

MRS. BRYAN'S WORDS USED TO EALY'S PLAN TO ELOPE

On the Issue of Americanism There Can Be No Compromise

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Weather
Tonight and Friday, rain;
strong northerly
winds.
Temperature Last 24 Hours
Maximum, 42; minimum, 35.
Today noon, 36.

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TWO CENTS IN SEATTLE

MASSACRE DEFENDANT ON THE STAND DEFENSE WILL ADMIT HE WAS IN HER ROOMS

AS IT SEEMS TO ME
DANA SLEETH

ANCE more we have impressed upon us that politics is an amazing invention.
"The first shall be last and the last shall be first."
"Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."
Ho, hum! Well, that's over with, anyway.

You never can tell how the seven-year voters are going to perform; that is what makes republics so interesting. Down in arid Oregon, where the population is overwhelmingly in favor of the most stringent sort of anti-booze, beer, cider and patent medicine laws, a straw vote is being had on who is the most popular candidate for president.

McAdoo comes first, next comes Edwards of New Jersey, the wettest governor in the world, then, far behind, come Johnson and Taft, and, last of all, Bryan, arch priest of stupidity.

That's the way the man on the street, the average citizen, votes in Oregon today. Could any political prognosticator imagine such a tally?

DUMPING back to local politics again for a minute: This elevation of Mr. Caldwell seems to have surprised everybody concerned; indeed, I suspect that Mr. Caldwell himself is somewhat astounded.

And yet, the psychology of it seems simple enough. It once more shows the innate suspicion the public entertains of propaganda, and it once more discloses that the power of the press certainly does not consist in a union of purpose.

Generally this may be taken as a safe working theory: Whenever you want popular action, urge the opposite. If there is one thing the great mob loves, it is to show its authority by doing the unexpected.

Next to electing some dub of office, our best indoor sport is kicking out anybody who has made good.

However, the result did not surprise me at all, for more than two months ago I had private advice from a seer, who is just now occupying the county poorhouse, but who still prophesies to some purpose, that the stars were for Caldwell, and if the stars be for Caldwell, who shall prevail against him?

Instead of wasting a lot of money in advertising, in hand bills, in rifle and drum corps, in cough drops and throat massage, I suggest that Mr. Caldwell have the lines of his head and hand read, a more definite reading made of his natal horoscope, and then prepare himself for the duties that the stars are about to thrust upon him.

Since the best campaign plans result in utter confusion, and since the more support a man has, the fewer votes does he glean, my best suggestion is Mr. Caldwell have his cranial bumps mapped, write out his election speech, and leave us to calm down.

COURSE, it saddens me to reflect on the indubitable calamity that shortly will loom over Gil Costello's young life when he returns to the routine of regular work, and Tom Murphy's life line apparently has a sudden break impending, too, but maybe over on the other shore there are mayors, secretaries, and car lines and things like that, and our faithful will be again rewarded.

Wasn't it some of Conan Doyle's spirits that wrote that everything that is written in the smokeless furnace, a typewriter that can spell, a suburb without a cat, and an abundance of leisure and copy paper, I will ask nothing more of that future state, and it will be purely incidental to me what they call the place where I will be—I'll make my own heaven out of these few simple ingredients.

FRENCH SAY U. S. SHIPS WORTHLESS

Claim \$80,000,000 Wasted on Purchase of Vessels From America

PARIS, Feb. 19.—Of 82 ships built for France by the United States during the war not one has been able to put to sea, because they were built of unseasoned defective lumber, M. Bignon, under secretary of state, told the chamber of deputies commission on merchant marine yesterday. The ships, Bignon said, included 40 schooners and cost France \$80,000,000. The commission ordered an investigation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Wooden vessels constructed for the French government in this country were built by private firms and contrary to the shipping board's advice, it was stated today at the shipping board.

The board, it was said, had nothing to do with construction of these vessels, and sold no ships of any kind in France.

Moisture Coming
Caldwell, He Says
If Weather Observer George N. Salsbury's prognostications fail not, Seattle will be visited Thursday night and Friday by rain. A shower of moisture called on Seattle late Wednesday evening.

Wears Out Knife
Cutting Down Tree
WILBUR, Wash., Feb. 19.—When J. C. Altizer's auto went over a bank and lodged in a tree top here, Altizer was caught between tree and car.

He wore-bought a knife and cut the tree down in five hours.
No bones broken.

Gas Hearing Will Be Held Friday
First Assistant Corporation Counsel Thomas J. L. Kennedy will appear before the public service commission Friday morning at the Chamber of Commerce to lead Seattle's fight against the proposed increase in gas rates.

Pedestrians Hit by Autos 178 This Year
Mrs. Maud A. Loudon, 62, 937 26th ave., sustained a fractured leg and severe bruises when she was knocked down at 26th ave. and E. Union st. by an automobile which failed to stop. Mrs. Loudon reported the machine was traveling at a high rate of speed when it struck her.

Pedestrians Hit by Autos 179 This Year
R. D. and Delcie Killen, 4423 Latonia ave., were slightly injured when hit by an auto driven by J. L. Backman, 3437 Woodland Park ave., as they were leaving a street car at Eastlake and Broadway Thursday morning. Backman motored them home.

Pedestrians Hit by Autos 180 This Year
Olaf Sterner, 45, 711 Lane st., suffered a fractured leg when his motorcycle collided with an automobile driven by Mrs. E. Johnson, 702 16th ave. N., at 19th, ave. N. and E. Aloha st. Sterner was thrown against a telephone pole.

Pedestrians Hit by Autos 181 This Year
Albert Meyers, 17, newspaper circulator on an afternoon newspaper, sustained a fractured pelvic bone Wednesday afternoon when he was crushed between two automobiles at Second ave. and Yeeler way. The youth was riding on the rear of a truck when the accident occurred. He is in the city hospital.

Seattle Style

Fifth of The Star's snapshots of attractively-dressed women on Seattle streets.



The pretty, youthful costume worn by this young woman, is scheduled for a popular boom among the early spring styles. According to Dame Fashion plaid, knifed-plaid, box-plaid or accordion-plaited skirts (lengths from 7 to 9 inches from the floor) worn with box coats or Eton jackets, will quite the thing.
DAISY HENRY.
If the young lady in the picture will come to The Star's editorial rooms and identify herself she will receive two tickets to the Moore.

VETERANS RUSHED HALL, HE DECLARES

Montesano Courtroom Is Tense as Barnett Gives His Version

BY CLEM J. RANDAU
GRAYS HARBOR COURT HOUSE, MONTESANO, Feb. 19.—Eugene Barnett, alleged to have been the slayer of Warren O. Grimm in Centralia on Armistice Day, took the witness stand to testify in his own behalf today.

Barnett's testimony was highly sensational. He charged that the American Legion paraders rushed the I. W. W. hall and were breaking in the doors and windows when the first shots were fired in the hall.

"When the platoons halted in front of the Roderick hotel, a man on horseback gave the order, 'Bunch up, men.' He gave other orders, then finally all, or most of the soldiers, rushed toward the hall," he testified.

"After I heard them breaking in the doors and windows of the hall there came some shooting from the hall," he said.

Barnett's story was the opening gun in the defense of the men who are alleged to have fired into the ranks of the American Legion paraders as they stood marking time on Tower ave. near the Industrial headquarters.

TRY TO ESTABLISH BARNETT ALIBI
The defense sought to establish an alibi for Barnett. The prisoner testified that he was in the Roderick hotel next to the I. W. W. hall, during the shooting and when he is alleged to have shot Grimm from an upstairs window in the Avalon hotel.

Barnett's story told of his movements on the day of the shooting, when he said he went to Centralia to "fix up some papers regarding a homestead claim in Idaho."

"I went to Elmer Smith's office first, then to the I. W. W. hall, where I sat reading a paper for a few moments," Barnett testified.

"I was in the Roderick hotel visiting Mr. and Mrs. McAllister, the proprietors, during the shooting. There was also another man there."

Barnett said that several members of the American Legion had come into the Roderick hotel after the shooting began. One of them was armed with a 45-caliber Colt automatic, he said.

The witness also told of the manner in which he was caught the next day after the shooting.

EXPLAINS WHY HE SOUGHT REFUGE
"I could have shot the whole bunch as they came after me," he said.

The only reason I hid out at all was because I had seen the way they had treated the other men."

DEFENSE WILL ADMIT HE WAS IN HER ROOMS

Murdered Woman's Housekeeper on Stand for State—Tells of Mailing Letter to Young Painter

By the dead woman's own words, the state sought Thursday to further convince a jury in Judge J. T. Ronald's court that Mrs. Elizabeth Bryan, misguided wife of George W. Bryan, of Puyallup, was strangled for her money here October 19 by William Fay Ealy, her illicit lover, aided and abetted by his mother, Mrs. Anna Nemitz.

It was an auspicious day for little Virginia Bryan, daughter of the murdered woman, who was celebrating her second birthday anniversary in the motherless home in Puyallup with her wooden-faced dolly.

When court convened Thursday afternoon, it took the combined efforts of Judge Ronald and six deputy sheriffs to keep the crowd from rushing pell-mell for spectators' seats.

"No one shall enter forcibly," declared the judge, unless it is over my dead body."

Ealy sat without a tremor when Walter Fulton, his chief counsel, suddenly snapped out: "We admit the defendant Ealy was in Mrs. Bryan's home in the Plaza hotel on Saturday night, October 18. We'll admit he stayed there all night, if you care to show that point."

BRYAN'S HOUSEKEEPER CALLED TO STAND
This was the first indication that the defense does not intend to stick to Ealy's oft-repeated statement to the police and detectives that he had not seen Mrs. Bryan for weeks before the murder.

When court recessed at noon the state had but one more witness to call.

The state won its battle to be permitted to introduce witnesses to testify as to the conversations in which Mrs. Bryan discussed her intentions with friends and acquaintances, but won it over the frequent protest of counsel for the defense.

Mrs. Rena Anderson, a friend of the dead woman and formerly housekeeper in the Bryan home, was sworn as a witness and asked: "How long did you keep house for the Bryans?"

"Two weeks," she replied. "What day did you cease working for them?"

"On Saturday, October 18, at noon."
"Whom did you leave the Bryan home with?"

"With Mrs. Bryan and her mother-in-law."
SHE MAILED LETTER FOR MRS. BRYAN
"Where did you go?"

"They took me to my aunt's; they went to the depot."
"On the Sunday before that, on October 12, did you perform an errand for Mrs. Bryan?"

"Yes, I mailed a letter for her in Tacoma."
"To whom was the letter directed?"

"To Mr. Fay Ealy, on Meridian avenue, Seattle."
Attorney Fulton broke in: "We will admit Ealy received the letter." Prosecutor Patterson asked the witness: "On the following Thursday did you see her writing a letter?"

"Yes, sir."
"As she wrote the letter what did she say she was doing?"

"She said she was writing to Billy to tell him she was coming Saturday instead of Friday and on the 3 o'clock train."
"What did she say she was going to do with Billy?"

"She said he was to meet her in (Turn to Page 2, Column 3)

SOVIET ENVOY JOLLIES SOLONS

Chatty Morning Enjoyed in Questioning Bolshevik

BY RAYMOND CLAPPER
WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—"I am a Bolshevik and would be glad to see America become Bolshevik," Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, soviet representative to the United States, told the senate foreign relations subcommittee today.

Martens denied, however, that he was working to overthrow the United States government.

Martens protested against the method of questioning used by Wade H. Ellis, counsel for the senate committee, who was reading excerpts from speeches made at radical meetings attended by Martens.

"I don't know why you are so diligently quoting what others say and never once read what I said," Martens protested. "Why don't you read some of my own speeches?"

"Because I know you were very careful not to advise anyone to overthrow the government of the United States," Ellis replied.

"Is it any crime not to urge overthrow of the government?" Martens retorted.

"Were there any arrests made at the meetings you attended?" Senator Borah asked.

"No," Martens replied.

COMPLAINS COP SOUGHT BRIBE

Chief Warren Begins Investigation of Case

Chief of Police Joel F. Warren began an investigation Thursday of the charges made against Motorcycle Patrolman H. A. Holmes by L. H. Brown, salesman. To the effect the officer agreed to tear up a speeding slip against Brown for \$20.

Brown, who lives in the Willard hotel, told Chief Warren that he was arrested Wednesday afternoon on Rainier Blvd. by Officer Holmes on a charge of speeding and that the officer agreed to drop the matter providing Brown would pay him \$20.

"That's business for us both, isn't it?" Patrolman Holmes is said to have asked.

Brown declares he was to have met the officer at the police garage with the money at 8 p. m.

Patrolman Holmes, when questioned by Chief Warren, declared the story false.

"I simply told him that \$20 would square him with the police," declared Holmes, "and I told him to appear at the desk sergeant's office. I never meant for him to give me the money."

Holmes is an ex-fireman and has been riding a police motorcycle for about two months.

Yankee Starting French Air Mail

PARIS, Feb. 19.—Capt. Vell, American pilot, was to start airplane service between Paris and Warsaw today. Planes will stop en route at Coblenz to deliver and pick up mail, dispatches and parcels.

The saying "Opportunity knocks but once" is quite a warning. Yet we advise you day after day to face Opportunity by reading the Classified section of The Star.

"He who hesitates is lost," so strike while the iron is hot.

Organized Labor to Fight Cummins Railway Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Labor today decided to fight the Esch-Cummins bill, which provides for regulation of the railroads after their return to their owners March 1.

While this decision was being reached at American Federation of Labor headquarters here today, railroad executives were meeting with Rail Director Hines to discuss wages and other problems connected with return of the roads.

Labor's opposition to the railroad bill will be set forth, according to present plans, in a letter to President Wilson signed by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor. This communication was being framed today at a meeting attended by Gompers, E. M. Jewell, head of the federation's railroad department, and officials of the big railway unions. Officials of the railroad industry say they will marshal their friends in congress for a

Director Hines Is Planning to Quit

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Rail Director Hines has announced he hopes to be able to retire from the railroad administration about May 1, and engage in private law practice.

Maj. Smith "Hops" Off for Seattle

EUGENE, Feb. 19.—Major A. D. Smith, army aviator flying from San Diego to Seattle to inaugurate a government aerial forest patrol in the Northwest, left Eugene, Ore., on the final "hop" to Seattle at noon Thursday. He is expected to reach Seattle at 5 o'clock Thursday.

Seattle Woman Is Hit by Street Car

Mrs. Leonore Westfall, 2019 Fairmount ave., was knocked down by a Fauntleroy street car on First ave. Thursday morning. She was not seriously injured.

Both the police and the city hospital were besieged with telephone calls Thursday from citizens desiring to adopt the 5-day-old infant girl who was found on the doorstep of Mrs. George Humphrey's home Wednesday morning.

Hospital authorities declare the child will pass thru the court, and then probably will be given to the family offering the most desirable home.