

MRS. JOHNSON SOBS BITTERLY AS MAHONEY DEFENSE FIGHTS TO ESCAPE PENALTY OF DEATH!

On the Issue of Americanism There Can Be No Compromise

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Weather
Tonight and Sunday, fair; gentle westerly winds.
Temperature Last 24 Hours
Maximum, 58. Minimum, 42.
Today noon, 55.

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Home Brew

Goodness! Have you started the furnace yet?
Probably that submarine which was sunk in San Pedro harbor went in pursuit of the German...
Government interference with business strangles another infant industry when U. S. officials arrested two Seattle merchants for selling stills.
JOSH WISE SAYS:
There's no traffic congestion on the straight an' narrow path.
Jap druggist on Yeeler way advertising Zilo Orange Extract, 12 per cent, 98 per cent alcohol. Another 2 on one and he'll be over the top.
RECOMPENSE
The sun comes up in a burst of golden splendor. Suggests a magic carpet on the lake. And loathing The Mountain With colors of bewildering beauty. All those who open the doors of the treadmill to the moment. Sit and be refreshed— for one more day. —Mr. Anon.
Water drop in the cost of high living. Sign on Pike st. shop reads: "Walk upstairs and save 5¢; reduced from 10¢."
If the American Legion can't get reduced rates on the railroads to the Kansas City convention, they might like the Huit Chevaux and Quarante hommes and live up to the name of that organization.
THE REASON
The professors don't go to jail. Because they always have the bail.
In that as it may, Victor Appleton is a farmer at Hartford.

BEATS BEARS BADLY

Rastus, Three Lakes Champeen Hunter, After Small Game, Bumps Into Bruin and Shatters Dash Record.
The town of Three Lakes today leaped into the limelight as the home stamping ground of the state's champeen hunter. His name is Rastus. The thrilling story of how Rastus came in contact with and set to rout two formidable bears is here set down as it came to The Star in today's mail.
The Star is giving the story the light of full publicity, believing that in it are many helpful and invaluable hints for other hunters who might find themselves in like situations.
"Editor The Star: You may now place Three Lakes on the map as the abode of a genius. Truly he is a genius who can quickly make a right decision and act upon it.
HAS RIGHT TO BE CALLED GENIUS
"Our Rastus, who is the bell wether of our clan of hunters, has now established his right to the title of genius. Most everyone knows Rastus and those who do not have missed something.
"Last week Rastus went out in the suburbs, hunting for small game, and, finding a fallen log a convenient footpath, he walked along part of its length.
"Then he decided to step down on some brush and tangled vines alongside. He expected to hit solid ground at a near level, but what he did hit was a perfectly good bear, who was minding his own business, keeping out of sight under the brush.
"The bear evidently thought that Rastus was altogether too familiar on such short acquaintance and proceeded to scratch him up some. And right there is where Rastus climbed into the ranks of the genius, for he decided that was no place for him, and he acted immediately.
"He made a peach of a get-away towards one end of a log, while the bear made for the other end. There was no witness to prove which one reached the other end of the log first, but those who know Rastus are willing to put up good money that he did not come out second best—and they don't care what part of the log was the starting point.
GAVE BEAR TWO CHARGES OF SHOT
"Rastus did not figure it as a square deal that the bear should mar his anatomy when he was only hunting small game, so just for that he gave him two charges of bird shot.
"At the report of the gun a second bear showed up and Rastus, not having the floures of the bear census in mind and only bird shot for a letter of introduction, did not care to meet any more of them, so just a little bit quicker than instantly he faded away out of the scenery.
"After he had put a whole lot of logged-off land between himself and the bears, he remembered that bears do not chase any one before 6 o'clock on Friday afternoon, so he took his time the rest of the way and came to town to have his own hide patched up."

MRS. SOUTHARD AND FIFTH HUSBAND



Mrs. Lydia Southard, alleged "woman Bluebeard," accused of murdering one of her four dead husbands. This picture was snapped in the courtroom at Twin Falls, Idaho, where she is on trial. The confident-looking chap beside her is her fifth husband, Paul Vincent Southard, who has declared his faith in her innocence and is standing staunchly by her. Thru the trial so far Mrs. Southard has maintained the cheerfulness shown in the picture.

ZONING SYSTEM IS POSSIBILITY

Buses for Long Hauls, Cars for Short, proposed
The solution of Seattle's municipal problem may lie in the \$50,000 appropriation which was recommended Thursday by the utilities committee of the city council for the purchase of equipment with which to operate a Cowen Park jitney service—this is the contention of E. W. Bundy, Seattle attorney.
"If this plan is successful," Bundy said today, "it will mark the beginning of a new zoning system—a low fare for short street car hauls and a higher fare for long hauls by motor buses.
"This should put the street car system on a paying basis—as it is an admitted fact that the trolley lines can make money on short hauls, while the jitney operators have demonstrated that they can make a reasonable profit on long hauls with a 10-cent fare.
MIGHT EXTEND TO OUTLYING DISTRICTS
"It is not unreasonable to expect the municipal bus service will eventually be extended to include the Ballard, Rainier valley and West Seattle districts—and, as these districts are the ones which cause the street railway deficit, such action would be bound to turn the municipal lines into a paying proposition."
The question as to whether the city could legally operate the bus service, raised by Corporation Counsel Walter F. Meier, is "not taken seriously" by Bundy.
"Meier says it's illegal," he remarked, "but the corporation can (Turn to Page 12, Column 1)

POISON PHASE IN IDAHO CASE

Southard Defense May Admit Arsenic
TWIN FALLS, Idaho, Oct. 1.—From the questioning of the jury today, it appeared evident that the attorneys for Mrs. Lydia Southard, alleged "female Bluebeard," on trial on a charge of poisoning her fourth husband, Edward F. Meyer, will admit the fact that a large quantity of arsenic was found in Meyer's body.
Each prospective jurymen was asked the following question by W. P. Guthrie, one of the defense counsel:
"If it were shown that arsenic was found in the body of the deceased, would you not regard that fact as proving the defendant's guilt, would you? Would you not, if the court so instructed you, find the defendant not guilty if the prosecution fails to show beyond a reasonable doubt that the arsenic found in the body was administered by the defendant? In other words, you would not regard the presence of arsenic a positive proof of guilt?"
Mrs. Southard's Parents Back Her
BY ROBERT A. DONALDSON
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TWIN FALLS, Idaho, Oct. 1.—"She is our daughter, and we are going to stand by her."
This was the declaration of "Billy" Trueblood, father of Mrs. Lydia Southard, alleged "female Bluebeard," who is on trial on a charge of poisoning her fourth husband, Edward F. Meyer, in an exclusive interview with the United Press. This is the (Turn to Page 12, Column 5)

ENGINEER'S FEE BIG SUM AT "U"

Meets \$40 or \$50 Extra Charges for Course
The poor engineer is coming in for more than his share of the high fees which are imposed on the university students this year.
In addition to the regular tuition and library fees of \$20, which confront men in all colleges, he is saddled with a bill aggregating \$40 or \$50 for laboratory fees and drawing instruments.
The engineers are generally men who are working their way thru college, and every additional dollar is an extra hardship. The hours in the colleges of engineering and science are so long that it is practically impossible for a student to carry his course and work while in college.
BUMPS INTO FEES RIGHT FROM THE START
When he registers, the engineer is met with a laboratory fee of \$1.50 for chemistry. A breakage ticket for material costs \$5.50 more and the final item in chemistry is 50 cents for a key to the locker. Any additional course in science means a duplication of these fees.
For engineering drawing, another required course, a laboratory charge of \$2 is made for the use of a rickety desk in one of the engineering annexes—old exposition buildings that have long ago been condemned. Here he works in a poorly lighted room without heat, in the same building with the wood-working and foundry laboratories.
When the freshman has passed the comptroller's office he is passed (Turn to Page 12, Column 1)

PRISONER'S FACE IS ASHEN; CASE TO JURY TONIGHT

By Hal Armstrong
With the hour approaching that is to decide whether James E. Mahoney shall go to the gallows, Mrs. Dolores Johnson sat beside her accused brother in Judge J. T. Ronald's courtroom today and bitterly wept.
Deputy Prosecutor T. H. Patterson had just closed his argument to the jury with these words:
"This is a serious matter.
"I say to you, bring in a verdict finding James E. Mahoney guilty of murder in the first degree. And shall punishment be death? Yes."
Mahoney's face was ashen. For a moment he ceased his gum chewing and tried to smile, but the smile was denied him.
Defense Attorney L. B. Schwellenbach came to his feet, and, facing the jury, said:
"I agree absolutely with one of the statements the state's attorney has just made—that this is a serious matter. When you go into your jury room you will take with you a human life. If you do what the state wants you to do, it will mean that in 30 days or so Jim Mahoney will be taken to Walla Walla, and in the early hours of the morning will be hanged."
It was at this point that Mrs. Johnson, who had been sitting emotionless all morning, covered her face with her handkerchief and began to cry.
With eloquent oratory Schwellenbach, naively insinuated that it was Captain Charles E. Tennant who put the mystery trunk in Lake Union. For the first time in the case, Schwellenbach also insinuated that hypnotic influence had been used upon Alvin Jorgenson, a state's witness.
Then more boldly, Schwellenbach exclaimed:
"Do you see what Charlie Tennant has done in this case? He has framed Jim Mahoney."
Patterson's denunciation of the defendant and his family had been particularly bitter.
Referring to the 12-year-old niece of the defendant, Patterson said:
"This little girl, Margaret; I don't like to discuss the child because she is a child. This jury was able to see she didn't testify naturally."
"Imagine—yesterday was the last of September, and she was telling about things that happened in the middle of April. I don't blame the child. I don't think the child has been here day after day listening to the things you have listened to because she liked it."
MOTHER WOULD LEAVE NOTHING UNDONE TO SAVE HIM
Patterson then recalled to the jury the testimony of the defendant's other relatives. He said:
"There is the mother, Mrs. Nora Mahoney. No matter who the mother is, or what kind of a mother, she would leave no stone unturned to save her son, but what you want is the truth."
The assistant state's attorney then took up the testimony of Gus Johnson, the man who upset Mahoney's alibi late yesterday.
"When Gus Johnson says, 'You did not see me there at the New Baker House on Saturday night,' said Patterson, he tells the truth. He never saw Kate Mahoney anytime on Saturday."
Patterson called attention to the fact that Mrs. Mahoney always wore a wig.
"But the wig was not found in the trunk that contained her body," he declared, "yet the man that killed Mrs. Mahoney didn't know how to get her false teeth out, and couldn't get the small wedding ring off her finger, or these would have been missing, too."
MURDER PROVED OVERWHELMINGLY
"This is murder in the first degree, proved overwhelmingly."
One by one, Patterson read the letters written by Mahoney in St. Paul to relatives, himself and Mrs. Mahoney here.
"These letters, you remember, were written by Mrs. Kate Mahoney," said Patterson with irony. "All thru these letters runs a kind of a veiled joke, such as this." Then Patterson read:
"Jimmy keeps humming 'The Battle of the Boiling Waters.' Now what relation does that bear to the (Turn to Page 12, Column 2)

Mahoney Seems Half Amused as Attorney Asks He Be Hanged

By Wanda von Kettler
"Just a harmless, inoffensive, little old lady—murdered—murdered—her body placed in a trunk—her face packed with lime—the trunk sunk deep in the lake at 11 o'clock at night."
The words were spoken by Deputy Prosecuting Attorney J. E. Patterson in the opening argument for the state Friday afternoon in the case of James E. Mahoney, alleged slayer of his aged bride. This was the 16th day of the trial. No more witnesses remained to testify on either side. The case now rested with the counsel and the jury.
Mahoney plotted to kill—he plotted to hide," in slow, exact words Patterson continued as he stood before the jurymen and women. "Mahoney plotted to defeat the ends of justice."
When Patterson later referred to "Dolly" Johnson as the woman whom James Mahoney had told "what to say and what to tell," and hinted at the identity of the woman who had forged the signature of Kate Mahoney, giving James Mahoney power of attorney over his wife's estate, Mrs. Johnson widened her eyes, stared more fixedly toward the jury, but made no further move.
PRISONER SEEMS TO LOSE INTEREST
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Patterson did not complete his argument Friday afternoon. At 5:30 the jury adjourned to an adjoining chamber, James Mahoney was led from the courtroom, while the spectators reluctantly left the scene of rehearsed crime.
Mahoney stretched his arms wearily and cast a languid, half-amused smile upon those near by as the mob behind him began its shuffle toward the door. He had heard the greater half of one argument, Patterson was yet to complete his pleading, Prosecutor Malcolm Douglas, for the state, Lee Johnston and Louis Schwellenbach, for the defense, were still to speak, yet Mahoney, seemingly, had lost interest again.
Perhaps his interest will be revived late Saturday night.
For the judge has said, "You, men and women of the jury, will go into conference late Saturday night and will decide whether or not the defendant is guilty of murder in the first degree."
"If you believe he did not kill Kate Mahoney in the manner charged, then he is innocent. If you believe he did kill Kate Mahoney in the manner as charged, then he is guilty, and you must decide whether or not he pays with the penalty of death."

OUR DAILY MOTTO

Remember that Satan remains in heaven until he begins to launch his home town.
A man smokes a pipe for solace—women takes off her shoes.
Cut Wanderer, Chicago murderer, sang a song as the noise diminished around his neck. We don't remember what jolly little thing he sang, but we would have suggested "Over There."
Let Gee Gee, 14 Prairie View, sez women would rather be vamp than president.
AN OPEN LETTER TO HOME BREW
Dear Home Brew:
I wish pieces wood you tal fer me of you beer in this country is any real beer to James E. ma honey?
Ay usual also wish to no of de tip-top beer for vot he laud mak mik who ven he spei the nem of de king of de McKeel Isl. vit a M. Skul it be de Mahoney?
Hoping you ar de sem.
PETER YOOHAHN.
In view of the quotations on European currency, it is hard to comprehend publishers' statements of the high price of paper.
"Unemployment in Seattle is this today is a great problem."
"It is," replied the jobless politician. "Unemployment by itself is any enough to learn. The hard part of the proposition is to make it pay."
WHY WAIT?
A special inducement to tick the bucket, we find an Eastern Washington undertaker advertising "Lady Embalmer."
We hear that there is a man employed at the courthouse who does nothing but fill ink wells. Who has the job of distributing chewing gum to the typists?
America and England can share the money," says a London newspaper. The English idea of sharing is, England 50 per cent; the others can divide the other 10 per cent.