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CONFESSION OF MILITANT SUFF MADE IN COURT

Woman Glories in Her Work With The Torch

Mrs. Rigby, Physician's Wife, Claims to Have Caused \$100,000 Blaze

Liverpool, Eng., July 10.—A dramatic confession of incendiarism was made by a well known militant suffragette, Mrs. Edith Rigby, wife of a physician at Preston, in the police court here today.

Mrs. Rigby declared it was she who had on July 8 burned down the court residence at Rivington, near Horwich, Lancashire, of Sir William H. Lever, causing damage estimated at \$100,000.

She further confessed to being the perpetrator of the outrage at the Liverpool cotton exchange on July 5 when a bomb exploded but caused little damage.

Mrs. Rigby surrendered voluntarily to the police. When arraigned she gloried in her achievements, saying she wanted Sir Wm. H. never to consider whether his house was more valuable as a show place than as a beacon light for the King and the country to see women suffering an insupportable grievance. She told the magistrate:

"I lighted that beacon. I also placed the explosives in the Liverpool cotton exchange to show how easy it is to procure them and place them in public buildings. It might just as easily have blown up the Nelson Monument."

She was remanded for further hearing.

Mrs. Rigby has been a member of the Women's Social and Political Union, the militant suffrage organization for many years, and has taken part in public movements to promote the welfare of women. She has been imprisoned five times in connection with the suffrage movement and was on several occasions released owing to the breakdown of her health resulting from "hunger strikes."

Miss Clara Elizabeth Given, who, together with Kitty Maron was sentenced on July 3 to three years penal servitude for setting fire to the stands on Hurst park race course, was released from prison today in a serious condition of health resulting from a "hunger and thirst strike."

HITCHCOCK BACK OF PROSECUTION OF SUNDAY LABORERS

Owens Land Where Truck Gardening Was in Progress on the Sabbath

Taunts of Neighbors That He, Not the Lessee, Had Work Done, Led to Arrests

(Special to The Farmer)

Fairfield, July 10.—From one to five dollars for working on the Sabbath, eight Italian speaking residents of the Plattsville district, along the Eaton Turnpike, consider now that this broad land is as free as they were led to suppose it would be. On complaint of Justice of the Peace Robert C. Hitchcock, the eight men were arrested last Sunday by Sheriff Elwood. When apprehended the men were all engaged in laying out cabbage plants. All worked for John Delio who leased the land from Hitchcock.

It is said that the sight of the men tilling and harrowing the soil did not really offend Hitchcock, but rather the taunts of neighbors who jokingly said in Hitchcock's presence that as the land was his, the men were working under his direction.

Hitchcock told the court that he leased the land to Delio but with the understanding that it was not to be worked on the Sabbath. To this the lessee agreed. When he broke his promise, Hitchcock considered it time to act and made complaint to the sheriff. The latter had no other course to pursue than to make the arrests.

To the court Delio stated that last week he purchased 8,000 cabbage plants. Saturday it rained, while Sunday the land was in almost perfect condition for the setting out of the plants. He also feared that the plants would wilt if kept over another day.

The eight men admitted to the court that they worked on the Sabbath. All were questioned as to their knowledge of the law and all admitted that they heard that Sunday working in the fields was prohibited. The court had no alternative then but to find the eight men guilty, though it was with reluctance that the men were fined. Only nominal fines were imposed.

The eight men are all working men. A few of them walk to Bridgeport each day to their employment in the factories, while the remainder are employed on the Hydraville Co. dam.

CRISPELL GIRL BURIED; LOVE LETTERS FOUND

These Play Important Part in Solution of Lake Mystery

Dead Girl Had Hinted at Suicide By Drowning—So Had Johns

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., July 10.—Scores of letters that passed between Alice Crispell, the 18 year old daughter of a farmer, whose body was found in Harvey's Lake last Monday, and Herbert Johns, the mine worker who is under arrest here in connection with her death have been made public by the county detectives who are working on the case.

All the letters are filled with love sentiments and some of them show that the girl and Johns had their troubles. The girl in several missives to Johns told of having quarrels with members of her family.

"So many things are troubling me that I feel like jumping into the lake," she said in one letter. Johns in a letter to the girl wrote "I had a notion to jump into the lake and end all my troubles. Why, darling, I have so many I do not know what to do with them."

County Detective McKelvey said Johns admitted to him that both had been drinking on the night of the Fourth of July which was the last night the girl was seen alive. In one of his letters to Miss Crispell Johns wrote: "I'm temperance between drinks and so are you, dearest. We won't have to wait much longer till the Fourth of July. Then we'll have a devil of a time."

It is expected that Sophorus Reese of Plymouth, who told the police yesterday that he saw a woman resembling Miss Crispell stagger along the road to Harvey's Lake and that a man was assisting her, will be one of the most important witnesses at the inquest tonight.

The funeral of Miss Crispell was held from her home in the Crispell family home today. The body was interred in a rural cemetery about ten miles from the Crispell farm.

U. S. REPORT FIXES RESPONSIBILITY FOR STAMFORD WRECK WITH OPERATING OFFICERS OF THE NEW HAVEN ROAD

AMENDMENT TO BRIDGEPORT PAVING BILL IMPROPERLY ALTERED SAYS REP. WILSON

Representative Lynn W. Wilson, discussing the recollections of Representative Citrus King, relative to the passage of the Bridgeport paving bill in the House said today:

"Mr. King's memory of the course of the Bridgeport paving bill in the House is inaccurate. He says there was no substitute bill. He also says that I offered no amendment to the bill."

"If he has preserved his House file which is a book containing all bills reported favorably which have been ordered printed—he will find File 470, which shows upon its face that it is a substitute for Senate Bill No. 271. 'An amendment to the City of Bridgeport to borrow money on serial notes.'"

"If he will consult the Journal of the House for May 20, he will find record of an amendment to this substitute, offered by me and marked 'Schedule A.'"

"If he will consult the file relating to this subject, which is in the office of the secretary of state, he will find the original of that amendment as prepared for me in the office of the clerk of bills and he will note that this was an amendment 'Schedule A' to File 470, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 271, and that the amendment passed the House on May 20 and the Senate on May 23."

"So there was a substitute bill, which was the only bill relating to the Bridgeport paving, printed and in the file, and there was an amendment to that substitute bill, which was offered by me, and was passed by both Houses."

"Mr. King is correct in saying that the clerk did not read the bill. He would have read it had the original bill, so called, been under consideration. That was not printed. The custom is to read the text of unprinted bills and not to read the text of printed bills. In the one case the members of the legislative body cannot know what the bill contains unless it is read. In the other case the printed bill is before each member and he sees exactly what it contains."

"Wood of the legislative body evidently from his notion that the Substitute bill was a bill offered by a member from the floor, to take the place of a bill relating to the same subject, did not know what the bill could not be printed and would be read by the clerk."

The Substitute bill which the House did pass and which I caused to be printed in the county jail reported from committee.

"Upon the face of File 470, Mr. King will find this statement: 'The committee on finance reported, through Senator J. Cullinan of this county, chairman of the committee on the part of the Senate, that the Substitute Bill ought to pass.'"

"I do not know what has been printed without it existed, and would not have been printed upon white paper unless it were a favorable report, for bills unfavorably reported

Report of Interstate Commerce Commission Blames Road for Allowing Doherty "Inexperienced and Uninstructed" to Run Train

BRAKES 'INEFFICIENT'; SIGNALS DEFECTIVE

Commissioner M'Chord Has No Sympathy for Attempt to Foist Blame on Enginemen's Working Agreement With Railroad—He Points Out Clause of Agreement Covering Cases Such As That of Doherty—Recommendations of the Commission Demand Immediate Steps Toward Safer Operation of Road

Washington, July 10.—The Interstate Commerce Commission's report of its investigation of the N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. passenger train wreck at Stamford, Conn., on June 12, holds that the road was negligent in placing Engineer Doherty in charge of a through passenger train when he "was inexperienced and uninstructed."

The general conclusions, written by Commissioner M'Chord, include the following statement:

"Establishment of safer and more efficient operation of this railroad is immediately necessary if Congressional legislation extending the scope of governmental regulation of railroads is not to be called for and justified in the interests of public safety."

The report declares the whole evidence justifies the following conclusions:

"The engineman of second No. 53 (the colliding train of Engineer Doherty) did not have the special experience and instruction required for the operation of such a train."

"The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company had no reliable method for determining the capacity of enginemen before placing them in charge of such speed passenger trains."

"There was negligence on the part of the corporation in putting in charge of such a train as second No. 53, an engineman inexperienced and uninstructed in this class of work."

"This railroad has no proper system of checking work reports so as to determine whether or not defects reported on locomotives are actually repaired. This lack of supervision is dangerous and it ought not to be permitted to continue."

"The distant signal at Stamford is too near the home signal and should be at least 2,500 feet distant therefrom."

"Modern steel equipment for high speed passenger trains should be installed at the earliest possible time, as recommended in previous reports of this commission, and legislation fixing such a time should be enacted without delay."

BURGLARS MAKE OFF WITH WAGONLOAD OF LOOT FROM SALOON

The saloon of Antonio Riccio, 845 Fembroke street, was robbed during the night and practically cleaned out. A quantity of goods, including boxes and barrels were removed from the place and the burglar made off with the loot in a wagon. So bold was the burglary that several detectives and many policemen are today detailed upon the case in the hopes that the robbers will be apprehended.

According to report current among Italian circles this is but one of several depredatees recently perpetrated upon Italian-speaking citizens, who are to report the matter to the police. A peculiar code of retaliation at times makes it almost impossible for officers to get information which will lead to the capture of persons responsible.

Riccio's saloon was entered sometime between midnight and 2 a. m. A key was used to unlock the front door. The cash register was broken open and \$10 extracted. The proprietor estimated that \$7,000 in goods and 5 and 10 cent variety had been stolen, valued at \$150; one bicycle, \$25; three umbrellas, \$10.00; cigarettes and tobacco, \$25; a barrel containing 20 gallons of whiskey, \$40, and many other minor articles estimated at \$50.

Earlier in the day the home of Mrs. Pasquella Santoro, 135 Logan street, was entered by a rear window during the woman's absence and jewelry to the amount of \$150 taken from drawers and closets which had been ransacked.

Jones Retains Counsel; He May Fight Dentists

Dr. A. B. Jones whose assistant's dental license has been revoked by the state dental commissioners has retained Attorney Jacob B. Klein of this city to look after his interests. Mr. Jones today received notice from Dr. Edward Eberle of Hartford, recorder of the State Dental commissioners notifying him of the revocation of his license. If Jones is to contest the revocation it will be necessary for him to serve notice within twelve days with the recorder and the case will then go to the courts for settlement.

The dental commissioners made their decision to revoke the license after consultation with Attorney General John H. Light. The case is attracting considerable interest in this city throughout the State as there are many dentists who are working under the same condition as Jones.

Dentists assert that Jones is liable to prosecution should he continue to practice and that they will take steps to have County Health Officer George E. Hill look into the case.

NEW YORK WOMAN LOSES \$32,000 IN JEWELRY IN PARIS

Paris, July 10.—Mrs. John F. Martin of New York was robbed last evening of \$32,000 in jewelry at a hotel on the Place Vendome, where she is staying.

Yesterday Mrs. Martin changed from the room she had been occupying, which overlooked a side street to one on the Place Vendome. She carried her smaller belongings to her new apartment herself and placed her jewelry, wrapped in a handkerchief, on the table.

When the time came to dress for dinner the jewels were no longer there. An exhaustive search was made, but they were not found, and Mrs. Martin today informed the police.

M'INTYRE, FORMER RESIDENT HERE, HAS TRAGIC DEATH

Bridgeport friends of James McIntyre, Waterbury salesman for Armour & Co., were shocked today to learn of his death in Waterbury last night. A horse which Mc. McIntyre was driving ran away in Bishop street, there, late yesterday afternoon. The animal got beyond Mr. McIntyre's control and he was fatally injured. He was rushed to St. Mary's hospital and died there at 10:30 last night.

Mr. McIntyre had a host of friends in Bridgeport. He was formerly employed here as salesman for Armour & Co. and lived at Reilly's hotel in Cannon street. He was a member of Waterbury lodge, H. P. O. E. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. F. M. McIntyre, and a brother, Patrick McIntyre, and a brother, Francis, who live in Waterbury.

WALTER ASHCROFT GETS PAROLE SO HE CAN TAKE JOB

Upon the plea that he had obtained a position in this State where he could start work immediately, Walter Ashcroft of this city, has been paroled from the county jail and has been placed on probation. Judge Greene of the superior court agreed to the parole when it was recommended by Assistant State Attorney Carrier, Attorney John J. Cullinan and the county jail. The accused, who is only 18 years old, was arrested for stealing copper wire from railroad cars in this city. He was taken there in the afternoon and was persuaded by another man to do the stealing. The court sentenced him last February to serve six months, but on account of his previous good record and the fact that he had a position in view, the court was willing to parole him.

BULGARS FLEE WITH SERVANS IN HOT PURSUIT

St. Petersburg, July 10.—Bulgaria has placed herself unreservedly in the hands of Russia with the view of bringing about a cessation of hostilities in the Balkans and in order to prevent further bloodshed, according to an announcement made here today, apparently on good authority.

Elks Will Witness Fireworks Tonight

Rochester, N. Y., July 10.—Weather today threatened to interfere with outdoor amusements planned in honor of the Grand Lodge of the E. P. O. E., which has been holding here this week its 49th annual reunion. A monster parade was scheduled to start at 10 o'clock this morning and competitive drills and band concerts in Genesee valley park were on the program for this afternoon.

Tonight the city's annual water carnival will take place on the Upper Genesee river, followed by a grand pyrotechnical display.

The business session of the Grand Lodge was to open at 5:30 p. m., with a session of sewing in memory of Chas. C. Schmidt, a member of the board of grand trustees who died last October.

The questions of establishing a tuberculosis home and granting a charter to Honolulu lodge remained to be settled.

ROB TWO AS THEY SLEEP IN OPEN AIR

While trying the open air cure, and sleeping on their front porch at 126 Nichols street, Jack Schneider and Julius Gershowitz, robbed of \$29,000 in jewelry and cash, were awakened by an obliging stranger who took off his shoes and stealthily proceeded to rifle their pockets. Upon being aroused the victims were warned not to give pursuit under threat of being shot.

According to Schneider's account to the police he is the greater loser as he had a roll of bills containing over \$25,000. His companion had but \$4,000. Schneider woke up to find a man bending over him and taking his money from his trouser pocket. He protested and woke Gershowitz. The man was not to be found, and Mrs. Martin today informed the police.

Patrick Miele Wins Suit Against McKenna

Judge Scott of the court of common pleas handed down a decision today in the action of Patrick Miele of New York against former City Engineer M. F. McKenna of this city. The memorandum states that by consent it was agreed to give Miele \$318 and costs. He claims he gave McKenna \$300 in trust for Frank Hastings and that McKenna refused to pay over the money. McKenna denied the charge.

TROLLEY CAR AND WAGON IN COLLISION

Another collision between a trolley car and wagon was recorded on the emergency hospital blotter last night when Michael Stern, 39 years old, 92 Newfield avenue, a driver for Henry Bresky, was taken there in the ambulance after having been struck on Stratford avenue.

He was suffering from multiple contusions of the body and shock. Treatment was taken here and he was returned to his home. This is but one of a number of similar accidents recently and no detailed report of the incident could be found at police headquarters today.

JUDGE WALSH GIVES DINNER TO DEMOCRATS

New Haven, July 10.—Announcement was made today from the office of Secretary Edwin S. Thomas that a meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee will be held at the Montauk on the east shore near New Haven on Saturday, July 12. The meeting will be called to order at 1 p. m., and is for the purpose of filling any vacancies on the committee and transacting any other business proper to be done at the meeting. An invitation has been extended to the state officers to be present.

At the conclusion of business the members and invited guests will sit down to a dinner at which Judge Walsh of Stratford will be host.

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"Primarily the determination of (1) the requirements of the service, and (2) the competency of enginemen is for the management of the railroad. The most important requirement of the service is the safety requirement.

"In this case it is shown that no reliable or effective system was in operation for the determination of the safety requirements of the service in the selection of an engineman for a particular service or for the determination of the competency of an engineman when he was first given a high speed passenger train."

"The neglect or precautions for safety was here a neglect upon points which the enginemen's agreement left open to the management."

"The mere absence of demerit marks while in freight service was considered a good record, sufficiently determined, to justify employment on fast passenger trains, a class of service requiring the highest degree of qualification. No determination of special qualification for higher grade of service was made. The agreement with the enginemen in no manner restricts examination or competency tests on the part of the management. The absence of all competency tests of this engineman is a matter for which the management is solely responsible. His good judgment in bringing an express passenger train to a stop ought not to have been tried out at the risk of passenger's lives."

"When, in handling a first class passenger train this engineman of his first trip went by a station and reported that it was due to the brakes being no good, it is strange that no one in authority then saw any necessity for a test, either of the man or the brakes, before he was again sent out in the same line of service. The general manager, however, reached the conclusion.

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