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FIFTY-EIGHTH YEAR

HOPKINS TRIAL SPEEDS UP ON THE FIRST DAY

THESE WILL TRY CASE OF MRS. ANNA HOPKINS James Marlette, Mayer, electrician. J. S. Ambrose, Prescott. Uriah Reed, Camp Verde, rancher. C. J. Bones, Prescott. George E. Briggeman, Prescott, electrician. James P. Rice, Walker, mine foreman. H. H. Hanna, Hillside, rancher. John Messing, Prescott, coal dealer. W. H. Krieger. P. J. Nash. Dale L. Smith. J. S. Swigert, Turkey, miner.

Twenty-nine minutes sufficed to put in the state's case against Mrs. Anna Irene Hopkins, wife of Clarence V. Hopkins, former chief engineer of the United Verde Copper company, and placed on trial yesterday before Judge J. S. Jenckes of Phoenix on a charge of assault. One state witness, absent at yesterday's session, remained to be interrogated, and this morning, it is felt sure, the prosecution will be through.

Although there was a great "gallery" of court room fans, nothing justified their presence in the testimony given at the opening session. Selection of the jury required the morning and a good deal of the afternoon sessions. At 3:20, Robert A. McMurchie, special assistant to County Attorney John L. Sullivan, made a brief statement of the case and immediately called Lois Eastburn, the first witness.

At 3:59, the defense indicated it did not desire to cross-examine Lucille Gallagher, the complaining witness, in whose face a glass of carbolic acid was dashed by Mrs. Hopkins, according to the testimony, and after a short colloquy between court and counsel, the night adjournment was taken.

Miss Gallagher did not go into detail when she took the stand. Speaking in the rather high pitched voice that is common to persons who have been ill, or are in a weakened state, she related briefly how on March 31 last, she was sitting in the Connor cafe at Jerome at breakfast with Elsie Humphries, another school teacher. Suddenly Mrs. Hopkins appeared and dashed the glass of liquid in her face. She would not attempt to state what the liquid was, but told of its effects. "I didn't know what it was. It burnt me. It burnt my eyes."

Asked how long she had been in the hospital, Miss Gallagher said: "It occurred on a Thursday. Three weeks later, on Saturday, I left, and her white teeth showed in a smile. "Describe how you felt as a result of this burn," Mr. McMurchie asked.

RESERVE BANK IS OBLIGED BY RULE TO TRY CHECK CASES

(Associated Press Night Wire) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16.—The supreme court today reversed decrees of Georgia courts which had refused to enjoin the federal reserve bank at Atlanta from collecting checks drawn on non-member state banks and the case was remanded to the lower court. As the issue before the supreme court was merely whether as a matter of pleading the plaintiffs' bill stated a cause of action the decision today was not a final decision and the case will go back to the district court of the northern district of Georgia, where the next step is expected to be trial upon the merits of the case.

The plaintiffs asserted that to enforce its policy of par collection of checks, the Atlanta reserve bank planned to hold checks of small non-member banks until they reached a material size and then to demand payment "in cash across the counter" and to utilize other methods which would necessitate non-member banks always keeping on hand a sum of all proportion to their capital. Such methods, they said, would force them to close or to join the federal reserve system.

LONDON TERROR IS FRUSTRATED; SINN FEIN ARE ACCUSED

(Associated Press Night Wire) LONDON, May 16.—Three arrests have been made by the police in connection with Saturday night's attack on residences in London and its suburbs, which relatives of members of the Royal Irish constabulary attributed to a Sinn Fein campaign to terrorize London.

A number of houses and other buildings were fired and three persons wounded, one probably mortally. Attack Cork Jail. CORK, May 16.—An attack was made on the Cork prison at midnight last night. It took the form of attempts to snipe the guards. The guards replied with machine guns and sent up signal lights which brought a strong military force from the barracks and the attacking party was dispersed. This was the third attack within two months.

High Death Rate. DUBLIN, May 16.—Reports of ambulances and other attacks on the military, police and civilians Saturday and Sunday show there were 33 deaths from violence, this being the highest number recorded for such a period. Four Die in Ambush. DUBLIN, May 16.—Four persons, one a woman, were killed in County Galway last night by men lying in ambush at Ballyturn.

SURVEYOR SEZ YAVAPAI LINE TOO FAR SOUTH

(Associated Press Night Wire) PHOENIX, May 16.—O. C. Thompson, a civil engineer employed by the Maricopa county board of supervisors to determine the correct location of the dividing line between Maricopa and Yavapai counties, today reported to the board that the line was one and one-eighth miles south of where it should be.

RUIN FACES ROADS IF INCOME OF 1920 IS NOT INCREASED

(Associated Press Night Wire) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16.—Private ownership of railroads cannot continue if railroad operating costs when fair return on capital is considered, continued to exceed revenues, Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio, today testified before a senate investigating committee.

SUNSPOTS CAUSE AURORA, SAYS UPDEGRAFF; HIS OBSERVATIONS

Sunday's sun gave Commander Milton Updegraff, U. S. navy (retired) of Oak Knoll, this city, the secret of Saturday night's magnificent and unusual aurora borealis. Two sun-spots, large enough to be seen with the naked eye, close together, and located just west of the center of the disk, were observed by Commander Updegraff, and by him connected with the phenomena of the night before. The sunspots are probably large enough to swallow the earth and a few thousand other planets of its size, and the effect of these solar storms is so tremendous that the magnetic currents of the earth are troubled, and manifest their unusual state in the lambent displays known as aurora borealis.

Commander Updegraff, who was formerly director of the Nautical Almanac office at Washington, D. C., and astronomer at the U. S. naval observatory, has given the Journal-Miner a transcript of his notes covering observations at his home, Oak Knoll, Saturday night and Sunday. They are here reproduced complete: May 14, 10 p. m. Remarkable exhibition of aurora borealis (northern lights), first noticed at 8:45 p. m. Continued with undiminished intensity for half an hour. Low down auroral arch about north point at 10 p. m. and later. Display consisted of bright whitish or pearly rapidly changing cloud-like patches of light, 5 to 10 degrees in diameter, in all parts of the sky except within 20 degrees of the zenith, large diffuse reddish areas in southeast, southwest and northwest at altitudes of 30 or 40 degrees and streamers converging in a point 15 degrees south of the zenith and 10 degrees west of the meridian with no corona and near the star Beta Leonis (Deubehola) the streamers persisting for half an hour. During the greatest intensity of the display its axis may be described as a horizontal line inter-

TAX SCHEMES POUR IN ON COMMITTEE WITH SUGGESTIONS OF CUTS, RAISES

(Associated Press Night Wire) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16.—The senate finance committee was swamped at hearings today with suggestions for revision of the federal tax laws. It heard for the first time a defense of the excess profits tax as well as pleas for reduced-taxes and elimination of alleged discriminatory provisions against business.

NAVY BUDGET BILL HELD BY DISCUSSION

(Associated Press Night Wire) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16.—The \$900 million dollar naval bill was unable today to make headway against opposition of advocates of the Borah proposal for a disarmament conference.

WHITEWASH DAY IS HERE; CREW WILL ALSO EAT

"Round his neck he wears a little paint brush. He wears it in the morning and the evening," so they say. It's white-wash day. Starting bright and early this morning the "white-wash" brigade will journey to the grounds of the Northern Arizona State Fair association, there to whitewash the fence surrounding the half-mile track and to have it all "dolled" up, ready for the big Out West day, May 26th.

The hardy sons of toil, and that includes every man willing to swing a white-wash brush, or assist with the other work necessary to make the work a success, will meet this morning about 7:45, on Montezuma street. Those having cars are asked to line-up at that time, so that those not owing transportation, but willing to do a day's work, or have it done, will be taken to the fair grounds.

CROWDED COURT IS ON HAND TO VIEW ACID CASE VICTIM

A full court room greeted the beginning yesterday morning of the trial of Mrs. Hopkins. More than half the spectators were women. While the testimony the first day lacked interest, being a brief and highly summarized story of the alleged assault, and not going into the question of motive or that of the sanity of the defendant, the appearance of both Mrs. Hopkins and Miss Gallagher excited attention.

Mrs. Hopkins did not sit with her counsel, Judge Ellis, but remained on the long bench between Mrs. J. R. Lowry, the jail matron, and her husband. She wore a dark gray dress, relieved by a small gold crucifix, and a cape of the same material. Miss Gallagher sat on the opposite side of the court room between her parents, and with her were two other women witnesses from Jerome. Miss Gallagher's face was pallid, the whiteness of her skin being unmarked, however, and her pallor was heightened by the large colored glasses she wore. These she did not remove even while testifying; her eyes were not exposed during the session.

The Hopkins assault case was the subject of great interest on the streets, and it was said that the people of Jerome were even more concerned in it. The speed with which the first day's session was over, and the fact the prosecution had but one more witness, indicates that the trial will be quite short. Judge Ellis, counsel for the defense, believed it would require today and part of tomorrow to dispose of the case, and Judge Jenckes excused jurors not used in the trial until Wednesday morning.

BULLETS RIDDLED THE TROUBLE ZONE

(Associated Press Night Wire) WILLIAMSON, W. Va., May 16.—Firing on the Crystal Block Coal company's head house at Rawl, W. Va., broke out early tonight, according to reports received here by Captain J. R. Brockus at state police headquarters. It was the first disorder reported today in the Kentucky-West Virginia border trouble zone. The shots were fired, Captain Brockus said, from the Kentucky mountains. He added the shooting lasted but a few minutes.

Another step toward completion of the patenting of Humboldt townsite was taken yesterday when Field Inspector Busch of the general land office and Judge John J. Sweeney, trustee, visited the town and looked over the ground. Busch's inspection was to determine the mineral or non-mineral character of the 20 plus acres included in the townsite. He will report to the land office at Washington and later a patent will be issued to the trustee, who in turn will convey title to the land to those proving preferential rights. Land not claimed will be sold and the proceeds used to defray expenses in connection with the securing of the patent, surveys and incidental expenses.

DARING ESCAPE OF CONVICT IS HIS LAST RIDE

(Associated Press Night Wire) RAWLINS, Wyo., May 16.—Al Biscardo, 35 years old, serving a term of 15 years for automobile theft in the Wyoming penitentiary, shot and killed himself on a prairie 15 miles south of Rawlins today after making one of the most daring escapes on record from the Wyoming prison.

After forcing Warden F. O. Haskell to unlock the door of his cell while with drawn revolver he forced the prison physician, Dr. Raymond Baker, and R. C. Magor, who had come to attend Biscardo, believing he was ill, to stand against the wall, he told the warden he would hold the two men as hostages until he made his escape.

Leaving the prison with the three men covered, Biscardo took the doctor's automobile, ordering him to drive the machine, with Mr. Magor in the front seat with him. The convict sat in the rear, his revolver pointed at the two men. The warden was given instructions not to follow until they had proceeded three blocks under penalty of death to the two hostages.

CAPITAL VALUE IF INCREASED MUST BE TAXED AS INCOME

(Associated Press Night Wire) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16.—Through a decision of the supreme court today the government won two important victories in controversies involving interpretation of income provisions of the revenue acts of 1916 and 1917. Increased value of a capital asset could not be added to "invested capital," the court rules in the appeal of the La Belle Iron Works, an Ohio concern, from a ruling by treasury officials, but on the contrary must be considered in computing profits of the corporation on which the taxes were to be assessed.

In the other decision, the court ruled that inheritance or succession taxes paid to a state could not be deducted from the "net estate tax" under the revenue act. The suit was characterized by a high government official as "the most important legal suit affecting federal finances to arise in several decades." The specific point at issue was whether land in the Meserbe range of Minnesota purchased for \$190,000 prior to 1904 could be returned by the Iron company at a new valuation of \$10,000,000 in 1917, the increase being covered by a stock issue and carried under invested capital.

HUMBOLDT TO GET TOWNSITE

(Associated Press Night Wire) NEW YORK, May 16.—Confident of victory, Georges Carpentier, challenger of Jack Dempsey, heavy-weight champion, arrived today to begin training. The Frenchman, who disembarked at noon from his steamer, did not go directly to his training camp at Manhasset, Long Island, as he had planned, but spent the night here.

CARPENTIER COMES TO START TRAINING

He plans to go to his camp tomorrow, beginning training Wednesday and keep at it without interjection until the fight starts at Jersey City.

WEATHER

DENVER, May 16.—Tuesday—Local showers and cooler; Wednesday, fair west, showers and cooler east. Warner west portion. Fresh, westerly winds.

COAST LEAGUE No games. COTTON MARKET NEW YORK, May 16.—Cotton closed steady at a net advance of 8 to 32 points. METAL MARKET NEW YORK, May 16.—Bar silver: Foreign, 59 3/4c; domestic, 99 1/4c. Copper: Firm; electrolytic spot, 13 to 14 1/2c.