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GETSINGER TRIAL SWIFTLY ENTERS CLOSING STAGES

Defense Rests After Cross-Examination of Mrs. L. M. Rountree, Wife of One of the Defendants

DR. CORBELL ON STAND

Gates County Physician Tells of Much Discussed Meeting in Store, and Makes Crowd Smile

Trial of the guilt of Mrs. Sabra Getsinger, formerly of Gates County, for \$25,000 damages as a result of an alleged conspiracy to have her placed in an asylum for the insane, swiftly entered its final stages when the defense rested its case after cross-examination of the plaintiff, and cross-examination of the last witness Mrs. L. M. Rountree, of Corapeake, wife of one of the defendants. The other defendants are Dr. E. P. Corbell, of Gates County, and N. A. Getsinger, husband of the plaintiff.

Dr. Corbell is said to be residing in Florida at present. He has not attended the trial.

Many Witnesses Heard

Taking of testimony ended at 11 o'clock, or three days, almost to the minute, after it began. Trial of the case opened Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, and selection of the jury was completed a few minutes before 11 o'clock. During the three-day period, in the course of which two night sessions were held, 21 witnesses had been examined, of whom 11 appeared for the plaintiff and 20 for the defendants.

The direct testimony of Dr. W. F. Drewry, Virginia alienist, at the last trial of the Getsinger case was admitted by the court this morning, and was read in detail by Attorney John H. Hall, Jr., of counsel for the defense. It related in detail to Dr. Drewry's visit to Mrs. Getsinger at Lakeside Hospital, Suffolk, during her two weeks' stay there in 1920, and substantially the same as his deposition, offered by the defense yesterday. In it, he expressed the opinion that the plaintiff was in need of treatment for mental disorder.

Counsel for the plaintiff then introduced a certificate issued Mrs. Getsinger by Dr. W. C. Ashworth, of Greensboro, who conducts a sanitarium for treatment of nervous and mental diseases, and for the drug and liquor habits. This set forth that, in the opinion of the examiner, Mrs. Getsinger was mentally competent.

Pugh First To Speak

When the taking of testimony ended, Judge Thomas H. Calvert, presiding over this term of Superior Court, ordered a five minute recess. Addresses by opposing counsel then began, with C. H. Pugh, for the plaintiff, as the first speaker.

The lawyers are allowed three hours to the side. Allowing for an hour at dinner recess, the probability at adjournment at the morning session was that the arguments would be completed shortly after 10 o'clock in the evening. It was indicated that Judge Calvert would charge the jury next morning.

The court announced at noon that the case of Miss Penelope Lyons against the Fidelity & Deposit Company, of Charlotte, had been continued, and that no other cases would be tried at the present term. All jurors except those in the Getsinger case were excused.

Mrs. Rountree testified toward the close of last night's court session, her direct examination having been completed when court adjourned. She stated an opinion that Mrs. Getsinger was mentally irresponsible at the time the lunacy proceedings were instituted, and said of an alleged conversation in which she said the plaintiff told her the next time a man "got soft" with her, she was going to kill him. The name of the man was not brought out.

Would Carry Pistol

The witness also testified that Mrs. Getsinger said she expected to carry a pistol the next time she traveled by railroad, and advised her to do likewise. Mrs. Rountree said she interfered from that conversation that Mrs. Getsinger had been insulted, or thought she had been, while traveling.

The principal witness at the night session was Dr. E. P. Corbell, former president of the Southern Medical Association and member of a prominent and wealthy Gates County family. He is the chief defendant in the case.

Dr. Corbell related in detail the proceedings held in L. M. Rountree's store at Corapeake, at which he, Getsinger, Rountree and Justice of the Peace Simpson were present. It was this meeting that resulted a few days later in Mrs. Getsinger's precipitate flight from home. The witness testified he suggested that Mrs. Getsinger be present at the proceedings, but that Mr. Simpson demurred vigorously, saying he didn't want any "crazy woman" around. He stated also that, in his opinion, Mrs. Getsinger needed treatment for mental disturbance.

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Soiled Flag



John Hall, 34, of Los Angeles, used an American flag as a rag to wipe windows with. Now he is in jail, sentenced to a 250 day term, and on the wall before him is a new flag which he'll have to look at every day until he gets out.

BLIND BEGGARS DEFYING POLICE

Refuse Aid From Welfare Agencies and Organize Their Own Union

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Chicago, Nov. 20.—With the approach of winter and its chance for improved profits, the blind beggars of Chicago are defying the police as they insist on plying their trade. They refuse to accept the offer of assistance from welfare agencies. Instead, organized into the Fraternal Order of Blind Men, these sightless panhandlers are taking a militant attitude to support their right to seek alms on the city streets.

City authorities have not as yet succeeded in punishing any blind beggars, because of the sentimental objection to such action, but they have hauled some of them into court. That only made the panhandlers more determined than ever to continue their begging activities.

"This is the only way we can earn a decent living," the fraternal order of blind men declares. "Through begging most of our members are able to earn approximately \$25 a week and while that is not a large sum it is sufficient for most needs. Welfare agencies do not provide adequate provision for the dependent blind."

The Chicago Light House takes a different view and is supporting the anti-begging campaign. This organization, supported by welfare societies, trains the sightless for industrial positions. Nearly two hundred of the city's 2,000 blind now are getting the training it affords.

But the organization of blind beggars bitterly opposes the effort to fit them for useful occupations.

"The chance to make a living in industry are too remote for the blind. Begging gives the one opportunity for the dependent," the blind organization says.

The Lighthouse Society points out, however, that a big number of its students are making all the way from \$22 to \$46 a week and are successful, in supporting themselves by labor.

DEAN OF CATHEDRAL COMMITS SUICIDE

Boston, Nov. 20.—Very Reverend Dr. George Starr, dean of St. George cathedral, Kingston, Ontario, committed suicide yesterday at the Deaconess Hospital where he was a patient. No details were made public.

JAPANESE IN FAVOR BANNING SUBMARINE

Tokio, Nov. 20.—The Japanese cabinet today informally discussed the question of the abolition of the submarine and agreed generally that Japan would favor it if the powers agreed.

FRENCH NAVY ARSENAL IS ON FIRE TODAY

Toulon, France, Nov. 20.—The naval arsenal here was on fire today. High wind caused fear that the flames might reach the powder and explosive magazines. Vigorous efforts are being made by civilian and naval authorities to prevent a disaster.

WILL RESIGN AFTER LOCARNO TREATY

Berlin, Nov. 20.—Chancellor Luther today told party leaders that the government will resign after the Locarno pact signing ceremony in London on December 1, and that a new cabinet will be formed in sympathy with the Locarno policies and obligations.

BIG CITY SERVICE TO SUBSCRIBERS OF THE ADVANCE

Baltimore Court's Dismissal of Consolvo Damage Suit Published Few Hours After Decision

LOCAL GIRL INVOLVED

Readers of This Newspaper Promptly Given Sensational Details of Case in Distant City

Metropolitan newspaper service was given readers of The Daily Advance yesterday in the handling of the \$100,000 alienation suit of Mrs. Evelyn Lamb Consolvo, formerly of this city, against Colonel Charles H. Consolvo, owner of the Monticello Hotel, in Norfolk, and the Hotel Belvidere, in Baltimore. The plaintiff married Colonel Consolvo's adopted son.

The Advance wired the Baltimore Sun yesterday morning for a morning "lead" on the case, which was being tried in Superior Court in that city. The first story from Baltimore was received in time for the early mail edition, and thousands of rural readers yesterday were informed of the course of the trial within a few hours after the events related had occurred.

After receiving the first story, The Advance telegraphed the reporter covering the case to send a second story if there were important developments. It happened that there were.

Shortly after the afternoon session of court began, dismissal of the suit was ordered by the judge presiding. The story reached this office just after the final edition had gone to press, and the press was stopped in order that Elizabeth City readers of this newspaper might have it. Thus it was that less than three hours after the case had ended, Elizabeth City subscribers of The Advance were reading all about it.

This special service on a case that had aroused much interest in this city and section was expensive, of course, but it was in line with The Advance's policy of giving the people the news while it's news, and counting the cost afterward. Subscribers to this newspaper have learned to expect this sort of service as a matter of course.

"The Advance is the best newspaper I got," one subscriber, who is paid up until 1929, said this morning. "It gives me all the news I want, and I don't have to wade through a lot of pages packed with advertising in order to find what I want to read. If something important happens away off somewhere, I generally learn of it first in The Advance, and learn all I want to know about it. The local news—what I am interested in, most of all—is given in detail, as I want it. I'd surely miss the paper, if I didn't get it."

This particular subscriber is one of the best known farmers in the County. What he says is typical of comments which the members of the staff hear, time and again, from readers in this city, and the counties of which it is the trading center.

MOTHER OF KING GEORGE IS DEAD

Widow of King Edward VII Passes Away at Sandringham

Sandringham, England, Nov. 20.—Queen Mother Alexandra, widow of King Edward VII, and mother of King George V, died this afternoon at Sandringham House, Sandringham, England, Nov. 20.—The king and queen have been with the dowager Queen Alexandra, who is critically ill, since 11 o'clock this morning.

Queen Maund of Norway, Alexandra's third daughter, arrived hurriedly about 1 o'clock.

London, Nov. 20.—The Prince of Wales left for Sandringham at 1:45 this afternoon.

PRESIDENT AND WIFE REACH WHITE HOUSE

Washington, Nov. 20.—President and Mrs. Coolidge returned to the Capitol shortly after seven o'clock this morning from their 24 hour trip to New York, where Mr. Coolidge last night addressed the chamber of commerce. They went immediately to the White House from the station.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Nov. 20.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Dec. 20.43, Jan. 19.60, March 19.75, May 19.45, July 19.05.

New York, Nov. 20.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 20.80, a decline of 20 points. Futures, closing bid: December 20.33, Jan. 19.50, March 19.51, May 19.09, July 18.75, Oct. 18.26.

Floods Cost Louisiana \$1,000,000



Eight and a half inches of rainfall in less than a week has caused a total loss of \$1,000,000 worth of crops, food and traffic and it has paralyzed the Gulf States. The tracks of the Vicksburg, Shreveport & Pacific Railroad were flooded by the water, stopping all traffic for several days.

WIDE INTEREST IN BURIED CITY OF THE INDIANS

Announcement That \$25,000 Has Been Made Available for Study Indian Adds to Furore

A DEATH IN DESERT

Climate Changes Believed Responsible for Destruction of What Was Once a Great Indian Metropolis

By AL. H. MARTIN
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Beno, Nov. 20.—Announcement of an appropriation of \$25,000 by the Haye Foundation for the thorough investigation of Nevada's "lost city" has stimulated wide interest in this buried metropolis of a vanished people. Located in the triangle formed by Arizona, California and the mighty Colorado River, the ruins have been explored sufficiently to prove existence of a far-flung city centuries before Columbus sailed for the new world.

Scenes of ancient houses and buildings have been uncovered, the broad streets of a well-ordered city exposed and hundreds of skeletons found in burial mounds. The explorers have recovered Treasures in pottery, Indian jewelry, ancient weapons and utensils of domestic life. Skeletons over seven feet long indicate that a giant race once held sway over the Southwest. Weapons, head-work, pottery and other articles indicate a high state of culture.

Preliminary excavation shows houses strongly built of stone and clay, rectangular in design and of Pueblo character. Rooms were well furnished and in larger buildings were places where families evidently gathered to rest and hold council. Wet woven blankets, skins highly tanned, and products of agriculture indicate a civilized, infinitely surpassing anything found in this country by early colonists.

The city apparently was built on the ruins of a more ancient metropolis and this deeply buried debris of the past may shed light on the peoples who populated the western continent when Rome dominated the nations of the Old World.

Exploration may also reveal the story of the catastrophe that overwhelmed the city and blasted it people to dust. Did an invading tribe level the buildings and stamp out the inhabitants? Or was destruction wrought by the heavy hand of nature? Why was no evidence of the culture of the lost city handed down in tradition?

The general impression of the explorers is that the city flourished in a vast fertile area, and that pronounced climatic changes converted a region of abundant moisture into arid deserts. Possibly volcanic eruptions buried rivers and springs.

A few miles from the ruins pictures depict a beautiful girl being sacrificed by a high priest of the tribe, and hieroglyphics explain that the lovely maiden was offered in vain to the rain god after seasons of heat had blasted crops and dried up springs and streams. Cruelty and the murder of innocents seem to have marked the last despairing effort of a stricken people to win compassion from angry deities.

RHINELANDER SUIT DELAYED TO MONDAY

White Plains, N. Y., Nov. 20.—The Rhinelander annulment suit scheduled for resumption this morning was adjourned till Monday to give counsel for Leonard Kip Rhineland, plaintiff, opportunity to make the necessary interventions in the contents of one of the "mystery" letters that caused the sudden adjournment of the case yesterday.

PRE-THANKSGIVING SPECIALS

Coats, Suits and Dresses at very special prices all this week. M. Leigh Sheep Co. adv

Another Voting Schedule In Effect Last Week Of Drive For Subscriptions

Subscriptions Next Week Will Have Fewer Votes Than This, So Believers Every Enthusiast To Add Every New Name Possible to List Before the End of Second Period Saturday Night

Eight more days of the subscription drive will close another important chapter in the history of The Daily Advance. The subscription campaign, which has been going on for nearly a year, will close on Saturday night, Nov. 27, at 11 o'clock. The drive has been a most successful one, and the list of subscribers has grown to a total of 1,200 names. The subscription drive has been a most successful one, and the list of subscribers has grown to a total of 1,200 names.

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And the Navy Got a New Admiral



Lieut. Jimmy Doolittle, U. S. A., and his regiment, machine race at Baltimore and won first prize in what was thought to be a navy affair. So when he got back to McCook field at Dayton, O., his mates put an admiral's uniform on him, loaded him in a run-down motorcar and carted him all over Dayton.

CAPTAIN FOLEY IS EXONERATED

Washington, Nov. 20.—Captain Earl Foley was exonerated today by the Shreveport naval court of inquiry of Mrs. Margaret Ross Condit's charge that he sought to seduce her.

The court held that Captain Foley, its former judge advocate, was not guilty either of seeking to cause false testimony to be offered before the court, or of seeking by "impersonation" to influence the widow of the Shreveport commander.

ROTARY FOR NEW HOTEL BUT NOT FOR HOCKENBURY

Endorses New Hotel Movement But Refuses Commitment For or Against Hockenbury or Others

GOODBYE LIFE SAVERS

Club Expresses Warm Appreciation for Service of Two Methodist Ministers Leaving This City

Elizabeth City Rotary endorsed with only one dissenting vote, at its weekly luncheon at the South end hotel Friday of this week, the movement for a new hotel for Elizabeth City. And the dissenting vote came from no opposition to a hotel but from a division of opinion about turning the promotion of a hotel stock selling campaign in Elizabeth City over to the Hockenbury System.

The majority of the members of the Elizabeth City Rotary Club seemed to be of the opinion that it was not within the province of Rotary to endorse any particular stock selling scheme. Rotarian Sam Parker who presented the report of the Rotary board of directors endorsing the hotel movement was of the opinion that for Rotary to say it favored a hotel was a meaningless gesture and he thought the club should endorse the Hockenbury system or go on record against it.

The dissenting vote was cast by Rotarian Parker's was the dissenting vote when the motion endorsing the new hotel project, without prejudice as to the Hockenbury System, was voted on.

Meantime the Hockenbury system has made a rather exhaustive survey of the situation and finds a new hotel to be the crying need of Elizabeth City. For a certain percentage of the stock subscribed, the Hockenbury System, it is understood, would undertake to promote the financing of a 100 room hotel for Elizabeth City not to cost in excess of \$500,000.

A committee of 15 from the various organizations of the city has under advisement at this time the acceptance of a contract presented by the Hockenbury system and this contract will be accepted or rejected, it is understood, probably within the next day or so.

Discussion at the Rotary luncheon Friday disclosed a sharp divergence of opinion as to whether a new hotel stock selling campaign could be the more economically undertaken with or without the cooperation of the Hockenbury system.

Guests at Friday's Rotary luncheon included Dr. E. F. Calvert, Mayor of Sunbury, the Rev. Dr. N. H. D. Wilson and the Rev. Daniel Lane, R. C. Job, A. P. Godwin of Gateville and J. M. Neighbor of New York City.

Following the vote on the hotel project the club through Winfield Worth expressed its very tender and warm appreciation to Dr. Wilson, Coast Guard of Elizabeth City Rotary, and to Mr. Lane, his first lieutenant, for their many favors and great service to Rotary since its organization here. Both these popular preachers were assigned to new fields of endeavor at the Conference at Fayetteville last week.

READY TO VOTE ON U. S. C. AMENDMENTS

Hot Springs, Ark., Nov. 20.—Several constitutional amendments were in form today for presentation to the annual convention of the United Daughters of the Confederates. Action on the proposed amendments is considered one of the most important events expected to feature the convention.

LABOR COMES OUT AGAINST MR. DAWES

Washington, Nov. 20.—An attack on Vice President Dawes and his plan to re-form the Senate, was made today by the American Federation of Labor in its weekly news service.

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Our Pre-Thanksgiving Special began today. Real reductions on Coats, Suits and Dresses. Let us show you. M. Leigh Sheep Co. adv.

FACTORY AND FARM CLOSER THAN IN YEARS

Merchants, Bankers, and Farmers of Various Sections Say Farm Situation More Satisfactory

FARM VALUES CLIMB

Indications That Holiday Buying Will be Heavier and 1926 Will Start Out With Prosperity

By J. C. BOYLE
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New York, Nov. 20.—Exchange rates between products of the farm and the factory are closer together today than at any time since the beginning of agricultural depression a year ago.

Merchants, bankers and farmers in various sections declare the farm situation is more satisfactory than since 1922, according to dispatches received in the last 24 hours.

Appropriate farm values based on Government figures for all crops except cotton show a climb of 2 per cent as compared with last year and a gain of 75 per cent as compared with 1924. This indicates strongly not only that holiday buying will be heavier than ever before but that national business will start 1926 on a most prosperous basis.

The official statement of the Federal reserve bank in its commodity statistics for the country, they cannot be neglected this season. The Eastern agriculturist has had a splendid year and is exceedingly prosperous. Prices received for his products have averaged 12 per cent higher than a year ago. The Southern States have experienced a tremendous drop in the prices of cotton, but compensation has been found in the returns from other commodities which will bring the grand crop total above that of 1924.

Aggregate returns to the Central States have been the best since 1929. Corn this year will have the highest aggregate value of any of the American crops with a yield actually estimated by the New York Federal Reserve Bank at \$2,112,000,000. There have been some alarming rumors from the Mid-West area but cereals and unadvisedness of the banking situation because of lower prices for corn, but these seem to have been thoroughly magnified.

The records do not appear to have been an unusual number of failures in the corn belt and farmers there are making splendid progress in liquidating their debts. Also about 75 per cent of the corn produced is marketed in the form of meat and hog and cattle prices and from 20 to 25 per cent higher than at this time last year.

Conditions in the Northwest are fully as good as in the war years. Even in hard years have been combined with more efficient cultivation, less overhead and better marketing. West of the Mississippi and especially in the Missouri River Valley production has been more favorable than was anticipated earlier this year. Yields were not high but prices were better than in 1924.

In the South-west drought has been broken by recent rains and the ranges are in excellent condition. The dry weather did not have as severe an effect on crops as was feared, but the farmers there have faced harder conditions than elsewhere in the country. Higher prices have helped the agriculturists in the mountain States.

On the Pacific slope the season in some respects has been the most favorable in years. The hay crop was the largest ever produced there. Grape shipments are establishing a new record and early realization on crops has been larger than in 1924. Forecasts as to the citrus fruit crop of California indicate a volume will be less than the record crop of 1923 but will exceed that of last year. One of the unexpected features of the fall is the strong position of the apple crop which is bringing fairly high prices despite heavy supplies.

Deposits in the commercial bank of farming communities are being rapidly paid off as old debts are being paid off.

ALL WILL SHARE IN WAGE INCREASE

Tampa, Nov. 20.—Telegraphers who remained in service of the railroad and striking operators who returned before midnight, together with all new men, will share the general wage increase ordered by the Atlantic Coast Line. It was announced today.

TWO THOUSAND DEAD FROM STEAMER WRECK

Washington, Nov. 20.—A wireless message picked up this morning by the Navy said that the Haitian steamer Ville des Cayes is believed to have been wrecked with a loss of 2,000 lives. The steamer has been picked up by the tanker Dragos in Cuban waters, it was stated.