

William Butler Is Acquitted of Murder of His Aged Father

William Butler, Jr., 22, tried on a charge of beating his father to death was acquitted by a jury before Circuit Judge Edward Shurtleff, last Thursday afternoon. The jury was out 24 hours and returned with its verdict at 1 o'clock.

"I can't believe it yet," Butler said. "It was a strain."

Mrs. Dorothy Watts, his sister, who had appeared as a witness for the court, his wife and three-months old son were present when the verdict was read.

Butler did not raise his eyes when Andrew Thomson, of Waukegan, the foreman, led the jurors before the bar. When Circuit Clerk L. J. Wil-

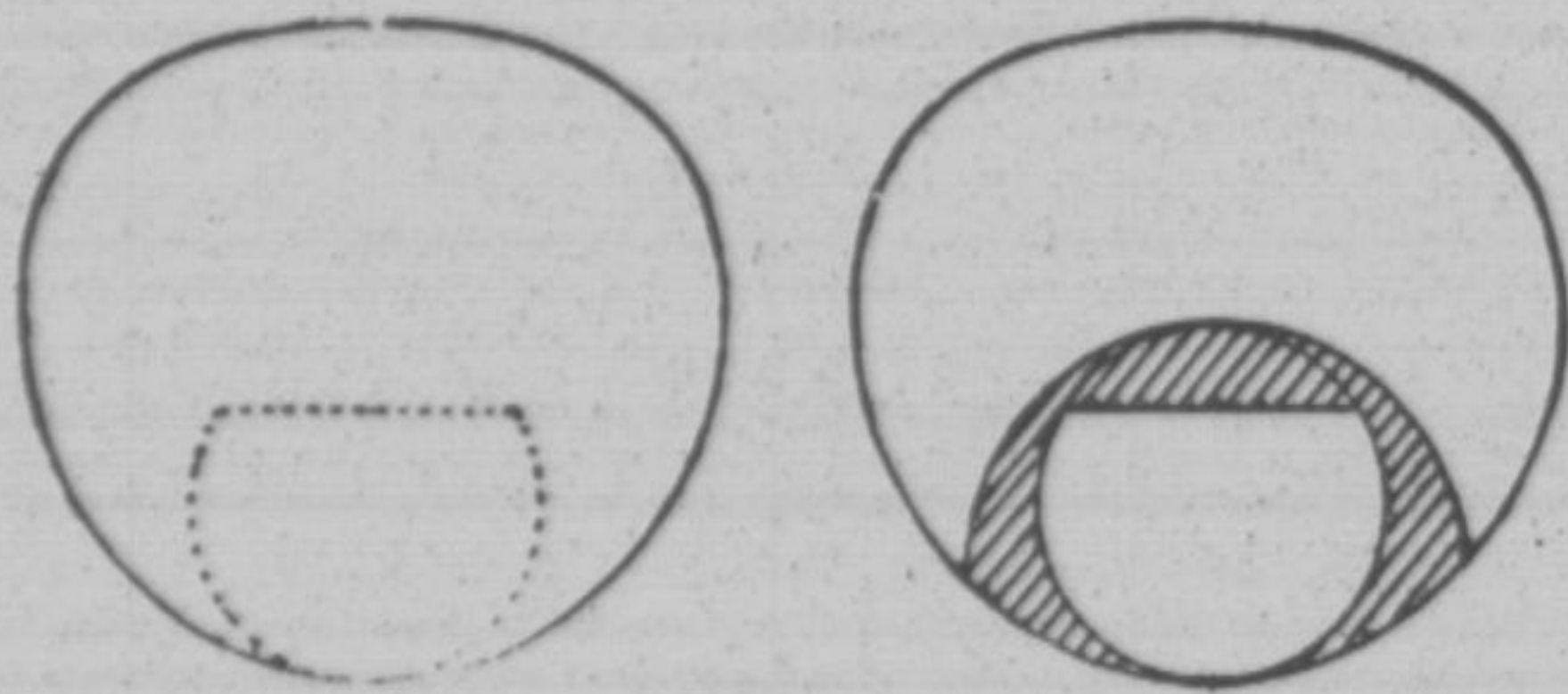
not intoned the "not guilty" verdict Butler let his hand drop to the table. His face remained expressionless and he did not move until the jury had filed from the room.

Butler was accused of beating his father, William Butler, so severely on the night of August 8 that he died the following morning. He had demanded \$10 from his father, according to the state's witnesses, to pay toward the support of his child in compliance with a county court order. He was to have faced a contempt citation August 9 before County Judge Persons for failing to pay the support money.

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PUBLIC SERVICE CO. PLANS FIFTH UNIT

Huge Addition to Power Plant Is Contemplated; to Cost 14 Millions

Construction of a \$14,000,000 fifth unit to the Waukegan generating plant of the Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois will be started at once, according to an announcement last week from the general offices of the company at Chicago.

And in addition to the \$14,000,000 job, Theodore H. Blech, district manager at Waukegan, announced that a \$70,000 addition to the company's garage on Buttrick street will be started within two days. The plans have been approved and local labor will be used in the construction work.

The Public Service company is planning to start at once on their million dollar 1931 construction program in the \$750,000 service for more people. Approximately half of the amount the company is to spend now for their building program will go for labor.

Aside from the Waukegan unit job, the next largest job on the program is the \$750,000 service headquarters being erected west of Glencoe in the Skokie Valley.

Let Contracts

Contracts for some of the work have just been let and other construction throughout the territory outside Chicago in which the company supplies electricity and gas.

"In view of the fact that jobs have been advanced on our schedule which will require the greatest number of workers and about half of the additional expenditure at this time will go as actual wages," said Julius L. Hecht, vice-president of the company. "We hope the pushing ahead of these projects will represent a contribution toward relief of the current unemployment situation. It also indicates our confidence in future business conditions throughout the middle west, particularly in the territory in which the Public Service company operates."

Promptly following the announcement that all employees of the Insull

Unique Ways in Which People Are Injured in Accidents Are Related

People pick out strange ways in which to hurt themselves. Here are a few of the most bizarre, as reported in Review of Reviews by the National Safety Council:

A man picked up the baby, the baby picked up a milk bottle and hit the man in the mouth. Result: front teeth lost.

Another sufferer strained himself lifting a horse to an operating table. A quick-tempered gentleman kicked his pig, breaking a foot.

A lady put a tack in her mouth while hanging a picture. Clapped on the back by a member of the family, she swallowed it.

Two men reported, from different sections of the country, that they were injured while being hugged by strong-arm girls.

Hairpin Punctures Ear Drum

A gentleman was dancing with a lady. One of her hairpins entered his ear, piercing the drum.

A man and his wife saw the family dog about to steal a roast chicken from the kitchen table. Each of them grabbed for the chicken. The wife forgot she had a carving knife in her hand and cut off her husband's finger.

A cleanly man received an electric shock while in the bathtub. He leaped and fell out of the bathroom window.

A scofflaw slipped, falling on the sidewalk. His flask broke and two arteries in his leg were severed.

A lady was scalded when a too-full hotwater bag exploded.

Innumerable persons swallowed false teeth in their sleep.

Companies would give the equivalent of one day's wages each month for six months toward the relief of distress among families suffering from current unemployment situation, the workers of the Public Service company, through their employe-management councils, voted to cancel plans for their annual banquet held every year in December and to add the money to the relief fund.

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