

Cole's First Objection Sustained

Alleged Murderer, Conducting Own Defense, Scores Point on County Attorney.

Hints at Mystery Past

Your honor, I object! Any allusion to any other crime alleged to have been committed by me has no bearing on this case. Thus did Otto Cole, who has astonished the bench and bar of the city by insisting on defending himself against the charge of murder, interrupt County Attorney Shotwell in the middle of Shotwell's opening address to the jury.

Sits Down in Silence

The silence continued after Cole sat down. He had made one of the shortest opening addresses on record in the criminal court of Douglas county. Then it was whispered about the courtroom that after all Cole must at some time have been a lawyer.

Des Moines Police Head Seeks to Banish Arbutckle

Des Moines, April 17.—(Special Telegram.)—"Fatty" Arbutckle will be suppressed in Des Moines if Chief of Police Hammond has his way. The chief's action is being hastened by the exhibition of an Arbutckle film at a local theater which is being greeted by round after round of applause from capacity houses.

Cop Risks Own Life to Save Young Woman From Truck

Miss Anna Alexander, 136 North Forty-first street, owes her life, perhaps, to the heroism of a veteran cop, Policeman McClanahan. Yesterday at Sixteenth and Farnam streets a runaway auto truck dashed toward her. Policeman McClanahan grasped the girl and flung her to safety just as a fender grazed her.

Volstead Seeks Re-Election.

St. Paul, Minn., April 17.—A. J. Volstead of Granite Falls, noted as the man who framed the prohibition legislation, today filed as candidate for re-election to congress from the Seventh district. Mr. Volstead has the republican district convention endorsement.

Nine Young Women Entered in Trip-to-France Contest

Voting for Candidates Will Begin April 26, When Nominations Are Closed—All Contestants to Be Given Even Start When Balloting Opens—Hayden Employee Named.

Yesterday found nine popular young women of the city and surrounding towns entered for the Trip-to-France contest of The Bee. Nominations will be open until noon April 26. Nominations will not be received after that time.

There was silence in the courtroom as Cole rose to make his opening speech to the jury. A group of attorneys and another judge had entered to listen to Cole in action.

Policeman Kills Himself; Wounds Wife Seriously

Edward Jeness, 40, Dies Instantly—Mate May Recover—Motive Not Yet Learned.

Policeman Edward Jeness, 40, shot and seriously wounded his wife, Anna, 34, yesterday afternoon at his home, 4517 South Twenty-ninth street, and then killed himself by firing a bullet through his right temple. He is thought to have died instantly.

Manford Biggs, Ex-Cashier, Given Term in State Prison

Manford E. Biggs, once trusted cashier of the Omaha Ice and Cold Storage company, accused of embezzling \$12,500, pleaded guilty to the charge before Judge Leslie in district court yesterday morning and was sentenced to two to five years in Nebraska state prison. Lincoln, Biggs' son, J. L. Biggs, 24, accompanied him to the courtroom.

Argentina Plans to Add Ten Ships to Naval

London, April 17.—Being unable to obtain satisfactory financial terms and guaranteed dates for delivery from Britain, Argentina is negotiating with a Swedish firm for the construction of 10 naval vessels.

Widow Zander Is Heart-Broken

Uncle Bim left her "waiting at the church." But has she lost him yet? She may have a trump card to play.

Christians Massacred on Coast of Black Sea

London, April 17.—(By A. P.)—A great fire and a massacre of Christians at Samsoun, on the Black Sea coast of Asia Minor, were in progress nine days ago, when the Italian steamer Barbita left here, the steamer's officers reported on its arrival at Patrasa, Greece, says an Athens dispatch. The London Times, dated Sunday

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Band Makes Attempt to Kill Collins

Baracks Is Besieged

Dublin, April 17.—(By A. P.)—An attempt on the life of Michael Collins, head of the provisional free state government, was made here shortly after midnight this morning, coming almost simultaneously with an assault on the Beggars' Bush headquarters of the Irish republican army, says an official army statement.

Mr. Collins was on his way home after having addressed a meeting at Naas, County Kildare, when the attack occurred.

Open Fire on Collins Party. A group of armed men rushed at the Collins party's car and opened fire, the free state leader apparently being the special target.

During the fighting a general headquarters car from Beggars' Bush barracks was disabled by rifle fire and captured.

The headquarters barracks was attacked by riflemen on all sides at midnight, about 20 shots being discharged. Commandant General Ennis was fired at outside of the gate.

An army transport also was attacked, but without results, the besiegers fleeing after a sharp exchange of shots.

Shots were fired on the premises occupied by the civic guard at Balls Bridge. No damage and no casualties were reported.

Scores De Valera. In his speech at Naas, County Kildare, yesterday Mr. Collins charged the opponents of provisional free state government with setting barriers against the onward march of the nation.

He declared that Eamon de Valera had adopted "methods of anarchy" because the people of Ireland were not willing to allow him to decide the treaty question for them.

De Valera regarded this attitude of the people as an "unforgivable sin" and for it they were to be deprived of their right to choose a government.

In describing the attack on him Mr. Collins today said when the automobile pulled up in front of Vaughn's hotel he and two friends alighted. One of them entered the hotel and Mr. Collins, with the other, walked along the square.

"A number of men," Mr. Collins said, "rushed out of a house and enthusiastically received us. Shots were fired. I pulled out by automatic and I believed I wounded one and I caught another by the hand and shot him with my revolver."

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At Clough, County Antrim, an unidentified man, who had taken refuge in the school building from pursuit by a police party, was shot and killed by his pursuers as he was escaping from the building.

Gunmen entered the home of an ex-soldier named Collins at Ramelton, County Donegal, Saturday night, took him outside and shot and seriously wounded him.

London, April 17.—A dispatch to the Press Association from Carrick-on-Shannon, says Arthur Griffith, guarded by armored cars and state troops, yesterday addressed a crowd in Sligo without interruption.

There was an exchange of firing between opposing forces this morning, the dispatch added, and one republican was killed and another republican and one civilian were slightly wounded.

Recommends Charter Election. An ordinance recommended for passage by the city council committee of the whole yesterday will give voters an opportunity on July 18 to approve the existing city charter as a basis for a home rule charter.

Marshal Joffre and Party Arrive in Windy City. Chicago, April 16.—Marshal Joffre of France arrived in Chicago for a two-day visit, accompanied by Mme. Joffre, their daughter and the marshal's personal staff. Immediately following a reception in his honor under the auspices of the American Legion, Gen. Joffre secluded himself in his rooms for a much-needed rest and there were no further ceremonies.

Tomorrow Marshal Joffre will decorate veterans of the Second division of the American expeditionary forces. He will leave for Washington Tuesday.

Police Chief Dillow of Beatrice Is Supplanted. Beatrice, Neb., April 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The city commissioners met and reorganized for the coming year as follows: C. C. Farlow, mayor; J. B. High, city treasurer; J. R. Ellis, street and water department. The mayor announced these appointments, which were confirmed: City clerk, L. Pethou; city attorney, F. A. Dutton; superintendent of streets, Homer Schenck; fire chief, Harry A. Whiteside; city physician, Dr. G. L. Roe; chief of police, A. White. Mr. White succeeds Chief E. M. Dillow, who has been head of the police department for years.

The Stormy Petrel



Dan Butler Files for Governorship

Formally Accepts Voters' Petition—Fee Paid in Douglas County.

Lincoln, April 17.—(Special.)—Dan Butler of Omaha, city commissioner, today completed his filing for governor on the democratic ticket when he filed an acceptance of a voters' petition from Lincoln.

With the acceptance was a receipt showing the filing fee had been paid in Douglas county, with two more petitions from there.

Other filings received during the day included: W. R. Mellor, Lincoln, lieutenant governor, republican.

John Gumb, Fremont, state senator, Eighth district, democrat.

George B. Hastings, Grant, state senator, Twentieth district, republican.

Swan Olson and Walter L. Sandquist, state senator, Ninth district, republican.

Mellor, the third man to enter the race for the republican nomination for lieutenant governor. The other candidates are George C. Snow of Chadron and Fred Johnson of Hastings. Mellor was formerly secretary of the state board of agriculture and served in the legislature during the last session as a member of the Lancaster county house delegation.

Fewer Admirals But More Teachers Wanted in France. Paris, April 17.—"Give us fewer admirals and more university professors," is the demand of one of the weekly political reviews. The paper cites Le Journal as to the plentiful crop of admirals in the French navy.

At Brest there is a vice-admiral, two contre-admirals, another admiral commanding the division of schools, a post recently created to occupy more admirals; a fifth admiral commands the division of the Voltaire, Diderot and Condorcet, old eggshells out of fashion and without value; a sixth admiral commands the cruisers Michelet and Victor Hugo, which are not worth more.

On the other hand the appropriations for our faculties and laboratories have been consigned, reducing the number of professors," says Le Carnet de la Semaine.

22,000,000,000 Messages Sent by Telephone in 1921. Bucurus, O., April 17.—There were 22,000,000,000 telephone messages carried over the telephone wires of the United States during the year 1921, an average of over 60,000,000 messages a day, according to the report of W. S. Vivian, of Chicago, vice president of the Telephone Men's association, speaking before the Rotary club here on "The Service of the Telephone."

Flood Waters Wash Out Rail Line; Beardstown Isolated. Beardstown, Ill., April 17.—Flood water rushing a hole in the Cole creek levee this morning had washed away 500 feet of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad and completely cut off Beardstown from surrounding territory.

Missing State Highway Field Notebook Found

Epperson, Member of Road Investigating Committee, Admits Having Much Sought Volume.

Clay Center, Neb., April 17.—(Special.)—The mystery of the missing field notebook from the office of George Johnson, state engineer, was solved this morning at the opening of the road inquiry here when Johnson charged that Charles H. Epperson, member of the special committee named by the state legislature and sworn enemy of the state department of public works, and George Marsh, state auditor, had the book in their possession and had turned it over to Dean Stoup, an engineer and personal enemy of Johnson.

Epperson admitted the charge was true.

The committee, with Epperson present, at numerous times had endeavored to get some trace of this notebook and Johnson had spent much money and time endeavoring to locate it.

"Inasmuch as the committee has spent much time in trying to find this book, I think it no more than fair to say that I have found it," said Governor McKelvie.

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Troops to Guard Fire-Swept Town

Ten Acres at Pocumoka City, Md., Burned Over—Loss Estimated at \$2,000,000.

Pocumoka City, Md., April 17.—With 10 acres in the heart of this city burned over, causing an estimated property damage of more than \$2,000,000, Gov. Ritchie tonight ordered a company of the First regiment, Maryland National guard, at Salisbury, to proceed here at once to protect property which escaped the flames.

Tonight the town is in darkness. Wires are down. The heart of the business section is in ruins. Both banks have been destroyed and in addition to business structures, 50 homes fell prey to the flames. Communication with the outside world has been established by tapping wires on the outskirts.

Realizing that after nightfall there would be no means to illuminate the streets, Mayor Cull telephoned to Gov. Ritchie for troops.

Semenoff Planning Revolt Against Soviet, Says Agent. Washington, April 17.—Suggestion that General Semenov, now in jail in New York, was en route to Paris for the purpose of meeting Grand Duke Nicholas to plan a counter revolution against the soviet regime in Russia was made by Immigration Inspector Zurbick at Vancouver, in a report to the immigration bureau following his examination of the Russian officer.

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Russia and Germany Sign Treaty

Pact Nullifies Brest-Litovsk Treaty and Re-Establishes Full Diplomatic Relations on Equality Basis.

Genoa, April 17.—A treaty between Germany and Russia was signed at Rapallo yesterday, the signatories being the foreign ministers of the two countries, George Titcherim for Russia and Dr. Walter Rathenau for Germany. The treaty nullifies the Brest-Litovsk treaty and re-establishes full diplomatic relations on an equality basis.

The pact cancels all war claims, as well as claims arising from the nationalization of property.

The treaty negotiators began many months ago, it was said.

This action by delegates to the Genoa economic conference, in meeting independently and negotiating a treaty outside the scope of the conference itself, is pointed to as establishing a striking precedent for the nations who are participating in the discussion of the Russian problem here.

A Rude Surprise. In connection with the mutual renunciation of nationalization of property claims and war claims the treaty expressed the friendly hope that other powers would likewise renounce their claims.

By the new treaty, replacing the Brest-Litovsk pact which has been humiliating to the soviet leaders, Germany is the first great power to grant Russia full recognition. Poland and the Baltic states have long had diplomatic relations with the soviet government, but Germany has been withholding recognition because of failure to obtain satisfaction of the claims for the murder of Count Mirbach, who was assassinated in Moscow in 1918 when he was there as German ambassador under the terms of the Brest-Litovsk treaty.

Weakness Toward Russians. Paris, April 17.—The insinuation that the allies have shown weakness towards the Russians in issuing what has been termed an ultimatum on Friday with a time limit, then here repeating the ultimatum Saturday without a definite time limit, is repeated by the Latvian correspondent at Genoa, who explains that Friday's pronouncement was not an ultimatum. He declares that the Russians merely were told to consult with their experts and bring back a clear reply on Saturday, whereas on Saturday the Russians were told that they would be given a few days in which to yield or break off negotiations.

Food Imperiled Town Appeals for Help

Pinebluff, Ark., April 17.—A call for assistance was sent today to all towns within a radius of 30 miles of Arkansas City for men and supplies to aid in the fight to prevent a break in the Mississippi river levee near that place. Water was reported coming over the embankments and fear was expressed for the safety of the citizens, most of whose homes are 20 feet and more below the water-level. One hundred convicts were sent from the state farm at Cummins to aid in the fight.

The message from Arkansas City said the situation was regarded there as "extremely serious." More than 500 men were then engaged in constructing emergency embankments behind the threatened points. The train on which the convicts were sent will be used to bring people and live stock from the danger zone.

Doctor Sentenced to Pen for Death of Aged Mother. Los Angeles, April 17.—Joseph Studer, formerly a physician of Peoria, Ill., was sentenced today in the superior court here to serve an indeterminate sentence of 1 to 10 years in San Quentin prison.

The sentence followed Studer's conviction on a charge of manslaughter, based on the death of his mother, Elizabeth Studer, here last September. Studer was granted a five-day stay, and his attorneys gave notice of appeal from the verdict and sentence.

Studer was accused of having shaken his mother, 86, during the course of a family dispute, and as a result she either fell or stepped from a high porch, receiving injuries that resulted in her death.

Adolph Zukor Orders 3 Arbutckle Films Released. Los Angeles, April 17.—The Famous Players-Lasky corporation announced today that Adolph Zukor, head of the organization, had telegraphed from New York to release three new motion pictures by Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle. The pictures were withheld when the manslaughter charge was lodged against Arbuckle.

Zukor in his telegram said he was "confident the public realizes by this time that Arbuckle has been the victim of circumstances. Arbuckle was acquitted of the charge."

Blow Jetter Safe. Yeggnum blew the safe at the Jetter brewery, 6013 South Thirtieth street, early yesterday morning and escaped with \$142. One of them guarded a watchman and a fireman at the place until the safe was blown.

Do you read Bee "Want" Ads? 17th and Farnam AT lantic 1000

Widow Zander Is Heart-Broken Uncle Bim left her "waiting at the church." But has she lost him yet? She may have a trump card to play. Follow closely this interesting love game—daily in The Bee.