

TEX RICKARD NOT GUILTY ORIGINAL ASSAULT ON GIRL

Jury Returned Verdict of Acquittal at Midnight After Deliberating an Hour and a Half—There Was Some Applause When the Verdict Was Announced—Rickard Embraced Counsel and Said: "This is the Happiest Day of My Life."

New York, March 28.—George L. (Tex) Rickard, international sports promoter, tonight was found not guilty of criminal assault on Sarah Schoenfeld, 15-year-old school girl, by a jury in the supreme court. The verdict was handed down after the jury had deliberated an hour and a half.

When the verdict was announced Rickard, his face flushed, went over to his counsel, Max D. Steuer, and embraced him. "This is the happiest day of my life," exclaimed Rickard. There was some applause when the verdict was announced.

After the jury delivered its verdict, Rickard was called to the bench and told that he would be freed under bail, pending disposal of other charges against him. Summing up for the defense, Max D. Steuer characterized as preposterous the story of the Schoenfeld girl and Nellie Gaske, 12-year-old corroborating witness.

Mr. Steuer reminded the jury that an alibi defense, whose character was unimpaired until after the trial, could not be controverted by direct evidence. It was physically impossible on such short notice to call witnesses to controvert the alibi witnesses, he contended.

Cross-examination was the only method to expose fabrication by Rickard's defending witnesses, all of whom, he said, were friends or employees of the promoter. The weak physical condition of Mrs. Rickard when she took the stand yesterday to say her husband was beside her when she had at the time he was charged with having assaulted Sarah was commented on by both lawyers.

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Implicating bandits in an auto joy ride mystery. Newark, N. J., March 28.—Police today sought to connect the mystery surrounding the auto ride which resulted in the deaths of two girls on a country road near Westwood, Friday night, with two men now held here for the recent \$9,000 robbery in the Capitol theatre, N. York.

Smallpox closes two schools in Ansonia. Ansonia, Conn., March 28.—A case of smallpox was recorded here today and caused Dr. John T. Black, state health commissioner, to close to this city tonight. The patient is Miss Rosanna McCormick, a teacher in the Elm Street school.

German View of Genoa Conference

Chancellor Wirth Says It Will Either be a Shining Star or a Will o' the Wisp.

Berlin, March 28. (By the A. P.)—The Genoa conference will either be a shining star or a will o' the wisp, Chancellor Wirth told the Reichstag today at the conclusion of a four-hour discussion of the decisions of the reparations commission.

Throughout his speech the chancellor was unusually frank in his criticism of the allies' treatment of the German problem, charging that not only had the reparations decision aroused national indignation, but incidentally it had added \$2,000,000,000 more to the German budget in consequence of the unprecedented stamp of the mark which set in automatically with the note's arrival.

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Justice Wasservogel's charge to the jury consumed one hour and 33 minutes and at request of both Rickard's counsel and the prosecutor, he made certain additions to his testimony. He told the jury there was no evidence regarding Rickard's alleged relations with Constancy Henry in Nevada or that he had cheated at cards, and that they were not to assume deductions from questions asked Rickard under cross-examination.

Mr. Steuer, who criticized Assistant District Attorney Peora for asking Rickard yesterday "without a bit of evidence," if he had not been involved with women in other states in the past. He said these questions had been published and spread all over the country simply because Mr. Peora had asked them.

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AN AMERICAN KILLED BY KOREANS IN SHANGHAI. Shanghai, March 28.—(By the A. P.)—Mrs. W. J. Snyder, of Brazil, Indiana, who killed two other persons, was wounded when two Koreans made an abortive attempt to assassinate General Gichi Tanaka, former Japanese minister of war, upon their arrival here from Manila by airplane.

SONG WRITER APPLIES FOR PASSPORT TO GERMANY. Bridgeport, March 28.—Prof. Theodore A. Metz, who wrote the once popular songs "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight" and "All Coons Are Alike to Me," applied for a passport in the naturalization court today. He intends to visit his mother, who lives in Hanover, Germany. Professor Metz lives in Stamford.

COMMITTED SUICIDE IN HARTFORD POLICE STATION. Hartford, Conn., March 28.—Laurita Hanson, 62, a machanic, committed suicide in his cell at police headquarters tonight by eating lumps of sugar containing poison. The police had searched for him for five days on a complaint made by a 14 year old girl. This afternoon he gave himself up and three hours later was found dead.

BRIEF GRAMS

All women are for city offices in Charlotte, N. C. Retail for in ten cities of the country to decrease ranging from 10 to 15 to March 15.

Referee C. E. Rowley in the bankruptcy court in New Haven ordered a sale of the assets of the Coe-Stapley company in West Haven. A bill increasing the age for compulsory military service from 14 to 16 years was rejected by the Massachusetts legislative committee on education.

Seven terra cotta companies and their officers of Chicago, Denver, Kansas City and St. Louis were named in a contempt returned before Federal Judge Carpenter in Chicago. Because a landlord did not maintain a temperature of at least 68 degrees in an apartment and an infant died, James F. D. Cochemer of Brooklyn, was awarded a \$2,500 verdict by a supreme court.

A net estate of \$21,582,210, the bulk of which was industrial, railroad and public utility stock was left by William L. Harkness, Standard Oil company official, who died May 19, 1919.

Rev. Henry Van Vollenburgh, pastor of the First Methodist church in El Paso, Texas, has been elected to the legislature to represent the district in which he lives.

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Premier of Canada Not a Prohibitionist

Tells Prohibition Advocates He Favors Temperance in Everything, Not Prohibition

Ottawa, Ont., March 28.—Prohibition advocates today called on Premier King to make all of Canada bone dry. The premier promised that the suggestion for a Dominion-wide measure to suppress provincial liquor laws would receive careful consideration by the cabinet, but added that no such measure would be introduced at the present session of the house of commons.

Explaining that his ministers had had hardly enough time to familiarize themselves with their problems, the premier added that, for his own part, he did not favor prohibition, in anything, although he favored temperance in everything. He assured the delegation that waited upon him that the government would do everything it could to foster the temperance movement and in assisting the provinces to enforce the laws as they now stood.

The delegation was headed by J. E. Carson of Montreal, president of the Dominion Alliance of Canada. Tonight's meeting of prohibition leaders was presided over by the speaker of the house, Mr. Mackenzie King, who declared that the league would remain a political issue until the United States had become a member of it.

Debate on the naval treaty, which characterizes today's session, was devoted to the colorful touches which had characterized the fight over the four-power pact. Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the republican leader, explained the treaty's provisions in a detailed statement of more than two hours and later Senator Underwood of Alabama, republican leader for the democrats, and like Senator Lodge, explained the treaty's provisions in a detailed statement of more than two hours.

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SENATE UNANIMOUS FOR NAVAL LIMITATION TREATY

Fact Disclosed in Five Hour Debate Yesterday—Agreement Reached to Vote Finally Upon Its Ratification at 3 P. M.

Today—Administration Leaders Believe Submarine and Poison Gas Treaty Also Will be Unanimously Ratified Before Adjournment Tonight.

Washington, March 28.—Five hours of debate on the naval limitation treaty today revealed a virtually unanimous sentiment in its favor and resulted in an agreement to vote finally upon its ratification at 3 p. m. tomorrow. Throughout the day's discussion not a single voice was raised in opposition although from the democratic side there were numerous expressions of disappointment that the treaty did not go further in the direction of both land and sea disarmament.

Senator Hitchcock, republican, senior democrat on the foreign relations committee, today led in claiming for his party the credit to be derived from the accomplishment of the conference. He pointed out that the naval appropriation bill of 1918 contained a suggestion for such a conference and declared that the resolution for a conference introduced a year ago by Senator O'Bray, republican, Idaho, was heartily supported by the democrats of the senate and was opposed actively by President Harding.

The assertions of Senator Hitchcock regarding the president's attitude were denied by Senator Kellogg, republican, Minnesota, who said Mr. Harding had been anxious for an international meeting of minds, although he might have withheld approval from some of the specific proposals in that direction. He resolved himself into a league of nations argument in which Senator Williams, democrat, Mississippi, predicted that the league would remain a political issue until the United States had become a member of it.

Making his only observation during the debate, Senator Borah, author of the conference resolution, asked how it could remain a political issue, with the party going in the front door and the other going in the back door. In the course of his address Senator Lodge replied in detail to charges recently made by Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, that the treaty would not in fact establish a 5-5-3 naval ratio between the United States, Great Britain and Japan. Such a conclusion, Mr. Lodge stated, was based entirely on misinformation. Senator Reed, the only senator who has made a general attack on the naval treaty, is absent from Washington and is not expected to return in time for tomorrow's ratification vote.

MISS OLIVIA W. STONE DISMISSIFIED WITH COUNSEL. New York, March 28.—Edward J. Reilly, counsel for Miss Olivia W. Stone, registered nurse, who is on trial in Brooklyn for the murder of Edna Guy Kinkead, former corporation counsel of Cincinnati, today asked the Supreme Court Justice Aspinwall's permission to retire from the case, asserting his client was dissatisfied with his work.

DEFENSE OPENS IN THE RENALDINO MUDDER TRIAL. Hartford, Conn., March 28.—The state rested its case this afternoon in the trial of Joseph Clanton, of West New York, N. J., and Michael Rugiero of New Britain, charged with the murder of John Renaldino in Farmington on October 25, 1920. The defense then began the presentation of its case. Indications were given that Clanton was in New York at the time Renaldino met his death.

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