

LOVE TRYST PAIR FREED IN CHICAGO BY COURT ORDER

University Professor and Pretty Soul Mate Cleared of Charge of Disorderly Conduct.

Chicago, April 19.—The charge of disorderly conduct against Prof. William Isaac Thomas and Mrs. R. M. Granger was dismissed by Judge Graham in the morals court today.

Attorney Clarence Darrow of the defense was upheld in his contention that, although the elderly sociologist and the pretty young wife of an army officer were found in a room together at a hotel, this did not constitute disorderly conduct.

A. Bruce Bielaski of the Department of Justice at Washington has agents at work gathering every possible scrap of evidence concerning the relations of the pair which may show possible violation of the Mann act.

Mrs. Granger's husband, a lieutenant in the signal corps, sailed for France last February and almost immediately the friendship between her and Prof. Thomas began. The betrayal of the soldier husband, admitted by the defense today, has greatly intensified the interest felt in the case by Mr. Bielaski.

Prof. Thomas and Mrs. Granger made trips to Philadelphia and Washington and detectives are examining all trails to learn if he paid her railroad fare.

Prof. Thomas recently was dropped from the faculty of the University of Chicago, where he held the chair of sociology. He is widely known as an author and lecturer on the subject.

M'CUMBER FLAYS MEN WHO DELAY U. S. WAR PROGRAM

Washington, April 19.—Delay in the government's war program was severely criticized in the senate today by Senator McCumber of North Dakota, who defended the part taken by congress, and resented receipt of many post cards bearing the late Joseph H. Choate's words: "For God's sake, hurry up." These, Senator McCumber said, should be sent to the government departments.

"The delay is due to shameful failure of those appointed by the administration to speed up," said Mr. McCumber, asserting congress had performed its duty with unparalleled alacrity, generosity, in appropriations and unanimity of action.

Despite appropriations of more than \$1,750,000,000 for the government shipbuilding program, Senator McCumber said, it had been "grossly neglected" and not one-tenth accomplished of what should have been done.

Referring to the large appropriations for aviation, the North Dakota member said there were no planes in France and a "mere bagatelle" in this country.

"Wild, awful extravagance" in government war expenditures also was criticized by Senator McCumber.

HOLLAND REFUSES GERMANY'S OFFER OF BELGIAN COAL

Washington, April 19.—In seeking to arrange commercial agreements with the northern European neutrals, Germany is offering property seized in invaded territory in exchange for the neutrals' products. Dispatches to the State department today said Holland had refused an offer from Germany of 50,000 tons of Belgian coal, when the Dutch government learned where the coal was to be mined.

Offers of grain removed from the Ukraine, when the Germans invaded Russia, played an important part in the negotiations for a commercial agreement between Germany and Holland.

Holland has agreed to export 5,000 horses to Germany in return for permission to import Swiss cement through German territory.

SOCIALIST TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR ESPIONAGE

Minneapolis, April 19.—James A. Peterson, candidate for the republican nomination for United States senator, and J. O. Bentall, socialist candidate for governor, both convicted last week of violating the espionage act, were sentenced to terms of four and five years, respectively, in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., by Judge Page Morris in federal district court here today.

A stay was granted in each case pending appeal. Peterson's conviction was the result of articles written by him and published in the Minneapolis and St. Paul American, a weekly newspaper which has been barred from the mails. Bentall was convicted for making an address last July at Hutchinson, Minn., in which he urged repeal of the draft law.

Put Up For Keeps.
To make room for a new railway station, a comparatively new concrete building at Chicago was wrecked recently. The demolition of such buildings is not frequent, and the methods employed are therefore interesting.

A 1,800-pound pear-shaped cast-iron hat was used in smashing through the floor. It was carried by a single fall line on the forty-foot boom of a stiff leg derrick, which gave it a sheer drop of thirty feet. The floor, designed to carry a load of about 250 pounds to the square foot, failed to sag more than an inch when subjected to a pressure of 210 pounds to the square foot. Persistent onslaughts had to be made with falling weights, oxyacetylene torches, sledge, fire, water and dynamite. Wood fires were built around the bases at the interior columns and kept burning for several hours, so that when subjected to streams of cold water the concrete would crack. After the rods were cut with torches the columns were pulled over, the beams of course, falling at the same time.—Popular Mechanics Magazine

Movie Man Snaps Enemy Positions From Americans' Front Line Trench



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NAVAL AVIATION DISMAL FAILURE, SAYS BRITTEN

Washington, April 19.—Naval aviation was characterized as a "dismal failure" by Representative Britten of Illinois in the house today. Naval aviation must be co-ordinated before it can be a success, he said. The house, he declared, would be "astounded" to know how few accredited pilots the Navy department had January 1 of this year.

Defending the progress of the avia-

tion, Chairman Padgett of the house naval affairs committee, said he had been informed that there is not now an aviator abroad who has not a machine with which to fly. A member of the aircraft board recently told him he said, that the Navy department was about 60 days behind in naval fighting machines, but that it expected to overcome the delay in a short time.

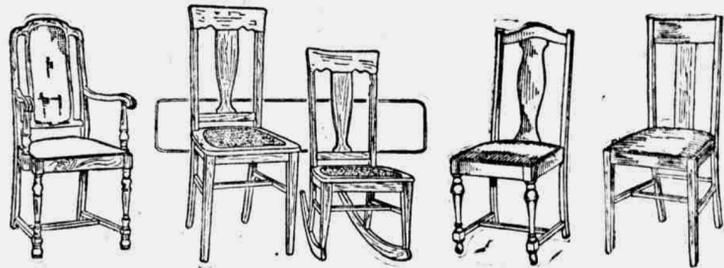
The Test.
Lucinda was testing the devotion of Erastus.
"Suppose it is night and we are in a deep, black woods. There comes a biter, constrictor a-wriggling through the grass; an' a wildcat a-houndin' through the bushes; an' a lion roarin' an' makin' for us a mile a minute. What are we a-gonna do?"
"There ain't gonna be no we."—Christian Register.

Earthquakes Shake Island of Martinique

Port De France Martinique, Thursday, April 18.—Slight earth shocks have been felt here for five days. The tremors began soon after noon Sunday and continued until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

In the eruption of Mont Pelee in May, 1902, 30,000 persons lost their lives on the Island of Martinique and the city of St. Pierre was destroyed. The Island of Martinique is covered with volcanoes and there are many others on nearby islands in the West Indies.

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ALLIES TO EQUIP ITALIAN TROOPS SENT TO FRANCE

Washington, April 19.—In explanation of the apparent anomaly involved in dispatching Italian troops to the French war front, while French and British troops are now in Italy, Italian military experts pointed out here today that Italy has a large number of soldiers available for service if they can be properly armed, equipped and maintained.

It is understood that the French and British war departments are prepared to supply the necessary equipment. It also was explained that owing to the mobility of the infantry arm which is to be employed on the west front, it would be easily possible to shuttle them back to Italy in time to aid in repelling an Austrian onslaught.

Military considerations forbid the disclosure of the number of Italian troops to be used in France, but it is said that probably the Italian will be as numerous as General Pershing's forces.

Everybody reads Bee Want Ads.

To Swat the Fly in Camp.
Camp Travis has started its "swat the fly" campaign under the supervision of Lieutenant Colonel P. R. Halloran, division surgeon, with the announced intention of making the cantonment flyless this summer.
An extensive screening campaign will be carried on as fast as the wire is furnished so that every barracks and all officers' quarters will be completely screened. In addition, vestibules are being placed on all these buildings and will be screened, giving double security against entrance of flies.
As a first step 2,000 large fly traps have been ordered placed about the camp. These are the first of the lot and from 6,000 to 8,000 more are expected. They are being placed at all kitchens and stables and at other places where flies seem to gather. In addition to the traps, the warfare against the flies will be carried on with platters of formalin solution, with fly swatters and fly paper.—San Antonio Times.

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