

MRS. BEUTINGER HAS JUBILATION DINNER

Wearing Bridal Gown, She Entertains Those Who Helped Her During Trial.

HAPPIEST DAY OF LIFE

Going Away for Few Weeks Rest, but Will Spend Winter in Caldwell.

Wearing her bridal gown of ten years ago and receiving her guests in the home at 7 Hillcrest road, Caldwell, N. J., in which she shot her husband to death for his cruelties and threats to her, Mrs. Margaret Clara Beutinger entertained at a happy dinner last night her counsel, several of the witnesses for the defense and the one man on the first jury whose steadfast refusal to compromise on a verdict of manslaughter indirectly resulted in her freedom.

The dinner, intended only as a mark of her appreciation for the services rendered in the days she was defending herself against a charge of murder in the first degree, could not avoid taking on the nature of a joyous celebration over the "not guilty" verdict returned Thursday in Newark in the court of Judge William P. Martin.

"This is the happiest and most glorious day of my life," exclaimed the radiant little woman when she had a moment for the waiting newspaper men. "It is the beginning of a new year for me. I am beginning life again."

Telegrama Pour In.

"For the first time in months I have played with my five little children without fear in my heart. It is wonderful to be relieved of the apprehension which many times I thought would crush me. I have received congratulations from hundreds of true friends. More than a hundred telegrams have come to me from some of them from far distant points. I have had cables from members of my family in England and one from my father in Jamaica."

Concerning her immediate plans, Mrs. Beutinger said: "Within a few days I am going to take a good rest. I shall stay here until the case of Ernest Ryan, the man who came to my cell and said he would have convicted me, is settled. Then I am going away for a few weeks, but I shall stay in Caldwell during the winter, for my children will be in school here."

Mrs. Beutinger's guests last night were Robert H. McCarter of Newark, her junior counsel; Walter G. Bradley of Caldwell, junior counsel; Mr. and Mrs. John H. De Baus of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. John Donahue of Newark; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hinkel of Pittsburgh; Mrs. and George L. Card of Newark; Mr. De Baus was the witness who testified that Christof Beutinger, the slain man, once had sought to persuade him to marry falsely that he had seen Mrs. Beutinger in a compromising situation. Mr. Card, it was learned yesterday for the first time, was responsible for the disagreement in the jury at the trial, when all of the other members were willing to compromise on a verdict of manslaughter. Mr. Card is said to have held out for a verdict of acquittal against the other eleven men.

Surrounded by Friends. All through the day Mrs. Beutinger was surrounded by relatives and friends, who had come to express their happiness at the outcome of the trial. The five children—Margaret and Marie and Fred, Christopher and Bill—came about the house and in the yard in carefree fashion for the first time since their mother was taken away from them after the shooting, July 11. When she was not talking with those gathered to congratulate her she was answering one of the multitude of telephone calls; when she was not at the telephone she was playing with her much beloved youngsters. So passed the day which she said was her happiest.

In a formal statement she said: "I have no plans except to devote my life to my babies. My future actions will depend on the advice of my relatives and those who have proved such good friends to me in my trouble. You may say that I think my trial was conducted fairly by Prosecutor Newman, and I have no words of censure except for Detective Geoffrey. Please say that I wish to thank the newspapers for their fairness to me and mine."

Ernest E. Ryan, director of the Board of Pardoners, who was one of a party that visited the jail while Mrs. Beutinger was a prisoner there, is under indictment on Mrs. Beutinger's story that he came to her cell and upbraided her. Mrs. Beutinger will be the principal witness when he comes up for trial next Wednesday.

After that, on the advice of her physician, Dr. E. L. Ives of Little Falls, N. J., she will leave for a rest of three or four weeks. Her children will be entered as pupils at Mount St. Dominic Academy in Caldwell.

Judge Issues Statement.

Judge Martin issued a statement last night denying the published report that Mrs. Beutinger and her family had come to him after the trial and thanked him. He also denied for Detective Lieut. Walter Geoffrey the report that the detective had said Judge Martin "entertained the whole Beutinger family at his chambers."

"These statements," said Judge Martin, "give the impression that I failed to uphold the dignity of the court responsible for the impartial administration of justice in a most important case involving the serious charge of murder and was overwhelmed by the remarkable sentiment that has been so prominent throughout the case."

Judge Martin asserted that he saw no member of the Beutinger family at the verdict was returned in open court. The only basis for the report, he said, probably was the circumstance, as the judge was informed, that Mrs. Beutinger, accompanied by the clerk of the court, stepped into a room adjoining the judge's chambers for a minute or two for the purpose of signing her parole as a witness in the Ryan case.

SHAW PLAY AT BARNARD.

Dramatic Society Presents "Devil's Disciple" at Brinckerhoff Theatre. "Wise and Cret," the dramatic society in Barnard College, presented "Devil's Disciple," its first Shaw play, last night in the Brinckerhoff Theatre. The character roles were taken by the college girls, who had been trained effectively by Miss Helen Ford of the Drama League, New York. The play will be repeated to-night.

The character of the entertainment will be used to install a simplified lighting system and other improvements in the theatre.

Those in the cast are Elizabeth Wright, Betty Smith, Esther Britton, Aline Mason, Theresa Mayer, Vera Klafman, Mildred Blout, Selma Cohen, Ruth Jensen, Adele Alfke, Pitt Carr, Katherine Harrower, Elsie Oschin and Agnes Surgeoner.

U. S. TO BUILD SHIPS EQUAL TO JAPAN'S

Navy General Board Recommends Increased Size and Less Speed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Preliminary work on the 1918 national defense program moved forward again to-day in both the naval and military committees of the House with Rear Admirals Badger and Fletcher of the Navy's General Board before the former and Quartermaster General Sharpe again before the latter.

The two admirals told of the board's recommendation for an enormous increase in size and power and a smaller increase in speed for the battleships to be provided for at this session of Congress. Because of the tendency of European navies to build even larger ships and guns, and because there is reason to believe that Japan already has under construction a more powerful ship than has yet been planned for the United States, Admiral Badger said the board found it necessary that the American navy follow a similar policy. He said the board had recommended main batteries of twelve 16 inch guns, an increase of 50 per cent in gun power over 1917 ships, and a speed of twenty-three knots an hour.

An order issued to-day by Secretary Daniels indicates that the recommendations of the board will be approved when the Department's opinion is laid before the committee. The new dreadnaughts will displace probably more than 40,000 tons as against the 32,000 for the California class and succeeding ships. "Our new ships will embody the general character of the new battleships," the general board recommends, the Secretary's statement said, after explaining that only the question of limited facilities led the Secretary to alter the board's recommendations to build four battleships and two battle cruisers in 1917 to three battleships and one battle cruiser for 1918.

Gen. Sharpe brought out before the Military Committee the fact that the army still is far behind in recruiting for the 1917 increment of the increase in strength already authorized. His statement was in line with that of Major-General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, in his annual report, made public to-day. Gen. Scott declared that universal military training and service would be the only solution to the recruiting problem.

Secretary Baker's attitude on the universal service question has not been disclosed. It was stated authoritatively to-day that the Secretary had read Gen. Scott's report before it was published and authorized the fullest publication of the views of the general staff as there stated, but reserving his own judgment. Mr. Baker's views probably will be drawn out before the committee.

Universal service also came up at the Badger saying that this was the "one grand answer" to all problems of obtaining crews for navy ships. He disapproved of a suggestion by Representative Butler that a bonus system to encourage enlistments be established.

POSSET CUP BRINGS \$470.

Williamson China Sale Sets Total of \$21,080. The last session of the Frederick J. Williamson art sale at the American Art Association yesterday brought out some lively bidding. Several pieces of old china brought record prices. One of these was the posset cup, No. 1,132, which sold to W. B. Breaker for \$470. This cup is of Toff slip ware, with two handles and has a decoration of tulips in dark brown and the words "The best not too good for you" around the brim. It dates from the year 1697. Mr. Breaker also paid \$260 for No. 1,133, a round platter, dated 1755, and decorated by Louis Baydois of Nevers, France, and \$100 for No. 1,155, a Whielden teapot. Mr. Blanchfield of Hartford gave \$285 for No. 1,141, a Staffordshire platter, by Claws, with a "Noble Hunting Party" decoration, and A. S. Vernay paid \$120 for No. 1,111, a pair of Whielden cornucopias.

Mrs. McDonald bought No. 1,178, a "Herculeum" Staffordshire pitcher, for \$225, and No. 1,043, a set of French powder wine measures, for \$120. W. W. Seaman, agent, paid \$290 for No. 1,119, a salt glass hot water dish with handles. Mrs. J. H. Bailey gave \$125 for No. 1,112, a Whielden figure of St. George and the dragon; Mrs. Lindabury paid \$100 for No. 1,135, a Boston State House cup plate, and \$135 for No. 1,155, Whielden cauliflower coffee pot, and C. E. Page paid \$100 for No. 1,154, an Eiers coffee pot.

On the whole this sale of old china is considered one of the best on record. The session yesterday brought in \$8,181, making a grand total for the collection of \$21,080.

ACTORS HONOR BERNHARDT.

She Appears at Special Matinee at the Empire. Mme. Bernhardt's American colleagues do not grow weary of paying her honors. Rose Coghlan voiced their appreciation Monday when she presented on their behalf a laurel wreath decorated with the tricolor of France. Yesterday at a special matinee in the Empire Theatre actors occupied most of the seats and were enthusiastic in their applause. In one box sat Mrs. Fiske and in other parts of the theatre were Isadora Duncan, Laurette Taylor, Margaret Wycherley and other actresses. The stars were arrested for witchcraft at that time. They were arrested by wit or influence they escaped from jail and fled to New York and here I am."

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In response to requests that Mme. Bernhardt appear in something longer than the short plays in which she has been appearing, it has been arranged for her to act "Le Procès de Jean d'Arc" in the form she gave Moreau's play at the Globe Theatre several years ago.

Architects End Session.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 8.—John Lawrence Maurer of St. Louis, Mo., was selected president of the American Institute of Architects at the closing session of its annual convention here to-day. Other officers elected include U. Grant Lafarge, New York, first vice-president; W. B. H. Millock, Seattle, Wash., second vice-president; W. Stanley Parker, Boston, secretary, and D. Everett Wald, New York, treasurer.

PAYLOWA DANCES AT RUSSIAN BAZAAR

White Sapphires to Be Auctioned Off at Close To-night.

Anna Pavlova was the drawing card at the Russian Bazaar in the Seventy-first Regiment Armory again last night, with M. Volinine and other members of her company. They danced five numbers to music by the Russian Balalaika Orchestra, holding the attention of the largest crowd that has attended the bazaar. Mme. and Mlle. Edouard de Kurylo and the pupils of their school preceded Pavlova's company with a series of interpretative dances.

The white Russian sapphires that Mrs. C. H. Slocum presented to the bazaar was auctioned yesterday at \$500. It will be auctioned off to-night, the final night of the bazaar. The feature of this evening will be the beauty contest in which Chauncey M. Depew will have the Judge's platform all to himself, and there will be no appeal. Certificates will be issued to-night to those who won the amateur dancing contest on Wednesday night. Marie Dressler is going to lead the New York Scottish Pipe and Drum Corps to the bazaar to-night for a concert in front of her moving picture theatre.

A flock of pretty debutantes and other society young folk chaperoned by Miss Maude Letard have been enthusiastic workers all week at the bazaar. They were circulating salesladies and their endeavors have resulted in swelling the receipts by several thousand dollars.

Among those who participated and who made their debut in society this year were the Misses Mary Stuart Colt, Margaret Lindabury, Eleanor Parker, Helen W. Green, Constance Poor, Frances Field, Helen Seton and Drusilla Lanier Cravens. Others who have already been presented or who will shortly make their debut were the Misses Maryanna Lincoln, Ann Townsend, Pamela Poor, Elizabeth Mordant, Elizabeth Drayton Burrell, Celestine Guillard and 100 members of the Studio Club of New York.

Mrs. George W. Perkins bought a \$250 table cover yesterday.

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ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Madison Avenue at Seventy-third street.—The Rev. Dr. Frank Watson will preach at 11 A. M. on "The Third Commandment" or "Reverence for Man's Success." A Secret of the Young Men's Society will be given by a visitor, a "colored" and a "barber."

MADISON AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, corner Thirty-first street.—The Rev. Dr. Charles A. Eaton, D. D., pastor, will preach Sunday morning on "Can We Know That His Love Will Save Us?"

METROPOLITAN TEMPLE, Seventh Avenue at Forty-second street.—A special concert with Victor's famous records will make an unusually interesting evening service. The program will be: "The Messiah" on "Two Roads."

MASS MEETING TO AID BELGIUM. A mass meeting to protest against the deporting of the Belgian workmen will be held on Wednesday, December 14, at Carnegie Hall. The speakers will include Ethel Root and the Rev. Dr. W. T. Manning.

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RELIGIOUS NOTICES. BAPTIST. FIFTH AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, 410 A West 45th St., Rev. Curran Northrup, D. D., Minister. Dr. Wolfkin will preach at 11 and 3 P. M. on "The Christian's Duty."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE. Services are held in the following Christian Science Churches: Sunday 11 A. M. & 8 P. M. Wednesday 8 P. M. Church Central Park West at 84th St. Second Church, Central Park West at 84th St. Fourth Church, 125th St. & Madison Ave. Fifth Church, 141st Street. Sixth Church, 192nd Street.

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