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DEFENSE AT LAST TAKES ITS INNINGS IN LONG DRAWN OUT SCHENCK TRIAL

IT IS THOUGHT DEFENSE HAS "AN ACE UP ITS SLEEVE" CONSPIRACY IS ALLEGED

Case That Dragged for Nearly a Month in Which Mrs. Laura Schenk Is Accused of Poisoning Her Millionaire Husband Is Important Only From Great Wealth of Parties---Testimony Today Shows Brother of Schenk Was Always Bitter Against His Brother's Wife.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 21.—Predictions that the defense in the trial of Mrs. Laura Farnsworth Schenk, accused of poisoning her millionaire husband, John O. Schenk, has "an ace up its sleeve," were freely made at the resumption of the trial here today when Attorney J. P. O'Brien of Mrs. Schenk's counsel, announced that the defendant would not take the stand.

O'Brien said Mrs. Schenk would plead insanity, and that Albert Schenk, brother of the accused woman's husband, would not be called in an effort to prove that Mrs. Schenk is the victim of a conspiracy among the relatives of her husband. No hint was given as to the evidence expected to be produced on which the defense hopes for a verdict.

All of last night's session of the court was devoted to attempting to impeach the credibility of Dr. Myers, who testified that he had sold Mrs. Schenk a quantity of acetate of lead, with which poison, as well as arsenic, Schenk is alleged to have been fed.

When the first witness was called today, it developed that the reason Albert Schenk would not be put on the stand was that, called by the defense, it would not be possible for Mrs. Schenk's lawyers to attack the credibility of their own witness.

That the plea of a conspiracy against the accused woman will be relied on, her defense, at least in part, was evident when Mrs. Jane Hedges was called. She testified that Albert Schenk had always shown animosity against his brother's wife and time and again declared he would leave no stone unturned to get her out of the family.

Mrs. Hedges continued: "Albert Schenk came to my farm between April and June and said that his brother John was going abroad and that he had bought Laura (the defendant) a \$6,000 automobile. Albert said 'I wish every time she rides in the machine that she may break her neck.'"

Cross examination of Mrs. Hedges produced nothing new, the witness simply sticking to her story of Albert Schenk's evidences of an intense dislike for the defendant, but being able to throw no light on the alleged poisoning of Schenk.

District Attorney Handlan today declared that the attorneys for the defense had threatened to call him to the stand. Handlan declared he was willing to testify, but warned the defense he would tell all he knew and said pointedly that the defendant had made damaging admissions to him the night she was arrested.

"I blundered that night," said Handlan. "I was so tired and exhausted that I delayed going into details with Mrs. Schenk, and by the following morning she had consulted attorneys and would talk no more."

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Endorses Law Breakers.
Cincinnati, O., Jan. 21.—In a declaration that the administration at Washington endorses the action of 15 Republican members of the West Virginia senate who fled here to prevent the organization of that body by Democrats, is seen today in the announcement that Charles P. Taft, brother of the president, will dine the fugitive legislators.

Under a compromise arranged between Senator-elect Chilton for the Democrats, and Governor Glasecock, of West Virginia, for the Republicans, the exiles will return to their legislative duties Monday.

FIVE ARE BURNED IN DWELLING

Bodies of Mrs. Percy Brooks and Her Four Children Are Found in the Ruins of Their Burned Home.

SERVANT IS BADLY BURNED

The Position in Which the Body of the Mother Lay Indicated She Had Thrown Herself Before the Children to Protect Them From the Flames—Fire Started From a Defective Flue Early Today.

TORONTO PRESS LEASED WIRE.
Toronto, Ont., Jan. 21.—Five persons met their death and another was taken to the Western Hospital badly burned as the result of a fire which destroyed the home of Percy Brooks, manager of the Fairbanks Scale Company, of Toronto, at No. 435 Indian Road, early today. It is believed the fire started from a defective furnace.

The dead are: Mrs. Percy Brooks and her four children.

Brooks is at present in Chicago on business.

The bodies of two of the children were found on the first floor in the bathroom, while the body of Mrs. Brooks and her two youngest children were found in her bedroom on the second floor. The position of Mrs. Brooks' body indicated that she had thrown herself before her children as a shield from the flames. The fire was discovered by a neighbor, T. McTavish, who turned in the alarm. Despite the efforts of the firemen, the house was destroyed. The woman was burned almost beyond recognition, and a servant girl, Viola Martin, was badly burned and taken to the hospital.

THE PORTLAND, EUGENE & EASTERN TO BEGIN ACTIVE WORK THIS SUMMER

Cold Spuds for Hubby
Alameda, Cal., Jan. 21.—Too much "rah-rah boy" is the basis of a divorce complaint on file in the Alameda superior court here today in which Alfred M. Chandler, complaining of a broken home, brands his wife, Helen, as the original "college widow."

When Chandler came home one night, he says, no wife would be on the job. Only a cracker and a cold "spud" graced the board. Helen would be over at the University of California holding a reception—and hands with a bunch of students whose ties and socks shamed the colors of the rainbow.

SURVEYORS IN THE FIELD TO DECIDE ON BEST ROUTE TO BUILD TO EUGENE FIRST

The Washington-Oregon Corporation Recently Organized With a Capital of \$5,000,000, Will Finance the Undertaking---Road Will Run From Portland to Eugene via Salem and Albany---After That It Is Probable a Network of Lines Will Be Built in Valley.

That the Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railroad company, better known as the Welch line, will within the next two or three months have several crews of surveyors in the field to complete the preliminary survey for a route for the road from here to Eugene and from here to Portland is the information which comes from inner railroad circles and having as its source one of the men interested in the line and also in the Washington-Oregon corporation it seems to bear all the stamps of reliability. From the same source comes also the further information that it is hoped to have the surveys completed in time so that the construction work of the line may be commenced in the summer.

The Washington-Oregon corporation filed articles with the secretary of state several weeks ago. Named with capitalists from Philadelphia, Tacoma and Portland was A. Welch, the promoter of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern line, and it is this corporation which will finance its construction according to the information given out. The articles of the Washington-Oregon corporation give as its purpose the operation of power plants and railroads, and the directors and stockholders named, with Welch, have railroad interests both in Washington and Nevada. One of its objects is to take over the Welch line and build was admitted by the party giving the information and he further stated that the construction of the line would commence just as soon as the corporation could get its affairs in shape.

Several Routes Surveyed.
Preliminary surveys have been made for several routes for the road from here to Eugene and also to Portland and the mission of the coming crew of surveyors will be to select the most feasible route. Enough crews will be placed in the field so that the work can be rushed as it is the desire of the directors of the corporation to commence the construction of the line during the summer.

HAS INVENTED A NEW TYPE OF BIPLANE AND EXPECTS TO FLY FROM NEW JERSEY TO SAN FRANCISCO, MAKING 300 MILES A DAY.
Westfield, N. J., Jan. 21.—To fly from Westfield to San Francisco in the modest program mapped out by Arthur Clark, 19, aviator, who expects the biplane now building will be completed by April.
Clark says he has incorporated original ideas in his machine that will surprise the Wrights and other aircraft manufacturers. Young Clark expects to make 300 miles daily on his flight. His biplane will have two propellers and 35 horse power engine.

SHE RODE THE FENDER A COUPLE OF BLOCKS
[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 21.—Except for a few slight bruises, Mrs. Clara Carr, music teacher and artist's model, is little the worse today for having been dragged 500 feet on the fender of a street car. When the car stopped, she got up, brushed the dirt from her clothes and walked away.

ELEVEN THOUSAND REGISTER IN ONE DAY
[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Seattle, Wash., Jan. 21.—Reports today show that more than 11,000 men and women registered yesterday for the privilege of voting at the special municipal election to be held in Seattle February 7, and aiming to the recall of Mayor Hiram C. Gill.

A BOY WILL FLY ACROSS CONTINENT

COMPANIES
MAKE BIDS
FOR PAVING
WARREN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OFFERS BITULITHIC AT \$1.85 PER SQUARE YARD—OTHER BIDS RANGE FROM \$1.34 TO \$2.08
The street committee to which was referred at the last session of the council the proposals made by the various paving companies for the pavement of streets in the city met with the representatives of the companies in the office of City Engineer Skelton this forenoon and listened to arguments advanced by them in behalf of the pavement which they represent.
Seven companies submitted proposals and the streets for the pavement of which they were submitted are as follows: North Liberty from Court

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When you see the garments and get our prices you will say that we are living up to our advertising agreement, one half price and less on all our cloaks and suits, 1910 and 1911 newest styles linings and materials.
Ladies' \$18, \$20 and \$25.00 Suits now \$7.50, \$8.50, \$10.50 and \$12.50; Ladies' \$10.50, \$15 and \$25 coats now \$4.50, \$6.90, \$9.50 and \$12.50; Ladies' \$12.50, \$18.50, and \$22.50 Dresses now \$5, \$7.50 and \$10.50; Girls' Coats \$5, \$7.50 and \$10 now \$2.50, \$3.50 and \$4.50.
Children's \$3.50, \$4.50 and \$7.50; Coats now \$1.65, \$1.98, and \$2.90.

Clearing Prices on Dress Goods and Silks

Thousands of yards here ready to show you of all the newest and Best Dress Goods and Silks shown anywhere on the Coast.
Dress Goods of every description per yard 25c, 35c, 49c, 65c, and up.
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the crowds and the values we are giving Standard 8 1-3c percales now, 5c per yard
Seeing is believing. Come here and see 20000 yards of Embroidery now on sale, all kinds per yard, 3c, 5c, 8 1-3c and up. Sheets and pillow cases at mill prices. Blankets, pair, 39c, 49c 75c, 98c and up. Outing Flannels, yd 4c, 5c, 6 1-4c, 8 1-3c

