

POSSIBLE MURDER ON KISS HELD BY OLD SEA DOGS

"Boy" Osburn's Osculatory Escapade Is Subject of Official Inquiry

Salutation Under Mistletoe Solemnly Studied by Eminent Naval Men

With gold lace and great mystery, secrecy and severe pomp of naval regulations, the cold, dead kiss delivered by Lieutenant "Boy" Osburn to Mrs. Maud Evans, former wife of Naval Constructor Evans, was hauled forth from its grave yesterday and made the subject of a dignified postmortem by a board of inquiry composed of four eminent navy personages at Mare Island navy yard.

Marines stiffly paced in front of the courtroom, marines marched in the rear of the courtroom, and more marines shooed away the curious from the sacred confines where the four veteran sea dogs held the kiss up to the light of maritime examination, studied it in all its phases and viewed it fore and aft, port and starboard, with a view of deciding whether "Boy" Osburn had willfully sailed into troubled waters, or whether the collision of two souls was due to a momentary kink in the thinking engines of both.

The entire day was devoted to the hearing of Evans' charge and testimony corroborating it. He had not concluded yesterday and will take the stand again this morning. This length of the testimony led to various affectionate episodes between his former wife and Osburn, and the probabilities are that he will call as his witnesses Anna Sudec, a housemaid in his employ, and Assistant Naval Constructor S. M. Henry, both of whom are alleged to have observed Osburn kissing Mrs. Evans.

Osburn's defense, it is generally believed, will be that Evans, who had frequently quarreled with his wife, took advantage of a little Christmas pleasantries to secure a divorce, and had greatly magnified the whole situation. Another defense, it is thought, will be the charge that Evans was extremely hot headed and lost complete control of himself when he observed Osburn and Mrs. Evans engaged in a common yuletide custom.

While the kiss was being shuttled back and forth at Mare Island bill posters were placarding the town of Vallejo, with posters announcing the approaching theatrical sensation of "Mrs. Maud Evans, former wife of Naval Constructor Evans."

"I should be very glad if he is," said Evans yesterday. "Nothing would please me more than see her succeed. She has a large number of warm friends here, and I presume they will go to see her when she appears. She was exceedingly popular here, and I do not think that popularity has waned."

Although divorced from his wife, that Evans still maintains a lively interest in her welfare was shown by the fact that he had investigated the "Captain" Graham episode. "I have looked into that matter," said he, "and I found that she was not at all to blame. You see, she was placed in very unfortunate circumstances and badly in need of a friend when this smooth scoundrel approached her. She believed him, as nine out of ten women would have done."

Such is the secrecy maintained in the court of inquiry that not even Captain Phelps, commandant of the island, has any inkling as to the testimony. The court merely informs him that it is in session or that it has taken a recess or adjourned, but not a word is forthcoming regarding the testimony. When a decision is reached it will be sent to Washington, and then, perhaps, made public, not before. Osburn was extremely nervous yesterday and walked to and from the courtroom with flushed face and appeared extremely ill at ease.

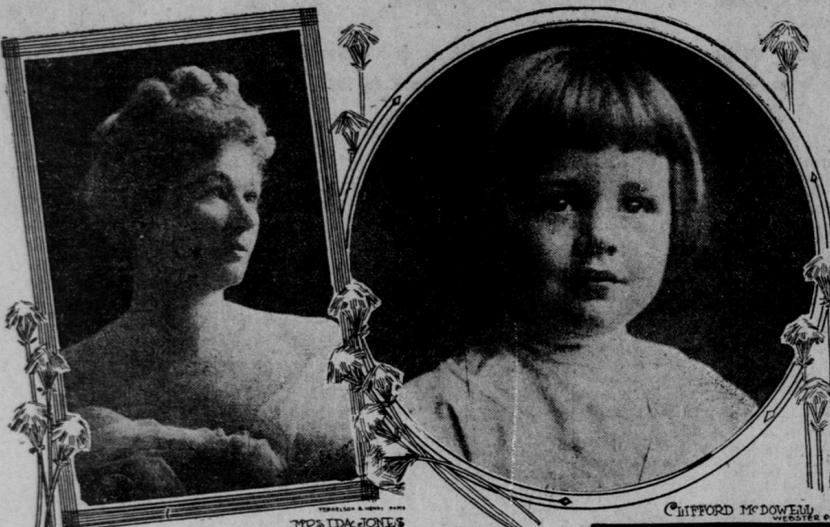
FIVE DAYS' SPORT FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

Army and Navy to Compete at Seattle Exposition

SEATTLE, April 27.—John J. Bradley, U. S. A., today submitted to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific management the program of the five days' athletic tournament of the army and navy to be held on the fair grounds beginning June 1.

Papyrus Club Women Arrange To Present Pantomime Friday

Amateur thespians who will take part in Papyrus club entertainment.



WOMEN TO STAGE 'AN ARTIST'S DREAM'

Pantomime to Be Presented by Papyrus Club at the Princess Theater

Friday will be the big day for the members of the Papyrus club. On that afternoon they will present something entirely new in the way of a more or less silent and beautifully staged pantomime at the Princess theater. Although the event, which is called "An Artist's Dream," is announced as a pantomime, much good singing will be introduced into the performance.

The story of "An Artist's Dream" has to do with an artist who has painted eight pictures that he cannot sell. A prize has been offered for a picture of the most successful costume in competition, the modistes of Paris to act as judges. Urged by his fiancée, the artist competes. In a dream he beholds his manikin, a jealous creature, come to life and attempt to destroy Psyche, his inspiration. The evil spirit manikin brings to life eight lovely maidens, including Psyche, whose charm wins the prize for the artist. The play is in two acts.

Clifford McDowell will interpret the part of "Little New Year," who presents the prize to the artist. Prosper Reiter is the artist and with his wife will perform several specialties. Mrs. Reiter will sing several numbers from the musical comedy, "Mlle. Modiste." Miss Jennie Morrow Long will be the manikin. Miss Solita McGill is cast as the artist's fiancée and Miss Violet Shawhan will perform the Psyche dance.

A feature of the performance will be the appearance of several prominent society women as modistes and customers. Mrs. Ida Jones will assume one of these roles, as will: Mrs. Harry Northon, Mrs. Vincent Walsh, Mrs. William Little, Mrs. J. E. Bocarde, Mrs. E. O. Rieser, Mrs. Lou Pistolet, Mrs. Walter Webster, Mrs. E. H. Merritt, Mrs. H. G. Wolgast, Mrs. Otto Romer, Mrs. McDaniel, Miss Alice Colman.

Mrs. Charles Stallman will be the accompanist of the pantomime, and much credit is due to her on account of the careful attention she has paid to every detail. Besides the pantomime there will be specialties by Miss Lillian Mensor, Miss Hazel Callahan, Miss Blanche Carrau and Miss Madge Kemp. The art students who will dance with the animated pictures are: Harry Pusch, Will Johnson, Elliott Check and Paul McCloskey.

Mrs. Arthur Cornwall, president of the Papyrus club, and Mrs. Walter Byron Webster, chairman of the program committee, have worked diligently in planning for the entertainment, as has Miss Anois Moller, who is staging the pantomime.

NOT ELIGIBLE FOR OFFICE OF MODERATOR

Rev. Dr. Matthews Not Candidate for Ecclesiastical Honor

BAILEY DISCUSSES TAXING AND LIARS

Senator Advises Rich Men to Advocate Tax on Income and Drop Big Benefactions

WASHINGTON, April 27.—As the last half of his two days' speech Senator Bailey devoted nearly three hours in the senate today to a discussion of the legal aspect of his income tax amendment to the tariff bill. He was interrupted frequently by senators, who at times objected to his position or suggested authorities to sustain him.

Brown of Nebraska proposed a constitutional amendment providing that "congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes and inheritances."

Bailey said it was a matter of regret that the framers of the constitution had not satisfactorily defined what a direct tax was and denounced the men who proposed to make the United States a "nation of liars."

"That this tax is iniquitous," said Bailey, "is true, but not more so than any other tax."

"I don't think a self-respecting American citizen will lie to escape paying a tax, and if I should find a man who would commit perjury to escape taxation I would favor disfranchising him. It may be that rich men will tell a lie to avoid paying an income tax, but I will not say so, although some of them say it of themselves."

The rich man, Bailey said, should be willing to pay for the protection of his property over which armies and navies "stand in solemn guard." For himself, if he were counsel for the rich, he said, he would advise them not only not to oppose, but to advocate an income tax law.

FOOD FACTS

What an M. D. Learned.



MRS. CHARLES STALLMAN

Gore of Oklahoma engaged both Scott and Elkins in a colloquy concerning wages paid coal miners. Gore said he had been reliably informed that in the Rich-Poehonias county of West Virginia wages were less than in Nova Scotia and England. This statement was denied by Elkins, who said the pay of miners in Vancouver was from 20 to 30 per cent less than in the United States, while in Nova Scotia they were about the same, or 10 per cent less than in the United States.

Coffee and Tea Tax Up Again

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Numerous conferences were held between republican members of the senate today to further consider the subject of the maximum and minimum feature of the Payne bill which will be submitted to the senate from the committee on finance.

The provision has been completed except for the list of articles on the free list that are to be taxed in Nova Scotia when imported from countries that fall to give the United States the advantage of their sea routes.

As a physician who seeks to help all sufferers, I consider it a duty to make these facts public. I have been in the mountains of this state, but two months there did not improve me; in fact, I was not quite as well as when I left home.

There's a reason.

COMPETITION ENDS WITH COMBINATION

Union Pacific-Southern Pacific Merger Stops Hustling for Freight

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 27.—The introduction of testimony in the suit of the United States government to dissolve the alleged illegal combination of the Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and affiliated lines for the purpose of crushing out competition was begun in this city today before Special Examiner Sylvester G. Williams. The government was represented by C. A. Severance of St. Paul, Glen E. Husted of Washington and Charles A. Page of New York, and the interests of the railway companies were cared for by R. S. Lovett of New York, chief counsel of the Harriman system, and N. H. Loomis.

W. S. McCarthy, traffic manager of a local hardware company and a former railroadman, testified that prior to the railway merger in 1891 competition for general merchandise and wool business was keen between the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific agents, but that since the alleged combination was effected no special effort had been made, so far as he was aware, to secure the routing of business over either one of these lines, as the business was handled, according to his understanding, over the line most convenient. He also testified that after the alleged combination the freight time schedules between Omaha and Utah had been doubled and that the lengthened schedule was not always maintained.

H. Babcock, manager of the Commercial club freight traffic bureau, testified along similar lines, and describing that which existed before the merger, he said:

"One company even went so far as to pay a government tax on sheep between the states of Idaho and Montana in order to get the shipping of the wool."

Babcock said that the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake had refused to quote a through rate to San Francisco, and had informed him that the rate on freight shipments to Daguerre, Cal., and thence by the Santa Fe to San Francisco would be the sum of the local rates. The conclusion reached by the witness was that the only through rate obtainable from Salt Lake was on the Southern Pacific.

David Eccles, an Ogden businessman, told of his experience in making lumber shipments from Hood River, Ore. Formerly he shipped via the Oregon Short Line to Wells, Nev. Now he was obliged to use the Shasta route and the Southern Pacific, the Oregon Railway and Navigation and the Oregon Short Line refusing to quote him any rate through Ogden.

Wellesley Park, Redwood City, City improvements already in.

FIVE DROWNED IN CARQUEZ STRAITS

Attorney Rocks the Boat and As a Result He and Others Lose Their Lives

BLACK DIAMOND, April 27.—Three men were drowned in Carquez straits Sunday night as the result of one of them rocking the boat in which they were crossing the straits. Steve Cripps, president of the Contra Costa baseball league; Attorney John Latimore, and Fred Schanta, a boatman, were the men drowned.

According to those who survived, Latimore rocked the boat in fun until he had splited himself and the other two. There were 25 persons in the launch and the absence of the boatman was not discovered until the party had landed. It was then too late to do anything to rescue them. They were returning from a dance.

Two more men were drowned near the same place yesterday. They were Louis and Salvatore Grillo, brothers and Italian fishermen. Their boat was struck by a tugboat and overturned. The crew of the tug tried to save them but without success.

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