

# Jury Frees Stokes and Robert Lee

### Girl Stages Hot Clash With Millionaire Husband in Room Off Court.

### Aged Man Thanks Jurors

Chicago, March 13.—William E. D. Stokes, 73-year-old New York millionaire, is not guilty of conspiracy to defame his 25-year-old pretty wife, Helen Ellwood Stokes.

He was acquitted today by a jury in criminal court after a sensational trial of six weeks. Three ballots were taken. The first two standing 11 to 1 for acquittal.

Robert F. Lee, his negro co-defendant, was acquitted on the first ballot. The jury retired at 8:07 p. m. and was out approximately an hour before reaching a verdict. Rendering it was delayed another 15 minutes while search was made for Lee. He, it was discovered, had gone home with his wife and was not present when the jury was freed, Judge W. N. Gemmill ruling his presence was not necessary.

### Stokes Sheds Tears.

Stokes sat in his chair, impassive, hands folded in his lap as the verdict was read. Then he snatched out a handkerchief, dabbed tears from his eyes and got to his feet.

"Your honor," he said to the court, "I want to thank you for a fair and impartial trial. Now I want to thank the jury."

He shook hands with each of the 12, saying only "thank you" over and over in broken tones.

"Justice is there," he said after a bit, pointing dramatically to the jury. "I thought all along that I was in no danger of conviction," he added. "In my heart I knew I was not guilty of anything except perhaps being foolish and I don't think the state could prove anything else and do it fairly."

Mrs. Stokes at her hotel denies herself to everyone.

### Rebuttal Stenographer.

She had come to court this afternoon to hear the court's instructions, but arrived after Judge Gemmill had started reading, and was ushered into his chambers until he had finished.

A few minutes later Miss Marion Brophy, Stokes' secretary and constant court companion, also was taken into the chambers. Mrs. Stokes jumped up from her chair.

"What is that woman doing here?" she demanded. "She has no right here and I won't be in the same room with her."

"I'll say I have as much right as you," snapped the secretary.

Mrs. Stokes appeared about to strike her, but a bailiff interfered and told her Miss Brophy was within her rights.

"All right," said Mrs. Stokes. "I won't stay then."

### Scathing Remark.

She seized her mother, Mrs. Arthur Scott Miller of Denver, by the arm and started for the door. Then she whirled and delivered a scathing parting shot to Miss Brophy.

"I hope," she said, "you will live happily ever after on my husband's money."

The case ended today marks the climax of five years of court battle between Mr. and Mrs. Stokes.

Following their parting in 1919, Stokes sued for a divorce and was beaten. He then began preparing for a second suit in 1923. Among other things he came to Chicago and started investigation in search of evidence that Mrs. Stokes had, before he married her, been an inmate of one or more disorderly houses, had been an associate of negroes and the mother of a child of mixed blood.

The state's attorney's office learned of these investigations and, convinced Stokes was deliberately buying affidavits reflecting on his wife, which he knew were untrue in their statements, brought about his indictment, along with that of his lawyer, Daniel P. Nugent of New York, and several individuals who had acted as investigators for them.

### Mrs. Stokes Satisfied.

Nugent and Hattie Johnson, a New York negroess, were freed by the court last week on the grounds that the state had not presented sufficient evidence against them. Others took a severance and turned state's evidence, so that they probably will not be tried.

Stokes' defense was that he believed true the reports about his wife and conducted an honest investigation of them. His attorney publicly absolved Mrs. Stokes in open court of the charges made against her.

## We Have With Us Today

Capt. Max Wardall, Lecturer, Pasadena, Cal.

Captain Wardall is in Omaha to make a series of lectures before the Omaha Theosophical society.

The captain has had varied careers as an adventurer, psychologist, politician, soldier and writer.

He is now on a lecture tour of the world. His first circuit of the globe was started when he was only 17.

As acting mayor of Seattle in 1910, Wardall instigated a campaign of municipal reform which landed several city officials in the penitentiary.

He abandoned his political career during the war and served overseas as a captain.

Following the war he devoted his time to lecturing and writing. He will remain in Omaha until Sunday.

# OSBORNE WOOD TO ARRIVE MARCH 26

Mobile, Ala., March 13.—Lieut. Osborne Wood, son of Gov. Gen. Leonard Wood of the Philippine Islands, will arrive in Mobile March 26, on the United States Shipping board steamer West Chetaw about March 26, coming direct from Cadiz, Spain. It was announced today by officials of the Wilmington Steamship company. It was first reported Lieutenant Wood would abandon the ship at Tampa, Fla.

# Sinclair Sold Oil to Himself at Profit, Charge

### Government Would Show That He Was Connected With Canadian Firm: Linked With Fall.

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# Navy Will Join Forces in Attack and Defense of Hawaiians

### Plans Laid for Practical Manuever of Greatest Magnitude Ever Undertaken by Military Science in Time of Peace: Aircraft Will Play Part, Too.

San Diego, Calif., March 13.—Naval strategists as well as military strategists and marine corps leaders are looking forward to the joint army-navy maneuvers next month which will provide for the first time an actual test of the dual problems of attack and defense of the Hawaiian Islands. Officers of high command will take part in the maneuvers of this magnitude has yet been undertaken by military science in time of peace.

The three great departments of national defense, army, navy and marine corps, will perform major tasks. All arms of the military service will be represented, land defenses of big gun batteries and all component parts of the army, including aircraft, maritime striking arms, including capital ships, and all arms of sea power, including naval aircraft and the auxiliaries to naval defense and offense, marine corps with landing forces and corps artillery.

### Aircraft Will Join.

This will be the first time that aircraft will play a major part in general joint tactical maneuvers. The seven days of possible combat, April 25 to May 1, will provide for full utility of all arms, particularly giving an opportunity to aircraft, unlike the recent naval maneuvers off lower California, where the opportunity to use aircraft save for desultory scouting, was lost because the actual engagement occurred at night, upwards of 120 naval warcraft will participate in the attack on the islands, conveying a force of marines, 1,500 in actual number, but allocated to represent two full divisions that would have a fighting strength of 30,000 men.

Defense of the islands will be in the hands of the military establishment, stationed there, embracing the staff of uncles in operation at Honolulu before the problem actually opens.

### Umpires Named.

The U. S. S. Seattle, flagship of the United States fleet, will not be a part of combat forces, but will be at the dock in Honolulu as the umpire ship with Admiral Robert E. Coontz, commander in chief of the naval forces afloat, senior umpire for the navy, and Brig. Gen. Leroy Eltinge will be senior umpire for the army. The Seattle will leave San Francisco April 12 for Honolulu, independent of the fleet, so that it will provide time to get the staff of uncles in operation at Honolulu before the problem actually opens.

Commanding officers of fleet units and observers will meet at North Island here tomorrow for the critique, or final analysis of action in the seven-day problem off Lower California, involving a black fleet conveying a base force to establish an operating base on the Pacific coast and a blue scouting fleet on a mission of intercepting it and attacking with light forces.

### Radio Silenced.

For the purposes of the problem a state of radio silence will be observed effective April 15, when the fleet leaves San Francisco. All vessels of the fleet will go into war status, with radio communication under silence to prevent radio signals going.

### Senate Advances Marriage Bill

### Measure to Repeal 10-Day Clause Wins in 16 to 15 Ballot.

By C. P. POWELL, Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee.

Lincoln, March 13.—The senate, by a vote of 16 to 15, advanced the marriage bill today, which repeals the 10-day advance notice clause and retains the affidavit of good health contained in the present law. Griswold of Sheridan attempted to inject an amendment making health affidavits optional with county judges.

Reed of Hamilton attempted another amendment which would make marriages of Nebraskaans out of the state for the purpose of evading the marriage law, illegal.

The house engaged in a lively fight over another road bill, which provides that after January 1, 1926, the state highway department shall maintain all state highways and there shall be a 50-50 distribution of auto license funds between counties and the state.

Wood of Douglas attempted, unsuccessfully, to place an amendment to the bill, so that one half of Douglas county's share could be used in maintenance and repair of Omaha streets.

The house killed the Axtell bill, which permitted placing of levies in cities and villages for maintenance of musical organizations. A bill permitting cigarette advertisements on bill boards was advanced to third reading by the house.

Both houses adjourned until Monday.

At 3 Tuesday evening there will be a second hearing before the judiciary committee of the senate on the Griswold-McGowan bill, permitting all cities and villages to install coal and gas stations.

### Nebraska Yearlings Bring High Price on St. Joe Market

Table Rock, March 13.—Lewis Hunkeler and son of this county, who own and rear on a farm six miles southeast of here, in Sheridan precinct, recently marketed a load of yearling steers at St. Joseph, Mo., which brought \$10.75 a hundred, one of the best sales of the day on that market. The cattle were Herefords and 21 head averaged 961 pounds. A ration of corn, alfalfa and prairie hay, all raised on the Hunkeler farm, was used. The steers were on feed about 100 days and made a marked gain in weight.

### Ethel Barrymore in Chicago.

Chicago, March 13.—Ethel Barrymore, 31, with arthritis which caused her to cancel her stage engagements here in Omaha last week, arrived here on her way to her home in Mammoth, N. Y.

# New Facts in McClintock Case Bared

### Shepherd May Face Grand Jury Action as Result of Sensational Charges of University President.

### Germes of Typhoid Stolen

Chicago, March 13.—Grand jury action in the McClintock case appeared tonight following admission of Dr. Charles S. Falman, president of the National University of Science, that William D. Shepherd had studied bacteriology at the school, and that phials of typhoid germs were stolen from the "unwritten law."

The dramatic turn in the now famous investigation into the death of young "Billy" McClintock, millionaire ward of Shepherd, who died last December of typhoid fever, came this morning after an all-night grilling in the state's attorney's office of Dr. Falman and his former assistant, John P. Marchand. Both admitted Shepherd had attended classes in bacteriology.

### Falman Denied It Before.

Falman figured in the case before, appearing as a witness during the state's investigation, but denied knowing anything, or ever having seen Shepherd before. Last night he told Assistant State's Attorney George E. Gorman he denied knowledge of the case because he "didn't want to get mixed up in it."

Gorman immediately got in touch with State's Attorney Crowe, who is in New York, by long distance telephone. Crowe has announced that he will take personal charge of the investigation.

### "It's a Lie," Shepherd Declares.

"It's a lie," was Shepherd's comment when news of Falman's admission was made public. "I never heard of this university before and never saw nor heard of Falman."

Meanwhile, in the office of Chief Justice Harry Olson, instigator of the investigation into McClintock's death, a conference was held, at which attorneys for Miss Pope, who was engaged to marry the young millionaire, and Attorney General Carlstrom, were present.

It was said a move was on foot to bring court action against Shepherd without waiting for the outcome of the coroner's inquest.

### Crowds Come Despite Storm.

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Despite the snow and rainstorm that forced many people indoors, today's hearing was attended by a large crowd. Indications now are that the trial will not be completed by Saturday night as had been first anticipated.

### Stock Suffering.

From points about the state came reports of rain and high winds. Beatrice reported a heavy fall of rain yesterday which gradually turned into hail, then into snow. The storm was accompanied by a rapidly falling mercury.

The storm was still raging there last night and had assumed blizzard proportions.

Stock, allowed to drift over the open range because of the mild weather which blessed Nebraska for the first two weeks of March, is suffering.

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The shooting is said by police to have followed several family quarrels.

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# VACCINATION ON BORDER ADVISED

### Seattle, Wash., March 13.—Advised that smallpox was mildly epidemic at Vancouver, B. C., Dr. G. M. Magruder, in charge here of the United States public health service, ordered 15 persons from that city be vaccinated before crossing the American border.

### Defense Turns to "Unwritten Law" to Save Griffith

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### Seeks to Prove Confessed Slayer of Mandrell Mentally Unbalanced When He Fired Fatal Shots.

By The Associated Press.

Kimball, Neb., March 13.—Defense counsel in the trial of E. L. Griffith, who is charged with first degree murder in connection with the fatal shooting here on February 2, last, of Jerry Mandrell, continued to build up its defense today, evidently planning to show the case to the jury under the plea of the "unwritten law."

Mandrell was shot and killed at his own home. It is charged, when Griffith brought Mrs. Griffith to the place to force a showdown in her alleged relations with Mandrell. Throughout the trial thus far the defense has not denied that Griffith fired the fatal shot, his plea being that he was irrational and justified in his act.

### Mrs. Griffith on Stand.

Resuming her testimony of yesterday, when she related the beginnings of the quarrel between Mandrell and Griffith, Mrs. Griffith held first interest of the day. Showing the strain of the trial and solving intermittent tears, she related the events leading up to the shooting, as elicited by the defense. Her testimony, however, was severely attacked by the state which cross-examined her to the minutest details.

According to Mrs. Griffith's testimony, her husband brooded over the relations of the two for some time. Unable to stand it any longer, she testified, Griffith asked her to accompany him to Mandrell's home last February 2 and "hear the entire story" when they got to Mandrell's home. When she said, Griffith ran to the door and shot at Mandrell, she said, hitting him three times. In fact, she said, he then turned the gun at her, shooting her twice. Mandrell, she said, died immediately.

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# High Winds, Heavy Snow Sweep City

### Storm Recalls Blizzard of March, 1923, When Lives of Marooned Motorists Were Imperiled.

### Is General Over State

March threw off its grinning mask yesterday and bared its teeth in one of the most severe snowstorms suffered by Nebraska this winter.

The storm, lashing Omaha in all its fury, recalled the blizzard of March 18 and 17, 1923, when Omaha was almost isolated by snow drifts, broken communication lines and blinding snow.</