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IT'S TO LAUGH

THERE'S ANOTHER SNICKER IN HUD FISHER'S STRIP, AT THE TOP OF THE SPORT PAGE, TODAY. LITTLE JEFF AND THE ELONGATED MUTT DASH THRU ANOTHER SERIES OF LAUGH-PROVOKING STUNTS. THIS PAIR HAS MORE FOLLOWERS IN THE UNITED STATES THAN ANY MOVIE STAR.

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FRIEND GEORGE, THE WEATHER MAN, SAYS IT WILL BE FAIR TONIGHT AND WEDNESDAY. A LOT OF CANDIDATES WE COULD MENTION WILL LIKE GEORGE A WHOLE LOT BETTER FOR THIS PREDICTION. THE POLLS CLOSE AT 8 TONIGHT. HAVE YOU VOTED YET?

DID ALLEN SLAY GIRL HERE?

Husband Offers Bible as Defense of Cutting Rival

WIBBLE PASSAGE WHICH BYRD CHOATE SAYS WILL BE USED IN HIS DEFENSE

From the sixth chapter of Proverbs:
27—Can a man take fire in his bosom and his clothes not be burned?
28—Can one go upon hot coals and his feet not be burned?
29—So he that goeth to his neighbor's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent.
30—Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry.
31—But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.
32—But whose committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding; he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.
33—A wound and dishonor shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.
34—For jealousy is the rage of a man; therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.
35—He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, tho thou givest many gifts.

BY LEON STARMONT

MAYFIELD, Ky., Sept. 12.—"My defense? The Holy Bible! I followed the scriptural injunction in so maiming the man who wrecked my home that he will never wreck another!

"The unwritten law, and the sixth chapter of Proverbs, are all the defense I need!"

Thus Byrd A. Choate, wealthy farmer and stockman, upheld his attack on Henry Campbell, nearest neighbor, to whom at the pistol's point he had given the choice of death or emasculation!

THE CHOICE! Sudden death at the pistol's point, or a death-in-life as the victim of the surgical blade!

The fate that Stanford White met at the hands of Harry Thaw, or that which Jack Cudahy tried to wreak on Jere Lillis in Cudahy's Kansas City home!

That was the problem before Henry Campbell as Byrd Choate confronted him beside a lonely road where they had driven, in the shade of a cedar forest!

"The knife!" said Campbell.

Byrd Choate is out on \$5,000 bail, but keeping away from the scene of the operation.

Mrs. Choate, who had left her husband the day before the attack on Campbell, is at a brother's home, near by.

She denies any wrongdoing with Campbell. Campbell is staying on his farm, but has made trips to Wingo and Mayfield, looking for Choate. Physicians are not certain he will live until the trial. Campbell also denies any wrongdoing.

Mrs. Choate frequently spent the night at the Campbells' home, they say, when her husband was absent. But Mrs. Campbell supports the denials.

A third woman will figure in the trial and is expected to give sensational evidence—Mrs. Dunnigan, divorcee, who lived with the Choates.

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They talk of nothing else at Wingo, three miles from the Choate farm, and of little else at Mayfield.

Choate owns most of Wingo. It's a little market town, with a business street one block long and 300 feet wide. On one side of the street are brick stores; on the other side are frame shacks; in the middle are water troughs and hitching posts, where the tobacco-planters of Graves county tie their horses. At the head of the street stands the Bank of Wingo, in which Choate is a heavy stockholder.

Sidewalks in front of Choate's stores are filled with men and boys discussing the "cutting."

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Preparations are under way for a sensational and hard-fought trial at the next term of district court at Mayfield.

The Campbells have employed Pete Seay as special prosecutor, while Choate will be defended by M. B. Hollifield, with other attorneys. Both Choate and Campbell are of prominent families. Campbell lacks Choate's wealth.

Mrs. Choate has property in her own name, and is now suing Choate for an accounting.

She is from Odion, Tenn. They were married in 1901. They have no children.

Brides Get Death Threats in "Poison Pen" Letters on the Eve of Their Marriages

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—Chicago brides walk to the altar these days with fear of death in their hearts!

A threat accompanies almost every announcement of the wedding of prominent persons made in newspapers, and the police are searching the city for the writer of the "poison pen" letters.

The only clue the police have is samples of handwriting which show the writer makes a "T" much like a capital "A." All the letters are signed "Elisey."

prospective brides to receive threats was Mrs. H. B. Fuller. She was Miss Grace Dickerson, prominent society girl of St. Paul. On her wedding day she received a letter threatening her with death if the wedding was not postponed. The letter was signed "Elisey," and charged that Miss Dickerson was marrying "Elisey's" husband.

"Poison pen" letters, which have caused a reign of terror, were sent five other brides and prospective brides, and in each case the same charge and threat were made.

The first of many brides and

Figures in Kentucky Cutting Affray



MRS. BYRD CHOATE

The woman in the Choate-Campbell mutilation case, and the man who operated on a neighbor whom he accused of wrecking his home.

BIG VOTE OUT AT POLLS TODAY

ELECTION RETURNS

Owing to the great number of candidates in today's primary, few returns will be in until a late hour tonight. For this reason, The Star will not flash the results. The Star's private exchange, Main 600, will be kept open until midnight for the accommodation of Star readers. You may stay at home tonight, and, by calling The Star, obtain the latest election returns.

With candidates still flooding the city with campaign literature, the polls opened under a smiling sun at 11 a. m. Tuesday, while dopesters predicted that a monster vote would be cast.

Telephone calls were coming in to the auditor's office, police headquarters, candidates' headquarters and newspaper offices by the hundreds, asking for directions, during the morning. The polls were to close at 8 p. m. Voters appearing at the polling places by that hour were to be given "a reasonable time" to cast their ballots in case the crowd prevented them from voting immediately upon arrival.

Independent candidates have taken the names of dozens of volunteer watchers, who are to stick at the polling places, watching the count, during the night.

MAYOR'S NIECE TO WED FRANK PIERCE

Frank R. Pierce, assistant secretary of the board of public works, and Miss Vivian Gill, niece of Mayor Gill, are to be married Wednesday evening.

FIRE MUNITION DEPOTS

LONDON, Sept. 12.—Artillery activity along the front between Delville wood and the Mouquet farm was reported by Gen. Haig this afternoon. At Grand Court two German munition depots were set afire.



BYRD CHOATE

ALLIES WIN IN BALKAN BATTLE

BY ED L. KEENE

U. P. Staff Correspondent LONDON, Sept. 12.—The Bulgarian right wing has been rolled back under heavy Anglo-French attack in the first big pitched battle since the allies began their offensive in the Balkans.

The French war office this afternoon announced the capture of Bulgarian trenches on a two-mile front to a depth of half a mile in the region north of Majdan. An official statement from Salonika announces the capture of Yenimah by the French and British.

Press dispatches from Athens left little doubt that the great northward drive of the allies from Salonika has begun. After 26 hours of heavy fighting, the Bulgarians are retreating, with the allies in pursuit, Athens reported. The Bulgarians attempted to stem the Serbian advance southwest of Ostrovo lake by a counter attack, but were checked and thrown back, suffering severely.

While the Bulgarian wings are being pressed back, French guns have opened a big artillery duel in the center around Lake Dolran as if presaging a French advance up the Vardar.

Cortland F. Bishop, of Lenox, Mass., has a parrot which has a vocabulary of 75 words.

This Is Your Day, Voters!

VOTE! This is your day. Today you voters have the say. Vote carefully. Mark your ballots correctly. Wherever first and second choice votes are necessary be sure that you vote for both first and second choice.

The primary today is in many ways far more important than the final November election will be.

Today is the time for the people to rout the yellow dog candidates. Today the people have their only opportunity to smash the machine slate.

The decent independent candidates need your vote today. Candidates who have played square with you, and who have been knifed by the bosses because they served you rather than the bosses, need your support.

Don't be misled by fake eleventh-hour rumors and lies. Go to the polls early and vote.

WIFE DIES BY GAS BUT BABE IS PROTECTED

After placing her 6-week-old baby before an open window, so it would escape death, Mrs. Ima Johnson, 23, wife of Walter Johnson, insurance man, stuffed the kitchen window and door cracks with paper, and committed suicide by turning on three gas stove jets shortly before noon Tuesday in the Lyman apartments.

She had been despondent for days, it was said. L. C. Blewett, a neighbor in the same apartment house, 128 Melrose ave., smelled the gas fumes, broke open the door and found the body.

The police rushed to the scene with a pulmotor, but were unable to save her life. The baby was found crouching, and happy, in the breeze from the living room window.

The woman left no note explaining her act. Her husband is an insurance solicitor for the Prudential insurance Co., and was out on his work and had not been located up to 1:30 p. m.

CAPTURES TWO AUTO THIEVES

Four shots were fired and one man wounded in a desperate motor race and running gun fight out Duwamish ave. early Tuesday, which ended with the capture of Harry Smith, a chauffeur, 28, and Robert Meldner, a butcher, 25, of 1913 Minor ave., alleged auto bandits.

William Engelke, of 1600 Seattle boulevard, whose automobile had been stolen, according to the story he told the police, did the shooting and finally captured the two men who, it is said, had taken his car from Westlake ave. and Stewart at about 10:30 Monday night. Missing his car from the curb where he had left it, Engelke told the police, he telephoned a friend, who appeared shortly with another car and a revolver.

They gave chase to the alleged bandits, the race becoming a nip-and-tuck affair on the pavement out Duwamish ave., past Georgetown.

At a point about four blocks from Duwamish station, it is said, Engelke called to the men in his car to stop. When they failed to do so, he shot thrice into the air, as the two vehicles ran nose and nose along the road at terrific speed.

The occupants of the other car, Engelke said, only increased their speed, and he took one shot at Meldner, the bullet striking him in the wrist.

Meldner cried out, and the other man, who was driving, cut off the engine, and both men leaped out, running for the brush alongside the road.

Engelke says he gave chase. He first captured Smith at the point of his gun. Meldner then gave himself up, Engelke says, and both men were taken to the Georgetown police station, where they are held on an open charge.

How to Mark Your Ballot

Ask for a republican ticket when you go to the polls today. You can vote in the republican primary, then vote as you please for any ticket in the final election in November. All the contests of importance for decision today are in the republican party, so independent voters should not waste their ballots by participating in the democratic or progressive primaries.

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR—Vote for Miles Poindexter for first choice. Give your second choice vote to any one of the other candidates except Humphrey.

FOR GOVERNOR—Vote for Henry McBride for first choice, and give your second choice vote to any candidate except Lee, Hartley or Sutton.

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR—Vote for Arthur Davis first choice, and for any other candidate except Hart for second choice.

FOR CONGRESSMAN FROM THIS DISTRICT—Vote for Landon, Balaune, Bryan or Kellogg. Give any one of these men your first choice and any one of these men your second choice.

FOR STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS—Vote for Mrs. Preston.

For the remainder of the state offices The Star makes no recommendation.

COUNTY OFFICES

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, SECOND DISTRICT—Vote for Herman Neilsen. Don't waste your votes by giving them to any other candidate. Center on Neilsen.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, FIRST DISTRICT—Vote for M. J. Carrigan, who is now making good, or for Claude C. Ramsay, who promises a clean administration.

FOR SHERIFF—Center your votes on John Stringer, and thus help to defeat Life Hamilton. Don't waste your votes on any other candidate for sheriff. Stringer is the only man who has a chance to defeat Hamilton.

FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY—Lundin, Green or White. Vote for any one of them.

COUNTY CORONER—Vote for Dr. C. C. Tiffin.

For the remainder of the county offices The Star makes no recommendation.

NON-PARTISAN JUDICIARY

FOR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES—Eighteen candidates for superior court judges are to be nominated. The Star advises you to vote for Lane, Mackintosh, Albertson, Tallman, Ronald, McCabe, Smith and two others.

FOR SUPREME COURT JUDGES—Vote for Parker and two others for the long term. Vote for J. Stanley Webster for the four-year term.

LEGISLATIVE TICKET

FOR THE LEGISLATURE IN THE FORTY-FIRST DISTRICT—Vote for Paul W. Houser and A. E. Fuller.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE IN THE FORTY-SECOND DISTRICT—Vote for W. T. Christensen and Clay Lawrence.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE IN THE FORTY-THIRD DISTRICT—Vote for A. F. Haynes and Victor Zednick.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE IN THE FORTY-FIFTH DISTRICT—Vote for C. O. Qualheim.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE IN THE FORTY-SIXTH DISTRICT—Vote for Fred W. Hastings and C. C. Bras.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE IN THE FORTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT—Vote for E. H. Guile.

WOMAN WITH BABE WANTS WORK QUICK

If you were a woman 24 years of age and had a baby who was hungry, what would you do?

This is the position of a black-eyed girl who came to The Star office Tuesday and offered to go anywhere for nothing, providing they would feed her and her baby.

"I'll do anything and go any place," she said. Any one with housework can find this woman by phoning East 7453.

2500 LONGSHOREMEN HERE FOR FUNERAL

Special trains from Everett and Tacoma brought great crowds of union longshoremen strike sympathizers to Seattle Tuesday morning for the joint funeral services of Harry Ragan and Joseph Goldsby, victims of water front violence who died last week.

It was estimated that 2,500 strike sympathizers would take part in the procession.

The services were held at noon in the longshoremen's union hall, First ave. and Union st. Attorney McMahon gave a brief

"SLOW DEATH" POISON ONCE USED BY HIM

Lundin Told It May Be the Same as Found in Victim's Body

MAY CHARGE MURDER

A murder charge will undoubtedly be filed against "Dr." Percival V. Allen, Prosecutor Lundin said Tuesday, if it can be ascertained that strychnine, said to have been found in the body of Miss Anna M. Danielson, was administered prior to her death here last July in the Sheridan apartments, which she shared with him as his wife.

According to information furnished Lundin Tuesday by Walter R. Thayer, chief of the local Burns Detective agency, Allen had been experimenting for years with a "slow death formula," which he is said to have obtained from a fellow prisoner while confined in the Illinois state reformatory in 1895.

Lundin said there was a bare possibility that the fluid used to embalm Miss Danielson's body might have contained a quantity of strychnine.

To Hold "Dr." Allen—Prosecutor Lundin Tuesday, "without pronouncing sentence for the crime of which he was convicted yesterday until I can learn from Dean Frankforter whether the strychnine" he found was administered "more death or might have been contained in the embalming fluid."

Ex-Wife Told of Poison—Much new light was thrown on the mystery Tuesday by Thayer, who, for the first time since Allen's arrest, is said to have furnished evidence of a possible motive for Miss Danielson's death.

It has been learned according to Thayer, that A. R. A. traveler's checks amounting to \$300 and issued to Miss Danielson had been endorsed and cashed by Allen. These checks will be placed in evidence in case a murder charge is filed.

Detectives for the Burns agency who visited Allen's first wife and other relatives and acquaintances of his reported that five witnesses can be produced to testify concerning the "slow death formula."

Thayer's information given Lundin reports the first Mrs. Allen as saying Allen had often talked of the "slow death." He told her, it is said, that he got the formula from a young chemist in the Illinois reformatory and that it would slowly kill a person without leaving a trace in the stomach.

On one occasion, she is said to have told the Burns detective, she accompanied Allen to the beach near San Francisco, where they had a hot drink together. This was about 19:30 a. m. The next day she knew, it is said, she was in a hospital ward, and it was midnight.

The police said they had picked her up on the beach at low tide with her money gone, and all marks of identification removed, it is said.

Experimented on Cats—Thayer said he had found witnesses who would testify that Allen had experimented for several years with the "slow death" on cats and dogs. At one time, it is said, he tested the formula on his young daughter, now 18 years old, who became so ill that a physician was hastily called to revive her.

Word that a chemical analysis conducted by Dean Frankforter, of the University of Minnesota, had disclosed the presence of strychnine in unmistakable quantity was received in a telegram from Minneapolis by Lieut. Wilmot A. Danielson, the dead girl's brother, Monday, within a few hours of the

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Stray electric currents from a railroad are supposed to cause trees on one side of a Brussels street to bud again and sometimes blossom after they have shed their leaves in the fall.