

## PURPLE PAJAMAS FIGURE WIDELY IN WIFE'S SUIT

MINEOLA, N. Y., Oct. 22.—(A. P.)—Purple pajamas and various love affairs attributed to Charles C. Frey, turf follower, figure in the \$100,000 alienation suit of Mrs. Katherine M. Frey against Wilda Bennett, actress.

Celeste Baban, a former butler of Miss Bennett's, told a jury yesterday of intimate breakfasts at Miss Bennett's Long Island home at which Frey was present arrayed in purple pajamas.

Mrs. Frey admitted she had made application for divorce, but said it was on advice of her attorneys to counter her husband's previously filed suit. She did not want a divorce, she said.

One of the two unnamed women named in this suit was Miss Bennett, the other was Lillian Lorraine, also an actress.

"He told me once that Miss Lorraine was the only sweetheart he had ever had," Mrs. Frey said.

Frey had two apartments in New York, his wife testified. He told Mrs. Frey, she said, that she must never go to one of them, because people he did not want her to meet were constantly there gambling.

One day, seeing a red sweater in and heard a woman's voice, which she recognized as Miss Bennett's.

Mr. Frey, she said, then dragged her downstairs.

Mary McIntyre Pierce of Louisville, Mrs. Frey's sister, testified of an offer of \$10,000 by Frey for a divorce. She attributed to Frey the statement that he would get the money from a girl.

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## MEN PASSENGERS BLAMED FOR RIOT ON BLAZING BOAT

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Dramatic scenes aboard the steamship Comanche when fire broke out in her hold last Saturday night off Florida, were described today by 66 members of the crew returning to this port on the Cherokee.

Women praying in the salon as they put on life belts, an orchestra of three musicians playing jazz to keep up morale, men passengers "meddling with the officers' work and playing cavaliers instead of help," these were some of the episodes described by the returning crew members.

James C. Wilkie, second steward of the Comanche, said the fire was discovered amidship after a negro steward had noticed the deck was getting hot. A deck plank was ripped away, revealing that the fire already had made great headway. Members of the crew immediately began fighting the flames with hose.

He said the captain gave orders to man the lifeboats within a few minutes after the fire was discovered. Wilkie emphatically denied that any women passengers had been pulled from lifeboats by negro members of the crew.

Relating the incident of women praying in the salon while putting on their life belts, Wilkie said he gave orders to the orchestra to play "something jazzy." This seemed to help, he asserted, until the lights went out from a burned fuse and the musicians could no longer read their music.

He denied that any order was given for passengers to go to the main deck instead of remaining on the main deck to board the lifeboats.

"They followed the crowd and if I am not mistaken, they were led into this by some of the men passengers, who always try to run things when they ought to be minding their own business.

"If they had given more time to being men of help instead of being cavaliers, it would have gone a longer way in doing something."

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## SAN FRANCISCO WANTS GOLF CLUBS SHUT ELECTION DAY

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—(A. P.)—Election day closing of all golf links used by San Francisco voters was being urged today by the Downtown Merchants' association. Experience has revealed, the merchants say, that persons excused from their regular employment on election day to vote, forget all about the polls and make for their favorite links to get in their best ticks in a full day's play.

This general apathy toward civic duty will not do this year, the merchant point out. San Francisco is in the throes of a municipal election campaign which will end on November 3 when the voters will be called out to elect nine supervisors and accept or reject a proposal to buy the properties of the Market Street Railway company for \$30,000,000. The franchise of the concern expires in 1930 and civic bodies are on record as opposed to the purchase.

## CHURCH UNION IN BAKER HELD UP

BAKER, Ore., Oct. 21.—(A. P.)—Federation of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches of Baker, proposed by the individual churches here was delayed by the vote of the Grande Ronde Presbytery in session here which today tabled a resolution to authorize the merger. A number of details must be worked out before the step can be taken, church leaders said.

The Presbyterian church and the Methodist church here recently voted to consolidate, the union to be subject to approval by the Presbytery and the Methodist conference of this district.

## News Notes From Oregon Guardsman

Speaking of the heat at Camp Jackson during the last three days of camp, it seems that the same condition prevailed all up and down the coast country. At Camp Lewis, during the same period, the hot wave paralyzed normal activity and activities had to be suspended for three days.

The nine silver trophies for the successful squads in the squad tent competition at Camp Jackson have been received from the engravers and will be presented to the squads entitled to same by the commanding general at an early date.

Future of the Jackson county fair held at Medford last month was the sham battle and demonstration staged by the local company under command of Captain Ralph P. Cowgill.

## NEW THEATRE IN CHICAGO ALLOWS FOR NO MAKE-UP

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—(A. P.)—Classic standards of drama and art will be introduced to the great commercial center of the west tomorrow night by the opening of a new kind of theater here.

The playhouse is the Goodman memorial theater, home of the dramatic art department of the Chicago Art Institute. Both theater and school discard many of the traditions of the acting profession in an effort to naturalize dramatic productions.

The theater is unique in being largely underground, due to city building restrictions on structures in Grant park, the heart of the city Lake Michigan frontage.

There are no footlights, a concealed row of lights above and in the front of the proscenium arch creating on the stage an effect of natural outdoor daylight. This makes it possible for the players to abandon artificial makeup for counteracting the shadows of the old time footlights.

## Daughter Fights Father. DENVER.—Testimony on which the state expects to hang Ray F. Shank, machinist, for the murder of his wife and 17-year-old son, was given in his trial by his own daughter, Ruth, 21-year-old college graduate.

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## FIRST CHICKEN EGG IS LAID IN NORTH POLE COOP

BARENTSBERG, Green Harbor, Spitzbergen, Oct. 22.—(A. P.)—Spitzbergen is paying due honor to its first locally laid hen's egg. Eggs, as eggs are not scarce here, for those of the elder duck and tern may be picked up by thousands in the summer time. But the product of the ordinary barnyard fowl heretofore has been unknown.

The egg was laid in the henery of Director Brasselby of the Dutch Coal company, who is making an attempt to acclimatize chickens. His henery, owing to the bitterness of the weather, is heated. It has to be darkened during a part of each 24 hours of the mid-winter period. In the Arctic winter artificial sunlight has to be provided. Thus the hens are being made to feel at home under the 78th degree, northern latitude.

## Blackmailer Is Insane. SPOKANE.—Clyde Loomis, 18-year-old student of the occult, who pleaded guilty to a charge of attempted blackmail after a charge of dynamite exploded near the home of Frank Graves, an attorney, was committed to the state insane asylum at Medical Lake by an insanity commission.

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