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FIRING OF REVOLVER
PRECEDDED BY QUARREL

Sister of Movie Star Had Re-
tired Before Disturb-
ance on Lawn.

WIFE SPENDS NIGHT IN CELL

Says Victim Had Kept Her Prisoner
Four Days and Struck
Her.

[By United Press.]
FREDERICK, Md., June 25.—Oscar A. Hirsch, wealthy head of a big electrical concern, is in a hospital suffering from a bullet wound in the chest, and his wife, Mrs. Hazel Hirsch, reputedly beautiful, is at liberty under \$25,000 bail, after being charged with the shooting, following a party at the home of Rene Davies late Saturday night.

Rene Davies is a sister of Marion Davies. Both are movie actresses. Mrs. Hirsch was arraigned before a justice of the peace at an early hour Sunday, and held without bail until afternoon.

Said to Have Quarreled.
The shooting occurred on the lawn of the home of Rene Davies. Hirsch and his wife are said to have quarreled. He is accused of having struck her and she is said to have shot him with a small caliber revolver.

When the trouble occurred, some of the guests of Miss Davies already had left. Others were in front of the house.

Here is an account of what occurred, given by Magistrate Thomas, father of the Davies sisters, to State authorities:

"I heard the report. It sounded like a bursting tire. The next thing I heard was the cry of a man, 'I'm hurt.' I ran to the door. I saw him bleeding from the mouth and head on the front lawn. I then sent for the police and then went out and saw a woman running away."

"She was shouting, 'I didn't do it. I had to do it. He forced me to do it.' Then she threw herself on the ground and kicked and screamed."

Douglas said that when he first saw Mrs. Hirsch she had no blood on her face, but later she had blood flowing from a wound on her forehead. She had a small revolver in her hand and had fired it.

Rene Davies explained that the Hirsches were "invited guests" at a lawn party, and that she had gone to bed when the shooting occurred.

Miss Hirsch told me that her husband had kept her a prisoner in her home for four days, had given her little food and drink and "when he picked on me I didn't know what I did." Miss Davies told the authorities.

Hirsch is not in a serious condition, and is expected to leave the hospital Monday. The bullet which struck him entered one cheek, severed a plate of false teeth, passed through the other cheek, and lodged in his shoulder. He formerly was a theatrical promoter.

Twenty-five or thirty guests were at the party. Miss Marion Davies was not among them, she said at her home, and knew nothing of what had happened.

Mrs. Hirsch went to her home immediately after the shooting, and was taken from there by police to the Mineola jail at 3 o'clock in the morning. She was released on bail Sunday afternoon. Her husband was sent to the hospital in an ambulance.

Hirsch is 45, his wife 27. George M. Levy, counsel for Mrs. Hirsch, declared that neither she nor her husband was responsible at the time of the shooting. Levy said they had been drinking and that there was no use in trying to conceal the fact.

According to Levy, Hirsch left the home of Miss Davies, and his wife went home, but failed to find him there. She prepared for bed, but later slipped a polo coat over her nightgown and started to look for Hirsch.

She encountered him coming home. According to Levy, Hirsch had in his hand a small pistol, and this went off when Mrs. Hirsch endeavored to take it away from him.

POWDER EXPLOSIONS THREATEN RESORT

[By Associated Press.]
UTICA, N. Y., June 25.—The summer colony at Verona Beach, on Oneida Lake was threatened with extinction early tonight when three barges filled with powder caught fire and burned in a spectacular manner.

Fanned by a stiff breeze, the flames spread rapidly. With each explosion of powder, spurts of flame shot 200 feet into the air. Some Oneida sent fire apparatus to the scene. The Syracuse Sand Company was the owner of the barges.

Old Age Tells on Mother Earth.
WAYCROSS, Ga., June 25.—Old age is telling of Mother Earth and she is losing some of her attractiveness, according to discovery made here during the last few days by scientists from Carnegie Institute.

Tariff Bill Increases Necessities of Life

[By United Press.]
WASHINGTON, June 25.—Here's what increase each individual will have to pay for necessities of life under the McCarson tariff bill, according to Senator Walsh, Democrat, of Massachusetts.
Barley, .0094 cents per bushel; corn, .0077 cents per bushel; oats, .0077 cents per bushel; rye, .0022 cents per bushel; sugar, .490 cents per pound; beef, .2714 cents per pound; pork, .326 cents per pound; butter, .169 cents per pound; beans, .139 cents per bushel; potatoes, .1323 cents per bushel; apples, .297 cents per barrel.

COMMODITIES WILL COST BILLION MORE

Proposed Tariff to Increase
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BLAME FARMER BLOC

Statement Based on Figures
Compiled by Department
of Agriculture.

[By Associated Press.]
WASHINGTON, June 25.—Increase in tariff duties proposed on fresh meats, sugar, cereals, beans, potatoes and apples, if effective, would advance the cost of those commodities to American consumers by a total of \$1,316,569,449 annually, Senator Walsh, Democrat, Massachusetts, said today in a formal statement. He explained that this estimate had been prepared by the Department of Agriculture at his request and was based on the total consumption in this country, multiplied by the increased law of 1913. In the new bill over the law of 1913, Senator Walsh made public a table prepared by the department, showing the increased per capita cost per annum on such items would be as follows:

Barley, .0094; buckwheat, .0067; corn, .0077; oats, .0077; rye, .0022; wheat, .1752; sugar, .490; beef, .2714; butter, .169; pork, .326; beans, .139; potatoes, .1323; apples, .297. Total, \$1,316,569,449.

"These figures reveal the terrible consequences of high tariff duties on the bare necessities of life," said Senator Walsh. "At the very period when we are attempting to defeat the enormous costs of production and the excessive prices prevailing as a result of war conditions, it is proposed to increase the cost of living to the American people to the extent of \$1,316,569,449 per annum."

"It is unbelievable," he continued, "that any public man would for one instant seriously consider such a proposition. Yet, so great has been the pressure exerted on the majority party in Congress by the agricultural tariff bloc that unless the American people make emphatic protest without delay their living expenses for what they eat are to be increased at the rate of over \$1,250,000,000 per year."

"The heavy income tax burdens, the excess profits taxes and the high surtaxes which corporations and wealthy individuals have had to bear during and since the war sink into insignificance compared with the burden that the advocates of these agricultural tariff duties seek to force upon the great army of American toilers and consumers. Are the people of the United States ready to surrender without vehement protest just because the majority party in Congress has surrendered to the threats and intimidations of the agricultural bloc?"

President EXTENDS
VISIT TO LEESBURG

[By Associated Press.]
WASHINGTON, June 25.—President Harding and other members of the party who went yesterday to the country estate of Edward B. McLean, publisher of the Washington Post, at Leesburg, Va., decided to extend their visit to Monday morning. The White House was advised tonight that Mr. Harding's original plan to return late today.

SIMPLE SERVICES AT ROCKEFELLER FUNERAL

[By United Press.]
TARRYTOWN, N. Y., June 25.—William Rockefeller, who died at his home here Saturday of pneumonia, will be laid to rest in the granite mausoleum, just completed in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery.

Services will be held at Lockwood Hall Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning. They will be simple, with only a small number of persons attending.

The Rev. Charles W. Baldwin, rector of St. Mary's, the little Episcopal church at Scarborough, not far from the Rockefeller estate, will officiate.

LEAPS TO DEATH OFF BROOKLYN BRIDGE

[By Associated Press.]
NEW YORK, June 25.—A man believed to be Henry Montgomerie, of Brooklyn, jumped to his death from the Brooklyn Bridge this evening. The view of hundreds of pedestrians and surface car and elevated train passengers. He leaped from a passing surface car to the bridge roadway, stepped to the rail without looking back and jumped.

HARDING TO LEARN COUNTRY'S OPINION ON SHIP SUBSIDIES

Turn Congress Loose to
Conduct Nation-Wide
Referendum.

LASKER MAKES STRONG
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President Asserts Fight for
Shipping Policy Will
Continue.

MAY BE PASSED IN AUGUST

Chairman of Board Says Americans
Against Junking of
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By J. Frederick Essary,
Washington Correspondent of The
Times-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—Although the Harding administration has consented to postponement of consideration of the ship subsidy legislation in order that members of the House may return home and conduct a national referendum—also enjoy a brief vacation—the fight for the shipping policy is to go on.

In announcing to the country that he was about to turn loose upon it the membership of the House for a thirty or forty-day public feeling process, the President launched a fresh argument why subsidies should be provided for the merchant marine. This was his most direct declaration upon the question since his original subsidy message to Congress.

Today, Chairman Lasker, of the Shipping Board, follows the lead of his chief with even a more extended defense of subsidies. This is contained in a lengthy letter addressed to every member of the House and Senate, and with it is enclosed a copy of Mr. Lasker's argument before the joint committee in support of the administration bill.

From time to time during the House recess the champions of subsidy legislation expect to go before the country with other pronouncements in the hope popular sentiment crystallized by August that the House will no longer hesitate to adopt the subsidy program.

Lasker's Letter.
In his letter to members of Congress, made public today, Mr. Lasker talks with manifest frankness about the whole problem. For example, he says:

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MEXICANS KIDNAP A. BRUCE BIELASKI

[By Associated Press.]
MEXICO CITY, June 25.—A. Bruce Bielaski, former chief of the investigation bureau of the American Department of Justice, is reported to have been kidnapped and held for ransom, near Cuernavaca in the State of Morelos, together with Manuel Barcena, an attorney of Mexcala. The American charge d'affaires is investigating.

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CHICAGO, June 25.—Whether there is to be a strike of nearly 1,000,000 railroad shop and maintenance-of-way employees will be announced Thursday, when M. Jewell, president of the American Federation of Labor Railway Department, told the United News Sunday.

Jewell and the employees' policy committee were in session throughout the day, tabulating the three-pronged strike vote, which has now been completed and forwarded to the officials here.

It is understood that while the vote is generally in favor of a strike by an overwhelming majority, that it is "spotty" and that a few shop craft unions on certain railroads have voted negatively.

UNVEIL HOWITZERS' MEMORIAL TABLET

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FAME TOLD IN BRONZE

Representative Montague De-
livers Presentation and Col.
Myers Acceptance Address.

Glowing tribute to the officers and men of the Richmond Howitzers and to the women who have made it possible to perpetuate the names of those who served in the World War, yesterday afternoon marked the ceremonies incident to the unveiling of the memorial tablet in honor of the battery, erected by the Women's Auxiliary of the Richmond Howitzers' Association.

Representative Andrew Jackson Montague, of Richmond, delivered the presentation address, and he made eloquent reference to the valor and achievements of the Howitzers since that organization was first formed, and declared that it was the interest of the nation to have the names of the Howitzers' battery in the history of the city that is helping to perpetuate its memory and that but for their efforts the bronze memorial tablet would not have been unveiled.

The address of acceptance was delivered by Colonel William M. Myers, the former commander of the Howitzers. He not only gave credit to the women's auxiliary for the part it played in erecting the tablet, but said if it had not been for them many of the members of the battery would have died during the great war for lack of comfortable clothing.

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Run Afoul of Law at El-
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THREATENED WITH ARREST FOR
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PENDING FATE.

RICHMONDERS ARE IN DRAGNET

"Danger-Stop" Sign Only Reminder
of Recently Enacted Statute,
Rate Tourists Say

Great indignation as the result of the arrest of automobilists by the wholesale yesterday for failure to come to a full stop within ten feet of a railroad before crossing was expressed by motorists in various sections of Virginia last night. In several instances, it is said, those warning the drivers were threatened with arrest for interference.

A constable stood on either side of the track and arrested the automobilists when they failed to stop before crossing the track, and a justice of the peace tried them on the spot. Citizens declare that no other warning than a sign, "Danger-Stop," near the track, is said to have been posted to remind the motorists of a new law, which requires every person driving any vehicle on the public highways, on approaching a steam railway crossing, to stop before crossing the track, and a justice of the peace tried them on the spot. This act does not apply to cities and incorporated towns.

Arrests are said to have been made by constables at Taylor's Crossings, Glen Allen and Elmont. A fee for every arrest was paid the man making the arrest. Several hundred are understood to have been taken yesterday.

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Officials of the miners' unions and some operators are understood to believe the time is ripe for some attempt at a rapprochement. On the other hand, the sentiment in the operators' organization is said to be against any attempt at settlement, except through district and local agreements.

The miners, it was declared today, would welcome now—as they have in the past—any move toward a general conference with the operators and would participate in it if called by the President. They have not receded, it was said, from the program adopted at their convention last February, and are ready to present it at such a conference.

Magistrates Hold Court.
Two magistrates are said to have held court between 2 and 7 o'clock yesterday afternoon and between 7 and 10 o'clock this morning. In the first and 100 motorists were caught in the dragnet of the law, tried and fined.

R. G. Wilkinson, of Richmond, with the Remington Typewriter Company, was among those arrested, and, after paying his fine, took his station down the road, with other angry motorists, and began stopping approaching cars, telling them of the law.

One of the constables approached Mr. Wilkinson and threatened to place him under arrest if he continued to "interfere with the law." Mr. Wilkinson stated. He telephoned the Commonwealth's Attorney and told him of the order, and the attorney told him to "keep your post until he freezes over."

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