

COURT OVERRULES NO SOUL PLEA IN DR. BLAZER CASE

LITTLETON, Colo., Nov. 11.—(A. P.)—The "no soul—no crime" plea of counsel defending Dr. Harold Elmer Blazer, charged in district court here with the murder of his 34-year-old daughter, Hazel, "the child woman," found no response in Judge Samuel Johnson today when he overruled a motion by Lewis Mowry, chief of defense counsel, asking for a directed verdict acquitting the country doctor. Harking back to the old English common law, Mowry held that the girl was "not a human being, as comprehended by the statutes of Colorado." Following on this presumption, he declared that the state had failed to prove the imbecile girl had a soul. Further, he contended, the state had failed to prove corpus delicti, or that the defendant was sane. The motion was made in the judge's chambers and promptly overruled by the court.

Barbara La Marr Fighting for Life in Pasadena Hills



Barbara La Marr.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 11.—Barbara La Marr, who a year ago was the darling of film fame and fortune, is making a fight against death from a wasting disease in a Pasadena foothills retreat. The famous actress is cut off from all the world but four persons—her white-haired father, William W. Watson, her nurse, Miss Davies, her physician, Dr. Herman Shorr, and her attorney, R. D. Knickerbocker. They are all who know the location of the sick actress' retreat, but they will not divulge it. Neither doctor nor lawyer will discuss the nature or seriousness of Miss La Marr's illness. Dr. Shorr today stated the actress shows a trend toward improvement. Mr. Knickerbocker today stated he expected Miss La Marr would eventually get well enough to play in films again. Meanwhile Hollywood accepts the actress' film retirement as permanent, following the complete per-

vous and physical collapse which marked her efforts to finish the large scenes in her last picture. Miss La Marr's physical condition in the middle of the picture, "The Girl From Montmartre," caused a cessation of the camera work for several weeks in August, when she broke down several times on the sets. Miss La Marr later returned to the studio toward the end of August, supported on the arms of her father and her physician and finished the last scenes. She was constantly attended by a nurse, and informed a reporter that her weight had dropped to 98 pounds from about 135. Barbara La Marr, the daughter of W. W. Watson, is well known in Medford where she lived for several months during 1914 and 1915 before she entered the movies. At that time W. W. Watson was night editor of the Medford Sun and was a resident of Medford for several years.

GENERAL HARBORD OPPOSES PROHIS, ALSO THE SALOON

CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—(A. P.)—Gen. James G. Harbord in an Armistice day speech today declared "a decent personal liberty as to milder forms of beverage, with the accompanying appropriate internal revenue tax, would obviate the necessity of an income tax in this country." "Whether the powers of our government shall be legislative, judicial and executive, as contemplated by the constitution, or be distributed among a wilderness of commissions and committees, semi-executive and semi-legislative in character but at all times outside the constitution, is a choice which the American people must make. "The direct primary, outside the principles of representative government and marking the drift toward pure democracy, which once established no government has ever long survived, susceptible of corruption, expensive and inefficient in the crop of office holders it has produced, charges your decision as to its survival. The amendment of the Volstead act, far wider in its application than was ever contemplated by the eighteenth amendment, its disregard of the constitutional provision against unreasonable searches and seizures, and against wholesale official corruption to which it has led, is an issue which patriotic Americans must face. "No intelligent person seeks the return of the saloon, and the general in urging a "decent personal liberty," which with free institutions, he asserted, are menaced from within and without.

Bud Ridley Wins.
SEATTLE, Nov. 11.—(A. P.)—Bud Ridley, Seattle featherweight, won a six round decision here last night over Vic King, champion of Australia. Ridley dropped the Australian for an eight count in the fifth round. Cal Herman, Salt Lake welterweight and Freddy Mack, Seattle, went six rounds to a draw in the semi-final. Harry Geysel, Seattle, and Joe Powell, lightweights, battled six rounds to a draw in what many classed as the best fight on the card.

Another Football Fatality.
SPOKANE, Nov. 11.—(A. P.)—An injury received on the head at football practice Friday, at first believed not serious, caused the death of Herbert Simpson, 24, student of Spokane university here yesterday.

To a Gun's Eyclash.
DANVILLE, Ill.—With the ball on the one and one-half inch line, West-

ville high school was off-side and CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—(A. P.)—Some five department of the Illinois Bankers' association has recommended the rule to its members.

GOVERNOR DETECTS SKULLDUGGERY IN TAX MATTERS

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 11.—Declaring that the public utility corporations of Oregon as assessed at one value for rate making purposes and a far lower figure for tax purposes, Governor Pierce has issued a statement specifically pointing out the result of such a policy as it affects two of the big utilities in the state, the Portland Electric Power company and the California Oregon Power company. The statement places the value of the properties of the Portland Electric company as fixed by the public service commission for rate making purposes at \$71,575,215.62, and the assessed value fixed by the state tax commission at \$41,965,059.10 for the year 1925. After analyzing the county tax ratios, it is estimated that the company is only paying taxes on an approximate valuation of \$21,000,000. In the case of the California Oregon Power company the rate making valuation is placed at \$5,892,615.94, the tax assessment valuation at \$4,050,751 for this year and the approximate basis for actual tax payments under the county ratios \$2,400,000. Governor Pierce asserts that the net earnings of the two companies on the actual tax assessment valuations for 1924 were more than 15 per cent although their profits were shown to be under five per cent on the basis of their rate making valuation.

BIRDS PUT END TO CHURCH SERVICES

LONDON, Nov. 11.—(By Universal Service)—Evening church service on the island of Lewis in the Hebrides came to a strange and sudden close a few nights ago. It was broken up by a blackbird. The bird first attracted attention by tapping persistently at the window and when a number of women, becoming alarmed opened the door to go out the bird flew in. It made straight for the pulpit, and alighted on the head of the pastor, the Rev. William Cameron, who was in the midst of his sermon. A brother parson, the Rev. Malcolm MacIver, knocked the bird off, and it flapped angrily around the pulpit, putting two lamps in its fury. It circled the church, darting at other lamps, then returned to the flustered parson's head. Dr. Cameron finally surrendered and closed the service with a hasty benediction.

ITALIAN EDITOR IS FREED, IMPLICATES FRIENDS IN PLOT

FLORINCE, Italy, Nov. 11.—(A. P.)—The Unita Cattolica today publishes a dispatch from Rome saying that Signor Quaglia, editor of Il Popolo (anti-fascist paper) who was detained in connection with the plot against Premier Mussolini, was released because he gave the police valuable information regarding the conspiracy. Signor Quaglia had been a political friend of former Deputy Zaniboni, the principal figure in the plot, for a long time, the dispatch says, and learned of the latter's plans when it had progressed no further than aimless talk. When the plot reached such a point however, that its accomplishment seemed imminent, Quaglia found himself faced with the dilemma of either knowingly permitting the assassination or of denouncing his friend. He chose the latter alternative and determined, as soon as he arrived in Rome, to go to the central police office and give the authorities information of the plot. The newspaper dispatch asserts that Zaniboni had been aided financially for a long time from a French source, the money coming through Peppino Garibaldi and General Cappello. This aid apparently ceased recently, but the dispatch adds, "presumably money continued to be furnished through the Italian Muzons."

South Sea Film At the Rialto

"Never the Twin Shall Meet" was presented on the screen at the Rialto theater yesterday, where it will continue for today and tomorrow. The film is a picturization of Peter B. Kyne's South Sea tale of the same name, and proved to be one of the most exceptional and enchanting pictures of the year. It combines an excellent cast, pictorial backgrounds of charm and beauty and a fast moving story with drama, pathos and comedy. In the making of this picture Maurice Tourneur, the director, took a notable company to Tahiti and Moorea for the filming of the scenes. Aida Stewart, plays the leading feminine role of Tama, Bert Lytell, the young American scion of wealth and social position. Other members of the cast are Lionel Belmore, George Seimann, Emily Fitzroy, William Norris, Florence Turner and Princess Marie de Bourbon.

Jesse Is Not It Again.
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CANADA BARS OUT KLAN ORGANIZER

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 11.—(A. P.)—Major Luther B. Powell of Portland, Ore., organizer of the Canadian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, was today reported refused entry to Canada by immigration officials at White Rock, south of here. The boundary officers reported that he had been classed as undesirable. Powell appealed to Ottawa and his case is expected to establish a precedent in such cases.

Forger Gets Three Years.
EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 11.—Loyal Emory, who entered a plea of guilty in circuit court here Saturday on a charge of forgery, was today sentenced to serve a term of three years in the state penitentiary. Sentence was pronounced by Judge G. F. Schwartz.

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