

KOEHLER'S DEFENCE STRIKES TWO SNAGS

Woman Witness Is Promptly Contradicted and Man Aids Prosecution.

COL. DAVIS WILL TESTIFY Order Calling Him East From Post in California Is Reissued.

New London, Conn., March 7.—A third woman witness and the destruction of her testimony in favor of Major Koehler was the day's sensation in the court-martial at Fort Terry, Plum Island.

Mrs. David Meyers, wife of an engineer in the quartermaster's department, was called by the defence to testify to Major Koehler's good character. She did so at some length, and appeared a convincing witness until the prosecution exercised its prerogative of calling its own witnesses at any stage of the trial.

In courts-martial hearsay evidence is inadmissible, and instead of expunging from the record evidence which has been impeached, the court votes to add testimony which appears to outweigh or destroy it. This, it is said, was the procedure with regard to Mrs. Meyers's testimony.

A surprise of to-day's session of the court was the testimony of Sergeant Harvey Kernan of the Hospital Corps. Called by the defence he turned out to be a good witness for the prosecution.

Col. Richmond P. Davis, ex-commander of the three forts Wright, Michie and Terry, and now at the Presidio, San Francisco, is to testify. He was summoned as a witness at the beginning of the trial, but a little later the order was countermanded. Now it has been reissued.

Lieut. Thomas O. Humphreys of Fort Monroe completed his evidence to-day and went back to his station. He wound up by telling the court that he had served three and a half years under Major Koehler and had often met him socially. He had always found him very considerate of all below him in rank.

It became plain to-day that the prosecution has a great mass of rebuttal evidence, portions of which would extend the trial over at least a week or more.

DINNER FOR CAPT. WENMAN.

Friends Honor Old Guard Veteran on Ninetieth Anniversary.

Capt. Jim Wenman of the Old Guard, who has been actively engaged in business in this city for nearly four score years, was guest of honor at a dinner given by nearly a hundred of his comrades and friends last night at the Hotel Wallack.

Former Mayor of New York, who it is said is to be the next commandant of the Old Guard, was toastmaster and one of the speakers. The other speakers who paid affectionate tribute to the guest of the evening were Capt. Charles H. Huestis, Col. W. D. Mann and Capt. Charles H. Rockwell, acting commandant of the Old Guard.

Capt. James F. Wenman was shortstop on the Knickerbocker team, the first baseball club organized in New York. For more than sixty years Capt. Wenman has been associated with the cotton business, and in 1861 he organized the Board of New York Cotton Brokers, becoming its first president and holding office until 1870, when the present Cotton Exchange was organized.

Mayor Wickham appointed him Park Commissioner in 1875, and it was while serving as president of the board that he was instrumental in having the obelisk placed in Central Park. His father was Uziah Wenman, and his great-grandfather was Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

THINKS WOMEN ARE BABYISH.

Columbia Professor Suggests Part Time Jobs to Relieve Men.

Dr. James Harvey Robinson, professor of history at Columbia University, who was chief speaker last night at a feminist meeting of the Woman's Forum in the philosophy building at Columbia, said that woman's present status was due partly to nature.

"It is the lot of all of us to be born babies," said Dr. Robinson, "and women are encouraged less to outgrow it than men. One thing that possesses a baby is to be doing something, and whatever it does is at the expense of some one else. Women haven't been encouraged to leave the baby stage soon enough, if they weren't permitted to remain babies so long their status would be different."

Dr. Robinson suggested that women ought to have part time jobs and devote the rest of the time to raising families. He believes that men are now the slaves of their jobs and that if they would play part of the time and give their jobs to the women while they are playing both sexes would be better off.

Henrietta Rodman, a teacher in the Washington High School, who is married, suggested that women could accomplish something by defeating the amendments the Board of Education is trying to get through the Legislature to prohibit teacher-mothers and teachers who have husbands from holding places in the Department of Education.

POST'S SURGEONS WILL WAIT.

Decide in Consultation Not to Operate at Present.

ROCHESTER, Minn., March 7.—A consultation of physicians and surgeons this afternoon decided that it was inexpedient to perform an operation at once upon E. W. Post, the food manufacturer. Post enjoyed a good day's rest after his long journey. His condition is not critical, the surgeons said.

MUSICAL "PROVIDENCE" PLAY SECOND TO "ROOSEVELT"?

Hot Debate in Long Island Town Over Change in Its Name—Say It Brought Bad Luck and Ridicule

ROOSEVELT, L. I., March 7.—What some persons here call "the Big Stick hoodoo" is being felt again. This time it isn't a robbery of the post office, nor has the Fire Department "busted." It's a fight among members of the Board of Education as to whether the town shall be laughed at, hoodooed and otherwise made foolish because it bears the name of an ex-President, or whether a petition shall be sent to Congressman Lathrop Brown requesting him to get the permission of the postal authorities to change the name to Providence.

Roosevelt, L. I., hasn't had a moment's peace since T. R. presented to the Board of Trade a big stick, valued at \$1,000, a year and a half ago. Immediately thereafter there was friction among the townspeople as to who should have the honor of guarding the big stick. Conrad Gaenger finally got it, but he didn't keep it long. On January 24 burglars carried it off. This caused rejoicing among those who thought the big stick had brought bad luck to the town.

Thomas Mulrannan, who is at the head of the present movement to change the town's name, says the big stick has had nothing to do with the increased taxes, the numerous fires, an epidemic of pneumonia and, worst of all, the action of the post office authorities in ruling that the town was nothing more than a fourth class place.

"It's the name of the town that is responsible for all our recent sufferings," said Mr. Mulrannan yesterday. "Mr. Roosevelt likes the name of Providence because it sounds more peaceful than Roosevelt."

"Give me anything but a name that stands for combativeness and strenuously such as 'Roosevelt' does," said Mr. Mulrannan. "A petition is being circulated among the townsmen to get rid of the name quickly and quietly before Mr. Roosevelt returns from South America."

The good ship Curityba, which Chief A. C. Sam bought some weeks ago to take the first instalment of the negroes of this country back to the Gold Coast of Africa, was cleared up last night by the arrest of Jacques Vroman, 30 years old, of 79 West Forty-third street.

Vroman said he was born in Holland and was a leather ornament, but was later identified in a very forcible way as the German "baron" whose fastidiousness had impressed many housekeepers in the different places where he had visited.

Vroman was taken on board again the seventh street station in a pawnbroker's exchange on Sixth avenue late yesterday afternoon. The police say he tried to sell a pawn ticket. He was arrested, but protested that he was a respectable business man. The police took him to the station house. They sent for Mrs. Kelly of 52 West Fifty-second street, who had made one complaint, but Mrs. Kelly was quicker in her identification than the detectives expected and before they knew it they were protecting Vroman from her wrath.

"Oh, let me get at that man!" she screamed as soon as she saw him, and in an instant she had landed a telling punch on Vroman's jaw. He was so dumfounded that he could not utter a word according to the police, and did not wait for the later identification of Mrs. A. M. Harris of 173 West Seventy-third street and Dr. Henry G. Lee of 54 West Forty-second street.

The list of names rolled, the police said Vroman made out, included the houses at 62 West Fifty-third street, 62 West Fifty-second street, 18 West Forty-fifth street, 173 West Seventy-third street, 32 West Twelfth street and others.

Sam told them to meet in the office of the Akim Trading Company, Ltd., his company, yesterday afternoon, but as far as he was concerned the meeting was a failure. A. E. Smith, Sam's agent, was not to be found and Sam's whereabouts was a mystery.

Sam has repeatedly told reporters that his people, who paid \$25 a share in the company, were living in great style on board. It was learned that the only supplies taken on recently were seventy-five tons of coal on Thursday.

Sir Courtenay Bennett, British Consul-General, said last night when told of Sam's ship's sudden departure that he did not know how she could do it. He refused to give Sam and Smith permission to sail under a British flag to a British port last week. He said that he had done all in his power to prevent Sam's activities and had left it to the American authorities.

Recorder McGovern of Hoboken recently wrote to W. C. Fiske of the Hudson and Manhattan Railway, the Hudson tubes, suggesting that the fare from Jersey City and Hoboken to Ninth street and Christopher street in Manhattan be reduced from seven to five cents.

Recorder McGovern argued that the shopping crowd all went further up town and that the great majority of those who used the tube to the two Manhattan stations were working people to whom the extra four cents a day was a considerable item.

Mr. Fiske has replied, saying the suggestion will receive full consideration with a view of ascertaining if the proposed reduction would result in enough increased riding to maintain the total receipts up to their present point.

EASTERN TIME TO GO WEST.

Great Part of Ohio in Line for Proposed Change.

CLEVELAND, March 7.—All northeastern Ohio will adopt Eastern time at noon Saturday, May 2, if a plan suggested to-day by E. N. Fairchild, president of the Cleveland Milling Company, is carried out. Whistles, bells and horns will be sounded in a score of cities and more than 100 villages as the clock strikes the noon hour on the appointed day.

The plan to make the new time effective on the same day is endorsed everywhere throughout the district affected. Eastern time legislation is already pending. Cleveland, Lakewood, Bedford, Rocky River, Berea and Euclid will consider the subject at the meetings of the council.

The Akron Chamber of Commerce will begin Eastern time activities next week. Youngstown and Conneaut now have Eastern time in certain sections of the cities. Sandusky, Fairsville, Ashtabula, Lorain and Elyria are talking of the proposed change.

UNION VOTES TO AID STRIKE. Children's Dreammakers' Walkout May Involve 12,000 Women.

Ovation for Ysaye at Music Carnival

Madison Square Garden Packed Twice for "Evening Sun" Concerts.

ORCHESTRA A FAVORITE Chorus of 1,500 Children of Elementary Schools Heard at Matinee.

A big audience that packed Madison Square Garden, floor and galleries, for the sixth concert of the Carnival of Music arranged by THE EVENING SUN gave Eugen Ysaye, the violinist, an ovation last night that has seldom been equalled in the recollection of local musicians.

A storm of applause greeted the violinist when he appeared on the platform, but this was merely a whisper to what followed his rendition of Bruch's violin concerto in G minor. The audience clapped and clapped. Some of the more temperamental hearers in the galleries shouted and waved their hats. Ysaye made three bows from the stand, and handing his violin to his aid, started for the dressing room in the second balcony.

Still the enthusiasm continued, dimming a little when Ysaye disappeared from view as he mounted the gallery stairs. It broke out afresh as the violinist walked along the gallery, bowing now and then, and retired to his room. The continued applause drew him out three times to bow from the end of the gallery. It stopped only when Molest Altschuler, conductor for the Russian Symphony Orchestra, tapped his baton for the next selection.

Large Crowd of Series. Last night's concert in attendance and enthusiasm struck the high note of the series that THE EVENING SUN has been giving. Every number was listened to with noiseless attention and generously applauded. The ushers added to the order of the concert by keeping the crowd at the doors waiting during the earlier numbers and seeing to it that no one while a number was in progress.

Tchaikowsky's beautiful Andante Cantabile (for strings), which was finely done by the orchestra, got the most applause of the three numbers, including Debussy's "Mouvement" and the Minuet for Massenet's "Manon," which formed the second number of the evening, although Lassen's "Fest," the first selection on the programme, was well received.

In Litolff's "Robespierre," which came after the intermission, the variations of the familiar "Marseillaise" caught the audience at once and there was a momentary clapping that lasted only a moment.

The Brooklyn Choral Society, under the direction of T. Bath Glasson, who acted as orchestra director for this number, sang Beethoven's Heilighen Chorus from the "Mount of Olives" with spirit and received long applause. Ysaye followed, with the Allegro, Andante and Finale of Mendelssohn's violin concerto.

While he had not responded with an encore to the prolonged applause which greeted his earlier appearance in the concert, he gave an encore this time. Wagner's Ride of the Valkyries, rendered by the Russian Symphony Orchestra, concluded the concert.

Chorus of 1,500. The matinee concert was well attended and the numbers warmly received. Maxilian Pilzer, concert master of the Russian Symphony Orchestra, and a chorus of 1,500 children of the elementary schools of New York under the direction of Dr. Frank R. Dix, director of music for the Department of Education, were the featured numbers.

Although the audience gave enthusiastic applause to all the numbers, Schubert's "Who is Sylvia" by children's chorus and orchestra was particularly well received. The first of the programme, Weber's overture "Jubel," which closes with "America," set the standard of enthusiasm for the afternoon.

This was followed by the Andante from Beethoven's Fifth Symphony and the familiar Pilgrim's Chorus from "Tannhaeuser" was the first song by the children's chorus. Mr. Pilzer, with the orchestra, struck a popular favorite in the meditation from "Thale" and the afternoon programme closed with the stirring "March Sadar" of Ippolitov Ivanov.

Mme. Olive Fremstad will be the soloist in to-night's concert, which will end the series.

NORDICA'S CONDITION BETTER.

Singer Recovering From Pneumonia—Result of Steamer's Grounding.

BRISBANE, March 7.—Despatches from Thursday Island say that Mme. Lillian Nordica, who has been suffering from pneumonia there, was so far improved to-day, according to her physicians, that she will be able to sail from there about March 28.

Mme. Nordica was made ill by exposure on the liner Tasman, which ran aground in a gale in the Gulf of Papua in December.

Arrangements are being made, he said, to have a number of these unemployed vaudeville actors to the City Hall this week, accompanied by their wives and children, to ask Mayor Mitchell to use his influence to have the theatre ordinance so amended that vaudeville can be given in theatres seating fewer than 300, even if not through.

CHILDREN RESCUED AT FIRE.

Fifteen Saved—Four Women Escape Death in Hoboken Blaze.

Fifteen children and four women were rescued from fire yesterday afternoon in the four story double frame apartment house at 66 Adams street, Hoboken. The building was ruined, the damage amounting to about \$5,000.

The fire started in the apartment of Samuel Massarelli on the second floor. Mrs. M. A. Case, who lives on the fourth floor, was aroused by shouts and started to the street. On the third floor she stumbled over the unconscious form of Charles Fallberg, 2 years old. She picked the child up and seeing she could not go down the stairs to the roof, she ran up about to toss the child into a heap of snow and jump when shouts warned her.

The Country Bed Room and Its Furniture. THE restful suggestion of country air and sunshine which seems to pervade the spacious Sleeping Chamber of Georgian times may advantageously be transferred to the Country House Bed Room of to-day. Among the Hampton Shops Reproductions one may readily find such variants of the Heppelwhite and Sheraton tradition as will create this very atmosphere. The Twin Beds, with their delicately carved panels; the ample Toilet Table surmounted by some quaintly framed Mirror; the slenderly proportioned Chairs; enlivened by painted wreaths and festoons of flowers—these, and such as these, are characteristic of the Hampton Shops. Hampton Shops 14 and 36 West 32d St., New York Between Fifth Ave. and Broadway.

SOTHERN QUILTS SHAKESPEARE.

Will Revive "Lord Dunderbary" and Leave Stage in Two Years.

DENVER, March 7.—E. H. Sothern abandoned Shakespeare with to-night's performance of "Hamlet" here and formally announced that he would retire permanently from the stage at the close of the 1915 season. In the meantime he will revive "Lord Dunderbary" in remembrance of the elder Sothern and will close his stage career with it. He will put on "Dunderbary" when he opens in Kansas City two weeks hence.

"I have been on the stage since 1879 and that is a long time," said Mr. Sothern. "I am vigorous, but this life without any social phase is wearing on the system. My wife's poor health forced her to leave the stage. I shall quit and lead a thoroughly domestic life."

TOKIO COLUMBIA CLUB FORMED.

Alumnus Sends Quantity Worded Letter Bearing News.

Columbia's native born Japanese alumnus have formed an alumni club in Tokio, according to a letter received at Columbia yesterday, addressed to James Meyers, formerly secretary of Earl Hall, by Sotomasa Kojima, who received the degree of master of arts from Columbia in 1910. The letter reads in part as follows:

"This letter finds you very well and prosperous at about the Christmas time. I return to Japan I never have been gifted from the Christmas festival, and also the joyful eve never has come to me as you will have, as usual in your home and through on the Broadway. The Columbia Club of Tokio are now completely organized. I am happy to state that the members of the club number sixty, and almost forty-three are living in the city."

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HISTORIC IOWA HOUSE TO BE RASED.

GRINNELL, Ia., March 7.—The old home of John B. Grinnell has been sold to a hotel man here and is to be torn down. It was to Grinnell that Horace Greeley gave his famous advice, "Go west, young man." Acting on this advice, Mr. Grinnell founded this town. The old house is the only one now remaining of the buildings that were erected at that time. It was a station on the underground way of slavery days and sheltered a colored fugitive.

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