

Governor Asked To Free Babe From Its Prison Home

New Yorkers Petition Miller to Release Pearl Odell, Young Mother, Who Is Serving 20 Years.

By WINIFRED VAN DUZER, (Universal Service Staff Correspondent.) New York, April 5.—Approval was expressed here today of the action of 10,000 up-state citizens who have petitioned Governor Miller to remove tiny Gloria Odell, the Auburn prison baby, from her place in the shadow.

According to statements of those who have followed the tragic fortunes of the Odell family, it is probable that a second petition will be sent to Albany asking that the death sentence be commuted to life imprisonment for James Odell.

Baby Draws Sympathy. Sympathy for the petition now in the governor's hands, all centers round the six months old baby.

That the handicap of a father slain by the law, added to her first 20 years of life without a mother's care and anchorage of a home, would be more than likely to make a derelict, and perhaps criminal out of the victim of her parents' wrong, is the judgment of one distinguished sociologist and welfare worker.

He is the Rev. Dr. John G. Benson, founder of the "Sons of the Sons" club, undoubtedly the only place of his kind in the world for mending shattered hopes and toning up weary spirits.

While he talked of the Odell baby in his office at the "clinic," which is situated at the edge of Broadway in the theatrical district, this "son" doctor's own baby girl played about, chattering with joy over a little battered doll.

New York Eagerly Awaits Result of Whitman Probe of Mysterious Elwell Case

Paramour of Stillman, Who Introduced "Chicken" to Him, Now Living in Abject Poverty; Willing to Be Named Co-respondent and Prove Her Right to That Title.

New York, April 5.—Is influence—wealth, social position or politics—preventing the solution of the Elwell mystery? Is there more to be told of the checked career of the turban and bridge whisk expert—additions to the already colorful revelations involving a large number of women and tinted to even deeper hues by two outstanding exhibits—a pink kimono and one of blue?

The outstanding contrast to the New York, receipt last summer with "leads," some of which led to high society and others to Europe, is under investigation again, this time by Charles S. Whitman, former governor and now special investigator for the district attorney's office.

But, marked contrast to the news of "information" given to the newspapers immediately after the shooting and the hourly expectations of an important arrest, the present proceeding is shrouded in mystery.

Months of investigation by squads of detectives proved nothing except to reveal the wide circle of acquaintances of Joseph Bowne Elwell, society favorite and bridge whist king. Each day saw "another woman" involved in a web of loosely connected circumstantial evidence.

Mysterious automobiles were traced and found with no results. A dozen or more persons were summoned to the district attorney's office and grilled. And out of the whole effort, the strange case, only one fact remained—that Elwell came to his death, shot through the head with a .45 caliber bullet on June 11, 1920, in his home at No. 244 East Seventy-third street, where he lived with a housekeeper.

But New York had been thrilled morning after morning with some new sleight on Elwell's life—he had flattered rather successfully just inside the outer fringe of society and had become a favorite with many members of the opposite sex despite his middle-aged baldness, which he concealed with rouge. There was a pink kimono dragged forth from a closet in the Seventy-third street house; it was not a temporary ornament, but rather a permanent fixture of the house.

Elwell's housekeeper was questioned closely, but could throw no light on how Elwell had been shot. The revolver from which the bullet had been fired mysteriously disappeared, although it exploded cartridge lay on the floor near the chair in which the lifeless body of the card player, clad in pajamas, was found.

Betting Booths Put in for Women At Longchamps

Gayest and Most Delirious Social Season in Paris Since Before the War Is Ushered in.

BY C. F. BERTELLI (Universal Service Staff Correspondent.) Paris, April 5.—"The Aphrodite robe," leaving the arms and a gap from the arm pits to the third rib completely bare, is seemingly the most popular hit of the year.

Hundreds of bare armed society women are parading the paddock at the Longchamps opening which ushers in the Paris season today. This season is expected to be the gayest and most delirious since before the war.

Mannequins wearing sleeveless frocks entirely fashioned of Sequins furnished another sensation. The daring creations evoked tremendous comment in view of Senator Chazelle's denunciation.

Although the racing is apparently only incidental to the polo-kick parade of summer, officials announced that the betting is the heaviest on record, an average of \$100,000 a minute being taken in by the pari-mutual booths mostly in \$1,000 and \$5,000 wagers.

Women's Betting Booths. Due to Ted Tiffany's unfortunate error at the Auteuil races last Sunday when, owing to his lack of knowledge of French, he backed a wrong horse for a large amount, a new rule was enforced today.

Another innovation was a row of betting booths for ladies. These were semi-enclosed and were created owing to a popular demand of American women for a place where they could back their fancy unperceived by the crowds.

WOMEN LAWYERS



Mrs. Annette Abbot Adams of San Francisco is probably the best known woman lawyer in the United States. So rapid was her rise that after a few years of practice former Attorney General Palmer appointed Mrs. Adams his first assistant attorney general.

Harding to Urge Early Revision Of Tax Measures Secretary Mellon Still Undecided as to Desirability of Proposed Sales Revenue Plan.

Washington, April 5.—Secretary of the Treasury Mellon has not as yet made up his mind as to the desirability of the proposed sales tax. He indicated today that he still is giving the subject consideration and is carefully weighing all the arguments for and against the proposition.

While the president is expected to recommend an early revision of tax laws and may urge the repeal of the excess profits tax, it is likely that he will not attempt to dictate the exact form of the new legislation.

In discussing the question of sales tax, Secretary Mellon said that careful consideration was being given to all different schemes proposed, together with various suggestions for exemptions. He pointed out that under the sales tax as advocated by Senator Root, there would be in exemption of business houses and farmers doing a business of less than \$4,000 a year.

One of the questions under consideration in this connection is with reference to commodities which are now taxed, such as tobacco. It is contended by some of the treasury experts that tobacco is taxed about as heavily as it can be and that it either should be exempted or relieved of present tax burdens and made subject only to the sales tax.

School District to Force Collection of Forfeited Bonds

Board of Education Appoints Attorney to Press Payments in Forfeited Appeal Bond Cases.

Prosecution of forfeited appeal bond cases in district court and sale of the \$2,500,000 High School of Commerce bond issue were the two outstanding propositions discussed by the Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday night.

Special meeting to consider the sale of the Commerce High bonds will be held Friday night, it was decided. The board received a certified copy of House Roll No. 164, showing its passage by the state legislature and signed by the governor authorizing the sale of \$5,000,000 school district bonds at a rate of interest not to exceed 6 per cent.

The board expects to be ready to receive bids for these bonds by April 25. When the board expects to receive completed bids and specifications for the building from the architects.

The members believe they will be ready to advertise for construction bids by May 15. Equipment for the new high school is estimated at \$500,000 in addition to the \$2,500,000 construction bonds.

T. J. McGuire was appointed assistant attorney by the board at a salary of \$150 a month to attend to the business of enforcing collection of forfeited appeal bonds in police court, which go into the school fund.

R. A. Van Orsdale, chairman of the judiciary committee, who presented the resolution appointing McGuire, informed the board the practice of accepting questionable appeal bonds in police court is to be abated.

Harding Hears Views From Labor Leaders On Railway Problems

Washington, April 5.—President Harding, in continuing his inquiry into the railroad situation, heard the views of labor, which were presented by A. B. Garretson, former head of the Order of Railway Conductors, and B. M. Jewell, president of the railway department of the American Federation of Labor.

Both men who came at the president's request, said they had discussed the situation generally, but had received no indication from the president as to his attitude.

Mr. Jewell is understood to have pressed his contentions expressed to the president last week in a telegram, that the wartime wage agreement had not been automatically abrogated by the return of the roads to private control.

Mr. Garretson said he had also discussed the wage question in connection with a review of the transportation question.

No indication was given at the White House today as to whether other railroad leaders would be asked here.

Estate of Late Cardinal Approximately \$100,000 Baltimore, April 5.—The will of Cardinal Gibbons filed today, designating as a personal estate of about \$100,000.

To Bishop O. B. Corrigan, administrator of the Baltimore diocese, the Rev. L. R. Stickney, rector of the cathedral, and the Rev. E. J. Connolly, chancellor of the diocese, is left the bulk of the late prelate's estate. In a private memorandum, he designates the disposition of certain funds for Catholic educational purposes.

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