

CONNIE PONDER'S ALIENATION SUIT AGAINST ARNO

'Warned Him Number of Times,' Says Vanderbilt of Desert Chase.

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RENO, Nev., June 20.—Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr., aggressor in a gun race across the Nevada desert, was "seriously considering" today an alienation of affection suit against Peter Arno, winner of the race, as an aftermath of his surprise divorce action against Mrs. Vanderbilt.

The young society author took matters into his own hands when he unsuccessfully pursued the handsome cartoonist with an unloaded revolver, but he disclosed today that he was not prepared to end the conflict there.

"Yes," he said, "I am discussing with my attorney a suit against Arno for alienation of affections."

Contest Is Faced

The sudden divorce suit, filed in Washoe county courts just as a conference of attorneys had been called to discuss the divorce and maintenance action, was promised a test when Mrs. Vanderbilt said she will possibly file a cross complaint.

The suit, along with many others, will be on the "washday" docket of the divorce courts next Monday. William Woodburn, counsel for Mrs. Vanderbilt, declared that "if anybody gets a divorce it will be Mrs. Vanderbilt."

"Vanderbilt charges cruelty," he said, "but if there was any cruelty it was on his side, not hers. We will fight the suit every inch of the way."

Woodburn said a counter-suit "may not be necessary."

Caused by 'Arno Incident'

Sam Platt, attorney for Vanderbilt, replied that "each issue will be met." The suit, taking advantage of Nevada laws, made no specific charges beyond stating the cause of action.

Vanderbilt and Platt both indicated the suit grew out of the now famous "Arno incident," when Vanderbilt claimed his wife was escorted to the door of their home early last Monday by the cartoonist.

Asked to recount again the details of the affair, Vanderbilt said he could see the pair approaching through a small glass aperture in the door.

"I seized a gun and exhibited it through the glass and cried: 'See what I've got here! I'm going to kill Arno.'"

"Mrs. Vanderbilt turned and screamed, 'Look out—he's going to get you!'"

Admits Making Threat

"Arno disappeared as I opened the door. I was in pajamas and slippers. I ran after him for some distance, and then turned my weak ankle slightly. I decided to return to my home."

Mrs. Vanderbilt and Arno, however, claimed that all there had been to a night club and returned for "an amiable visit." Arno said that, to his surprise, Vanderbilt telephoned him the next morning and threatened him.

Vanderbilt readily admitted the threats today.

"I gave him fair warning a number of times," he said. "Several days before the affair of this week-end I called him up and told him to stay away from my wife."

ALTENHEIM HOME TO CELEBRATE FOUNING

Program Sunday Will Mark Twenty-second Anniversary of Institution.

Twenty-second anniversary of the Altheim Old Folks' home, Capitol avenue and Twentieth street, will be celebrated at 4 Sunday afternoon.

Joseph Gardner, president of the home, will give the address of welcome and Superior Judge John W. Kern will speak.

Selections will be given by the Murat chautauq. Other numbers on the program will include violin solo, Miss Sarah Olinger, accompanied by Miss Frances Wishard; soprano solo, Miss Erma Day; reading Miss Lena Bos; piano solo, Miss Mabel Pruitt; prayer and benediction, the Rev. Theo Schory.

Supper will be served by the ladies' auxiliary.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen belong to: George Amt, 621 Virginia avenue, Ford coupe, 740-770, from 621 Virginia avenue; Oliver Moulton, 39-824, from Indiana avenue and North street.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles recovered by police belong to: Edward Baldwin, Coatsville, Ind., Ford sedan, found at Brooks and Twelfth streets; Chrysler sedan, 38-383, found in rear of 812 West Walnut street.

YOUTH DIES OF WOUNDS

Albert Murphy, 19, of Providence, Ky., has achieved his goal after ten days of waiting.

He died Friday night in city hospital from self-inflicted wounds following his suicide attempt June 9. Murphy shot himself in the head.

Murphy hitch-hiked to Acton where he obtained a job in a bar-becue. He became despondent when he failed to receive letters from his home.

Ziegfeld's Real Choices



Flo Ziegfeld, the Broadway showman, has cast an appraising eye over thousands of beautiful girls during his career, and here are his choices as the two best of them all. They are Billie Burke (Mrs. Ziegfeld) and daughter, Patricia, pictured at Los Angeles.

CYCLIST SUCCUMBS TO CRASH INJURIES

County Traffic Toll Raised to 77 by Death of Youth.

Auto death toll in Marion county reached seventy-seven since Jan. 1 today following the death of Sol Mesalan, 24, of 2220 Shelby street, in city hospital from injuries received Wednesday night in a traffic crash.

Mesalan, driving a new motorcycle, crashed into the side of an auto driven by Marcus Straper, 21, of 1522 Linden street at Shelby street and Southern avenue.

Mesalan was hurled over the auto and suffered compound leg and skull fractures.

His parents survive him at Elwood, where the body will be taken for burial.

Coble M. English, Ft. Harrison soldier, narrowly escaped death Friday night when he drove in front of a train at the Big Four crossing on Thirty-eighth street.

Apparently not hearing the train whistle, witnesses said English did not see the train until it was but a few feet from his auto. English's injuries are not serious. He was taken to the post hospital.

Lying more than half an hour in the street at East and Washington streets early today, John Given, 49, Linden hotel, was found in critical condition from injuries inflicted by a hit-and-run truck. He was taken to the city hospital.

Given was unable to describe the truck that hit him. Given is an employee of the post office.

Miss Albert Webber, 23, of 533 South Alabama street, sustained a broken left arm Friday night when the car she was driving collided with another on Kentucky avenue. Derrell Garrigus, 4255 South State avenue, driver of the other car, took Miss Webber to the city hospital.

DOGS, FURS STOLEN

Burglars Enter Home: Loot Totals \$660.

Heat warped the judgment of thieves Friday, dogs and furs comprising part of the loot reported stolen.

Entering the home of Mrs. C. D. Green, 208 East Thirty-eighth street, Apartment 7, burglars stole furs and jewelry valued at \$660, she informed police.

Mrs. Dan C. Gill, 3045 Park avenue, told officers that a man who looked at a Chinese chow pup at her home late Friday stole the one he "thought he might buy" and another, both valued at \$150.

Mrs. Gill said he asked her to watch for an auto from a garage that was to tow in his car, which was "broken down." While she looked the thief started his car and fled with the dogs.

Tables, lamps, a victrola and 100 records were stolen from the residence of Mrs. Margaret Reybold, 646 Birch avenue, she told police.

REPTILE BITES 'SKIPPY'

Percy Crosby's Baby Son in No Danger After Experience.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—The real "Skippy" has had his first great adventure. He was bitten by a snake. This "Skippy" is Percy Crosby Jr., 1-year-old son of the creator of the moving picture and cartoon youngster.

Percy Jr. was playing in the yard of the Crosby estate when a five-foot black snake struck his arm. Crosby killed the snake, cut the wound with a razor and sucked to remove venom from the wound. Examination of the reptile proved it to be nonpoisonous. A physician said "Skippy" was in no danger.

Raises Baby Squirrels on Spoon ST. PAUL, June 20.—Frances Lawton, 12, is raising three baby squirrels on a spoon. They objected to milk from a bottle. She gives them peanut butter for dessert.

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STRIKES CAUSE ABANDONMENT OF OHIO MINES

Walkouts, Violence Climax War Between Rival Unions.

By United Press

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, O., June 20.—The coal mining industry of eastern Ohio was paralyzed today with the abandonment of mines as the result of successive strikes led by conflicting labor unions.

Spreading rapidly to every section of the area, the strike was climaxed with the announcement of the Clarkson Coal Company that the company would close two of its largest mines. The company's action was believed in answer to separate strikes called by the Provident mine by the National Miners Union and the United Mine Workers of America.

Abandonment of the Provident mine and the Fairpoint mine No. 2 of the company is a severe blow to St. Clairsville business interests. The two mines constitute the largest industry in this community of 2,500 persons. Citizens of the town are petitioning the mine owners to reconsider their decision.

Jails Are Crowded

White St. Clairsville was fighting for existence, authorities sought to prevent similar action of mine owners in Jefferson county by arresting representatives of the radical National Miners Union, who are picketing mines in that county.

Over twenty persons were taken into custody by special deputies Friday, and are held on open charges. Jails in Belmont, Jefferson and Harrison counties are crowded with strikers arrested during hand-to-hand struggles with deputies and mine guards.

Governor George White has been asked to confer with the conflicting unions and operators in hope of relieving the situation.

Situation Is Tense

Over a score of persons have been injured in clashes between mine guards, deputies and strikers since the walk-outs started two weeks ago. With other walkouts scheduled for today, authorities moved to reinforce guards at the mines, and to strengthen highway patrols.

Criminal syndicalism charges were lodged against Leo Thompson, Pittsburgh, an avowed Communist, and three other strike leaders who allegedly led demonstrations and attacks on county officials. They are held under \$5,000 bonds.

Agents representing the National Miners Union are attempting to raise security for the bail.

NEW YORK BANKERS FACE PRISON TERMS

Jury Finds Them Guilty of Mis-application of Funds.

NEW YORK, June 20.—Three officers of the closed Bank of United States were found guilty of willful misapplication of funds by a jury in general sessions court today. A mistrial was declared in the case of the fourth defendant.

After deliberating for nearly twelve hours, the jury returned verdicts of guilty against Bernard K. Marcus, president, Charles Singer, executive vice-president, and Singer's son, Herbert, a 24-year-old law clerk. They face a possible maximum sentence of seven years each in prison and fines of \$1,000.

Judge George L. Donnellan will pass sentence June 23.

The trial grew out of charges the defendants made an illegal transaction involving \$8,000,000.

Three Held on Dry Charge

Three Bloomington men who were arrested there in a dry raid, were today in the Marion county jail in lieu of \$500 bond each on federal dry law violation charges. Those arrested are James Webb, Lyman Wright and Bruce Orider. Each pleaded not guilty.

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BY BEN STERN

A PLATFORM which will go on the back of a postal card" is demanded by State Representative Earl Crawford of Milton, Democratic caucus chairman in the last session of the legislature.

"The shorter the platform, the more it will be read," he said. Crawford also declared that he would join with other candidates nominated for the legislature, in the primary, to demand a hand in writing the platform to be adopted by the 1932 state convention.

"We have a right to protest at the manner in which platforms are adopted," he complained. "Although candidates for the legislature are called on to fulfill party pledges made in convention, they rarely, if ever, have a voice in framing the platform."

"That is palpably unfair, as candidates will find themselves running on a platform to which they by principle could not agree."

In this connection perhaps it should be remembered that Crawford is a perfected dry, having voted even against the medicinal whisky bill in the last session, and is afraid of adoption of a moist plank. As a banker, he also is prone to oppose the retention of the income tax plank.

Other legislators are joining with Crawford in the demand that they have a voice in the party platform.

However, with the types of candidates for the assembly which have been nominated in the last few years, it would be weeks before any creed would be adopted and then it would be of so conservative, rather reactionary, a complexion that there would be no demarcation between parties.

The Democratic party's salvation in Indiana, at any time, depends upon its adherence to a liberal policy, for the conservative voters steadfastly will remain in the Republican ranks, their natural habitat.

Incidentally, Crawford, who was a candidate for the nomination for Governor in 1928, indicated he would not enter the field next year.

HENRY KLEPPER DIES

Veteran City Resident Was Civil War Veteran.

Death Friday claimed Henry E. Klepper, 90, of 623 Pine street, a resident of Indiana for sixty years, and a Civil War veteran. He was a native of Germany.

During the Civil War he enlisted with a New York regiment and served later with Company F, Ohio volunteers.

He learned the cabinetmaker's trade in Germany, and worked at the Big Four shops here for many years.

Mr. Klepper was a member of the G. A. R., and belonged to a number of the old singing societies here. Funeral services will be held at 9:30 Monday morning at the home. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

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JOBS INCREASE IN CITY, STATE U. S. REPORTS

Labor Department Bulletin Notes Improvement During May.

By Time's Special

WASHINGTON, June 20.—Further reduction of unemployment in Indianapolis was noted today in the labor department's monthly employment bulletin for May.

In regard to Indianapolis the report said:

"There was a further increase in employment reported in the foundries, machine shops and several other industries. Building and construction projects increased and absorbed a large number of building trades men and unskilled laborers."

State road work, municipal improvements and public utility construction for many men. A slight increase was noted in railroad maintenance-of-way forces. There was plenty of agricultural help for the small demand."

The improvement was general throughout the state, the bulletin reported, although "a surplus of labor prevailed in all sections of the state."

More Improvement Seen

"Increased outdoor activity resulted in an appreciable reduction in unemployment," said the report on Indiana, "and further improvement is anticipated for June."

"State and county road and bridge-construction work expanded considerably and absorbed a large number of men. Municipal improvements in several cities offered employment to many laborers."

"There was a seasonal increase in the forces employed in the railroad maintenance-of-way and construction departments, while the car-repair shops operated with curtailed forces."

Reduction Is Seasonal

"A further seasonal reduction in bituminous-mine production and forces occurred during May. The volume of building, which included many large projects, still was insufficient to absorb all the building trades men."

"Although practically all plants operated, many worked part time

Butler's Pool to Be Opened for Summer



Miss Louise Schumeyer

Butler swimming pool in the field house, Forty-ninth street and Boulevard place, will be open to the public for the summer, beginning Monday, Miss Louise Schumeyer, director of physical education for women at the university, announced today.

Miss Susie Harmon and Vergil Jones, member of the Red Cross life saving corps, will assist Miss Schumeyer in supervising the pool. Jones will act as swimming instructor and life guard.

The pool, of regulation size and kept clean by a chemical filter plant will be open from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. daily, except Sunday.

with curtailed forces. These included some automobile and accessory factories and assembling plants, foundries and brass plants, iron and steel mills, furniture and wood-working establishments, and automobile body plants.

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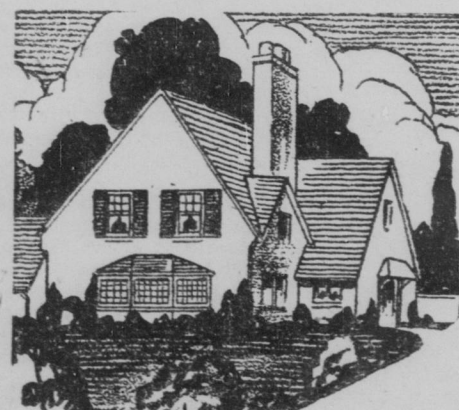
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