

Judge Praises Truthfulness of Girl-Bandit

Anna Strawn, Who Held Up Man to Prove Bravery to Sheik, Confesses to Crime.

Cleveland, March 25.—Although Mrs. Anna Strawn, 20, pretty girl bandit, who confessed in court that she robbed a drug store clerk at the point of a gun, when her boy "sheik" told her she was yellow if she didn't do it, will have to face a grand jury investigation and police prison term, the presiding judge told her "she was a plucky girl, and he admired her," because her conscience impelled her to make a clean breast of the whole affair.

Anna last December met and married a man after a brief courtship. Within a week she became suspicious, because her husband, although always supplied with money, never seemed to have a regular job. She left him.

A few days ago, out of work and despondent, with but 35 cents in her pocket, she visited a picture show. Sitting next to her was a youth of 17, who learned her story when she went. "Come and live with me," he pleaded. "I'll cure your troubles."

Worn out with the struggle, the girl assented. Her happiness lasted four days. Then, pressing a shiny new revolver

in her hand, the "sheik" told her to go out and rob a store. "You're yellow if you don't!" he told her.

Smarting under his taunts, she started out. She passed a dozen stores before she "screwed her courage to the sticking point" and staged the holdup.

A lone clerk in a drug store was the victim. The loot was \$50.

Escaping safely, the girl's conscience troubled her. Two days later she went to a telephone booth and called her victim.

When she identified herself, the clerk said:

"I'm busy. Call me a little later."

When the girl called again police had been tipped off, and she was arrested as she left a telephone booth a few blocks away from the scene of her crime.

In custody she made a clean breast of the whole affair.

"My conscience troubled me after the robbery," she said. "I couldn't sleep; I couldn't eat. So I decided to call the clerk and tell him how sorry I was. I couldn't give back the money, for I'd used it to pay a debt."

"I'm glad it's over, though. No prison path for me. I'd rather go to prison than live that way."

"A conscience is a good thing," the court told her. "I don't so much blame you as society, Anna. I hope something may be done for you."

RETIRED FARMER HANGS HIMSELF

Falls City, Neb., March 25.—Sherman Colglazier, 69, retired farmer, committed suicide yesterday by hanging himself in the barn of his farm, southwest of Verdun.

Colglazier had been ill for more than a year. He is survived by a wife and five children.

Berlin Police Arrest Woman Said to Be a Second Bluebeard

Berlin, March 25.—A sensational case but if the charges against are proved, death was the result of her ministrations.

Her first husband was Heinrich Koerner, wealthy wholesaler of Berlin. She was called to his sick bed one night in 1919 while employed as nurse at the Municipal First Aid station. She accompanied Koerner to a health resort and married him on their return.

Shortly after their marriage, her mother-in-law died suddenly and two months after that Koerner himself died. No will was found, and George Koerner, a brother, inherited the fortune. Then George died. It was suspected he committed suicide by inhaling gas.

Second Husband Dies. After his death a will was found making his sister-in-law his sole heir. She then married Max Frenzel, an engineer. A few months later her second husband was found dead in bed, shot through the heart.

The widow again said it was suicide and again she was the heir.

After that she married her present husband, who is chief secretary of one of the higher courts.

During her widowhood, Mrs. Bischoff was seen in deepest mourning carrying flowers to the graves of her husbands. But relatives of the dead husbands began sniffing at her inheritances.

The circumstances of the deaths seemed so suspicious that the civil judges turned the matter over to the public prosecutors.

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ENDRES RETURNS WITH PRISONER

Sheriff Mike Endres returned Tuesday from California, bringing Harry Glazer, charged with abandonment of his wife and four children.

In Nevada county he was held up by a writ of habeas corpus which a corps of attorneys argued for Glazer and the judge discharged the Omaha.

Outside the courthouse, Sheriff Endres, with the assistance of the local sheriff, arrested Glazer again, hustled him into a taxicab and drove 40 miles, until the county line was crossed.

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TRAFFIC TIED UP; WIRE TROUBLE

Traffic was tied up for 20 minutes on Tuesday afternoon, when two trolley wires were broken at Twenty-fifth and Dodge streets by a wire of the Nebraska Power company that fell and caused a short circuit. Lights were out in that district for a short time. No one was injured.

One of the street cars that was blocked by the fallen trolley wire was slightly damaged by a Ford truck on its return trip at Eighteenth and Harney streets.

"The Fool" to Be Presented

Miss June Whiting, Graceland college, Lamoni, Ia., will present "The Fool," a four-act religious drama, Wednesday night at 8 at Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints, Thirty-sixth and Burt streets.

Texas Shippers Satisfied With Omaha Market

Majority Now Sending Cattle Here, Livestockers Who Have Been on Trip Report.

Tired but happy, the goodwill excursion of Omaha stockmen returned early this morning, having visited eight cities in Colorado, Texas, Louisiana and Missouri.

The trip was made to promote good will between stock raisers of the southwest and dealers of South Omaha. There was little need for promotion of better feeling, according to Charles Gardner.

In Texas it was discovered that the majority of shippers were already supplying the Omaha market and well satisfied with the service.

"I took particular pains to study the New Orleans Mardi Gras," Gardner said. "It certainly does not come up to our Ak-Sar-Ben. We are democratic, they are not. Their celebration is purely social; ours is not."

Every member of the excursion was well pleased with the results of the trip. They all declared that even

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though they found Omaha's market so well known a little extra good will was not amiss.

As a result of the trip large cattle shipments from the southwest country are expected soon.

The stock buyers stopped at Denver, Dalhart, Amarillo, Fort Worth, Galveston and Houston, Tex., appearing before civic clubs, chambers of commerce and similar organizations to boost Omaha market.

Texas cattlemen took kindly to the four-gallon hats which the delegation wore. On the return six of the top pieces were unaccounted for.

Fremont—Jerome Bojar, Dodge farmer, was sentenced to 15 days in the Dodge county jail on the charge of issuing five bad checks.

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When she travels

Women traveling alone or with children prefer the famous limited trains of the New York Central Lines—because the standards of service on the restful water level route are such as they are accustomed to in their own homes.

Ladies' maids are in attendance on the Twentieth Century Limited, the Lake Shore Limited and the Wolverine—the three de luxe trains in the New York-Chicago service most favored by women travelers. On the Century facial massage and shampooing may be had in the barber shop in the club car.

The comfortable lounging room of the observation car is an added attraction on the Century, especially on the run along the famous Palisades and through the wonderful Highlands of the Hudson.*

*The westbound Century enters the Highlands at 3:50 p. m.; the eastbound at 8:10 a. m.

The World's Record

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In 1923 the Metropolitan grew faster than any other life insurance company in the world; grew in income—in assets—and in the effectiveness of its campaign for better health for the whole country.

The Metropolitan sends trained nurses to the homes of thousands of Industrial (i. e. weekly premium) policyholders when they are sick. In 1923 these nurses made 2,482,919 visits.

While the average life span in the general population of the United States is 51½ years greater than it was 11 years ago, the life span of the Industrial policyholders of the Metropolitan increased nearly 8½ years in the same interval. This greater gain has resulted in large part from the Metropolitan's Health Service.

During 1923 the Metropolitan distributed 33,790,840 booklets and pamphlets dealing with health, general welfare and longer life. The total number of pieces distributed to date amounts to 305,990,507.

The Metropolitan arranges for free periodic health examinations for holders of Ordinary policies. Among those who availed themselves of this privilege, the death rate was found to be 25% lower than was expected for the group.

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Assets	\$1,431,399,418.27
<i>More than any other Insurance Company in the World</i>	
Liabilities	
Reserve for Policy Obligations	\$1,290,579,178.00
Dividends to Policyholders payable 1924	25,572,037.69
All Other Liabilities	40,498,790.35
Unassigned Funds	74,749,412.23
	1,431,399,418.27
Increase in Assets during 1923	171,549,093.04
<i>More than any other Insurance Company in the World</i>	
Income in 1923	396,311,664.25
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Gain in Income, 1923	55,643,362.95
<i>More than any other Insurance Company in the World</i>	
Paid for Insurance Issued, Increased and Revived in 1923	2,359,034,859.00
<i>More than ever placed in one year by any Company in the World and 889 million dollars more than any other company in 1923</i>	
Gain in Insurance in Force in 1923	1,430,697,111.00
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Number of Policies in Force December 31, 1923	30,221,727
<i>More than any other Company in the World</i>	
Number of Policy Claims paid in 1923	430,866
<i>Averaging one claim paid every 20 seconds of each business day of 8 hours</i>	
<i>Payments to Policyholders averaged \$919.15 a minute of each business day of 8 hours</i>	
Total Bonuses and Dividends paid or credited to policyholders 1892-1923—plus dividends declared for 1924	180,294,982.83

Insurance Outstanding

ORDINARY (Insurance for the larger amounts, premiums payable annually, semi-annually, quarterly or monthly)	\$4,710,630,635.00
<i>More than any other Company in the World</i>	
INDUSTRIAL (Premiums payable weekly)	3,910,156,319.00
GROUP	617,467,114.00
<i>All placed within seven years</i>	
TOTAL INSURANCE OUTSTANDING	9,238,254,068.00
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GROWTH IN TEN-YEAR PERIODS

Year	Income for the Year	Assets at End of Year	Unassigned Funds at End of Year	Number of Policies in Force at End of Year	Outstanding Insurance at End of Year	Year
1883	\$ 2,082,619.05	\$ 2,186,622.24	\$ 627,368.24	531,048	\$ 63,425,107	1883
1893	15,216,236.65	19,343,705.06	4,109,689.92	2,940,226	353,177,217	1893
1903	49,887,804.11	105,656,311.60	10,691,857.56	7,523,915	1,342,381,457	1903
1913	117,503,043.89	447,972,404.85	35,728,077.34	13,957,748	2,816,504,462	1913
1923	396,311,664.25	1,431,399,418.27	74,749,412.23	30,221,727	9,238,254,068	1923



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