

JUDGE PLEADS FOR PAIR 'SENT OVER' FOR LIFE

Battle Opened for Pardons to Men Sentenced in Bomb Blast.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7.—Calling the Mooney-Billings conviction the most astounding miscarriage of justice since the Dreyfus case in France, Attorney Frank F. Walsh of New York has come to California at his own expense to make an appeal for pardon to Governor C. C. Young.

Tom Mooney and Warren Billings have been in state's prison for twelve months, convicted of planting the bomb that exploded in a crowd in the Preparedness Day parade in 1916 on Market St. Since then the state's two chief witnesses have been proved perjurers and the other state's witnesses' testimony impeached.

The state of public opinion here is shown by the personnel of a pilgrimage that journeyed across the bay, led by Walsh, to make a personal appeal to the Governor in his Berkeley office.

Judge Pleads for Pardon.

In the group were Judge Franklin Griffin, who sentenced Mooney to the gallows, a sentence later commuted by Governor Stephens; William MacNeven, foreman of the Mooney jury, who with every living Mooney jurymen is demanding Mooney's pardon; District Attorney Matthew Brady of San Francisco; Paul Scharrenberg and Andrew Furth, leaders of the California labor movement; Fremont Older, editor of the Call; W. N. Burkhardt, editor of the San Francisco News-Scripps-Howard paper; ministers, club women, newspaper men and others.

"I was forced to sentence this man Mooney to death," pleaded Judge Griffin. "It has been demonstrated that we have convicted the wrong man. The case against him has collapsed completely."

"Had I known, had we known what we know now, not one of us on that jury would have brought in a guilty verdict," pleaded Mac Neven.

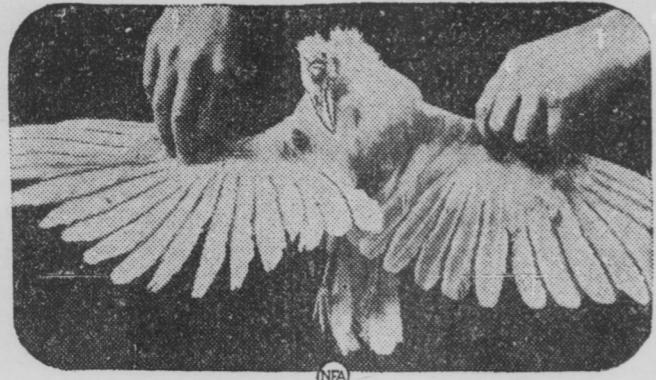
Dying as Law Waits.

"You are teaching in your textbooks that Mooney and Billings are innocent," argued Walsh, at the conclusion of a dramatic appeal. "Yet there they are, aging and gradually dying in your State prisons, while the law refuses to move.

"No man who has read the record can believe them guilty. With the State's chief witness impeached and a perfect alibi on record for Mooney, these men are suffering as victims of circumstances unparalleled since the Dreyfus case."

A woman, undergoing a major operation in a Chicago hospital recently, was held under a hypnotic spell for nearly an hour. No drugs or anesthetics were used.

White Crow for Jardine



White crows are about as scarce in America as the once plentiful "Old Crow," but Secretary William M. Jardine of the Department of Agriculture is bringing one back from Alaska as a souvenir of his vacation. Here is a close-up of the albino creature which was killed by a member of Jardine's party in Alaska.

'Blue America' Is Edict of Style Czars for 1929

Dress and Dye Trades Set Vogue at Conference in Paris.

By United Press
PARIS, Sept. 7.—Next year will be a blue one for America, regardless of how the elections come out.

The color arbiters of the world have just met in Paris in conference and have decided that America must wear blue in 1929. So blue, especially the blue of a summer sky, will be the predominating color in America next year for everything from women's dresses to men's handkerchiefs.

Sky Blue Chosen
European dyemakers, silk manufacturers, woolen goods weavers and the style czars for masculine and feminine wear decided long ago that they could put system into their business by agreeing on a color to be featured each season.

They called into their conference representatives of the American dye, cloth and dress trades and between them they decided that American women will all want sky blue next year. To make their sky of a uniform blue, they decided on a standard tone which is that of "a cloudless sky on a July afternoon."

Vogues in Cycles
Colors are going to be made to run in cycles, so that every five or

APPEAL WATER RATES
Elwood Company Protests New Valuation.

The Public Service Commission has received notice of the filing of an appeal in the Madison Superior Court by patrons of the Elwood Water Company from its recent order establishing new water rates to be charged.

The order allowed a return of 6 per cent on a valuation of \$300,000. The company submitted evidence for a valuation of twice that while the patrons feel the commission's rates are too high.



Back Ached for days at a time

MRS. C. S. COPE, 905 East 13th St., Ada, Okla., whose picture is printed above, says:

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INSULL TO GET CHEAP POWER

Gigantic Hammond Plant to Reduce Cost.

Four Samuel Insull controlled electric power companies serving Indiana and Illinois' consumers can buy their power for three-fourths of a cent a kilowatt hour, as compared with more than 2 cents a unit in 1927, when the State Line Generating Company gets its first unit of a new gigantic station near Hammond in operation July 1, 1929, the public service commission was told today.

The statement was made by H. C. Heaton, engineer for the plant, supporting the State Line Generating Company's four petitions before the commission.

Greater reduction in power cost will be possible when the five units of the plant are in operation within ten years, Heaton declared.

The commission inquiring into exactly what the Insull concern proposes to do if petitions for modification of previous orders affecting the plant are granted. The riders concern capitalization and contracts with the distributing power companies.

The four distributing companies own the common stock of the State Line Company as follows:

Interstate Public Service Company, 10 per cent; Northern Indiana

Vanishes



For nine years, C. S. Carnes, above, was a respected Atlanta, Ga., business man and treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. When he disappeared while on a business trip, investigation brought a statement from Bertillon experts that Carnes had served two penitentiary terms for using the mails to defraud. Members of the board began an audit of the treasurer's books.

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FORESTS FACE NEW MENACE

Blight Attracts Trees in New England.

By Science Service
WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—America's dwindling timber supply is threatened by a new tree disease, similar to chestnut blight, which is capable of wiping out stands valued at approximately \$3,150,000,000, says Dr. Haven Metcalf, in charge of the office of forest pathology, United States Department of Agriculture.

Larch canker, as the disease is called, has been known in Europe for about a century and is believed to have been brought here on seedlings from Great Britain, prior to enactment of the plant quarantine law. It recently was discovered attacking trees in two New England States.

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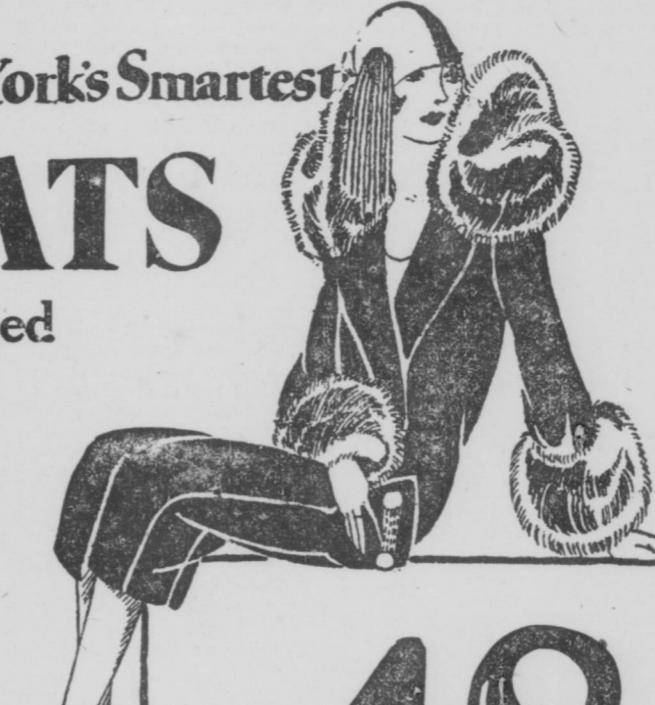
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