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NEW TESTIMONY MARKS MRS. PANTAGES GUILTY

Defendant's Eyes Were Half Closed, Glassy After Her Auto Killed Man, Says Witness; Evidence as to Intoxication Mounts Higher

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 11. (U.P.)—A woman's name was added today to the long string of states witnesses who testified they believed Mrs. Lois Pantages, wife of the theater magnate, was intoxicated when her automobile collided with one driven by Juro Rokumoto.

Taking the stand at Mrs. Pantages' trial for Rokumoto's murder, Mrs. Dorothy S. Clarke said that the defendant appeared to be under the influence of liquor at the time of the crash in which Rokumoto was injured fatally.

"I held my hand over my eyes so I wouldn't see the terrible collision," Mrs. Clark said. "But went right over after it happened. Mrs. Pantages' eyes were half-closed and glassy and she appeared indifferent to what had happened."

"I believe she was intoxicated," J. F. Mason confirmed the testimony given by other witnesses to the effect that Mrs. Pantages was driving her machine on an erratic path through traffic until it finally crashed against Rokumoto's car.

Mrs. Pantages was on the wrong side of the street, Mason's father had testified.

The collision threw Mrs. Pantages' car against the left-hand curb, he said, while Rokumoto's family was thrown into the street and Rokumoto himself was pinned under the wreckage.

For the purpose of speeding the trial, Judge Charles Hardy, ordered that all morning sessions of court open one hour earlier and all afternoon sessions close one-half an hour later.

The state probably will not close its case for two or three days.

SIX OFFICERS INDICTED ON BOOZE COUNT

Los Angeles Policemen Face Serious Charge As Result Of Bootlegger's Revelations to Grand Jury.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 11. (U.P.)—Six police officers connected with the Central station shotgun and vice squad are reported to have been indicted by the county grand jury late today as a result of sensational charges brought by Harry MacDonald, bootlegger.

MacDonald declared that 52 local officers had been involved in a huge extortion and pay-off ring which had as its headquarters his little disguised Turkish bath house.

The true bills were returned before Judge Angeler and warrants for the arrest of the indicted men were turned over to deputy sheriffs immediately.

Two of the men were arrested early tonight. Patrolman Thos. D. Washburn, of the liquor detail, was taken into custody while on duty. Patrolman Leonard F. Sale, of the vice squad, was the second man arrested. He was held in the county jail on \$10,000 bond.

Officers Chosen By Methodists

F. A. Gibson, L. J. Oakes, C. D. Baker, E. C. McGriff, Trustees; Southern California Conference Is September 24.

Trustees and other officers for the coming year have been elected by the Methodist Episcopal Church, at their annual election conference, which will be followed September 24 in Pasadena by the annual Southern California conference, in which the local church is included.

The trustees elected are F. A. Gibson, L. J. Oakes, C. D. Baker and E. C. McGriff. The stewards are Mrs. Earl Eglington, Mrs. W. G. Fulton, F. A. Gibson, L. J. Oakes, Mrs. Lou Martin, S. C. Scott, Mrs. Olivia Tracht, A. C. Melton, Irwin Stevens, Mrs. W. S. Park, C. D. Baker, James Williams and Mrs. R. E. Lake.

On the membership committee are each Mrs. Lou Martin and E. C. McGriff. On the music committee are Mrs. W. G. Fulton, A. C. Melton and Mrs. Roy Martin. On the finance committee are F. A. Gibson, Mrs. W. G. Fulton, C. D. Baker, Mrs. J. M. Ullom, Mrs. Earl Eglington, L. J. Oakes and A. C. Melton. The financial secretary is Mrs. Blanche Hampton.

The auditor is C. D. Breeze, while C. D. Baker and F. A. Gibson will take care of the records. L. J. Oakes heads the house committee.

The Ladies' Aid Society committee is headed by Mrs. W. G. Fulton. The pastoral relations and pulpits supply committee consists of L. J. Oakes, F. A. Gibson, Mrs. R. E. Lake and Mrs. J. M. Ullom.

The religious education committee consists of the Sunday school superintendent, the Ladies' Aid president and the Epworth league president.

Dr. Walter Buckner of Pasadena, district superintendent of the Pasadena district, conducted the election conference here.

MALANEY SEEKS DIVORCE

C. H. Malaney filed suit yesterday for divorce from Olive J. Malaney. The couple were married in Petoskey, Mich., in 1922. Desertion is charged in the complaint, which was filed by Harmon and Salter, attorneys.

Late Bulletins

DETROIT, Sept. 11. (U.P.)—ZMC-2, the first all-metal dirigible, took off tonight for Lakehurst.

KODIAK, Alaska, Sept. 11. (U.P.)—Heavy gales tonight were breaking up the freighter Golden Forest, which has a crew of 38 men and is aground on the north side of Sheliko straits, according to radio calls flashed to the coast guard cutter Haida.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 11. (U.P.)—Trial of Captain H. O. Bleumish and third mate O. V. Saunders of the Tanker Dodd and Robert Papenfus, third mate of San Juan, on charges of negligence and inattention to duty, was begun today before inspectors Joseph Dolan and Frank Turner of the federal steamship inspection service.

FLUSHING, Holland, Sept. 11. (U.P.)—The Belgian steamship Estella collided with a German steamship on the Scheldt today and sank immediately with a loss of 14 lives.

The dead included 13 members of the crew and a pilot. Only two were rescued.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 11. (U.P.)—Complete suspension for 30 days of oil production in the rich Oklahoma City fields was ordered today by the Oklahoma corporation commission for Tuesday morning.

DENVER, Sept. 11. (U.P.)—Fred W. Green, governor of Michigan, was honored here late today by the United Spanish War Veterans with the office of Commander-in-Chief.

Fred Bauer of Memphis, Tennessee, was elected junior vice commander.

R. H. Wankowski, of Los Angeles was elected vice commander.

NORTH HAVEN, Maine, Sept. 11. (U.P.)—Col. Charles Lindbergh and his bride arrived in a Ford monoplane at the Morrow home here tonight. They will resume a vacation there which was interrupted soon after their marriage last spring.

Royal Sendoff Planned for Stewart Cousins, Soon to Leave on Mission

A genuinely royal sendoff will be given Miss Marba Stewart and Paris Stewart, her cousin, this week end by their L. D. S. friends as they complete preparations for their missions in the east.

For two cousins, one a girl and the other a man, to leave at the same time on missions is unusual, to say the least, and members of the L. D. S. church here will show their appreciation of the two missionaries with a program of music, readings and speeches Friday evening at the church.

Paris and Marba Stewart will be asked to respond with brief talks, according to Bishop Bryan Bunker. The young man will spend two years in the middle west, with Chicago as headquarters, while

Walker Expected To Forfeit Bail On Rum Charge

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 11. (U.P.)—While Mickey Walker was at liberty today under \$300 bond, pending trial October 7, on a liquor possession charge, the world middle weight champion's attorney indicated that the bail would be forfeited by non-appearance.

Walker entered a plea of not guilty to the charge yesterday when he was called into municipal court as a result of his pugilistic meanderings of early Monday morning, which terminated when he did battle in the apartment of a Hollywood film girl.

Two others accused with Walker likewise pleaded not guilty. They were Ray Hallor and Arthur Houseman.

Gordon Sweeney, motion picture director, and the gentleman who received the champion's punch without charge, pleaded guilty on the possession charge and was fined \$300. He also found a \$20 intoxication fine Monday just after the fight in Dorothy Davis' apartment.

Congressman Burns to Death As He Sleeps

O. K. Kvale, Minnesota Farmer-Laborite, Dies When Gasoline Lamp Explosion Sets Fire to Cottage.

BATTLE LAKE, Minn., Sept. 11. (U.P.)—Trapped by fire while he slept in a summer cottage near here, O. K. Kvale, farmer-labor congressman from Minnesota, burned to death last night when the home was destroyed.

Explosion of a stove, the kind known as "air-tight heater," or a gasoline lamp, was blamed for the fire, which apparently broke out about midnight.

Dr. I. T. Kvale of Willmar, son of the dead man, said his father had been troubled with insomnia since the death of Mrs. Kvale three years ago, and frequently took sleeping potions. It is believed he took a potion last night and in his deep sleep was unable to get out when the fire came.

Kvale, only farmer-laborite in congress, succeeded Andrew J. Volstead as representative of the seventh Minnesota district. The retirement of Volstead, however, gave little satisfaction to the wets, as Kvale, it is maintained was "drier than Volstead."

Lady Heath Fights For Her Eyesight

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 11. (U.P.)—Physicians tonight assured Lady Mary Heath, noted British aviatrix, that she would recover completely from serious injuries received when her plane crashed through a factory roof during the national air races two weeks ago.

CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 11. (U.P.)—Lady Mary Heath, famous Irish aviatrix, who received serious injuries here two weeks ago when her plane crashed through a factory roof, lay in Lakeside hospital here today fighting for her eyesight.

No statement regarding the possible loss of the woman fighter's sight would be made by Dr. Elliott C. Cutler, brain specialist of the hospital, who has been attending Lady Mary.

He indicated that this is the crucial period of recovery and a verdict as to whether or not she will be able to see will be known in a few days. Hospital officials said that otherwise Lady Heath's condition was slowly improving.

Riverside Bridge Repair Started

Repairs of the Riverside bridge, 75 miles northeast of Las Vegas on the Arrowhead highway, was started yesterday by the state highway department.

The water of the Virgin river has been successfully diverted, by the building of the third dam, and materials are all on the scene, according to C. C. Boyer, state highway division engineer.

Blocking up of the bridge was started yesterday, and the deck will be torn off tomorrow.

It is expected the bridge will be passable within a week. Meanwhile teams are still being employed by the state to pull cars across through the water.

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 11. (U.P.)—Nine hundred "boys in blue" strode a mile today in the parade opening the sixty-third annual national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

BROADCAST STATION TO BE AT PROFESSIONAL BUILDING

Las Vegas Will Go on the Air Some Time Next Month; Carl Ray to Rush Building of Two-Story Annex for Radio Station Here

"Station KGLX, broadcasting from the top floor of Carl Ray's Professional building, Las Vegas, Nevada."

Many times each day this statement will crackle out from two 150-foot towers atop the new building at 425 Fremont, next door to the Age, beginning sometime in October, it is planned.

A ten-year contract signed this week by Carl Ray and officers of the Las Vegas Nevada Radio Corporation, headed by J. M. Heaton, of this city, calls for the construction of a two-story annex 24 by 36 feet at the rear of the lot occupied by the Professional building.

Construction of this annex will be started immediately, according to Ray, and it will be built in all probability of concrete blocks, sound proof, at a cost of several thousand dollars.

The first floor will contain the operating room while the second will house the studio, auxiliary room and reception room.

A big Neon sign will be placed at the top of the towers, according to Ray.

Norman H. Marshall, who is general manager and part owner of stations KMTZ and KPLA, according to Heaton, and who has been negotiating with Heaton for some time relative to the establishment of the broadcast station, closed the deal with Ray Tuesday, after searching all day for a suitable location.

KPLA is the Los Angeles Examiner station, and KMTZ the Los Angeles Herald, according to Ray.

Marshall is expected back in this city Monday. He left Tuesday evening for Los Angeles immediately after completing the contract with Ray.

Equipment is being specially made for the station, Heaton stated Monday, and is now virtually ready for installation.

Columbia and National hookups, either or both, are expected to be arranged by the corporation.

Naturalization Hearing Put Off

Three Las Vegans, Two of Goodsprings, One From Arden Will Take Examinations October 21.

Naturalization hearing for six Las Vegans, Goodsprings and Arden residents has been postponed by Judge Orr from September 24 to October 21, due to a request from the Los Angeles office.

An examiner will come to this city to take charge of the hearings with the amount of One Hundred Twenty-Five dollars.

"You will recall that we pledged this amount as a part of the \$1,000 needed to match the sum as bequeathed to the Library by the late food citizen, Mr. Smith."

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Mexican Stand On Water Told

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 11. (U.P.)—Mexico asks only reciprocity and equal rights from the United States in the settlement of the water power problem, the newspaper "Excelsior" said today in commenting on the closing of the session of the international water commission which convened here to confer with the Rio Grande and Colorado rivers control.

"We are not requesting favors or concessions," the newspaper said. "Neither do we wish to violate privileges."

The editorial mentioned certain complaints from Mexican chambers of commerce that despite the cooperation between the United States and Mexico, the Imperial Valley, Calif., side thus far has obtained greater benefits from the flood control commission than the Mexico side.

Senate Ready For Tariff Bill

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11. (U.P.)—Clouds which hung over senatorial progress with the tariff bill were swept away today by postponement until December of action on the seat controversy.

The postponement clears the way for a fresh start on the tariff bill.

Rhodes Arrested For Running Lottery

Charged with running a lottery in the Arizona Club, Charles Rhodes was arrested Tuesday night. He was out on \$500 bond until he was fined \$50 yesterday by Judge Foley.

Running a lottery is a misdemeanor, according to District Attorney Harley A. Harmon, who repeated yesterday his statement that gambling laws will be enforced to the letter henceforth.

The lottery in question was run Chinese style, it is stated.

Murderer Given Thrills of Dying Twice in Chair

STATE PRISON, Midegeville, Ga., Sept. 11. (U.P.)—Faulty Mechanisms in an electric chair gave a holdup murderer, Malcolm Morrow, his final thrill of life today.

The horrified man, seated in the chair at 12:15 p. m., saw white-faced witnesses stare at him as the switch turned the current on. The transformer hummed, but Morrow sat solemn-eyed—alive.

Ten minutes later, however, adjustments had been completed, and the condemned man—who had remained strapped in the chair through the interim, was electrocuted.

He was followed by his companion in a bank robbery that resulted in the fatal shooting of a cashier, Homer Simpson, former Cleveland, Tenn., police chief.

Football Season May Be Opened With Kingman

Two Score Huskies Turn Out Nightly With Coach Butcher; Dozen Lettermen From Last Year On Job.

Kingman high school may furnish the first competition this year in local high school football team, which is turning out nightly for practice, according to Coach Frank Butcher, who is negotiating with the Arizona coach for the first game September 29.

Definite word has not been received yet as to when the game will be played here or at Kingman, if scheduled, has not been determined.

Panaca, Victorville, Ely, Bunkerville, Overton and Tonopah also have been sent communications by the local coach asking for dates. The three last named have never had football teams before, but may have this year. Ely played last year, and it is expected a return game will be played there this year.

With plenty of good material from last year, turning out regularly, Coach Butcher expects to work up a first class machine this year. Thirty to forty have been out for practice from 4 p. m. to dark each evening.

Ten of last year's men who are on deck this season, Bill Witt, head end; Ben Sheahan, tackle; Harvey Tait, guard; Godon Potter, center; Joe Rios, guard; Leland Beatty, end; Mahlon Brown, guard and Jack Pavin, halfback.

Leland Beatty probably will be shifted to the backfield, according to Butcher.

Abe Miller, senior; Glen Jaret, junior, and Lloyd Hauger, two year letterman from Alhambra, are the candidates for the quarterback position.

Abe Miller may play center and signals, and Glen Jaret will catch signals from the fullback berth.

No one has the job cinched as yet, according to Butcher. The best man will get the position in every case, and time and practice will tell who comprises the first team.

Needles will have a team in the field again this year for the first time since the local school has played football. They laid off the game two years ago, at the time Las Vegas took it up.

H. S. Forensic Holds Meeting

Organization and activity plans for the year were formulated by the Junior Forensic club of Las Vegas high school at the initial meeting of the year last night.

Four one-act plays, a dance and Christmas, and preparation of programs for special days such as Armistice Day and the teachers' institute in October, are included in plans of the organization, which is under the advisement of L. R. Scott and Eva Adams, instructors.

Miss Frazier and the two advisors attended last night's meeting, at which Ethel Cory was named temporary secretary.

Mr. Scott will be director of debate and Miss Adams of dramatics. Practice debates will be held against Bunkerville, Overton and Needles this year, the coach stated last night.

Membership of the club at present is as follows:

Joyce Hammond, Rolline Mosbach, Mary Campbell, Betty Gantner, Ruth Doolittle, Virginia Beckley, Jane Kramer, Ruth Craner, Virginia Anglos, Frances Kramer, Marjorie Bartlett, Gertrude Bailey, Leland Ward, Bruce Beckley, Geo. F. Francis, Herbert Ward, Lester Kimble, Bill McKenzie, Elaine Martin, Iva Barlow, Gene Denning, Jack Quaid, Jack Garner, Mazie Martin, Joan Dotson, Betty Clauson, Dorothy Gravelle, Alison Gibson, Jack Lezee, Harold Foremaster, Howard Wasden, Thomas Martin, Betty Fulton, June Nay, Irene Taylor, Evelyn Rhoades, Calvin Cory, Charles Doherty, Bill Gravelle and Abe Miller.

Banker Confesses He Alone to Blame

NEW CASTLE, Wyo., Sept. 11. (U.P.)—Assuming the role of modern Robin Hood, C. D. Waggoner, the Telluride, Colo., bank president, whose main street shrewdness cost Wall street's wizards \$500,000 confessed here today that he alone conceived and executed the gigantic New York bank swindle to repay depositors for the losses they had sustained through the operations of eastern financiers.

Within a few hours after his arrest at Chambers Park, a resort north of here, last night, Waggoner had dropped his assumed manners of the suave eastern financier for the simplicity of the small town business man. His confession was complete. It was given without urge to amazed sheriff's deputies in a dismal cell of the county jail here.

"I'm glad it's over," Waggoner said. "I knew it was coming and was not surprised when officers found me."

Waggoner declared that he had realized nothing personally from the transactions and that his only aim was to save the Bank of Telluride and prevent the depositors from losing.

WORST FOREST FIRES ROAR IN NORTHWEST

Residents, Animals Flee for Lives in Oregon, Abandoning Homes; 25,000 Acres Are Swept; National Parks Are Closed to Public

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 11. (U.P.)—Flames roared over vast areas of the Pacific Northwest today in what was described as the most serious forest fire situation in years.

Residents and animals fled for their lives from the Triangle Lake fire in western Lake County, Oregon. Homes were abandoned as the flames raged uncontrolled.

In northeastern Washington more than 25,000 acres were swept by fire that raced through the Kaniksu forest. Recruits are being rushed from Spokane to join the 350 men attempting to control the fire.

Hundreds of smaller fires ate through timber areas in Oregon and Washington. The weather bureau gave no hopes of lower temperatures, higher humidity or rain for several days.

All national forests in Oregon and all but two in Washington have been closed to the public during the fire menace.

DAM POWER BIDS MUST BE IN OCTOBER 1

Interior Department Speeds Preliminaries Looking to Starting of Structure to Cost \$165,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11. (U.P.)—Prospective purchasers of power from Boulder Dam on the Colorado river, which the government will build at a cost of about \$165,000,000, have been notified by the Interior Department that their applications must be filed by October 1.

"Applications should state the quantity of power desired and should contain a general statement concerning the purchase and place of use of the power covered by the application, with such other information as may be considered necessary," the department announced.

New Pro Comes To Country Club

Golf Players Making Preparations for an Active Season—Open Tournament September 29.

Eugene Hamm, formerly of Fulton Country Club, Fulton, Mo., will arrive in Las Vegas September 15, to take charge of Las Vegas Country Club affairs.

Mr. Hamm has had considerable experience as a teacher and shoots a good game himself, having a number of scores in the low seventies over a number of Los Angeles courses.

In an interview today with Dr. Wm. S. Park, president of Las Vegas Country Club and E. A. Ferron, one of the directors who have been talked with by Mr. Hamm and arranged for his coming here, they stated that though a young man, they feel Mr. Hamm is just the one to fill the local bill. While many of our local golfers have been improving their game a good teacher has been badly needed here and young Hamm seems admirably equipped to take the kinks out of local mashies wielders.

An interesting winter golf season is being planned by the Club and a number of improvements are in line. A mass meeting of all interested and friends of the club will be held at 10 o'clock on Friday, September 20, at a place to be announced later.

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"This time Mr. Hamm will be on hand and we want all the players to meet him."

The formal opening of the winter playing season will be an open tournament, qualified at 18 holes, one week end, and the finals to be played at matched play over the following week end. This will take place about September 19. By that time the course will have been put in shape.

The club plans the erection of a small club house over this fall as well as to start towards other improvements. It is hoped that at least three of the greens can be put into grass this season.

"Again let us urge that all members of the club and all interested in playing golf come to the meeting. We are especially anxious to have those among us who are not members and wish to play to get in touch with us and make arrangements for membership in the club. There are a number of different classes of membership, ranging from 'regular' down to 'temporary' and we are anxious to get as many members as possible so as to enable us to carry out our season's plans."

Several Receive Court Sentences

Several residents of Clark County were sentenced Saturday last by Judge Norcross in the Federal court at Carson City, on various charges.

They include the following as reported by the Carson City News:

Rube Feld, of Las Vegas, was sentenced to a year and a day in the Nevada state prison on a charge of trafficking in narcotic drugs. He was also fined one hundred dollars.

William McClellan of Las Vegas was sentenced to serve seven months in the Ormsby county jail and was fined \$250 and costs. He will be released on parole at the end of three months if his fine is paid.

Clark DeWitt, caught in the prohibition cleanup at Las Vegas a few months ago, was fined \$250 and costs which he paid.

Chief Osborne, another who was brought up from Las Vegas after the big raid of a few months ago, also changed his plea to guilty. He paid a fine of one hundred dollars and costs.

Leon Bernado, charged with violating the national prohibition laws, was sentenced to a year and a day in the Nevada state prison on a charge of trafficking in narcotic drugs. He was also fined one hundred dollars and costs. He was given until Monday forenoon to pay up.

Politics Abuzz at High School as Students Prepare to Elect Officers

Politics will start brewing in the halls of the local high school late Friday afternoon after candidates for student body officers have been nominated in assembly.

The editor of the Desert Breeze will be chosen that day, so he or she can start right to work lining up the staff and planning the first paper, which will be issued early in October.

The other officers, however, will be talked over by the electorate for exactly a week, the selection being made a week from Friday.

The president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, yell leader, athletic manager and member of the administrative board, to serve on the board with two faculty members, all will be selected by ballot a week from Friday.

The editor of the yearbook will be selected by the senior class some time after the excitement of the major election has worn off.

Politics already are abuzz around the halls, but information as to who and why and what is decidedly scarce when sought from the outside.

Friday's assembly will be held at the regular hour of 2:45 p. m.