

COURT FREES SNOW OF 'PLOT' TO KILL WIFE

Holds Act Too Foolish for Man of His Years and Experience.

TWO OTHERS DISMISSED Judge Hardison Ends Case Involving Millionaire Patent Attorney.

Chester A. Snow, millionaire patent attorney, 76 years old, who had been on trial for the past two days before Judge Hardison in Police Court with Mrs. Ena P. Acker and Hugh M. Langdon, on joint charges of conspiring to murder Mrs. Addis H. Snow, his wife, was acquitted yesterday afternoon, following an all day session of the court.

"I don't believe a grand jury would ever indict Snow," said Judge Hardison, "nor do I believe a petit jury would convict him in Criminal Court. It is highly improbable," the court went on, "that a man of Snow's age—in the light of the warning he had—would be fool enough to be a party to a conspiracy to murder his wife."

"I am delighted with the verdict," Snow said immediately after his acquittal. "I don't see how it could have been otherwise. I was as sure today that I would be vindicated as I was Tuesday night when I told a representative of the Washington Herald that I hadn't the slightest doubt but what the preliminary hearing would end this hideous drama—and in my favor."

"I was confident," said George P. Hoover, counsel for Snow, "that the trial would end the way it did. Mr.

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LEAVING FARM BOOSTS PRICES

Agricultural Committeeman Attributes Excessive Costs to Underproduction.

The large decreases in population in rural sections and corresponding increases in cities is self-explanatory of the cause for the high cost of living, according to Representative John V. Lesher, a Democrat, of Pennsylvania.

Results of the first census on townships in Pennsylvania, which show large numbers of persons in that State have forsaken their farms for more profitable pursuits in the cities, were declared yesterday by Mr. Lesher, a member of the House Agricultural Committee, to be indicative of conditions throughout the United States.

With few exceptions they show that during the past ten years the population of the rural districts has decreased with the general increase in the population of urban districts. The first returns on townships in Pennsylvania, according to Mr. Lesher, indicate what has taken place throughout the State, particularly since the war.

"Not only these figures, but aban-

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Herald Salesmanship Candidates Sprinting Toward a Whirlwind Finish with Honor Roll of Seven

Candidates in The Herald Salesmanship Club are sprinting on the road that leads to success, and success in this case means obtaining subscriptions and credits toward winning a grand award—the \$5,000 home, or one of the six big automobiles included in the \$23,000 list.

From the credits counted for publication today the seven high ones on the honor roll are: Mrs. Lenah J. Talbot, district three; George M. Ramby, district seven; Miss Alice Manuel, district eight; George M. Carhart, district five; D. E. Morgan, district three; Charles H. Weeks,

district six; and Lawrence Herrell, district eight.

Pass 500,000 Mark.

These leaders, as well as a number of other active candidates, have crossed the 500,000 mark, and it looks like a strong fight from now until the end of the campaign, July 17.

Each district shows new members setting the pace today: Mrs. F. C. Clark and Edward D. Talbert take high place in district one. Mrs. R. S. Ledman and Mrs. Walter F. Paul are fighting it out for first place in

district two.

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Rumanian Princess To Visit America



PRINCESS MARIE.
It is reported that the beautiful Princess Marie will accompany her mother, the queen of Rumania, when the queen visits America shortly.

POLAND PLEADS FOR YANK HELP

America Last Hope in Batling Reds, Says Lubomirski.

Having been denied aid by the allies in her war against the Bolsheviks, Poland now looks to America alone to assist her.

This was the assertion last night of Prince Casimir Lubomirski, Minister of Poland, in a formal statement "clarifying the war aims and hopes" of that country. He said:

"If Poland must fight on alone, we Poles are thankful that we may hope to find in America the understanding and the material aid denied us in our hour of trial by those who would barter Poland's liberty to please mercenary hunger for foreign trade."

Prince Lubomirski, in his statement, protests that Poland's war is not one of conquest, but of defense.

"The Bolsheviks," he continued, "invaded Poland at the moment of its liberation, and we were forced to take up arms in our defense. We have no intention of going to Moscow or interfering in Russian affairs."

The Polish Minister goes even further by insisting that Poland is fighting to save all of Europe. "She is fulfilling her historic destiny of protecting Europe from the anarchy of the East," he declared, "and had the right to believe that she would receive the indispensable support of the allies."

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BERLIN AGREES TO SPA DICTUM ON DISARMING

Signature Before League Council Means Little, Observer Says.

ALLIES EYE BUSINESS Humanitarian Side of Conference Vanishes With America Absent.

By WYTHE WILLIAMS.
(Washington Herald-Public Ledger Service. Special Cable Dispatch.)
Spa, Belgium, July 9.—The Germans signed at 11:10 o'clock this morning the agreement permitting them to retain for another period of six months the troops chiefly dangerous to the allies, and to immediately disband the security police.

The conference now is deep in the discussion of coal—American members of the reparations commission attending.

The document the Germans signed is called the process verbal, or memorandum, and probably is at least worth the paper it is written on. The remarks of German Foreign Minister Simons yesterday cannot possibly induce hopes that it may be worth more. But as a brilliant debater Premier Lloyd George's star has not set. The result is "the Germans have signed." But no one expected otherwise.

German's Prompt.

The meeting was set for 10:30 o'clock at the Villa La Fraineuse. Although the problem this morning was only whether the Germans were in accord—the allies supposedly still waiting on their decision on disarmaments before hastening to other conference business—it was 11 o'clock before any of the

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SOVIETS SWEEP 500-MILE LINE

Moscow Dispatches Indicate Poles Desperate Over Crumbling Front.

London, July 9.—Bolshevik forces are moving forward on a 500-mile front and have advanced more than 200 miles since the capture of Kiev from the Poles, according to dispatches from Moscow today. The Red troops have passed several cities beyond Rovno. One wired dispatch from the Soviet capital said "the most decisive moment has arrived." It was believed here that this statement clearly represented the situation.

The fact that Premier Grabski had gone to seek allied intervention was taken to indicate the Poles consider the situation desperate.

Warsaw advices said volunteers were rushing to the colors. Practically all Polish universities and technical schools are closed, the students joining the army. The Bolshevik advances were continued on the north. A gain of 240 miles on the part of Red troops will bring them to the German border and will cut off Poland from the Baltic states. This would create a corridor enabling the Soviet forces to be joined by the German extremists, who were believed ready to aid the Reds as soon as a conjunction can be effected. Polish peasants fled before the Bolshevik advance in panic. Thousands are bivouacked between Rovno and Kovel.

British war office officials attributed the crushing nature of the Red advance to the cavalry of Gen. Budyany, which has been successful in smashing Polish resistance.

Greeks Take City from Turks.

Athens, July 9.—Greek troops have taken the city of Brussa, in Asia Minor, defeating Turkish Nationalists who had been holding the city, it was officially announced today.

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Irish Mediation Lacks Leader Only, Says Ackerman, Pointing To Factors for and Against it

(This is the fourth and last article by Mr. Ackerman, written after a visit to Ireland during which he investigated the possibilities of a settlement of the Irish crisis by mediation.)

By CARL W. ACKERMAN.
(Washington Herald-Public Ledger Service. Special Cable Dispatch.)
London, July 9.—All that is needed today to bring about mediation in the Anglo-Irish "war" in Ireland is for someone to take the first step. For several days the Public Ledger foreign service has been "sounding" London, and the foregoing is the conclusion, although many interesting and important factors have developed, especially among those opposed to mediation.

From the standpoint of the British government, three recent developments have handicapped mediation possibilities—first, the discovery of a plot to assassinate Lloyd George at Spa by Indian extremists co-operating with radicals from Ireland and Egypt, a plot which was nipped at the eleventh hour; second, the cold reception accorded De Valera at Chicago and ventions, and, third, the insistence of the Sinn Fein upon mediation by a third power, which is in effect a demand by Ireland to have the British-Irish controversy considered as an international question and not as one of domestic politics within the British empire.

Ulster and the British.

The other lowering obstacle to mediation is Ulster and the influence which Ulster leaders exert in the British cabinet. There is no

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"I Murdered My Wife to Get Back Into Army," Confession of Captain Recently a "Hero"

(By Universal Service.)
Chicago, July 9.—"I murdered my wife. I shot her in cold blood. I hated married life and wanted to get back into the army. It's free and easy. It's the life for me."

Stopping the barrage of questions that had been directed at him for hours by State's Attorney Hoyne and three assistant, Lieut. Carl Wanderer made this confession tonight.

Lately Called "Hero."

Little more than a week ago, Lieut. Wanderer was hailed as a hero who had killed a hold-up man, after the latter had shot Mrs. Wanderer in the vestibule of their home. Tonight he said he had employed the ragged stranger to "stage" the robbery and that he had shot the man by accident after killing his wife. The police thought the stranger was killed by Wanderer to seal forever the lips which might have told of his brutal crime.

"I grew to love the army life while serving in France," Wanderer said to have confessed, "I wanted to get back into it, but I couldn't with my wife on my hands. Besides, she was about to become a mother. I hated her for it. I think the thought of becoming a father must have driven me mad. I had a wife to support, and here was a child coming—maybe twins. It's hard enough, nowadays, for a man to make a living for himself."

Breaks on Examination.

Throughout the day, in spite of the grilling examination to which he had been subjected, Wanderer attempted to uphold the story he had

TROOPS GUARD PEKING GATES

Martial Law Protects Chinese City from Southern Rebels.

(Washington Herald-Public Ledger Far East Service—Special Cable Dispatch.)
Peking, July 9.—Peking is under martial law and troop movements have disrupted the railways. Marshall Tuan is maneuvering against the provincial forces thirty miles south of Peking.

President Hau Shih Chang refuses to accede to Tuan's demands for dismissal of provincial leaders and Tuan hesitates to remove the President for fear of offending the Manchurian forces, which constitute a third party under Chang Bollen, who is at Tien Tsin.

The diplomatic corps jointly has warned the government it expects troops to be kept out of Peking and that the city is not to be bombed by airplane. The diplomats say they will hold the government responsible if these precautions are not observed.

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NATION'S DRY SUPPORT PUT UP TO HARDING

J. Frank Hanley, 1916 Pro- hibition Candidate, Asks Flat Stand on Issue.

SPEECH PLAN APPROVE Notification Ceremonies at Marion to be Conducted By Chairman Hays.

Marion, Ohio, July 9.—A straightforward, unequivocal declaration of interest by a Republican national administration to honestly and fairly enforce the Volstead law making effective the prohibition amendment would draw prohibition votes to support the national Republican ticket, Senator Warren G. Harding, the Republican Presidential nominee, was told today by Gov. J. Frank Hanley, of Indiana.

"I hope to be able to support the Republican ticket and give it what assistance I can," said former Gov. Hanley, after an hour's conference with Senator Harding. He withheld final decision until the Senator had made his speech of acceptance.

"I did not ask the Senator for any commitment; he made none. I simply presented my views on the national situation and on the Indiana situation."

Dry Candidate in 1916.

Hanley was candidate for President on the prohibition ticket in 1916. He received about 450,000 votes. "A majority of this vote," said Hanley, "was cast by former Republicans and Democrats who had become interested in the prohibition cause."

Henry L. Stoddard, New York editor and leader among Roosevelt

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THIRD PARTY'S HOPES ON RISE

Dozen Political Groups Begin Preparation for Con- vention in Chicago.

Chicago, July 9.—Organization of a "third party" dedicated to battle the Republican and Democratic parties, loomed up as a possibility tonight as representatives of nearly a dozen groups of political units began arriving in Chicago for conventions to be held within the next few days.

Leading these units came the Eastern representatives of the American Constitutional party, organized at a mass-meeting in New York last week by representatives of 100,000 registered voters from six Eastern States. This organization has asked William Randolph Hearst to lead it in the coming Presidential campaign.

Mass-Meeting Planned.

Leaders of the American Constitutional party met in the Auditorium recital hall tonight and completed plans for a mass-meeting the first of the week. At this meeting the party's platform will be ratified and plans will be made

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OPERATOR KILLED BY FALL FROM CAR

New York, July 9.—Abraham Goldsmith, operator of a car on Coney Island Scenic Railway, was killed today when he fell from the car just as it started down a big incline. His body shot through the frame-work of the structure fifty feet to the ground. He was dead when aid reached him.

The car, with three women and twelve men aboard, continued down the incline, rushing toward a shorter incline and for a curve leading to a "tunnel." An inspector was stationed there, but before the car reached that point one of the men in the car climbed into the driver's seat and threw the brakes. Two of the women became hysterical.

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Wife of Democratic Second Place Choice



MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.
Recent photograph of the wife of the Democratic nominee for Vice President.

COX EVIL PICK, SAYS PENROSE

Democrats Surrendered to Corrupt Crowd at Frisco, Declares Senator.

(By Public Ledger Service.)
Philadelphia, July 9.—Senator Boies Penrose declared today that the nomination of Gov. Cox by the Democratic party represented a surrender to the "corrupt and disreputable elements of the party."

Among these the Senator named Tammany Hall. He said that while the Cox candidacy was free of Wilsonism it would nevertheless lose the "intellectual and reputable group attracted by Wilson."

"The Democratic convention," the Senator declared, "was controlled by politicians of the ward precinct type."

The interview with the Senator was obtained as a result of a series of questions submitted through his secretary, Leighton C. Taylor.

Discussing the nomination of Gov. Cox and the question as to whether the Cox candidacy had rid the Democratic party of Wilsonism, Senator Penrose said:

"I am decidedly of the opinion the nomination of Gov. Cox constitutes a repudiation of the Wilson leadership in the Democratic party. After Wilson was elected he ignored the old-time leaders of his party in most of the States. He surrendered into the hands of a lot of amateurs and alleged idealists, who had never shown any virile Democracy, but who chiefly were known by the vague designation of Progressives. The real workers in the party were ignored."

"The time arrived, however, when their turn came, and they were able to show that they were the real bone and sinew of the party."

Surgeon Strips Skin from Own Thigh And Grafts it Upon Wife Hurt by Auto, While Associates Look on

(By Universal Service.)
Chicago, July 9.—With steady hand and nerve, and calmly going about his business as though he were performing the simplest of operations, Dr. Orlando P. Scott, well-known surgeon of Chicago, today cut strip after strip of flesh from his own thigh and grafted them onto his wife's foot and grafted them as he rested on a portable table at his wife's bedside.

The operation was performed without administration of an anesthetic, in the presence of a number of physicians and nurses. Sobs came from different parts of the room as Dr. Scott, without so much as a wince

COX MAY FIRE OPENING GUN IN CALIFORNIA

"Folks Want You Here," Says His Sec- etary on Telephone.

HOBSON REPLY WAITS 'Embarrassing' Inquiries to Be Answered After Those Of Congratulation.

By SAM BLAIR.
(Universal Service Staff Correspondent.)

Dayton, Ohio, July 9.—The Democratic nominee for President, Gov. James M. Cox, can be expected to map his first campaign battlefield in the West, his war cry probably will be heard first on the Pacific Coast, then one can expect the trail to wind into the Northwest, where the Non-partisan League vote sparkles as a potential prize.

Today the governor's secretary, Charles D. Morris, telephoned him from San Francisco. "The folks but this way would like you to start your campaign here," the secretary said. "They say that's all they need to assure a Democratic success for California as great as the one in 1916."

W. W. Blaine, secretary of the Corn Palace of Mitchell, S. D., has telegraphed an urgent appeal for an early speaking date. So have officials of the Minnesota State Fair.

Monday Gov. Cox will go to his capitol office at Columbus. There he will establish preliminary headquarters. Location of permanent quarters.

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LAST TRIBUTES PAID TO GORGAS

London Public Honors Great Surgeon in Obse- quies at St. Paul's.

London, July 9.—Many British and American military and naval officials joined prominent civilians of both countries in a last tribute to Gen. William C. Gorgas at funeral services in St. Paul's Chapel today.

Troops escorting the body to the chapel included three squadrons of the Life Guards. A thirteen-gun military salute was fired at Hyde Park as the procession filed along the street.

King George, Dowager Queen Alexandra, and the Duke of Connaught sent representatives to the service. Ambassador Davis and members of the American Embassy also attended. Gen. Gorgas' widow in deep mourning stood with bowed head as the choir sang many old American hymns.

The coffin was draped with a large American flag. The funeral cortege passed through the heart of the city, and thousands stopped to pay tribute to the memory of the famous sanitary expert.

HELPING THE OTHER FELLOW

"But can't that help others help themselves?"—Matury.

THIS is the story that William Trotter told me on the beach at Agua Fresca while I waited for the gig of the captain of the fruit steamer Andador which was to take me abroad. Reluctantly I was leaving the Land of Always Afternoon. William was remaining, and he favored me with a condensed oral autobiography as we sat on the sands in the shade cast by the Bodega Nacional.

As usual, I became aware that the Man from Bombay had already written the story; but as he had compressed it to an eight-word

sentence, I have become an expansionist, and have quoted his phrase above, with apologies to him and best regards to Terence.

"Don't you ever have a desire to go back to the land of derby hats and starched collars?" I asked him. "You seem to be a handy man and a man of action," I continued, "and I am sure I could find you a comfortable job somewhere in the States."

Ragged, stiffless, barefooted, a confirmed ester of the fates, William Trotter had pleased me much, and I hated to see him gobbled up by the tropics.

"I've no doubt you could," he

said, idly splitting the bark from a section of sugar-cane. "I've no doubt you could do much for me. If every man could do as much for himself as he can for others, every country in the world would be holding millenniums instead of centuries."

While we were talking, there was a sound of firing guns—four or five, rattlingly, as if by a squad. The cheerful noise came from the direction of the cuartel, which is a kind of makeshift barracks for the soldiers of the republic.

"Hear that?" said William Trotter. "Let me tell you about it."

"A year ago I landed on this

coast with one solitary dollar. I have the same sum in my pocket today. I was second cook on a tramp frigate; and they marooned me here early one morning, without benefit of clergy, just because I poulticed the face of the first mate with cheese omelette at dinner. The fellow had kicked because I'd put horse-radish in it instead of cheese.

"When they threw me out of the yawl into three feet of surf, I waded ashore and sat down under a palm-tree. By and by a fine-looking white man with a red face and white clothes, genteel as possible, but somewhat under the influence, came and sat down

beside me.

"I had noticed there was a kind of a village back of the beach, and enough scenery to outfit a dozen moving picture shows. But I thought, of course, it was a cannibal suburb, and it was wonderful whether I was to be served with carrots or mushrooms. And, as I say, this dressed-up man sits beside me, and we become friends in the space of a minute or two. For an hour we talked, and he told me all about it.

"It seems that he was a man of parts, conscientiousness, and plausibility, besides being educated and a wreck of his appetites. He told me all about it. Colleagues

had turned him out, and distilleries had taken him in. Did I tell you his name? It was Clifford Wainwright. I didn't exactly catch the cause of his being cast away on that particular stretch of South America; but I reckon it was his own business. I asked him if he'd ever been second cook on a tramp frigate, and he said no; so that concluded my line of surmises. But he talked the encyclopedia from 'A—Berlin' to 'Z—Zyril' and he carried a watch—a silver arrangement with works, and up to date within twenty-four hours, anyhow.

"I'm pleased to have met you," says Wainwright. "I'm a day

to the great joss Boose; but my ruminating facilities are unpaired," says he—or words to that effect. "And I hate," says he, "to see fools trying to run the world."

"I never touch a drop," says I. "and there are many kinds of fools; and the world runs on its own apex, according to science, with no meddling from me."

"I was referring, says he, 'to the president of this republic. His country is in a desperate condition. Its treasury is empty, it's on the verge of war with Nicaragua, and if it wasn't for the hot weather the people would be starting revolutions in every town. Here is a nation, goes on

Wainwright, 'on the brink of destruction. A man of intelligence could rescue it from its impending doom in one day by issuing the necessary edicts and orders. President Gomez knows nothing of statesmanship or policy. Do you know Adam Smith?"

"Lemme see," says I. "There was a one-eyed man named Smith in Fort Worth, Texas, but I think his first name was—"

"I am referring to the political economist," says Wainwright.

"S—other Smith, then," says I. "The one I speak of never was arrested."

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