

"Fatty" Arbuckle Booked at Frisco On Murder Charge

Film Star Held Responsible For Death of Virginia Rappe Following Party at His Rooms.

(Continued From Page One.) The party became extremely rough, ending with Arbuckle pulling Miss Rappe into his own room and locking the door.

Mrs. Delmonte has said that she could hear the girl scream and the sounds of scuffling. And that for nearly an hour she made vain attempts to get Arbuckle to unlock the door. When he finally came out, says Mrs. Delmonte, Virginia Rappe was unconscious and her clothing had been torn from her.

Story Corroborated. The latter portion of Mrs. Delmonte's story has been corroborated by Alice Blake, who already has told the police that Mrs. Delmonte made frantic efforts to induce Arbuckle to unlock the door and let Miss Rappe out.

"When Arbuckle finally opened the door," Miss Blake said, "I went in with Mrs. Delmonte and Miss Pevron. We heard Miss Rappe moaning, 'I'm dying.' She was lying on the bed, entirely unclothed, almost unconscious and evidently in extreme pain, and all that Arbuckle said was: 'Get her out of here and back to her hotel. She makes too much noise.'"

Miss Blake has told the police of the efforts made by Mrs. Delmonte and herself to revive Virginia Rappe by means of a cold bath and of their attempt to dress her, only to find that her clothing had been torn so badly as to be unusable. Then she says, the hotel office was notified and the physicians were summoned.

Denies Statements. To all of this, Arbuckle, thus far has made utter denial, declaring that Virginia Rappe, intoxicated after one or two drinks, had voluntarily gone into the other room of his suite and in a delirious manner, had torn off her own garments. He denies that any violence was used by him.

Ira C. Fordliss, interviewed by Detective Thomas Regan, denied all knowledge of any suspicious circumstances in connection with the party. He further denied that he was responsible for arranging the affair. According to Fordliss, who is a salesman for the Frisco, he saw Miss Rappe at the Palace hotel Sunday afternoon, while he was registering. He did not know her name, but commented to a friend on her beauty.

The following afternoon he went to the St. Francis hotel to see Fishbeck, a personal friend. While they were talking in the lobby, Miss Rappe came up and they were introduced. This, he said, was his first information that Fishbeck and Miss Rappe were acquainted. Fishbeck, he stated, was a party on foot in Arbuckle's rooms. They talked awhile, then went upstairs and took part in the affair. He related that he saw nothing suspicious and did not know that Arbuckle and Miss Rappe were in a room alone.

He was there, he said, until 3:30 o'clock, at which time some one in the crowd started the word around that reporters were coming to interview Arbuckle, and he wanted to be alone, while talking to them with other guests he was invited.

Called for Arbuckle. Fordliss will be further questioned by the police. Jean Jamison, a nurse, who was on the King ambulance and called into the case Tuesday, September 6, to attend the Rappe girl at the St. Francis hospital, announced that she was calling for "Fatty" Arbuckle all of the time, blaming him for her injuries, according to Detective McGrath.

The Palace hotel today refused to accept Arbuckle as a guest, upon his expected arrival here from Los Angeles.

Manager Halsey E. Manwaring, reading a published statement from Los Angeles in which the film actor said he would stop at the Palace hotel on coming north, announced that Arbuckle will not stop here. The Palace hotel does not care for his patronage.

When Arbuckle left the St. Francis last Tuesday it was at the request of the management.

Virginia Rappe was well known as a motion picture actress, artists' model and designer of women's clothes. She was reputed to have independent wealth as the result of oil investments. Her home was in Los Angeles, where she lived with her aunt.

Central Nebraska Bankers To Meet at Grand Island. Grand Island, Neb., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—The bankers of group 5 of Nebraska will hold their convention in Grand Island September 21 and 22. Group 5 is composed of about 18 counties in central Nebraska, from which approximately 300 bankers are expected to attend.

Autocrat Must Answer Three Charges in Police Court. H. Gooding, 706 South Twenty-third street, will have plenty to explain to the judge Monday morning. He was arrested Saturday night charged with being drunk, reckless driving and resisting an officer.

Practically the entire Japanese railroad system of 8,000 miles is to be rebuilt and made standard gauge.

"Big Jeff" Helps Launch Warship



From left to right are Senator Smithwick of Florida, Congressman Jefferis of Nebraska and "Uncle Joe" Cannon, the elder congressman from Illinois, as they appeared at the launching of the super dreadnaught Washington from the Camden yards of the New York Shipbuilding corporation at Philadelphia September 1. Below is little Miss Jean Summers, daughter of Congressman Summers of Walla Walla, Wash., who christened the big warship with water gathered from the streams and lakes of her native state.

War-Navy Department Consolidation Planned

(Continued From Page One.) millions every year. The new department will also have a single purchasing and a single selling agent.

Tells of Waste. "The economy that will follow such a consolidation is indicated by an incident which was revealed by my committee investigating expenditures in the War department. The army had on hand after the armistice, 10,000,000 pounds of frozen beef, which I had declared surplus and ordered sold. The army disposed of it for approximately 9 cents a pound, while at the same time the navy purchased from the packers several million pounds at 20 cents a pound. A single purchasing agent for the two departments would have saved this enormous waste.

"The army and navy are constantly competing with each other in the open market for supplies and are bidding in competition with each other almost daily. This will all be obviated through the proposed consolidation. "I am privileged to say that President Harding approves this plan, and the objections originally encountered by the heads of the departments have largely subsided. "It will be necessary to get this bill through congress after all its details have been agreed upon by the committee.

Officials Rebellious. "Army and navy officials are rebellious over the consolidation and have started propaganda against the measure, but I do not believe the opposition will get anywhere. "It is believed, however, that congress will approve the measure when the bill is reported. In this connection it is interesting to recall that the first public suggestion of the proposed consolidation came in the course of a running debate in the house some three months ago between Representative Wood of Indiana and Congressman Reavis, wherein Reavis suggested that such a plan was under consideration by the joint congressional committee. Mr. Reavis was vociferously applauded when he made the observation, thereby showing the temper of the house.

Continuing his analysis of what is being considered by the committee, Mr. Reavis said: "In this consolidation of the Army and Navy departments every activity not in harmony with war will be taken out of the department of national defense. Rivers and harbors being cared for by army engineers will probably be located in a department of public works, which will be created out of reorganization of the Interior department, the army engineers being detailed to the department of public work for such service.

Question of Railroads. "The last war developed that the engineering problem relates almost exclusively to mobile armies. It was a question of railroads, good highways and rapid transportation, with such incidentals as drainage and sanitation.

"Under the new plan the army engineers will be detailed to the department of public works to assist in building the federal highways, irrigation and drainage projects and rivers and harbors. In this way they will be of service to the public in times of peace and will be equipping themselves for service in times of war."

Committee Personnel. The personnel of the joint congressional committee now at work on a bill consolidating departments of the government and abolishing un-

Known Dead in Texas Flood Increases to 47

(Continued From Page One.) er obstacles when they were wrecked and boards and timbers of all kinds whirled about like clubs in the water. Some of the bodies recovered were cut and crushed and bruised as though beaten with a mighty fiat.

Throughout the night the terrified screams of women and children echoed across the water. Men and women sank to their knees in the mud and water and prayed. Others ran about in a distracted manner, seeking relatives and friends, talking incoherently, weeping and shrieking.

After the first rush of water it was possible for rescuers to work at the edge of the flood, retreating steadily backward. The waters quickly swept up Houston and Commerce streets for blocks, running over sidewalks into basements and rising steadily.

The rescuers quickly made their way from street to street, up alleys, miniature waves slapping against the sides of the buildings. Now and then wreckage was tossed here and there through the streets until it collided with a show window. A crash, a shower of glass and merchandise was seized by the waters and carried away while a thick film of crude oil, muddy ooze and gravel spread through a once spotless store.

The fire and police departments responded wholeheartedly to a call for rescuers. At every dangerous point wherever people were appealing for aid, the blue-coated figures could be seen doing yeoman service.

Boundaries of Flooded Area. Boundaries of the flooded area follow: Beginning at north end of Brackendrick Park, the flood extends the course of the International and Great Northern street north the river and with the downtown district flood began. Flood line follows August street west to Romana, thence to Main avenue and down Main avenue south to business district. West Commerce street inundated half mile west of Main avenue.

Man Charged With Attempt To Rob Jap Goes on Trial. Morris Brady, charged with robbery with aggravation, will be placed on trial before Judge O. D. Wheeler in district court at Council Bluffs today. Witnesses against him will be James Harris and William Funk, former pals now serving time in the penitentiary for the same crime with which Brady is charged, and a Japanese, whom the three men are accused of robbing.

Pawnee County Teachers Organize School Work. Pawnee City, Neb., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—The school teachers of Pawnee county met and organized for the coming year's work. County Superintendent Bertha P. Kuhlman presided at the meeting, which was held at the court house. Professor Delzell of Pawnee spoke. Study circles and work along college lines, which will give college credits, are things which the teachers expect to create for themselves.

North Platte Police Start Drive on Auto Violators. North Platte, Neb., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Police here have begun a crusade against auto owners who are violating the state law and city ordinances. Several offenders are brought into police court daily.

Hitchcock Will Address North Platte Rotarians. North Platte, Neb., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Senator G. M. Hitchcock will address members of the Rotary club and their guests at a dinner. The senator's subject will be "Impressions of Washington."

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Full Confession Made by Church in Murder Mystery

Brakeman Tells of Killing Two Auto Salesmen, But Coroner Says Statement is False. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, Sept. 11.—Following a complete confession by Harvey Wilford Church, boy brakeman of Adams, Wis., that he alone had murdered Bernard J. Daugherty and Carl A. Ausmus, Packard and salesmen, in Church's home last Thursday afternoon, the confession was branded by Coroner Peter M. Hoffman as a "house of lies."

Church made a second confession tonight to Chief investigator Ben Newmark of the state attorney's office involving several other persons whose names were not made public. Church's first confession was made voluntarily in the presence of two prominent physicians and a well-known business man brought to the state attorney's office for that purpose.

In his confession, Church says that he held Daugherty up at the point of a gun in the basement of Church's home, that he handcuffed him and afterwards tied a cord around his neck; that this cord cut through the flesh. He then admitted that he struck Daugherty with a base ball bat. Ausmus, Church said, came to the basement in search of Daugherty, that he held Ausmus in the same manner as Daugherty, tied his hands behind his back and strangled him to death.

Church's statement is false on the face of it," Coroner Hoffman declared. "It would be physically impossible for him to have killed Daugherty in the manner he describes. Daugherty's throat was slashed with a razor or a sharp knife. The cord did not cut it; it was slashed clean through the windpipe. Daugherty's jaw was broken on each side, proof positive of terrible blows which Church says he did not deliver. "Ausmus was first strangled with a rope, then by a piece of cloth shoved down his throat. If Church had pushed that piece of cloth down Ausmus' throat in the manner he describes, Ausmus would have bitten his hand half off. Ausmus was alive when he was in the grave in the rear of the garage. Church says it was three or four hours after the attack on Ausmus that he was buried. He forgets to mention the manner in which Ausmus' neck was broken.

Church—even though he is well built—could not have handled Daugherty's body alone. Such a statement is ridiculous on the face of it. Daugherty, dead, was 220 pounds of dead weight. I couldn't handle such a man alone and I'm bigger than Church ever was.

Church had confederates. I'm going to start an investigation that will clear up this matter. It is not finished yet. I don't think it is even fairly started. Church is lying to save some one else. Daugherty was slain first, according to the confession, after he had been held up at the point of a revolver and had his hands handcuffed behind him. Ausmus was killed after he, too, had been held up and had been tightly bound with rope.

Following the confession, State Attorney Robert E. Crowe announced that steps would be taken to bring Church to an immediate trial. He will be booked on charges of murder.

Church's confession was witnessed so that there might be no plea later on that the confession was obtained by force and to dispose likewise of a possible insanity plea. Church's admission came after nearly 10 hours of constant questioning. And after he had been brought to face with the body of Daugherty; after he had been taken to the blood stained basement of his home where each step of his crime was pointed out to him; after he had knelt on the spot where he had buried his second victim in cinders, coal dust and ashes.

Court Frees Alliance Man Serving Sentence

Alliance, Neb., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—After having been in the penitentiary for eight months and in the county jail five months, Urban R. Zediker of Alliance has been released on bond to await a new trial on a charge of grand larceny, on which he was convicted in district court last December. He was charged with having burglarized the home of A. G. Isaacson, prominent Alliance merchant after a valuable diamond scarf pin belonging to Mr. Isaacson was found in his possession. He was convicted and sent to the penitentiary last January, but the supreme court granted him a new trial on the ground that Judge W. H. Westover had erred in instructions to the jury.

No evidence was offered at the trial that Zediker had robbed the Isaacson home, but Judge Westover instructed the jury that the unexplained possession of stolen property was in that particular case sufficient to warrant the inference that the possessor was the thief. On this point the supreme court reversed the finding of the jury. Zediker will have a new trial at the December term of district court.

Nemaha County May Buy Sheriff Official Plane

Precinct Cut Off By River Causes Grief—Justice of The Peace Defied by Hamburg Couple. Auburn, Neb., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Nemaha county officials are considering the feasibility of equipping Sheriff Davis with an airplane.

One precinct of Nemaha county is located across the Missouri river and abutting the states of Missouri and Iowa. It is known as Island precinct and was cut off from the Nebraska side in 1865 by the changing course of the river. In order to reach the precinct from the county seat one must travel a distance of nearly 60 miles.

Sheriff Davis received a hurry call from Justice of the Peace Joe Hamplon of Island precinct, who complained that a man and woman had squatted in the home of Charles Callahan, a tenant farmer, and had run the latter off the place with a butcher knife.

Sheriff Davis made a flying trip to the island, crossing the Missouri river bridge at Nebraska City and when he arrived at the Callahan home he found the justice of the peace, and a posse of seven men, all armed with shotguns, laying siege to an empty house.

The squatters, alleged to be a prominent horse buyer, and a married woman of Hamburg, Ia., had fled from the place just 15 minutes before. The sheriff searched the house and found on the lower floor two barrels of bran and sugar rashes and two stoves that had been made out of gasoline tanks. On the upper floor was a coal oil stove.

The justice of the peace alleges that the Hamburg parties had lived in the house, in defiance of Callahan, for two days, during which time they scandalized the neighborhood by their actions. He alleges that both were intoxicated.

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Married Woman From Omaha And Two Young Girls Sent Home—Men Must Pay Fines. Alliance, Neb., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Five women and four men were taken in a raid by city and county officers on the Rodgers rooming house conducted by Harry and Minnie Rosetta, over the grocery store of former Mayor A. D. Rodgers. Several bottles and jugs containing liquor and a large number of "empties" also were seized.

The women arrested were Mrs. Rosetta, Mrs. Mabel Karth, 22, of Omaha; Mrs. Jessie Hesselstine of Alliance, and two 16-year-old girls, Eva Gehm of Scottsbluff and "Peggy" McGraw of Alliance. The men were Harry Rosetta, Charles Sanford, Harve Berry and a Mexican, Hettillo Perea.

Mrs. Karth pleaded to be allowed to go to her husband in Omaha, where she said he is employed at the Palace meat market. She was escorted to the train by the sheriff and warned not to return. Eva Gehm was sent to her home at Scottsbluff and the mother of "Peggy" McGraw came from Arvada, Wyo., and took her daughter away. Mrs. Hesselstine forfeited a \$250 bond in county court, where she was charged with adultery.

Harve Berry pleaded guilty to a charge of intoxication and was fined \$10. Hettillo Perea pleaded guilty to intoxication and purchasing liquor illegally and was fined \$10 on the former charge and \$100 on the latter. Both fines were suspended when he turned state's evidence and testified that he had bought the liquor at the rooming house of Mr. Rosetta. Sanford's case has not yet been heard.

County Attorney Basy has applied for an injunction to permit the closing up of the rooming house for one year under the public nuisance law. A hearing on the application will be held in federal court at Chadron next Monday and the case of Mr. and Mrs. Rosetta will be heard here in county court September 19. The case of Charles Sanford has also been set for the latter date.

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Improve Lincoln Highway in Western Nebraska. Callaway, Neb., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—A great amount of work is being undertaken on the Lincoln highway between North Platte and Brady. This has been a bad piece of road for several years. Twenty teams are now at work giving this place a permanent surface.

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