

MRS. EATON IS FREED BY JURY

Woman Charged with Poisoning Husband, Admiral Eaton, Is Acquitted of Murder.

DEFENDANT SMILES ON HEARING VERDICT

Is In Tears When She Thanks Jurors—Counsel Declares Case Is One of Mystery.

By Associated Press. Plymouth, Mass., Oct. 30.—Mrs. Jennie May Eaton was acquitted of the charge of murdering her husband, Rear Admiral Joseph G. Eaton, by verdict of a jury returned at 5:10 o'clock this morning.

The jury had retired at 6 o'clock last night. Notwithstanding that there seemed little prospect as the night wore on of a verdict before morning, a crowd of nearly 200 persons sat out the night. Mrs. Eaton smiled the verdict composedly and awaited when she heard the foreman of the jury pronounce her not guilty.

Mrs. Eaton had sat up in a private room at the courthouse until 2 o'clock this morning. She was permitted to go to the lobby, where she slept on a couch until awakened at 4:30 and summoned to the court room. Of the 200 persons who remained all night to hear the verdict, a few were women.

After the foreman had announced the verdict, Chief Justice Aiken warned the jurors to keep secret the proceedings of the jury room.

After Mrs. Eaton had left the court room, the jurors through their foreman asked that they might be allowed to meet her. The permission was granted and they formed a semi-circle in the corridor. Mrs. Eaton came out from the judge's lobby and thanked them individually. As she did so she burst into tears for the first time since her trial started.

A little later Mrs. Eaton gave out the following statement:

"I am glad most of all because of my aged mother and my lame child, both of whom need me. I shall go home late today. I hope that a new life will be opened to me and that the trials and tribulations which have been mine in the past are ended."

Counsel's Statement. Her chief counsel, Mr. Morse, said: "It was Mrs. Eaton's appearance on the stand, an unusual event in any capital trial and a remarkable one where a woman was on trial for her life which decided the defendant's innocence in the minds of the jurors. The verdict was what we expected. It frees an innocent woman but leaves a mystery the end of the admiral, her husband. For six months I have tried to find out what was behind the poison which caused his death, but my investigations have developed no explanatory explanation. It must probably remain a mystery."

Because of the prominence of Rear Admiral Eaton the trial of Mrs. Eaton, who was his second wife, attracted country-wide interest. The admiral took a prominent part in the battle of Santiago. After his retirement he settled down on a little chicken farm at Assinippi, where he died. Mrs. Eaton was arrested on March 19. The trial began October 14.

METHODIST COLLEGE OF BISHOPS IN SESSION. Church Dignitaries Consider Means of Completing Fund for National Methodist Church.

By Associated Press. St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 30.—The College of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, opened its semi-annual five days session here today. The business sessions of the college will be executive.

GREATER TROUBLE IN STRIKE ZONE

With Arrival of Militia More Disorders Occur in Mine District Than Ever Before—Aguilar Postoffice Rifled and Burned by Strikers—Exploding Bomb Causes Panic.

By Associated Press. Trinidad, Colo., Oct. 30.—Six hundred members of the Colorado national guard rested in camp today awaiting orders from Adjutant General Chase as to their disposition within the coal strike zone. It was expected that some of the troops would be ordered to Delagua where trouble was reported last night between mine guards and strikers, the only place in the zone where an open clash occurred.

The 125 troops who late yesterday afternoon secretly were ordered out of Walsenburg on a special train for Aguilar to protect the Southwestern Fuel company's property against a threatened recurrence of Wednesday's violence today entrained for Walsenburg under orders from General Chase.

The sanitary condition of the Ludlow strikers' colony was called to the attention of the military officials and an investigation was begun to determine whether the camp should be closed and tents ordered struck because of the perilous condition there. One death this week has occurred from typhoid fever and other cases have been reported.

Trinidad, Colo., Oct. 30.—Coincident with the arrival of the state militia in the strike zone of southern Colorado, more disorders occurred yesterday and early today throughout the district than had been reported previously during any one day.

The most serious outbreak on the part of the strikers was the rifling and burning of the postoffice at Aguilar by strikers yesterday after they had defeated a small group of mine guards in a battle at the mine of the Southwestern Fuel company.

The Victim of Accident Feared Just Such Death

By Associated Press. Washington, Oct. 30.—Possessed of a premonition that she would meet a violent death, Mrs. Sophie Kent Brace of this city, who was killed in an automobile accident near LaPorte, Ind., a few days ago, disclosed this fear in her will, which was offered for probate today.

In the document Mrs. Brace left everything to her husband, William D. Brace, with the provision, however, "that should by any accident my husband and I die by common accident or about the same time," the property bequeathed should go to the members of her own family.

Mrs. Brace was visiting friends in Indiana when she met her death. Two women with her at the time of the accident were instantly killed and she lived only a few hours.

RAILROADS FILE FORMAL PROTEST AGAINST RATES

Text of Protest Against Application of Justice Bill to Be Made Public.

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, Oct. 30.—The railroad companies have filed in the office of Governor Craig their formal protest against the application of the intrastate freight rates prescribed in the Justice intrastate freight rate act passed by the recent extraordinary session of the legislature and the text of the protest will be made public as soon as the governor returns from his trip into western North Carolina. The protest was filed last night in Charlotte. The filing of the protest will operate to have the governor appoint a special commission to investigate and adjust the rates and stay the operation of the act until this can be done. Otherwise the act would have become effective December 12, this being 60 days after ratification.

Charters are issued for the Black Mountain Manufacturing company, Buncombe county, capital \$25,000 authorized and \$9900 subscribed for ice, wood, coal and other business.

PROPOSES WEIGHING MAILS AT EXPENSE OF RAILROADS. By Associated Press. Washington, Oct. 30.—Annual weighing of the mails, at railroad expense, is proposed in a bill introduced by Representative Lloyd of Missouri. The weighing would require 20 working days. Mr. Lloyd today estimated that his proposal, if adopted, would save \$223,762 a year to the government.

Notre Dame to Play Army. By Associated Press. Notre Dame, Ind., Oct. 30.—Notre Dame football squad will leave for the Army today for Saturday's clash with the Army eleven at West Point.

Asked to Reappoint Clements. By Associated Press. Washington, Oct. 30.—Senators Bacon and Smith of Georgia today asked President Wilson to re-appoint Judge C. Clements of that state to the interstate commerce commission. The president was non-committal as to what his course would be.

DIFFER ON NUMBER OF BRANCH BANKS

Administration Supporters Inclined to Oppose Reduction from Number Proposed.

By Associated Press. Washington, Oct. 30.—The question of how many regional or branch banks shall be created to administer the new currency system was taken up today by the senate banking committee. Following conferences with Secretary McAdoo, Senators Owen and Pomerene and other administration supporters were today inclined to oppose vigorously any radical reduction from the 12 regional banks proposed in the house bill.

Republicans on the committee, with Senators Reed, O'Gorman and Hitchcock, favored a sweeping reduction and the discussion centered about proposals to make the number three, four, five or six. The failure of the committee to reach a conclusion on the central bank plan by a tie vote, resulted in efforts by the central bank advocates to reduce the number.

The president has conceded that the committee might make a reduction in the number of regional banks without doing violence to the fundamentals of the bill, but administration supporters today were inclined to fix eight as a minimum.

DECLARES RAILROADS CANNOT HANDLE TRAFFIC

Henry W. Hill Says War on Waterways Has Been Discontinued.

By Associated Press. Albany, N. Y., Oct. 30.—Railway traffic managers have ceased to war on waterways improvements because they realize that their lines no longer are capable of handling all of the heavier freight. Henry W. Hill of Buffalo, president of the New York State Waterways association, so declared today in his opening address at the annual convention of the organization.

"With the increase in the cost of coal and other operating expenses of railroads," he said, "the time is not distant when the larger and coarser freights will be relegated to transportation by waterways, not only the most economical but the only means for such transportation by reason of the necessary cost of railway carrying."

"Traffic managers understand this and are no longer waging unceasing war on all waterway traffic matters. They appreciate that the lighter and more costly classes of freight are increasing in such volume and are so much more remunerative than the coarser freights that they are profitable and now tax fully the carrying capacity of railways."

SOUTHERN SHIPPERS ATTACK GRAIN RATES

North and South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee Men before Commission.

By Associated Press. Washington, Oct. 30.—An attack was made today before the interstate commerce commission upon existing freight rates for the transportation of flour and other grain products from points in Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland to destinations in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee. Shippers in an action against the Southern railway and other lines operated in the Southeastern territory allege that present rates are excessive, unreasonable and discriminatory.

WAS DROWNED AFTER CLINGING TO CAPIZED ROWBOAT FOR HOURS

By Associated Press. Chicago, Oct. 30.—After clinging to the side of a capized rowboat two miles from shore in Lake Michigan for several hours today William Radigan, keeper of the Lawrence avenue city water crib, was drowned when he was asked from the craft, which he was clinging to, to get out. Patrick Conway, Radigan's companion, was washed ashore where he later was found and revived. The men spent the night on shore and attempted to return to the crib early today.

NOTE ON MEXICO IS BEING DELAYED

Wilson May Not Announce Plan for Pacification for Another Week—Election Result Will Be Received before Definite Stand Is Taken.

By Associated Press. Washington, Oct. 30.—Secretary Bryan, leaving today to speak in the New Jersey political campaign, said there was no change in the Mexican situation. Mr. Bryan will speak in Perth Amboy and New Brunswick tonight; in Elizabeth tomorrow afternoon and in Jersey City tomorrow night. He will return to Washington Saturday morning and that day will address Maryland voters in Rockville, Hagerstown and Frederick.

That the next step in the Mexican policy of the administration has not been finally worked out and may not be announced for another week was indicated today at the White House.

"It has been necessary," said Chairman Bacon of the senate foreign relations committee, "that the European nations should recognize the right of the United States to deal with the situation. Now that we have that recognition it will take a little time for the president to work out the problem."

The possibility that within the next few days a definite announcement will be made by the government of Provisional President Huerta of the result of the election last Sunday is having the effect of postponing action by the United States. While the election has been repudiated here, the actual formalities of proclaiming the result may have some bearing on the situation.

Although the United States has already refused to countenance the result, foreign governments have not taken any position and it is felt in many quarters that the United States should await formal action by the authorities in Mexico City before putting on record its rejection.

President Wilson is carefully considering suggestions from his advisers and it was said today that the plan might not be ready until next week's cabinet meeting.

CONGREGATIONAL MEET ENDS TODAY

Business Meeting Held—Building Society Meets—Several Addresses Made.

By Associated Press. Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 30.—The final day of the National Council of Congregational churches, which began its triennial meeting October 22, was divided into three sections—a business meeting, a meeting of the Congregational Church Building society and a session tonight at which Governor Simeon E. Baldwin of Connecticut, and the Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis of Brooklyn, N. Y., were to deliver the final addresses.

Shortly after the council began it officially accepted How Haven, Conn., as its meeting place in 1915. Greetings were sent to the Congregational union of Australia. A resolution expressing great satisfaction at the world-wide spread of the society of Christian Endeavor was adopted.

At the meeting of the church building society Dr. Lucien C. Warner of New York city enlightened the delegates on "Business Principles in Christian Work."

"Too much help pauperizes a church just as it pauperizes individuals," was one of the statements in his address.

In an address on the "Church Building as Spiritual Dynamic," Dr. Charles S. Richards of New York urged the delegates to insist on an architectural beauty in the construction of churches.

TAKE BARR TO DALLAS TO FACE MURDER CHARGE

By Associated Press. Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 30.—Meade Barr, wanted in Dallas, Tex., for the murder of Florence Brown last July was brought here early today from Indiana by Major David Peyton, general superintendent of the state reformatory at Jeffersonville, Ind., where Barr was confined.

Barr will be held in Memphis for the Texas authorities who are on the way after him.

Dallas, Tex., Oct. 30.—News that Meade Barr, who is said to have claimed he murdered Miss Florence Brown here last July, is being held in Memphis en route to Dallas from an Indiana reformatory, caused a sensation here today. Police officials refused to discuss the status of Barr when shown the Memphis dispatch.

BANKERS TALK OF SECURITIES

Investment Organization Members Discuss Many Forms of Investment in Closing Sessions.

TIMBER SITUATION GIVEN ATTENTION

Delos A. Chappell Insists Bonds on Construction Should Issue as Work Progresses.

By Associated Press. Chicago, Oct. 30.—Discussion of investments ranged from electrical securities to railroad bonds at the closing business session of the investment bankers association of America here today.

Delos A. Chappell of Los Angeles addressed the convention on the "Financing and Development of Hydro-Electrical Power." The enormous amount of power consumed in California for irrigation and agricultural purposes had been responsible, he said, for many reckless promotions calling for the introduction of some financial methods to stamp them out.

Bonds on new construction properties should be issued only as the work progressed, in the opinion of Mr. Chappell, upon a percentage basis of money expended, as certified by the construction engineer. Receiverships and re-organizations then would disappear, he predicted and the securities of public service corporations then would be elevated structures to a plane where they rightly belong.

The accumulation in the hands of a few individuals of the enormous timber resources in the United States was responsible for the comparatively small amount of timber land bonds outstanding in the hands of investors, according to Clark L. Poole of Chicago. There were less than \$150,000,000 worth of these bonds outstanding, he said, although the value of standing timber, together with plant and equipment of the lumber industry, reached the enormous total of \$10,000,000,000.

Official government investigators had showed, he asserted, that three persons owned nearly 11 per cent of the privately owned timber in the entire country, and 195 own more than 42 per cent. The government estimate that at the present rate of consumption our native timber supply would be exhausted in 50 to 75 years, he said, had had and would in the future have marked effect on the standing timber. He declared that the price tendency could not be otherwise than upward, therefore giving an unusual element of strength to any security whose basis was standing timber.

Other speakers were John E. Oldham of Boston, discussing "Public Utility Bonds"; and Samuel Inaule of Chicago, talking on "Electrical Securities."

The convention will be brought to a close tonight with a banquet. James J. Hill and Frank A. Vanderbilt are listed among the speakers.

BRITISH INTERESTS BUY GREAT OIL COMPANY

Union and General Petroleum Companies of California Change Hands.

By Associated Press. San Francisco, Oct. 30.—The purchase of two independent oil companies in California—the Union Oil company and the General Petroleum company, involving approximately \$110,000,000, has been consummated in London by Eugene DeSaba. It became known here today.

DeSaba cabled from London that papers had been signed whereby a British syndicate, headed by Andrew Weir, will take over both companies. The deal involves more than \$100,000,000 in stock and \$25,000,000 in cash. The sale means that the Union Oil company, with its oil fields, its subsidiaries, pipe line companies and its fleet of oil carrying steamers, barges and sailing ships becomes merged in a British concern.

The Union Oil company sale will be made on a cash basis, while the General Petroleum company will change hands through an exchange of stocks. The control of Union Oil by the Lyman Stewart family was obtained by a syndicate including DeSaba at approximately \$120 a share. Recently the stock has been selling around \$60 a share.

Andrew Weir is at the head of Andrew Weir and Company, ship owners of the United Kingdom.

By Associated Press. St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 30.—The will of Adolphus Busch, filed yesterday for probate, makes charitable bequests aggregating \$170,000 to a number of St. Louis institutions and places the bulk of the estate in trust. Mrs. Lillie Busch, Charles Nagel and August A. Busch are named trustees. In addition to the charitable bequests in the will, Mr. Busch left a private memorandum requesting members of his family to make certain other donations, most of which are private in their nature, and aggregating \$40,000.