

Arbuckle Is Held As Murderer

Formal Complaint Against Film Star Signed by Woman Friend of Dead Actress. To Be Arraigned Friday

San Francisco, Sept. 12.—A formal complaint charging murder was sworn to before Police Judge Daniel O'Brien today against Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle, in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, a motion picture actress. The complaint was signed by Mrs. Bambina Maude Delmont, a friend of the dead actress.

It was the second murder complaint against Arbuckle, the first having been made by the investigating detectives for the purpose of holding him until the formal charge could be filed. Mrs. Delmont, in signed and sworn statements, gave the police many details of the party at the hotel here a week ago today, at which time Miss Rappe was subjected to an alleged attack by Arbuckle. She died four days later.

Arbuckle appeared in court to be arraigned on the charge sworn to by Mrs. Delmont. At the request of the district attorney the case was continued until Friday morning and Arbuckle was taken back to his cell. Arbuckle consented later to see a group of newspapermen, but refused to discuss the Rappe case with them. He appeared dejected but said he was receiving good treatment in the jail.

District Attorney Brady through Deputy Milton T. U'Ren said: "We have a complete case against Arbuckle. Film Star is 'Mugged.'" Arbuckle's appearance in police court was delayed until his Bertillon measurements could be taken and he could be photographed for the rogues' gallery.

The Bertillon record showed that his weight is 266 pounds and his height 5 feet 8 3/8 inches. He gave his birth place as Kansas and his age as 34.

The arraignment was conducted in a haze of flashlight smoke, the flashlights popping with machine gun regularity. The arrival of Arbuckle in court was so long delayed that Judge O'Brien adjourned the session and said he would wait five minutes until the prisoner could be produced.

Arbuckle Is Dejected. Arbuckle appeared through a side door within the five minutes, flanked by his attorney and the police guard. He appeared greatly dejected and heaved many sighs.

Following the court session and when he was taken back to his cell, he was given an opportunity to go into the judge's chambers to make and smoke a cigar while the arraignment papers were being made out.

The little court room was packed, the spectators rising in their chairs when Arbuckle appeared and remaining in that position during the brief session. There were few women present. Arbuckle told newspaper men in court that he was born in Smith Center, Kan.

Girl Accused Him. Almost with her dying breath Virginia Rappe, accused film star, told of having been the cause of her injuries. This is the assertion made to the police by Mrs. Jean Jameson, the nurse who attended her at the Wakefield sanatorium, and who was at her side during her last moments.

Mrs. Jameson repeated the tragic denunciation of Arbuckle, made to her by the dying woman. She declared that Virginia Rappe had told her that Arbuckle had been waiting for five years to "get her." Mrs. Jameson would not be certain that the actress had said that she had been dragged by Arbuckle into the room, but she declared unhesitatingly that Virginia Rappe had accused him of having caused the bruises and the other injuries that resulted later in her death.

Sweetheart of Dead Film Beauty Scores Arbuckle



Virginia Rappe, whose death in a San Francisco hotel has resulted in the holding of "Fatty" Arbuckle, film comedian, and Henry Lehrman, motion picture director, Miss Rappe's "first and last sacred love."

By LOUIS FEHR, Universal Service Staff Correspondent. (Copyright, 1921, by Universal Service.) New York, Sept. 12.—"I could not face Arbuckle. I would kill him. If he wants to live he had better be punished."

That is the statement made here by Henry Lehrman, motion picture director, "first and last sacred love" of pretty Virginia Rappe, film star, whose death in San Francisco following an orgy in Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle's rooms has resulted in Arbuckle's arrest on a charge of murder.

Lehrman is at present directing Owen Moore's former husband of Mary Pickford, in Selznick productions. During the interview he nervously fingered a pair of platinum cuff buttons given him by the actress who, in her dying breath, accused Arbuckle of her injuries.

Asks Only Justice. Inscrubed on these buttons were the words: "To Henry, my first and last sacred love, Virginia."

Lehrman raised his hollow, weary eyes to a large photograph of the dead film player. It showed her girlish face silhouetted against a big picture hat hanging from two velvet cords about her neck.

"My prayer is that justice be done," he said in a voice vibrating

"Buddies" to Pay Final Tribute to ZR-2 Victims

British Cruiser With Bodies of American Dead Due to Arrive at New York Navy Yard on Friday—Ceremonies Saturday.

New York, Sept. 12.—Comrades in arms today were preparing to pay their last tribute to the American officers and men who perished in the ZR-2 disaster. The British cruiser Dauntless will bring the bodies of the 16 Americans to the New York navy yard from England Friday. There American bluejackets will receive their own dead and the following afternoon will accord them full naval honors.

A fleet of destroyers, aircraft and possibly several battleships will escort the Dauntless into port. A special chapel is being built to receive the flag-shrouded caskets. There two guards of honor, picked from marines' and seamen, will watch over the dead.

The victims will come home as a unit. It originally was planned that the Dauntless should pause to consign to the deep the body of Lieutenant Commander Emory Cole, in accordance with his wish. It was decided, however, that his body should first rest on native soil. When the burial later is made in the Atlantic, it will be from the deck of an American warship.

Services to Be Public. Plans for the memorial service as announced today, called for services

Two Probes Under Way Of Collapse of Bridge

Chester, Pa., Sept. 12.—Two inquiries into the collapse of a foot-bridge across the Chester river, causing the loss of 24 lives Saturday night, were under way here today with county and city officers in controversy over the condition of the bridge.

County Commissioner Thomas Feeley, while admitting the collapse was due to the unusual weight thrust upon a badly rusted and broken supporting arm, declared the county engineer had pronounced the bridge safe 10 months ago.

Police Chief Davenport asserted the bridge had been abandoned several years ago and that only one of five bolts in the supporting arm was capable of withstanding pressure.

Harding Congratulates Man Nearing Century Mark. Huntington, W. Va., Sept. 12.—John T. Gibson, a retired army man, who will celebrate on next Saturday the 100th anniversary of his birthday, yesterday received a congratulatory message from President Harding.

"I have to congratulate you on having lived a full century, the most eventful and important, I am sure, in the world's history; and I hope you will have many more years vouchsafed to you in what I believe will be a yet more important and fruitful time," the president wrote.

Provisions Of Tax Bill Approved

Senate Finance Committee Adopts Proposal to Increase Exemption on Personal Incomes Under \$5,000. Surtax Rate Decreased

By The Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 12.—Two of the four major provisions of the house tax bill were approved today by the senate finance committee. One gives the minimum income surtax rate of 12 per cent, as compared with the present 65 per cent and the other increases by \$500 the exemption allowed for families giving net incomes of \$5,000 or less and by \$200, the exemption allowed for each dependent.

Chairman Penrose announced that the committee would vote tomorrow on the effective date of the repeal of the excess profits tax. Even those senators favoring Secretary Mellon's proposal to make the repeal retroactive to January 1, were of the opinion that the committee would accept the house provision for repeal as of next January 1.

Many Approve Plans. Should the house date be approved, it was said that the committee probably would approve repeal of transportation taxes as of next January 1, and most of the other tax repeals provided for in the house bill. Secretary Mellon's proposal for retention of the transportation levies next year at half the present rates and the restoration of a tax on cosmetics, perfumery and proprietary medicines were predicated upon retroactive repeal of the profits tax.

In voting to reject Secretary Mellon's proposal that the maximum income surtax rate be reduced to 25 per cent, the committee took under consideration a treasury plan to reduce the rate in each income bracket by 1 per cent to lighten the taxes on those having incomes of less than \$68,000, as well as those whose incomes exceed that amount.

New Proposals Up. Several new tax proposals are to be presented, but Chairman Penrose said it had been decided to have a final vote on the bill Friday, to give draftsmen and experts time to put the measure in shape for presentation to the senate September 21.

The question of the amount of the increase to be made in the corporation income tax as an offset to the repeal of the excess profits tax has not been reached. The house bill fixes the total at 12 1/2 per cent instead of the 15 per cent recommended by Mr. Mellon.

Train Hits Motor Car Caught in Cattle Guard. Grand Island, Neb., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—William Vickery and wife, lost their touring car here this morning when it was struck by a Union Pacific train No. 19 at a crossing west of the city. On their return from Denver, where they had taken a daughter, they had camped west of the city during the night. A cold rain setting in they decided about 4 o'clock this morning to break camp and come to the city.

At the crossing Vickery became confused, ran off the roadway and into the cattle guard, and there the front wheels lodged. Mr. Vickery tried to flag the train approaching at some distance but failed. Mr. Vickery got out in time. The car was almost completely wrecked.

Tecumseh Pioneer Commits Suicide. Tecumseh, Neb., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Henry Bartels, a retired farmer living in Tecumseh, committed suicide today by cutting his throat. He had been despondent for some time.

Mr. Bartels was born in Illinois and was 73 years old. He is survived by his widow and seven grown children, all living in this section with the exception of one son, Chris Bartels, who lives at Deshler. Mr. Bartels had lived in Johnson county for 47 years and had been prosperous.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Man Refuses to Pay \$1,000 Ransom for Wife; Kidnaper Can Keep Her. Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, Sept. 12.—The question of what a really good wife is worth has been brought up by the action of William Demetropoulos, who refused to pay \$1,000 ransom to get his wife back from her abductors.

William appeared in Judge Jacobs' court and asked a warrant for Gus Granopoulos. William said Gus apprehended him Sunday night and put the proposition to him, "I have your wife," said Gus. "If you will come across with \$1,000, I'll give her back. Otherwise I'll keep her myself."

"What? \$1,000 for a wife?" William responded, "I don't want her. You can keep her." "I have your wife," said the husband, who refused to pay \$1,000 ransom to get his wife back from her abductors.

Colorado Miners Resume Work at Old Scale of Wages. Trinidad, Colo., Sept. 12.—In pursuance of an order issued by the state industrial commission late Saturday restoring the wage scale in effect in Colorado Fuel and Iron company mines prior to September 1, when a reduction in wages in some mines was to become effective, miners returned to their places when the whistle blew this morning. All the company mines operating at the time the controversy arose are working full shift.

Bandits Rob Bank. Sioux City, Ia., Sept. 12.—Two bank robbers held up the Greenville State bank at Greenville today, secured \$300, and escaped in an automobile.

Cartoons of the Day



Over 100 Bodies Of Texas Flood Victims Found

More Than Score of Families In Brazos Bottom Reported Lost—Most of Dead Mexicans. San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 12.—More than 100 bodies of flood and storm victims in the low lands along the San Gabriel river in Williamson and Milam counties have been recovered, according to the correspondent of the San Antonio Express at Taylor.

The correspondent telephoned the following: "One hundred and nine bodies have been recovered from flooded low lands along the San Gabriel river in Williamson and Milam counties as a result of more than 20 inches of rain between last Friday and Saturday morning. Most of the dead are Mexican farm laborers."

Another dispatch to the Express from Rockdale, Milam county, says: "More than 20 families in the Brazosbottom are reported lost. Five persons are known to have drowned on the Ed Green farm in the San Gabriel bottoms."

Death lists from the different towns and communities reported here, follow: "Thorndale, 65 bodies recovered, all Mexicans. Laneport, 23 bodies recovered, all Mexicans. San Gabriel, eight Mexicans. Alligator creek, five Mexicans. Roy Bland farm, near Taylor, four Mexicans. Elin Grove, 29 Mexicans on Jake Bower's place, seven miles southeast of Taylor."

Two unidentified American children, drowned in Brushy creek, near Taylor.

Sleeves Most Important Thing in Style for 1921. Chicago, Sept. 12.—Women will be interested in knowing that the sleeve is the most important thing in the 1921 styles. Sometimes they are tight at the elbow, but at that point they begin to flare and at the bottom are nearly as wide as the skirt. Sometimes they are whole, sometimes split and the dips and cuffs resemble a pelican's skin.

"A boat line neck and sleeves that flow like a gentle river from shoulder to wrist," is the description given by Miss Esther Winkler, a dressmaker from Shamokin, Pa., who is attending the convention of the fashion art league of America, which opened today. More than 3,000 designers, modistes and buyers are here from all parts of the country.

Court Holds California Alien Poll Tax Law Illegal. San Francisco, Sept. 12.—The state alien poll tax law was declared unconstitutional by the state supreme court in a unanimous decision which held that the measure was in violation of the 14th amendment to the United States constitution and to the treaty between the United States and Japan.

Snow Stops Threshing. Lethbridge, Alberta, Sept. 12.—Wheat threshing operations were checked throughout this region today by a snowfall of five inches. Cutting of the wheat crop had been completed within the storm area.

Congress Scored By Cuban Paper

Crowder Praised for Work—Throw Country to Lions. Havana, Sept. 12.—Orestes Ferrara, one of the leaders of the liberal party in congress, today in his newspaper, El Heraldico de Cuba, prints an open letter in which he praises Maj. Gen. E. H. Crowder for his work in Cuba, but criticizes adversely the American congress for its attitude toward Cuba.

"While you preach good government to us in Havana," says the letter in part, "in Washington, they are throwing us to the lions. You tell us we must readjust our budget and establish new taxes and what precepts we must follow to consummate a loan, but there is an enormous contradiction. The reason we must reduce our budget, impose new taxes and secure credit lies in the legislation enacted by the congress of the country you represent, which imposes a tax of 100 per cent on our sugar."

The letter says the Cuban mission sent recently to Washington was received coldly. If it had been successful and the Fordney traffic bill had been modified, the Cuban financial and economical readjustment would have been realized. It adds that the members of the mission who remain are devoting themselves to securing a loan to liquidate debts owed by Cuba to foreign countries.

Sarpy Court House Bond Issue Carries. Papillion, Neb., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—The proposal for the issuance of \$150,000 bonds for the erection of a new Sarpy county court house was carried by a vote of 1,626 to 531 at the special election today. Precincts which favored annexation of Sarpy to Douglas county piled up big majorities for the bond issue.

Dail Eireann Courier May Be One of Sinn Fein Members. Dublin, Sept. 12.—Robert C. Barton, who was the official Dail courier in the last exchange of notes with Mr. Lloyd George, did not make the journey this time. This was considered to strengthen the rumor that he would be one of the plenipotentiaries for the proposed peace negotiations.

Dublin messages Sunday night stated it was believed the Dail Eireann cabinet had completed the draft of the reply to the latest note from Premier Lloyd George regarding a settlement of the Irish question.

Patrons of Nevada Owl Club Robbed by Pair of Bandits. Reno, Nev., Sept. 12.—Sheriff, constables, deputies and citizens are searching through the hills for two bandits who held up the Owl club at Gold Hill on the Comstock Saturday night. Sixteen men in the gaming rooms were lined up by the masked men and all the money on the card tables and in the safe was taken, said to be \$1,600. Officers declare it is the first holdup in Virginia City for 40 years.

Bavarian Cabinet Quits. Munich, Bavaria, Sept. 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—The entire Bavarian cabinet resigned today.

Man Refuses to Drink Beer; Is Kicked to Death

Fellow Lodger Offers Beverage, Resents Refusal—Wife Of Victim Also Attacked by Slayer, Who Escapes. A week ago William Ernest Blessie, 41, car repairer for the Missouri Pacific Railroad, was married. Monday afternoon he was kicked to death and his alleged murderer, Oscar "Whitey" Gabriel, employed at the Dold Packing company, escaped.

Blessie and his bride and Gabriel and his wife occupied apartments in the same house at 4610 South Forty-seventh street. Blessie came home from working at 5 yesterday afternoon and went into his apartment where he picked up a paper and started reading.

Refuses Invitation. Gabriel, so police say, went into Blessie's apartments and invited him into his apartment to drink beer. Blessie refused and an argument ensued. Gabriel then invited Blessie to go outside and during the encounter Blessie was knocked down. Police say that Gabriel then kicked Blessie to death. Mrs. Blessie interfered and attempted to save her husband and Gabriel knocked her down, according to witnesses.

Gabriel escaped in an automobile. He had not been caught early this morning. Dr. William Melchior was called and declared Blessie had been kicked to death. There were bruises on the left side of his face and a bruise on his forehead. Several teeth were knocked out and there was severe cut on Blessie's mouth.

The body was removed to Brewer's mortuary after the coroner had been notified. Mrs. Blessie was removed to the home of friends at 2016 P street, where she is in a critical condition. Held As Witnesses. Mack Luckey, 4035 L street, and Frank Jessie, 4414 South Thirty-fourth street, who were drinking beer at Gabriel's home and who witnessed the alleged murder, are held as witnesses. Luckey, police say, is a former city fireman, stationed on the South Side.

The new ordinance requires physician to make reports of all cases that attend in which violence has been done went into effect Monday. Dr. Melchior, according to police, was the first Omaha physician to make such a report. After he had examined Blessie's body he called police and notified them of the murder.

The Weather. Nebraska—Showers Tuesday and possibly Wednesday; colder Wednesday and in west portion Tuesday. Iowa—Showers probably Tuesday and Wednesday; not much change in temperature.

Hourly Temperatures. 8 a. m. ... 59 9 a. m. ... 60 10 a. m. ... 61 11 a. m. ... 62 12 m. ... 63 1 p. m. ... 64 2 p. m. ... 65 3 p. m. ... 66 4 p. m. ... 67 5 p. m. ... 68 6 p. m. ... 69 7 p. m. ... 70 8 p. m. ... 71 9 p. m. ... 72 10 p. m. ... 73 11 p. m. ... 74

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Ak Festival Begins At 1:30 Today

12-Day Revels to Open to Blare of Music at Carnival And Thud of Fleet Hoofs At Race Track.

Entertainments Abound

With a blare of music from the new Ak-Sar-Ben arch at Fifteenth and Capitol avenue, the clamping of bits and the thud of fleet hoofs at Ak-Sar-Ben race track, the Ak-Sar-Ben fall festival will open at 1:30 p. m. today for 12 days of colorful, mirthful, thrilling entertainment.

And from the opening this afternoon to the last glimmer of the coronation ball the evening of Friday, September 23, every hour is filled with a continuous program of events.

Six Races a Day. At Ak-Sar-Ben field, starting this afternoon and continuing Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons, will be Great Western circuit harness and running races. Six races are scheduled for each afternoon.

To add to the lure of glistening horses, the bright colors of the jockeys and the excitement of picking the winners Ruth Law and her flying colts will perform a new auto-airplane change act every afternoon at the field.

Pyrotechnic Display. Nor will the great grandstand at Ak-Sar-Ben be given a rest at night, for on the evenings of Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday the thrilling pyrotechnic display, known as "Montezuma," or the "Last Days of the Aztecs," is scheduled. Ruth Law will make illuminated airplane flights each of these evenings, and as an added but none-the-less important attraction is scheduled the musical production, "Smiles of 1921." A concert band has been obtained to play at the field both afternoons and evenings.

The roar of high-powered motors which will hurtle veteran dirt track drivers about the Ak-Sar-Ben track will lure crowds to the field the afternoon of Saturday, September 17.

34th Division Reunion. On Sunday is scheduled the athletic exhibition of the Nebraska state Tel Jed Sokol society at the City auditorium. Monday will be a day of comparative calm. The jazzy strains of music from Ak-Sar-Ben arch and the 20 Siegrist & Silbon band shows within the clamping of spindles, the roar of the wild man and the swish of confetti is expected to lure thousands through the arch's gates on this day, and on every other day, for that matter.

It is on Monday, too, that the first "Sandstorm" of the A. E. F. starts its three-day session. Arrangements for the free billeting of these men have been made.

Floral Parade. The floral parade, which will wind its gorgeous way through downtown Omaha Tuesday afternoon, promises to be one of the most successful ever held here. Fifty floats have already been entered and 25 more are expected.

Almost every type of industry will be represented. (Turn to Page Two, Column Three.) Soviets Declare War Against Bessarabia. Riga, Sept. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Russian soviet government has declared a state of war in Bessarabia, the Rumanian frontier zone.

According to the Rosta News agency, Leon Trotsky, the Soviet minister of war, has gone to the Ukraine, apparently in connection with reported mobilization of Rumanian or anti-bolshevik troops recruited in Rumania.

At Linton, according to the Rosta, Trotsky said: "We want peace, but those who want to penetrate Russia forcibly will collide with the armed red fighters." Famous Physician Here For Phi Rho Meeting. Delegates and visitors to the 12th biennial convention of Phi Rho Sigma medical fraternity in Omaha will attend the horse races at Ak-Sar-Ben track today.

The convention opened yesterday at the Hotel Fontepelle. Among the prominent men who registered attendance from various parts of the country was Dr. Richard Cabot, famous diagnostician and author of standard text books in medical colleges throughout the country.

Proposed establishment of a fund for research fellowships in medical schools will be discussed at the conference, according to Dr. Stuart Wilson of Detroit, president of the Phi Rho Sigma.

Root Definitely Declines Place on Court of League. Geneva, Sept. 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—Elihu Root has definitely declined to be considered for election as judge of the international court of justice. In a cablegram to Dr. Manley O. Hudson, who is here in the capacity of American observer, Mr. Root declares he will be unable to serve on the court because of his age.

The refusal of Mr. Root is said to increase the chance of either John Bassett Moore or Prof. Roscoe Pound, two other Americans nominated for the court to be elected. Spanish War Vets Meet. Minneapolis, Sept. 12.—Business session of the 21st national encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans, began here today. National auxiliaries also are meeting here.