

**GUILTY OF RIDING NEIGHBOR ON RAIL**

**JURY CONVICTS FIVE WOMEN THAT DROVE PRETTY WIFE OUT OF VOLO, ILL.**

**VERDICT DAZED DEFENDANTS**

Penalty May Be \$200 Fine and Six Months in Jail—Plea of Matron, 72 Years Old, That She Only Beat Pan, Wins Acquittal.

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Mrs. Kate Wagner, 72 years old, the sixth woman, who started to assist in carrying Mrs. Richardson outside the village limits, was freed by the jury because she returned home before the victim was given her ride on a rail.

**Defendants Dazed at Verdict.**

Mrs. Sabel's 65 years makes her the oldest of the convicted five.

The women sat huddled and dazed in the court room as the verdict was read. They bore no resemblance to the angry women, outraged because they believed a neighbor preferred the company of another to her crippled husband, who drew Mrs. Richardson from her home by a subterfuge, smeared her with mud, placed her astride a weather-beaten scowling, bore her screaming and fighting to the edge of town and dumped her to the road with a warning never to return.

The jury deliberated an hour, largely on the question of freeing Mrs. Wagner.

**Civil Suit for \$100,000 Pending.**

Mrs. Richardson is not vindictive against her former friends. She is satisfied with a conviction, and is agreeable to letting the women off with a fine. She has a civil suit for \$100,000 pending against them.

Edward Krepel was also indicted with the six women. It was charged that, dressed in the garb of a woman, he assisted in riding Mrs. Richardson on a rail. He has disappeared.

After the rail ride Mrs. Richardson fled to the home of relatives in Chicago, but returned to Volo and is living with her husband, who maintains she is innocent of wrongdoing.

**WOMEN ARE CAUGHT IN RAID**

Fashionable Chicago Suburb Residents Become Hysterical When Patrol Wagons Arrive.

Chicago.—The police raided a pool-room which they alleged is run for women customers only. Two arrests were made, one woman being booked as "keeper."

The report received at police headquarters was that the apartment was crowded with fashionable women of Kenwood, Hyde Park and Woodlawn when the police appeared, and many of them, after identifying themselves, were allowed to go.

When patrol wagons appeared the women became hysterical and begged that they be allowed to go to their homes. Some of them are said to have fainted when the detectives rushed into the apartment where the alleged bets were being taken.

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**Kaiser Transfers Garrison.**

Donauerschingen, Germany.—Emperor William ordered the transfer of the entire garrison at Zabern, Alsace, owing to the trouble between the soldiers and the residents there. He also directed that the court-martial proceedings in connection with the recent rioting be accelerated.

**Steals \$4,000, Beats It.**

Lincoln, Neb.—A telephone message from the village of Primrose states the bank there was robbed of \$4,000 by a highwayman who compelled the cashier of the bank to hand over all the cash and then escaped.

**Snowstorm Blocks Traffic.**

Denver, Colo.—Denver was snow-bound for a day. Street car traffic was blocked and thousands were marooned in the downtown district all night or were forced to plow their way through two feet of snow.

**Three Texas Rivers Overflowing.**

Dallas, Tex.—With three rivers—the Trinity, Brazos and Colorado—inaudible small streams out of their banks, as a result of heavy rains, the southern and central Texas flood has assumed serious proportions.

**Monkey Business Prohibited.**

Chicago.—No horns, confetti or "ticklers" will be allowed on the streets in Chicago New Year's eve, according to an order issued by Mayor Harrison. Sale of the forbidden articles will be prohibited.

**SAILING AWAY ON THEIR HONEYMOON**



Francis R. Sayre and Mrs. Sayre, who was Miss Jessie Wilson, on the captain's bridge of the steamship George Washington, as the vessel bore them away on their honeymoon trip to Europe.

**CULEBRA CUT GENIUS DEAD**

**OVERWORK CAUSED DEATH OF COL. GAILLARD.**

His Panama Canal Work Declared to Be Greatest Engineering Triumph of All Ages.

Baltimore, Md.—Col. David D. Gaillard, one of the chief engineers of the Panama canal, died at Johns Hopkins University hospital. Col. Gaillard had been in a semiconscious condition for weeks. He suffered from hardening of the arteries of the brain, brought on, it is said, by his work on the Culebra cut, the digging of which was under his direction.

Col. Gaillard was born at Willsboro, S. C., Dec. 4, 1850. He had been assigned to Panama since November, 1906.

Engineers declare that the digging of the Culebra cut will go into history as one of the greatest engineering triumphs of all ages. When he took charge at the beginning of the work Col. Gaillard knew he would meet many discouragements from earth slides from the mountain, and he met them as they arose. With his work virtually completed, after herculean labors, he suffered a breakdown and was compelled to return to the United States.

Col. Gaillard had been slated to be continued as a member of the Isthmian commission in recognition of his services, and suffered the keenest disappointment when he was unable to be present at the opening of the Gatun locks, which allowed the waters from Gatun lake to flow into the Culebra cut.

**MRS. PANKHURST COLLAPSED**

Hunger and Thirst Strike in Exeter Jail Causes English Suffragette to Break Down.

Exeter, England.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst collapsed in jail here after 24 hours of hunger and thirst striking. Her condition was said to be serious, and it was believed no attempt would be made to remove her from the prison until she is released on license.

Relays of militant suffragettes picketed Holloway jail continuously, expecting Mrs. Pankhurst to be transferred there secretly, because the jail at Exeter is a small one and not equipped for dealing with hunger strikes and sick prisoners.

**46 DIE WHEN STEAMER SINKS**

Swedish Ship Malmberget, Bound for Rotterdam, Founders Off Bodo, Norway.

Stockholm, Sweden.—Forty-six lives were lost by the foundering of the Swedish steamer Malmberget off Bodo, Norway.

The steamer left Narvik, Norway, November 27, for Rotterdam.

The Malmberget was of 3,903 tons.

**Man Tied, Then Whipped.**

Decatur, Ill.—Nocturnal methods of the "whit cappers" were revived at Arcola when five masked men took Harry Steh from his home, tied him to a tree in his yard and lashed his bare back with a buggy whip.

**Mrs. Pankhurst Arrested.**

Plymouth, Eng.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, who was a passenger on a transatlantic liner due here, was arrested two miles out at sea, and will be kept in custody to finish an unexpired jail sentence.

**Reward for Bandit.**

Los Angeles, Cal.—A reward of \$5,000 has been offered by Southern Pacific railway officials for the capture of the bandit who held up the passengers in a Pullman car near here and killed Morace E. Montague.

**Rich Broker a Fraud.**

Paris.—A man known to the police as "Father Christmas" and regarded as a prosperous stock broker, in the suburbs where he lived, has confessed that in the last 15 years he has stolen 1,250,000 expensive cigars.

**Kills Wife, Shoots Self.**

St. Louis.—Mrs. Jessie Plaia, 22 years old, was shot and killed by her husband, Otto Plaia, 23, at the home of her mother, Mrs. Henry Noustader. After killing his wife Plaia shot himself in the temple.

**Petition for Pardon.**

Fort Smith, Ark.—Petition to pardon Will Bowman of Monet, Mo., now serving a life sentence as a result of being convicted on a charge of criminal attack in 1908, has been made to Gov. Hays.

**Mexican Papers Get Scoop.**

Mexico City.—El Adelante of San Luis Potosi, which has been noted as a journal of strong anti-American sentiments, printed what purports to be a declaration of war by President Wilson against Mexico.

**Veins at Identity Marks.**

New York.—The finger printing method for the identification of criminals may some day be supplanted by photographing the veins of the hand, according to Prof. Tamassia of the University of Padua, Italy.

**Reads \$1,000,000 Will at Dinner.**

Aurora, Ill.—D. W. Simpson entertained 12 guests at a dinner party by reading his will disposing of a \$1,000,000 estate, inviting them to sign the document. Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Ellen Ferris, daughters, are to share the estate.

**40 Years for Highwaymen.**

Minneapolis, Minn.—Charles Ballejo and Max Devote pleaded guilty to highway robbery in district court here and were each sentenced to 40 years' imprisonment at Stillwater.

**100 ARE DROWNED IN TEXAS FLOODS**

**FIFTY PERSONS, MOSTLY NEGROES, DIE AT VILLAGE OF SUNNYSIDE.**

**100 MAROONED IN DANGER**

More Than 20,000 Homeless Face Cold Wave and Food Shortage—Eighty Refugees Under One Roof; Fifty in a Gin House.

Houston, Tex.—Fifty persons, mostly negroes, are reported to have been drowned at Sunnyside, a small town on the lower Brazos river, according to a long distance telephone message received here. The message said between 400 and 500 persons are marooned on a small mound at San Felipe, and are in great danger. A special train loaded with motor boats was dispatched from Houston to rescue him.

The entire Brazos bottom in Waller county is flooded; a number of houses have floated away and refugees are clinging to trees and house tops.

**Food Shortage Serious.**

The task of rescuing inhabitants along the 40 miles of flooded Brazos valley was succeeded by the problem of providing for 2,000 or more refugees. Reports from the flooded territory show that between 700 and 1,000 persons are marooned in gin houses and plantation residences safe from the food but in urgent need of food and clothing.

At Hoshoe Bend, above the roaring of the river, could be heard the singing and praying of more than 50 negroes who were facing peril of death in a rocking gin house on an island a mile and a half out.

**Fifty in One Residence.**

Fifty more refugees were in a gin house over Koppes bridge. In the Parker residence were 80 other food victims and similar numbers in various plantation houses along the 40 miles of the valley up to Mumford.

A rapid fall in temperature and a cutting wind increased the suffering, especially in the tent colonies along the river banks. Almost all those affected were negroes. Three hundred rescued negroes were gathered at Koppes bridge.

How many negro tenants in the flooded section were drowned is still unknown, and until the water recedes the death toll cannot be estimated with any degree of accuracy.

**Packer Blames Retailer.**

Omaha, Neb.—If the consumer who buys beef ribs and loins is paying as much as he did this time last year his retailer is absorbing a reduction of about 25 per cent in the price for which he pays for the meat from the wholesaler, according to General Manager Howe of Armour & Co.

**Christmas Tree for Capitol Placed.**

Washington.—There will be a community Christmas tree on the broad plaza at the east front of the capitol Christmas eve. Vice President Marshall and Speaker Clark have signed permits suspending capitol rules to allow the erection of the tree.

**Pankhurst Free for 7 Days.**

London.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the militant suffragist leader, who was arrested at Plymouth, Dec. 4, on her arrival from the United States aboard the steamer Majestic, was released from the Exeter jail on seven days' license.

**Women Call on President.**

Washington.—Bearing "Votes for Women" banners woman suffragists marched onto the White House to urge President Wilson to advocate an amendment to the constitution providing for universal woman suffrage.

**Stockholm Commodore Drowned.**

Stockholm.—Carl Werner, a wealthy manufacturer and commodore of the Stockholm Yacht club, was found drowned. He had been missing for nine days and it is believed he ended his life because of a love affair.

**Cox Buys Shubert Interest.**

New York.—George B. Cox of Cincinnati has bought the interests of Alvin Untermyer and Andrew Freedman in various Shubert theatrical enterprises. Cox, it was said, paid \$582,000 for his new holdings.

**Two Philippine Officials Resign.**

Manila.—C. M. Cotterman, director of the bureau of posts, and Richard Campbell, judge of the court of first instance, resigned their positions.

**Two Drown in City Water Main.**

Cincinnati.—Two men were drowned and a dog working in a street trench "screamed" death when a 60-lb. water main burst.

**Swallows False Teeth.**

Wichita, Kan.—E. J. Sheriff, a plumber of this city, is in a hospital in a critical condition as a result of having swallowed his false teeth while eating. A surgical operation is the only course that will save Sheriff.

**Bank in Every Kansas County.**

Topeka, Kan.—Every Kansas county now has a bank. The state charter board has just granted a charter to a bank at Johnston, Stanton county. Stanton has been the only county without a bank.

**Kills Three in Fight.**

Bevier.—A triple killing has been enacted at Coal Camp No. 28. In a free-for-all fight, John Glogglolli shot and killed Paul Borella and another unidentified Italian, and stabbed John's brother, Gussitio Glogglolli, to death. Glogglolli fled. An all-day search for him was of no avail.

**Huntsville—After Living Three Years with his Back Broken, William Kraft, aged 25, a miner, died here. He was injured by a fall of rock in a mine here.**

**Not Quite Blind.**

Love may be blind. But you never saw a bride who couldn't tell orange blossoms from sunflowers.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

**Recipe for Happiness.**

If you want to be continuously happy you must know when to be blind, when to be deaf and when to be dumb.

**Defined.**

The silly person is the one who is sillier than oneself.

**SCHOOLS TO GET \$8,690 FROM STATE**

**SUPERINTENDENT EVANS RELEASES FUNDS FOR DISTRIBUTION UNDER RECENT LAW.**

**TEXAS COUNTY LEADS LIST**

This Legislation is Called Missouri's Greatest Forward Step in the Last Twenty-Five Years in the Cause of Education.

Jefferson City.—State Superintendent of Schools W. P. Evans authorized the release of funds, under the act of the last general assembly providing for state aid for high schools, amounting to \$8,690.52. Superintendent Evans says his high school inspectors have visited the schools to which this money will go and have certified that they have met the conditions prescribed by the law and are entitled to the money.

The money released by Superintendent Evans goes to the following schools:

Bates county—Hume high school, \$650.

Benton county—High school of Lincoln, \$300; high school of Warsaw, \$800. Total, \$1,100.

Carroll county—High school of De Witt, \$347.27.

Cass county—High school of Drexel, \$400.

Davess county—High school of Coffey, \$340; high school of Pattonsburg, \$600. Total, \$940.

Franklin county—High school of New Haven, \$742.50.

Gentry county—High school of McFall, \$280.

Harrison county—High school of Blytheville, \$300; high school of Eagleville, \$300. Total, \$600.

Holt county—High school of Craig, \$650.

Lafayette county—High school of Higginville, \$200.

Linn county—High school of Brown, \$480.

Pettis county—High school of Green Ridge, \$540.

Sullivan county—High school of Green City, \$560.

Texas county—High school of county, \$1,250.75.

Superintendent Evans also certified to State Auditor John P. Gordon that he is authorized to disburse at once \$1,250 from the fund for state aid for consolidated rural high schools, the high school inspectors having found the schools to which the money will go have complied with the conditions prescribed. The schools that will receive this money are: Linn county, Boomer Consolidated District No. 1, \$450; Osage county, Linn Consolidated District No. 1.

State aid for high schools and consolidated rural high schools was a part of the school legislation enacted by the forty-seventh general assembly.

Superintendent Evans and his assistants declare this legislation the greatest step in progress made by the educational system of Missouri during the past quarter of a century, and say its effects are already being shown in marked advancement in school work and conditions.

**Capitol Contract Signed.**

Jefferson City.—K. F. Gill, representing the Gill & Sons Construction company of Cleveland, arrived here. After a brief conference with the capitol building commission, the contract for the erection of the new statehouse was signed. All of the provisions of the instrument had previously been approved by Attorney General Barker.

Mr. Gill will leave here in a day or two on a trip of inspection of the big limestone quarries operating in the state. He first will visit the quarries at Carthage and those in Greene county. From there he will go to Barry county and to other points where limestone is produced in quantities sufficient for his purpose.

Whatever contracts he may make for the stone will have to meet the approval of the commission.

A swarm of representatives of the various branches of the building trades awaited Mr. Gill's arrival. Subcontracts were sought by the applicants. The subcontractors selected by him will have to be approved by the commission.

Mr. Gill will be prepared to submit a list of subcontractors this week.

Mr. Gill entertains no doubt of the ability of his company to put the construction of the capitol through within the time limit fixed by the commission. This is July 1, 1916. It will be ready for occupancy on that date, he said, and Gov. Major's desire to terminate his administration in the new capitol will be gratified.

**Mine Explosion Injures Two.**

Joplin.—The explosion of an old shot into which they were drilling injured John Duty and Stephen Myers seriously in the Becker-Duty mine, in Chitwood, a mining suburb. Duty suffered a broken ankle and both men were lacerated about the face, head and chest. They were directly over the abandoned shot when the drill struck the dynamite, exploding it.

**Clarkburg—Alvin Simmers, 27 years old, committed suicide at his home south of this city.**

**Take Away Unused Sugar.**

People in France, when they dine at restaurants, frequently appropriate the sugar they don't happen to use. Sugar in France is dear, and what is served with the coffee belongs, by right, to the purchaser as much as the coffee itself. So why not take a lump or two home to little Jeanne or Pierre?

**Not Necessarily.**

A girl is not necessarily cut out for a prima donna just because she is hard to manage.

**A RESUME OF POPULATION FROM ALL OVER THE STATE**

A Sociological Analysis of the Inhabitants of the Various Large Towns in Missouri.

Jefferson City.—A sociological analysis of the population of St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Springfield, Joplin, Hannibal and Sedalia, which is made in a bulletin containing advance information from the 1913 Red Book of the bureau of labor statistics, given publicity by Commissioner John T. Fitzpatrick, affords material for a study on what the future has in store for these flourishing Missouri metropolises and serves to indicate how cosmopolitan they are. The information given is based on federal census returns, recently compiled in this shape, and therefore is authentic.

The bulletin, which gives complete facts on the sex, race, birthplace, color, male voting strength and similar information of the cities in the synopsis, contains this declaration:

"Population statistics of Springfield, Joplin, Hannibal and Sedalia plainly reveal that nearly all the inhabitants are either native-born or else are the offspring of aliens from countries which now rule Europe."

The federal official population of St. Louis, which figures will remain until the next census, is 687,029, of whom 642,485 are white, 43,960 negro and 581 Indian, Japanese or Chinese. The males outnumber the females; there being 346,968 men and boys and 340,981 women and girls.

Kansas City, with an official population of 248,381, has 224,677 white men, women and children, 23,566 negroes and 138 Indians, Japanese and Chinese. The foreign-born population numbers 25,327, of whom 5,354, or a little over a fifth, are of German extraction. England is represented by a population of 2,144 and Canada, 1,738. The sons and daughters of Ireland number 3,266. Then there are 2,579 Italians, divided between north and south Italy. Swedes are numerous, there being 2,158. The number of other foreign representatives follow: Austria, 570; Belgium, 255; Denmark, 365; France, 275; Greece, 758; Holland, 103; Hungary, 332; Mexico, 233; Norway, 143; Roumania, 155; Scotland, 666; Switzerland, 343; Turkey, 146; scattering, 311.

A little over one-ninth of the population of St. Joseph is foreign-born. The same ratio seems to prevail in all Missouri cities and towns. Of the official population of 77,493, 73,128 are white, 4,249 negroes and 26 either Indian, Japanese or Chinese. The foreign-born number 8,113, which, compared with 10 years ago, is a decrease. Then there were 8,416 foreign-born. Divided between the sexes, there are 39,665 men and boys and 37,738 women and girls. Males of voting age number 26,951, officially. There are 16,086 dwellings, with 17,138 families to occupy them. The native-born count up 65,015 people, divided between 50,316 with native parentage and 14,699 of mixed descent.

Springfield, which the bulletin calls the "hub of the Ozarks," with an official population of 35,201 men, women and children, is the home of only 1,126 foreign-born, with those from Germany predominating with 327. English come next in strength, with 199. Canadians next, with 147, and Irish with 142. Sweden is represented by 105 natives; Scotland, 30; Switzerland, 37; Austria, 21; Denmark, 14; France, 10; Italy, 19; Turkey, 16, and the remainder divided between Belgium, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Mexico, Norway, Roumania and one or two other countries of Europe and Asia.

Joplin, with an official federal population of 32,973, is the home of 16,231 males and 15,842 females, men and boys outnumbering women and girls by 389, but not enough to fill the Springfield deficiency in males. As to color, there are 31,266 whites, 801 negroes and 6 Indians, Japanese and Chinese.

For Sedalia, of the official population of 17,822 men, women and children only 801 are foreign-born, regardless of there being two large railroad carshops there. This would indicate that the majority of the employees of these two establishments are native-born. The negro population is given as being 1,571, leaving the remainder, 15,902 whites, with 15,150 native-born. As to sex, there are 8,913 males and 8,990 females, or nearly enough women to go around, in case each single male wanted his full share of marital bliss. Of dwellings there are 4,165, with 4,493 families to occupy them, an indication that some houses are the abode of more than one family. The voting strength, all males over 21 years, is 5,619.

**Censor Loses Job.**

Jefferson City.—Because Mike Kincaid of Joplin, a patrolman on the police force, told the wife of a prominent railroad man to "go home and get some clothes on," when he saw her on the street wearing a slit skirt, his resignation was demanded by Chief of Police J. H. Myers. Complaint of the patrolman's orders to the woman were filed with the police by the woman's husband.

**Grange Holds Open Session.**

Moberly.—The Missouri Grange, in convention at Moberly, held an open session and C. O. Rains of Canton, Mo., state master of the Missouri Grange, presided. Addresses of welcome were made by Mayor Rolla Rothwell and Gus T. Ginkler, president of the Moberly Commercial club.

**To Throw Wine Into River.**

Hannibal.—According to a decision by Judge David P. Dyer in the United States court here 84 bottles of wine will be emptied into the Mississippi. The wine was shipped to a local dealer by the Sweet Valley Wine company of Sandusky, O., and labeled scuppernon wine, a brand made of the scuppernon grape.

It was found to be an adulteration of this brand and to be misbranded.

**Will Plead Unwritten Law.**

Carthage.—John Thralls, 40 years old, of Webb City, Mo., will be placed on trial in circuit court in Carthage for the first-degree murder of Edward Skelton, a former Joplin alderman, the night of May 22 last. Thralls will plead the unwritten law. Thralls and his wife were divorced before the killing and he blamed Skelton for his marital troubles.

**Workman on Old Capitol Dies.**

Fulton.—David Pollock, 97 years old, who helped build the old state capitol at Jefferson City and lived to