

"I AM INNOCENT," WIFE TELLS LE DUC

Husband, Believing Her, Says Graver Was an Old and Trusted Friend.

HINTS AT THIRD WOMAN

Asserts He Is Sure Mrs. Belzer Was Lying in Wait for Some One Else.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 28.—Joseph C. Le Due, Chicago amateur golfer, is convinced that his wife had no thought of evil when she went to Joseph C. Graver's room in the Hotel Walton.

In Jefferson Hospital to-day she told her husband she went to the room only to get a small handbag she had left while they went to the theatre that night.

"I know it," Le Due exclaimed. "She's given me the straight of this distressing affair. She's true to me. She has been in no wrong and I'll take her back to Chicago as soon as she can travel."

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Third Woman, Says Le Due. Le Due's explanation of it is that there must have been another woman in the case, that is, a third woman. He says he is convinced that his wife came to visit a nephew, that Graver and his old friend invited her to take dinner and go to the theatre, and that she accompanied in his suggestion that she leave her handbag in his room and get it after the show.

"She was lured to the hotel. It was not her fault," he said. "Will I forgive her? There is nothing to forgive. She has been a true, loyal little woman. We've been married for fifteen years and we've been good pals right along."

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Verdict of Miss McAndrews. Miss McAndrews said to-day: "Last Friday Graver went on a business trip. He told my sister that ten days ago. He said then it would net him \$1,000 and handed half of the profits to Margaret."

"My sister, while she was true to Graver, often heard stories that he was friendly with other women. In fact, she had heard them from her husband's own lips. She said she must have heard something after I left her Tuesday night, and that started her off to Philadelphia. She could possibly have left New York before I came."

"I believe she was determined to find out for herself if the stories were true. She wanted to confront Graver with the woman and denounce him and break their engagement. Why, you can easily see she had no intention of killing him and herself because she even bought a return ticket to New York for that night."

View of the Police. Detective Paul said: "Mrs. Belzer was acquainted with most of the employees at the Alhambra, a place which was owned by Graver. All these employees were very friendly toward Mrs. Belzer. One man nearly lost his position because he gave information to Mrs. Belzer that did not please Graver. I do not know whether Mrs. Belzer went to the garage Tuesday afternoon, telephoned there or was telephoned from there, but I firmly believe it was from the garage she got her information concerning Graver's movements."

"The first meeting between Le Due and his wife as she is now, was at the Jefferson Hospital to-day was a tense moment. When he entered the room he and his wife looked at each other for a moment without speaking. Then Mrs. Le Due raised her arms and he crossed swiftly and sat by her side."

"Oh, Joe, I'm so glad you have come," she said. "I know you will help me."

"Yes, Lillian," he whispered as he embraced her. "Be brave and tell us all. I know you are innocent."

"I'm on Mrs. Le Due in a very weak voice, for she is dangerously wounded, gave her side of the story. It was related afterward by Le Due."

NEW COLUMBIA LAW EDITORS.

Elections Based on Scholarly Standing During First Year.

Watson M. Washburn, Harvard A. B., and champion of the West Side Tennis Club, announced yesterday as editor of the Columbia Law Review the elections to the editorial board of the periodical from the law class of 1917.

Those named for the board are Maurice Cohen, Harvard A. B.; George G. Brown, Williams A. B.; William H. Grant, College of the City of New York A. B.; Samuel L. Rosenman, Columbia A. B., and Louis S. Weiss, Yale A. B.

TWO HURT IN MOTOR CRASH.

Washington Newspaper Man Escapes Injury in Jersey Accident.

New Brunswick, N. J., Sept. 28.—Warren Deacon suffered a fractured skull and will probably die and Edward Peters' right leg was broken when his automobile was wrecked in a collision on the Trenton road near here with a car containing Earl Godwin of the Washington Star and his wife. The latter escaped unhurt.

Witnesses said Deacon's car was traveling toward Trenton at a fifty mile clip, while Godwin was driving at moderate speed. Both cars were wrecked.

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POINTS TO BROKEN PLEDGE.

Fairbanks Tells How Democrats Failed in Promise.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Sept. 28.—The Democratic party has not kept its pledge to reduce the high cost of living. Charles W. Fairbanks, Republican candidate for Vice-President, charged in an address here this afternoon.

HAMBURG-AMERICAN MEETING.

Stockholders Assemble for First Time Since the War.

HAMBURG (via London), Sept. 28.—The Hamburg-AMERICAN line to-day held its first general stockholders' meeting since the beginning of the war.

Section of the war and the special provision of the Government authorities, the company presented no statement of its financial condition, and announced importance among the people who carry their bread in the sweat of their faces. This pledge was not kept."

MRS. BRAND REGAINS HER FOUR CHILDREN

Justice Mayo Decides Evangelist's Wife Is Able to Care for Them.

HORACE, Allan, Ruth and Adeline Brand were ordered restored to their mother, Mrs. Allan Brand, by Justice Mayo in the Children's Court yesterday.

They were taken from her in July and put into institutions because the Associated Charities reported that their father, an evangelist, was not supporting them and that their mother was unable to do so.

Now Mrs. Brand is earning \$15 a week in the mailing department of national Democratic headquarters. A week ago Justice Mayo said that as this was only temporary employment at a small salary for a family to live on he could grant the mother's plea for the return of her boys and girls.

But yesterday he was assured that D. W. Griffin would send Mrs. Brand \$19 a week for twenty weeks, and that others were likely to aid her if necessary, so the children were paroled in Mrs. Brand's custody. The father was not in court; he is in New Jersey on a preaching tour.

Plans to Reunite Children. The two boys are still in St. Christopher's Home at Dobb's Ferry and the girl with the Protestant Big Sisters in the Bronx. Mrs. Brand will gather them around her as soon as she finds a flat within her means. She has been living in a furnished room in West Forty-seventh street.

At first reluctant to accept the \$200 offered her, Mrs. Brand agreed to take it with the understanding that it was a contribution toward her husband's general work, she hopes that by the time her own work at Democratic headquarters ends her husband will be permanently established as an evangelist.

Defends Husband's Course. "We were never actually destitute," said Mrs. Brand last night. "We had no luxuries, but we were not hungry, and we were happy until neighbors got to meddling. My husband is a very capable man. He was an accomplished civil engineer and was prospering when God called him to preach, for two years I called him to preach."

"But I was arguing against my own belief, and finally I acquiesced. Both of us were under Divine guidance. There is nothing more to be said, for it is hard for the public to understand."

AMBASSADOR PAGE IS GUEST.

Employees of Publishing House Give Him Farewell Dinner.

Employees of Doubleday, Page & Co. last night gave a farewell dinner to Ambassador Walter Hines Page at the Hotel Manhattan. The Ambassador sails to-morrow on the American liner New York to resume his duties in London.

About 112 employees were at the dinner with the five members of the publishing firm. F. N. Doubleday, the president, welcomed Mr. Page. The latter said that before his appointment to the Court of St. James he "knew personally practically every man and woman in the company's employ" and regretted that his absence had cost him that distinction. The employees went to a special train from the Pennsylvania Station.

Film Companies Consolidate.

A new amalgamation of film producing companies was announced yesterday as the Art Dramas, Inc., of 729 Seventh Avenue, composed of the Frohman Amusement Company, Solax Company, United States Amusement Company and the Van Dyke Film Company. The new concern has been capitalized for a nominal amount and is a close corporation, all of the stock being held by the constituent companies. The officers are William Sherrill, president; G. H. Wiley, vice-president and general manager, and Herbert Blanche secretary and treasurer.

"Banker Bean" Opens Season.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 28.—Taylor Holmes in "His Majesty Banker Bean," the comedy which is to open in New York Monday night at the Astor Theatre, began its season here to-night. The play was written by Lee Wilson. Dodds from the stories by Harry Leon Wilson published in the Saturday Evening Post.

"Her Soldier Boy" Presented.

STAMFORD, Conn., Sept. 28.—The Shuberts presented Clifton Crawford in "Her Soldier Boy," with John Charles Thomas and Margaret Romaine here to-night. It is a musical play, laid in Belgium.

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BLACKMAILING BAND OPERATES ON TRAINS

U. S. Attorney Informed by Near Victim of Method of Adventurers.

Placing adventures on railroad trains to trap wealthy male passengers is another of the methods practiced by the blackmail syndicate, according to a letter received yesterday by Assistant United States Attorney Knox, who has ordered an investigation into the truth of the story.

Mr. Knox said the letter gave every indication that it was written by a man of education and sound mentality, who was almost certain to be the "railroad bagger" game which he describes. Mr. Knox said he would have regarded it as more suspicious if the writer had been willing to reveal his identity.

According to the unsigned information the woman of this type engages a stateroom on an interstate train, and then endeavors to make the acquaintance of a male passenger, luring him into the stateroom and then threatening to have him arrested for violating the Mann act.

On the same train are several of the woman's associates, who are brought in if necessary to force payment of blackmail.

The writer says he was approached by one of these women on a Northern Pacific train while bound east from Portland, Ore. He almost fell into the trap, but just as he was about to enter the woman's stateroom became suspicious.

This suspicion was afterward confirmed by a porter on the train, who informed him that fascinating women traveled regularly on the road seeking opportunities to work their bagger game.

Budd Goodman Also in Custody. Chicago, Sept. 28.—Indiana Goodman, 61-year-old "burr" in the Blackmailing Syndicate, R. West of Chicago, a tea importer, out of \$15,000, was arrested to-day on a warrant charging conspiracy. He was fined at \$25,000. To save a young bride from embarrassment Federal officials to-day promised to withhold the name of the wealthy Iowa merchant.

The indictment is based on the fact that he induced the bride to marry him, and to delay three arrests until after October 20, the wedding day of the merchant's daughter.

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Gen. Funston Announces Troops Soon to Go Home.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Sept. 28.—Announcement of all National Guard regiments and organizations to be relieved from border duty by new State troops under Tuesday's order by the War Department was made to-night by Major Gen. Frederick Funston. The total is approximately 10,000 men.

Movements will not begin, it was announced, until the incoming troops have arrived. The rolling stock used in bringing them to the border will be utilized for the return trips of the regiments ordered back to their respective States.

The list of the troops that will go home is as follows: Second Maine Infantry, at Laredo; one regiment, New York Field Artillery and First New York Ambulance company, both in Brownsville, Texas; Rhode Island Battery, at El Paso; First Illinois Field Artillery, First Massachusetts Field Artillery and Second Massachusetts Field Artillery, all at El Paso; First Pennsylvania Field Artillery, at El Paso; First Illinois Field Artillery, at El Paso; First Wisconsin Field Artillery, at San Antonio; First Connecticut Infantry, at Nogales; First Montana Infantry, First Squadron New Jersey Cavalry and First Battalion New Jersey Field Artillery, all at Douglas; battalion of infantry from District of Columbia, at Naco; and First Squadron Utah Cavalry, at Nogales.

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100 VILLISTAS SLAIN AND LEADER TAKEN

Carranza Forces Also Lose Heavily in Fight at Cusihuiriachic.

BAUDELIO URIBE CAPTIVE

Originated Idea of Cutting Off Prisoners' Ears—Panche Pursued.

CHIHUAHUA CITY, Mexico, Sept. 28.—More than a hundred Villa followers were killed and the bandit leader, Baudelio Uribe, was taken prisoner in a terrific fight at Cusihuiriachic, an important mining center about fifty miles southwest of Chihuahua city, according to a message received this afternoon by Gen. Jacinto Trevino from Gen. Matias Ramos, who was himself slightly wounded.

Gen. Ramos, who says his forces suffered heavy losses, asked for surgeons and medical supplies, and a hospital corps detachment was rushed to the scene by train.

It is stated that the garrison at Cusihuiriachic cooperated with the troops of Gen. Ramos, but whether they were attacked or had been aggressors does not appear from the report.

Uribe, the captured Villa leader, was the originator of the idea of cutting off the ears of captured Government soldiers.

The report from Gen. Ramos came by way of Santa Ysabel, thirty-three miles from Villa's headquarters, Northern Northwestern Railway makes a loop to Cusihuiriachic from Santa Ysabel, while the direct distance between the two towns is about thirty-five miles.

Troops continue to pour into Chihuahua city from the south to participate in the Villa hunt. Gen. Apolinario Trevino's command arrived from Torreon to-day and paraded through the streets. The horses of this command were in good condition and the troops will be sent into the field in pursuit of Villa at once.

Villa Was Hounded for Texas. FIELD HEADQUARTERS, AMERICAN PRIVATE EXPEDITION IN MEXICO, Sept. 28.—(By radio to Columbus, N. M., Sept. 28).—Francisco Villa with 400 men left Santa Clara ranch, thirty miles east of Namiagua, on September 23, with the idea of striking north and invading the Texas territory of El Paso, according to the latest report of the bandit leader's movements received to-night at field headquarters.

Uribe, who is unable to walk without a crutch or to put his right hand on the ground. The horses in his band are reported to be in poor condition and his followers in rags.

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ARREST 4 ROBBERY SUSPECTS. Detectives Capture Alleged Safe Crackers on East River Pier.

Four men were cornered late last night on the recreation pier at Twenty-fourth street and East River by detectives with drawn revolvers and placed under arrest on a charge of complicity in the attempt that was made to rob the safe of the Mutual McCormick Dairy Corporation at 175th street and Park avenue. The Bronx, on the night of June 12. At the command to surrender one of the four reached for his hip-pocket. A detective shot him in the right thigh, so that he had to be sent to St. Luke's hospital.

Lieut. Gluck and Detectives Nelson and Morrell have worked on the case since the night when seven men bound the watchmen of the dairy plant and began drilling into the safe. The burglars were chased away. The detectives followed them to Chicago and Philadelphia and back to this city.

Last night they trailed the four men to the Twenty-third street ferry. There one of them recognized the detective and the quartet fled. They were caught after a chase on the pier adjoining. The wounded man described himself as Michael Halloran of 220 East Twenty-third street. The others said they were Frederick Hull of 343 Third avenue, John Martin of 2782 Eighth avenue and Harry McDonald of 21 Macdonough street.

The police would not say how they connect the men with the robbery.

Embassy Says Baron Sakatani Does Not Represent Foreign Office View.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Responsibility for any statement that after the European war Japan would renegotiate the United States evacuation of the alien land and immigration legislation was disclaimed to-day by the Japanese Embassy.

It was explained by the Charge, Tokichi Tanaka, that an official of the Embassy who expressed view on this subject yesterday spoke personally and without any authorization. Furthermore, Mr. Tanaka said, Baron Sakatani, the former Japanese Finance Minister, who has suggested in speeches in New York that Japan would take up the alien land and immigration legislation was never authorized to speak for the Foreign Office and was discussing the question solely as an individual statesman representing a large body of Japanese public opinion.

As to the question of the Japanese immigration into this country, said Mr. Tanaka, Japan has for the present nothing whatever to negotiate about. What is generally known as the gentlemen's agreement is being amended by the alien land and immigration legislation. The ever objectionable section there may have been in the proposed immigration bill of the United States has been deleted.

The Japanese government's attitude may be said to be in abeyance, since as is apparent by the published correspondence between the Japanese and the American governments, the negotiations have not yet arrived at a final disposition of the question. Whether or not Japan will revise the controversy is Embassy has not the least knowledge.

Fashions at Hot Springs. Dance at Homestead Marked by Beautiful Gowns Worn.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Sept. 28.—A dance given in the ballroom of the Homestead Hotel was marked by the most beautiful gowns worn by many of the women.

Mrs. Jerome Bonaparte was attired in cloth of silver; Mrs. Alexander Brown, blue silk and tulle; Mrs. Samuel N. Hinkley, orchid chiffon; Mrs. Henry Carter Steers, emerald velvet; Harriette Rosenkrantz, black tulle and silver; Mrs. Arthur H. Burt, rose colored silk, and Mrs. Walter Bruce Howe, black and white; Mrs. P. H. Flier, blue silk and tulle; Mrs. Hubert Harrod, white lace and silver; Mrs. Samuel S. Ketter Evans, cloth of silver and silver lace; Miss Agnes Gill, white tulle; Mrs. Gertrude Thompson, black tulle and lace; Miss Ada Norford, white tulle; Miss Gwendolyn King, black tulle.

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JEWISH NEW YEAR FILLS SYNAGOGUES

War as It Affects the Hebrew Race Subject of Many Sermons.

NO MORE "WEAKER SEX"

Rabbi Harris Calls Greater Measure of Preparedness by U. S. a Mistake.

War, as it has affected the Jewish race, was the subject of many of the New Year sermons in the synagogues of New York yesterday.

The Rev. Dr. M. H. Harris, in Temple Israel, speaking on the topic "War and Life," said the life of the world never can be quite the same again, a thousand theories and illusions having collapsed in the cataclysm. He called war, like death, the great equalizer, bringing men closer together and making possible true estimates of their capacity.

"Both sides capital and labor, have again and again, according as it seemed helpful to their momentary interests, been ready to trample under foot the principle of reason, of arbitration and have recourse to brutal might. From the magistrate in exalted office to the leader in the street, momentary victory, whether to the individual will or to mighty numbers, seems to be the sole consideration."

As to the problems of the Jews, he said: "We Jews have been making a spectacle of ourselves in this country for the last year and a half, because we cannot agree on what we ought to ask for ourselves. If it were not so tragic it would be laughable to see how we are splitting hairs about what we should ask from the nations when we do not know whether the nations are ready to accept to the fundamental rights of manhood which are the due of every race."