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VERDICT DAZED DEFENDANTS

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Mrs. Kate Wagner, 72 years old, the sixth woman, who started to assist in carrying Mrs. Richardson outside the village limits, was freed by the jury because she returned home before the victim was given her ride on a rail.

Defendants Dazed at Verdict.

Mrs. Sabel's 65 years makes her the oldest of the convicted five.

The women sat huddled and dazed in the court room as the verdict was read. They bore no resemblance to the angry women, outraged because they believed a neighbor preferred the company of another to her crippled husband, who drew Mrs. Richardson from her home by a subterfuge, smeared her with mud, placed her astride a weather-beaten scantling, bore her screaming and fighting to the edge of town and dumped her to the road with a warning never to return.

The jury deliberated an hour, largely on the question of freeing Mrs. Wagner.

Civil Suit for \$100,000 Pending.

Mrs. Richardson is not vindictive against her former friends. She is satisfied with a conviction, and is agreeable to letting the women off with a fine. She has a civil suit for \$100,000 pending against them.

Edward Krepel was also indicted with the six women. It was charged that, dressed in the garb of a woman, he assisted in riding Mrs. Richardson on a rail. He has disappeared.

After the rail ride Mrs. Richardson fled to the home of relatives in Chicago, but returned to Volo and is living with her husband, who maintains she is innocent of wrongdoing.

WOMEN ARE CAUGHT IN RAID

Fashionable Chicago Suburb Residents Become Hysterical When Patrol Wagons Arrive.

Chicago.—The police raided a pool-room which they alleged is run for women customers only. Two arrests were made, one woman being booked as "keeper."

The report received at police headquarters was that the apartment was crowded with fashionable women of Kenwood, Hyde Park and Woodlawn when the police appeared, and many of them, after identifying themselves, were allowed to go.

When patrol wagons appeared the women became hysterical and begged that they be allowed to go to their homes. Some of them are said to have fainted when the detectives rushed into the apartment where the alleged bets were being taken.

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Kaiser Transfers Garrison.

Donauschingen, Germany.—Emperor William ordered the transfer of the entire garrison at Zabern, Alsace, owing to the trouble between the soldiers and the residents there. He also directed that the court-martial proceedings in connection with the recent rioting be accelerated.

Steals \$4,000, Beats It.

Lincoln, Neb.—A telephone message from the village of Primrose says the bank there was robbed of \$4,000 by a highwayman who compelled the cashier of the bank to hand over all the cash and then escaped.

Snowstorm Blocks Traffic.

Denver, Colo.—Denver was snow-bound for a day. Street car traffic was blocked and thousands were marooned in the downtown district all night or were forced to plow their way through two feet of snow.

SAILING AWAY ON THEIR HONEYMOON



Francis B. Sayre and Mrs. Sayre, who was Miss Jessie Wilson, on the captain's bridge of the steamship George Washington, as the vessel bore them away on their honeymoon trip to Europe.

CULEBRA CUT GENIUS DEAD

OVERWORK CAUSED DEATH OF COL. GAILLARD.

His Panama Canal Work Declared to Be Greatest Engineering Triumph of All Ages.

Baltimore, Md.—Col. David DuB. Gaillard, one of the chief engineers of the Panama canal, died at Johns Hopkins University hospital. Col. Gaillard had been in a semiconscious condition for weeks. He suffered from hardening of the arteries of the brain, brought on, it is said, by his work on the Culebra cut, the digging of which was under his direction.

Col. Gaillard was born at Winchester, S. C., Dec. 4, 1850. He had been assigned to Panama since November, 1906.

Engineers declare that the digging of the Culebra cut will go into history as one of the greatest engineering triumphs of all ages. When he took charge at the beginning of the work Col. Gaillard knew he would meet many discouragements from earth slides from the mountain, and he met them as they arose. With his work virtually completed, after herculean labors, he suffered a breakdown, and was compelled to return to the United States.

Col. Gaillard had been slated to be continued as a member of the Isthmian commission in recognition of his services, and suffered the keenest disappointment when he was unable to be present at the opening of the Gatun locks, which allowed the waters from Gatun lake to flow into the Culebra cut.

MRS. PANKHURST COLLAPSED

Hunger and Thirst Strike in Exeter Jail Causes English Suffragette to Break Down.

Exeter, England.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst collapsed in jail here after 24 hours of hunger and thirst striking. Her condition was said to be serious, and it was believed no attempt would be made to remove her from the prison until she is released on license.

Relays of militant suffragettes picketed Holloway jail continuously, expecting Mrs. Pankhurst to be transferred there secretly, because the jail at Exeter is a small one and not equipped for dealing with hunger strikes and sick prisoners.

46 DIE WHEN STEAMER SINKS

Swedish Ship Malmberget, Bound for Rotterdam, Founders Off Bodo, Norway.

Stockholm, Sweden.—Forty-six lives were lost by the foundering of the Swedish steamer Malmberget off Bodo, Norway.

The steamer left Narvik, Norway, November 27, for Rotterdam. The Malmberget was of 3,903 tons.

Man Tied, Then Whipped.

Decatur, Ill.—Nocturnal methods of the "whit cappers" were revived at Arcola when five masked men took Harry Siah from his home, tied him to a tree in his yard and lashed his bare back with a buggy whip.

Mrs. Pankhurst Arrested.

Plymouth, Eng.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, who was a passenger on a transatlantic liner due here, was arrested two miles out at sea, and will be kept in custody to finish an unexpired jail sentence.

WOMEN STORM CONGRESS

1,000 SUFFAGISTS MAKE CALL AT THE CAPITOL.

Led by Dr. Anna H. Shaw They Demand House Standing Committee by Personal Petition.

Washington, D. C.—The suffrage convention was suspended while delegates moved on the capitol to urge a favorable report by the house rules committee on a resolution to create a standing committee on woman suffrage in the house.

The scene resembled a charge on a citadel, when more than 1,000 women advanced in regimental formation in quick-step order and crowded the hearing room long before the committee arrived.

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National American Woman Suffrage association, led in the presentation of arguments for a committee. She told the members it was not the purpose of the speakers to convert the congressmen to suffrage, but to convince them that the suffrage movement was entitled to a house committee, equivalent to a similar one in the senate.

Mrs. Ida Husted Harper, Helen Gardner, Miss Jane Addams, Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, Mrs. Mary Beard and Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt also pleaded for the committee.

GIVES \$50,000 TO ROAD FUND

Aged Illinois Millionaire Asks Strip He Built Be Marked as a Memorial to Him.

Aurora, Ill.—John Stewart, 88 years old, multimillionaire of Elburn, who desires to have every one of his grandchildren a millionaire before he dies and himself to die poor, has donated \$50,000 to the Lincoln Highway association.

He is now touring Europe and made the gift known through a letter. He asks that a marker be placed at each end of the strip his money will build as a memorial to him.

The Lincoln highway is a memorial to the martyred president. It is to reach from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and will be built of cement.

TO CURB MISSISSIPPI FLOODS

Delegates From Valley States Appeal to Congress for Appropriation Set Out in Ransdell Bill.

Washington, D. C.—The need of a broad policy and of co-operation between the federal government and the states to obtain improved waterways was the keynote of all the speeches before the National Rivers and Harbors congress, assembled in its tenth annual session. Representatives from nearly all parts of the country took part in the day's program. All agreed that better waterways were needed to meet and to help increase the growing commerce of the nation.

Mexican Papers Get Scoop.

Mexico City.—El Adelante of San Luis Potosi, which has been noted as a journal of strong anti-American sentiments, printed what purports to be a declaration of war by President Wilson against Mexico.

Veins at Identity Marks.

New York.—The finger printing method for the identification of criminals may some day be supplanted by photographing the veins of the hand, according to Prof. Tamassia of the University of Padua, Italy.

100 ARE DROWNED IN TEXAS FLOODS

FIFTY PERSONS, MOSTLY NEGROES, DIE AT VILLAGE OF SUNNYSIDE.

100 MAROONED IN DANGER

More Than 20,000 Homeless Face Cold Wave and Food Shortage—Eighty Refugees Under One Roof; Fifty in a Gin House.

Houston, Tex.—Fifty persons, mostly negroes, are reported to have been drowned at Sunnyside, a small town on the lower Brazos river, according to a long distance telephone message received here. The message said between 400 and 500 persons are marooned on a small mound at San Felipe, and are in great danger. A special train loaded with motor boats was dispatched from Houston to rescue him.

The entire Brazos bottom in Waller county is flooded; a number of houses have floated away and refugees are clinging to trees and house tops.

Food Shortage Serious. The task of rescuing inhabitants along the 40 miles of flooded Brazos valley was succeeded by the problem of providing for 2,000 or more refugees. Reports from the flooded territory show that between 700 and 1,000 persons are marooned in gin houses and plantation residences safe from the flood but in urgent need of food and clothing.

At Horseshoe Bend, above the roaring of the river, could be heard the singing and praying of more than 50 negroes who were facing peril of death in a rocking gin house on an island a mile and a half out.

Fifty in One Residence. Fifty more refugees were in a gin house over Koppes bridge. In the Parker residence were 80 other flood victims and similar numbers in various plantation houses along the 40 miles of the valley up to Mumford. A rapid fall in temperature and a cutting wind increased the suffering, especially in the tent colonies along the river banks. Almost all those affected were negroes. Three hundred rescued negroes were gathered at Koppes bridge.

How many negro tenants in the flooded section were drowned is still unknown, and until the water recedes the death roll cannot be estimated with any degree of accuracy.

Packer Blames Retailer.

Omaha, Neb.—If the consumer who buys beef ribs and loins is paying as much as he did this time last year his retailer is absorbing a reduction of about 25 per cent in the price for which he pays for the meat from the wholesaler, according to General Manager Howe of Armour & Co.

Christmas Tree for Capitol Plaza.

Washington.—There will be a community Christmas tree on the broad plaza at the east front of the capitol Christmas eve. Vice President Marshall and Speaker Clark have signed permits suspending capitol rules to allow the erection of the tree.

Pankhurst Free for 7 Days.

London.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the militant suffragist leader, who was arrested at Plymouth, Dec. 4, on her arrival from the United States aboard the steamer Majestic, was released from the Exeter jail on seven days' license.

Women Call on President.

Washington.—Bearing "Votes for Women" banners woman suffragists marched onto the White House to urge President Wilson to advocate an amendment to the constitution providing for universal woman suffrage.

Stockholm Commodore Drowned.

Stockholm.—Carl Werner, a wealthy manufacturer, and commodore of the Stockholm Yacht club, was found drowned. He had been missing for nine days and it is believed he ended his life because of a love affair.

Cox Buys Shubert Interest.

New York.—George B. Cox of Cincinnati has bought the interests of Alvin Untermyer and Andrew Freedman in various Shubert theatrical enterprises. Cox, it was said, paid \$582,000 for his new holdings.

Two Philippine Officials Resign.

Manila.—C. M. Cotterman, director of the bureau of posts, and Richard Campbell, judge of the court of first instance, resigned their positions.

Two Drown in City Water Main.

Cincinnati.—Two men were drowned and a dozen working in a street trench barely escaped death when a 60-inch water main burst.

Swallows False Teeth.

Wichita, Kan.—E. J. Sheriff, a plumber of this city, is in a hospital in a critical condition as a result of having swallowed his false teeth while eating. A surgical operation is the only course that will save Sheriff.

Bank in Every Kansas County.

Topeka, Kan.—Every Kansas county now has a bank. The state charter board has just granted a charter to a bank at Johnston, Stanton county. Stanton has been the only county without a bank.

NEWS OF MISSOURI

A CHRONICLE OF INTERESTING HAPPENINGS DURING THE PAST WEEK.

HOT SHOT FOR FEDERAL JUDGE

Attorney General Parker is Caustic in His Rate Case Brief—Says the Missouri Rates Have Never Been Suspended.

Perhaps as caustic a brief as was ever filed in any court has been prepared by Attorney General Parker in the Missouri rate cases and will be filed in the federal court at Kansas City before Judge Smith McPherson. The attorney general contends that the only duty Judge McPherson has to perform is to enter on record the mandate of the United States Supreme Court rendered June 18, 1913. It is his contention that the railroads are seeking to have their liability fixed at the amount of their appeal bond, \$10,000, and that they are asking Judge McPherson to retain jurisdiction over the cases with the view of preventing suit for damages on the part of shippers and passengers who paid the rates held to be illegal by the United States Supreme Court, and could otherwise bring action for damages estimated all the way from 15 million to 20 million dollars.

Six Years in Court Already.

Judge McPherson has stated that he will take up the matter of entering the decree between December 5 and 15. The original injunction which the United States Supreme Court ordered dissolved was issued by Judge McPherson in June, 1907. Lawyers are wondering how Judge McPherson will take some of the shots fired at him by General Barker. Here is some of the language used by the attorney general:

"It has always been held in this country that property taken during the life of an injunction must be restored when the injunction is dissolved.

Mr. Barker is Plain Spoken.

"We cannot understand how the railroads can come into this court in this enlightened day and in this charitable age and boldly assert that they can now keep the excess fares collected by them during the life of this injunction, when the Supreme Court of the United States has said that the injunction should never have been granted and that the 2-Cent Rate Law in Missouri is constitutional.

"According to the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, the passenger and freight rate laws of Missouri were never suspended, but have been in force and effect since their passage and approval, and it necessarily follows that persons paying in excess of the statutory amount may recover the same in suits against these railroads.

"To hold otherwise would be monstrous and would be permitting a person to profit by his own wrong, and would be little less than a direct invitation by the courts of this country to go and take what you can from your neighbor, if you have the power. This has never been the law of this land and never will be."

Suit Filing for 25 Cents.

A suit involving the smallest sum ever demanded in an action in a Greene county court has been filed in the court of Justice C. A. Hubbard at Springfield, in which the plaintiff, L. L. Dawson, asks judgment for 25 cents. F. H. Presly, a fruit dealer, is the defendant. Dawson alleges he bought a basket of grapes at Presly's place and that half of them were decayed.

Five in Sedalia Motor Wreck.

One person was injured probably fatally and four others severely at Sedalia when a motor car driven by G. C. Vaughan hit a gully in the street and turned over, plunging the five occupants under the machine. A. T. Stewart of Pilot Grove received a fracture of the skull, a broken arm and bruises. C. G. Vaughan of this city, fracture of right arm; Miss Daily Vaughan, both arms broken; Miss Kathryn Vaughan, cuts on the head and body; Ira Warren, bruises and cuts, and Mary Ellen Warren, 18 months old, fractured arm and bruises.

Kiel After Grade Crossings.

Formal proceedings demanding the elimination of about twenty dangerous grade crossings in St. Louis will be filed with the State Public Service Commission by Mayor Henry W. Kiel of St. Louis within the next few days.

Somerville Now a Corporate Town.

The town of Somerville has been incorporated by the county court of Texas county.

Blown Up in a Tunnel.

John Kingsolver and Robert Hamilton, workmen in a tunnel that is being run into the hill at William Jewell College in Liberty, where a new science building is being erected, were severely injured when a hidden charge of dynamite was exploded. Kingsolver threw his pick to the floor of the underground passage. A heavy explosion followed and the men were thrown against the wall. They were found a few minutes later by a rescue party. It is believed the men have a chance for recovery.

Dedicate Old Trail Tavern. In the Arrow Rock Tavern, a weathered structure that sheltered travelers toward the West a century ago, road enthusiasts from all parts of Missouri gathered the other day for a meeting of the Old Trails Association.

The purpose of the association is the improvement of Missouri's historic highways and the preservation of such landmarks as remain along their courses. The tavern stands beside the Old Trail, an important highway in the days of the prairie schooner. One of the chambers has been fitted up by the Daughters of the American Revolution with old time furniture and relics collected from the families of early settlers. The formal dedication of the tavern as a museum was a part of the ceremonies.

Members of the D. A. R. from Kansas City came by train to Blackwater, ten miles from Arrow Rock, and from Blackwater traveled to Arrow Rock in a prairie schooner drawn by four mules. Among the speakers was F. W. Buffum, state highway commissioner.

Women's Day at "Round Up."

Hundreds of women from the farm crowded the domestic science halls of the State Normal School at the Johnson County "Round Up" to hear lectures and see the demonstrations in home economics by Miss Ilena Bailey of the United State Department of Agriculture and Miss Babb Bell of the Missouri University class of domestic science. They gave lectures and demonstrations in all the departments of home making. Questions of the farm women were answered by the lecturers. The farm women were especially anxious to learn what the demonstrators knew about the preserving and canning of vegetables and fruit. Demonstrations in baking bread and meats and the making of Christmas candy were carried on in the domestic science department. Behind closed doors a committee of physicians conducted the better babies contest. More than 300 babies were scored.

Westport Pioneer Dead.

Philip Becker, in point of residence, one of the oldest citizens of Kansas City, is dead at his home there of heart trouble after an illness of about one month. He was 81 years old. Mr. Becker was born in Brensbach, Germany, February 27, 1832, and came to the United States when a young man. After spending several years in St. Louis he came to Kansas City by boat in 1856 and has since lived here. He engaged in the boot and shoemaker's trade and was in this and the mercantile business for forty-six years, having retired after the death of his wife about two and one-half years ago.

Phi Gamma at William Jewell.

The annual possum supper of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity of William Jewell College was given the other night. Many Kansas City alumni of the William Jewell chapter attended. Dr. Charles W. Moore, head of the Institutional Church of Kansas City, responded to a toast of "A Fiji's Debt to Society." W. M. Finch, first assistant attorney general of the state, was a speaker at the dinner.

Upheld a Tax Increase.

Upholding the action of the city council of Springfield in increasing the city tax levy from 60 cents on the \$100 valuation to 80 cents, without a vote of the people, Judge Guy Kirby in the circuit court rendered a decision which if upheld by the supreme court will enable cities of 30,000 population in Missouri to levy a current expense tax as high as 100 cents on the \$100 valuation.

Jail for Illegal Operation.

Dr. George W. Stranahan was found guilty by a jury in the criminal court at St. Joseph of performing an illegal operation and was sentenced to nine months in the county jail. The complaining witness was a 16-year-old girl.

New High School in Caldwell County.

Caldwell county is soon to have its first rural high school. Several districts in the west part of the county have petitioned County Superintendent McClintock for such a school and he has notified those interested that he will lay out the boundaries for the proposed high school within the next ten days. Caldwell county now has five approved high schools, but all are in towns.

Smithville Boy Killed While Hunting.

Marion, the 12-year-old son of John Denny of Smithville, is dead from a gunshot wound accidentally received while hunting Thanksgiving day. He received the full charge from a single barreled gun and only lived five hours. This is the third death in the Denny family from accidental shooting.

Killed by Engine Belt.

Herman Hunter, 18 years old, son of John Hunter, a farmer living one mile east of Avenue City, Andrew county, was killed by being thrown against an engine belt.

A Mathematical Prodigy Dead.

"Rube" Field, widely known, particularly in Western Missouri, as a mathematical prodigy, is dead on the Jackson county farm at Little Blue. He suffered apoplexy and did not regain consciousness. He was about 70 years old. "Rube" was committed to the farm by the county court in 1907. When ill health started, his extraordinary power began to fail. "Rube's" birthplace was in Bath county, Kentucky, and his family lived for many years near Fayetteville, Johnson county, Missouri.