

WOMEN BESIEGE COURT AT TRIAL OF MRS. ROGERS

Rush Past Doortender to Hear Testimony in Tragic Poisoning Case.

INSANITY THE DEFENSE.

Neighbors of Woman Charged With Killing Children Tell How She Cared for Them.

An eager army of women, all of them well dressed, besieged the doors of the Supreme Court in the Bronx to-day to seek admission to the trial for child murder of Mrs. Ida Sniffen Walters Rogers.

Proceedings to-day, relieved only by a somewhat dramatic effort by District Attorney Martin to disprove the statement of the defense that Mrs. Rogers, when she killed her two children Dec. 29, 1914, had herself taken bichloride of mercury, dealt almost altogether with medical testimony.

The second day of the trial found Mrs. Rogers in much more cheerful mood than yesterday. She came out of the trance of fear and desperation in which she sat before the court yesterday and took the keenest interest in the testimony, frequently consulting with her husband, Lorys Elton Rogers, whom she married last July soon after the birth of their third child, and with her other lawyers.

Della Burns, janitress of the house where the tragedy happened, was recalled to corroborate Edward Markert, the owner of the house, in his statements that the Rogers rent was always paid and that a maid was employed to help in caring for the children. Mrs. H. Leroy Sea of Missouri, who was a friend of Mrs. Rogers in 1911, was also recalled.

"Nothing you have learned about Mrs. Rogers since you parted with her believing she was a good woman has changed your opinion of her?" asked District Attorney Martin.

"No," exclaimed Mrs. Sea, who has red hair and a positive manner. "I have always believed and believe now she is a good woman."

Mrs. Elizabeth O'Brien, a more recent neighbor, told of Mrs. Rogers's devoted care of her children. "Was she a better mother than you?" asked Mr. Martin. "No," she was not," replied Mrs. O'Brien.

"She was just about like the average of mothers in her care of children, then?" suggested the District Attorney.

"It seemed to me," said Mrs. O'Brien deliberately, "that she was careful about many little details which most mothers might overlook." Della Carlow, a nurse girl, said when she visited Mrs. Rogers the Saturday before the tragedy she found her moody and absent minded.

The nurse declared Mrs. Rogers tore her hair, alternately refused milk and then drank it greedily, attempted to jump out of the window, sometimes made much of flowers sent to her and at other times threw them on the floor. She said that Mrs. Rogers cried for her children until she was told they were dead.

Dr. Woodstun, chemist of the hospital, was called to prove that Mrs. Rogers had herself swallowed the same poison she gave the children. District Attorney Martin asked him if his original report of tests made Jan. 3, 5 and 15 did not read "No bichloride of mercury found" and if the word "not" had not been afterward erased. Mr. Woodstun admitted the erasures, but denied they had been made after a talk with Rogers.

On redirect examination by Mr. Chandler, Dr. Woodstun explained that his first tests were unsatisfactory because his re-agents were not fresh. He sent to Mt. Sinai Hospital for fresh re-agents, he said, and found bichloride in all the instances in which he had before failed to detect it, and so altered the entries. "Has not the District Attorney threatened you with indictment for making those changes?" asked Mr. Chandler.

"Yes," replied Dr. Woodstun. He said other chemists had verified his findings. By agreement of counsel, Emory R. Buckner was allowed to testify for the State regarding an agreement made between his client, Mrs. Caroline Giddings Rogers (whose refusal to obtain a divorce caused the despair of Mrs. Ida Rogers) and her husband.

Dr. David Greenberg and other physicians of Lebanon Hospital said that when Mrs. Rogers was taken there she showed every symptom of bichloride of mercury poisoning, that she showed evidence of puperal insanity and was unbalanced and only half conscious of what she said and did.

Lewis Stuyvesant Chandler, for Mrs. Rogers, called on Dr. Grams M. Hammond to show that the physical condition of Mrs. Rogers had caused a familiar form of insanity which made her not responsible for her acts. The prosecution has retained Dr. Max G. Schilling, Gregory, and Dr. Frank W. Robertson to controvert Dr. Hammond.

THEIR LONG GOLD SWIM FAILS TO SET 'EM FREE. Patrolman Catches Two Escaped Convicts From Hart's Island and Returns Them. Angelo Saballo of No. 96 Roosevelt Street and Victor Holt of No. 124 East Tenth Street are candidates for the hard luck medal. They are back on Hart's Island to serve the remainder of their terms in the penitentiary after achieving a remarkable escape in the early hours of this morning.

Blending the Hart's Island guards shortly after midnight, Saballo and Holt slipped into Long Island Sound and struck out for the Bronx shore. Heading for the street lights of City Island, they fought a tide which steadily carried them toward Hell Gate.

Two hours of swimming landed them at Bartow on a lonesome neck of land. After resting a while, they started to sneak up a street along which the electric lights are about 300 feet apart. And it was just their luck to get under one of these electric lights as Patrolman von Bartheld glanced in that direction.

The policeman nabbed them in their wet clothes and chattering evasions and took them to the City Island Police station, where a general alarm telling of their escape had already been sent out. Magistrate McQuade sent them back from West Farms Police Court to-day.

GIRL AVIATOR ROUTS FOE IN CHICAGO AIR 'ATTACK'. Miss Ruth Law in a Biplane Pursues "Enemy" Who Drops Bombs at Night. CHICAGO, April 25.—People of Chicago to-day heard about an "enemy" aeroplane which last night dropped bombs on the city, theoretically destroying the postoffice, two railroad stations, a large hotel and several stores in the downtown section before it was driven off by a "defending" plane.

The attacking aeroplane, carrying eight bombs, was driven by DeLloyd Thompson. The defense of the city was entrusted to Miss Ruth Law's biplane. The purpose of the demonstration was to show that American cities need aerial defense.

After Thompson had started his attack, Miss Law rose into the air and gave chase, finally "driving" him away, but not until the attack had accomplished its purpose.

Stetter to Build Biggest Hotel in New York. E. M. Stetter, who operates high class hotels in Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit and other cities, announced to-day at the Hotel Belmont that he would build the largest hotel in New York in the vicinity of the Grand Central Terminal in the near future. It would contain more than a thousand rooms. Mr. Stetter did not care to give out any details as yet.

Do a Blonde's Giggle and Her Adoring Look Make Her Harder to Rule Than a Brunette?



Never Be Brutal to a Flaxen-Haired Siren, but Manage Dark Beauties With Iron Hand, Says Writer; but Mrs. Woodruff, "Most Beautiful Blonde," Doesn't Agree With Him.

By Nixola Greeley-Smith.

Why is a blonde? Not being one, I have always wanted to know? And now comes Mrs. Woodruff with a study of blondes and the reasons for them, which bites into this perplexing problem with the accuracy and the venom of an etcher's acid.

Vanity Fair's indictment of the light-haired sisterhood is presented in the guise of an essay on "The Management of Blondes," but it declares at once that you cannot manage a blonde any more than you can manage a mosquito.

"You can keep it off with a net, or you can swat it; but you simply cannot manage it," observes Dionysius Carr, Professor of Eugenics in the University of Tubingen, which seems a transparent allusion for Frank Crowninshield, the witty editor of Vanity Fair.

I took his arraignment of the blonde and all her works to Mrs. Lewis B. Woodruff, author of "The Lady of the Lighthouse" and declared by Penrhyn Stanlaws to be the most beautiful blonde in the United States.

"Read it," I said. "Answer it. Isn't it perfectly dreadful? And, do you know, I really did feel as badly as any brunette could about this terrible offensive launched against the inoffensive blonde. Any other time I should have written the harmless, necessary blonde; but with the memory of Mrs. Woodruff, pink and white and gold, as she poured out tea and epigrams for me in her drawing room at No. 14 East Sixty-eighth Street, I am inclined just now to believe that if eyes were made for seeing then blondeness is its own excuse for being."

"When you called me up this afternoon," Mrs. Woodruff began, in her melodious Alabama voice, "I told my husband you were coming to discuss the management of blondes with me, and Mr. Woodruff said: 'What's the use of discussing? It can't be done.'"

"I know one man who declares that blondes are the canary birds of the human race," I observed. "He says they were made to look pretty and to chirp—but not 'cheap-cheap.'"

"I'm afraid that's what most men think of us," Mrs. Woodruff admitted sadly. Her tone was that of a bird in a gilded cage, but in her white frock, showing her milk-white throat, she looked much more like an Easter lily than a bird of Paradise even.

"You know," she continued, "I'm interested in a great many charities, and because of that, in the last year or so, I have gone to see a good many business men in their offices. They are always so astonished to perceive that I am not square-jawed and middle-aged. They sort of straighten up and look alive when they notice that the typical Dresden Shepherdess has come to pay them a visit. And then, when the shepherdess begins to talk real sense, they slump back in their chairs and look so disappointed."

AN ADORING LOOK IS ONE OF BLONDE'S CHIEF WEAPONS. "I believe men resent intelligence in a blonde. They just want her to look adoring. But if a woman can achieve the real adoring look, it does not matter whether she is a blonde or a brunette—and even if she has two front teeth out, men will love her just the same."

"Yes," I agree, "it's wonderful what that adoring gaze will do. I was looking at my collie dog the other day, and I thought: 'Oh, Jumbo, if a woman could only acquire your expression of perfect love and faith and humility, what a hit she would make with men!'"

"But don't you think lots of blondes—particularly drug store blondes—keep dogs just to learn the correct expression of adoration from them?" Mrs. Woodruff asked. "Oh, no," I replied. "I notice Van-Loretta is guilty of the murder of Joseph Laudadio at her home, Dec. 23 last, and if guilty, whether she shall be punished by death or life imprisonment."

It is the first jury in the state to act under the new alternative sentence law in capital cases. According to her own testimony, Laudadio followed Mrs. Loretta home, insulting her, and attacked her in the house. She shot him in self-defense. Witnesses for the State testified she inserted her hand into the window and her hand to him from the window and after the shooting ran into the street, crying: 'I have killed him and I shall be glad to go to the electric chair.' Mrs. Loretta denied she had lured the man into the house.



A blonde is like a golf ball - take your eye off her and you are lost.

PERU SENDS STATEMENT ON M'ADOO "SLIGHT" Official Note Accuses Secretary of Discourtesy in Taking Abrupt Departure.

LIMA, Peru, April 25.—A copy of the official statement issued by the Peruvian Government, accusing Secretary McAdoo of discourtesy in abruptly leaving Peru, was forwarded to Washington to-day.

With it went copies of several Peruvian newspapers which charge that McAdoo's action was an outrage upon the Peruvian Government. The newspapers report that Secretary McAdoo ordered the cruiser Tennessee to sail a few hours after her arrival because of rumors of bubonic plague and because of fear that his party would not be permitted to stop at Panama by the health authorities.

The Peruvian Minister of Foreign Affairs, replying to a wireless message from Secretary McAdoo thanking the Government for courtesies, sent a hot message expressing regret for the unjustified attitude assumed by the medical officer of the cruiser Tennessee in frustrating entertainments prepared for your party."

War of Gun Practice. A signal of three guns will be given about 9 o'clock Thursday morning at Fort Hamilton to warn all residents in the city of the gun practice. The quarterly gun target practice is about to commence. Time will be allowed to open windows and secure bridges for protection from the heavy detonations.

FOY MUST PAY \$7,235. Comedian's Sister Gets Judgment for Raising Child. Mrs. Mary A. Doyle, sister of Edwin Fitzgerald, better known as Eddie Foy, was to-day awarded judgment against her brother for \$7,235.52 by Supreme Court Justice Hotchkiss. The judgment is the outcome of Mrs. Doyle's suit for the expenses and services rendered in caring for Foy's daughter by his first wife, who died in 1874, when the child, Catherine Stanzay Fitzgerald, was about nine months old.

Mrs. Doyle said the defendant requested her to take care of the child and promised to pay her for her services and during the period between 1874 and 1912. Foy denied his sister had been promised payment for caring for his child and said he had been informed she had adopted her niece.

BULGARIAN LOSS IN WAR. ATHENS, via Paris, April 25.—The losses by the Bulgarian army during the war are estimated by Bulgarian newspapers received here to amount to \$7,000 killed and \$9,000 wounded or missing.

GET TROOPS READY FOR PITTSBURGH STRIKE CALL National Guard Given Orders to Prepare—Arrests Made in New Clash.

PITTSBURGH, April 25.—That the Pennsylvania National Guard may be called to preserve order in the Westinghouse strike zone was indicated to-day when Adj. Gen. Thomas J. Stewart directed the commanders of the Tenth and Eighteenth Infantry Regiments and a troop of cavalry to prepare to mobilize. The order was only for the commanders of the three organizations to prepare for the call, which includes the notifying of officers and men and the examination of equipment. Only the Governor can order out the Guard.

First arrests in the Westinghouse strike zone were made to-day. Fred H. Merrick, a Socialist speaker and an unidentified striker were arrested by deputy sheriffs on a cable bridge. Merrick was harranguing the pickets to hold their places against all orders from guards when told to move on. The striker also refused to move from the bridge.

Reports to-day added to the knowledge that has leaked out concerning the nature of the papers. There was a basis for rumors that they contained German-Japanese propaganda.

Reports That His Seized Papers Contained German-Japanese Propaganda. WASHINGTON, April 25.—Attorney General Gregory, in his recommendation to the State Department not to turn over to Germany the papers taken from Wolf von Igel, included a strong recommendation against release of von Papen's secretary, it became known to-day.

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5 DAYS MORE 7 Visits for \$5. The reason why many people suffering from cerebral troubles are not cured is because they cannot afford to pay the regular treatment. The offer of the nominal fee rate of only 5 days for \$5 is given at the time by Dr. McCoy so that all sufferers from cerebral troubles may have the benefit of my treatment as often as it is needed.

I take this opportunity of notifying all cerebral troubles that until May 1st my fee for treatment of all cases of deafness, throat, chest and stomach is only 5 days for \$5. This fee will include all necessary treatments and medicines. In order to take advantage of this low offer it will be necessary to call on my office at 220 West 42nd Street on or before April 30th.

This Offer POSITIVELY Ends April 30. With the low fee offer my treatment will result the same as it was when for treatment of all cases of deafness, throat, chest and stomach.

ARE YOU GOING DEAF? DEAFNESS AND HEAD NOISES. Mr. Robert Allen notices at No. 354 Third Avenue, New York. When I first consulted you I had been deaf for some time and had been treated by several doctors without success. I had a very bad case of deafness and head noises. I had been treated by several doctors without success. I had a very bad case of deafness and head noises. I had been treated by several doctors without success.

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