

WIGGINS' CASE LAID BEFORE PARDON BOARD

Question of Pugilist's Guilt Is Discussed by His Attorney.

"There's no politics in this," declared Louis Brown, professional bantam and stepfather of Charles F. (Chuck) Wiggins, local prize fighter, following a hearing by the State Board of Pardons of the Wiggins case.

"The fellow who has the most influence with the Govt. seems to be a Democrat," he declared, referring to Adolph Sodensticker, Democratic member of the pardon board. Brown is a Republican political worker.

The Wiggins case, which has attracted wide attention, was reviewed by Ira Holmes, attorney. Wiggins was absent but his mother, stepfather and wife were present. Wiggins was said to have been in Columbus, Ohio, where he is scheduled to appear in a boxing exhibition.

Wiggins was sentenced January 18, 1921, to the state penal farm for six months for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He can appeal to the Supreme Court, which affirmed the decision of the lower court.

The matter was presented to Governor McCrory, who granted Wiggins a sixty-day stay of sentence, that he might carry out some boxing contracts for which he had been absent since his conviction. Governor McCrory said there was a question of guilt and that in view of this fact he saw no reason for making it necessary for Wiggins to lose the money.

Brown is said to have a deeper interest in the case than the natural interest of a relative. According to report, it is his mother who has been posted and who would have been here had not Wiggins had to begin his sentence after the Supreme Court decision.

In November, 1920, Wiggins had a training camp on the Allisville road. The camp was visited by Paul Beckley, Viola Lyle, Margaret Anderson and Mary Davison on Nov. 25, 1920. Beckley was a trainer, Wiggins according to the records of the case. Both were accused of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The pardon board resented the days in Beckley's sentence at its March session.

In the trial of the case Wiggins denied having illicit relations with the Davison woman. The woman made similar denial. At the time the evidence showed the Davison woman had been married three years and a question of delinquency being contributed to by Wiggins was raised by Holmes.

Mrs. Brown, mother of the boxer, is now his manager, according to a statement of Holmes, and is handling his financial and boxing transactions. If Wiggins fails to carry out his eight contracts it was said he would be barred from boxing in seventeen States.

Wiggins is expected to return here tomorrow and his presence before the board was requested.

Community Still Is Confiscated at Mars Hill by Cops

But the police believe was a community still was captured today in a raid on the home of Joe Pradler, Third avenue, Mars Hill. The still was a five-gallon capacity and made of copper. Pradler also had fifteen gallons of mash and a gallon of "white mule" whisky. Police believe the still was passed around in the neighborhood.

Albert Salter, 2186 South Concord street, was captured with a squad of police raiders his home. Two gallons of "white mule" whisky were found in a five-gallon jug. The police also discovered a home-made wash boiler still and cooling contrivance.

239 Helped to Find Jobs During Week

Of 400 applicants for jobs in the men's division during the week closing Saturday, April 8, at the State employment bureau, 239 were placed, according to a report made public today by the Federal-State Director, Thomas A. Riley.

An increase in the demand for skilled labor in the manufacturing industries, as in the building trades was noted. More calls were made for screw machine operators than have been received an week since the employment office opened in August 1921, it was said. Calls from Muncie, Connersville, Linton, Pittsboro, Greenfield, Greencastle, and other cities were up.

Several special cases from the State reformatory and charitable organizations were taken care of during the week the report said.

Efforts are being made to care for particular cases such as special machine men, watchmakers and others who are not often available.

Estate Tax Held Valid if Indirect

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The Supreme Court of the United States today held that the State tax on municipal and State bonds was valid so long as it was not a direct tax.

Seriously Hurt by Stray Bullet

A stray steel-jacketed bullet struck La Verne Bane, 17, 1208 East Washington street, while he was watching a baseball game at Washington Park, penetrating his left leg. Today the boy's condition was serious. The bullet had evidently traveled a long distance. No trace of the person who fired the shot was found.

Probe of Federal Reserve System

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The Senate Banking and Currency Committee is authorized to investigate the Administration of the Federal Reserve system and the office of the Comptroller of the Currency by a resolution passed by the Senate this morning. The resolution was sponsored by Senator Myron L. Dear, Republican, of Connecticut, the committee chairman and was intended to meet recent Democratic criticisms of the Federal reserve system.

Marriage Licenses

Dale J. Collins, 824 Ft. Wayne ave., 281a S. Meyers, 803 North Delaware st., 31 Thomas L. Moye, 334 North Randolph st., 32 Nell M. Kotler, 237 North Summit st., 23 Elie L. Barnett, 1745 West New York st., 20 Hester White, 167 Blaik street., 28

SQUELCHED

MONTREAL, April 10.—Peek-hole testimony against Mrs. James A. Stillman was dealt blow here today. Witnesses testified the scaffolding outside the Grand Ansse farm, from which the accused alighted, they looked into Mrs. Stillman's old chamber and saw her there with Fred Bonita, Indian guide, had been removed before Mrs. Stillman arrived at the farm.

FLAP, FLAP, FLAP, THE GIRLS ARE FLAPPING



What's worn on the Atlantic City boardwalk sets the styles for the Nation. Here are the first of the spring sport costumes.

MISS RAPPE'S FIANCÉ IS AT FATTY'S TRIAL

Did Not Trust Himself to Face Comedian Any Sooner.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.—Arrived in San Francisco of Henry Lehrman and his wife, the comedians, who are interested in the manslaughter trial of Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle as it went on yesterday.

Lehrman was the fiance of Virginia Rappe, whose life Arbuckle is accused of having taken. He arrived here from New York yesterday and will visit the witness table Miss Rappe said.

Lehrman, who defended Arbuckle, once his friend, declared he was afraid of what he might do should he meet the comedian face to face, to whom he would not come to San Francisco at the time of Miss Rappe's death.

There was no immediate reaction as to whether Lehrman would appear as a witness. He indicated his willingness to take the stand against Arbuckle, but no announcement he would be called was made.

Attorneys said it might be possible to close the testimony today.

WOMEN PLEAD AGAINST CUT

Families of Railroad Men to Make Appeal.

CHICAGO, April 10.—Labor today planned to make a human chain to the United States Railway Labor Board.

A dozen families of railroad laborers were assembling in Chicago to make a strong appeal to the board against a reduction of wages to maintenance-of-way men.

To a group of officials who had gathered to discuss municipal problems the mayor said:

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