

CROWD THINNED BY EVIDENCE IN MIDGETT TRIAL

Women and Children Are Barred From Courtroom During One Stage in Case of Alleged Abandonment

LETTERS INTRODUCED Defendant Denies Having Written Wife to Effect That He Had Quit Service Before Term Ended

A verdict of guilty was returned Tuesday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock by the jury in the case of G. A. Midgett charged with abandonment of his wife.

Midgett was on the stand for an hour or more Monday afternoon, and at the opening of Superior Court Tuesday morning, he was recalled on redirect examination, testifying he wrote his wife, asking her to join him in New Jersey while he was employed in the Coast Guard service there, but she refused to do so.

Later, Mrs. Midgett was recalled to the stand by the State, and denied having received any such invitation from her husband during his employment in New Jersey.

Mrs. Midgett testified also that her allowance from her husband stopped after she received the letter in question, and that it was resumed only after she had made complaint to the Coast Guard.

Eligah Hubbard, of Currituck, and N. T. Aydtlett, of this city, took the stand as character witnesses for the defendant, both testifying his general reputation was good before he got into his present difficulties.

Taking of evidence in the Midgett case, begun with the testimony of Mrs. Midgett, through the afternoon until 6 o'clock, and still was not completed. Much solid linen was dragged forth for the curious court crowd to paw over, and draw such inferences as they might.

It was brought out, for instance, that Mrs. Midgett suspected another woman—a married woman—in New Jersey—of being a factor in her husband's alleged failure to provide for her to the best of his ability.

This woman, Midgett admitted while he was on the stand, visited him while he was in jail here, awaiting trial. Midgett replied negatively to Solicitor Small's question whether she had kissed him during her visit, and denied that any improper relationship existed between them at any time.

Solicitor Small wrung from the defendant a reluctant admission that his aged father had had to mortgage which Midgett had defaulted by failure to appear at the last term of Superior Court. By way of explanation, Midgett asserted he was ill at the time that term of court was held, and therefore could not come. He was arrested subsequently in Cape May, New Jersey, and was lodged in jail here to await trial at the present court term.

The defendant replied negatively also to a question whether he had infected his wife with an ailment regarded as not contracted usually except as a result of marital infidelity. All women and children were excluded from the courtroom during this phase of the cross-examination of the defendant.

Mrs. A. P. Rogers, of Norfolk, testified she took care of Mrs. Midgett during a ten-day period beginning August 27, 1924, when a baby was born to her, and asserted that during that period Midgett paid few visits to his wife, provided no clothing for the infant, did not pay the doctor's bill, and tendered her no recompense for her services. In this last connection, she added that her services were entirely voluntary.

The hearing of the case was marked with frequent clashes between W. I. Halstead, attorney for the defendant, and counsel for the State. Mr. Halstead contended that much of the testimony offered by the State was incompetent for various reasons. In the main, Judge Calvert overruled his objections.

As evidence of his willingness to assume his proper obligations, Midgett, on direct examination, said he was quite willing to live with his wife and support her as best he could. Mrs. Midgett, however, appeared little inclined to return to him, testifying that he had been unfaithful to her, and had contributed nothing to her support for many months.

Midgett denied authorship of a letter which he had written to his wife, in which he had stated that he had quit service before term ended. The letter was introduced by the State, and Midgett testified that he had never written it. The letter was written by the State's witness, and Midgett testified that he had never seen it.

Reorganizer



Scott Turner of Lansing, Michigan, is the new director of the Federal Bureau of Mines, and will re-organize the bureau under plans recently approved at Washington. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the Michigan College of Mines.

REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT UNREASONABLE

But God Deals With Many Unreasonable Men, Declares Evangelist

Rev. J. C. Griffin preached last night at the Free Will Baptist church on the text: "Come now, let us reason together; though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow." He said in part:

"God is reasonable—nothing unreasonable about him—his requirements are reasonable. But he deals with many unreasonable men, men who defy God in this modern day. This will send one to premature grave and a demon's hell. Reason with him while you have reasoning powers. I've heard men say I believe in Jesus Christ, you don't do it. If you did you would be saved from your damnable ways. Men, I declare that there is a time when God says stop. He said it to Sodom. He said it to Nineveh. You must be willing for him to reason with you. Evangelists, pastors, missionaries and angels too, if they could be combined with the forces, can't make you be a Christian unless you are willing. But they can make you wish you had. If it were possible to pull back the cover of the regions of the damned and ask why you are there? The only answer would be I would not reason with God nor let him reason with me.

"If you will let him, God will save you in spite of all that Satan can do. Let the Lord scratch you up and clean you up and make you reasonable and you will not want to participate in the things that degrade. When you reason with God you must come clean—put down everything that is dishonest. I've known people to pay their grocery bill and house rent when they got religion. It's reasonable for you to confess your sins to God for that is the only way for you to get forgiveness."

DEFENSE RESTS IN TRIAL FOR MURDER

Noblesville, Ind., Nov. 10.—The defense in the murder trial of D. E. Stevens, Earl George and Earl Klencz rested at 11:32 today.

COLONY IMPROVES AS 'BIG BILL' MAYWOOD IN HOSPITAL

Moscow, Nov. 10.—While William ("Big Bill") Maywood is at present ill at the Krimlin Hospital suffering from an acute attack of diabetes, the American industrial colony of the Kutznetzky mining region—in the infiltration or organization of which he worked—is now reported to be making great progress. The output in 1925 of coal has been increased by 60 per cent.

VOICE WORST VICE OF STAGE, ERVINE SAYS

London, Nov. 10.—The Oxford voice, "that lamentable thing that is worse than Oxford trousers," is the worst vice on the English stage today, in the opinion of St. John Ervine, dramatic critic and playwright. This voice, he said, was more revolting than the Cockney accent.

THIRTEEN NAMED AS MEMBERS MOB

Asheville, Nov. 10.—Thirteen persons were named by Police Captain E. A. Hall as members of the mob which stormed Buncombe County jail here on the night of September 19 when the trial of 37 men, alleged members of the mob, was resumed today. The mob gathered in an attempt to seize Alvin Mansel, negro, now under death sentence for attack on a white woman.

COMMITTEE VOTES REDUCTION TAXES

Washington, Nov. 10.—Reduction of automobile taxes and repeal of many of the special excise taxes was voted today by the house ways and means committee.

SEVERE QUAKE IS RECORDED TODAY

New York, Nov. 10.—One of the most severe earthquakes of the year was recorded by the Seismograph at Fordham University today. The exact distance could not be given but experts said it centered more than 3,000 miles from New York.

NO MORE LICENSES FOR BROADCASTING

Washington, Nov. 10.—Recommendation that no more licenses be given broadcasting stations until there has been a reduction in the number now in operation was made in a resolution adopted here today by a subcommittee of the Fourth Annual Radio Conference.

RED CROSS IS VALUABLE AID IN PASQUOTANK

Those Who Answer Generously the Roll Call Will Have Satisfaction of Helping Much at Home

FIFTY CENTS GOES

The Rest of "Answer" Stays Here and Is Used to Great Advantage in Local Welfare Work

The man who answers the Red Cross Roll Call with a dollar has the satisfaction of knowing that 50 cents of his dollar will remain in Pasquotank County to be used in welfare work.

Better still, the man who answers the Red Cross Roll Call with \$50, has the satisfaction of knowing that \$49.50 of his gift stays at home to help those who may be in need.

And so on. If the answer is \$25, why \$24.50 of that sum stays here. Out of \$10, the sum of \$9.50 is kept in Pasquotank. Of \$5 the amount of \$4.50 stays at home.

This explanation is made thus in detail, because many people have been confused about it, and thought that one-half of the money stays here. That idea came about because \$1 is the minimum amount asked for as an individual's answer to the annual Red Cross Roll Call, and as 50 cents from each "answer" goes to National Red Cross headquarters, the folks began to say, "one-half goes away and one-half stays here," which is true only when the answer is limited to "one dollar."

This year, the Red Cross workers here hope that there will be a number of generous answers, so that a larger amount than usual may be kept at home.

Mrs. Anna Lewis, retiring welfare officer, has summed up briefly and from memory some of the ways in which the local Red Cross chapter assisted her in welfare work during the past year. Mrs. Lewis says:

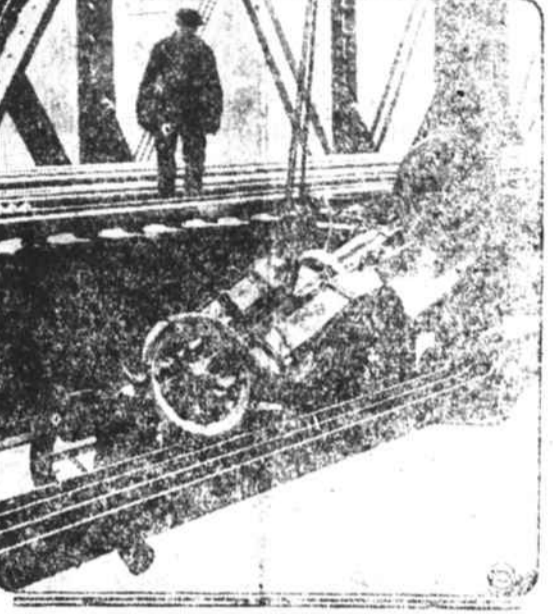
"It is on the Red Cross that we depended to a great extent in welfare work in Pasquotank County, and I can in truth say that the chapter has done its part loyally.

"For the past four years there has not been a time when the Red Cross was called on that it did not respond promptly. "The chapter was especially helpful during the past year. It provided nursing service where there was illness and no money was available for a nurse. It provided medical service also.

"The Red Cross furnished milk and other nourishing food in several tubercular cases. It paid for medicine for cleaning and making sanitary several homes in which there was illness. "Eight children of school age were provided with clothing and shoes last winter so that they might stay in school.

"Many emergency cases were relieved by Red Cross funds. Several of these were desertion cases where help was needed at once, and the Red Cross never failed me once when called upon."

Five Miraculously Escape Death



Although this automobile was hit by a switch, and thrown from the road, the five occupants escaped with only minor injuries. The top of the car was crushed and the car was badly damaged.

AIR POLICIES AT HOME AND ABROAD ARE ATTACKED

Washington, Nov. 10.—The Government's air policies both at home and in far-off American possessions were assailed today in the defense testimony, before the Mitchell court martial.

Captain Odys of the air service, supporting Colonel Mitchell's charges, declared he had a letter written by the American minister to Guatemala in 1923 warning of alien interests planning to establish a foothold in Central America.

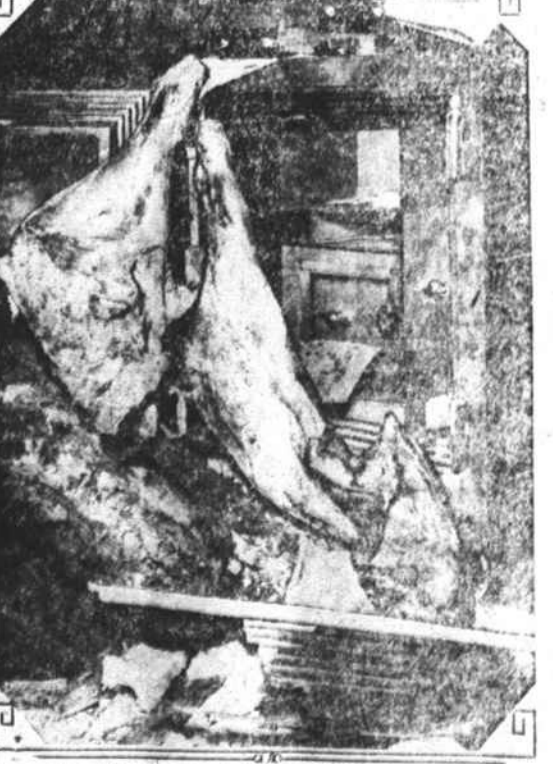
TROUSERLESS DAILY IS AGAIN TO APPEAR

Paris, Nov. 10.—La Fronde, known as the "trouserless daily," because of its all-feminine staff, is being revived and will again be directed by its picturesque editor, Mme. Marguerite Durand.

The paper was a great success in pre-war days in championing women's rights and the beautiful Mme. Durand not only conducted bitter editorial battles but led the militant suffragettes dressed in exquisite gowns and wearing jewels. "Feminine France comes march to my blond hair," she used to say, and the success of La Fronde seemed to justify her, until one fine day the paper disappeared and the war ended hopes for its revival.

Influential Paris newspaper writers are welcoming the re-creation of the paper, warmly saluting Mme. Durand as "the first woman to put grace and elegance into the feminist movement and to show that coquetry and restrictive femininity are not incompatible with suffragism."

Fresh Beef Is Coming Down



Burglars who blew the safe of the People's Packing Co. in Cincinnati showed their ingenuity when they figured several hundred pounds of dressed beef from the store rooms and hung it in front of the safe to deaden the noise of the explosion. It worked and they escaped with \$600.

First Methodist Church Ends Year of Achievement

Dr. A. H. D. Wilson, Pastor, Goes to Conference Able to Announce "A Good Year, Bishop," for His Charge in Elizabeth City

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LETTER IS TO EFFECT COMPROMISE FAILED

London, Nov. 10.—Efforts to effect a compromise between the two elements in the Falkland Islands failed this morning and the island is thought to be disintegrating beyond repair. A cabinet meeting has been called for five o'clock this afternoon to consider the situation.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Nov. 10.—Spot cotton closed steady, middling 20.50, an advance of 5/16 points. Futures, closing bid: Dec. 19.95, Jan. 19.52, March 19.60, May 19.43, July 19.25, October 18.75. New York, Nov. 10.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Dec. 19.64, Jan. 19.05, March 19.23, May 19.09, July 18.65.

WHITE HOUSE SEEKS A NEW CHIEF CLERK

Man Who Wears This Lowly Title Is Really Assistant President and Good One Hard to Find

GETS HONORARIUM

Job Pays Only \$7,000 a Year But It Is Generally Understood That Something Is Added

By ROBERT T. SMALL (Copyright, 1925, by The Advance) Washington, Nov. 10.—The White House is reported to be having a little trouble in casting about for a new "Assistant President" to succeed Judson C. Welliver, recently named to enter the ranks of the American Petroleum Institute, made up of the chief oil magnates of the entire country. The "Assistant President" is a title which in the official books under the lowly title of chief clerk, Congress wouldn't think of providing an Assistant President as such, so the role of chief clerk has had to suffice. Every department of the Government, every division of every department, and every independent bureau has its chief clerk. So the name is innocuous enough, but being chief clerk of a department and chief clerk of the White House are two horses of violently different color.

The office of Assistant President is not an easy one to fill and perhaps there may never be another assistant like Mr. Welliver. He was a man of high ability and problem and displayed such an aptitude, and such a wide horizon of knowledge, that Presidents Harding and Coolidge came to learn more and more upon him for the accomplishments of some of the most difficult tasks of their administrations.

The office of Assistant President, or chief clerk of the White House, pays a salary of about \$7,000 a year, but it has been understood quite generally for the past five or six years that the Republican National Committee held itself obligated to add an annual honorarium to the somewhat meagre salary fixed by the Government.

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