

BENNETT'S SOUL MAE REGARDED HIM AS FRIEND DENIES CRIMINAL RELATIONS WITH ACCUSED MAN

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Court Room Unable to Accommodate Crowd That Arrives to Hear Testimony of Mrs. Midge Molster

The heralded report that the prosecution in the trial of Harper E. Bennett, accused of wife murder, probably would close its case and that "Midge" Molster, Bennett's alleged affiant, would be placed on the witness stand to testify in Bennett's behalf and to refute the numerous insinuations of misconduct on her part, brought to Judge Willis' courtroom yesterday afternoon a gathering of spectators since the trial was begun more than a week ago.

So large was the crowd that before the beginning of the afternoon session it required the united efforts of three bailiffs to hold it in check until witnesses were admitted and given seats in the first rows of chairs set apart for spectators. When every seat was taken the "No standing in the courtroom" sign was again hung out, and late arrivals were compelled to remain in the corridor and from there watch the proceedings from a distance.

Mrs. Molster was among the first witnesses called. Her bearing on the witness stand showed no change from that she has maintained throughout the preceding days of the trial, during which time she was the object of the least concern of any person in the courtroom, even when attacks on her character were made. Her replies to questions were given in low tones, but with the frankness of a school girl, the only evidence of nervousness being manifested in half-finished explanations of some matters during the rigid cross-examination by Assistant District Attorney McComas.

Denies Criminal Relations Summarized, Mrs. Molster's testimony was a general denial of criminal relations with Bennett, whom she regarded only as a friend, assertions that she left her husband because of his cruelty and positive declarations that Mrs. Cora H. Carpenter, one of the principal witnesses for the prosecution, never was nor could be her friend.

At one point in her testimony with reference to her husband's alleged cruel treatment of her, the witness appealed to Judge Willis, asking him to make Molster refrain from harrasing. "He has been shaking his finger at me ever since I took the stand," said Mrs. Molster.

"No, dear, I have not," protested Molster in a low voice. "My husband and I did not agree on any matter, not even the raising of our child," Mrs. Carpenter offered me a home and I went there," said the witness.

"What is your physical condition?" asked Mr. Drake. "Prosecutor McComas was on his feet immediately with an objection. Mr. Drake endeavored to show the materiality of the evidence. The prosecution all along has tried to prove that Bennett had a motive for removing his wife. Take Mrs. Molster out of it and you take every semblance of motive out of the case," he declared. "I want to show that she was so sick in body and mind there could never be any question of affinity."

Refused Her Sewing Machine When asked why she went to San Diego, Mrs. Molster said her husband refused to let her have her sewing machine with which to make a living and she took the first work offered her, the caring for Bennett's children.

She denied Mrs. Carpenter's statements that she had sat on Bennett's lap in the Carpenter home or had kissed between bites during a lunch at her room in the Dakota rooming house. "Did Mrs. Carpenter advise you to go back to Molster?" asked Mr. Drake. "Yes," was the reply. "She proposed that I pull away from Bennett—I think that's the way she expressed it—and demand money from him. If he wouldn't pay she wanted me to return to my husband and have him sue Bennett for alienation of affections. I wouldn't enter into such a scheme. That is the reason Mrs. Carpenter and I quarreled."

Mrs. Molster corroborated the testimony of Miss Helen M. Douglas, stating her husband choked her while she was staying at the Douglas home in March.

Mr. McComas' cross-examination related to telephone conversations alleged to have been held between Mrs. Molster and Bennett, all of which the witness denied. He also questioned her closely concerning other portions of her story, but when she left the stand no part of her testimony had been shaken.

Last Photo Ever Taken of Harriman, His Mansion at Arden and House in New York



THE last photograph ever taken of Edward H. Harriman was a snapshot made when he arrived from Europe and was on his way to the special train which carried him on his final trip to Arden, where he died. Mr. Harriman was very courteous to the photographers and newspaper reporters

and extended his interview, to which more than a score of reporters listened, until the train pulled out for Arden. Even then he invited the press representatives to make the trip to Arden with him. Mr. Harriman's greatest interest was in his palatial new home. His fondest dream was to see it completed, and work went on about the place up to the very hour he died.

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WOULD FORGET CHURCH LINES

DR. LOCKE PLEADS AGAIN FOR BIBLE IN SCHOOLS

WANTS COMMISSION TO MAKE EXCERPTS FROM THE BOOK

Says He Believes That All Could Be Satisfied and Great Good Be Done to Youth Without Harm

"We are not satisfied with the public schools as they are, the Roman Catholics are not satisfied. The Protestants are not satisfied. Can we not get together? Is there not some common ground?"

These were expressions of Dr. Charles Edward Locke, who by urgent invitation addressed the Federation club at noon yesterday on the subject of "The Bible in the Public Schools."

In his address he gave his argument that the chief purpose of the common schools is the formation of character, and that there can be no permanent principles of character inculcated unless some standard of morals is accepted. He said it was a recognized fact, so stated by Blackstone and Kent, that the Bible is the foundation of the common law. Dr. Locke argued that a foundation of ethics and jurisprudence that was accepted by the nation ought to be recognized in the popular education of our nation. Therefore, for its refining moral influence, the Bible should be returned to our public schools.

Holds Bible of Literary Value Dr. Locke then quoted leading educators who urged the use of the Bible because of its incomparable literary quality. He again explained his proposition that a commission be appointed that shall take under advisement the introduction into the schools of such excerpts from the Bible as shall be without any denominational or sectarian bias.

"Can we not get together as patriots?" said Dr. Locke. "This is not a generation of sectarian and denominational animosities. We should decline to inherit the bitter antagonistic feelings of other years, and strive as believers in the noblest and best to adopt some methods of work, and to meet on some common ground where for the sake of our youth, our homes, our country and our common we may lift up our standards of honor, integrity, purity, sobriety, industry and economy, obedience to parents and the laws of our country, and accountability to Almighty God. This is not an atheistic nation. This nation believes in a Supreme Being, we are not under the slightest obligation to pay any regard to the wishes of atheists. Only the fool hath said in his heart there is no God."

"There is a book which is the foundation of the common law of the nations and which reaches the highest water mark in all ethical and moral teachings—that book is the Bible. All the progress of civilization has not been able to add one principle to the immortal precepts of this incomparable book. Now, would it not be possible and is it not expedient for a group of sane and sensible men representing the leading sects and denominations to make a compilation from this immortal book of such principles and precepts, as that without any sectarian or denominational bias, our youth shall come in contact in the schoolroom with the wisdom of Solomon, the inspiration of David, the thrilling episodes in Hebrew history, the awful 'Thou shalt' and 'Thou shalt not' of the Bible, and that such excerpts from the New Testament as would complete

pleated, and work went on about the place up to the very hour he died. This group of pictures shows his last photograph, his home at Arden and his town house in Sixty-second street, just east of Fifth avenue, New York. His funeral was held in private on the afternoon of September 12 from the Arden home.

CHUTES PARK TO BE SCENE OF FESTIVITY

Senoritas and Caballeros in National Costume Will Perform Characteristic Dances—Banquet and Grand Ball to Be Held

Formal celebration of the Mexican Independence day will begin at 10:30 o'clock this morning with high mass at the Church of Our Lady in the Plaza. More than 250 senoritas and caballeros will attend the services. A choir of fifty voices will render sacred music and the Los Angeles Military band will play.

A special car, decorated in the Mexican national colors will leave the Plaza at 12:30 o'clock for a short parade of the downtown streets. The military band will accompany the car, as will members of the Cuna Hidalgo club.

The car will travel to First and Spring streets, south on Broadway to Ninth street, north on Spring street to Temple street and south on Main street to Chutes park, where the celebration proper will be held.

The athletic program at the Chutes will begin at 2 o'clock. The festivities at the park will include dancing all day, a banquet at 7 o'clock and fireworks and a grand ball in the evening. The dances will include old Mexican folk dances, performed by senoritas in national costume.

OBJECT TO PAVING PLANT IN UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

Residents in the University district, who largely attended indignation meeting last night, adopted resolutions protesting against the proposed location of a paving plant at Thirty-seventh place and Hoover street.

After Dr. C. C. Willett and Attorney George E. Adams had made rousing speeches against the coming of the plant, the following resolutions were adopted unanimously: "Resolved, that we, property owners and residents of University district, in mass meeting assembled, do most emphatically protest against the attempt to locate a paving plant at the head of Hoover street and on Thirty-seventh place. We base our objection and protest on the following facts: "A petition is pending before the honorable city council to open the Hoover street between Thirty-seventh place and Santa Monica avenue. "The property involved in the engine and machinery permits applied for has never been used for manufacturing purposes. "The contiguous property owners have expended many thousands of dollars in improving streets and property for residence purposes. "About sixteen householders and property owners in the same block have been entirely ignored in the recent paving plan, which the said block was declared as an industrial district. "The establishment of such plant would be a permanent disfigurement of the proposed park street, and divide the religious sentiment of the community along political lines; and that we are just as strongly opposed to the political segregation of Jews as we would be to the political combination of the members of any other religious faith."

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Resolved, That under a form of government such as that whose blessings we enjoy, where the church and the state are and forever will be maintained as separate and distinct institutions, it is the duty of each individual to exercise his right of suffrage as a citizen and not as a member of any religious denomination; and "Resolved, That Los Angeles Lodge No. 487, I. O. O. F., discountenances and disapproves of any and all political clubs which presume to divide the religious sentiment of the community along political lines; and that we are just as strongly opposed to the political segregation of Jews as we would be to the political combination of the members of any other religious faith."

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JAPANESE PRINCESS MRS. TAFT'S GUEST



BEVERLY, Mass., Sept. 15.—Prince Kuni, cousin of the Emperor of Japan, accompanied by the princess and Colonel Kurita, his military aid, had luncheon last week with President Taft. The president has been well acquainted with the prince since his visit to Japan, and they had a long and informal talk over the friendly relations between the two nations. The princess, a charming little woman, is a great favorite with Mrs. Taft. She is one of the most scholarly women in Japan. She will visit Mrs. Taft again during her stay in America.

MRS. ROOSEVELT WILL NOT WAIT FOR HUSBAND

Wife of Former President and Children Plan to Sail for America in Near Future

PARIS, Sept. 15.—Contrary to published reports, Mrs. Roosevelt will not remain in Europe until her husband returns from Africa. Mrs. Roosevelt will leave Paris with her children today, going to Switzerland for a short tour, thence to Italy, and sailing from Naples or Genoa in a few weeks for America. It is asserted that this has been the plan all the while for the Roosevelt family but a contrary impression was general. Next March, Mrs. Roosevelt will return to Europe, probably alone, to meet her husband and will remain with him while he is in Europe. Mrs. Roosevelt and her children are delighted with their stay in France. All are in excellent health.

N. G. C. SHARPSHOOTERS WILL RECEIVE MEDALS

Expert Pistol and Riflemen Will Be Decorated for Good Work Done in 1908

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 15.—The adjutant general's office issued a list of officers and privates in the national guard to whom decorations are due for their expertness with the pistol and rifle during the shooting by general of 1908. Gold, silver or bronze bars will be awarded to the competitors according to their distinction, first class riflemen or riflemen, if they are experts, sharpshooters or marksmen with the pistol.

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