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## GIRL TELLS SAD STORY BETRAYAL BY LOVER

Takes the Witness Stand in Her Personal Battle for Her Life and Liberty.

## FIRST WAS TREATED LIKE MEMBER OF HIS FAMILY

Then Abandoned and Took the Young Man's Life—How He Decoyed Her Away from Her Mother on a Buggy Ride and Ran the Horse Into a Barbed Wire Fence.

Auburn, Cal., Nov. 22.—Alma Bell, the girl slayer of her lover, Joe Armes, took the stand today and began her personal battle for life and freedom, being prepared to face a pitiless cross-examination at the hands of the prosecuting attorneys, who have been "waiting to put her through the court room third degree."

The girl was pale but calm when she faced the court room, which was crowded with a solid jam of people, anxious to hear her tell her own story.

She smiled as she answered the preliminary questions of her attorneys with confidence.

She first told how she took the news to Mrs. Armes of the death of her husband on February 25, and how she later attended the funeral. After this, she said, she remained with the Armes family.

"I told Joe of my condition the first of May," she testified, "but he said he thought I was mistaken. On the tenth of May I told him again, and said: 'Joe, we had better get married right away.'"

Without a show of shame, the girl

told how she knew of her condition, and then stated that she asked Mrs. Denny, at the behest of Joe, what would relieve a girl in her condition.

The court ordered this part of the testimony stricken out.

Then she testified:

"After that Joe said to me: 'We'll get married. I'll go down to the court house right away and get the license. Then we'll go to Sacramento, where I'll get a job in the cannery.'"

Then the witness told of the occurrences of Decoration Day. She said she made wreaths and crosses of flowers for the grave of Joe's father. She said she went to the cemetery with the family and helped decorate the graves.

On the Thursday before the killing, she said she was taking care of Mamie Armes, who was sick, and telephoned to Manuel Neves, asking for Ben Kenison, or some ice man, and requesting that some ice be sent out for Mamie.

This was the telephone conversation in which Mamie said Alma arranged to go riding with Kenison.

She next testified that Joe Ruth

called upon her Thursday evening, and told her that her mother, Mrs. Pike Bell, was sick.

"Later Ruth told me that this was not true," she testified. "He admitted that he told me my mother was ill just because he wanted to take me out buggy riding, and thought he could get me to go that way, under pretense of taking me home."

She said that when she found this out she said to him:

"I don't want to go riding. Take me back to Mrs. Armes' or to my mother."

Then she detailed how the horse ran into a barbed wire fence, and said that she remained that night at Mrs. Kenison's place, in Auburn.

In response to a question she said: "I was always treated like a member of the Armes family."

Then came the story of the final quarrel.

"On Saturday night," she said, "I saw Joe, and he hardly spoke to me. Mrs. Armes wouldn't speak to me at all."

"I said to her: 'Mamma, you think I made a date over the telephone with a fellow,' and she replied: 'That's what Manuel Neves said.'"

"I tried to explain, but she would not listen. She said that Johnny Armes heard the same story."

"I begged her to let me explain, but she would not listen to me."

The witness denied the story told by Frank Armes, of her having had a revolver strapped to her leg. She admitted that she had a pistol, but she did not carry it.

"Frank Armes and his girl and I and Joe went to a race," she said. "Frank's girl got mad, and would not go home with him. Joe took her home instead. Frank asked me what was wrong with his girl, and why she wouldn't go home with him, and I said I didn't know. Then Frank began to cry bitterly, because his girl wouldn't go home with him, and that is all that happened on that night."

The direct statement of the girl was not lengthy and was confined to the main facts, that is, the statement that Joe Armes promised to marry her and then refused.

"It was all because he refused to

keep his promise," she said. "That was the cause of the trouble between us, and it followed the trouble about Kenison and Joe Ruth."

She stated that she had been engaged to marry Joe Armes since August 1, 1906.

## BRITISH BUDGET WILL BE PUT UP TO THE PEOPLE

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] London, Nov. 22.—King Manuel, of Portugal, and Ambassador Reid were among the interested spectators at the peeresses gallery was packed. When the agitation following the reading of the budget had subsided Lord Lansdowne arose and moved to refer the bill to the people as the only alternative to summary rejection. He admitted that the lords did not have the right to amend finance bills under present law, but claimed that they had the right to a detailed discussion of the advisability of rejecting it. He also stated that the house of lords did not wish to reject the bill until the wishes of the people became known.

Fully four hundred lords were in their seats. It is almost certain that this number will be augmented by one hundred to vote Thursday after the debate is finished.

It is generally believed, however, that the debate will be a farce, as it is almost certain that the budgets will be put up to the people.

## FORESTRY VERSUS THE INTERIOR

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Seattle, Wash., Nov. 22.—The ill feeling which is supposed to exist between the heads of the interior department and the forestry bureau at Washington, crops out in the Cunningham coal land cases, in progress here, in the attitude towards each other of the representatives of those branches of the government service. The case against the coal claimants is being conducted by James H. Sheridan, of the land office, while the forestry bureau is represented by A. C. Shaw. Shaw was sent here to advise with Sheridan in the conduct of the case, and has been in attendance at the hearings for two days, but as yet has taken no further part in the proceedings.

## WOODBURN CAPITALIST RETURNS FROM EAST

G. W. Waterbury returned from Iowa Saturday night, where he went to bury his brother A. B. Waterbury, who was shot and killed by a burglar while he was acting as policeman at Spokane. Mr. Waterbury says Monday and Tuesday of last week they had a blizzard in Iowa and snow piled up in drifts, and they did not get out of the snow until near Billings, Mont. Mr. Waterbury spent some time in Seattle and says in his opinion Portland will in a few years be away ahead of Seattle. Mr. Waterbury has lived through two panics in Oregon and never lost a dollar and thinks this is a very good country to live in.

## MAKING SALEM A JOBING CENTER

E. J. Engdahl, who sells groceries on the road for H. S. Gile & Co., wholesale grocers and fruit dealers in this city, says his firm is getting a big trade on the Salem, Falls City & Western railroad, and opening such lines helps make Salem a great distributing point. Mr. Engdahl lives in Portland and was married to a Miss Lyons of Lyons, Ore., about six weeks ago.

## ROOSEVELT HAS KILLED THREE MORE SPECIMENS

(By Staff Correspondent of the United Press.) Nairobi, E. E. A., Nov. 22.—News was received today from the Ingushup that Colonel Roosevelt has killed four more elephants, one of which will be presented to the University of California. The other three will be presented to the museum of natural history in New York City.

## WEST SALEMITE VISITING IN SEATTLE

Thomas Gilham a cement worker, left Saturday for a visit with his parents in Seattle, whom he has not seen in over eight years. He owns considerable property in West Salem, where he lives, and has great faith in the terminus of the Falls City & Western.

## ROBBER OF SALEM HOMES FOR THE PAST 30 DAYS

Has Plunder Hidden Away in Many Different Caches About the Capital City.

## ROBBED A DOZEN HOUSES IN EAST PART OF SALEM

Clever Criminal Who Has Long Eluded the Officers Makes a Full Confession to Sheriff Minto, Who Locates Him in Portland—He Will Be Prosecuted in Multnomah County.

Frank Johnson, held under arrest in the Multnomah county jail, in Portland, charged with the crime of larceny from a dwelling, committed in Portland Sunday night, confessed to Sheriff Harry Minto, of Marion county, this morning to having been the person who has been robbing Salem houses for the past month, and whose apprehension was a total mystery to the local officers.

Chief of Detectives Beaty, of Portland, telephoned to Sheriff Minto early this morning, saying he had a man in his charge who said he would disclose the locations of different caches in Salem in which articles were hidden that had been stolen from the many houses in this city. Sheriff Minto took the early morning electric and went to Portland. Johnson admitted that it was he who committed the depredations in Salem, and gave the Marion county officer explicit directions regarding the location of different caches. Sheriff Minto has not returned as yet, but the stolen property will no doubt be

recovered as soon as he reaches Salem.

Frank Johnson has a long criminal record behind him. He served time in the Walla Walla prison for theft, and several years ago he served a long term in the penitentiary at Stillwell, Minn.

He is now held in jail at Portland, facing a serious charge of house breaking. Johnson freely admitted that he had been working between Salem and Portland for the past four months, and had cleaned up a comfortable sum by entering people's houses and helping himself. When arrested by the Portland authorities he had on his person several watches, money and some jewelry. Two of the timepieces belonged here in Salem, and these were turned over to Sheriff Minto.

Johnson is about the smoothest house robber ever working his nefarious trade in Salem, and the police here were entirely in the dark as to his identity or whereabouts. Johnson will not be returned to Salem to answer for his crimes committed here, but will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law in Portland.

## ST. PAUL MINE IS ENTERED

By a Representative of the United Press—First Reporter There.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Cherry, Ill., Nov. 22.—The United Press representative remained in the mine for an hour and a half watching the rescuers before his identity became known. Then he was compelled to leave.

He reported that the rescuers were in constant danger of the gases. He also declared that a slight fire is seriously hampering the work of the rescuers. He saw no dead bodies.

The hope that additional men are alive in the east tunnel of the second level was revived this afternoon when rescuers broke through a wall of earth and found the tools and outside cloth coat the miners piled in a heap. There were no dinner pails beside them.

This fact has led the rescuers to believe that at the outbreak of the fire the men retreated into the tunnel to safety.

The men rescued Saturday were found in the west tunnel and heretofore the belief has been general that all the men working in the east tunnel met death.

The rescuers now believe that they will find living men behind the great masses of fallen earth in the east tunnel with the party that is believed to be in the east tunnel the rescuers hope to find Thomas Ballif, postmaster of Cherry, who descended into the mine after the fire started and was caught.

Nourmahal was safe in San Juan harbor on Nov. 15, the Astor interests here are continuing the search for the vessel.

The wireless stations have been unable to get in touch with the Caracas since the operator on the vessel sent the message.

Tampa, Fla., Nov. 22.—A wireless message was received here from San Juan today containing the news that the Nourmahal was not in that port at the present time.

The message failed to state whether the yacht had been there.

## ZELAYA CAPTURES DRUMMERS

President of Central American Republic Making Dangerous Arrests.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Nov. 22.—Traveling salesmen in Nicaragua, representing American commercial houses, are daily being imprisoned by orders of President Zelaya.

It is estimated today that not less than twenty American "drummers" are imprisoned in Nicaraguan prisons.

A. W. Malcolmson, local representative for a New Orleans house, wired his firm from Contal Rica that he has just escaped from a Nicaraguan jail.

According to Malcolmson hundreds of American subjects are being arrested for sympathizing with Estrada.

Gottlieb Cross, the confidential business agent of Zelaya, is in prison at his own request, fearing that he will be killed if he remained outside.

Cross is a German and has been a resident of Nicaragua for many years.

He is alleged to have engineered many unfair deals by which Zelaya made millions.

## ASTOR MAY HAVE MADE LAST TOUR IN YACHT

New York, Nov. 22.—Despite the wireless message received from the steamer Caracas, reporting that Col. John Jacob Astor's palatial yacht

## SALEM AUTOMOBILIST EXCEEDS SPEED LIMIT

Officer Larry Murphy arrested Ellis Edmunson, a local automobile owner, this afternoon on a warrant charging him with violating the eight mile speed ordinance. Edmunson was seen Saturday morning passing down Commercial street driving his car far over the speed limit, and a warrant was issued for his arrest. He was haled into court this afternoon and the trial was set for tomorrow morning in the recorder's office.

## TREASURY IS OVER A MILLION AHEAD TODAY

Washington, Nov. 22.—The report of the treasury today shows: Receipts, \$3,337,765; expenditures, \$2-

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