championship, defeating Miss Stafford 6-1, 6-2.

In the women's doubles, Mrs. Mollie Bjurstedt Mallory, the American woman champion and Miss Edith Sigourney of Boston defeated Misses Marietta and Best 6-2, 6-4.

Miss Ryan also reached the semi-finals by disposing of Miss Stafford, a promising young English girl. She will meet Mrs. Peacock next, former champion of India.

U. S. Govt. Agrees to Receive Commission On French Finance

WASHINGTON, June 1.—The French government has been informed that the American government will receive a special mission of French financial experts to discuss the nation's war debt. It was stated today after the second meeting of the allied debt funding commission. No definite date for the discussion has been set.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—The allied debt funding commission met today for its second meeting since its creation by congress to negotiate the funding of the eleven billion dollars owed this country abroad.

BALLOON SPILLS PILOT

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ports received by New York-Central railroad officials here.

HOOPESTOWN, Ill., June 1.—A big red balloon, thought to be one of those in the national race from Milwaukee passed over this city at 5 o'clock this morning bound southwest. At 8:30 another bag, slate colored, passed over, going in the same direction.

DETROIT, June 1.—Five balloons presumed to be grants in the national balloon race passed over southern Michigan this morning. Four of the gas bags were observed about 7 o'clock passing over Lenawee county (Adrian). All were passing east toward northern Lake Erie. The fifth balloon passed over Jackson shortly after daybreak. It was traveling in a southerly direction.

DECATUR, Ill., June 1.—A big balloon believed to be in the race from Milwaukee passed south over Decatur at 5:45 a. m. Its name could not be distinguished. Another balloon was reported to have passed over Bement, east of Decatur at 7 o'clock this morning.

WILD CAT WELTY DETERMINED TO VANQUISH ROMEO

Romeo Hagen, known throughout the Pacific northwest as a fighter, arrived here for his four-round return fight with Welty, the Idaho wild cat, at the Nat smoker tomorrow night. Romeo is in even better shape than before and is expected to give the wild cat a real scrap. This fight, however, will be only an added feature on the smoker card. Jack Connor of Oakland, and Jess Ingram of this city will supply the ten round main event.



Wild Cat Welty

Both of these boys are rated high and have had lots of ring experience and their scrap should be a dandy.

"Fighting" Joe Blackburn, who put Battling Frick to sleep last year, in one of the prettiest fights of the year, will battle Kid Meadows in a six round semi-windup. This will be a winner-take-all scrap and should be good. A four round curtain raiser will complete the card.

The first fight tomorrow night will be staged at 9 o'clock to accommodate those who attend the Chamber of Commerce banquet and don't want to miss the smoker. Ladies are cordially invited to attend.

Y. M. C. A. CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ON TONIGHT

The championship of the Medford Y. M. C. A. league will undoubtedly be decided tonight. The game is between the Christians and the South Methodists. Each team has suffered but one defeat this season and are on their toes for the contest this evening. The handsome orange and black pennant offered by Messrs. Meeker and Elliott will go to the winners.

The board of control of the league are considering plans for a banquet to which the members of each team in the league will be invited and the formal presentation of the trophy may be made there.

The general public is invited to the game tonight. It will be staged as usual at the Holly street grounds at the zero hour of 6:15, and the promise is made by the management that there will be absolutely no games of chance in the side shows, the game on the diamond being generally conceded to have sufficient element of chance to satisfy the most sporting. No admission will be charged. Ladies and children free.

MURDER PLOT DEEPENS

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that now declare that their failure to find the "Ross" mentioned by Ward as blackmailer-in-chief, convinces them that "Ross" is a pure myth, marked the sixteenth day since ex-Sailor Peters was found shot to death on the Kensico reservoir road.

The search of the Ward home was declared to have failed to disclose any evidence of a gun fight there.

Westchester county officials are to begin another separate examination today of all New Rochelle police on duty in or near the Ward home on May 16, the day of the shooting, according to the story told by the son of the millionaire baker.

Mr. Weeks refused to answer lists of questions submitted by newspaper men on the Ward case but he frankly admits that the mystery has him worried and that he is determined to reach the bottom of the affair.

Ward who was away when the searching party arrived at his home, arrived there shortly after they had completed their task and departed. He dashed into the house only to soon reappear and hurry away in his automobile. His face was grim and it was said he had hurried out for consultation with the lawyers.

ANOTHER SLASH IN R. R. WAGES READY THIS TIME A \$50,000,000 REDUCTION

CHICAGO, June 1.—Delay in completion of the minority report by the labor members of the board is all that withholds announcement of another slash of \$50,000,000 from the wages of railway employees by the railroad labor board it was said today.

Details of the reduction affecting 460,000 shop crafts employees have been completed, it was said. This cut, which is to follow the \$50,000,000 reduction in the wages of 400,000 maintenance of way employees who are threatening a strike as a result, will affect all blacksmiths, machinists, boiler makers, sheet metal workers, electrical workers, car men and helpers in the service of the nation's railroads.

The scale of reductions is said to range from five to nine cents an hour. Among the decreases in the impending decision are said to be the following: Apprentices five cents; helpers five cents; mechanics seven cents; passenger car men seven cents; freight car men nine cents.

DEFENSE STARTS IN A. W. WALKER INSURANCE CASE

The civil suit of the A. W. Walker Auto company against the Firemen's Fund Insurance company for the collection of approximately \$10,000 on a policy covering the 17 used cars and a tractor and truck lost in the fire that gutted their storage quarters on the evening of February 11, 1921 was resumed in the circuit court this morning.

A. W. Walker was on the stand most of Wednesday, testifying relative to the fire, cars, their value, and was subjected to a long cross examination. J. F. Hittson and George L. Treichler, auto dealers of this city were called, and testified relative to the value of the cars. Other witnesses to be called by the plaintiff on the same point are Roy Pruitt, Seeley V. Hall, and C. E. Gates, all local auto dealers. Fire Chief Lawton and Miss Gladys Bedwell, bookkeeper for the auto firm were also witnesses.

The defense is expected to open this afternoon, and insurance experts from San Francisco will be among the witnesses called. The case is highly involved and replete with technical testimony. Dr. Gitzner, a veterinarian, testified to the present condition of the cars.

Fire Chief Lawton was called as the first witness for the defense, and was not allowed to testify whether or not the fire was "suspicious," and recited incidents of the blaze. He testified that the fire "did not get to the tractor," and that the ceiling over the tractor was scorched. The chief estimated the damage to the tractor as negligible. A Hudson car also escaped the flames, the witness said.

The next case on the criminal docket is that of the state against Ernest S. (Dud) Wolgamott, charged with possession of intoxicating liquor. This will be followed with the case of the state against Cliff Larkins, charged with a statutory offense, to be followed by the case of the state vs. Jack Smith, charged with advocating the commission of a felony, the action arising out of the alleged suicide of an aged prospector, on Sardine creek last winter.

The Daily Bank Robbery

WENATCHEE, Wash., June 1.—Hunted all night like wild animals in the brush, two of the three robbers who held up the bank at Loomis yesterday, are being hemmed in by a band of sheriff's deputies, cattlemen and Canadian mounted police on Black mountain near Richter's pass today. Their case is hopeless, only the slightest chance for escape remaining. \$300 was taken in the robbery. One of the men, named Le Lievre of Kereinos, B. C., was captured Wednesday afternoon at the Canadian border.

The men entered the bank at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon, the bank being in charge of young Knober, son of the cashier. The holdups threatened to shoot him unless he opened the safe but he explained that his father was away and that he did not have the combination and finally succeeded in talking them out of shooting. They then locked him in the vault. At this time Professor Witt came in the bank and was caught, gagged and tied, after being relieved of his cash. The robbers then locked the door and started north in their automobile.

SHOSHONE, Wyo., June 1.—Robbers who blew the safe of the Shoshone State bank here at 2:30 yesterday morning secured \$3500 in currency and escaped leaving no clue.

FLINT, Mich., June 1.—Two bandits who had participated in the robbery of the Metamora State bank at Metamora, near here this morning, were shot to death this afternoon by possemen using machine guns, according to a telephone message received here. A member of the posse was wounded in the exchange of fire.

CHICAGO, June 1.—Belief that human tears contain properties which kill germs was declared erroneous by Dr. Herman Bundesen, health commissioner of Chicago, who today has completed a two-weeks laboratory test. In three test tubes containing one-half cubic centimeter of tears, Dr. Bundesen placed bacteria coli, diptheria and staphylococci germs. The bacteria multiplied, he said.

JAIL INMATES CALL OFF STRIKE ON SHORT RATIONS

Messrs. William Zeigler and David Miller, languishing in the county jail on variations of bootlegging industry charges, mutinied this morning, and refused to work. The gentlemen were assigned the task of cleaning bricks and stood upon their dignity and constitutional rights. Jack Smith, in jail on an indictment alleging "advocating the commission of a felony," also balked, but, as he is awaiting trial, it is not compulsory for him to toil and spin.

The state law prescribes that prisoners, who refused to work when called upon, shall be put upon a bread and water diet, and County Judge Gardner announced that the prescription would be given, and the jailer announced that solitary confinement would be the lot of the malcontents until they felt like working.

Sheriff Terrill called upon his obstreperous charges, and commanded them to go to work, and getting no results, changed tactics, and begged them to "take a chance on sweating—it ain't killed anybody yet." This plea also failed, so the change in diet was ordered. The thought of missing a meal overcame their prejudices, and the strike was off.

The physical grind to which the pair were assigned consisted of knocking mortar off bricks, while seated on a box, in the shade of the court house trees.

OBITUARY

McCURDY—Austin McCurdy passed away quietly at his home on Geneva avenue Wednesday night after a lingering illness of three years. Mr. McCurdy was born August 25, 1854, in Pennsylvania. He spent the greater part of his life in Indiana, coming to Medford in 1913 after an active business career. He was the last member of a large family.

His wife, Florence Ferguson McCurdy, and sons, Clinton and Ralph survive him.

Private services will be conducted at the home.

TOM RAY TO MEET CHAMPION MILLER GOLD HILL, JUNE 6

An unusually interesting wrestling match between Walter Miller of Los Angeles, physical director of the Los Angeles Athletic club and Tom Ray of Omaha, Nebraska, part of Farmer Burns, will be staged at the Pavilion Gold Hill, Oregon, June 6. This should be one of the greatest athletic contests that the Gold Hill commission has ever presented to the public of southern Oregon.

The large and enthusiastic audiences that have shown their appreciation of good honest clean sport of the highest order during the past year will have another great opportunity the evening of June 6th, when the middleweight championship is at stake.

Walter Miller is the present middleweight champion wrestler, holding the Police Gazette belt, has wrestled over 1200 matches of which he has lost only four, a wonderful record.

Tom Ray, aspirant to middleweight honors is conceded to be the fastest man of his weight on the mat today. Lovers of good clean wrestling will see a match next Tuesday night at Gold Hill worth going a thousand miles to witness.

Two good preliminaries will precede the main event. Oral Blair of Gold Hill, 125 pounds will wrestle a Medford youth of the same weight to open the evening's entertainment.

Small Fry.

A butcher who expects the best trade to want only liver wurst is a pessimist—"Topics of the Day" Film.

ROOSEVELT SAYS JAPAN NEW NAVY NOT A VIOLATION

WASHINGTON, June 1.—Acting Secretary Roosevelt of the navy, replying to an inquiry as to Tokio press dispatches describing a new Japanese naval building program contemplating expenditure of \$282,000,000 was understood to have told the senate naval committee today that so far as

the navy department had ascertained the program was in strict conformity with the arms conference naval treaty. The inquiry as to the department's information with respect to the dispatch, which said the program provided for nine cruisers and 28 destroyers was made by Senator Poindestre, republican, Washington. Mr. Roosevelt declined to discuss the matter in open session and an executive session was ordered. The acting secretary is said to have stated that the new Japanese construction was for the purpose of "rounding out" its navy and to have pointed out that the naval treaty placed no limit on small cruisers. He was understood also to have declared that the navy department could deny the press report to the effect that Japan was building six battle cruisers.

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