

TWO SEIZED TEST RUM RAID

Dixie Girl Fights for Her Honor

Southern Beauty Spends Her Entire Fortune to Disprove Charges of Husband in Divorce Action.

Big Wall Street Banker

New York, Dec. 29.—Because a woman's honor is her most priceless possession, Mrs. Elaine Lee Harris, 27-year-old southern beauty, says she has:

- 1. Given up her claim to being New York's best-dressed woman.
2. Spent her private fortune of \$150,000.

3. Traveled 75,000 miles to attend hearings in nine courts in five states. Mrs. Harris—who at 19 was married to Beverly D. Harris, then senior vice president of the National City bank of New York, 27 years her senior—was defendant in the annulment action brought by her husband.

Harris has just lost the suit by default. When he failed to appear before Justice Tierney, who was to try the case, the court instructed the jury to bring in a verdict in favor of the defendant.

But Mrs. Harris says she will fight on until her name is cleared.

In a telegram, sent to her aged husband from the courtroom, Mrs. Harris branded as cowardly and contemptible Harris' failure to appear to press the action.

"You will pay behind bars if you live that long," an excerpt from the telegram declared.

He charged:

1. His wife, instead of being a southern belle, as he says, she alleged, was the mistress of a man he charges to have been one of the south's most notorious gamblers.

2. Instead of having spent her girlhood under private tutors and in the care of a black mammy, she was a telephone girl in Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. Harris, in a signed and sworn statement, answers:

"There is not a Leo or a southerner who will permit this suit. He is lucky to have escaped thus far with his life."

Whether Harris or his wife is right in their contentions is now up to the New York supreme court to decide. Mrs. Harris' story carries all the color of a movie thriller.

The old south—Clarksville, Tenn. A southern plantation. The "best families," including "the Lees of Mississippi," to which Mrs. Harris says she belongs. Darkies in their cabins. The Mississippi, with its Lee lines of steamboats.

Reel Two.—The scene shifts to San Antonio and its winter gayety. Mrs. Harris, diminutive, black hair in curls, flashing eyes, the soft organdies of Dixie's belles. Banker Harris arrives. Love at first sight. Marriage.

Reel Three.—The Harris home. Dinners costing \$20,000. Broadway night life. The little southern girl the queen of all.

Reel Four.—The separation. Real thrillers here. "One night," Mrs. Harris said under oath, "my husband wrapped me in a sheet and suspended me out of the 10th floor window of the Plaza hotel"—New York's most exclusive apartment dwelling.

Reel Five.—The court scene in which the impatient young wife waited vainly for her aged husband to appear to press his charges. Her dramatic resolve to move heaven and earth to vindicate herself and erase the blot from her name.

Harris, the banker, former business partner of James A. Stillman, offers an entirely different scenario. It might well be called: "From Rags to Riches."

"My wife was a telephone girl in Memphis. The small pay of her trade could not give her the clothes she craved—clothing for which she spent money like water during our married life. She took the easiest way. She deceived me. I loved. We married. I gave her my name and my place in New York society. But not all the money in the world would have been enough."

Harris, who left the National City bank following the estrangement, moved to St. Louis.

"Now I am almost in poverty," he declares, adding: "Man may conquer Wall street—Then a woman's wiles conquer man."

Damages Asked for Death of Man by Electrocuting North Platte, Neb., Dec. 29.—A petition was filed in district court asking that the North Platte Light and Power company pay damages amounting to \$75,000 for the accidental death of Roy Bunnell, Union Pacific engineer, who met his death from electrocution on the morning of October 8, 1923, when he attempted to turn on the basement light in his home and, according to the petition, received 300 volts, which killed him. The suit was filed by J. C. Koch, administrator.

Roosevelts Sail for Far East. San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, widow of the former president and her son, Captain Kermit Roosevelt, sailed for a tour of the far east. Mrs. Roosevelt is on a pleasure tour while Captain Roosevelt is making a business trip.

Fights to Guard Her Birth.



Three attractive views of Mrs. D. D. Harris

Mrs. Elaine Lee Harris, belle of the southland, whose life and romance—and her three years in the domestic relations courts of five states—reads like a movie thriller.

Damp Weather Coming; Little Ones Need Shoes

Mild Temperature to End—Help Keep Some Poor Child From Exposure.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it to one of the least of these (children) ye have done it unto me," said the great Teacher. Those who give to the Free Shoe fund, help to keep some poor little boy or girl from exposure, illness and perhaps worse. Though the weather has been comparatively mild so far, cold and damp are to be expected for the next three months. If you could see the pitiful, pinched-faced little ones who wait so pathetically for the money in the fund to get them the shoes they need and which they can get in no other way, will you help save their little lives? If so, send or bring money or checks to the Free Shoe Fund of the Omaha Bee. Checks may be made out to "Free Shoe Fund."

Previously acknowledged: \$1,046.56. M. C. Dale, 5.00. O. R. Thompson, 5.00. Amos Dean, 1.00. Mrs. Benjamin S. Baker, 5.00. Ellen and Hannah Sel, 2.00. Tillie Abrahamson, 2.00. Total \$1,065.56

Mother Sacrifices Life to Save Girl, 5

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 29.—Mother love over the fear of death when Mrs. Maude Mourning was killed instantly by an outboard Shelbyville Interurban here today. Mrs. Mourning hurled herself in front of the car and succeeded in pushing her 5-year-old daughter, Dorothy, from the rails. The daughter was hurt, but will recover.

Burlington Shopmen's Strike Is Called Off

Galesburg, Ill., Dec. 29.—The shopmen's strike on the Burlington railroad is called off as of January 1, 1924, by the executive council employees' department of the American Federation of Labor in an order transmitted to officials of the system federation here by Bert M. Jewell, national president.

Husband Dies and Relatives Think It Is His Wife

Galesburg, Ill., Dec. 29.—Relatives at the historic Bishop Hill colony here of the Joe Bills family in Nebraska had quite a shock when, after making funeral arrangements for Mrs. Bills, whose death was reported in a telegram, the body of Mr. Bills, accompanied by his wife, arrived yesterday. The error was said to have been due to a misunderstanding which the telegram was telephoned to the colony.

WHERE TO FIND THE BIG FEATURES OF THE SUNDAY BEE. PART ONE. PART TWO. PART THREE. PART FOUR.

Road Cash as Fast as State Asks

Federal Engineers Say Many Old Claims Have Not Yet Been Presented for Payment. More Vouchers Get O. K. May Die in Hospital

Only two vouchers for highway construction remained in the hands of the federal road bureau in Omaha at the close of business last night. One called for the payment of \$3,595.51 and the other for \$1,829.70. These will be checked over early next week and forwarded to Washington for payment.

F. H. Shoemaker, from the federal highway office in Washington, will remain here to expedite the delayed claims. "We will pay the Nebraska road vouchers as fast as they are presented," Mr. Shoemaker said yesterday. "The state still has a lot that have not been submitted for payment. I believe we found that there were 22 which have not yet been passed on from the state highway department."

The Omaha Bee's Figures Correct. Mr. Shoemaker stated that the figures published by The Omaha Bee, which showed \$382,000 in cash available in the federal treasury on November 30 for road claims that had not yet been passed on were accurate. This reserve is now being reduced by the expediting of payments.

The man immediately in charge of federal aid work in Nebraska is J. C. Webster, who has his office in the Webster-Sunderland building here. He is at present in England and had intended to sail for America next week to resume his post.

Officials, both at the State department and the British embassy, declined today to discuss the matter, but there have been previous intimations in official circles here that Sir Esme William Howard, now British ambassador to Spain, would succeed Sir Auckland here in the event of the latter's retirement. Sir Esme would come to Washington familiar with America and its problems through previous residence, having been counselor of the embassy here from 1906 to 1908. Previous to going to Madrid in 1919, he was minister to Sweden and minister to Switzerland. He entered the diplomatic service in 1885 and is 60 years of age.

Road Vouchers for \$242,000 Pushed Through

Claims of The Omaha Bee Borne Out by Statements of Federal Engineer.

Lincoln, Dec. 29.—F. H. Shoemaker, senior highway engineer of the Federal Bureau of Roads, who has been sent here to expedite Nebraska's claims against the federal government, today confirmed a Washington dispatch to The Omaha Bee, of December 23, that there was \$382,000 in the federal treasury awaiting state vouchers.

Shoemaker's statement is made in the face of a recent declaration of Governor Bryan that "the purported Washington dispatch 'is a misstatement designed to deceive the taxpayers of the state.'" Shoemaker, together with J. C. Wonders of the Omaha district, is working with Federal Engineer Veltun of Lincoln to hasten delinquent claims through his office. Through their activities vouchers totalling \$242,000 are now on their way to Washington, where payment will be made in 10 days or two weeks, the engineer said.

Dixmude Crew Held Dead by Government

Paris, Dec. 29.—Hope has been abandoned of finding any survivors from the missing French dirigible Dixmude, and the government today began sending high officials to the families of the 59 victims to extend its sympathy and also to express its admiration for the heroic qualities of the airship's crew.

Snow Expected in Omaha Before Monday Morning

Omaha may be hidden under a blanket of snow by Monday morning, according to the local weather bureau last night. A high area over southwestern Canada and northwestern Nebraska is steadily moving toward Nebraska.

Charged With Murder. Butte, Mont., Dec. 29.—Albert Livingston was formally charged with murder in the first degree today in connection with the slaying of Mrs. Margaret Jackson, an elderly woman who was found dead in her room December 15, with Livingston lying beside her, apparently in a daze. At the inquest and during examinations by the authorities he has stuck to assertions that he remembers nothing of the occurrences immediately preceding the discovery of the slaying.

Deserted by Crown Confederate



Jimmy Rhoads

Thirteen-year-old soldier of fortune who was talked into burglary by a man confederate and left "holding the sack" in the hour of crisis. Physicians fear the boy may die from a wound received in his second "job."

Kansas City, Dec. 29.—Recollections of strange hobo hieroglyphics cut in the posts that support the railroad water tower "back in Reno," Nev., and severe pains resulting from a black bullet wound in a shattered limb, today were the memories of Kansas City's 13-year-old Oliver Twist of the beginning and end of his initial adventure in banditry.

Jimmy Rhoads—small, blue-eyed and freckled—lay in his little white bed at the City hospital and recounted details of his adventure "on the road." There was a break in his voice, and he turned his head to wipe away a tear as he nered the dramatic climax rivaling incidents in the colorful life of Oliver Twist—for he had told him a boy capable of staging a robbery was old enough to take the consequences without demonstration.

But Jimmie, orphan for seven years, confided that he wasn't the hardened criminal he was painted by minions of the law and added: "Didn't like Reno."

"I couldn't stand Reno any longer. The town cramped me, and then there was the call from somewhere within me of the trail leading on much farther down the railroad tracks than I had ever been permitted to go. Then I met Jack—"

At the mentioning of the youthful soldier of fortune's red-headed Fagin, who coached him in crime and who in the critical hour deserted him, leaving him to answer alone for the attempted robbery, Jimmie's throat "clogged," and the kind-faced nurse in his ward, who probably remembered the temptations confronting her own son when he was the age of Jimmie, asked that he not be questioned further, for he was "trying to forget."

Outside the ward she took up the narrative, explaining that the boy had met his confederate and tutor in weeks ago in Columbus, Ia., shortly after he had run away from the home of his guardian, Mrs. Grace Klein, snitcher, in Reno, Deming was 25 years old and well versed in methods of collecting large sums of money by means of the burglar's jimmy.

Coached by Thug. The youth, under Deming's instructions, took his first fling at burglary in Laclede, Mo. He entered a store there and obtained provisions, while Deming acted as "lookout."

Fired by the ease with which he accomplished his first "job," the boy bandit, upon arriving in Kansas City, set forth to replenish the pair's dwindling supplies. Again Fagan consented to act as lookout.

Jimmie entered the store by means of the basement, while his companion waited behind. J. B. Freeman, night watchman, heard footsteps approaching on the stairs. The intruder pounded the door until it was loosened from its hinges and fell.

Freeman's 44 caliber revolver spoke. There was a scream, the patter of retreating footsteps (those to Deming), and again all was quiet. The boy had faint.

Rushing past the motionless form, Freeman sought to apprehend the youth's accomplice, but a second shot only served to accelerate the speed at which Deming was leaving the scene.

Shot in Calif. The bullet had found its way deep into the calf of Jimmie's leg. Physicians at the hospital said such a wound in a healthy boy would not prove serious; but in his few months as a knight of the road, Jimmie's health had been considered a non-factor, and blood-poisoning is feared.

In that event, Jimmie would not have an opportunity to prove the sincerity of his promise to friendly hospital attendants, which he recites daily with all the altruism of a 13-year-old orphan boy who knows how to appreciate friends once he finds them.

"I'll never listen to bad advice of anybody any more—never again!" Jimmie, if he recovers, will be turned over to the local juvenile authorities, who probably will remand him to the Detention home.

Woman Who Fatally Burned Children Is Found Insane

Omaha, Ia., Dec. 29.—Monona county's sanity commission meeting today to investigate the condition of Mrs. Fred Zausa, farmer's wife and young mother who Thursday poured oil over her three children and set fire to them, found the woman insane and committed her to the state hospital at Cherokee.

Two of the woman's children, a 3-months-old son and a 15-month-old were burned to death. China Buys Most Bibles. New York, Dec. 29.—China, with a circulation of 2,000,000 annually, buys more copies of the Bible than any other nation in the world. Rev. William H. Haven, D. D., general secretary of the American Bible society, announced at a celebration of the centenary of the translation of the book into Chinese.

Oil Promoters Indicted. Los Angeles, Dec. 29.—Three indictments charging seven Southern California and Texas oil promoters with misuse of the mails were returned by the federal grand jury here late yesterday. Names of the defendants were withheld pending their arrest.

Warrant Is Executed by Deputy

Samardick Tries Expedient to Escape Technicality of Ruling by Judge Woodrough. Effect Is Far-Reaching

Test raid to determine whether or not Robert Samardick, federal prohibition agent, may legally continue his activities against violators of the liquor laws, was made Saturday afternoon on a warrant issued in federal court to Deputy United States Marshal Thomas.

Robert Samardick accompanied Thomas in a raid on a soft drink parlor at 1265 South Fourteenth street, where Ed O. Sullivan, alias Ed Sava, and Frank Davis were arrested on a charge of illegal possession of liquor. Information on which the warrant was issued was gathered by Samardick.

Decision as to the validity of an arrest made on a warrant so issued and so served will be made by Federal Judge Woodrough when the two men appear before him.

The test raid followed a recent ruling by Judge Woodrough, holding that federal prohibition agents are not, within the meaning of the law, "civil officers," and that they may not, therefore, legally serve a search warrant upon any person.

Following the decision, Samardick devised an expedient, whereby he contemplates furnishing information of violation of the liquor laws to police, deputy sheriffs or deputy marshals, asking them to obtain search warrants, in their capacity as civil officers, and then accompanying them on the raid.

It is the validity of this expedient which is at stake in the test case, and not the validity of the judge's ruling. If the federal court holds that the expedient is illegal, then Samardick's hands, and the hands of every other prohibition officer in this district, are effectively tied until another is devised.

Still and Mash Seized by Sheriff in Farm Raid

North Platte, Neb., Dec. 29.—John A. Scott, farmer, living southwest of this city, was arrested this morning when Sheriff Fisher raided his place and found a still in operation.

When the authorities arrived at the Scott farm at 10 this morning Scott denied his knowledge of even the existence of a still and invited the officers to search the place.

The officers found a cellar which contained 300 gallons of corn mash, the still, which was still warm, and 10 gallons of hootch in a wooden cask. After samples of the mash were taken the officers brought Scott and his plant to the county jail.

Audubon State Bank Suspends Business

Atlantic, Ia., Dec. 29.—The Iowa Savings bank of Audubon, Ia., closed its doors this morning. Decision to suspend business was said to have been reached last night by the board of directors, who gave poor collections as the reason for their action.

The bank was capitalized at \$50,000. F. C. Miller is president and C. P. Christensen cashier of the institution. This is the second Iowa bank to close in the last two days, the Yeager State bank at Beaver clearing yesterday.

Lone Bandit Holds Up Teller in Coast Bank

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 29.—Showing a revolver through the window of a bank's cage at the Citizens National bank at noon today, a lone bandit forced the teller to hand him a pack of currency totaling \$500 and then escaped in the thick downtown traffic.

Mexican Federals Advance; President Oregon at Front

Mexico City, Dec. 29.—Federal troops on the western front are advancing from Ocotlan, in the state of Jalisco, and expect to capture the important city of Guadalajara within 48 hours, according to advices received here this evening.

President Oregon is on the western front. Gen. Andrew Almazan's federal army in Puebla, has advanced 86 miles along the Interoceanic railway from the city of Puebla, capturing the city of Tehuacan without firing a shot.

The Weather. For 24 hours ending at 7 p. m., December 29: Temperature—Highest, 45; lowest, 28; mean, 40; normal, 33. Total excess snow January 4.25. Precipitation, inches and hundredths—January 1.00. Total snow January 1.25; deficiency, .25.