

BLACKMAIL LETTER TO MRS. DAY LEADS TO MAN'S ARREST

Missive Hinted at Scandal as Result of Shooting of Lieut. Col. Beck.

SAPULPA, Okla., April 20.—Ed Read, held in jail here on a charge of attempting to blackmail Mrs. Jean P. Day, wife of the slayer of Lieut. Col. Paul Ward Beck, will face formal charges at Tulsa to-day, Federal authorities declared.

Read was arrested in connection with a letter received by Mrs. Day demanding \$2,000 for the writer to "forever forget" what he claimed he saw "through the window of the Day home" the morning Judge Day shot Beck, following an alleged attempt by the aviator on Mrs. Day's honor. The letter accused Mrs. Day and her husband of not telling all relative to the shooting.

Read denied knowledge of the letter. He declared he had been at Edna, Okla., where he was arrested, for two weeks in connection with oil leases. The letter demanded that \$2,000 be sent to "G. Duer" at Edna in \$10 and \$20 denominations and labeled "merchandise." The writer, describing his financial distress, declared he would return the money at the end of the year with 12 per cent interest.

Postal inspectors were assigned to the case and sent a letter to "G. Duer" at Edna. They declared late yesterday Read went to the Post Office and asked for mail addressed to Read, G. Duer, Jim White and William C. Wilson.

Read claimed, they said, that he had met "Duer" and the other men and that they asked him to get their mail.

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 20.—Ed Read, who was arrested at Edna, on a charge of attempting to blackmail Mrs. Jean P. Day of this city, is a civil engineer, according to an investigation at the address given by Read in Edna.

Judge and Mrs. Day refused to comment on the matter early to-day. They are living temporarily at the home of Sam M. Wood, a friend.

At the inquest which exonerated Day, the Judge testified he returned from taking guests home from a party and found Beck attempting to attack Mrs. Day.

27 CONVICTIONS OBTAINED IN 1 DAY

Courts Making Progress in Cleaning Up Congested Crime Wave Calendars.

District Attorney Banton and his assistants in their effort to clean up the overcrowded calendar of the Court of General Sessions and the Criminal Branches of the Supreme Court obtained twenty-seven convictions yesterday. The crimes charged ranged from unlawful entry to murder in the second degree.

Sentences imposed were from twenty years to life down to a suspended sentence.

Forty years was given to Samuel Scott, a Negro, convicted of holding up Deputy U. S. Marshall J. S. Hoffman of No. 12 East 119th Street. He was convicted as a second offender and also will have three years to serve of an old sentence. He is twenty years old.

CASHIER, HONOR EMPLOYEE, GONE

Standard Oil To-Morrow Was to Give John D. Wheeler Medal for 13 Years' Service.

John D. Wheeler, cashier of the Bayway refinery of the Standard Oil Company, Elizabeth, N. J., disappeared Monday and auditors have been put to work on the books. The surety company which bonded Wheeler for \$10,000 has been notified.

Mrs. Wheeler said she did not know where her husband was or why he returned away. They have two children.

Wheeler left the office Monday to "see a dentist." He did not return, and Tuesday an inquiry developed he had not been home. Wheeler worked for the company thirteen years, having started as a junior clerk. He was to have been one of about 400 employees to be given medals at the plant for long service to-morrow.

TOLD OF KILLING FOR RUM, HE SAYS

Tug Owner Testifies Accused Admitted He "Got" Watchman at Warehouse.

Ernest Merrell of Port Richmond, S. I., owner of the tug Phoenix, testified in the County Court at St. George to-day in the trial of Raymond Collins, No. 1672 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, for the murder of Michael Connor, night watchman of a warehouse in New Brighton, on March 1.

Merrell said Collins and Frank Blockford, No. 179 Taylor Street, Brooklyn, hired his boat for \$2,000 to move 200 cases of whiskey from the warehouse. He said he took them and six others to New Brighton, waited in vain for the whiskey and then tied up his boat.

Later, he said, Collins came to the boat and told James Flynn, also indicted for the murder, that they had not got the whiskey but had "got" the night watchman.

Lord Astor Gives a "Radio Wave" Interview on What He Thinks Lady Astor Thinks About Many Things of Public Interest



"She doesn't want to think of the political goal of women as separate from the goal of men."

"Setting off women against men in politics only breeds suspicion, distrust, antagonism."

"If the best women will co-operate with the best men they will go further together."

"On moral issues the influence of women will bring moral courage into politics."

"As to the question of whether she will keep on the answer is that she cannot possibly stop."

"It will be some time before the working woman with several small children goes into Parliament."

"Women must try to make their idealism practical and must not be conceited."

"They must depend on organization, but must try to work with all political groups."

Corn Pone and Fried Chicken For Lady Astor When She Goes Back Home to "Ole Virginny"

All Albemarle County, in Bib and Tucker, to Welcome Nancy Langhorne to Scenes of Her Childhood.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., April 20 (Copyright).—"Nancy Langhorne is coming home," coming back to Mirador, and even though it is to be just a short visit, all Albemarle County rejoices. Her arrival in New York has spread far and wide through the country, and all the old folk hereabouts who remember the "tomboy" girl are getting out their best bib and tucker to call on Lady Astor when she arrives.

Of course there are political and suffrage engagements to be taken care of before Lady Astor is free to come to the old home surroundings, but it is safe to say that the corn pone and the fried chicken which will mark her first meal here will bring tears of joyous recollection to her eyes.

It has pleased the "home folks" tremendously that Lady Astor in her first interviews announced that she was an "unreconstructed Southerner," that loves corn pone and Dixie and strikes over the story of Lord Ruff. That was home-folks talk and all Virginia is chuckling over it to-day.

For, while Nancy Langhorne went to England, became a peeress, and the first woman member of the British Parliament, the Old Dominion still claims her as its own, for the Langhorne of Mirador are a part of Virginia's traditions.

So Nancy Langhorne is coming back to the old estate where as a sub-deb she spent her waking hours out of doors chasing foxes, fishing for "shiners" in the creek, or seeking the dullest peak of the barn. Seemingly frail, she was an resilient always as the "E" string of a violin tuned to concert pitch. She is best remembered here as the slip of a girl who could ride any horse in "Chilly" Langhorne's stable—a sunburned youngster who knew all the country-side—an early democratic trait which stood her in good stead as she campaigned through her Plymouth constituency in her first fight for Parliament.

J. L. Fielden of Newport News, Va., first cousin of Lady Astor, to-day recalled something of her childhood. He remembers her best as a girl of fifteen—the flapper age. But Lady Astor does not believe very much in the modern flapper. She says flappers are their mothers' fault—that mothers do not control their children to-day as they should, and that the first lesson for a child to learn is obedience.

"Uncle Chilly had one horse with a very bad reputation," said her cousin to-day. "This horse was named Badger, and was docile enough until some one hit him. Then he would run away. I was on Badger one day in Greenwood Village when a boy struck him with a stick. Of course he ran away with me. I had given up all hope after three miles of prayer, when the blacksmith rescued me."

"Nannie Langhorne heard about it and immediately said she would ride that horse. Her father, Uncle Chilly, but Daisy Langhorne, had forbidden it; but she threw herself on Badger's back just the same. She hit him a smart blow, and away he went across the fields like a bullet. Nannie rode Badger until he was tired out and could run no more."

"Did she break him?" asked the writer. "Break him? No. What did she want to break him for? She just wanted to ride him while he was running away; just wanted the fun of the adventure."

Men and Women in Politics, the Best of Each, Should Co-operate, Thinks the Lady

American-Born Wife of a British Nobleman of American Antecedents Believes Women Will Bring Moral Courage Into Political Life—Astor Proud of His Wife's Achievements.

LADY ASTOR SPEAKS AGAIN TONIGHT; DELAYS TRIP HOME

By Marguerite Mooers Marshall.

BRILLIANT AUDIENCE AT FIRST ADDRESS GREETING AMERICAN GIRL WHO BECAME AN "M. P."

After making her first American political speech in the Town Hall, Lady Astor, M. P., is resting to-day at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, No. 127 East 73d Street. To-night she speaks at the dinner of the English-Speaking Union at the Biltmore and afterward goes to the Sunrise ball at the Ambassador.

There have been so many demands on the Viscountess of the Commons she has changed her plans and will not go to Baltimore until Saturday, speaking there that night.

Last night about 1,200 members and guests of the New York League of Women Voters heard her Town Hall speech.

Lady Astor wore a short gray tulle frock, and her speech was frank and effective. "The Woman in Politics" was her theme.

"My entrance into the House of Commons was not, as some thought, in the nature of a revolution. It was simply evolution. I felt that I was embarking on a voyage of faith, but when I arrived at my destination some of the honorable members looked upon me more as a pilgrim than a pilgrim. A woman in the House of Commons? It was almost enough to have broken up the House. I must say, though, for the House of Commons, they bore their shock with dauntless decency. No body of men could have been kinder and fairer than they were."

"We realize that by one sex can govern alone. I believe that one of the reasons why civilization has failed so lamentably is that it has had one-sided government. Don't let us make the mistake of ever allowing that to happen again. I can conceive of nothing worse than a man-governed world—except a woman-governed world—but I can see the combination of the two going forward and making civilization more worthy of the name of civilization based on Christianity, not force."

"The best way that we can do that is to show them our ambitions are not personal. Let them see that we desire a better, safer and a cleaner world for our children and their children, and we realize that only by doing our bit, by facing unclean things with cleanliness, by being wrongs with right, by going tearlessly into all things that may be disagreeable, that we will somehow make it a little better world."

"I don't know that we are going to do this. I don't say that women will change the world, but I do say that they can if they want, and I, coming in from the Old World, which has seen a devastating war, cannot foresee the future without this hope—that the women of all countries will do their duty and make a generation of men and women who will look upon war and all that leads to it with as much horror as we now look upon a cold-blooded murder."

"If we want this new world, we can only get it by striving for it. The real struggle will be within ourselves, to put out of our consciousness, of our hearts and of our thoughts all that makes for war—babe, envy, greed, pride, force and material ambition."

Lady Astor because of all she had done since she entered Parliament for women and children. That was rather nice, now, wasn't it?" Lord Astor commented, with quite boyish satisfaction. "They say it will be hard to find a woman who will ever run against her."

"As to the question of whether she will keep on—the answer is that she cannot possibly stop," proudly continued her husband. "The base forces, the forces of corruption, have fought her so savagely ever since she entered Parliament that she couldn't think of seeming to yield to them by withdrawal."

"And she proves, doesn't she, with her six children, that a woman can go into politics and not neglect her home?" I suggested. Lord Astor nodded, then qualified, smilingly: "Of course, it's been much easier for her because she is well-to-do and can afford assistance. One has to use common sense in these matters. I fancy it may be some little time before the working woman who is the mother of several small children takes a seat in Parliament."

"Doesn't Lady Astor believe that women should share in the ambassadorial functions at the various national embassies?" I asked. "She did say something like that—she feels that a woman attached to each embassy might well represent the interests of her countrywomen," admitted Lady Astor's husband. Then he added, on his own account, with a fugitive twinkle, "Just what the order of precedence might be in such a case I hesitate to affirm!"

"What is Lady Astor's attitude toward world peace?" I questioned. "She's very much in favor of such negotiations as the Washington and the Geneva conferences," he answered. "And in England, now, with so many sons and brothers and husbands dead, there is a pretty general feeling, in which Lady Astor shares, that the peace of the world must be kept."

Again Lord Astor interpolated a thought wave of his own. "Are women, as a whole, so much more set on peace than men?" he questioned. "When there actually is a war, it seems to me that the women are more patriotic in the narrow sense than the men. I know that the Boer women were much fiercer, much more bitter, than their men folk."

"Against what dangers, in politics, does Lady Astor think women should guard themselves?" I inquired. "She has said that they must try to make their idealism practical; that they must not be conceited and think they know the whole thing; that they must depend on organization; that they must not depend on any particular party—even a woman's party—but must try to work with and through all political groups."

"She thinks that women must play their part in politics because government touches every ramification of our lives. It does, doesn't it?" finished Lord Astor, with his modest little trick of putting an assertion in the form of a question.

I had just a glimpse of Lady Astor, as she slipped, a gray-eyed, fair-haired, light little figure, from the car into the house. But inasmuch as she had been present in spirit during the thought-wave interview, it seemed to me her corporeal appearance should be properly described.

"What is she wearing this morning?" I asked Lord Astor. He hesitated longer than for any of the other questions. "A long dark thing," he said, finally, with truly masculine explicitness. "And"—with a nervous finger and thumb he plucked at his coat—"a—what you call a jersey, don't you?" he appealed.

Which simply goes to prove that Lord Astor may know what Lady Astor thinks, but—go more than any other husband—does he know what she wears?

GIRL FATALLY INJURED IN LEAP FROM ELEVATOR

Five Girls and Operator in Cage; Five Jump to Safety, Last Falls.

Five girls and the operator were descending to-day in an elevator of the Lorillard Tobacco Co.'s plant, Seneca Place and Newark Avenue, Jersey City, when the car, after running smoothly for three flights, became unmanageable at the second floor.

Four of the girls and the operator leaped from the car as it passed the second floor. The fifth girl tried to leap out, but was caught by the descending car and for a time was pinned to the floor by the top of the cage. She was Muriel De Zol, 18, of No. 550 First Street, Jersey City.

A moment afterward she dropped to the bottom of the shaft. When she was got out it was found that her back had been broken, also her wrist broken and there were cuts about her head and face. At St. Francis' Hospital, it was said that she would probably not live through the day.

BORAH LOOKS INTO SEMENOFF CHARGE

Will Confer With U. S. Prosecutor On Allegation of Bigamy Against Cossack.

Gen. Gregorie Semenov, Ataman of the Cossacks, who was released yesterday from Ludlow Street Jail on cash bail of \$25,000, was unable to-day to attend a continuation of the hearing before Referee Olin into the bankruptcy of the Yourovetta Company, upon whose claim that the Cossack leader owed it a judgment of \$478,000 he was arrested.

Gullie B. Golden of Clarke, Prentice & Rouillon, Semenov's attorney, said he was indisposed and obtained from David W. Kahn, counsel for the trustee, consent to an adjournment until next Wednesday.

Senator Borah was here to-day from Washington and is expected to discuss with United States District Attorney Hayward a declaration the Russian is said to have made on entry to this country that he had but one wife. Publication of a story in the Japan Advertiser shows a woman in Tokio claims she is his first wife and that he is the father of her son.

YOUNG CHINA INDORSERS BIRTH CONTROL

The American Birth Control League to-day received a cable message from Margaret Sanger in Peking, China. The cable stated Mrs. Sanger had addressed an audience of thousands of students of the National University of Peking on the subject of birth control and its relation to national progress. The message continued that Young China has accepted without reservation Mrs. Sanger's propaganda and she will address other gatherings in Shanghai and Hong Kong.

THE CAUSE

French writers frequently refer to the eating habits of Napoleon.

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CAN'T USE "MRS." ON BALLOT IN HER RACE FOR SENATE

Minnesota Attorney General Rules Wife as Candidate Is Not Mrs. Peter Oleson.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 20 (Copyright).—Minnesota women are indignant over a decision of the Attorney General, which will prevent Mrs. Peter Oleson from being Mrs. Peter Oleson on the ballot when she runs against Senator Frank B. Kellogg for the United States Senate this fall.

The Attorney General says a woman cannot use her husband's name in politics and cannot use the prefix "Mrs." He holds the legal name of Mrs. Oleson is Annie Dickie Oleson, though she is a whole lot better known as Mrs. Peter Oleson, clubwoman, suffragist, Chautauqua lecturer, the only woman speaker at the Democratic Jackson Day dinner in Washington in 1920, member of the Democratic National Committee for this State and candidate for the Senate.

Peter Oleson is Superintendent of Schools in Cloquet, a little town near Duluth.

7 1/2 TO 20 YEARS FOR ARMY KILLING

Sergt. Sheehy Shot Sergt. Major Vallance—Manslaughter Indictment Dismissed.

Sergt. Maurice A. Sheehy, who shot and killed Sergt. Major Walter Vallance of the 194th Field Artillery in the army at Broadway and 68th Street, pleaded guilty to manslaughter to-day before Judge McIntyre and was sentenced to Sing Sing prison from seven years and six months to twenty years. The killing was done while Sheehy was intoxicated. Vallance was his friend and was trying to stop a brawl in the army on Feb. 14.

An indictment for manslaughter in the first degree against James Tague, twenty-nine, of No. 44 Moyer Place, found last July 1, charging the killing of Ann Mungavin, was dismissed to-day by Judge McIntyre upon the recommendation of Assistant District Attorney Brothers. Nothing but incompetent and hearsay evidence had been presented to the Grand Jury and there was nothing to warrant placing the defendant on trial, Mr. Brothers stated. Miss Mungavin, who was a waitress at the Waldorf, claimed to have been hit over the head with a cruet in a liquor store at No. 317 Bleeker Street. She died in St. Peter's Hospital, Brooklyn.

FIVE-YEAR BATTLE FOR BEACH FRONT STILL ON

Ownership of a strip of beach front in the town of Oyster Bay, which has been in litigation for five years, was the subject of consideration by Justice Cannon in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, to-day. Emil J. Stehl who claims the land is his and is suing the town of Oyster Bay for it asked for a change in venue to Kings County. Justice Cannon reserved decision. If the change is not granted the suit, instituted in 1917, will be tried next month.



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