

# STORY OF BRAZELL MURDER

## Kirby, the One Arm Fiend Tells How He and Companions Killed Boy to Secure Automobile

Lexington, Sept. 12.—In a dramatic recital, gestulating with his lone arm at every word and his thin almost sinister, swarthy features, poignantly tragic, I. S. Kirby, on trial here as one of the trio accused of stabbing to death William C. Brazell, youthful taxi driver, of Columbia, on the highway about ten miles from here near Leesville during the early hours of August 3, admitted that "We concocted the plot to steal Brazell's car, and swore that he helped hold the struggling automobile driver while C. O. Fox, a co-defendant, was driving home the knife."

Throughout the testimony, Kirby reiterated, "I know I have got to die, gentlemen."

He charged Jesse Gappins, the other member of the trio, with being the leader in the enterprise. "I have not got long to live," said Kirby to the jury, "and if I am killed for this crime, all I can request that I have to make is that God will take care of my wife and little child."

Jesse Gappins was placed on the stand by the State to give testimony against Kirby and he declared that the older man was the real leader and engineered the whole plot and that Gappins was forced to play his part, an inactive one as far as the actual killing was concerned, by threats of violence from the older man. There was one thing in which there was no conflict in the testimony of either Kirby or Gappins, that Fox was the one who stabbed Brazell to death and who "blackjacked" him across the head.

C. O. Fox and Jesse Gappins, according to the plan of T. C. Callison, solicitor of the Eleventh circuit who is conducting the prosecution, will be tried jointly tomorrow after the case of Kirby is disposed of. They will probably be placed on trial tomorrow morning, as court closed tonight with Kirby on the stand and when his cross examination is completed and the arguments heard, the case will go to the jury. No trouble was experienced in getting the three prisoners to Lexington from the State penitentiary, nor was there any manifestation of hostility from the immense crowd which jammed the court house, and overflowed into the street. Judge Thomas S. Sease, who presided, sternly pronounced that he would tolerate no effort at lynching and his charge to the grand jury, excoriated as murderers those persons who participated in the shooting to death several weeks ago at Chapin of Will Aiken, the negro who killed Noah F. Frick.

Prisoners Closely Guarded.

Governor Cooper left nothing to chance guarding of Fox, Kirby and Gappins. They were taken from the State penitentiary this morning at 3 o'clock under heavy guard, arriving here thirty-five minutes later. The prisoners were in an automobile in charge of Thomas A. Berly, State constable; J. D. Dunaway, chief of Richmond County, rural police and Penitentiary Guards Ramsay and Towns. Two other cars in which were State Constables J. L. Popenheim, of Charleston; W. C. Eichelberger, of Florence, and J. S. Smyrl, of Columbia; Deputy L. C. Knox, of Columbia; and Columbia City Detectives S. S. Shorter, J. P. Broom, E. B. Carter and M. C. Allen, were in the other automobiles as an extra precaution.

Lexington and Richmond Counties were scattered about the court room. The three prisoners, under heavy guard, were sent to Columbia tonight and placed back in the State penitentiary about 7:30 o'clock. The bill of indictment against Kirby, Fox and Gappins was presented to the grand jury at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, and approval was given by that body in a few minutes. The accused man was immediately placed on trial. The three men were arraigned at 11:30 o'clock this morning and the court appointed attorneys of the local bar to represent them. T. O. Stuckey was named as counsel for Gappins; McKinlay Barr, for Fox, and E. D. Martin for Kirby. Following a lengthy conference they decided to go on trial immediately without asking a continuance of three days, as was their right, and Solicitor Callison asked for a severance of the cases, which was granted by Judge Sease.

Columbia, Sept. 13.—Guilty verdict returned by jury in case of S. J. Kirby, first of the three men to be tried for the murder on August 9, of William Brazell, taxi driver.

Columbia, Sept. 13.—Under cross examination by Solicitor T. C. Callison, S. J. Kirby this morning resumed his dramatic story of the circumstances surrounding the killing on August 8th, of William C. Brazell, 19 year old Columbia taxi driver near Leesville, for which he went on trial in the Lexington court yesterday afternoon shortly before four o'clock, and for which C. O. Fox, of Stanley Creek, N. C., and Jesse Gappins, of Columbia will jointly face a jury here today.

Two of the principals in the sensational murder trial have told their stories, Gappins having been called as witness for the State in the case against Kirby. The first

of the three to go to trial, and the latter having taken the stand in his own defense completing his direct examination at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon when Judge Sease ordered the case continued until 9:30 o'clock this morning in order that court might hear several motions.

It is expected that the fate of all three of the defendants will be known by tonight. Kirby's case is almost certain to be finished before noon, but it is not probable that Judge Thomas S. Sease will pronounce sentence in the event of conviction until all of the defendants have been tried.

Kirby Found Guilty.

Guilty of first degree murder was the verdict of the jury in the S. J. Kirby case, returned at eleven o'clock this morning, after a half hour's deliberation. Kirby will be sentenced when the cases against Fox and Gappins have been completed. The case against them jointly having been started at once.

The trial of Fox and Gappins started immediately after the Kirby case was disposed of. It was not expected to take more time than that occupied by the Kirby case. The two men are being tried together.

The cross examination of Kirby by the Solicitor was the first thing of the morning. A. B. Martin, attorney for Kirby, appointed Monday by the court, spoke for three and a half minutes. He intimated that the jury might recommend mercy for his client. Solicitor Callison's argument occupied five minutes. He urged the jury to bring a verdict of first degree guilt as an example to the public. He referred to the prevalence of crime and urged that the punishment in this case should be in the extreme. The charge of Judge Sease to the law in the case was brief.

## Murderous Assault On Aged Couple

Two Negroes Attack Old Man and Wife in Newberry County

Newberry, Sept. 13.—Two negroes went into the store of H. Johns, three and a half miles north of Chappells and 20 miles from Newberry, about 7:30 o'clock last night, pretending to want to buy something. While Mr. Johns was looking for the article requested one of the negroes struck him on the head with a railroad spike that he had with his sleeve down and the other struck Mrs. Johns on the head with a similar weapon. The threatening to kill them both, the negroes asked Mrs. Johns where the money was and she told them that it was in a certain place in a box. She and a negro girl that waited in the home which was attached to the store escaped and when the negroes were searching the place carried and dragged Mr. Johns some distance from the house to save him from being murdered. Then the negro girl brought the alarm to the nearest neighbor, Lamar Dominick, who went to the assistance of the wounded couple and called Sheriff Blease who went at once with deputies to the scene. The officers arrested a negro named Jim Wade on suspicion and brought him to jail early this morning. A short while afterwards Lamar Dominick and Lawrence Wilson, driving along the road near New Market, saw a suspicious looking negro and noticed blood on his shirt sleeve. Asking him how it got there he replied that he had hurt his arm but an examination showed no hurt. They arrested him and found money in his pockets. He then confessed that he was at the Johns store last night when the attack was made by another negro on the couple. He claimed he did not join in the attack, but admitted that the other negro gave him \$5. He gave his name as John Calvin Golden, alias Johnny Johnson, and said he was born and reared in that section but for some time had been hobnobbing, mentioning Philadelphia among places he had visited and said he had just served a term on the chargin' in Chester county for vagrancy. The other negro in the store, the one that made the attack, he said, is named Will Harris; that they met at Chester. He further said Harris was with him when he saw Dominick and Wilson approaching but turned out and disappeared. Harris, he said, is a Georgia negro. Golden, alias Johnson, describes Harris as dark gingerbread color, about five feet nine, about 25 years of age, weight about 175 pounds and has two front teeth of gold somewhat prominent and has been wounded by a ball that passed nearly through his body from side to side.

Harris, he said, had on a white shirt with black stripes and overalls.

Otto Klettner and Frank Hunter have just returned from seeing the Johns, who are being cared for at Lamar Dominick's. They say both will get well. Mr. Johns rode with them to the home and looked through it and the store this afternoon finding nothing missing except the box that had \$20 in it.

It is thought here that Harris is the other man. A message just before night from the sheriff's party says they are close after him.

## Labor Situation Begins to Brighten

Unemployment Was More Widespread in 1914 Than at Present

Washington, Sept. 14.—Those who are disturbed over the five million, seven hundred and thirty-five thousand unemployed, overlook that in 1914 there were seven million out of work. Secretary of Labor Davis said, adding, however, the "situation begins to brighten."

# DEATH CHAIR FOR FIENDS

## Judge Sease Sentences Kirby, Gappins and Fox to Die on October 21st for Murder of Brazell

Lexington, Sept. 13.—In solemn tones, amid a deep hush, Judge Thomas S. Sease this afternoon at 5:25 o'clock pronounced the supreme mandate of the law on S. J. Kirby, C. O. Fox and Jesse Gappins, the three Columbia men convicted during the day of the murder of William Brazell, youthful taxi driver of Columbia, when he sentenced them to die by electrocution at the State Penitentiary, Tuesday, October 21.

Kirby's case went to the jury this morning at 10:24 o'clock and in 35 minutes, and that of Fox and Gappins, who were tried jointly, was given to the jury at 4:34 o'clock this afternoon and a decision was reached in 40 minutes. There was much stoicism in the demeanor of the three condemned men when their fate was pronounced. There was merely a perceptive quiver around the mouth of Kirby, and Fox appeared to be unperturbed. Gappins, the youngest of the trio, turned livid, but he did not quiver.

It was not reverse among the relatives of the three men. Mrs. Kirby, wife of the condemned man, and his young child, who were in the audience sobbed aloud, while J. S. Fox, aged father of C. O. Fox, laid his head upon the back of a chair and quietly cried. The mother and sister of Gappins, who left the court house before sentence was pronounced, were in the yard of the building and were extremely affected. Gappins' wife, who was in attendance at the trial in the morning, was not present when her husband learned his fate.

The evidence today was a repetition of that of yesterday in the Kirby case, except that of Fox, who in a voice without a quiver and absolutely emotionless, told a harrowing tale of the remorseless and merciless killing of William Brazell. His recital was such that it brought gasps from the audience.

Fox, substantiating a written confession of his which was introduced earlier in the day by Sheriff J. T. Plunkett, of Augusta, claimed that the plot to steal an automobile was broached to him by Kirby and Gappins, and they inveigled him into joining them. His narrative as to the hunt for the car, the scene of the murder near Leesville, this county, was substantially the same as that told by Kirby and Gappins.

"As the car neared Leesville," swore Fox, "it was stopped several times, and Kirby got out and called for Gappins. When Gappins returned he told me that Kirby wanted him to 'knock him out' of Brazell with the blackjack" and he refused," he said. Fox said that when the car left Leesville, headed for Columbia, Kirby, who, at that time was on the back seat, with him persuaded him to hit Brazell in the head with the blackjack. He declared that he thought the weapon would only stun the chauffeur and they would put him on the side road to be found while he left with the car.

"I lammed him across the head," he continued. "He looked around at me and asked what are you doing? I then hit him several times more. He tried to get out of the side door of the car and Kirby grabbed him by the throat. I continued to hit him until the blackjack broke and the shot was scattered. At this time Brazell was on the side running board of the car with Kirby grasping him by the throat with his right hand, and I was in his stomach. He was jammed against the side of the car.

"Kirby hollered at me that we would have to do something now and cried at me 'stick him.' I had out my knife and I stuck it into Brazell twice, once while Kirby was holding him against the car, and the other time when he dropped to the ground."

Emotionless and without a quiver, Fox told how young Brazell begged for his life, but they continued to hit him across the head and jab the knife into his body. He said that when Brazell was being pulled from the car he cried, "I am dying," and Kirby said, "no you are not dying, but you will be soon before I am through with you."

He claimed that while he was cutting Brazell, the youth pleaded for them not to kill him, but he worked the knife around in the chauffeur's chest while Kirby beat his head into the dirt. During the slaughter, he said, Gappins was holding one of the arms of the taxi driver.

Fox declared that when the three put Brazell into the back of the car, which Gappins drove while he sat in the rear seat, the chauffeur moaned. He swore that Gappins asked if the youth was dead and Kirby replied, "He will be when I am through with him, damn him."

The man on cross examination stated that he did not believe the injuries he inflicted on Brazell caused his death, intimating that while the youth lay prone in the rear of the car with Kirby, the latter stabbed him. He said when they got into Georgia Kirby asked him if he had thrown his knife away, and he replied that he had not. Kirby said that he had thrown his away.

London, Sept. 13.—Appeals to English women to demand prohibition throughout Great Britain were made by speakers at the world's Methodist conference.

# Whole Family of Imbecile Criminals

## Lexington County Crime Brings to Light Shocking State of Affairs

Lexington, Sept. 13.—The five members of the Cook family, all charged with the murder of Marcellus Cook, head of the family, were formally arraigned at the court of general sessions here this morning, attorneys being appointed by the court.

The trial will begin Thursday morning, the chief defense to be proposed being the claim that the five defendants are all mentally deficient. This is based upon tests made by the prisoners by Dr. Arabella Feldkamp of the national committee of mental hygiene, who found all five defendants feeble minded. Dr. Feldkamp has been summoned as a witness and will testify Thursday.

The defendants are Mrs. Julia Cook, wife of the slain man; Ira C. Cook, his son, who confessed to cutting his father's throat; Sarah Mimie Cook, daughter; Henry Wheeler, a brother, and James Barfield, Sr., said to be a friend of the Cook family.

The lawyers named by the court are: G. T. Graham, E. L. Ashby, C. L. Shealy and J. G. Graham.

The alleged murderers of Marcellus Cook have been examined by Dr. Arabella Feldkamp of the national committee on mental hygiene and found to be feeble minded, the oldest of the accused, mentally, being Julia Cook, wife of the murdered man, registered nine and one-tenth years. Her physical age being 48, according to the physician.

The son of the murdered man, Ira Cook, who is charged almost severed his father's head from the body while his mother, his sister, Mimie, Henry Wheeler and James Barfield, it is claimed, held the old man, in 19 years of age, his mental age registering six and six-tenths years. The girl, Mimie, who is alleged, helped hold her father while her brother did the cutting, is 16 years of age physically while her mental age was registered at five years and 10 months. Henry Wheeler, who also helped hold the old man, according to the story, registered at eight and seven-tenths years, his physical age being 21. James Barfield, also said to be implicated in the murder, age 63 years, registered at eight years mentally.

Dr. Feldkamp said in her report of this examination that Julia Cook, although of a low grade of mentality and being woefully ignorant, had enough sense to operate her farm and support her family. She gave the number of the days of the week as six and the number of months in the year as 12. She does not know the number of days in the year nor the capital of the state or the United States. She could not name the president of the United States nor the governor of the state; could make simple change but failed in simple problems. She knew the date upon which the examination was made and was very talkative. Both the mother and daughter seemed tremulous and slightly nervous, which, according to this report, was the result of excessive smoking. Neither the girl nor her mother showed the slightest signs of emotion in relating the details of the crime, the report says, the mother saying that her husband had threatened all of their lives and that they killed him rather than be killed themselves.

This investigation was made in connection with a survey that is being made by the national committee on mental hygiene through a number of states to determine the mental level of the people of this country. This survey is being made more in educational, charitable and penal institutions and also among selected groups of persons. The work in this state is being done in cooperation with the state board of public welfare.

## Killed by Live Wire

Young Man Carelessly Grasps High Power Cable

Springfield, Sept. 13.—Saturday afternoon a young man by the name of George Gray, from across the river, in Barnwell county, together with several companions, came over to the electric power plant, and as they were about to have ground, and while loitering around the large pond they concluded they would bathe, according to eye witnesses, and started down the dam, which direction led directly under a heavily charged wire leading from the power plant to Springfield. The wire was said to be seven or eight feet above the path and as young Gray reached a point directly under the wire, he is said to have mechanically reached up and grasped the wire with both hands, and was immediately electrocuted by the heavily charged conductor. An inquest was held over the body by Magistrate Corbett and the body prepared for burial, the power plant furnishing the casket and such other things as were necessary.

## John Bassett Moore, the Choice

Geneva, Sept. 13.—Delegates to the assembly of the League of Nations, predicted John Bassett Moore will be elected judge of the court of international justice.

## Convict Shot to Death

John H. Schiller, convict in the jail at Penitentiary, was shot and killed in an attempted jail break. Two other convicts escaped.

New York, Sept. 13.—Women voters for the first time will today participate in the mayoralty campaign primaries. It is conceded they hold the balance of power.

# Arbuckle Held Without Bail

## Movie Picture Comedian Under Arrest for Manslaughter Faces Additional Charge of Murder

San Francisco, Sept. 13.—With the grand jury, which has been hearing evidence against him, adjourned and the coroner's inquest extending into its second day, without a verdict "Fatty" Arbuckle, motion picture comedian, charged with the murder of Miss Virginia Rappe, an actress, whose death occurred after a party in Arbuckle's rooms in a hotel, spent his third night in a cell tonight.

The grand jury adjourned without returning an indictment, but another session will be held as soon as District Attorney Matthew Brady is ready to present further testimony, the foreman announced.

Added interest was given the case today when the district attorney declared he would start an investigation to ascertain whether witnesses who were present at the party last week have been tampered with. The official statement followed the appearance of Miss Vey Provost, also known as Miss Pyron, before the grand jury. According to Mr. Brady her testimony there was entirely different from that she previously gave him. Reports that another witness, Alice Blake, had disappeared, proved erroneous when she appeared at the district attorney's office. Miss Blake explained, according to Brady, that she had gone from her home in Oakland in order to avoid publicity.

Among witnesses before the grand jury some of whom later testified at the second day's proceedings of the coroner's inquest, were Mrs. Bambina Maude Delmont, Al Semmeyer, Miss Rappe's manager, Vey Provost and Alice Blake, all of whom are said to have been present at the Arbuckle party, and Mrs. Jean Jameson, a nurse who attended Miss Rappe before her death.

Mrs. Delmont, at the inquest, said she, Miss Rappe and Al Semmeyer, Miss Rappe's manager, drove to San Francisco from Los Angeles, arriving Sunday night, September 4.

While she and Miss Rappe were eating breakfast the next day, a telephone call was received that a Mr. Arbuckle wanted to see them at the St. Francis hotel. Miss Rappe went to Arbuckle's room alone and then telephoned for Mrs. Delmont and Semmeyer to join her. There, she testified, she met Arbuckle, Lowell Sherman, Ira C. Fortoulis and Frederick Fischbach. There were many bottles on the table in the room. Miss Rappe had three drinks of gin and orange juice and Mrs. Delmont had about two drinks of whiskey. Two more girls came in whom she learned later were Alice Blake and Vey Pyron.

The Rappe girl rose and went into the bath room off Arbuckle's room. When she came out of the bath room Arbuckle was in his room. He closed the door between it and the sitting room where the other members of the party were.

She heard screams coming from the room about an hour later, she said, and demanded that Arbuckle open the door. He did so. The Rappe girl was on the bed tearing at her clothing and screaming, "I am hurt. I am dying," she said. We removed the girl's clothing and placed her in a tub of cold water, which seemed to do no good and Miss Rappe was taken to another room and put to bed."

Arbuckle kept his eyes fixed on the witness throughout her testimony. Mrs. Delmont finished her testimony at noon. Arbuckle took more than usual interest when, toward the close of the session, Coroner Dr. T. B. W. Leland asked the witness:

"How do you happen to remember what happened if you had so many drinks of whiskey?"

"My memory is always good," she answered.

When the inquest was resumed this afternoon, Ira G. Fortoulis, a salesman, took the stand. He testified that he was present at the party but left before Arbuckle is supposed to have gone into a bed room with Miss Rappe.

Mr. Semmeyer testified that he attended the party after trying in vain to induce Miss Rappe to return to Los Angeles.

Semmeyer also testified that he visited Miss Rappe the day following the party and she said to him:

"Rescue hurt me."

He said he did not hear the screaming testified to by Mrs. Delmont, and was surprised when he heard the full details of the party from Mrs. Delmont next day.

## Gen. Pershing Sails For France

Goes as Representative of America to Present Medal to Unknown Soldier

New York, Sept. 14.—General Pershing was a passenger on the steamship Paris sailing today for France, where he will bestow posthumously on an unknown French soldier the congressional medal of honor.

## The Mother of Twenty-Two

Nebraska Woman is Leader in the Anti Race Suicide Derby

Omaha, Sept. 14.—Mrs. Earl M. Roway, aged forty-one, gave birth to her twenty-second child yesterday. She became a bride at 14 and a mother at seventeen. She has been married twice. Two children have been born since her second marriage.

# Working On Tax Revision

## Republicans Stand Solidly Together in Favor of Reducing Sur Tax

Washington, Sept. 12.—Two of the four major provisions of the house tax bill were approved today by the senate finance committee. One fixes the maximum income surtax rate at 32 per cent, as compared with the present 65 per cent, and the other increases by \$500 the exemption allowed to heads of families having net incomes of \$5,000 or less and by \$120 the exemption allowed on account of each dependent.

Chairman Penrose announced the committee would vote tomorrow on the effective date of the repeal of the excess profits tax. Even those senators favoring Secretary Mellon's proposal to make the repeal retroactive to last January 1 were of the opinion that the committee would accept the house provision for repeal as of next January 1.

Should the house date be approved, it was said, the committee probably approve a repeal of the transportation tax as of next January 1, and most of the other tax repeals provided for in the house bill. Secretary Mellon's proposal for retention of the transportation levies next year at one-half the present rates and the restoration of a tax on cosmetics, perfumery and proprietary medicines were predicted upon retroactive repeal of the profits tax.

In voting to reject Secretary Mellon's proposal that the maximum income surtax rate be reduced to 25 per cent, the committee took under consideration a treasury plan to reduce the rate in each of the income surtax brackets by 1 per cent, so as to lighten the taxes on those having incomes of less than \$65,000 a year as well as those whose incomes exceed that amount.

Several new tax proposals are to be presented to the committee, but Chairman Penrose said it had been decided to have a final vote on the bill next Friday so as to give the draftsmen and experts time in which to put the measure in shape for presentation to the senate when congress reconvenes on September 21. If necessary the committee will hold night sessions, Chairman Penrose said.

The question of the amount of the increase to be made in the corporation income tax as an offset to the repeal of the excess profits tax has not yet been reached by the committee. The house bill fixes the total at 12 1/2 per cent, instead of the 15 per cent, recommended by Mr. Mellon, and the opinion today at the capitol seemed to be that the higher rate would be accepted if elimination of the profits tax were put off until next January.

## Far Eastern Problem

France and Japan Consent to Admission of Holland and Belgium to Conference

Washington, Sept. 12.—Japan and France have formally given assent to the American proposal that Belgium and Holland, because of their large interest in the Orient, be invited to the discussion of Far Eastern questions at the conference on limitation of armament. Favorable responses from other powers are expected at the state department within the next few days, but no formal invitations will go forward to the Belgian and Dutch governments until there is unanimous agreement on the subject.

While these negotiations are pending state officials are feeling out the attitude of the other participants on what subjects are to be considered at the conference. The British ambassador, Sir Auckland Geddes, conferred with Secretary Hughes today, and it is understood the problem of framing a conference program was considered, although there was no indication that the embassy had received detailed instructions from London or that the secretary had formulated any definite proposal on the part of the American government.

Conferences of a similar nature have taken place between Mr. Hughes and other ambassadors, the intention being to keep the negotiations in an informal phase until the views of all the interested nations have been more or less clearly defined.

## Clearing Up Chicago Murder Mystery

Two Accomplices of Harvey W. Church Arrested by Police

Chicago, Sept. 13.—The authorities believe the mystery surrounding the murders of E. J. Danahy and Carl A. Amus, automobile salesman, will be cleared up with the arrest of Leon Parks and Clarence Wilder, the alleged accomplices of Harvey W. Church, who was arrested as the chief factor in the case. Confessions from all three are alleged to have been obtained.

## Heavy Grain Shipments

Canadian Railroads Find it Necessary to Place Restrictions on American Ships

Montreal, Sept. 14.—American grain shipments through this port are so heavy that the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk railroads have decided upon restrictive measures for the protection of Canadian shippers, obliging American grain ships to secure permits before docking.

# Arbuckle in a Serious Predicament

## Fat Film Comedian Charged With Causing Death of Woman

San Francisco, Sept. 12.—Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle, motion picture comedian, was formally arraigned in police court here today on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, motion picture actress, which occurred last Friday morning in a party in Arbuckle's rooms at the St. Francis hotel last Monday.

The complaint against Arbuckle, the second to be lodged against him since his arrival here from Los Angeles Saturday, was signed by Mrs. Bambina Delmont, a friend of the dead woman. The first complaint made by police officials was for the purpose of holding the comedian in custody pending further investigation. When Arbuckle appeared before Judge Daniel O'Brien today he refused to talk of the case. Through his attorney a continuance to Friday was obtained and the prisoner was returned to his cell.

Representatives of the district attorney's office continued their questioning of those known to have attended the Arbuckle party last Monday and from these, District Attorney Brady stated was obtained evidence which will be used against the actor at his trial. Among those questioned today was Mrs. Sidi Wirt Spreckles, widow of John D. Spreckles, Jr. Mrs. Spreckles told the district attorney that she was informed over the telephone last Friday by Mrs. Delmont that the young actress was in a serious condition in a local hospital. Mrs. Delmont asked Mrs. Spreckles to telegraph Henry Lehman in New York concerning Miss Rappe's condition. After the telegram had been set Mrs. Spreckles told the district attorney that she called at the hospital and saw Miss Rappe.

Mrs. Spreckles said she was not sure Miss Rappe recognized her but she said to Mrs. Spreckles: "Oh to think that I led such a quiet life and to think that I should get into such a party."

Later in the day Mrs. Spreckles said she returned to the hospital with an answer to the telegram she sent to Lehman. On her arrival at the hospital Mrs. Spreckles said the Rappe girl was unconscious and the telegram was not read to her.

Mrs. Spreckles told the district attorney that she then called on Dr. L. Gordon, pastor of the First Congregational church, and asked him to offer prayers for the dying girl. Mrs. Spreckles met Miss Rappe in this city in 1915, she said. Howie Clarke, a cafe entertainer, was summoned to the office of the captain of detectives after it was learned that she had been invited to Arbuckle's party. Miss Clarke said she went as far as the lobby of the hotel but decided not to go to Arbuckle's rooms. She met Mrs. Delmont the next day, she said, and Mrs. Delmont gave her the details of the party and the alleged attack.

Arbuckle spent the afternoon at the inquest. Once he went to his cell to await the outcome of the grand jury investigation in which Mrs. Delmont was expected to be the leading witness. Mrs. Delmont did not testify at the opening session, the district attorney saying that her appearance today previous to the grand jury session would handicap the authorities. Instead, physicians and others told of Miss Rappe's removal from Arbuckle's suite, her treatment in another hotel room and later at a hospital, her death and the post mortem examination.

The physicians were unable to say what was the exact cause of Miss Rappe's death.

Early J. Boyle, an assistant manager of the hotel, testified that when called by Mrs. Delmont to Arbuckle's suite he found Mrs. Delmont and Al Semmeyer sitting on the edge of a bed where Miss Rappe lay moaning and unconscious.

Arbuckle picked up Miss Rappe and carried her down the hotel corridor to another room, where she stayed until being taken to the hospital three days later, according to Boyle's testimony.

Too much liquor was the diagnosis given by Dr. Olav Kearboe, the first physician called in, according to Kearboe's own statement. At that time there was no evidence of serious injury, he said. Dr. M. E. Rundwell testified Miss Rappe's condition did not seem serious until Thursday last week when a consultation was held.

Dr. Rundwell said there was nothing to indicate she had suffered from any violence until the post mortem examination when he said evidence of internal injuries was found.

Dr. William Oppulse, called to perform the post mortem, described the internal injuries, but said he could not say definitely what caused them.

The inquest will be resumed tomorrow.

## Perjury in Arbuckle Case

Grand Jury Discovers That Some Witnesses Are Lying

San Francisco, Sept. 12.—The district attorney has issued a statement alleging perjury by one of the chief witnesses in the Fatty Arbuckle manslaughter investigation. He intimates that other arrests may follow.

The foreman of the grand jury that is investigating the Arbuckle case announced that the jury felt that additional evidence was necessary before rendering an indictment. The district attorney scores the methods employed to balk justice through perjury alleged on the part of witnesses. Arbuckle said he declined to make any statement when, before the grand jury. No date has been set for further jury hearings.

# As Others See The United States

## Session of League of Nations Devoted to Criticisms of America

Geneva, Sept. 12 (By the Associated Press).—The assembly of the league of nations today heard a great deal about the United States and the proposed conference at Washington: November in connection with the league work on disarmament and also with reference to criticism in America of the work of the league. It was the most picturesque session of this meeting.

Srinivasa Sastri, a native Indian lawyer, wearing the Indian costume and speaking perfect English with an eloquence rarely equalled by English orators, had the floor at the morning session. He suggested that the United States might do something more practical than merely criticize what the league was doing or had failed to do. He touched lightly on the race question in connection with mandates hinting at a difference of views on this question between India and here sister dominion, South Africa, which is one of the mandatory powers.

Couto Gimeno, a Spanish delegate, stirred the South Americans as they had never before been stirred in the assembly debates by his praise of the league's work. Count Gimeno spoke in Spanish which was the first time this language was used on the floor of the assembly. His speech later was translated into both English and French.

## Underwood Will Sit in Conference

Alabama Senator Announces Decision to Accept Place in Disarmament Conference

Birmingham, Sept. 12.—There should not and can not be any party politics involved in the coming disarmament conference at Washington, Senator Underwood, Democratic member of the American delegation, stated tonight.

"Party politics should only affect domestic questions," declared Mr. Underwood. "When one crosses the three mile limit going out to sea then the question becomes an international one."

Stating that he would accept a place in the conference as soon as President Harding's offer was officially received, the Democratic leader asserted that it was his belief that the nations represented at the conference would be willing to make the necessary concessions for an ultimate agreement which would relieve the world of its burdens and assure peace to this and future generations.

"I think the four men representing the United States at the coming conference can stand as a unit on all questions," he said. "The delegation will undoubtedly favor disarmament to an extent that will be real in its effect."

"The problem that confronts us will be to convince the representatives of other nations of the necessity, advisement and effectiveness of the disarmament agreement. Theoretically, none of the great nations of the world today stands as an antagonist to peace and all would agree theoretically that it is a wise and proper thing to do to reduce armaments of the world."

## Greenwood Aroused Against Lawlessness

Judge Featherstone Calls on Grand Jury to Make Searching Investigation

Greenwood, Sept. 13.—Speaking for a body of representative citizens, a committee headed by J. B. Park, prominent local attorney, and composed of prominent business and professional men, appearing before the grand jury this morning and urged that body to use all its power to bring to justice men implicated in mob violence in this county. A meeting of citizens was held last night and determination to send the committee before the grand jury was reached.

Not only did the committee ask for those implicated in mob violence to be brought to justice, but it urged the grand jury to exert itself to see that all forms of lawlessness including alleged flagrant violations of the prohibition law be suppressed.

Action by the citizens followed a charge of extraordinary power and fearlessness yesterday by County Judge C. C. Featherstone to the grand jury in which he urged them to bring to trial those men seated in a mob which recently took two negro women prisoners from the city jail and whipped them.

Hal T. Sloan, foreman of the grand jury, stated this morning that investigation of mob violence had not been discussed by the grand jury owing to the number of indictments which it had to pass on. If sufficient time is not given during the present term of county court, Judge Featherstone charged the grand jury to make a thorough investigation and report its findings at the court of general sessions, which convenes two weeks hence.

Judge Featherstone declared in his charge that city officials knew the names of some of the mob leaders and many who composed the mob, and if witnesses did not want to testify, he would furnish the proper writs which would bring them before the grand jury and force them to testify.

## John Bassett Moore

Geneva, Sept. 14.—John Bassett Moore was today elected one of the international court of justice judges