

GIRL'S STORY IS CHARACTERIZED AS IMPOSSIBLE

Pantages Pleader Brands As False Dancer's Testimony of Alleged Attack—Summation By State This Afternoon.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 25.—(AP)—Alexander Pantages' case was complete at noon today, the last of three closing arguments in his behalf having been delivered to the jury in his trial on a statutory charge.

Only the final summation for the state and the court's instructions to the seven men and five women jurors, remained to be delivered before the case is given to the jury for a verdict. District Attorney Byron Fitts, who has led the prosecution of the state's charge that the 54-year-old theater multi-millionaire assaulted Eunice Pringle, 17-year-old dancer, will close the state's case. He expects to argue more than two hours. Under the law, if a conviction is returned, Pantages can be sentenced to either a year in the county jail or an indeterminate prison sentence with a maximum of 50 years.

W. J. Gilbert, making the final plea to the jury for an acquittal, declared Miss Pringle's story of the alleged attack was "impossible." He branded as "impossible" also her description of the "54-year-old man's power in using force upon this athletic dancing girl."

Edison Frisky After Trip to Light Ceremony

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Oct. 25.—(AP) Thomas A. Edison is back from Dearborn full of pep. On arrival he slipped the engineer and fireman of the train on the back, nudged a photographer in the ribs, pulled a chauffeur's cap, posed for a picture and spoke into a mike. "I had a good trip—a very, very good trip. Henry Ford is all right."

10,183 Miles of U. S. Airways Well Lighted

There are now more than 20,000 miles of airways in the United States, and 10,183 miles of these airways are lighted for night flying, according to a recent statement of Col. Harry H. Blee, chief of the airport division, United States department of commerce. The lighting provided includes 2,000,000 candle-power searchlight beacons, with flashing course light projectors for indicating the direction of the airway, installed at ten mile intervals. At some places, where conditions of the terrain makes it advisable, the beacons are closer together. The purpose is to permit the airplane pilot to be able to sight a beacon at all times. At an average of thirty-mile intervals, intermediate landing fields with boundary lights and a caretaker always on duty, are established for the further assistance of airplane operators. With these fields, and those being established by municipalities and private owners, the time is not far distant, it is stated, when there will be a landing field at approximately every ten miles along the main airways of the nation.

ROAD PROGRAM FOR ASHLAND AGREED ON

At a meeting this afternoon of the county court, roads and highway committee of the Medford chamber of commerce with the Ashland chamber of commerce at Ashland, an agreement was reached for a comprehensive road program for the development of the trade territory surrounding Ashland. The expenditure of road funds for construction and improvement work for the section around Ashland was given careful discussion. The meeting ended late this afternoon. The William Creek project was not discussed.

DEGREE OF HONOR MEETS OVER MEDFORD PHARMACY

The Degree of Honor meeting place for tonight has been changed to the hall above the Medford Pharmacy. The meeting will be opened at 8:30.

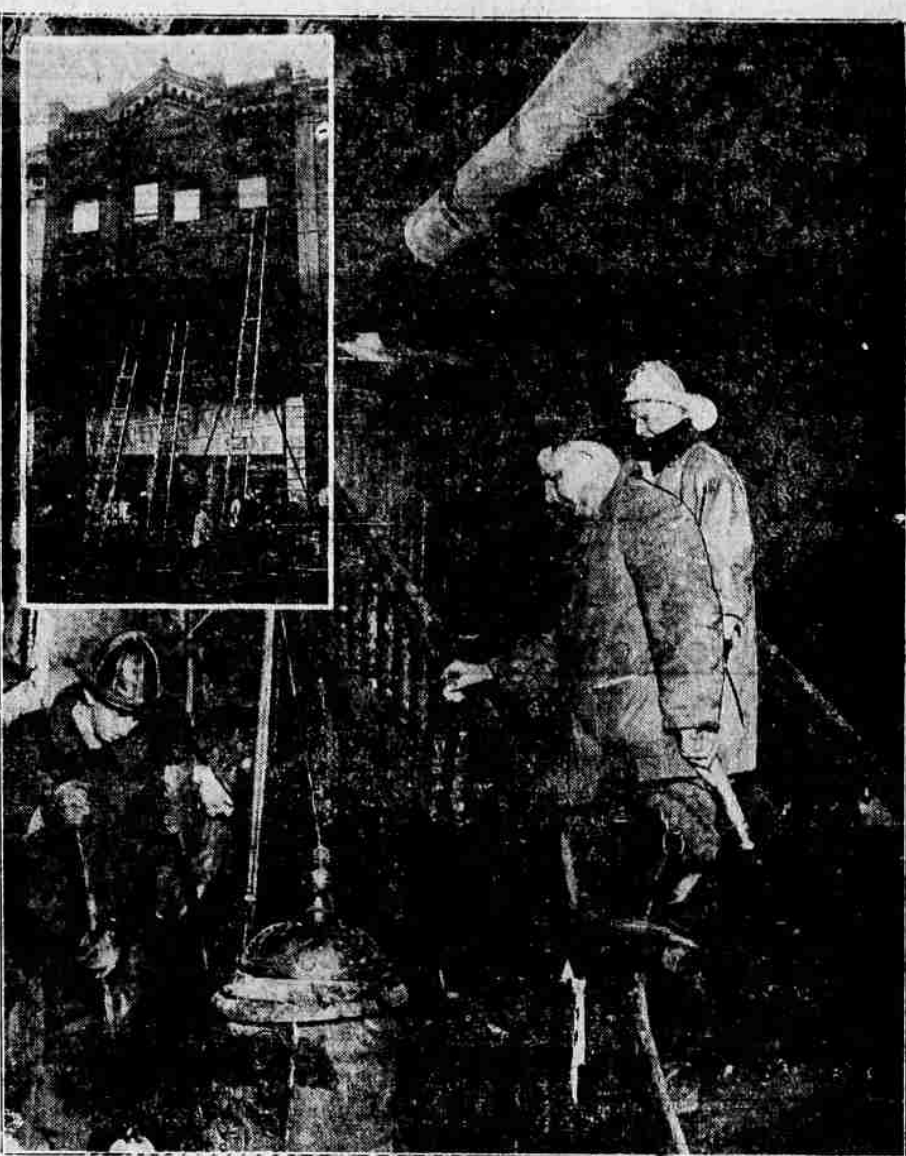
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NR TO-NIGHT TOMORROW ALRIGHT

Seven Lives Lost When Fire Sweeps Old Seattle Hotel

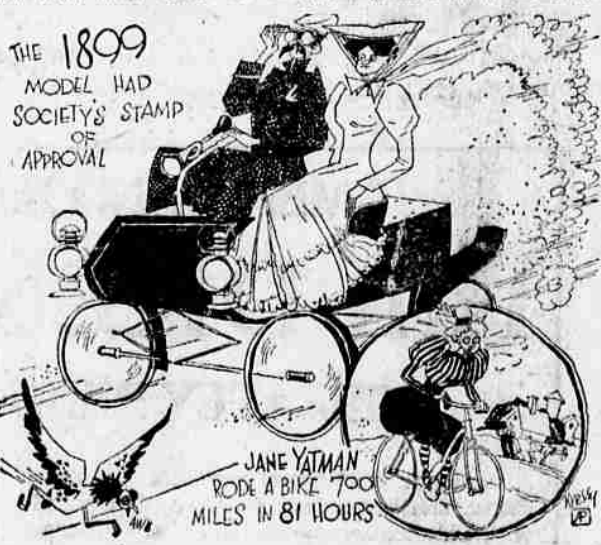


Seven persons were burned to death and fifteen were injured in a blaze which swept the Portland Hotel in the oldest section of Seattle. Above, firemen cleaning out the debris in the hallway where the blaze is thought to have started, and an inset of the fire-swept interior. (A. P. Photo)

MIRRORS OF YESTERDAY

By Alexander George (Associated Press Service Writer)

In that stirring autumn of '99 when William Jennings Bryan was lambasting the trusts and Mr. Jeffries, the California boot-maker, was the modest heavyweight champion of the world, Mrs. John Jacob Astor set the



THE 1899 MODEL HAD SOCIETY'S STAMP OF APPROVAL

JANE YATMAN RODE A BIKE 700 MILES IN 81 HOURS

stamp of social approval on the "horseless carriage." Mrs. Astor drove out to call on other members of New York's "400" in a "silent" victoria with liveried attendants on the box. It was reported that "her carriage had none of the objectionable buzz so frequently heard in autos."

Soon afterwards Newport had its first automobile parade, which was sponsored by Mrs. O. H. P.

Modern Offices Now in the Air

With the acceptance of business men of airplane transportation as the most feasible form the standpoint of speed and efficiency, scores of manufacturers have notified the department of commerce that production of "office-planes" has begun.

The ships are being equipped with dictaphone, office desk, filing equipment, desk and reading lights, thermos bottle set, electric cigar lighter, shavers for looks and other accessories.

Addition of radio sets will enable business men to transact business during flight with the same ease as on the ground. It is pointed out that executives traveling from one coast to another need not lose time from their offices. Communication between plane and office is not impossible, they point out.

Until a steady demand points the way to production, manufacturers assert planes will be custom built. Each one will answer the needs of any individual purchaser. Pioneers in the field were the oil companies. Other executives whose presence were needed in far points soon fell in with the idea. The demand now is slowly awakening but getting stronger every month, manufacturers report.

Belmont. Before the start of the parade there was a competitive test of skill in manipulating the autos.

A highway was marked off on the lawn of the Belmont estate and filled with obstacles such as baby carriages with dummy nurses pushing them, clay figures

rode a bicycle 700 miles in 81 hours. She was in agony the last 25 miles, but attendants kept her pedaling by forcing brandy down her throat, rubbing her with hot alcohol and feeding her a plate of ice cream.

Terry McGovern, the speedy lightweight, knocked out Fedlar Holmes, the pride of England, after two minutes and 32 seconds of furious fighting at the Westchester Athletic club.

Jane Yatman, a store clerk,

NEWPORT—(AP) The Lincoln county chamber of commerce will be permanently organized November 1. A manager will be elected who will maintain office at Toledo.

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Hollywood Sights Sounds

By Robbin Coons.



HOLLYWOOD.—It may be remembered that early in the talking picture game that lesser, a so-called Hollywood last year, some scornful writer pointed to one Lupino Lane as an outstanding example of the type of screen comic whose days would be numbered by the microphone.

Lupino's slapstick and broad comedy would be thrust into oblivion, and he with them, by the intellectual humor of a new type of movie comedian who would rely on his witty tongue, rather than on his ability to absorb falls and custard pies, for his laughs.

But to anyone witnessing a preview of "The Love Parade," in which Lupino and Lillian Roth aid and abet Maurice Chevalier and Jeanette MacDonald, the stars, the absurdity of that old prediction is at once apparent.

Chevalier, as the prince consort of a mythical kingdom, has a role in his second talkie much more worthy of his talents than was his in "Innocents of Paris," and Miss MacDonald, from New York's musical stage, doubtless will establish herself in this screen opera as one of Hollywood's leading songstresses and beauties.

Voice Helps.

But a pleasant surprise to those fans loyal to the old movie names will be that Lane who, with Roth, a stage importation, carries on the comic love interest, is infinitely more effective as a talking comic than as a silent pantomimist, and moreover, possesses an unusually fine singing voice.

The latter is no news to a Holly-

wood which saw him in his local "Musix Box Revue" last spring, but outside the colony, where he has been known simply as a slapstick artist, no doubt it will strengthen his hold.

And speaking of the "Musix Box," Harry Carroll of song-writing and stage renown, has taken over that legitimate theater in Hollywood and launched in it a musical revue which is taking advantage of the opportunity for big names afforded locally by the "Broadway invasion" of the screen.

Western Broadway?

Stage stars who work or have worked in the talkies are among the revue's headliners. Ann Greenway, for one, is under contract to R-K-O for talkies, but is singing nightly as prima donna on the Carroll stage.

The Three Brox Sisters, who have been singing in several talkies here, are also in the cast, as are others who have been playing more or less under the "mikes."

Carroll plans to make his revue an institution here, provided continued support from theater-goers is offered. It is a little early to forecast, but may not this be the opening gun in a campaign to establish a western theatrical metropolis nourished by the talkies?

Unhonored Heroine.

So Mary, while other actors and actresses were venturing into new talkie fields, has been kept busy with "re-takes," putting her voice into sequences of those silent pictures. One of them, "Girl Overboard," has been released, and the other, "Erik the Great," soon will be ready for showing.

Then there is "The Phantom of the Opera," the Lon Chaney starring picture of several years ago, which Universal has undertaken to remake as a talkie. More re-takes for Mary, who was the heroine. This talkie, "Phantom," by the way, should be interesting to observe, inasmuch as Chaney, yet unrecalled to talkies, refused to "dialo" his old part for any remuneration whatever, and the phantom speaks little, if at all.

But now Mary is out of her "seclusion," with a leading role with the James Gleason in "Shamoon of Broadway." And there's the answer to the old serial's question, "What Happened to Mary?" The

1929 version. Mary, incidentally, still wears her hair long, and in curls about without schoolbooks under her shoulders. Wearing a beret, arm.



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