

# WOMEN CONFESS COMPLICITY IN STAGG BABY KIDNAPING

On the Issue of Americanism There Can Be No Compromise

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TWO CENTS IN SEATTLE

### Weather

Tonight and Friday, rain; fresh southwest-erly winds.  
Temperature Last 24 Hours  
Maximum, 51. Minimum, 45.  
Today noon, 51.

### Going Up!

(The Seattle Star gained 11,749 in daily circulation in the year ending October 1, making its leadership undisputed. Every other Seattle paper, according to its official circulation figures, lost circulation, the loss of the second paper, The Star's closest competitor, being over 14,000.)

### Some of the Reasons Why

5—"N. E. A."

THE STAR not only took a leading part in organizing the United Press and so breaking the news monopoly in America, but it is one of the 29 newspapers that own and direct the strongest "auxiliary" news service in the world: The Newspaper Enterprise Association, known to newspapermen everywhere as "N. E. A."

The peculiar job of "N. E. A." reporters is to do the difficult thing: to get the news that is hard to get; to dig beneath and behind the apparent facts and find the hidden truth; to be at the forbidden place when events are transpiring that the participants would like to have kept secret.

For instance, there are the news articles from Jack Mason that are appearing daily in The Star dealing with Japanese activities in Siberia; Mason traveled 2,000 miles to get his facts after the Japanese government had announced that NO REPORTERS could go to Nikolayevsk, scene of the latest Jap reign of terror.

Jack Mason is the chief correspondent attached to the "N. E. A." news bureau at Shanghai, China. Other important "scops" from the "N. E. A." have come from him before. Others may be expected.

"N. E. A." maintains news bureaus in Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Denver, Dallas, Kansas City, Chicago, Cleveland, Washington, New York, London and Paris. From these bureaus its reporters—many of whom are experienced newspaper editors—are ready to dash at any time for the spot where big news is breaking.

When the Steel Trust, with the collusion of a corrupt state government, used its armed guards to break the censorship over western Pennsylvania, two "N. E. A." reporters went where the Steel Trust said they couldn't go, and sent out the truth. The two reporters were Lee J. Smith and Milton Bronner.

Smith is now head of the N. E. A. Seattle bureau. Bronner is head of the London bureau.

When mining companies tried the same game in West Virginia a few months ago, Russ Simonton, formerly of Seattle and now of the "N. E. A." Cleveland bureau, went into the mining camps, defied the mine guards' rifles, and brought back the truth.

At the close of the World War all newspapers were eager for the first direct news from Berlin. "N. E. A." assigned three men to get it. One was to go in from Sweden, one from France, one from Switzerland.

## DOUGLAS STORRS MUST SERVE 5 YEARS IN PRISON

## TOMORROW The Star Will Have Something to Say to LANDLORDS

### DENTON GIRL'S LAWYER TALKS

First Witness Summoned in L. A. Probe

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 14.—Rush M. Blodgett, attorney for Frances Denton, 16, heiress to the bulk of the estate of Jacob C. Denton, murdered mining man, was the first witness summoned by the county grand jury when its probe into Denton's death was begun here today.

Other witnesses to be questioned today, according to Chief Deputy District Attorney Doran, are Detectives Hickok and Cody.

Following the beginning of the probe, the grand jury will take up other matters next week, Doran said.

Mrs. Richard C. Poets, former tenant of the Denton home, and central figure in the investigation, was not expected to be called by the grand jury until next week. She probably will be one of the last witnesses heard, according to Chief Deputy District Attorney W. C. Doran.

### President Accepts Shouse Resignation

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—President Wilson today accepted the resignation of Joseph Shouse as assistant secretary of the treasury, to be effective November 15.

### WONDER WHO THE ATTORNEY IS!

The purse of a prominent Seattle attorney was found on an Esau Lake car today and turned over to the "Lost and Found" department of the municipal railway.

The only thing the purse contained was a recipe for making homemade beer. Authorities decline to divulge the owner's name.

### Slick City Chap Argues Rancher Out of His \$23

Harold Rosebrugh, Outlook rancher, came to town Wednesday and right off the bat ran into one of "them" ere bunk artists.

### Tragedy Grips Little Old Man of the Circus

MIDDLEBORO, Mass., Oct. 14.—A big auctioneer and a tiny gray-haired man, with the light of hope fading from his eyes, played the leading roles in one of life's tragedies in old age and poverty when the personal effects of the late Countess Magri, who was the widow of Gen. Tom Thumb, were sold to the highest bidder.

Count Magri, no larger than a 6-year-old child, sat in a diminutive chair, a silent, pathetic figure, while the treasures of his wife and their home were auctioned off.

A tiny, inland Japanese sewing box, much used by the countess, was sold for only \$22. The little mahogany box, with its delicately wrought canopy, a gift from P. T. Barnum, sold for \$1. A bicycle ridden by the little old man in other days sold for \$9.50.

Even the ornaments from their wedding cake were sold. Most of the buyers were antique dealers. Count Magri would like to return to his native Italy, there to end his remaining days.

### WANTS POWER RATES LOWER

Claiming that the Puget Sound Light & Power Co. has been permitted by the public service commission to make substantial reductions in its light and power rates to certain large consumers, Councilman R. B. Hesketh, of the city utilities committee, declared Thursday that the city council should permit the municipal light department to make similar concessions in order to obtain the business of the larger companies.

### Fear Grecian King Fatally Stricken

PARIS, Oct. 14.—Alarm over King Alexander's condition is felt in Greece, according to Le Matin. The king, suffering from the effects of a monkey bite, was said to be growing worse rapidly.

### HE CONFESSES THREE MURDERS

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Oct. 14.—With three murders already confessed, August Pasquale, kidnaper of Hakeley Coughlin, was expected by the police today to make several more confessions.

Police doubt Pasquale committed all the crimes which he admits. "There is no doubt, however, Tolson said, Pasquale smothered the Coughlin baby and threw it into the Schuylkill river.

### DISBARMENT TRIAL OPENS

Seattle Clubman Accused of Misusing \$4,000 Note

Hearing of charges against George Olson, Seattle attorney and clubman, seeking his disbarment from further practice of law in this state, was begun before Howard M. Finley, Seattle member of the state board of bar examiners, at the county-city building today.

The charges are that he misused a note for \$4,000 signed by I. Gorin, a young lawyer employed by Olson in the latter's office, 309 Central building, and that he acted not in good faith in getting the signature of a local superior court judge on a divorce decree.

Gorin was the first witness called by the Seattle Bar association, which preferred the charges. He reviewed the connection with Olson as an employee, and said that on August 1, 1916, he had a conversation with Olson in regard to the purchase of 25 shares of stock in the Broadway State bank, prior to its failure and the closing of its doors by order of the bank examiner.

Gorin testified that Olson advised him to buy the 25 shares, adding that he, Olson, would get Gorin a position as attorney for the bank at a salary of \$1,000 a year.

"I gave my note for the \$4,000," said Gorin, "and Olson was to get me the stock the following day. He didn't deliver it to me. I asked him about it and he told me he had sent my note to the bank and that the stock should be forthcoming. But I never did get it."

After some days had passed, Gorin testified, he spoke to Olson about returning his note. Olson said, according to the witness, that he was afraid the deal wasn't going thru, and phoned a bank official to return the note.

Gorin said he heard Olson talking to the bank official, but that the note was not returned and after the bank closed he noticed in its published list of assets that his note was mentioned.

Immediately, he said, he got Olson, the bank official and a number of others connected with the bank together in conference and again demanded that his note be returned.

The conference assumed the form of an inquiry, he said, as to why the note had been listed as an asset of the bank, Olson blaming the bank official and the bank official blaming Olson.

Gorin charges that Olson put the note in the bank to his own credit. The case is expected to last two days.

### LOSES HIS APPEAL TO HIGH COURT

Affinity of Ruth Garrison Is Ruled Against in Decision of Supreme Bench

OLYMPIA, Oct. 14.—Douglas Storrs, former Seattle deputy sheriff, confessed betrayer of Betty Garrison, 15-year-old girl, who poisoned Storrs' wife in the tea room of a Seattle department store in March, 1919, must serve out his five-year term in the state prison at Walla Walla.

The decision of the state supreme court here, the plea of Storrs for reversal of the trial court's decision for a new trial was turned down by the tribunal.

Storrs' whereabouts are unknown, but it is believed he is in Seattle. He has been in jail since July 12, 1919. He was tried in Okanogan, where the intimacies with Ruth Garrison took place.

Miss Garrison is in the insane ward at the state prison. She was found not guilty of murder by reason of insanity.

The supreme court, in its written opinion, comments: "The only thing lifting this case above the usual in such cases is the great, uncommon and almost unnatural love of Ruth Garrison for the appellant."

The holding of the supreme court is that the trial court in the Storrs case committed no reversible error in not permitting the defendant's counsel to interview Ruth Garrison before or pending trial. The trial court's refusal to permit Storrs to marry the girl is also upheld.

### STORRS SEEN IN SEATTLE LAST MONDAY

Storrs was seen in Seattle not later than last Monday.

"I saw him motoring south on Broadway near Pine st. in a Ford," said Deputy Sheriff Asa Lee today. "I think it was Monday."

Lee said he recognized Storrs from association with him when Storrs was a deputy sheriff like himself.

Other members of the sheriff's office force seemed convinced that Storrs would surrender himself as soon as he learned of the supreme court's action in the matter.

The Ruth Garrison case started the Northwest.

Great crowds packed the courtroom in Seattle when the girl was brought to trial. The little courtroom at Okanogan was jammed when Douglas M. Storrs was convicted.

### Plucky Mother Breaks Down Mrs. Stagg Is Unconscious!



Mrs. George T. Stagg

TACOMA, Oct. 14.—The condition of Mrs. George T. Stagg, mother of the kidnapped baby, Bobby Stagg, was much worse today.

From time to time, between spells of violent hysteria, she lapses into unconsciousness for as long as 25 or 30 minutes' duration.

She had intended, when the time came for Governor Hart to be asked for extradition papers for Betty Brainerd, to accompany the official party to Olympia and personally plead her case.

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### OFFER FOR RETURN OF INFANT IS SPURNED!

New York Editor Telephones Proffer, Contingent Upon Miss Brainerd's Release

OLYMPIA, Oct. 14.—Governor Hart signed extradition papers at 11 o'clock this morning requesting the governor of New York to permit the removal of Betty Brainerd to this state for trial.

Two more Seattle society women have confessed their alleged connection with the kidnaping of Baby Bobby Stagg.

Betty Brainerd, society favorite of this city and brilliant young newspaper woman under arrest in New York, has offered to surrender the child to its frantic, hysterical mother.

Betty has telegraphed one of her alleged women accomplices here to "keep mum to the papers."

Warrant for the arrest of Miss Edith Nicholson, trained nurse believed to be hiding Bobby, has been wired to New York authorities.

And the net about the other members of the kidnaping party is fast being closed, according to the statement of authorities working on the case here today.

Detective Archie Mondeau left Tacoma for Olympia this morning with legal papers asking that Governor Hart requisition Governor Smith of New York to turn over Miss Brainerd.

As soon as the papers are passed upon by Secretary of State Grant Hickie they will be presented to the governor. If the extradition papers are issued, Chief and Mrs. Harry Smith will leave at once to bring Miss Brainerd here.

Prosecuting Attorney Askren, of Tacoma, in his request for the extradition papers, said he was certain he had sufficient evidence to convict. He recommended that Chief Smith and his wife be sent for her.

First overtures offering the surrender of Bobby Stagg, the trial of the guaranteed release of Miss Brainerd, it was learned today, reached Tacoma early yesterday.

Tacoma police spurned the offer and in a 3,000 word telegram informed New York authorities that they would insist upon the return of Miss Brainerd to this state, the trial of George Stagg, Mrs. Stagg's divorced husband, if he is captured, and the trial of several other persons, including women.

OFFER TELEPHONED FROM NEW YORK CITY

At 8:20 a. m. yesterday, it was learned, Edgar J. Shaw, publisher of the New York American, a Hearst newspaper, telephoned by long distance to Charles B. Welsh, editor of the Tacoma News-Tribune.

### MANY CHARGES IN BOOZE CASE

California Investigation Is Brisk

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14.—The California prohibition investigation continued as a center of interest, and sometimes of sensation, today.

Charges and counter charges of various sorts of misdoings piled up to such an extent that it was predicted that the grand jury, if it intends to settle all the phases involved, must prepare for a long and perhaps stormy session.

Developments of the last dozen hours included: Announcement that Robert L. Jeffrey, charged jointly with former Census Supervisor Francis Mannix, of San Francisco, with alleged dealings in whisky, had had a long conference with United States Attorney Frank M. Silva. He was said to have told Silva the supposed "inside story" of the alleged liquor ring's workings.

Charges by John L. Conside, who succeeded Mrs. Glad Kimball Warburton as prohibition director for California, that Mrs. Warburton's statements have savored of a "smoke screen."

Assumption of duties in the office of the special prohibition agent by Mrs. Warburton. It was emphasized that Mrs. Warburton, at present, at least, occupies only a clerical position.

Announcement that Mrs. Warburton had written Federal Prohibition Commissioner Kramer, at Washington, a report of the situation.

Mrs. Warburton's report charged that Conside refused to cooperate with her "as to enforcing the law."

She declared that "Mr. Justus Wardell has become the self-appointed prohibition director for the state of California." Wardell is collector of internal revenue.

### RUSH TO GET WINE PERMITS

Californians Approve Home Production

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14.—Californians already are taking advantage of the opportunity to make wine in their homes, prohibition officials reported today.

An increasing number of householders are visiting the offices of Collector of Internal Revenue Justus Wardell to file notices of intention required under the new interpretation of the prohibition laws, by which the manufacture of 200 gallons of dry wine or elder is permitted for strictly home use, without regard to alcohol content and without the payment of any federal tax.

Since publication yesterday of the latest ruling, more than a score of persons have signified their intention to make their own wine, it was said at the internal revenue office.

Great numbers of similar notices were expected from deputy collectors of internal revenue in other cities and towns of the district, especially from those situated in grape-producing sections.

### Grand Jury Probe Coast Baseball

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 14.—Probe of alleged "buying" of the Pacific Coast league pennant by members of the Vernon team last year will be undertaken by the Los Angeles county grand jury tomorrow, it was announced at the district attorney's office here today.

Shaw's inquiry was communicated to the police, as requested. The reply of Chief Harry Smith was: "Tell New York there is nothing doing. Tell them Betty Brainerd must come back here. Tell them we want Stagg, and are going to get him. He must stand trial. There are several other women here who must stand trial, too. Tell them, however, if Bobby Stagg is voluntarily brought back to his mother here we will recommend light sentences for all concerned."

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### George Washington Is Going to Move

George Washington is going to move. For a good number of years, since 1899, in fact, he has stood at the 40th st. entrance to the University of Washington. Now the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution propose to place him in Rainier Vista, opposite Meany hall. Lorado Taft, Washington's sculptor, approved the change when he was in the city last summer.

### Good News

Lo'hd Love Yuh, Chile! Lookit This!

Laws-a-massy, William! Did you read in the paper what sweet plates has come down again? Dey's 4 and 4 1/2 cents a pound on de wholesale market Thursday. Yassah!