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Oct. 9, 1913



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The Tulsa World on Oct. 9, 1913, reported the next-to-last episode in a sensational Tulsa murder case.

Mrs. Laura M. Reuter, convicted last week in the murder of her husband, was granted a new trial by Bartlesville District Judge Henry Hudson. Earlier in Tulsa, two men had received life sentences after their convictions in the killing, which was prosecuted as a plot involving Mrs. Reuter, who obtained a change of venue to Bartlesville for her trial. Judge Hudson based his opinion on some legal questions but made "one of the most remarkable statements ever made by a judge upon the bench in Oklahoma."

Considering the evidence, the judge said, "I am convinced that the jury would not have returned a

verdict of guilty had it not been for the wonderful closing argument of State's Attorney Pat Malloy. In all my experience in the criminal courts of this state, I never before heard such a convincing and analytical argument before a jury."

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As the judge spoke these words, the large crowd in the courtroom broke into vociferous applause. It was a decided ovation for the Tulsa county attorney.

In the final episode of the case, Mrs. Reuter was acquitted at the new trial.

In front-page coverage of the World Series, the World reported that Christy Mathewson, master manipulator of the ball, led the New York Giants to victory at Shibe Park in Philadelphia when he shut out the Athletics in a 10-inning battle by a 3-0 score. (It was the only game the Giants won, as the Athletics took the series 4-1.)

At the top of the page, the World printed a "Notice to Auto Owners." The story said there would be a special meeting of every automobile enthusiast in Tulsa, population about 40,000. It would be at 8 o'clock in the Commercial Club rooms and "the matter under discussion will be the good roads movement in which every autoist should be vitally interested. The automobile owners will be benefited more than anyone else by good roads, but so far they have shown but little interest in the movement. A rousing turnout is expected."

Inside, the World carried an elaborate picture of Miss Margaret Iva Miller, a full-blood Cherokee maiden of California who, on Oct. 15, would become the bride of Jim Thorpe of the Sac and Fox Tribe, the greatest athlete that ever lived, at St. Patrick's Church in Carlisle, Pa., where the couple first met while attending the government Indian school. Thorpe was a member of the New York Giants and would take his bride on the world tour that the Giants and the Chicago White Sox were going to make that winter. (The marriage lasted 10 years. She was the first of Thorpe's three wives.)

When the electric lights went out Wednesday evening in the operating room of the Tulsa Hospital while Dr. Fred S. Clinton was performing an operation, hospital attendants sent to the Tulsa Motor Car Co. for an auto lamp that was used and the operation successfully performed. The auto light was run by batteries.

Mrs. W.F. Slyten, who was injured when a buggy in which she was riding overturned Monday night on West Seventh Street, was reported to be recovering quickly. The accident was caused by the harness becoming unfastened and frightening the horses. Will Herd, Commercial Club stenographer, Miss Helen Slayten and Paul Slayten, who were also thrown out of the buggy, were only given a bad shaking up. (Note the possible typographical error; one name was given as Slyten and two as Slayten.)

In Antlers, brothers Elbert and Shelby Hicks secured marriage licenses last week to marry the same girl. Shelby was the last to arrive, but he got the girl.

D.H. Buffington, a Sapulpa undertaker, was in Tulsa last night transacting business with Guy W. McCullough of the Mowbray Undertaking Parlors.

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