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First Evidence Today In Mrs. King's Trial

(Continued From Page One.) taken. Many women were among the spectators. They occupied nearly all of the chairs nearest the railing and a dozen or more were given chairs inside the railing. There was not a thing about the frail-looking, middle-aged woman who sat behind her counsel, facing the jury, that escaped their analysis. She appeared to be oblivious of the fact that she was playing the part, in blazoning publicity, on the judicial stage. She scanned the faces of the jurors even more keenly than she herself was scanned by the hundreds of pairs of eyes. Nothing Escaped Her. Apparently not one word said by a juror escaped her, and when the jury arose to be sworn she took a mental physical photograph of the men. When they were seated, listening to the instructions of the court, she appeared to be making a still keener psychological analysis of them. Never once did her gaze waiver nor was there the faintest quiver of nerve or muscle. Only once during the long afternoon did she raise her face and look at the women around her. The gaze was almost pathetic, as if she had momentarily yielded to the womanly instinct and sought the sympathy of her sisters. Then the impassive aspect returned and she was again an unemotional sphinx woman. The opening arguments of the attorneys will be made this morning. The state's witnesses will be the officers who participated in the raid and made the arrests. It has been intimated that the state may not try to show that Thomas E. King, dead bandit and supposed husband of the woman, was Tommy Doyle, notorious yegg and gunman of South St. Paul, Minn., and thus connect her up with one of the most dangerous bands of criminals in the middle west. Photographs of King, made at the "Cutter morgue," were not identified by St. Paul police as Doyle. There is also declared to be lacking identification of Frank Tierney, wounded Schneider farm bandit, as Tommy Dolan, another member of the St. Paul gang of gunmen. Attorney Hess has not disclosed his line of defense, but declared last evening he was confident of acquittal.

### Rev. Titus Lowe Named for High Methodist Post

Omaha Pastor Elected Secretary of Foreign Mission Board—Duties Will Take Him From City.

New York, Nov. 30.—Announcement was made by the board of bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church of the election of the Rev. Dr. Titus Lowe, pastor of the First Methodist church of Omaha, as corresponding secretary of the board of foreign missions, to succeed S. Earl Taylor, who resigned August 1 because of failing health.

Dr. Lowe is now in New York, following his attendance at the meeting of the board of bishops, which closed at Syracuse last Sunday. He is expected home Friday or Saturday. Not Unexpected. "While this announcement is not entirely unexpected, since we know Dr. Lowe's name had been proposed at the conference, I had not heard that he was elected," Mrs. Lowe said yesterday. "I know that personally Dr. Lowe would prefer to remain in the ministry, I think there is no doubt that he will accept."

### Education Week Proclaimed by Gov. McKelvie

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### Legion Post at Albion Gives Musical Comedy

Albion, Neb., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—"Ching Chong," a musical comedy, was presented here by Manderson Lehr Post, 162, American Legion. Three weeks were spent in the preparation for the play. The proceeds will be used for the securing of a lease and the equipment of a permanent hall for the post. Two performances were given. About 30 persons were in the cast in "Ching Chong."

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### Farm Sale Near Geneva Draws Record Crowd

Geneva, Neb., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—The most largely attended sale ever held in this county took place when the Youngers estate and R. A. Burns disposed of stock and farm machinery at the old Youngers farm. The crowd was estimated at 1,000.

### Warehouse Is Robbed

Alliance, Neb., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—Thieves broke into the Farmers union warehouse here and stole 12 sacks of flour. Entrance was gained by prying off a parakeet door which opens onto a much traveled street. An automobile truck was used to carry the loot away.

### Mail Boxes Provided

Splendid co-operation of several thousand householders in providing mail boxes and correctly indicating the addresses of their homes, is reported by Acting Postmaster Daniel, referring to a request made by him a week ago.

### Woman's "Poison" Cries Call Police to Home

Roomers at 1709 California street called police yesterday when Mrs. Emil Anderson suddenly filled the house with screams and cries that she had taken poison. The woman refused to allow the police surgeon to minister to her, but submitted to treatment by a private physician, who said he could not find traces of poison. Her husband, who works in a packing house, was called home.

### W. W. Head to Preside

Walter W. Head has been chosen to act as toastmaster at the salesmen's Christmas dinner in the Auditorium on December 29 when 2,000 "drummers" working out of Omaha will be guests of the Chamber of Commerce. John L. Kennedy will be the principal speaker.

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### Telegraphic Briefs

Leviathan to Sail Again. New York, Nov. 30.—For the second time within three years the American eagle-bearing ship has triumphed over obstacles tending to prevent the giant steamship Leviathan, the former pride of Germany, from sailing to sea. Who will operate the Leviathan when it comes to service and under which flag it will sail is yet to be determined by the shipping board.

Was Handling on Debs. Cleveland, Nov. 30.—Immediate release of Eugene V. Debs and other alleged violators of the espionage act, is asked in a telegram sent to President Harding by the national executive committee of the socialist party at the closing session of its three days' meeting here today.

Turko-Italian Deadlock. Constantinople, Nov. 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—The Turko-Italian negotiations have reached a deadlock, the Italian refusing to renounce their economic sphere and accept abolition of the capitulations. Favorable outcome of the negotiations is viewed here with much pessimism as Italy is not prepared to sacrifice its sphere as an example to "France. The British are far from keeping aloof.

Army Officer Embesler. Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 30.—Pleading guilty in United States district court to embezzling \$1,040 of government money over which he had control at Camp Dodge, St. William E. Embesler, 37, was given a chance to pay back approximately the same amount in the shape of a fine. Justice J. Wade, fined the army officer \$2,500 and allowed him the liberty to enable him to pay it within reasonable time.

New "Planet" Is Asteroid. Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 30.—The "planet" reported yesterday in dispatches from South America to have been discovered by Professor Hartmann of the University of La Plata, Argentina, is merely an asteroid, one of the innumerable small bodies which revolve in the solar system between the orbits of the planets Mars and Jupiter. It was stated today at the Harvard college observatory.

Dr. Augustus H. Strong Dies. Pasadena, Cal., Nov. 30.—Dr. Augustus Hopkins Strong, president emeritus of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., and one of the most eminent theologians and educators of the Baptist denomination, died here aged 85.

Garment Makers Get Injunction. New York, Nov. 30.—The Garment Makers' union, whose members have been on strike here for the past three weeks, obtained an injunction from Supreme Court Justice Charles T. Guay, halting the cloak, suit and garment manufacturers from violating the wage and working agreement between the union and the Manufacturers' association which does not take effect until June 1, 1922. This is said to be the first time that a labor union has invoked the compulsory law against the employers in this way.

Petition in Science Suit. Boston, Nov. 30.—A petition asking the supreme court to permit Herbert W. Henshaw and Paul Harvey to resign as trustees of the Christian Science Publishing society was filed today by Sherman L. Whipple and Lothrop Withington, counsel for the trustees. The trustees also asked the court to appoint their successors and to authorize them "to manage the trust property in their hands to such new trustees."

Newspapers in Rome. Rome, Nov. 30.—The first newspapers since Sunday morning appeared yesterday evening. During the three days that Italy has been without newspapers there has been especially tranquil; there seemed less confusion and less street disorder than the city taking up the aspect of a quiet holiday. The period in which the citizens have been obliged to do without daily news has also served to calm those "malignant gossips" by the alleged Schanzoni-pretend.

### Munty Christmas Tree.

C. F. Bossie, city clerk is arranging the details of a municipal Christmas tree celebration to be held in the Auditorium Saturday night, December 24.



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