

Kent Alibi Shaken by Testimony

Two Youths Testify to Seeing Darkened Store at Time "Doctor" Asserts He Was Tending Shop.

Shady Past Is Alleged

Two 11-year-old boys sprang the surprise and sensation of the day yesterday in the Kent trial when they swore that on the night of July 23 they saw the lights of the Kent store extinguished at 8 in the evening and that the store remained darkened until late that night.

It was the third day of the trial of "Dr." H. S. Kent, charged with attempted murder of two babies found in a well near Thirty-third and California streets. Unless attorneys this morning learn of new evidence they wish to introduce, the case will go to the jury this afternoon following arguments in the morning by district judge Troup.

The two witnesses called to the stand by the prosecution in rebuttal following the winding up of the defense at 2:45 were John Rinn and Harold Houston, both of whom were working as delivery and soda fountain boys for the California Pharmacy across the street from the Kent confectionery store. Thirty-third and California streets, July 23 the day it is alleged Louise Boeke gave birth to twins.

Saw Lights Go Out. "We always worked until 10:30 during the summer," said the Rinn lad. "I remember the night of July 23 because it was the night before the babies were found in the well."

"I was at the front window at 8 and saw the lights go out in 'Doc's' place. It wasn't usual for any such thing to happen, as 'Doc' usually closed at 10, half an hour before we did. I spoke of it to Harold Houston, who was working there with me, and we looked at the clock and saw a lady working in the store also talked to us about it."

The Rinn boy's father is "Pat" Rinn, desk sergeant at South Side police headquarters. The other boy lives at 4340 Erskine street. In the prosecution put their faith in this testimony, backed by the Houston boy, who testified exactly the same as young Rinn. There has never been any testimony offered showing where "Doc" Kent was from about 7 on the evening of July 23, until 10:30 and 11.

Testimony of other defense witnesses who saw Kent that night was to the effect that they saw him between 10:30 and 11, the time he admitted he spent talking in front of the store and in visiting at the Boeke home. No one excepting Kent, himself, has offered any testimony as to his whereabouts from 7 until 10:30.

Saw Kent With Bundles. Mrs. Mary McElheny, a next door neighbor testified that Kent went into the Boeke home at 10:15, slipping out a few minutes later with two bundles in his hand. Kent testified that he called there a few minutes about 10:30 and carrying nothing excepting his cane.

Copy of a divorce petition filed in the office of the clerk of the district court on January 16, 1914, in which Rollo O. Haskins charged that Kent carried on illicit relations with his wife, Emma Havila. Haskins was another bit of last minute evidence introduced by the prosecution. Kent at that time was working in a drug store at Twenty-fourth and California streets. Court records produced showed that District Judge Sears upheld the adultery charge in the petition and granted Haskins a divorce on June 15, 1915.

Doctor Testifies. The prosecution also succeeded in getting before the jury testimony by Dr. S. McCleneghan that he saw the alleged evidence of childbirth found buried in the rear of the Boeke home and that it indicated birth of twins. This testimony, the state announced, probably would conclude its rebuttal and arguments were scheduled to open this morning.

O'Sullivan in closing his defense called numerous character witnesses. All spoke highly of "Doc" Kent, whom they described as a "character" around Thirty-third and California streets. "He was always doing something for somebody," George King, 3522 Cass street, said.

O'Sullivan called Assistant County Attorney Rosenblum to the stand. This move seemed to surprise the prosecution but Rosenblum asked up to take his medicine. Objection Sustained. "Didn't you as one of the prosecutors subpoena Louise Boeke, Carl Boeke and Helen Boeke?" O'Sullivan asked.

"Yes," Rosenblum replied. "Didn't you attempt to interview Boeke in Page Two, Column One?"

Græco-Roman Baths In Senate Building Being Put in Shape

Washington, Nov. 10.—(By The Associated Press.)—The Græco-Roman baths of the United States senate, installed nearly eight years ago, but never put into service, are now being cleared of the cobwebs and stains of time and will be in shape to offer their luxuries of steam, plunge, shower and electricity to the members of the new senate when it assembles.

Charge of extravagance were aimed at the baths in congressional debate when they were installed and as a result they were shorn of their expensive equipment, bereft of their marble slabs, Turkish rugs and steamproof tables and chairs were turned over to government hospitals and only the marble shells and nickel fittings left in place.

Now, however, the baths are coming back, but under a new plan. Members of the senate themselves will pay a large part of the operating expenses and a special unofficial committee has taken charge of the assessments, which will be levied against each user in proportion to the service he exacts.

Mrs. Kammerer Now Faces Term In County Jail

Verdict of Guilty of Contempt of Court Is Approved By State Supreme Court.

Mrs. Julia Kammerer, 1114 Frederick avenue, grandmother of Ruth Naomi Kammerer, 3, taken to Canada by her father, Charles Kammerer, defying court orders, faces a term in the Douglas county jail. Verdict of guilty of contempt of court in aiding and abetting her son in spiriting away the grandchild from his mother, given in district court last May, and appealed to the state supreme court, was concurred in yesterday by a decision handed down in the supreme court in Lincoln.

The grandmother is now out on \$1,000 bond following an order by the supreme court in July calling for a retrial of her case.

Tells of Baby's Illness. The kidnaping of little Ruth Naomi has held the attention of the state since she was born. Charles Kammerer stole the child from his mother and his divorced wife, Anna Kammerer, 2201 Viator street.

For many months the location of the father and baby was kept hidden. Then Miss Robina Kammerer, sister of Charles, made two trips to Winnipeg, where it was learned the child had been taken, in unsuccessful attempts to get the parent to return the baby.

The grandmother's ill health was used as an argument in an attempt to induce him to return to the state, but for many days he played in the role of sphinx, refusing either to comment on the case or return Ruth Naomi.

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Y. W. C. A. Fund Drive - Now Totals \$12,236

A total to date of \$12,236.90 toward the \$70,000, which the Young Women's Christian association is asking the public to contribute in its annual budget campaign, was announced yesterday. This report represented a day and a half's work on the part of the Y. W. C. A. and was made at the noonday luncheon for campaign workers held at the Y. W. C. A.

Former Auto Dealer Here to Be Given Trial on January 17

Los Angeles, Nov. 10.—(Special.)—Trial of George Reim, former automobile dealer of Omaha, accused by Mrs. Mary Cosobom of Long Beach of attacking her on a lonely road between here and her home, has been set for January 17. Reim was rated on his own recognition by Judge Craik of the criminal department of the superior court.

Motion made by Reim's attorneys that evidence submitted at the preliminary hearing was of such a nature as to justify setting aside the complaint was denied by the court.

The Bee's Free Shoe Fund

These BITTER cold days have nipped the toes of many little feet. Boys and girls, victims of extreme poverty, are in discomfort, and even danger of illness, just for the need of SHOES. Only private charity or a fund such as this can give them the shoes they require. Will YOU supply a pair of shoes for one pair of little feet? Just send or bring your contribution to The Bee office. It will be acknowledged and will be administered carefully through a committee of school teachers who choose the worthy.

Additional Charges in Ship Probe

Assistant Secretary and Statistician of Board Tells of "Carelessness" and Waste in Handling Records.

Hearings To Continue

New York, Nov. 10.—Additional evidence of alleged irregularities and mismanagement in the affairs of the United States shipping board were introduced today before the congressional committee investigating the affairs of the board by J. F. Richardson, assistant secretary and statistician of the committee.

The investigation is based largely upon a report submitted by Mr. Richardson and A. E. Fisher, secretary and statistician of the committee, after a year's work. At the conclusion of the day's session, Chairman Walsh announced that Commander A. B. Clements, executive assistant to Admiral Benson, chairman of the shipping board, would be a witness tomorrow. Chairman Walsh read a telegram from Admiral Benson which stated that the board would not object to Commander Clements testifying and "that the records, officers and employees of the board were at any time or place the committee desired."

Continue Hearings. Mr. Walsh said Admiral Benson and other officials of the board, as well as Charles M. Schwab and Charles Piez, former heads of the emergency fleet corporation, may be asked to appear. The hearings will be continued in New York for two weeks and then it is likely, said Chairman Walsh, that the committee will go to Philadelphia and Washington. Cross-examination by Representative H. J. Steele of Mr. Richardson took up a considerable part of the afternoon session. Characterizing the witness' previous testimony as a "general indictment," Mr. Steele sought to bring out specific instances of alleged "political influence," favoritism, etc.

The witness prefaced his reply to the first question asked, with the statement that his report did not purport to fix any individual on the part of any person. "The purpose of our criticism," he said, "is that we hope to bring out existing conditions so that they may be rectified by the shipping board itself. I want to give full credit to the board for its achievement. It had a gigantic task—one of the greatest ever met by man."

Congressman Aids Firm. Answering questions as to specific instances of alleged political influence, he recited that he had been informed that a ship building firm in Texas had "threatened" to appeal to a senator from that state to bring about what was claimed by the company to be a delay in a settlement of an account. He added that he had no knowledge as to what, if anything, the senator did.

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Son of Kansas Farmer Hired Youth to Kill Family, Prisoner Says

Norton, Kan., Nov. 10.—Norton county authorities announced that Carl Johnson, 17, had confessed to a murder and hired a youth to kill his family. Elmer Heiserman, 18, to kill members of the Heiserman family, in their home near Alma, Kan.

The Heiserman family was attacked several days ago while at dinner. Shots fired through a window struck Faye, one of the daughters, and her grandmother. Neither was seriously injured. Johnson later was captured in a cornfield by Jacob Heiserman, Elmer's father, and turned over to the authorities. Both Johnson and Young Heiserman are held in the county jail on charges of assault with intent to kill.

According to Johnson, Elmer Heiserman told him he was in need of money and that if his family were dead he would inherit the estate. Heiserman, Johnson said, promised him \$200 if the attempt was successful.

Man Leaps Under Train When It Nears Station

Oakland, Cal., Nov. 10.—Police here today received reports that a wind-up man supposed to be G. F. Baker, Twin Falls, Idaho, leaped under a train at Fairfield, near here, last night and was ground to bits. He was about 30 years old.

Witnesses said as the train drew into the station, the man calmly laid down his valise, took off his glasses and sat, placed them beside the grip and leaped under the second coach. In the grip was an Elks lodge card belonging to G. F. Baker, Twin Falls, Ida.

Columbus Man Instantly Killed by Fast U. P. Train

Columbus, Neb., Nov. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Joachim Robak, 70, was instantly killed just after noon today when a fast Union Pacific train No. 7 struck him at Duncan, 10 miles west of here. Robak was walking on the track. He leaves a wife and 11 grown children. He was quite wealthy.

Admiral Howard Dies

Annapolis, Md., Nov. 10.—Rear Admiral Thomas B. Howard, 66, United States navy, retired, died suddenly at his apartments here today. He was found unconscious in the bath tub and died within a few minutes. Death was attributed to heart disease.

Getting Down



Car Shortage Is About Over, Says Member of I. C. C.

Commissioner Tells Utility Commissioners That Country Now Faces Possibility of Equipment Surplus.

Washington, Nov. 10.—The back of the car shortage has broken, Clyde B. Aitchison of the Interstate Commerce commission declared today before the annual convention of the National Association of Railway and Utilities Commissioners.

"As a result of the efforts of railroad operators and employees, with the assistance of the shipping and under the policy laid down by the commission," Mr. Aitchison said, "we are now facing the possibility of a surplus of equipment."

Mr. Aitchison declared the general public would never know "how the rail and water transportation systems of the United States came to a complete cessation of functioning in the industrial heart of the country, the result of the strikes, beginning in April, and which continued in diminishing force until mid-summer."

"The present financial situation," Mr. Aitchison asserted, "coupled with the apparent downward trend of construction costs, makes it seem prudent not to engage upon any undue or avoidable construction problem until conditions become more normal and seemingly, there can be no letting down, to make the existing transportation machine operate at a 100 per cent load factor."

Passenger Rates in Romp Raised by Royal Decree

Rome, Nov. 10.—A royal decree just issued increases the price for passenger travel on railways and trolleys from a maximum of 180 per cent over the minimum of 100 per cent to the present figure of 250 per cent. The increase in fare in the daytime will be from 6 cents to 9 cents and at night from 8 cents to 15 cents. A ride on a street car at night therefore will now cost 50 per cent more than a ride in a cab prior to the war.

Harding Gives \$2,500 To Child Feeding Fund

New York, Nov. 10.—President-elect Harding, within 48 hours after election day, contributed \$2,500 to the Literary Digest Child Feeding fund for the relief of 3,500,000 destitute and starving children in Europe. His contribution was announced as among the first in \$163,000 collected to date which the Literary Digest started with its own subscription of \$25,000 at the urgent appeal of Herbert Hoover.

Mexico to Produce Fifth of World's Oil Supply

Washington, Nov. 10.—Mexico's 1920 production of petroleum will amount to 140,000,000 barrels, or one-fifth of the world's output, according to official estimates given out by the Mexican embassy. This compares with a production of 88,000,000 barrels in 1919 and more than twice as much as was taken from the fields in 1918 and 1917, the statement said.

Chicago Police Chief Resigns

Probe of Liquor Scandal May Cause Indictment of Several Policemen.

Chicago, Nov. 10.—John J. Garrity, chief of police, presented his resignation to Mayor William Hale Thompson this afternoon. Charles Fitzmorris, secretary to the mayor, was appointed chief.

Garrity has been under fire in connection with the investigation of the whiskey ring scandal in the police department and in connection with crime conditions in the city. Reports have been current that from a dozen to 50 policemen will be indicted by the federal grand jury investigating the liquor scandal. The district attorney's office last week summoned Garrity to the federal building and took charge of the records of his office covering investigation by the chief of police that police officers and patrolmen had furnished protection for prohibition law violators.

"Mike de Pike" Heitler, roadhouse keeper, and Robert Perlman, a saloon keeper, surrendered to federal authorities today and were held in bonds of \$15,000 each under indictments charging violation of the Volstead act.

Man Sentenced in Texas Takes Life in Washington

Fort Worth, Tex., Nov. 10.—A message was received by court authorities here telling of the suicide in Washington, D. C., of John J. McDonald, known here as E. J. Ward. Under the latter name, McDonald was given a 10-year sentence here last spring for swindling Sheriff Norlett of Hale Center out of \$50,000 on a fake stock deal. After the Fort Worth trial McDonald was taken to Washington to face a \$50,000 swindling charge there. He was arrested in California a year after the Fort Worth stock transaction and was brought to Texas only after a hard legal fight.

Smelting Company Claims Against U. S. Dismissed

Washington, Nov. 10.—A claim against the federal government, brought by the American Smelting and Refining company to collect \$12,515 in addition to payment on 33,069 tons of copper taken by the War department during the war was dismissed by the United States court of claims. The corporation contended that the 23 1/2-cent a pound price fixed by the government was insufficient compensation.

Portland Lawyer Shoots Wife and Then Kills Self

Portland, Ore., Nov. 10.—Schuyler C. Spencer, 58, prominent Portland lawyer, shot and killed himself here today, police reported, after shooting his wife. Mrs. Spencer's condition was said to be critical. Spencer's law partner said he had not been in good health lately.

Korean Village Raided

Tokio, Nov. 10.—Twenty armed malcontents are reported yesterday to have raided a Korean village. The local police drove off the rebels, killing one.

Town Marshal of Gibbon to Face Murder Charge

Coroner's Jury Finds No Apparent Cause for Shooting of Youth Who Died at Kearney Three Days Later.

Kearney, Neb., Nov. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—All evidence submitted at a coroner's inquest this afternoon failed to disclose any motive for the shooting of Lorton Murray, 20, of Gibbon, by Harvey Graham, town marshal, in front of a dance hall in Gibbon the night of November 7. Young Murray died in a Kearney hospital three days later.

According to the testimony of Mildred Camp, Carl Vohland and Minnie Graham, who were in the automobile with Murray when he was shot, "Who wants to know," was the only reply made by the victim to the marshal when the latter approached and asked what he was doing.

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Italian Army Deserter Named Mayor of Cremona

Rome, Nov. 10.—The socialist propagandist Tarquino Pozzoli was elected mayor of Cremona by his party, which was victorious in the municipal elections of Sunday last. Pozzoli, who deserted from the army during the war, was recently released from jail.

Man Sees Brother Ground To Death in Machinery

Idaho Falls, Idaho, Nov. 10.—D. R. Smith, 26, an employe of a paving plant near here, was killed at 7:30 this morning when his clothing became caught in some cogwheel lathe, his body being drawn into the machinery. His twin brother was standing at his side at the time and witnessed the tragedy.

Taxi Driver Dies of Wounds Inflicted by Passengers

Ogden, Utah, Nov. 10.—Darrrell Wilson, 21, a taxi cab chauffeur, died here from the effects of a bullet wound received early in the morning of October 31 while he was carrying two men, who fled after the shot was fired. Two strangers are under arrest; here and their records are being investigated.

Offer for Ship Rejected

Washington, Nov. 10.—Rejection of the offer of \$1,176,000 for the 7,050-ton steamer Black Arrow, made by the Polish-American Navigation Co. of New York, was announced by the shipping board. No reason was assigned. The offering for the Black Arrow and the 3,610-ton steamer Orion, made by the Central Navigation Co., has been withdrawn. It was stated.

Adriatic Question Is Settled

Istrian Frontier Decided in Favor of Jugo-Slavs, Dispatch from Santa Margherita Says.

Fiume to Be Independent

By The Associated Press. London, Nov. 9.—A dispatch to the London Times from Santa Margherita says the Adriatic question has been settled. According to these advices the principal points in the settlement are: First, the Istrian frontier practically decided in favor of the Jugo-Slavs.

Second, Fiume to be independent with territorial contiguity to Italy. Third, Zera under Italian suzerainty.

Fourth, the islands Cherso, Bussina and Unie granted to Italy. Premier Giolitti will sign the agreement tomorrow on behalf of Italy.

Italy Sends Ultimatum

Rapallo, Italy, Nov. 10.—(By The Associated Press.)—In what may be considered an ultimatum sent to the Jugo-Slav delegation here regarding the pending negotiations between Italy and Jugo-Slavia over the Adriatic question, Count Sforza, the Italian foreign minister, as head of the Italian delegation, laid down Italy's definite minimum claims. These, the document stated, were: The Italian frontier, including the Julian Alps, Nevoso mountain and the railway from Fiume to St. Peter Junction.

Territorial contiguity between Fiume and Italy. Fiume to be a state entirely independent, without any control by the league of nations.

Annexation of the islands of Lussin-Piccolo and Cherso to Italy. Guarantees Asked.

Annexation of Zera to Italy. Annexation of several of the Jugo-Slav islands to Italy for strategic reasons. Guarantees for the protection of the Italian minorities in Dalmatia remaining under Serbian rule. Demilitarization of some of the Dalmatian positions which will be allotted to Serbia.

United States Army Is Still 70,000 Under Authorized Strength

Washington, Nov. 10.—The regular army is still nearly 70,000 under the authorized strength. This is shown by the War department statement giving the disposition of the present forces. Of the total of 213,067 officers and men enrolled, 162,918 are in continental United States and 14,306 are in the army of occupation on the Rhine in Germany. There are 18,947 in the Philippines, 6,912 in Hawaii, 9,600 in Panama, 1,493 in Porto Rico, 1,406 in China, 867 in Alaska, 101 in France and five in England.

The department announced that during the month of October the enlisted strength of the national guard was increased by 4,649, making the total strength on November 10, 552,252 men as compared with an authorized strength of 182,830. New York state has the largest national guard organization, with 8,843 men and Texas is next with approximately 8,000 men.

American Made Goods Lead Others Throughout Norway

Washington, Nov. 10.—The popularity of American goods in Norway is described in a report to the Department of Commerce by Trade Commissioner Nels A. Benzston, which says that American automobiles and trucks are so predominant that they give a distinct American touch to street traffic in many of the cities.

Agricultural machinery also is prominent and as a whole, the United States now ranks first in the trade in metal manufactures as well as first in the imports of leather goods and second in textiles and clothing.

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The Weather

Forecast. Thursday fair and colder. HOURLY TEMPERATURES. 6 a. m. ... 14 1 p. m. ... 22 7 a. m. ... 15 2 p. m. ... 24 8 a. m. ... 16 3 p. m. ... 26 9 a. m. ... 17 4 p. m. ... 27 10 a. m. ... 18 5 p. m. ... 28 11 a. m. ... 19 6 p. m. ... 29 12 noon ... 20 7 p. m. ... 30 1 p. m. ... 21 8 p. m. ... 31 2 p. m. ... 22 9 p. m. ... 32 3 p. m. ... 23 10 p. m. ... 33 4 p. m. ... 24 11 p. m. ... 34 5 p. m. ... 25 12 noon ... 35