

EMOTIONS EXPLODE AT MURDER TRIAL

Defendant Shouts 'It's A Lie,' Witness Sobs 'Don't Holler At Me'

NEW YORK, May 14.—(AP)—Emotional fireworks shattered court routine today at the first degree murder trial of Madeline Webb, the small town glamour girl who didn't make good in the big city. "It's a lie!" "Don't you holler at me!" "I'm only trying to tell the truth," were typical of the courtroom outbursts.

Elly Shonbrun, the model's alleged lover and one of the two men on trial with her for the strangulation of Mrs. Susan Flora Reich, wealthy Polish refugee, was a sizzling poker-faced spectator during the first three days of the trial.

But today he jumped up, pounded the table and shouted, "it's a vicious lie!" in response to a comparatively unimportant bit of testimony.

Miss Webb, pale and lovely in a slim black dress, broke into sobs as a chambermaid identified her and Shonbrun as the "Mr. and Mrs. Leopold" who occupied the Sutton hotel room where Mrs. Reich's body was discovered March 5.

But the chambermaid herself, timid-appearing Betty O'Sullivan, made the biggest dent in courtroom decorum when she turned on her cross-examiner, defense counsel Jacques Buitenkant, and stormed.

"Don't you holler at me, Mister, please. You'd think I was guilty of something, the way you holler." The entire courtroom, Judge and jury included, broke into laughter.

Buitenkant apologized, Judge John J. Goldstein murmured, "now now" while Miss O'Sullivan went on, "well, gee, it's tough to be holler at."

"I agree," said the judge, and explained that the lawyer had to ask a few questions.

"Is he a lawyer?" asked Miss O'Sullivan. "I don't know is he a lawyer or what." Earlier, Miss O'Sullivan was so nervous she had come out a pathetic "I'm only trying to tell the truth."

Despite diversions, the state continued throughout the day to build its case with testimony linking Miss Webb, Shonbrun and John D. Cullen, the third defendant, to the crime scene.

The chambermaid definitely identified the first two as occupants of rooms 207-208, the murder suite at the Sutton, and told of a conversation with Shonbrun, whom she said she knew as "Mr. Leopold," on March 3, the day before the supposed day of the murder.

"Mr. Leopold gave me a quarter and asked me to clean their rooms early the next morning," Miss O'Sullivan related on the witness stand. "He said his wife was expecting company for lunch."

Under questioning by assistant district attorney Jacob A. Grumet, the chambermaid added that Miss Webb or "Mrs. Leopold," was present but in the next room during this conversation.

Grumet was attempting to tie up the "company for lunch" conversation with earlier testimony by elderly Eliza Klarman, aunt of the slain Mrs. Reich.

Miss Klarman testified she received a phone call from Miss Webb on "Sunday or Monday" before the slaying to invite Mrs. Reich to come and meet my new husband, Mr. Ted Leopold, at the Hotel Sutton.

Harry Pearson, hotel Sutton bellboy, testified that he "checked in" the couple he knew as "Mr. and Mrs. Leopold" about two weeks before the slaying. He identified the couple as Miss Webb and Shonbrun.

Pearson also told of discovering Mrs. Reich's body early in the morning of March 5.

TODAY and TOMORROW

BY WALTER LIPPMANN

Admiral Land's Impossible Job

The weakest link in the war effort is, as every one knows, shipping. And the most discerning thing that has been said about the situation has, I believe, been said by Mr. Alfred Friendly, of "The Washington Post," a reporter who has done yeoman service in the long, and ultimately successful, struggle to pass from business-as-usual to all-out production. Mr. Friendly said the other day that "the Maritime Commission has suffered from good publicity. Favorable comment on its activities have hurt it, and the war effort, just as much as" sharp and unfavorable and insistent criticism "has aided the Ordnance Department, the Office of Civilian Defense and the War Production Board's industry branches."

In many essential respects shipping today resembles strongly the condition of production before the appointment of Mr. Donald Nelson and the decision to convert the automobile and other mechanical industries. Mr. Knudsen had done much. So has Admiral Land. Mr. Knudsen, like Admiral Land, was trusted and liked by every one, and few had the heart to criticize. Yet it was a fact that production could not move from a peace to a war basis until the old O. P. M. had been reorganized. Today, though transportation on ships is our most serious problem, a reorganization of Admiral Land's authority will be needed if the problem is to be solved.

To say this is no reflection on Admiral Land. It is to say only that he occupies a position and is carrying a responsibility which is beyond his powers, or those of any other man. "My job," he has said, "is ships, building them, operating them." As "Fortune" magazine has pointed out, "although technically under Mr. Nelson and the W. P. B., Land really is master on his own bridge, with undisputed powers over the merchant marine, from the laying of keels to the management of the trade routes."

The question is whether any one man can hope at one and the same time to build the ships and to operate them—to direct the greatest production program in the history of shipping and at the same time to direct the operation of ships on all the supply lines of this worldwide war. No one else has such a mixture of responsibilities, and in view of the importance of shipping it is not only a very reasonable but a very urgent question why Admiral Land should have such a mixture of responsibilities.

No one would think of asking Admiral King to operate the Navy and at the same time to direct naval construction. No one would think of asking General Marshall to command the Army and also to manage the aircraft factories, the tank arsenals and the ordnance plants. No one would think of asking Mr. Nelson to operate the bombers and the tanks that he builds. Why in the name of common sense should Admiral Land then be expected to build and to operate the merchant marine?

It is not plain that ships ought to be built by some one who is a master of the art of production? And that in war time ships ought to be operated by some one who sits with the directors of the highest war strategy, and makes his decisions accordingly with full and responsible knowledge of the military and diplomatic circumstances? How can one man think about steel plates, and wage rates, and ship designing, and supplies, and crews, and also think about ships for Europe, ships for Africa, ships for Asia, ships for South America? It is no reflection on Admiral Land to say that his job is beyond him. It would be beyond any one else.

He has an impossible job, and if he is wise he will advise the President to reorganize the job by placing the building of ships under a production manager—not necessarily a shipbuilder, who is respon-

EDMUND HARDING WILL SPEAK HERE

He Will Appear As St. Paul's Lutheran Men Hold 'Ladies Night'



Men of St. Paul's Lutheran church will sponsor a "ladies night" supper and party in the church parish house at 7:15 o'clock Friday night.

Edmund H. Harding, of Washington, N. C., nationally known distributor of humor, philosophy, and music, will address the group and provide the entertainment. Mr. Harding is often referred to as "the Tar Heel humorist," and wherever he has appeared before audiences throughout the country, he has brought humor galore interwoven with a thread of seriousness.

At this last meeting of the Men of St. Paul's for the season, W. Eugene Edwards, president, will preside. The officers for the next year, Martin Schimben, president, John Butt, Jr., vice-president, and John Sego, secretary-treasurer, will be introduced.

1942 Watermelon Crop Is Below 1941 Acreage

RALEIGH, N. C., May 14.—(AP)—This year's watermelon and cantaloupe acreages in North Carolina will be 20 per cent or more below the 1941 acreage, Henry G. Brown, State Department of Agriculture statistician, reported today.

He based his estimate on a Federal-State crop reporting service summary of growers' reports.

In cantaloups, the acreage for harvest was estimated at 6,200 acres, 21 per cent under last year but 44 per cent above the past 10-year average. The indicated acreage for watermelons was 10,200 acres, about 25 per cent under last year and 18 per cent under the 10-year average.

Acreage reductions are indicated for other states in the second-early belt, Brown said.

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Now, Mr. Citizen, You Are Going To Part With Your Shirt Tail

WASHINGTON, May 14.—(AP)—You won't have to give the government the shirt off your back to help win the war—at least not yet—but you're going to lose some of the shirt tail.

In line with previous orders conserving textiles, the War Production board got around to shortening shirts today. H. Stanley Marcus, chief of WPB's clothing section, announced an order would be issued soon trimming shirt tails an inch or so, eliminating pockets on regular shirts and cutting down on the number of buttons.

Child Bride Is Held In Husband's Murder

MORRISTOWN, Tenn., May 14.—(AP)—Mattie Pearl Manning, little, blue-eyed blonde child bride of three months, today was ordered held to Hamblen county grand jury on a charge of murdering her husband.

The 14-year-old girl told authorities her husband, 35-year-old Dayton W. Manning, threatened her. She did not elaborate.

Sheriff Ben A. Creech testified Mattie Pearl had admitted to him after prolonged questioning that she shot her husband during a quarrel at her parents' farm home last Saturday.

Stoney Point Hen Produces 1,000 Eggs

RALEIGH, May 14. — (AP) — A white Leghorn hen in the flock of J. A. Alexander of Stoney Point, in Alexander county, has accomplished the rare feat of producing 1,000 eggs, Prof. R. S. Dearslyne, head of the N. C. State college poultry department, reported today.

The average hen lays 300 eggs or less in a lifetime.

Although several hens in the State college experimental flocks have produced 1,000 eggs, Dearslyne said the Alexander Leghorn is the first 1,000-egg hen officially reported in a private breeder's stock in North Carolina.

Plumbing, Heating Session Will Open

ASHEVILLE, May 14.—(AP)—Delegates to the thirty-second annual convention of the North Carolina Association of Plumbing and Heating contractors began arriving here today for the convention sessions and entertainment features tomorrow and Saturday. More than 200 persons are expected to attend the meetings at the Langren hotel.

Registration will begin at the hotel at 9 a. m. tomorrow and at 10 o'clock there will be a meeting of the board of directors. Principal speakers of the convention will be George Ross Pou of Raleigh, state auditor, and R. Gregg Cherry of Gastonia, former speaker of the State House of Representatives and state senator.

MAJOR LESSARD TO LEAVE DAVIS

Lieut. Barney R. Smith Succeeds Him As Camp Sales Officer

Major Wildred E. Lessard, Jr., Sales officer at Camp Davis since early in March 1941, has been relieved as Sales Officer for assignment to troops duty.

The change was made this week when Ist Lieut. Barney R. Smith who has been Assistant Sales Officer, took over the reins of the organization which feeds the troops stationed at and near camp.

Major Lessard will remain at Camp for sometime prior to assignment to duty with troops in Texas.

During his time of duty as Sales Officer, Major Lessard has been responsible for issuing more than 5,000,000 rations at a cost of approximately \$2,500,000 feeding the men at a cost of less than 49 1-2 cents per day, or slightly more than 16 cents per meal.

At the time he took charge of the Commissary, Major Lessard held the rank of Captain, being promoted to the rank of Major, on February 4, 1942.

During his time of duty in the Commissary, Major Lessard has received several commendations from the Quartermaster General for the excellence of menus served at the camp and most recently for the substitution of fresh fruits and vegetables on the Camp Davis menu in lieu of canned items, re-

State Prison May Turn To War Production

RALEIGH, N. C., May 14.—(AP)—Hugh Wilson of the State Prison Department was in Washington today to confer with War Production Board officials concerning the conversion of North Carolina's prison industries to war work.

The industrial department of Central prison here has a metal working shop with completely modern equipment. The shop was designed to make license plates, steel cabinets and desks, but this work has been curtailed greatly by the war. The prison also has equipment to produce soap, paint, mattresses, iron beds and other items.

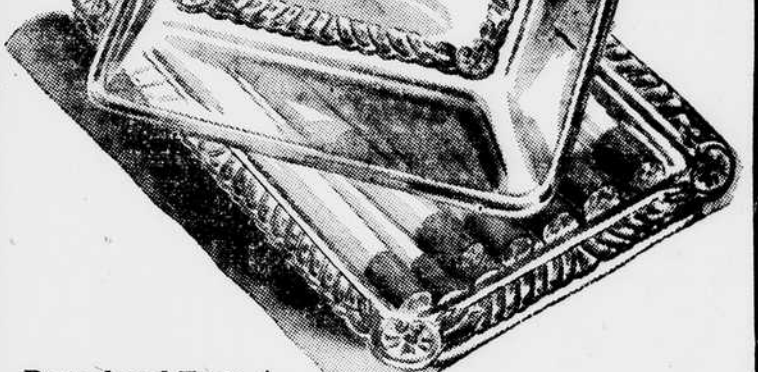
Prison officials said they were anxious to help and that the prisoners would "jump at the chance" to turn out war goods. They said the prison shop could make steel helmets, shell casings and parts for tanks, planes and other military equipment.

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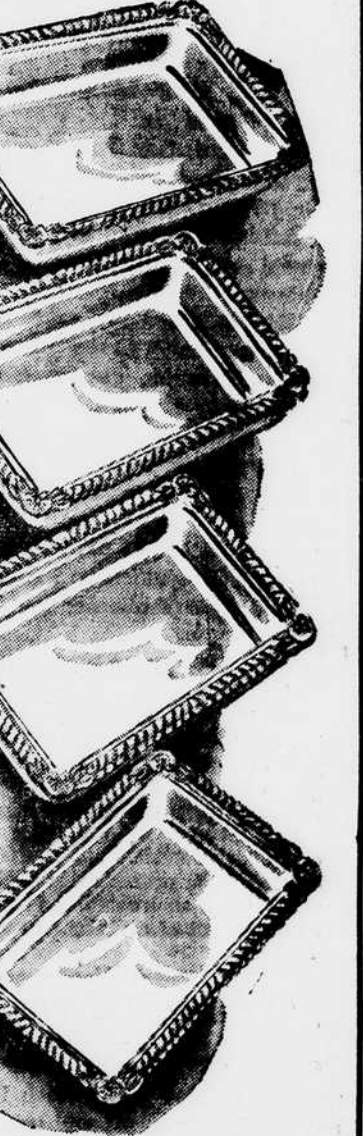
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