

MURDER TRIAL IS BATTLE OF RICHES

Eyes of All People of South-West Centered on the Famous Sneed Case.

(National News Association)

FORT WORTH, Tex., Jan. 29.—Whether she will sacrifice the love of the man for whom she had professed undying affection to save the life of her husband whose trial for the murder of her affiant's father was begun today is the difficult problem which Mrs. J. B. Sneed will have to decide before going on the witness stand to tell the story of her elopement with A. G. Boyce, Jr., which was the beginning of the romance which ended so tragically.

The probable decision of the woman in the case is causing considerable anxiety to the parties vitally interested, as well as to a number of the most prominent business men and social leaders in Texas who have taken sides in the matter.

Engagement Broken.

One of the serious disruptions caused by the tragedy was the breaking of the engagement between Sneed's sister and one of Boyce's sons.

Ever since the night that J. B. Sneed, one of the wealthiest bankers in the southwest, stepped on the veranda of the Metropolitan hotel and after a short exchange of angry words drew a revolver and shot to death his friend and neighbor of years, A. G. Boyce, there had been continual forming, breaking and reforming of factions among the wealthiest factions of the Lone Star State. A great many of them have taken the part of the dead man and have brought powerful influences to bear in an effort to induce the young woman to renounce her husband and stick to her lover who with his three brothers has sworn a readiness to sacrifice every penny of the Boyce millions if it would result in sending Sneed to the gallows.

Sneed's father, who is a Baptist minister, is being aided in his fight to secure his son's freedom by a number of equally wealthy people and the coming trial is expected to be the greatest criminal court battle in the history of the state, both sides having retained the most able lawyers in the southwest.

It is taken for granted that counsel for the defense will make a plea of temporary or emotional insanity, basing their plea on the claim that the prisoner's mind must certainly have been affected by the events leading up to the tragedy.

Hard to Get Jury.

Owing to the bitter feeling that the affair has aroused among the people living in the vicinity of the Boyces' and Sneeds it is hardly possible that a satisfactory jury can be chosen from the special venire of 100 men that has been summoned and it is expected that it will be necessary to call a second venire before twelve men agreeable to both sides can be picked.

Sneed and his beautiful young wife lived directly opposite the Boyces residence, the families occupying the two handiest mansions in the town of Amarillo. Boyce owned the famous Capital ranch which is known as one of the largest in the world. The banker and the ranch owner had been friends for years and never had a disagreement of any kind until last November when Sneed's young wife ran away with the son of her husband's best friend.

Before leaving town young Boyce drew \$50,000 from his local banks and Mrs. Boyce stocked her trunk with \$15,000 worth of her jewelry. Supplying himself with liberal funds the grief-stricken husband tracked the couple to St. Louis and then to New York where he lost track of them. The couple were finally located in Winnipeg, Canada, and placed under arrest. Mrs. Sneed defiantly declared that she would never return to her husband, that she loved Boyce and would stand by him forever. But the appeals of the banker, who hurried to Canada, caused her to change her mind and she returned with him to her Texas home. Boyce was held by the Canadian authorities awaiting further instructions from Texas.

Charges Dismissed.

Boyce was accused by Sneed of abducting his wife, asserting that she was suffering from a mental ailment at the time he had induced her to elope. The grand jury handed down an indictment charging abduction and theft. Here the wealthy Boyces of Texas stepped in and resisted the attempt to extradite their relative and fighting the case at every turn they finally succeeded in having the charges dropped entirely, Jan. 13.

The dismissal of these charges threw Sneed into a terrible fit of rage and on the evening of the same day he accidentally met the elder Boyce. The former friends, now bitter enemies engaged in a wordy quarrel, which resulted in the banker drawing a revolver and shooting the cattleman to death.

Sneed was arrested and placed in the Tarrant county jail to await a preliminary hearing. His wife whom he had placed in a sanitarium upon their return from Texas, was prostrated when she received news of the tragedy. But in telling her story before the grand jury that conducted the hearing, which resulted in the indictment of her husband for murder, she admitted that she still loved young Boyce.

She admitted that although he was not mean, her husband neglected her that she did not know any reason why he should kill the father of her affinity, and pictured herself as a martyred sweetheart fleeing her lover in Canada because of the pity aroused by the earnest pleadings of her heart-broken husband. Sneed was held without bail charged with murder in the first degree. Monday Jan. 29, was the date set for the beginning of the trial.

Return to Texas.

When the news of the murder of his father reached him young Boyce

AMERICAN WOMAN IS LONDON SOCIETY PET



Mrs. Samuel Newhouse, wife of a millionaire mining man of Colorado, who called Saturday for London where she is a social favorite, having been in the circle of King Edward's friends. Her husband accompanied her. Mrs. Newhouse at one time was voted the third smartest woman in London.

was at Regina, Saskatchewan, on his way into far western Canada to buy a ranch. He immediately returned to Winnipeg to learn the details of the crime and bitterly denounced the man whose wife he had stolen as the murderer of a harmless, defenceless man. In spite of the efforts of his friends to dissuade him from taking such a course, he has returned to Texas.

RIOTS AGAIN AT LAWRENCE

(National News Association)

LAWRENCE, Mass., Jan. 29.—As a result of continuous rioting throughout the morning hours in the textile workers strike here today, it was decided to call out a troop of cavalry and more state infantry.

This is the first time it has been necessary to call upon cavalry. Today was regarded as a critical day of the conflict between the strikers and mill owners.

Conditions bordering anarchy prevailed, the mob taking advantage of the recall of several companies of militia and the sending of new forces to protect the mills. Terror prevailed throughout the town as a result of the town.

At least fifty persons, many of them women and girls, were injured. Numerous arrests were made and the prisoners were rushed to jail. Many women fainted.

Women strikers, driven frantic by hunger, led in the attacks today. They pleaded with the girl operatives on their way to work. The common was covered with lunch baskets torn from the hands of those on their way to the mills.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 29.—When the grand jury devoted its attention to minor government cases today it led to the belief that the dynamite conspiracy investigation is practically ended. District Attorney Miller stated the findings will be reported the latter part of the week. It is understood simultaneous arrests all over the country will follow the indictments, similar to the government's famous bucket-shop raids.

FORM CORPORATION

Articles of association have been filed with the county recorder by Louis Emmons, of this city, Siegfried W. Straus, Gustave C. Straus and Peter B. Fridkyn of Chicago. The capital stock of the association which will still be known as the Emmons Tailoring company will be \$25,000.

MARTIAL LAW NOW RULES IN ECUADOR

(National News Association)

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Jan. 28.—Martial law was proclaimed here today following the lynching of Gen. Flavio Alfaro, Eloy Alfaro, Ulpiano Fies, Manuel Zerao and Medardo Alfaro, the rebel leaders in the recent revolution, who were forcibly taken to Guayaquil penitentiary by the mobs. The men had been convicted by court-martial but the militarist party enraged because they were not put to death at once, stormed the prison. Soldiers with artillery are guarding the prison where other political captives are confined and also the executive palace. Further trouble is threatened.

TROUBLE IN BRAZIL

RIO JANEIRO, Jan. 29.—Fighting broke out in Bahia today between armed political factions. Gov. Vienna, who sought refuge in the Venezuelan consulate on Saturday is now under the French flag. Nearly 100 persons have been killed in the past 24 hours of fighting.



CONCRETE SAVES OLD TREE

Elm Is Preserved by Construction of Concrete Wall, So That Entire Trunk Was Free From Dirt.

C. L. Miller, in Suburban Life for August, writes of the preservation of an old elm through the medium of concrete. The street on which this particular elm was growing had been filled up all of four feet, and in the course of a few years this began to affect the tree, which showed unmistakable signs of dying. So, in order to save it, the ground was dug away from the tree to the street's original level, and a concrete wall, together



Concrete Pit Wall.

with a rustic railing, was placed around the tree, so that the entire trunk might be free from dirt, as it was originally.

The construction of the reinforced concrete wall is very simple. After the hole was dug to the desired width and squared properly, the posts for the railing were set so that they rested on the bottom of the hole and extended about four feet above the ground. These posts were connected each by four cross-pieces, two below the ground and two above, which made a sort of fence around the tree. The false work to hold the cement in place until it was set was so constructed that the part of the posts below the ground, as well as the cross-pieces connecting them, would be half embedded in the concrete. This concrete wall, approximately nine inches in thickness, was reinforced with strong iron wire cut to the required length, and put in place in the manner of open network while the concrete was being poured. Braces extended from the tree to the boards wherever it was deemed necessary, so that the false work might be strong enough to hold the concrete back of it.

Above the ground, a rustic railing was carried out, constructed so that it might be strong enough to permit of the small boys' climbing over it.

LITTLE SNOWBERRY IS HARDY

Small Shrub Bears Fruit in Clusters and Is Easy of Propagation by Seeds or Cuttings.

The snowberry is a small shrub which bears fruit in clusters and is easy of propagation by suckers, seeds or cuttings.

These shrubs are excellent for covering the ground under trees, or planting in masses or in borders where a low-growing plant is desired. They are very hardy and thrive well in almost any soil, even in heavy clay or dry gravelly tanks. Their habit of suckering enables them to cover the ground rapidly and effectively.

The snowberry is practically effective because it retains its fruit until it



Snowberry in Fruit.

is forced off and one species retains its foliage through the winter. For these reasons they are pleasing additions to the winter landscape.

A Good Apple.

Stayman winesap as a commercial apple is surpassed by no other. By some authorities it is called the most successful apple grown. It is of medium size, a beautiful dark, rich red, good eating as well as good keeping fruit. It is far superior to the tree much stronger than the original winesap; long lived, early bearer, good yielder, a later winter variety.

Protect Fruit Bushes.

Current and other bushes that are liable to be broken down by heavy snows, may often be protected from such damage by simply tying them together in an upright position so that the snowdrifts cannot bend and break the canes.

TWO DOGS POISONED

The epidemic of mad dogs and resulting dog scare is believed to be responsible for the poisoning of two dogs that took place yesterday. A dog was poisoned on Butler street, and was shot by an officer.

While the family was at church yesterday morning, some one gave arsenic to the valuable collie owned by William Secker, of South Fourteenth street. Restoratives saved the dog's life.

He Will Be Victor In Race Against Time



GROUND IS CLEARED TO HOLD INSTITUTE

Active Work at Hawkins Park Near at Hand.

Hope that the new municipal playground on the site of the old Hawkins estate will be constructed before the end of this year, is being entertained by the officers of the Richmond Lake and Park company. Several hundred trees are being cleared off by a gang of men working under John Hickson, and with the removal of these and the mass of undergrowth, the land will be in good condition to start the more important work.

John Miller, of New Castle, according to a report given out by C. W. Jordan, secretary of the lake and park company, has barely completed his plans for the monster dam that will make the artificial lake for the new park. As soon as Miller finishes this work, the directors will consider propositions for the construction of the dam, and the engineering work will commence at once.

EGGS JUMP 3 CENTS

Expected to Reach 60 Cents Dozen in a Week.

(National News Association) INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 29.—Eggs jumped three cents today. It is predicted the retail price will be sixty cents per dozen by the end of the week.

MAYOR IS ABSENT

Owing to the absence of the mayor, who was out of the city this morning, the business of the board of works, which was of small moment, was merely discussed and will be held over for the next meeting which will be next Thursday.

City Statistics

Building Permits. T. F. Whelan, two frame buildings at 424 and 428 North Third street, cost \$450 each.

Deaths and Funerals. MEREDITH—William Elisha Meredith, aged 61 years, died at midnight Saturday, at his home, 439 South Tenth street, following a long illness. He is survived by his wife. Mr. Meredith was a member of the Richmond lodge of Odd Fellows. The funeral will be from the house, 2:30 p. m. Tuesday, under the charge of Rev. Howard. Interment will be in Earlham cemetery. Friends may call at the home any time.

LUCAS—Isaac Lucas, aged 51 years, died Saturday evening at his home, 405 North D street. He is survived by his wife and one brother. The funeral will be 9:00 a. m., Tuesday from the residence, with Rev. Trajan officiating. Burial will be at Williamsburg. Friends may call any time.

Births. To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gehring, of Newman's Hill, ninth child, a son, Lewis Charles Gehring.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Koehring, 229 South Seventh street, ninth child, a son, Alvin Christian Koehring.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Howe, 129 Chestnut street, third child, a son, Lawrence William Howe.

To Mr. and Mrs. Carl Simmons, 312 North Fourth street, first child, a son, Wayne Frankfort Simmons.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson DeVoe, 412 Pearl street, first child, a daughter, Harriet Edna DeVoe.

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MUSKEGON "DRY" NOW

No Water Obtainable—Pipes Are Frozen.

(National News Association)

MUSKEGON, Mich., Jan. 29.—Thirty thousand inhabitants were without drinking or cooking water today as a result of the waterworks going dry. Intake pipes in Lake Michigan are clogged with sand and ice. One fire started and burned itself out with a \$15,000 loss.

WAR CLOUD GATHERS

Trouble Between Great Britain and Italy.

(National News Association)

LONDON, Jan. 29.—Complications between Italy and Great Britain are being threatened as a result of the activity of Italian warships in the Red Sea, in preventing the shipment of war contrabands into Turkish territory. The British consul at Hedah, Arabia, has sent an urgent appeal for a warship. This appeal followed a Lloyds' dispatch from Hedah which stated that the Italian cruiser Piedmont had forcibly seized a motor launch flying the British flag. The Italian fleet cruising in the Red Sea off Hedah has given notice that it will open a bombardment within a few days.

Willing, but Curious. Chollie—Lend me a dollar for a week, old man? Johnnie—Certainly. Who is the weak old man?

NEWARK, N. J. HAS GREAT FIRE TODAY

(National News Association)

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 29.—Fire started at 5 o'clock this morning in the heart of the business district and by 8 o'clock has completely destroyed the M. Mullin & Sons' Furniture store together with two other adjoining business buildings with a loss estimated at \$250,000. Traffic was completely tied up for over two hours during the early morning rush. Three alarms were turned in which called out every piece of fire equipment in the city. One woman was reported burned to death.

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A THRILLING TRIP OVER MISSISSIPPI

Party of Thirteen Land in Kentucky After a Night Full of Peril.

(National News Association)

WICKLIFFE, Ky., Jan. 29.—A party of thirteen people thought to have perished trying to cross the Mississippi river at Cairo by boat landed safely here today after a thrilling experience. The party drifted helplessly and were buffeted about from two o'clock until shortly after midnight. They suffered from fright and cold but there were no serious results. All were compelled to walk two miles to Wickliffe after landing below.

TRAINMEN KILLED

DURAND, Mich., Jan. 29.—Conductor James Williams of Detroit and Fireman H. B. Kathe were killed in a head-on collision of freight trains on the Grand Trunk railroad early today.

STREET CAR WRECK.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 29.—Motorman Swanson, and John E. Johnson and Peter Parson, passengers, were probably fatally injured, and twenty others including several women, were more or less hurt this morning when a Selby avenue street car's air brakes failed to work and crashed into and telescoped the car ahead, which had stopped for passengers.

COUNCILMAN WESSEL NOT DISCOURAGED

A renewal of the water works and gas franchise agitation is promised for next Monday night when at the meeting of the city council, Councilman Wessel will again offer his resolution, which was ruled out of order at the last meeting and then indefinitely laid on the table. The resolution which started an overflow of pyrotechnics and verbiage such as is seldom witnessed in a council meeting, provided that it be taken as the sense of council that the board of works not take up a gas franchise until the waterworks franchise and contract was disposed of, and that the board not reject any waterworks bids now offered unless they were certain that lower ones could be secured and that the city would be amply protected at all events.

An Ancient Almanac. The British museum contains a 3,000-year-old almanac written in red ink on papyrus.

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