

THE WEATHER

Cloudy, followed by showers and thunder storms today; Saturday clearing and cooler.



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MILITANT LEADER GETS THREE YEARS

Mrs. Pankhurst Convicted of Inciting Persons to Commit Damage.

DEFIES COURT AND THE LAWS

Suffragettes Declares She Will Come Out of Prison Dead or Alive—Women in Court Room Go Wild and Defy Police.

London, April 3.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the leader of the militant suffragettes, was today found guilty and sentenced to three years penal servitude at the Old Bailey sessions on the charge of inciting persons to commit damage. The trial required two days.

The jury added to its verdict of guilty a strong recommendation for mercy and when the judge pronounced the heavy sentence of three years, the crowd of women in the court room rose in angry protest.

As Mrs. Pankhurst stood up in the prisoner's enclosure her sympathizers cheered and then filed out of court singing, 'March On! March On!' to the tune of the 'Marseillaise.'

Mrs. Pankhurst's closing address to the jury lasted 50 minutes. She informed the court that she did not wish to call any witnesses. In her address she frequently wandered so far from the matter before the court that the judge censured her.

Mrs. Pankhurst denied any malicious intent. 'Neither I nor the other militant suffragettes are wicked or malicious,' she said.

'Women are not tried by their peers, and these trials are an example of what women are suffering in order to obtain their rights. Personally, I have had to surrender a large part of my income in order to be free to participate in the suffrage movement.'

Speaking with much feeling, Mrs. Pankhurst fiercely criticized man-made laws, and said that the divorce law was sufficient to justify a revolution by the women.

In impassioned tones she declared: 'Whatever may be my sentence, I will not submit. From the very moment I leave the court I will refuse to eat. I will come out of prison dead or alive at the earliest possible moment.'

Justice Lush, in summing up, told the jury that Mrs. Pankhurst's speech was an admission that she had incited to the perpetration of illegal acts.

Mrs. Pankhurst almost broke down when the jury pronounced its verdict. Leaning over the front of the prisoner's enclosure, she said: 'It is impossible to live a different world. I want to say to you and to the jury that it is your duty as private citizens to do what you can to put an end to this state of affairs.'

She then reiterated her determination to end her sentence as soon as possible, saying: 'I don't want to commit suicide. Life is very dear to all of us. But I want to see the world of this country enfranchised. I want to live until that has been done. I will take the desperate remedy other women have taken and I will keep at it as long as I have an ounce of strength.'

'I deliberately broke the law, not hysterically and not emotionally, but for a set and serious purpose. I honestly believe this is the only way.'

'This movement will go on whether I live or die. These women will go on until women have obtained the common rights of citizenship throughout the civilized world.'

Justice Lush said: 'I must pass a severe sentence on you. If you would only realize the wrong you are doing and use your influence in the right direction, I would be the first to use my best endeavor to secure a mitigation of your sentence. I cannot and I will not regard your crime as trivial. It is a most serious one.'

Immediately the sentence of three years fell from the judge's lips, the women in the court room broke out in a chorus of 'Ob! Ob!' and 'Outrage! Outrage!'

With Mrs. Pankhurst's defiance to the judge, 'I'll fight! Fight! Fight! Fight!' still ringing in their ears, the suffragettes went wild. Standing on their seats they shrieked and shouted anathemas at the court.

'For three minutes they held full sway in the court room. The police were powerless. The judge's warning that he would commit the entire party to prison for contempt will not get women to obey. The women laughed at the judge's threats and they finally left the court staging the suffragette 'battle song' right at the scene before was witnessed at the Old Bailey.'

Outside the court room the militant women defied the police.

'Arrest us, take us to jail. What do we care?' they shouted. The street crowd greeted the suffragettes with a mingled chorus of groans, hisses and boos.

There is no possibility of Mrs. Pankhurst serving her sentence of three years. The suffragette leader will undoubtedly be released under Home Secretary McKenna's new bill, permitting a ticket of leave, which the suffragettes have christened the 'Cat and Mouse Bill.'

Human Life in Peril Now London, April 3.—The sentence of three years penal servitude imposed on Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, leader of the militant suffragettes, for forcing her followers to destroy property, has aroused the militants' fury, and they threaten strong reprisals. When sentence was pronounced yesterday, Sir Charles Montague Lush, in the Old Bailey sessions today, Mrs. Pankhurst (Continued on Page 8.)

DYING, WANTS RESTORATION

Mrs. F. Augustus Heinz, on Deathbed, Desires Court to Restore Her to Her Husband, the Copper King—Petition.

New York, April 3.—The court that parted F. Augustus Heinz, the copper king, and his wife, Bernice, will be brought to restore her to him in death. It was Mrs. Heinz's dying wish that this be done for the sake of her child. Her lawyer, Benjamin F. Spellman, began preparation of a remarkable petition today, a few hours after his client's death, to expunge the record of the interlocutory decree already granted.

'I have always loved you, Fritz; I have always hoped something would happen to bring you back to me—the dying woman's words of reconciliation with her husband; the deathbed scene; her tears and embraces; his assurance of love; his promise to try to fulfill the final desire which she expressed into the jurisprudence of the State, together with the testimony, under oath, of Mrs. Heinz's mother, her sisters, and that of the doctor nearby. Never before has the Supreme Court of New York been petitioned to expunge the record of a divorce by a voice from the grave.'

'Had she died it would have been possible for Mrs. Heinz to discontinue this action,' Mr. Spellman said today. 'Because of her love for Heinz and her hope that something would bring about a reconciliation, she postponed taking the final decree which she had entered last month. She had only until April 17th to decide whether the decree would be taken, again and again she told me: "Walt, what does this mean? Death between my husband and me. To take it would tear my soul from its body." During the last minute of her life she repeated over and over again the request that the record be expunged. I am convinced that there must be some method for the great Chancellor to reach out and destroy or seal those records.'

CHARGES UNFOUNDED

Miss Emerson Not Subjected to Cruel Treatment, Says Charge

Washington, April 3.—Charges that Miss Zeelie Emerson, the American militant suffragette now in a British prison for window-smashing, has been subjected to cruel and unusual treatment, are unfounded, according to a report to the State Department today from Irwin B. Laughlin, charge of the American embassy in London.

Mr. Laughlin personally investigated the circumstances attending the forcible feeding of Miss Emerson. He reported that Mrs. R. M. Emerson, the American chairman of the anti-slavery committee, had no charge to make that the feeding by a stomach tube had been applied in a manner to cause any discomfort inseparable from its nature.

'The embassy has been observing Miss Emerson's case closely,' said Mr. Laughlin, 'and has reported to a number of communications from suffrage workers to the effect that the embassy could take no official steps in the case unless discrimination against the cause of an American citizen could be shown. Her treatment has not been in any way different from that accorded British women who have offended in the same way, unless it be that her case has met with more leniency.'

'Since she began a hunger strike upon her imprisonment, she has been fed by a stomach tube, in the presence of physicians and under their direction.'

CHURCH CONGRESS CONVENES

National Episcopal Organization Elects Officers at Charleston

Charleston, S. C., April 3.—Officers of the church conference, a National Episcopal organization in session here, were elected today as follows: General chairman, Rev. Dr. Charles Henry Babcock, New York; general secretary, Rev. Dr. A. G. Carstensen, New York; treasurer, Thomas Whitaker, New York; assistant secretaries, Rev. Dr. Cornelius E. Smith and Rev. Dr. John M. Ericsson.

Mr. Whitaker begins his 40th year of service as treasurer. These ministers were elected to fill vacancies on the executive committee.

UNDERTAKER ARRESTED

Charged With Taking Money From Body of Victim

Columbus, Ohio, April 3.—Oscar H. Osman, an undertaker of the city, who was arrested today charged with taking money from the body of Mrs. Sarah Sovill, a flood victim, was released on bond tonight and immediately was re-arrested for investigation. This charge does not admit of bail. Two members of the Ohio National Guard said they witnessed the finding by Osman of \$265 when Mrs. Sovill's body was brought to Charleston, under-taking establishment, Silas Sovill, son of the dead woman, said he had reason to believe his mother had \$500 in her possession when she was drowned. Osman admitted, the police say, that he found about \$265 on a corpse and that it might have belonged to Mrs. Sovill.

Decatur, Ala., April 3.—Erwin Holloway, a well known saw mill owner of Somersville, Ala., died today from pistol shot wounds sustained last night. Louise Bowling, a young woman, is under arrest charged with the murder. The shooting took place in the tenderloin district.

TARIFF SITUATION SHIFTS TO SENATE

Wilson Has Much Work Ahead of Him to Smooth Over Disputed Points.

DEMOCRATS ARE STIRRED UP

Several Senators May Not Stand for Free Wool and Sugar and Will Require Changes in Present Draft of the Bill.

Washington, April 3.—Completion of the new tariff revision bill, the character of the duty to be levied upon sugar, and the extent to which President Wilson will give the support of the administration to the completed measure, depended tonight upon the success that might attend conferences of the President to reach an agreement with Senate tariff leaders.

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HUERTA OFFERS COMPROMISE

Agrees to the Naming of Pedro Lascurain as Provisional President to Satisfy All Factions in the Mexican Melee.

El Paso, Texas, April 3.—To satisfy all factions in the Mexican melee, General Huerta has agreed to the naming of Pedro Lascurain as provisional President, said dispatches received here today directly from the National capital. Lascurain would serve out the unexpired term of the late President Madero.

As minister of exterior relations in Madero's former cabinet, Lascurain is entitled to serve as next in line in view of the deaths of Madero and Vice President Suarez. The Huerta cabinet would be retained by the compromise.

This arrangement it is said, has been offered to the constitutionalists now fighting the Huerta government in Northern Mexico. It is expected that Governor Carranza, of Coahuila, has agreed and that the Sonora insurrectionists will fall in line. The decision of the present provisional president is said to have been occasioned by the recent uprising of Zapata in the South, which places the Huerta forces between Mexican military men here estimate that Huerta has not more than 14,000 troops in all Mexico, with which to meet the situation. This is even less than the forces possessed in combating the Madero revolution. Madero, on taking office, began recruiting volunteer troops with the ex-insurgents of the revolution. The desertion to the opposing side of the majority of the volunteer government forces far below par.

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WATER NEARS TOP OF CAIRO LEVELS

Rain Falls Steadily, But Citizens Are Confident of Saving City.

THE RECORD MARK IS PASSED

Levee at Mount City, Ill., Is Weakened and May Go Out at Any Minute—The Flood Situation at Other Points

Cairo, Ill., April 3.—Rain falling in a steady downpour and flood water washing against the sacks of sand piled on the concrete levee wall, changed conditions materially here today. Although the weather change naturally would carry with it a negative outlook for the welfare of the city, a confidence seems to have sprung up among the citizens who have worked hardest to prevent Cairo's destruction that appeared to offset it. Day after day the residents have watched the flood water climb on the gauge until tonight it stood slightly above 54.6. The old record was 54.5. There is a few inches of space between the surface of the water and the top of the concrete wall.

Ensign Melvin, in charge of the dispatch boat service between Cairo and Mount City, Ill., reported tonight that the levee was still holding at the latter place, but that the Ohio waters had backed into Cache river to an alarming height and that the levee back of the town appeared quite weak. Most of the 600 persons there are now camped in the Court House, including two companies of National Guardsmen.

The situation at Memphis. Memphis, Tenn., April 3.—High winds and a beating rain made work for the flood fighters along the Mississippi river tonight difficult, but unless the disturbance is prolonged, which is not anticipated, those directing the fight do not believe the consequences will be serious. Wave washes were reported from several points, but so far as reports received here indicate, damage to the levees has been slight. Major C. M. Markham, engineer in charge of the crest passed yesterday, engineers stationed here, ascertained tonight that men in sufficient number are available at all points that might be endangered.

Peterson on the river rose one foot today, the gauge at 7 o'clock showing a stage of 40.4. Vicksburg, Miss., reported 41.6 feet, a rise of 3-10ths in 12 hours.

Water Falling at Louisville. Louisville, Ky., April 3.—Though there is a large volume of water flowing under the three bridges across the Ohio river at this point, the rate of fall since the crest passed yesterday morning has been steady, though slow. Tonight, with a stage of 44.3 feet in the canal at 9 o'clock the river is nearly one foot lower than the high mark.

The situation at St. Louis. St. Louis, Mo., April 3.—The river is normal along the river front, where the damage, other than expected from the Ohio's annual spree, is nominal. Concerns situated on the river from Oregon to the Gulf are holding their ground. Louisville's largest firms of loss are considered as deferred gains and are charged to inter-company fund. Foot basin, collapsed last year.

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