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Details the Connection of Her Husband with the Alleged Murderer.

MURDER TRIAL THE SENSATION OF THE YEAR

Prisoner in the Dock Takes Back His Attorneys but He Still Relies Control of the Examination of Witnesses.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 30.—During court hours, under the scrutinizing gaze of a court room crowded with strangers, a pale, woman under an ordeal which will likely have broken the nerve of many a strong man.

She was Mrs. Carrie Alice Pitzel, with bravery and fortitude she stood the test, in spite of the fact that her physical system had been so shattered by the battle of woe under which she has all but succumbed, that she was obliged to interrupt her pitiful narrative at frequent intervals to accept spoonfuls of medicine from the trained nurse who attended her.

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ATTORNEY BARNES MAKES A STRONG PLEA

Lawyers Finish the Arguments and It is Expected that a Final Verdict Will Be Rendered by Tomorrow Evening.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 30.—District Attorney Barnes today appeared as the central figure in the last scene of the trial of Theodore Durrant. While the spectators in the crowded court room craned their necks to catch every word of the speaker, he delivered what is considered in many respects, one of the strongest arguments ever made to a California jury. Aside from being logical and convincing in his discussion of the testimony, he made two or three dramatic plays that put a severe test to the nerves of the prisoner. Of these scenes the most impressive took place in the case of part of his argument, when he spoke of his counsel for the defense had invoked the spirit of Blanche Lamont, and voiced her thoughts by saying: "Let him go; he harmed me not." While looking intently at the frame bearing Miss Lamont's dress, which stood near the jury box, and telling how, through the long days of the trial, he had seen the young girl clothed in all her innocence and purity, Mr. Barnes reached the climax of the scene. Turning upon Durrant, who was seated only three feet away, the district attorney, with clenched fists and in a voice of intense excitement, said: "I see her now. There she stands behind him at this very moment, not praying for vengeance for her deep and remorseless wrongs, but for his sake, a restriction upon her murderer, but with uplifted hands and streaming eyes, praying that God will not be so unjustly partial, as to give a verdict of not guilty, to set free this monster to prey upon other souls, pollute with his hands other children and defy even that God of heaven, whose mission is yours."

DURRANT WAS UNMOVED. Durrant was the least affected person in the court room. While Mrs. Noble, the dead girl's aunt, sobbed and wept, and the jury was thrilled with the impressiveness of the scene, Durrant sat still and indifferent. As the district attorney's last words were uttered, the prisoner wore something in the ear of his mother, who sat near him, and smiled as if pleased at the wit of his own remark.

Mr. Barnes began his argument by dwelling upon the personalities of Miss Lamont and Durrant, and outlining the grounds upon which the state bases its contention that no one but Durrant could be the murderer. He spoke in part as follows: "It is a well known fact that the defendant stands charged, with which the defendant soul and frozen the body of this community. It is a well known fact that the defendant every aspect in which it may be considered is without a parallel. It was not committed under a blind and furious impulse to revenge some real or fancied wrong to his person, but he was a cold-blooded murderer, for his property or his character, nor for motive of gain, nor in the commission of robbery, nor yet under the hot spur of jealousy. It was a cold-blooded murder, and the defendant was taken up to that time his testimony had not been taken.

NIGHT SESSION DEVELOPED LITTLE. The court adjourned at 7 o'clock, and during the few minutes that elapsed before the business of the case was resumed Holmes sat in the dock, reading "Stevens' Digest of the Law of Evidence." At 7:10 o'clock Mrs. Pitzel, who had been called to the witness stand, had taken a liberal dose of medicine from the trained nurse who accompanied her and her daughter, Dessa. The cross-examination was continued to the next morning, when it was expected that the testimony had not been taken.

District Attorney Graham then showed her the crayon portrait of Pitzel, and she said she had seen it in a picture of my husband when he left home.

This concluded Mrs. Pitzel's testimony, and at 8:30 o'clock she gave way to Miss Yoke, Jeanette Deane. Her testimony was largely corroborative of that given by her mother concerning the departure of the children and the subsequent trial of the case at the various cities named.

Mrs. Pitzel was recalled and the district attorney questioned her further regarding the stay in Burlington. During the second week there, she said, Holmes took a lighted lamp and went down into the cellar. She thought she had seen the light, but she was afraid to return to the upper floor, fearing that she would catch cold. The windows in the cellar were out, and Holmes had a gas lamp and mats, saying he would put them in.

Mr. Rotz objected to this line of evidence on the ground of irrelevancy.

Mr. Graham said that he proposed to show that Holmes had dug a hole in the cellar and covered it up, as he had done in every case where he had rented a house. Judge Arnold sustained the objection, and at this time, 8:45 o'clock, court adjourned until tomorrow.

Married Elements to Miss Yoke. DENVER, Oct. 30.—Rev. E. J. Wilcox, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Methodist Episcopal church in this city, said today that he had been called to the stand at Philadelphia, and Miss Georgiana D. Yoke, January 17, 1894. Their license was regular in every respect. It is the duty of the pastor to give a certificate of marriage to the bride and groom, and the woman's residence as Franklin, Ind. They were strangers to Mr. Wilcox, and he had no personal acquaintance with either of them in the presence of members of his household.

Edward Rosewater speaks at the citizens' mass meeting at the Coliseum Friday evening, November 1.

WEATHER FORECAST. Fair and slightly warmer in the Eastern portion of Nebraska.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—The forecast for Thursday is: For Nebraska—Fair; slightly warmer in the eastern portion; easterly winds; for Missouri—Local showers; northeastern winds; for Iowa—Generally fair; south to west winds; warmer in the western portion.

For Kansas—Fair, preceded by local showers in the western portion; westerly winds; slightly warmer; for North Dakota—Fair; northerly winds, shifting to westerly; warmer in the western portion.

Local Record. OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Oct. 30.—Omaha record of temperature and rainfall for the corresponding day of the past four years:

Maximum temperature... 1895, 1894, 1893, 1892  
Minimum temperature... 27, 31, 31, 36  
Average temperature... 57, 58, 58, 58  
Precipitation... 70, 31, 46, 45

Condition of temperature and precipitation Omaha for the day and since March 1, 1895:

Normal temperature... 47  
Deficiency... 47  
Accumulated excess since March 1... 47  
Normal precipitation... 45  
Deficiency... 45  
Total precipitation since March 1... 15.50 inches  
Deficiency... 29.50 inches

Reports from Stations at 8 p. m.

Omaha... 36, 42, T. Cloudy.  
North Platte... 40, 48, 40, Clear.  
Valentine... 40, 48, 40, Clear.  
Cheyenne... 40, 48, 40, Clear.  
St. Louis... 48, 48, 40, Clear.  
Lincoln... 48, 48, 40, Clear.  
Davenport... 48, 48, 40, Clear.  
Kansas City... 42, 44, T. Cloudy.  
St. Paul... 48, 48, 40, Clear.  
Hart... 48, 48, 40, Clear.  
Pittsburg... 48, 48, 40, Clear.  
Bismarck... 44, 44, 40, Clear.  
Sioux Falls... 48, 48, 40, Clear.  
Chicago... 44, 44, 40, Clear.  
Wichita... 40, 38, 40, Clear.  
Rapid City... 48, 48, 40, Clear.  
Galveston... 60, 60, 62, B. Clearing.

"T" indicates trace of precipitation.

Take your ladies and attend the great mass meeting at the Coliseum Friday night.

in a premature grave. Such a man could well lie in jail awaiting his trial for murder and clothe his villainy with the mask of a pretended friend in the jailhouse whom he had defied, and play the saint with verse and phrases stolen from holy writ. He could listen with grim complacency while his counsel strove to weave a web of suspicion and accusation around one whom he knew to be innocent, and from the beginning to the end of his trial for the highest crime known to the law remain the same impassable, smiling villain.

Durrant's testimony is a mass of contradictions from beginning to end," said Mr. Barnes. "Not only has he contradicted the testimony of the prosecution's witnesses, but he has contradicted the testimony of his own. I submit the program, gentlemen, that there is nothing in the testimony of the defendant or any witness presented by the defense to establish that the defense has tried to build up in this case."

Mr. Barnes closed with an eloquent appeal to the jury to avenge the murder of Blanche Lamont and protect the women and girls of the state by returning a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree, with the penalty of death. He said that he expected Judge Murphy will charge the jury tomorrow morning and a verdict is expected by tomorrow night.

Will Gurley speaks at the citizens' mass meeting at the Coliseum Friday evening, November 1.

CASTING A MONSTER BELL.

A Difficult and Laborious Job Under Way in Cincinnati.

A Cincinnati foundry has undertaken to cast a monster bell for a local church—a bell that will exceed in size and weight any in the United States, and exceed the Montreal cathedral bell, which weighs thirteen and one-half tons. This royal vibrator, says the Cincinnati Enquirer, will be cast in a heroic mold, no less immense as that of the Moscow bell, signalled in history and song, but in proportions sufficiently grand to make a curiosity. Its weight, for instance, will be nearly 20,000 pounds—pretty near enough avoirdupois to make a complete church chime. Fifteen tons of molten copper and tin will be a teaspoonful of the material now almost completed at the Buckeye Bell foundry. At least, that amount of metal will be in the furnace, and pretty nearly all of which will be run into shape on proper momentary arrival.

But considerable work of a careful kind has yet to be accomplished before that auspicious time comes. A corps of mechanics has been busy for weeks on the preliminaries. So much space was required to do the thing properly that the internal arrangement of the foundry had to be overthrown to a considerable extent. A deep pit had to be dug in which to place the foundation works, so to speak, causing the removal of a large derrick used for the heavy handling customary in such establishments. A deep pit had to be dug in which to place the foundation works, so to speak, causing the removal of a large derrick used for the heavy handling customary in such establishments. A deep pit had to be dug in which to place the foundation works, so to speak, causing the removal of a large derrick used for the heavy handling customary in such establishments.

At present there is an odd-looking concern outside the foundry, partially on the street and partially on the sidewalk. Any one entering it, who had had experience in log cabin building here or elsewhere, would be attracted by it; so, perhaps, would be the pioneer farmer who had to make his grain bins out of logs. The reporter only measured it with his eye, but it must be twenty-five feet long, ten feet wide and twenty feet high at the ends so as to fit snugly and snugly into one another, leaving openings of three or four inches between timbers. It is filled to the top with clay, which will be used in making the mold.

There is a bin in the foundry, a few steps in from the front door, which, on first notice, is entirely uninteresting. It is a bin of cast iron, with a door in the side, and a handle on the top. It is a bin of cast iron, with a door in the side, and a handle on the top. It is a bin of cast iron, with a door in the side, and a handle on the top.

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