

LIBEL CASE FALLS FLAT; JUDGE RYAN DECLARES THE EVIDENCE INSUFFICIENT

Columbus estimated that case fell flat with a dull thud in the trial court at Deming this morning at 9:30 o'clock when Attorney Hamilton, representing Travis Egan, died and C. W. Powers, late candidate for mayor, arose after the assembling of court and asked for a dismissal of the case against the defendants on the grounds that the evidence was not sufficient.

Attorney Fielder, representing Frank Manzanares, then asked for a dismissal, also on the grounds that the state had failed to prove the article was libelous.

Judge Ryan had previously refused the jury. He had the jury returned to the courtroom, and as his decision proved, he continued the motion of Attorney Hamilton and Fielder until taken.

Judge Ryan, addressing the attorney and jurymen, allowed the motion for dismissal, stipulating his remarks by citing the law in the case.

This ended the "libel" case that has set all Columbus and Luna county talking every day since the election.

Seventy-year-old Joe Hollaway was one of the witnesses in the case as regards handling the revolver.

When asked if he knew what would happen to him if he swore to a lie, he promptly replied:

"If I swear to a lie I will go to jail and if I tell the truth I will stay out of jail."

Legislator Would Curb News Heads. ALBANY, N. Y., April 23.—To print in any newspaper the details of a murder or a murder trial under a caption in type larger than 36-point or more than one column wide is made a crime by a bill introduced by Assemblyman Lord of Chautauque county. Any corporation violating the proposed law may be fined \$1000. The editor or reporter heading up the article in violation of the statute may be fined at his discretion, or both.

NOMINEES FOR INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION. [By Associated Press.] WASHINGTON, D. C., April 23.—Henry Jones Ford, professor of political economy of Princeton University, and James Duncan of Quincy, Mass., former vice president of the American Federation of Labor, were today nominated as members of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Soft Words Save His Life. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 23.—"I about to kill!" screamed Mrs. Lena Loderer, crazed domestic, and she turned a revolver on Patrolman B. L. Frazer who had arrived to take her into custody. "Don't do it," suggested Frazer quietly, "it will make too much noise." The woman hesitated him the gun.

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John Clark, field manager for the Florida Oil Company, says that the casing is now set and the drill is pounding down well past the 1000-foot mark. Depth from now on will not be made public except at stated intervals. Clark says the average is from 15 to 20 feet per day. At the time of going to press the drill had just penetrated a new formation of blue shale or limestone.

GIRL CUTS SELF SHAVING LEG FOR OPEN STOCKINGS

LAWRENCE, Kan., April 23.—A doctor who attended the session of the University of Kansas health committee told a story of a young girl, with a bad cut around above the ankle. Questioned how she had hurt herself, the girl finally admitted she had used a safety razor. Reason: Open-work stockings.

LIENSSE AND CONTROL OF PACKERS REVEALED BY HOUSE COMMITTEE

[By Associated Press.] WASHINGTON, W. C., April 23.—The proposals to increase the local packers and to create a commission to enforce laws affecting that industry were today rejected by the House agricultural committee.

GERMAN DEFENSE TROOPS IN SOUTH RUHR DISTRICT

LONDON, April 23.—German state defense troops will march into the southern Ruhr district for the protection of public order and industry, said a Berlin wireless today.

BOTH SIDES CLAIM FORCES NOW HOLDING CITY OF CHIHUAHUA

Customs Duties to Be Paid to the "Republic of Sonora" de Facto Government Officials.

[By Associated Press.] EL PASO, Texas, April 23.—With Chihuahua City still cut off from communication by telephone, the Mexican federal and Sonoran both claimed their respective forces controlled the city.

Confirmation of the capture of Chihuahua City by resulting troops of General Salinas, brother-in-law of Carranza, is claimed to have been received by Sonoran. Salinas is still in prisoner of General Martinez, who it is claimed is in possession of Chihuahua City.

"REPUBLIC OF SONORA" RECEIVES CONTRIBUTION

[By Associated Press.] HOUSTON, Texas, April 23.—The United States government will allow the payment of customs duties by American firms or citizens in the de facto authorities in Sonora, and having made such payments, they are free from further obligations, according to a telegram received by banks here today from Fairbridge Colby, secretary of state.

MEXICO CHINESE WOULD SEEK REFUGE IN U. S.

Federate Forces Reported Holding Frontiers.

[By Associated Press.] WASHINGTON, D. C., April 23.—Forty thousand Chinese in Mexico without consular protection today petitioned the State Department for permission to cross the border in case they are threatened as a result of the present revolutionary activities in that country. The matter was taken under advisement.

Through official channels it is learned Mexican federal forces are holding Frontiers, the only part of that section of Mexico not controlled by the rebels since General Green, federal commander and military governor of Tabasco, revolted.

WISBEK KIDNAPING CASE MAY GO TO JURY TONIGHT

[By Associated Press.] TOMRSTON, Ariz., April 23.—Following the announcement of County Attorney French that he would complete the state's charge arguments this afternoon, the outlook was the Weston kidnaping case would go to the jury tonight.

ALIEN AGITATORS ARE BUSY IN ALASKA, REPORT

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