

25 DEAD, LOSS \$30,000,000

SANDBERG'S MAN READY NOW TO TESTIFY AGAINST HIM; HAS BOOKS AND RECORDS

WILL GIVE UP TESTIMONY HE DENIED BEFORE

Pete Sandberg can afford to quit the saloon and dive business in Tacoma.

From November 12, 1904, to October 3, 1905, the dives and the old Standard saloon netted him approximately \$46,501.60.

Arthur Kuhl says so. He has the books in which the daily accounts of this business was kept. He has made these figures public. Kuhl is serving a sentence in the county jail on conviction of a white slave charge as a result of the last grand jury investigation.

The grand jury did not return a bill against Sandberg because Kuhl refused to tell what he knew. He refused to exhibit the books because he relied, he alleges, on Peter Sandberg to get him out. Sandberg failed to rescue Kuhl.

Kentucky Hotel Case. Then came the recent fiasco in which women were found in the Kentucky building. The witnesses were tampered with by Sandberg's bartender. This man is now a fugitive from justice.

Did Peter Sandberg know there were dissolute women in his hotel?

Did Peter Sandberg know that his bartender tampered with the witnesses and gave them more than his month's salary?

Did Sandberg know where this hush money came from?

Knows About Books.

Sandberg knows Kuhl has the books which are the only proof needed to complete the case. Alleged agents have offered Kuhl considerable sums for the books.

Kuhl refuses to part with them. They are safely locked in the safe in the office of Sheriff Longmire awaiting the call of the court, grand jury or prosecutor. And Kuhl will tell how he handled the restricted district for Peter Sandberg.

From November 12, 1904, to January 14, 1905, Kuhl alleges he collected rentals and transacted other business in the restricted district for Peter Sandberg. The money was collected and placed in a safe. Peter Sandberg and Kuhl were the only two persons who knew the combination.

After Kuhl left the safe some one returned daily and removed the money, leaving behind a slip of paper bearing the amount and the initials "P. S."

Was that Peter Sandberg?

From that time on Kuhl deposited his collections in the bank to the account of Peter Sandberg, he says. His records show these daily deposits. The bank figures will show corresponding amounts.

Once Kuhl failed to make the entries and took his book to the bank and the bank clerk filled in the amounts.

To \$1,435 Per Day. These daily collections averaged from \$200 to \$1,435.40. Kuhl says the average daily income was \$250 a night.

February 14, 1906—All moneys after this date was taken by Burke to the Kentucky without my consent and no receipt writer. Arthur Kuhl. That is the last entry in Kuhl's books. He quarreled with Sandberg and finally bought the Standard saloon. From then on the place never prospered and Kuhl was finally forced to close.

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Yesterday Mrs. Frink said her son was in Seattle. It was reported today that the boy and girl were alleged to have been married some time ago and that they are supposed to have fled to prevent the alleged marriage being annulled by the angry Frinks.

Morals Officer Jurich said he had found no trace of May Hough. Mrs. Frink said yesterday she had requested the police to search for her.

HE CALLED HER HIS PRINCESS; BUT NOW SHE HAS GONE AND HENRY HUTT IS HARD UP AND NO LONGER A FAD



MRS. EDNA GARFIELD HUTT.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Do you remember Henry Hutt, creator of the "Hutt Girls," who was kept busy not many months ago making pictures for the magazines? And do you remember his wife, Edna Garfield Belle Torre Hutt, she whom he called his Princess and used as a model and described as "more beautiful than Venus?"

Well, he is down and out now and is suing to have his alimony reduced. He has brought to court papers to show that he has only \$3.80 in cash, owes \$5,000; that he is sick and his sister is paying the wages of his nurse.

Editors no longer fight for his pictures, he says. In fact, he can't get rid of them. He has showed the court a sheaf of rejection letters—the heartbreaking kind, more often received by creators who have not yet "arrived" than by artists who have just been national fads.

The Hutt was married in 1903. They separated in 1907. Mrs. Hutt accused her husband of indulging too much in intoxicants and named B. Cory Kliver, Harrison Fisher, Penrhyn Stanlaws and other artists as friends who had had influence over her husband. She was given alimony of \$125 a month, which Hutt wishes reduced to \$100. In 1910 Mrs. Hutt, who called her husband "Daddy," wrote him a pathetic letter in which she said: "Let's work together as we did in the old days, won't you? See if there's not a spark of love left for me. I do love you and can't live without you." She signed the letter "Your Princess." The plan failed.

And now Hutt's sick at his studio and can't sell any of his many pictures because the Hutt fad has passed on and he no longer has a model "more beautiful than Venus" to inspire him.

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HORSE SENSE IN COURT

A little while back two Seattle judges let off from punishment the rich president of a nickel-grabbing street car railway who had for years in defiance of the law been collecting two fares for a single ride inside that city.

The grounds for the decision was that the TITLE of the law passed expressly to stop such highway robbery, spoke of PENALTIES, instead of PUNISHMENT.

Penalties didn't necessarily mean punishment, the learned court held. The law was defective, they said and the railroad man went free.

Saturday exactly the same plea was advanced before Justice Evans to excuse a Tacoma hotel proprietor, accused of violating the state inspection law.

Evans, using ordinary horse sense, said that penalties certainly meant punishment, and the law stands.

He also quoted the supreme court as saying that no law should be knocked out for technical flaws that in no way impaired their meaning.

Bully for Evans. Let's have a little more horse sense in our courts.

Eight Hour Case Wont Be Pushed Martin and Leon Can't Meet Here

The case against Miss Marie Webber, manager of the Y. W. C. A. cafe, for violating the eight hour woman's law, will not be prosecuted.

Deputy Prosecutor Thompson, who took up the case when Burmeister got peeved and passed it, refused today to push the case.

When it is called in Justice Evans' court this afternoon Thompson will recommend that the case be dropped, he stated this morning. And Evans will have no alternative.

Business Agent Burns of the labor council, who brought the complaint, declared today that he would make a protest in court against the dismissal.

Affidavit of Denial. The action of the prosecutor is based on an affidavit signed by Mrs. Eliza Conger, the prosecuting witness, several days after her complaint to Burns and after two sessions with the Y. W. C. A. directors.

Burns asked Thompson today to subpoena the directors for tampering with witnesses.

Thompson refused. The matter will be put up to the labor council tomorrow night.

Natural Philosophy.



"Papa," said the hopeful youth, "can you tell me what is natural philosophy?"

"Of course I can," said papa, proud and relieved to find that there was at last something he could tell his offspring. "Natural philosophy is the science of cause and reason. Now, for instance, you see the steam coming out of the spout of the kettle, but you don't know why or for what reason it does so, and—"

"Oh, but I do, papa," chirped the hope of the household. "The reason the steam comes out of the kettle is so that mamma may open your letters without your knowing 'it.'"

The prize fight game will not be opened in Tacoma.

Such is the announcement of Commissioner Pettit, backed by Judge Stiles, city attorney.

"I hear some talk of holding boxing matches here," said Judge Stiles this morning. "I would like to have the promoters of such affairs read the state law which makes it a crime for any one to aid, abet or encourage the holding of any fight."

Such things are simply against the law and cannot be allowed."

The Stiles decision is a disappointment to Promoter Mark Shaughnessy and others who were hoping to bring Jack Leon, the Russian Lion, and "Denver Ed" Martin or "Gunboat" Smith together here.

RICHESON SENTENCED TO DEATH

(By United Press Leased Wire.) BOSTON, Jan. 9.—Pleading guilty to the murder by poison of his discarded sweetheart, Avis Linnell of Hyannis, the Rev. C. V. T. Richeson was today sentenced by Judge Sanderson to be electrocuted during the week of May 19.

Summoned to court, Richeson appeared on the verge of collapse. He was arraigned and at once withdrew his former plea of not guilty, pleading instead, "Guilty as charged."

He walked with evident effort, plainly showing that he was still suffering from the effects of his self-mutilation. The court proceedings occupied only 15 minutes.

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The company is willing to pay its share—17 feet. But that would leave about 25 feet for somebody else to pay for.

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FRENZIED MEN LEAP FIVE STORIES AND ARE CRUSHED AND BURIED BY DEBRIS IN FIRE DESTROYING EQUITABLE LIFE HOME

DAINTY AND DEMURE IN HER KERCHIEF AND CAP IS PRETTY ELSIE FERGUSON



This dainty and demure young lady is Elsie Ferguson, who plays the part of Dolly Todd, afterwards Dolly Madison, in "The First Lady of the Land," a new Broadway show.

Says 'Vampire Woman' Drove Calvin to Act

"A fool there was and he made his prayer, (Even as you and I) To a rag and a bone and a hank (We called her the woman who did not care) But the fool he called her his lady fair, (Even as you and I)." —Calvin's defense.

"Of course the woman made a fool of the man, but that didn't justify his shooting her."—Prosecutor Nolte.

The fate of Frank Calvin is up to the jury today for shooting Mrs. Vivian Irvine, a nurse, at Eatonville.

Attorney F. H. Kelley for Calvin quoted Kipling's "The Vampire," being the 49th time it has been used in court. He argued that the woman worked Calvin, then threw him down. He insisted that she shot herself accidentally.

"When Calvin caught her arm she thought he was going to beat her. And certainly she deserved a beating if any woman ever did. So she tried to shoot him," said Kelley.

Nolte for the state emphasized a note written by Calvin to his wife just before the crime.

"I am going to Eatonville," Calvin wrote. "Don't worry if anything happens. I want all my property to go to you and Harold" (his son).

Nolte demanded a conviction.

'I Know the Service Is Rotten!' Says Bean; He Tells the Truth

The street railway company wants to double track North I street.

"With the cars now in use on the Point Defiance line, if we had a street double tracked we could give a four minute service there, but it is almost impossible to better the service much until this street is double tracked."

Such was the statement of Manager Bean to the people and the city commission this morning.

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Gov. Hay Pardons Fur Thief

R. H. Hopkins, sentenced to from two to 15 years at Walla Walla for stealing a \$300 set of furs and \$100 worth of jewelry from the apartments of Miss Edna Simpson, was pardoned today by Gov. Hay.

A sister of Hopkins' in Kentucky had pleaded for his release, saying he had been irresponsible. County officials joined her plea.

Hopkins must keep out of saloons and of bad company or go back and serve his term.

ALL BUSINESS IS BLOCKED BY FLAMES

- THE KNOWN DEAD.
- Battalion Chief William Walsh.
- Special Policeman Conrad Seibert.
- Giuseppe Conti, porter.
- John Savz, porter.
- Unidentified porter.
- Unidentified citizen.
- John Campton, night watchman.

(By United Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Ten persons are believed to have perished and a loss variously estimated at from \$15,000,000 to \$30,000,000, was caused today when the Equitable Life Assurance society's 14 story building and all the other structures in the block bounded by Cedar, Nassau, Pine streets and Broadway were consumed in a most sensational fire.

Bursting into flame at 8:30 this morning, the Equitable building, supposed to be fireproof, soon became a raging furnace. The fire quickly spread to the other structures in the block and menaced the whole of the downtown financial district. Burning brands were swept by a high wind through the canyons of lower Manhattan.

Every piece of fire-fighting apparatus on the island was called out. Firemen, their faces scorched by the leaping flames, fought desperately in the narrow streets to stay the progress of the conflagration.

At the height of the fire bodies of men were seen falling from the fifth floor of the building and striking the street, were covered with piles of debris before the firemen could rush to the rescue.

Fire Chief Kenlon this afternoon ordered rescuers into the still burning structure to seek for bodies. The chief was informed that 18 firemen and employes of the building are missing and he fears that all are dead. Kenlon said unconfirmed reports indicated that the death list might reach 25.

PRES. GIBLIN DYING. During the fiercest part of the fire President William Giblin of the Mercantile Safe Deposit company, with two companions, after being driven from the building twice by the flames, returned to rescue priceless papers in his private desk. With their exit cut off by the flames the three men retreated to an empty safety deposit vault and called to the firemen for assistance.

SHEATHED IN ICE. Some of the firemen played heavy streams of water on the vaults, submerging Giblin and his two companions and covering them with sheets of ice as the water froze on them.

The floor finally fell, however, and Giblin and his companion went down with it. Fireman dragged Giblin into the street. He was in a dying condition.

WORKMEN LAW THROWN OUT

(By United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The U. S. supreme court today declared unconstitutional the Washington state law prohibiting the employment of railroad men for more than 16 consecutive hours. This reverses the decision of the state courts.

The U. S. court held that the law conflicts with a similar federal statute, which was the defense of the Northern Pacific railroad in its test case.