

### UNWRITTEN LAW SCORES AGAIN IN CRIMINAL COURT

#### Jury Returns Not Guilty Verdict in Case of Abbie Ribbens, Charged With Assault to Commit Murder.

The unwritten law scored another victory Wednesday when a jury in Second division of criminal court returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Abbie Ribbens, charged with assault to commit murder.

The majority of the congregation of the Metropolitan Baptist church (colored) greeted the verdict with cheers and applause which echoed throughout the corridors of the Shelby county courthouse and were only stopped after Judge Tom Harsh threatened to impose fines upon the offenders.

Abbie Ribbens represented one side of an eternal triangle—said triangle being a first-class affair in black, brown or tan. Abbie was the standard-bearer of the chocolate brown.

All of the parties at interest are negroes and for two days the Second division of criminal court has furnished the scene for a tale of dissension and struggle for control over the ties of the affairs of the Metropolitan Baptist church.

Rev. J. W. Ribbens, pastor of the church—colored black in color—is the husband of Abbie Ribbens and father of her two children, for whose favor Minnie Williams, organist of the church, and Abbie Ribbens, the latter having been at daggers points for a period of years.

Ribbens in addition to being pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist church and the dominating figure in that organization, is a politician of more or less distinction. Ribbens was chairman of the delegation which recently represented itself from the white Republicans and named its own delegates to the A. G. P. convention under what is known as the black wing of the local Republican party.

Ribbens alleged ill-feelings with the organist of the church dating back to 1915 have been the cause of friction within the church and have resulted on several occasions to disrupt the organization. Investigations have been made and in each instance the pastor and the organist advised of wrongdoing.

The defense of Abbie Ribbens, however, produced witnesses at a trial who testified to the apparent intimacy between Ribbens and Minnie Williams that they had attended conferences of the Baptist church at Savannah, Ga.; Muskogee, Okla.; St. Louis, Mo.; and Newark, N. J. together and that Ribbens had neglected his wife for the other woman.

Numerous witnesses were examined and cross-examined while an aroused congregation listened attentively and voiced its approval or disapproval by means and signs that even the court could not prevent. The trouble between Abbie Ribbens and Minnie Williams reached its climax on Nov. 2, 1919, when Abbie appeared at the church during service and proceeded to fire four shots at women whom Abbie claimed had wrecked her home.

The shots were wild, but Abbie was arrested and Ribbens thereupon declined to live with his wife longer and later filed a suit for divorce.

The state sought to show that Abbie Ribbens had fired at Minnie Williams for the purpose of killing her and that the charges of intimacy between the Williams woman and Pastor Ribbens were unfounded. On the other hand, the defense accounted for Abbie's conduct by declaring that she was mentally unbalanced at the time of the shooting because of the worry and strain through a divorce suit because of the alleged infidelity of her husband.

In less than five minutes after they had retired to consider the case the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. Lord absconded. Rape for order by the court and tears of joy from Abbie Ribbens.

Ten minutes later the congregation of the Metropolitan Baptist church was discussing the case outside the courthouse.

### JAPAN AND U. S. SEEK SOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES

TOKYO, March 1.—Premier Hara has promised his support for a conference of the Japan-American relations committee, composed of Japanese and Americans, to be held here next spring. Baron Shibusawa has announced that he expects the conference to contribute to the solution of the anti-Japanese agitation in California and in the United States.

The American section of the committee was organized in the United States when Baron Shibusawa visited that country in 1918. After his return home the Japanese section was organized in Tokyo with more than a score of prominent Japanese business men to co-operate with the American members.

The meeting of the committee now has been called here for the exchange of frank opinions regarding diplomatic, economic and other questions arising between Japan and the United States. It is expected that about 15, including five or six from California, and the others from the Eastern states will come to Tokyo to attend the meeting.

Government approval of the proposed conference was given at a reception recently held at the residence of the premier. Many leading Japanese attended to exchange views on the promotion of friendly relations and a better understanding between the nations. Among them were Baron Shibusawa, Baron Sakatani, Baron Kondo, Kusbida, Zenjro Horikoshi, Junnosuke Inayae, governor of the Bank of Japan, Choji Kajiwara, president of the Yokohama Specie bank; Baron Magata, Vice-count Kaneko and Dr. Joichi Soyeda.

The premier said he believed that the conference would contribute to the advancement of friendliness between Japan and the United States and that he and other members of the cabinet had decided to give every possible support to it.

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### FOOTBALL IN "MERRY" ENGLAND VIES WITH BASEBALL IN U. S.

LONDON, March 17.—The national excitement attending league baseball pennant championships in America corresponds with association cup football in England. The weekly matches are always played early in the new year.

In three games in the Birmingham district, 95,000 people attended. Two matches in London drew 55,000. The London Chelsea team, the favorite in the cup final, played in the little Lancashire town of Bolton to a crowd that paid \$15,000 at the gate.

Cricket is a serious, silent game. Association football, both in the stands and on the field, is wild and rampant. Trumpets, bells and mechanical "rasps" are carried by rosters, and voices are not left at home. But there is no rah-rah rooting. There also are no ambulances or white-kimonoed surgeons on the sidelines.

Association football is very much a war of movement. There is a lot of kicking and running, and one of the tactics most curious to an American is the head-butting of the ball. Players leap high in the air meeting the ball with their bare heads and sending it bounding for a good distance. Around the goals is a net with a "goal-

### "LOVE NEVER DELIGHTED IN ANYONE GOING WRONG"

#### Vicar of Little English Parish Accused By Scrub Woman of Immoral Offenses Tried and Acquitted—Chides Congregation For Lack of Confidence.

LONDON, March 17.—The village of Rusper shamefacedly attended the evening service in their little parish church following the acquittal of their vicar, the Rev. Edward Synnott, at the consistory court.

The vicar had been accused by a scrubwoman of various immoral offenses; and the accusation, made in 1911, became a source of neighborhood poison. The village not only split into factions, but subscriptions, scandal festered on every tongue, and the vicar was by no means the only person touched by these eruptions. In a year the tranquil village had changed into a "scandal nest" and "hot-bed of malignity."

It was testified at the Church of England ecclesiastical court that an offer had been made to withdraw the charges against the vicar in 1918 if he gave up himself. He by no means languished under the cloud in the meantime. An Irishman, therefore, vigorously talkative, he became all the more spirited in the fight. The expense of conducting his proceedings cost him his savings and a farm, and the day following his acquittal he was adjudged a bankrupt.

With the complete airing of the scandal in the church court, the testimony

virtually convicting the complaining witnesses of blackmail, there came at once a purification in Rusper, a restoration of the old tranquility. The vicar was greeted with a demonstration in the streets of the little-Sussex hamlet. At his first evening service he spoke on the text, "Love never delighted in anyone going wrong."

Though he smiled he told his flock that if love had dominated all their souls he would never have been called upon to face such cruel scandal, baseless charges and ruin as he had suffered. "The money spent on my trial," he declared, "would have built 10 cottages for working men, a new church and a new church room."

### BABE UNNAMED, CENSUS TAKER SUPPLIES ONE

HAVERHILL, Mass., March 17. (By International News Service.)—William P. Herlihy is a census enumerator. While performing his duties in the Marble street section he visited a house occupied by a Polish family consisting of John Seda, his wife and 12 children. Herlihy was informed that the youngest child, a five-weeks-old baby girl, was unnamed.

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