

2 ECCENTRICS FACE TRIAL IN 'GOAT MURDER'

Members of Great Families
Charged With Slaying of
Famed Beauty.

By United Press

NATCHEZ, Miss., Nov. 23.—Octavia Dockery and Richard H. C. Dana, old survivors of great families, came into historic old Natchez yesterday to face trial for the alleged murder of Jane Surgent Merrill, once a beauty in European courts.

Eight hundred people gathered around the little courthouse to gaze in wonder at Miss Dockery, daughter of a hero of the Confederate army, and Dana, whose great uncle was the famous editor, Charles Dana, of the New York Sun.

The day's court proceedings were brief. The case of the two defendants were severed and Miss Dockery was ordered to trial on Monday. The sheriff was disqualified and the coroner was appointed to draw a jury panel of 200. Court then adjourned for the week.

Eight-Inch Beard

Miss Dockery beamed upon the crowd. Dana grinned from behind an eight-inch beard set off by two neckties—a red bow tied over a green four-in-hand.

Jane Surgent Merrill, 72, was slain in her 120-year-old colonial home, Glenburney, just outside the city limits of Natchez, on the night of Aug. 4, 1932.

Two bullets were fired into her body as she stood between the living room and bedroom of her home. The house was ransacked. The body was dragged outside and left in a thicket, 100 yards away.

Possemen searched the grounds all night. The alarm had been spread by Duncan G. Minor, her neighbor, her girlhood sweetheart and her only intimate during her many years of seclusion.

Daughter of Ambassador

Wild excitement followed the slaying. Negroes fled the vicinity in terror, spreading tales of ghosts and "haunts."

Miss Merrill had been a legend in the unwritten annals of old Natchez. Once she was a figure in the court of St. James, and the Belgian royal court.

A native of this city and a famous beauty in her days, she had inherited the estate of her father, the late Ayers P. Merrill, United States ambassador to Belgium and friend of President Grant, only to shut herself away in solitude in the family mansion.

There had been a feud between Miss Merrill and the two strange inhabitants of an adjoining estate, which towns folk called "Goat Castle." There lived Richard H. C. Dana and Miss Octavia Dockery, sharing the ruins of Dana's once magnificent plantation home, with goats and chickens.

Battle Over Goats

The goats frequently prowled onto the well-kept Merrill estate, and Miss Merrill shot one of them once. A quarrel of unusual bitterness was said to have occurred between the two women a few days before the slaying.

The feud was common knowledge in the town, and Sheriff C. P. Roberts immediately saw a possible motive for murder. He arrested Dana and Miss Dockery and charged them with murder.

Miss Dockery is the daughter of the late Brigadier-General Thomas Paine Dockery, confederate hero. She was Dana's housekeeper and was appointed his guardian when his actions in woods about his home garbed in hump bags and sitting in trees, caused townspeople to have him adjudged insane.

Negro Is Indicted

Dana and Miss Dockery spent several days in jail. They were released without bond when townspeople protested their incarceration and several of the south's ablest lawyers came to their defense.

The climax was reached when George Pearles, Negro gunman, was slain in Pine Bluff, Ark., while resisting arrest. He was indicted for the murder after his death.

Miss Merrill's will was filed for probate. It left an estimated amount of \$150,000 and named Minor sole heir and executor.

A few months ago, Mrs. Nellie J. Grist, of Greenfield, Ind., filed suit contesting the will, claiming that she was an illegitimate daughter of Miss Merrill.

ESCAPE

Iodized salts that lack sufficient iodine to prevent simple goiter by insisting on this seal when you buy!



*Health department tests of various iodized salts showed some to be lacking in iodine that they were worthless as goiter preventives (Journal of American Medical Association, Dec. 19, 1931).

WHEN IT RAINS, IT POURS

'Aunt Mollie,' 91, Tries to Save Friend, Fails

'Light Dawns in Darkness' for Aged Woman at City Hospital.

Isaiah 40:5—"If you bestow your bread upon the hungry and relieve men of misery, then light shall dawn for you in darkness, your dull hour shall be bright as noon."

"Aunt Mollie" Thompson, 91, of 514 East Miami street, lives by that scriptural saying, and today faces that "dull hour" in the city hospital because she tried to save her 65-year-old friend, "Aunt Mary" Golligher, from death.

"Aunt Mary" died at 2:50 a. m. today at the city hospital from injuries suffered when she was struck by a motor car driven by John Schultz, 1806 North New Jersey street, at Ohio and New Jersey streets.

Known far and wide throughout the city, at Fortville, and neighboring towns for her benefactions, "Aunt Mollie" was injured critically when attempting to do a kindly deed following church services last night at the Cadle tabernacle.

Sings in Choir

Despite her age, the aunt of Floyd Williamson, state auditor, sings in the choir.

Last night the streets were slippery.

As the benediction and last strains of the choir ended in the tabernacle, "Aunt Mollie" turned to a sister choir member, "Aunt Mary," and offered to help her to her home.

"Aunt Mollie" steadied "Aunt Mary's" arm as they crossed the pavement. They did not see an auto traveling at a slow rate of speed bearing down on them until too late.

Tries to Save Friend

"Aunt Mollie" tried to push "Aunt Mary" out of the car's path, but was felled with her. The auto stopped immediately.

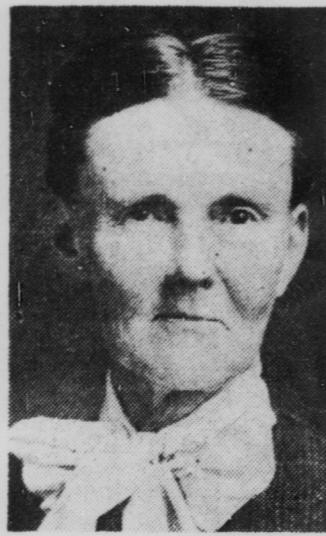
Ambulances took the two "Aunts," who were known by members of the tabernacle for their charities, to the city hospital.

Nurses did not tell her today that "Aunt Mary" was dead.

Miss Thompson was the organizer of a home for aged and unemployed women at 138 North Noble street. She committed the home and a residence in Fortville.

Auditor Williamson says his aunt always out-walked her relatives. "She can walk twelve miles without being bothered by it, despite her 91 years," Mr. Williamson said.

"Aunt Mollie" came to Indiana in a covered wagon and settled with her parents near McCordsville. She



Miss (Aunt Mollie) Mary E. Thompson

is the last of a family of ten children.

Funeral rites for "Aunt Mary" Golligher are expected to be held Saturday.

"Aunt Mollie's" friend is survived by the husband, known to the tabernacle folk as "Uncle Billy," and two sons, Rue and Charles Antle, both of Indianapolis, and a daughter, Mrs. Della Hinton. The body was sent to the Kirl and Moore funeral parlors.

CRACKERJACK KING'S NEPHEW FOUND DEAD

Harold Rueckheim Leaves Suicide Note.

By United Press

MOMENCE, Ill., Nov. 23.—The body of Harold Rueckheim, 25-year-old nephew of F. W. Rueckheim, who is president of the Crackerjack Company in Chicago, was found today in the family summer cottage near here.

A note indicating suicide, found near the body, said:

"Dear Dad and Mother:

"I am sorry for you because I had to do this but in all I would have caused more trouble so it is better this way. Don't forget to bring Harold up to be a fine young man."

He referred to his young son named after himself. In addition to the boy he is survived by the widow, Mrs. Fern Rueckheim.

Members of the team that was to represent the Auction Bridge Club of Chicago in the Vanderbilt match in New York each gave me an interesting hand—the first of which I am presenting today. This hand was played by Ban Fain, youngest member of the team, but recognized as one of Chicago's outstanding players.

East's opening lead was the six of hearts, which West won with the ace and returned a small club, declaring playing the queen. East refused to win the first club trick, hoping to get his partner in again so that he could make two clubs.

Fain had lost two heart tricks and might lose two clubs. Therefore, the only way to make his contract was to set a long diamond for a club discard.

He played the four of diamonds and trumped with the six of spades. He then played the ten of hearts. East covered with the jack and the trick was trumped in dummy with the five of spades. The five of diamonds was returned and declarer trumped with the eight of spades.

There was only one possible way to make the contract, and that was to find East with the jack of spades.

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Contract Bridge

Today's Contract Problem

South has the contract for six spades. West opens the king of diamonds, which South wins with the ace. When he leads the ace of spades, he finds that West holds all the outstanding trump. How should South play the hand to make his contract?

◆ Q 10 8 5 3
◆ A K 5
◆ 2
◆ K Q 6 3
◆ (Blind) W E (Blind)
◆ S Dealer
◆ ♠ A K 4 2
◆ 9 8 6 2
◆ A 10 6
◆ A 5
Solution in next issue. 15

Solution to Previous Contract Problem

BY W. E. MCKENNEY
Secretary American Bridge League

I JUST have returned from Chicago, after completing arrangements for a western states championship bridge tournament of the American Bridge League to be held in that city. It was in Chicago that the American Bridge League held its first national championship tournament, but for several years most of the national activities have been in the east.

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ONE-FIFTH GAIN IN EMPLOYMENT NOTED IN STATE

Indiana University Report
Compares This Year
With Last.

By United Press
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 23.—The American employment at the end of October was 20.9 per cent above a year ago and 1.1 per cent above two years ago, a survey by the Indiana university school of business administration shows.

Steel mills increased operations early in October to complete third quarter contracts. Furniture factories were more active than at any other time during the past three years. More motor cars were manufactured in Indiana during October than in any other month since July, 1931.

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Roosevelt Money Policy Supported by Yale Man

Professor Irving Fisher Also
Hopeful for NRA
Benefits.

By United Press

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 23.—The American dollar must be rubber in weight or rubber in value and we can take our choice. Professor Irving Fisher of Yale, said last night in a speech before the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

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in giving self-government to industry and bringing labor and management together."

He found no justification for the policy of limitation of output and destruction of wealth "as by plowing up cotton fields and slaughtering pigs, simply to get rid of a supposed 'overproduction' and imposing 'processing taxes.'

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"We need at this time a deeper and stronger dependability and honesty among our citizens," he said.

"We need a teaching process in operation that will send us out and

LIONS CLUB HEARS TALK ON CITIZENSHIP

We Need More Honesty, Is
Plea of Speaker.

The training of a citizenship toward greater Christian idealism and loyalty to social responsibilities is America's greatest need. E. T. Albertson, general secretary of the Indiana Council of Religious Education, declared in an address to the Lions Club yesterday at the

train future leaders to be trustworthy."

Harold F. Kealing spoke in behalf of the annual Christmas seal campaign. Walter L. Shirley, president, presided.

A gift of a new airplane similar to the one in which they crashed in Connecticut has been presented to Captain and Mrs. James Molinari, British flyers, by Lord Wakefield.

NASAL CATARRH
...SOOTHING
COMFORTING
RELIEF.....
VICKS
NOSE & THROAT
DROPS
CLEAR'S HEAD QUICKLY

INDIANA'S FINEST SHOE STORE Queen Quality Shoes

"The Essence of Good Taste"



\$58,500 SENT STATE FARMERS

Checks Mailed to Wheat
Growers in Seven Indiana
Counties.

Checks totaling \$58,500 have been mailed to farmers in seven Indiana counties, as wheat reduction adjustment payments by the agricultural adjustment administration in the last few days, it was announced at Washington today.

Counties and the amounts of checks are: Tipton, \$1,853; Hendricks, \$6,740; Franklin, \$18,926; Steuben, \$8,787; Switzerland, \$2,017; Boone, \$7,449, and Newton, \$2,729.

JOHNSON FLIES SOUTH

Will Confer With Roosevelt on
Several NRA Codes.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Recovery Administrator Johnson left Boeing Field by plane at 11 a. m. today for Atlanta and Warm Springs, Ga.

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An automobile highway has been constructed between Guaymas, on the Gulf of California, to Nogales, Mexico, on the Arizona border.

Such a Life

Dogged Into Jail by
Women, He Says.

By United Press

DETROIT, Nov. 23.—Sentenced to from one to five years for felonious assault, Edward Vorland announced yesterday he was through with women.

"How about the house of correction?" Judge Edward J. Jeffries asked in sentencing Vorland.

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