

NOTICE DATE MAY OPPOSE CALIFORNIA

"FATTY" SWEARS HE'S VICTIM OF CIRCUMSTANCES

Arbuckle, on Stand, Declares He Only Tried to Help Virginia.

APPEALED TO 'THE GIRLS'

Film Star Avows He Did Best to Keep Miss Rappe From Disrobing.

By United Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle Monday became his own star witness in his trial for alleged manslaughter, growing out of the death of Virginia Rappe. He testified:

"Fatty's" Own Story. He found Miss Rappe kneeling on the floor of the bathroom adjoining his room in his St. Francis hotel suite, and that he picked her up and held her so as to relieve her nausea if possible.

He carried her to his bed and called for help. When he returned Miss Rappe was tearing off her own clothes and he said to her, "If you want your waist out, I'll help you." And then told "the girls" to prevent her from disrobing.

He left the room and when he returned Mrs. Bambina Maude Delmont, the complaining witness, was rubbing Miss Rappe's then nude body with soap.

He told Mrs. Delmont to stop, but she persisted and told him to get out of the room, and that she "knew how to care for Virginia."

He then attempted to cover up Miss Rappe's body, and Mrs. Delmont interfered.

He took a piece of ice in his hand and asked what it was for. He was given a sharp answer by Mrs. Delmont and replied that if Mrs. Delmont did not shut up he would throw her out of the window.

Booze For All. Arbuckle seemed amused at the questions of the district attorney regarding the liquor he had in his room.

"Why it was there for anyone to help himself," he said in a voice which seemed to convey that the district attorney knew little of hospitality.

Again he indicated that the prosecution knew little of good manners when he was questioned as to why he had not left when Mrs. Marie Taube, with whom he had an engagement, called.

"Those people were not your guests," he was asked.

"No, but I had to be sociable," he replied reprovingly. "Couldn't insult them."

He told of having an appointment with Mrs. Taube to go automobile riding and admitted she was a "little peeved" when she came to his apartment and found "all those people there."

Didn't Know Show Girls. Arbuckle denied he had known Zey Pyvron or Alice Blake previous to the party. They were the two show girls who were chief prosecution witnesses.

He said he danced "a lot of times" with Miss Blake.

Arbuckle denied he had either tortured Miss Rappe with a bit of ice or that he had told Al Semmacker that he had done so, as Semmacker had testified previously.

Arbuckle's evidence painted him as a jolly good fellow who was imposed upon by a party of strangers who helped themselves to his hospitality and whom he would not desert because it would be bad manners. He clearly pictured himself as

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MINERS SUPPORT LEVIES

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 28.—More than half of the coal mines in Kansas are supporting the administration of the United Mine Workers of America under President John L. Lewis, who recently deposed Alex. Howat as president of the Kansas district for refusing to order strikers at two mines to return to work, according to the report made at Monday's meeting of the executive board of the Union by Howat's successor, George L. Peck.

TAKE THE RIGHT ROAD!

"Which way do we go?" Gazing blankly up one road and down another, the tourist who wants to rent or to the typewriter for which you've been searching. In fact, they direct South Bend residents in every direction they want to go.

Without signposts the highways of today would be a network of confusion.

When you are wondering where to get good position or to borrow \$50 for several months—there are little signposts in South Bend which will guide you in the right direction.

These "signposts"—The News-Times classified ads—point also toward the apartment you want to rent or to the typewriter for which you've been searching. In fact, they direct South Bend residents in every direction they want to go.

Read the classifieds and follow what they say!

"Get-Rich-Quick" Scheme Here Ends In Four Arrests

Peddlers Emulate "Wallingford" in Selling "Bogus" Fur to Local People.

Charged with selling cats' fur on representation that the furs were guaranteed Hudson seal, brought about the arrest of four out-of-town peddlers Monday afternoon and the information that a score of South Bend citizens had been victimized in the sale of furs.

The first complaint was registered by John Worden, realtor, who swore out warrants for the arrest of the four men. Soon after the warrants were put into the hands of the police, Joseph Williamson, New York City, and Alexander Gregg, Pittsburgh, were located by Detectives Brumfield and Delinski on the corner of Jefferson Blvd. and Michigan st., and taken into custody. Williamson had \$507.46 on his person when searched and Gregg over \$320.

Later, Detective John Pello effected the arrest of the other two, Hugh Williamson, giving his address as Pittsburgh, a brother, it is said, of the New Yorker, revealed a bundle of greenbacks totalling in amount \$700. Search of the fourth man, William Johnson, who claims he hailed originally from Scotland, and is a sailor by trade, revealed \$161.

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LOST BATTALION HERO VANISHES FROM STEAMER

Lieut. Col. Charles W. Whittlesey Won Fame Overnight in World War.

HURRIES OFF TO CUBA

Sudden Determination to Take Ocean Voyage Precedes Disappearance.

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Lieut. Col. Charles W. Whittlesey, hero of the famous "Lost Battalion," has disappeared from the steamship Toloa on which he sailed Saturday for Havana, according to a wireless message received here Monday.

News of the famous soldier's disappearance came in the following message received here from the captain of the ship:

"Passenger named C. W. Whittlesey disappeared. Left several letters."

Officials of the United Fruit line, operators of the ship, confirmed the fact that the passenger in question was Lieut. Col. Whittlesey, through his relatives.

Law Firm Puzzled. Members of Mr. Whittlesey's law firm here were at a loss to account for his proposed visit to Cuba. When he left the offices of the firm Friday he announced his intention, they said, of attending the armistice game on the following day.

It has since been learned that Col. Whittlesey purchased a ticket for Havana the following morning and sailed that day.

His business associates declared his mind was clear and that he apparently was in good health otherwise when last seen. He seemed cheerful, they added, and declared they were unable to explain his seemingly strange action in going away as he did, without notifying them of his plans.

Honored Unknown Dead. C. W. Whittlesey, the soldier's uncle, declared Monday night that Col. Whittlesey attended the services for the unknown dead at Washington on Armistice day and had since appeared depressed. Mr. Whittlesey said he last saw his nephew on Friday evening and that he did not notice any decided change in his demeanor at that time.

Col. Whittlesey, who was 35 and unmarried, lived in a bachelor apartment on E. 44th st. When he appeared at breakfast Saturday morning he brought a suitcase down from his room. He did not say where he was going and his friends did not consider the circumstance unusual because he was in the habit of making frequent week-end and business trips.

Col. Whittlesey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Whittlesey, of Pittsfield, Mass.

He was killed in action during the battle of Verdun, France, on Oct. 7, 1918, while leading his regiment, the 77th division, through a hail of machine gun fire.

His exploit was rewarded by the medal of honor, the most cherished of American decorations, given only for valor outside the regular line of duty. Some months after the armistice the German officer who demanded Whittlesey's surrender added to his laurels by publishing a statement extolling the American's courage and determination.

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Pens 4,000 Tales for Children



Draws on Memory Of Own Childhood Days for Stories

Mary Graham Bonner Gives Source of Tales—Also Ideas on Marriage.

By RUTH ABELE. NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—She breezed into the room—one of those vital, blond girls who dares colors with a tang of red in them, and does it well.

She swung her slim self easily into a slim little chair. Her crossed knee bumped up against the desk and settled propped there—boastfully, airily daintily.

Mary Graham Bonner, the girl who has written more than 4,000 published stories for children within the last six years, was ready to talk.

Children of her own cause her bent for children's stories?

"Not at all," says Miss Bonner, who in private life is Mrs. Eugene E. Early, "really just a lot of friends back home who said I couldn't, that there wasn't any reason why I should!"

"I think that's why there are so many restless women nowadays," she went on. "They marry someone because that person happens to be available and because they think it's the practical, sensible thing to do to escape going on to 26 or 27 without a husband."

"Why, I think there shouldn't be anything practical about marriage. If it's to be happy there should be just one thing about it—love!"

"One of the things of my life that I treasure is that I have my Saturday flowers—from my husband every Saturday. Flowers, just because I love them and he knows it, though we haven't always been in a position to have them."

"But my stories!" She was smiling again. "The source of them?"

"I am one of those fortunate or unfortunate people who have a memory. I draw on my own baby days for the color of my stories."

China to Run Own Postoffices

First Direct Action Toward Liberation of China Taken by Conference.

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Taking its first direct action toward the liberation of China from foreign influence the arms conference agreed Monday on the withdrawal of foreign post offices and postal systems from Chinese soil.

The decision was conditioned only on the maintenance by China of efficient postal facilities of her own, including retention of the present domestic organization by which a French co-director general acts as adviser to the Chinese postal authority.

Constituting the first concrete application of the principle of Chinese administrative integrity as delineated in the "four points" of Eilhu Rood, the postal agreement is expected to be followed Tuesday by another providing for gradual abolition of the system of extra territorial rights under which a dozen foreign governments have set up their own courts in China, and by a discussion of China's request that foreign troops quartered within her borders without treaty sanction be withdrawn.

See Snag Ahead. The question of troop withdrawal may lead the delegates into some of the most troublesome questions of the far east. Some of the forces which the Chinese declare are in China without authority are Japanese.

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Bandits Run Into Tartar In Local Taxi-cab Driver

Otto Entzian Recovers Stolen Machine and Also Captures Thieves.

Otto R. Entzian, 128 N. Lafayette Blvd., driver of a taxicab holds the distinction of being the first citizen in South Bend to personally recover his stolen automobile and to actually capture the three alleged bandits.

Mr. Entzian's "accomplishment" occurred Monday night, and according to his own story it happened in this manner:

He drove to his home at six o'clock for supper. At seven he discovered that his machine had been stolen from in front of the house. He immediately telephoned the police department and made known his loss.

In less than a half hour, he was making a trip out Lincoln Way, E., in another one of his machines and at the Sample st. intersection he "spotted" his stolen car going east on Sample st. with three occupants.

"Hold-up" Bandits. He said he followed the automobile until he reached the railway yards of the Vandala line, and there forced the bandits into the side of a building nearby. He then ran over to the machine, jumped on the running board, drew a revolver from a secreted pocket of the machine and forced the bandits to throw up their hands.

He kept the men covered until the arrival of the police. At the station the bandits gave their names as Theodore Bergstedt, 120 E. Elder st., Walter Gosner, 1026 S. Lafayette Blvd., and Orin Shanaff, 1142 S. Lafayette Blvd. They were booked on a charge of vehicle taking and will be arraigned in city court this morning.

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FINAL ACTION ON 5-5-3 ISSUE IS DUE TUESDAY

Full Committee of Naval Experts to Make Definite Report Today.

AMERICANS HOPEFUL

U. S. Delegates to World Parley Sure Hughes' Plan Will Be Approved.

BULLETIN

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The Washington conference is approaching its first great decision.

It was announced Monday night by Vice Admiral Kato, chief Japanese naval expert, that Japan seeks a 70 percent ratio. At the same time it was announced with equal authority that the American delegation stood firmly on Sec'y Hughes' "5-5-3" ratio proposal, which means a 60 percent status for Japan.

The conference ultimately must reconcile these two views or accept one or the other to reach agreement on naval limitations.

Vice Admiral Kato said the 70 percent ratio was the minimum necessary for Japanese security.

The American view is that 60 percent for Japan is the maximum naval strength that could be accepted in view of American liabilities in the Pacific.

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Definite agreement on the principals of Sec'y Hughes' proposals for a naval board Monday and naval limitation thereafter may result Tuesday from the meeting of the full committee of naval experts to which the task of detailed examination of the plan was referred.

The experts have completed their analysis of the major elements of the plan, and it can be said authoritatively for the American group that no technical flaw in the Hughes proposal has been revealed.

The American board offer of a "5-5-3" naval ratio between Great Britain, the United States and Japan has stood, in American opinion, every test of fact applied by the experts. It embodies no mistakes or errors of calculation, and it is Monday night as it was the day Sec'y Hughes gave it voice, the hub of the whole matter.

The American experts are expected to report that the basis of fact underlying the American plan is as stated. What action British or Japanese experts may take is not known. The report, however, will clear the way for action by the conference on the principles involved.

American officials are very hopeful of the utterance of Arthur J. Balfour for the British group, and of Admiral Baron Kato for the Japanese. In replying to Sec'y Hughes will prove to have been acceptances of the principals of the proposal. They were widely construed in that way at the time, but necessarily, whatever was then said was subject to an agreement as to the facts upon which the plan was predicated. In the American service the facts have been sustained.

The naval experts were still asking and answering questions today. (Continued on page four)

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