

Aino Collapses as She Tells of Court Slaying

Jury Weeps at
Tragic Tale From
Girl-Mother's Lips

Aino Orgo Tossavainen collapsed on the stand in Judge Joseph Gruber's packed court yesterday as she reached the climax of her dramatic story of how and why she shot and killed her girl-baby's foster-mother.

The 25-year-old murder defendant's complete loss of control did not occur, however, until she had brought her tale to the very point where Mrs. Mabel Buchanan was fatally wounded on March 13 in a Juvenile Court corridor.

LOST BABY FOREVER?

She cried with heart-wrenching intensity:

"I saw my baby going, going away from me, and I knew I'd lost her forever. I don't know—I don't know what happened!"

Then she closed her tear-filled eyes and fell back into the brown leather armchair.

Court was hastily recessed.

It was a vividly-etched highlight of a recital that left scarcely a dry eye in the jury box and none at all in the row upon row of women spectators, many of them carrying lunch boxes and all of them supplied with extra handkerchiefs.

HEART-STIRRING RECITAL.

Under direct examination, Aino had been led skillfully through her prelude of want and misery—tearing at the heart-strings of the five women and seven men jurors—then brought suddenly to the day of tragedy.

She was questioned by Attorney Robert Romano:

"Tell me the events of March 13. A—*I* went to Juvenile Court, sat on a bench outside Miss Kavin's office. I didn't want the judge to see me; I hadn't been asleep all night. I put my feet on the bench and closed my eyes.

A—Did some one come in? A—Miss Kavin came and I asked her to report she received from Dr. Wade (psychiatrist examining Aino). She replied that he apparently wanted me to come for a few more interviews.

Q—Did you say then, 'I know what I must do?' (Miss Kavin, social worker, had so testified.) A—No, sir.

At this stage Aino started a remark, then halted, snapped her fingers and calmly told the court reporter:

"Strike it!"

Q—Then what happened? A—Mr. Buchanan came in with his wife and my baby. I was to Mrs. Buchanan's left and she shifted the baby to her right. I said "Good morning, Mrs. Buchanan. Please, please, will you tell the judge today we are willing to give up my baby?"

I told her, "You can get another child to take her place and the pay will be the same. I can't go on like this, ten long months without my baby. Please take some other child."

She said, "I have nothing whatever to do with it, and I won't tell the judge anything." At that, she gave the baby a little push and she moved several feet ahead of her. I saw my baby going, going away from me, and I knew I'd lost her forever."

SOBS WILDLY.

The harassed girl-mother was badly shaken and began to sob wildly as she added:

"I don't know. I don't know what happened."

The frail Aino had been well controlled when she mounted the stand, clad as usual in gray corduroy skirt and navy sweater. She was void of fear, her tears punctuated the drab story at regular intervals, as if appearing on a programmed schedule.

She began her recital back in 1932.

She told of her poverty-stricken romance, her marriage in 1935, the honeymoon and subsequent life in a \$3-a-week room.

Her husband's parents resented the match, said the ninety-six-pound witness, and this led to a breakup of the marriage. She was alone, she explained, without even a physician, when the child was born prematurely.

There was a life-and-death struggle for nineteen days and Aino's "great thrill" she recalled, was when she was told her baby would survive.

The five women jurors seemed particularly affected when Aino, on the verge of breakdown, said in her high, piping voice:

"My mother was my only friend. My father had gone to Finland, perhaps was killed in the war. He had always mistreated me, taken away the toys and candy my mother would give me. He would tell me not to play because that were out shoe leather."

"I got my early education over his protests. He thought I would go to work. After this unhappy childhood, here I was with a baby of my own—and deserted."

HUSBAND STOLE BABY.

One summer day in 1936, Aino testified, she went with the baby to Lincoln Park. She continued:

"My husband came up to me and said his parents had decided to give the baby away. I cried out in protest. He struck me down and snatched the baby.



"SHE THREW MY LITTLE TAIMI AND ME OUT OF THE HOUSE!"
Aino Orgo Tossavainen scornfully points out mother of first husband.

RELATES WOES TO JURY

WARN: 'MAKE DEMOCRACY WORK'

America is in a transition period, Louis E. Kirstein of Boston said yesterday, upon his re-election as chairman of the board of the American Retail Federation.

Kirstein, who will sum up the federation's second forum in the Stevens Hotel today, asserted he did not share the "defeatist" attitude, adding:

"There is a feeling that America as a whole has stopped growing, and that we are bound to face in the future a leveling off is not a declining rate of growth. I don't believe for one moment that America has stopped growing."

"We cannot continue to enjoy the democratic way of life for many more decades unless we learn how to make it work more satisfactorily. Too many of our fellow-citizens are on the outside of our economic system looking in."

"Unless we can bring them back, so far as they are concerned democracy has failed, aid if they are likely to attempt some other way of life, as has been done in other places."

The federation Wednesday elected Frederick D. Corley, president of Marshall Field & Co., to the board of trustees. David A. Craig of Washington, D. C., was re-elected president.

3d Term

Speech to Elect FDR, Kelly Declares

PEORIA, Ill., May 16.—(By International News Service)—President Roosevelt, "whether he failed or not," re-elected him to a third term, said Senator Edward J. Kelly of Illinois, chairman of the Senate appropriations subcommittee that will handle the legislation.

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Here's How Army Will Spend Cash

WASHINGTON, May 16.—The War Department says it plans to do with the \$546,000,000 worth of improvements in sea coast defenses.

Purchase 200 heavy four-motorized bombers at a cost of \$80,000,000.

Develop the Anchorage, Alaska, airbase at a cost of \$8,000,000.

Spent \$60,000,000 for anti-aircraft guns and ammunition.

Invest \$44,000,000 in special plants to manufacture special technical equipment.

Expend \$64,000,000 for commer-

cial items of equipment such as blankets, parachutes, trucks, etc.

Install \$4,000,000 worth of improvements in the city of Boston.

Procure 7,000 pilots and 7,000 airplane mechanics a year.

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SINKING FUND SNAGS UNITY ON TRACTION

Demands of the street car line negotiators that annual payments of \$1,000,000 a year into a sinking fund be made a prior claim over compensation to the city still block the way to a unified traction franchise.

City spokesmen, were optimistic over the possibility of a compromise on this question when joint negotiations with transit representatives are resumed tomorrow behind closed doors in the City Hall.

Traction heads argue that the sinking fund should be "above" current payments to meet interest obligations on first mortgage street car bonds to lure more easily private capital in a re-funding program which, it is hoped, will place the car lines on a paying basis.

Mayor Edward J. Kelly and aldermen have stood pat on their demands that city compensation payments of 2 per cent of the gross annual receipts come before sinking fund requirements after eight years.

Dems, GOP Unite to Back F. D. R.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—(I.N.S.)—With almost no exceptions, Republicans, as well as Democrats in Congress endorsed President Roosevelt's new defense program today and leaders promised him prompt action to put it into effect.

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Sues to Modify Aldrich Trust Fund

Suit to modify the terms of a daughter Marian died two years before.

Mrs. Hare seeks to have Marian's share of the trust residue, approximating \$37,000, awarded to the plaintiff's 16-year-old son, Charles Cyrus Hare.

Something's False Besides the Teeth

MINNEAPOLIS, May 16.—A woman, exicted, called for an ambulance, saying she had swallowed her upper plate. She said she lost it while eating. But when hospital attendants found that X-rays showed no plate hiding in her stomach they sent her home to hunt for it.

Trouble Runs Double for Mr. Anderson

BISMARCK, N. D., May 16.—A. F. Anderson firmly believes if he isn't one thing, it's something else. A tornado blew down his barn. The next day a fire destroyed the trust to \$190,000. Aldrich died in April, 1929. His home.

Masters at Sedan: French Army Chief

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front, where thousands of warplanes and tanks clashed in an unprecedented battle of movement, involved a situation so serious and confused that the high command withheld all but the barest details.

A German offensive ensued from Namur south to Sedan in north France—scene of the fiercest German attacks—with armored units from both sides cutting loose from their infantry and plunging boldly forward to strike the enemy from the rear.

The war ministry said the Germans were meeting powerful resistance as they pushed deeper into Belgium at three different points on the west bank of the Meuse, where they crossed yesterday.

In the Paris area French pursuit planes shot down one of a group of enemy reconnaissance planes this morning.

French war office spokesman acknowledged that the German army, following up advantages gained after crossing the Meuse between Sedan and Namur, continued to push forward in the face of strong Allied opposition.

However, north of Namur, along the Belgian defense line, the French had thrown back numerous Nazi attacks.

Aino nodded almost gaily, thrusting out a foot and said, "I'm a master of the words."

Dr. Harry Hoffman, head of the Cook County Behavior Clinic, late this afternoon, read a lengthy report on examinations he made of Aino's mental condition and declared her sane.

Bomb Plot Trial Evidence Closed

PLYMOUTH, Ind., May 16.—(P.)—Both state and defense rested today in the bomb plot trial of John A. Marks, 36-year-old Michigan City labor leader.

The defense completed this morning, with Marks as the last witness.

Shortly before noon the state closed with the testimony of two rebuttal witnesses, Capt. Lucius Fortune, Detective Fremont Lemler of the South Bend police department.

Closing arguments will be made tomorrow with three hours each allotted to the state and defense the case is expected to go to the jury late in the afternoon.

Open Nazi City Shelled

BERLIN, May 16.—(A.P.)—Authoritative military sources said tonight the French had opened fire with long-range artillery on the "open" German city of Rastatt, west of Stuttgart and near the French frontier. In retaliation, they said, the German army had opened fire on the French city of Hagenau, sixteen miles north of Strasbourg.

U.S. Cemetery Bombed—Paris

PARIS, May 16.—(A.P.)—French officials said today the American Meuse-Argonne Cemetery at Romagne, eastern France, the largest American world war cemetery in Europe, was bombed yesterday. American authorities said they had not been informed of any bombardment. The cemetery covers 136 acres and has nearly 15,000 graves.

Britain Asks Gun Loans

LONDON, May 16.—(A.P.)—The army today called for the loan of privately owned firearms as Britain hastened to organize a home defense corps to deal with a possible German parachute invasion.

CHICAGOAN DIES AT 80.

Mrs. Mary Vollmer, 80, of 5900 S. Union av., a resident of Chicago for fifty-five years, died in her home Wednesday from a heart attack.

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