

### Attorneys Offer Very Strong Pleas In Closing King Case

Chester, July 9.—Argument by John H. Hemphill, the fourth and last of the day, wound up the afternoon session Monday in the case of the state vs. Rafe King.

Testimony regarding the presence of human blood on clothing of the King's and on the floors and doors of their home was attacked by the Chester attorney.

He endeavored to show that the tests for the blood were incomplete and rapped the noted pathologist who made the tests for his "own ideas about such tests."

Mr. Hemphill said that if the pathologist could not be more definite, "there must be something wrong with his chemistry."

He ridiculed the state's contention that Mrs. King was strangled to death and cited several reasons to prove that she might have committed suicide.

Condemnation of physicians who performed the autopsies on the body of the deceased was made by the barrister, who scored them for "jumping at conclusions."

"I really doubt that traces of poison could be found in that small portion of her stomach subjected to chemical analysis after the organ was twice washed out with embalming fluid," the lawyer said.

State's attorneys were flayed by the speaker telling the jurors not to be afraid of the "bugaboo of reasonable doubt," for endeavoring to insinuate to the jury that King had been married twice before and had killed both wives and for telling the jurors that they would not be honest men if they held she committed suicide.

"Planting" of the blood-stained suit of clothes marked "R. F. K." found hidden in the attic was the target of the attorney in closing.

"God knows, I wish we could catch a fiend like that," he shouted. "The man who planted those clothes there was attempting to murder Rafe King through the process of the law."

He ended by reminding the jury that they were not trying King under the moral law and asking them to bear in mind that the North Carolinian must be given just as fair a trial as a man from this state.

Solicitor Hines led off for the state when the afternoon session began with even more people in the room than at the morning session, when a larger crowd than at any previous session of the trial was in attendance.

The heat in the court room was

terrific, most of the air currents being off by the crowd that jammed the place and it was not long before a woman almost was overcome by the heat, although she was quickly revived. Another fainted later.

Mr. Hines launched into a lengthy resume of the case after which he dwelt on several important points.

At the conclusion of a dissertation on the two autopsies, he shook a finger at the jurors and shouted:

"If you are honest and seeking the truth, you can't say that that woman poisoned herself."

Later on in his speech he said: "There is no other evidence in this case but that she was strangled to death."

The blood-stained suit marked "R. F. K." that was found hidden in the attic several weeks after the death of Mrs. King was played up by the Lancaster man, who scored the contention of defense counsel that the suit was "planted."

Presence of human blood on the clothes of King and his wife and on floors and doors of their home, sworn to by a nationally famed pathologist, was stressed by the solicitor.

In closing Mr. Hines declared: "Murderers go free, criminals go unpunished, men go whipped for justice. Juries are falling. Men kill their wives and get away with it. And when is it going to stop?"

### Deny Discourtesy To Nash's Citizens

Washington.—Lieutenant Colonel G. Mortimer who has charge of Arlington Memorial Cemetery, denies the charge of discourtesy to a party of 21 farmers from Nash county who visited the cemetery on June 22.

Colonel Mortimer says the bus was stopped because the driver failed to get a permit for driving through the cemetery and that the necessary permit could have been secured in three minutes.

He further denied that the driver was either arrested or fined.

Sight-seeing buses are allowed to drive through the cemetery upon permits. This regulation for permits is said to be necessary because of frequent funerals.

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### Peanut Pushing In Pike's Peak Manner

Not since blind Homer sang and Aeneas wandered, has the race been so cluttered up with big achievements and great stuff! Take the case of Bill Williams. Coming up the home stretch in a cloud of dust, with pads on his hands, nose and knees, he finished his heroic undertaking of pushing a peanut twenty-two miles to the top of Pike's Peak, using his nose entirely and exclusively as the motive power. He won \$500 for his accomplishment, besides the glory of newspaper bulletins on how many peanuts he wore out in making the grade.

A connoisseur in unusual performances has listed some of the latest. The flagpole sitter and the chained automobile driver again infest the land. An Englishman played the same piece on the piano a thousand times without stopping. A Polish jazz band ground out its so-called music for thirty-three hours without a pause for a long breath. An Italian played a trombone six hours and twenty minutes, while treading water, which added another horror to the futility of treading water.

Even in Europe the search for quick fame has worked miracles, particularly gastronomic miracles. A German ate a 300-pound pig in ten days. Another of his countrymen swallowed seven and a half yards of sausage in the record-breaking time of thirty minutes. An Italian ate more than two miles of spaghetti in one session, and on the twenty-third gulp a Parisian swallowed the last drop of a two-gallon jug of beer.

Thus, we see, there is no limit to peanut greatness. It has reached the point where the most disgusting and revolting wins space in our intelligent newspapers. Anything that is great, big, outstanding, colossal and immense is a ticket to the seats of the mighty. Foreigners used to say that Americans judged everything by the question, "Is it the biggest in the world?" Now it begins to look as if this American habit had contaminated all Europe!

Declaring that the letter, written by Mrs. King the day of her death, bespoke in "living burning words" that he was a sick man, Mr. Hoey continued with great dramatic force. King was affected by the words of the attorney and tears welled to his eyes.

"If he had killed his wife would he have called in the little Bingham boy, would he have called in Dr. Burris, would he have taken the chance of observation of conditions there in the daylight?" asked the attorney, adding that the state has construed "every simple act" of King against him.

The state has no consistent theory of guilt, Mr. Hoey continued.

After speaking of King's willingness to "live up to his contract" regarding his insurance arrangement, Mr. Hoey declared "I am constrained to believe that a man who would live up to his business contract, would highly regard his contract with his wife, made before God, would keep that contract until death did part them."

### Paper Raises Funds For Needy Families

Durham, July 8.—An ice and coal fund for the needy families of this city is being raised in a campaign by The Durham Sun, local afternoon newspaper. About \$250 has been raised thus far through donations of Durham people. The newspaper is working in cooperation with the organized charity associations in the city, in an effort to relieve the distress occasioned by the hot weather.

### Hoey's Plea Regarded As Strongest Appeal Ever Heard In Court

(Special to The Star.)

Chester Court House, July 9.—The only time since the beginning of his trial eight days ago for the murder of his beautiful young wife that Rafe King of Shelby has displayed any deep emotion came today when his counsel, Hon. Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby was making an impassioned plea for an acquittal.

As the words of the North Carolina orator fell upon its ears, King's eyes filled with tears and he was visibly overcome. Aside from this, he has maintained a non-committal air throughout.

Mr. Hoey's argument before the jury for the defense is regarded here as having been one of the strongest pleas for an acquittal ever heard by any South Carolina jury.

In his well known oratorical voice, which trembled in earnestness Mr. Hoey launched his appeal for the acquittal of the defendant. He said that state had failed to prove that Mrs. King had been killed, that it had failed to prove that she had not committed suicide, and that all the evidence proved the innocence of "this man."

As he recounted the events the night before and the day the body of Mrs. King was found Mr. Hoey wanted to know if "he was planning murder?"

King Weeps.

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devotion to his wife. "As she walked the streets of Shelby, as he took her to Sharon, she was to him his 'Rose of Sharon' and Lily of the valley," exclaimed Mr. Hoey.

Piece by piece Mr. Hoey took the state's evidence, and its construction of this evidence and held it up to scorn and ridicule, declaring in reference to King's breakfast the morning after the finding of his wife's body "Should a man be convicted of murder for eating a piece of ham?"

"Is that evidence of his guilt?" queried the attorney as he spoke of the various acts of King before and after his wife's death.

"I am willing to rest the guilt or innocence of Rafe King on the testimony about the marks on Mrs. King's throat. I'm willing to take the testimony of Dr. Abel the state's witness," declared the Shelby lawyer.

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### How Proposed New Tariff Will Effect The Farmers

Under the Hawley tariff bill, which the senate finance committee has now under consideration, no section of the population of the United States escapes extortion. There has been an effort to make it appear in rural sections that the city man bore most of the burden and in the urban sections that the contrary was the case. The following tables show that neither farmer nor town-dweller is spared. Both elements of our population pay tribute and the only gainer is the producer.

According to one of President Hoover's campaign speeches, there are 23,000,000 families in the United States. The increase in the cost of living, which is involved in the Hawley tariff bill amounts to approximately \$700,000,000 a year.

In other words, if yours is an average family in size living on the average scale, it will cost you \$30 a year more than it does now if the pending tariff bill goes through—more, if the senate, as Republican senators do ordinarily, raises the rates above the house figures.

Congressman Hare, of South Carolina, recently compiled a rough schedule showing what the new rates would mean to the farmer, in whose behalf the session responsible for the Hawley tariff bill was called. This does not begin to enumerate all of the items for which he will have to pay more, but it gives a fairly comprehensive picture:

20 boxes shoe blacking, valued at 15 cents each—10c, 40 cents' worth flavoring extract—10c, varnish, valued at \$3—\$1.50, 2 bottles ink—4c, paint, imported, at \$5—\$3.50, 5,900 brick—\$6.25, 1 ton cement—\$1.60 to \$14.00, cups, saucers, etc., valued at \$3—\$1.80, lamp chimneys, fruit jars, tumblers, etc., valued at \$6—\$3.90, a 12-inch square looking glass, valued at \$2—\$1.00, tombstone, valued at \$100—\$50.00, plows, valued at \$20—\$4.00, nails, valued at \$10—\$3.50, aluminum plates, pans, boilers, etc., valued at \$8—\$4.80, one cross-cut saw, valued at \$5—\$1.00, one pair wagon harness, valued at \$10—\$3.50, two horse collars, valued at \$5 each (note that bridles, lines, gear, etc., are not included in this list)—\$3.50, one pocket knife, valued at \$1—\$.50, one safety razor, valued at \$2—70c, one shotgun, valued at \$30—\$23.30, one saddle, valued at \$20—\$7.00, two pair pliers, valued at 20 cents each—64c, one pair scissors, valued at 50 cents (note that kitchen utensils, such as knives, forks, etc., carry a tariff of 2 to 16 cents each, not included

in this list)—42c, one 1-2 inch wrist watch—\$2.50, one \$20 bicycle for boy—\$6.00, two blankets containing any wool whatever, weighing 3 pounds and valued at \$3 each—\$4.80, one suit of clothes weighing 2 1-2 pounds, valued at \$20—\$11.25, two wool shirts, valued at not more than \$2 each—\$2.00, two hats for wife, valued at \$4 each—\$2.00, one doll for child, valued at \$1—90c, one overcoat trimmed in rabbit skin, value not over \$4—\$2.50, ten pair of shoes, or two pair for each member of the family consisting of 70, over five, valued \$5 per pair—\$10.00, one shovel, one pitchfork, one garden rake, value \$1 each—90c, three hoes, valued at \$1 each—90c.

The city family fares even worse, for not only does it use most of the articles that make up the cost of living to the farmer, but, in addition, its table costs move up enormously. The item of sugar, alone, will increase the family budget on an average of \$8 a year. The family using a quart of milk a day and two pounds of butter a week would pay \$5 a year additional on these things. The meat bill, for the average family, would be about \$12.50 more every year; and everything else in proportion. These are Congressman Cordell H. Hughes' figures.

A \$20 suit of clothes will cost \$31. It will cost 90 cents more for a football for the boy in college and 30 cents more for a baseball. Every dollar's worth of toilet soap will cost \$1.30 and a \$2 pair of kid gloves will cost \$3.

The list could be continued indefinitely, but these items will indicate what the Hawley bill proposes doing with the cost of living. This in the face of President Hoover's recommendation for limited tariff revision only and his statement in the speech at Elizabethton, Tenn., with which he opened his campaign, in which he said: "the purpose of the tariff is not to balance the books of business corporations but to safeguard the family budget."

If the American people is to be saved from this extortion, it will be by the efforts of the Democrats in the U. S. senate and such of the Republicans as may join with them in knocking down the schedules of the Hawley bill as it was passed by the Republican house of representatives after the secret hearings by the Ways and Means Committee and the gag rule on the floor.

This couple is quiet happy now. They live on one of Bennard's big farms near East Peoria in the turtle dove fashion. Who says that the old-style romance is dead?

### Farmer Waits For His 50 Years For His Boyhood Choice

Most people would consider 50 years a long time to wait for one's sweetheart. The kind of love depicted nowadays seems to be the meet-and-marry-'em variety, with acquaintanceship, love, marriage and, possibly divorce—all in a season. But Frank Bennard, wealthy farmer in Tazewell county, Ill., didn't become discouraged through more than a half century of silent courtship and finally a few days ago, he was rewarded.

It is doubtful if there exists any stronger example of devotion than that shown by this Tazewell landowner. Nor any stranger. Five decades and three years he waited—never abandoning hope that sometime his dream would come true. And, finally, just like story book fantasy, it did come true.

She Weds Another.

It was way back in the '70s that Bennard, then a husky farmer boy, became enamored of Margaret Smullenberger, a neighbor's daughter. But somehow there was a rift, the lovers separated for a while, and in the interim the pretty farm girl became Mrs. Ralph Banz after a hurried courtship on the part of the new swain.

Right there is where the ordinary ordinary individual. But this ordinary individual. But this romance was not ordinary Frank Bennard waited in silence, stayed single, accumulated great land interests, and lived in solitude.

He could not bear to visit Margaret and her husband, who resided on a farm but a few miles distant.

Goes To See Them.

Twenty-eight years ago Mr. and Mrs. Banz celebrated their silver anniversary. They invited Bennard but he didn't come. Three years ago it came time for their golden anniversary. Again an invitation was extended to the lonely bachelor. This time he came, congratulated the couple, and returned to his great farm. Shortly after the celebration of the 50th anniversary had been held, Margaret's husband died and she was left alone.

Frank dropped around one day to console her. He came again and again. The courtship of more than half a century was renewed with earnest and Margaret did not say no.

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