

"Sonny" Is Lying Like Gentleman, Says Prosecutor

Last-Minute Confession to Murder, to Save Mother, Meets With Ridicule.

Los Angeles, March 7.—Fifteen-year-old Harold (Sonny) Willis, who made a dramatic last minute confession of the "trunk" slaying of Dr. Benjamin B. Baldwin, as his mother, Mrs. Margaret B. Willis, was about to be transported to San Quentin to serve a life sentence for the crime, is "lying like a gentleman," declared Chief Deputy District Attorney Burton Pitts tonight.

This plying characterization of the lad's desperate attempt to save his mother from spending the rest of her days behind gray prison walls in the state prison, was coupled with the declaration that the district attorney's office places no credence whatever in "Sonny's" version of the Baldwin slaying.

The "confession" will be completely ignored by the authorities, Pitts said. While the boy anxiously awaited at his hotel the coming of police who apparently ignored his existence, the mother, in the county jail, ceased preparations for removal to San Quentin, and her attorney, Samuel Han, announced suing out of resoundingly named writs to bring "Sonny's" story before the court.

Mrs. Willis firmly believed, she said tonight, that her son's quixotic chivalry has doomed him to the state reformatory until his majority. "I would have preferred the hangman's noose to this," Mrs. Willis sobbed in her jail cell tonight. "My boy, oh, my darling—is such a wonderful child."

"He had everything ahead of him for he was to study law in my attorney's office. He began studying there several months ago. "Now he has spoiled everything by his telling. "I love him more than my life, but what can be done now? "Sonny has told the truth. He did kill Mr. Baldwin. Of course, he didn't know at the time he had killed him, as I told him the doctor was only hurt and sent him away, while later I and my friend, Bert Webster, put the body in a trunk and secreted it away. "They say I killed the doctor for his \$750 automobile. That's terrible. I always made more than \$7,500 yearly in the real estate business. "Oh! To think of all this. My life was wrecked and now my darling boy is in jail. "They have ruined us both. "The governor of California certainly will hear Sonny, and if he hears the whole truth, he will know it to be the whole truth."

Lacking other means to stop Mrs. Willis' impending departure for prison in the custody of officers, Attorney Han said he would ask for a writ of coramobis. But District Attorney Keyes declared this writ, originating in old English common law practice and infrequently used now, is applicable only when the evidence sought to be introduced was not available at the time of trial.

Hahn's plan for the writ falling, he announced that Governor F. W. Richardson would be asked to listen to Sonny Willis' story, with a view to granting executive clemency if it is given credence.

MAIL PILOTS DOWN IN SEVERE STORM

Reno, Nev., March 7.—Forced down at Susanville, Cal., 90 miles out of their path by the heavy storm in the mountains, Aviators Fowler and Metzger of the air mail were unable today to resume their flight to Reno from the coast, according to telephone advices received at the air mail field in Reno. Their machines are not damaged.

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Ohio Rum Scandal Takes on National Proportions



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In this connection Senator Walsh said the federal trade commission had reported the Michigan Beet Sugar company, with others, was engaged in a conspiracy to restrain trade in the sale of beet pulp, and insisted that should court proceeding result, the president's nominee would not be the proper official to prosecute the case for the government.

Calling attention that Harlan F. Stone, as attorney general, had denied a request of the American Sugar Refining company for permission to acquire more than 25 per cent of the stock of the National Sugar company of New Jersey, Senator Walsh predicted that the request would be renewed. He added that Mr. Warren would not be the proper person as attorney general to pass upon it.

Matches and Money Mixed; Man Burned

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Wymore, Neb., March 8.—Maynard Long of Wymore, railway clerk, mixed money with matches. He carried them in the side pocket of his trousers. When he accidentally bumped into the corner of a desk, the friction caused by the impact ignited the matches and made a pocketful of fire. By fast work he managed to get the fire out, but he is short a pair of trousers. He also suffered severe burns.

Dennistoun Case Makes Readers of Society Tremble

Rigid Redrawing of Lines in Court Circles Predicted; More Scandal Coming.

London, March 7.—The impact of the Dennistoun case upon the sensibilities of British society has brought about a series of repercussions in the form of whispered speculations as to what the social outcome will be. Coming on the heels of the scandal involving Sir Hurd Finch, the Indian prince of an otherwise impeccable reputation, this newest sensation in Mayfair has inspired in certain quarters an uneasy conviction of an impending state of flux in the ranks of aristocracy.

The social action of Mrs. Dorothy Dennistoun against her former husband, who is now wedded to the Dowager Countess Carnarvon, has already involved some of the most prominent names in the empire and promises to extend even farther. An immediate effect of this, it is now declared, will be a rigid redrawing of social lines.

This step, of course, will be initiated by their majesties, the king and queen, who have always been very quick to exclude from court circles any and all persons who have been guilty of indiscreet behavior. In some cases the royal ban has not meant general social ostracism. But there is a feeling abroad now among the more conservative leaders of society that the time has come for the exercising of stringent disciplinary measures.

If such a "house cleaning" should take place in Mayfair, it is believed that many persons, not openly brought into the Dennistoun case, may find themselves retired to social obscurity just the same. It has been declared, in fact, that the reaction from the affair may cause a reversion to the rigid standards of the Victorian period.

Meanwhile Mrs. Dennistoun—who charges that her former husband virtually sold her into the embraces of another in order to gain military preferment for himself—is resting over the week-end in preparation for resumption of the case on Tuesday. Sir Edward Marshall Hall, the brilliant barrister who opposed her, has gone to the country in a state of complete exhaustion.

The defense, it is believed, in an effort to prove that Mrs. Dennistoun was intimate with many men, will introduce other names into the case next week. There has been considerable speculation as to the identity of the two men referred to as "Mr. P." and "Mr. W." and present indications are that their names will be revealed just as was that of General Sir Cowans.

STEWART IS FREED IN LAND FRAUDS

Kansas City, Mo., March 7.—W. E. Stewart was acquitted in United States district court here today of using the mails to defraud in the sale of Hidalgo county, Tex., land. The verdict, which was brought in after a jury deliberated nearly 20 hours, was the second Stewart had faced, a jury two years ago having convicted him. In the first trial Stewart was sentenced to five years and fined. The case was remanded.

British-French Understanding on Security Reached

Herriot and Chamberlain Agree All Allies Shall Have Voice in Pact.

Paris, March 7.—Austen Chamberlain, British foreign secretary, and Premier Herriot, in their talks last night and today, reached the determination to settle the security question "in accord with all the allies." That was the most important result of the British statesman's visit here, according to an official communique issued after this afternoon's conversation.

This was more than expected in French circles after Mr. Chamberlain's recent speech in the house of commons, indicating how much he favored the German security plan. The coolness of the British toward the Danzig corridor, which was accorded Poland on the late President Wilson's insistence that that country be given access to the sea, was remembered in connection with the commons' debate, and the conclusion was drawn that England was inclined to induce Poland to relinquish this corridor in order to obtain a general security pact.

Poland Included. The official communique was interpreted in French circles as setting all doubts on the Danzig question at rest and indicating plainly that a security pact must receive the full agreement of all the allies, including Poland.

Germany's admission to the league was the principal detail of the security problem discussed by Mr. Chamberlain and M. Herriot. It was believed to indicate that the allies will look more to the league of nations for the application of whatever security measures are finally adopted. Mr. Chamberlain told M. Herriot, it is learned through French sources, that a five-power guarantee pact, comprising Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium and Germany, seemed to him to be feasible and would be an acceptable solution. He repeated his house of commons statement that ratification of the Geneva protocol would be impossible because of the attitude of the dominions.

This pact, Mr. Chamberlain is reported as saying, would be registered with the league of nations and would eventually include Poland and Czechoslovakia. He considered this idea satisfactory as a basis for negotiations.

Three-Power Pact Urged. M. Herriot, however, although not rejecting it categorically, offered serious objections. The premier said he was expressing only his personal opinion, as the cabinet had not yet considered such a plan.

M. Herriot suggested that such a five-power guarantee would be better received by France if preceded by an alliance between Great Britain, France and Belgium. But this was met by the statement that the British government was opposed to it and that the British liberals and laborites would fight any pact which excluded Germany, and furthermore, even if the Baldwin government accepted in the face of such opposition, a succeeding government might not consider itself bound.

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Newspaper Man Missing.

Ashville, N. C., March 7.—A nationwide search will be started by Mrs. C. D. Stynchcomb of this city for her father, W. D. M. Owens, aged 55, Augusta (Ga.) newspaper man who disappeared from his home eight months ago.

Dying Girl Found Nude, Tied to Tree in Lonely Forest

Body Is Slashed and Burned by Matches; Two Marines Are Arrested.

Pensacola, Fla., March 7.—Gertrude McNeil, 24, was said to be dying at a hospital here tonight as the result of an attack charged by police to two members of the marine corps at the naval air station here. James Kirk and L. L. Saxton, both with first-class service records, have been placed under arrest.

The young woman was discovered tied to a tree in the woods on a lonely road this afternoon. Her clothing had been stripped off, her body was slashed in a number of places and many marks where matches had been applied to her body were found. She was taken to a hospital in a dying condition.

Mrs. McNeil, after regaining consciousness, told officers that she was persuaded to go riding with the two marines about 11 o'clock Thursday night. Another girl, Aletha Mason, was along, she said.

The marines were in a rented automobile, and just beyond the city limits, as they were driving toward the naval station the car overturned and caught fire, the girl said.

According to her story, the Mason girl decided to return to Pensacola, but Mrs. McNeil went on with the two marines toward the naval station. Chief of Police Slaten of the naval station fore arrested the two suspects and searched their quarters.

Treasury Probe Evidence Bared

Tax-Dodging by Steamship Company Charged by Senate Committee.

Washington, March 7.—Evidence in two additional cases designed to show laxness in the Treasury department in protecting the interests of the government in collections from big tax payers has been presented to the senate by its special investigating committee.

One case is that of the Atlantic, Gulf & West Indies Steamship company and its subsidiaries, which were permitted to satisfy an assessment of \$9,913,841 for \$2,600,000, despite attempts which it was charged before the committee, had been made to conceal assets in an effort to evade tax payments over a period of four years from 1917 through 1920.

The other is that of William Borce Thompson of New York, former chairman of the finance committee of the republican national committee, and his associate, O. J. McConnell, who are alleged to have failed to make returns on a profit of \$600,000 in the sale of mineral lands in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma in 1917 and 1918.

The committee was told that Secretary Mellon had approved the settlement with the Atlantic, Gulf & West Indies Steamship company, but according to evidence not even the solicitor of the internal revenue bureau passed on the Thomson case, which was involved in his claim for losses on the sale of stock and bonds aggregating \$597,479.

Chairman Cuzens directed internal revenue bureau officials to bring this case to the immediate attention of Secretary Mellon, adding that it had developed "a most astounding condition."

Woman Who Shot Husband Given Hearing in Court

Man Tells Halting Story of Encounter, Memory of Affair Hazy, Defendant Not on Stand.

Auburn, Neb., March 7.—The preliminary hearing of Mrs. Sylvia Waters, charged with the shooting of her former husband, Jack Setzer, on the streets of Peru on the night of February 3, was held in the county court here today.

She was bound over to the Nebraska district court for trial on charges of assault with intent to kill and assault to do great bodily injury.

Bond was fixed at \$4,000. It was furnished, but two witnesses were examined, Jack Setzer, who was unable to appear, although very weak, and the attending surgeon, Dr. C. H. Lutgen.

Setzer's memory at times was very weak and hazy and he seemed to be unable to remember much of the details happening at the time of the shooting aside from the fact that Mrs. Waters displayed the gun, and upon his telling her to put it up, she shot him.

Dr. Lutgen testified that from the appearance of the wound the shot was fired when the gun was close to Setzer's body.

The defense did not call any witnesses and no arguments were made. It being deemed best to let the defense's side rest until trial in the district court.

2 MEN INJURED IN AUTO CRASH

E. L. Morey and S. M. Cox, salesmen living at 2226 Ogden avenue, were injured Saturday night when the car in which they were riding was crowded into a street car by another machine at Sixteenth and Charles streets.

Morey suffered a laceration of the scalp and a sprained neck and shoulder. Cox lost a tooth and was badly cut and bruised.

The men were treated at the emergency hospital and taken home.

Wood's Aide Relieved.

Manila, March 7.—Brigadier General McCoy, principal adviser and right-hand man of Governor General Leonard Wood, was relieved from his duties today after four years of service. He will be succeeded by General Darty.

TWO MINERS DEAD IN INDIANA BLAST

Terre Haute, Ind., March 7.—Two miners were killed and two injured by a "windy shot" in Selkirk mine No. 1 here this evening. The miners who lost their lives were Ray Ely and Glen Wolf, employed as "shot fire." A miner who was entombed by the blast escaped late tonight uninjured.

WARM DAYS BRING THOUGHTS OF LAWN

The coming of warm days brings to the mind of the home owner thoughts of his home surroundings, his lawn, trees, shrubs and vines. It is at this time of year that all of these things must be taken care of properly to preserve the beauty of the yard.

The Omaha Landscape service, according to John Engdale, proprietor of that business, was established to give home owners complete landscaping service.

Trimming of trees, sodding or care of the lawn, planting and care of shrubs and plants are all in the day's work.

"To secure early service, estimates should be secured and contracts 'let' now," says John Engdale.

MAN, 80, WOMAN, 70, ARE WED ON SIGHT

Parkersburg, W. Va., March 7.—Bachelors Lemuel Lutz, 80, and Mrs. Corde Lambert, 70, were married in the Wood county courthouse today, a few minutes after they had first met. Each went to the courthouse on a different mission. Becoming acquainted, they were seen talking quietly together for a short time. Then they stepped into the county clerk's office and applied for a marriage license.

Boulder Crushes Two.

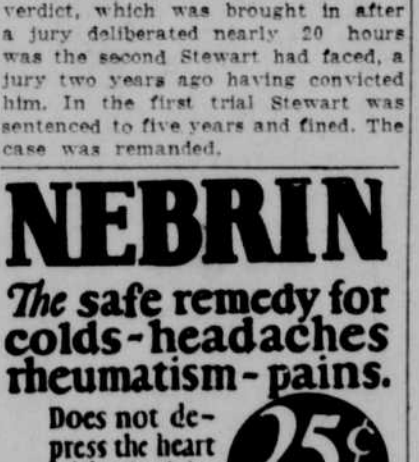
Truckee, Cal., March 7.—Two Mexicans were crushed to death by the dropping of boulder dislodged in a southern Pacific tunnel blast near here late today.

Fort Stables Burn.

Chevyenne, Wyo., March 7.—Fire of an unknown origin destroyed the quartermaster stable of Fort D. A. Russell, near here tonight. The loss was approximately \$75,000.

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