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AT DURRANT'S TRIAL

The Opening Argument for the Defense Begun.

WAS DICKINSON'S MASTERPIECE

Acknowledged a Strong Argument Considering the Case—Close Attention Paid.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25.—General Dickinson began the opening argument for the defense in the trial of Theodore Durrant this morning. Without any preliminary remarks he began a discussion of the incidents of April 3. First he wished to consider the personality of the young man accused of the crime. Durrant was ambitious, studious and of the highest character, as the speaker contended he is now. General Dickinson alluded to the contention of Assistant District Attorney Peixotto, made yesterday, that Miss Lamont was a victim of Durrant's unbridled passion. He said there was nothing in the mass of testimony taken to show that Durrant was not a moral young man. Durrant's whole demeanor, both before and after his arrest, he said, had been that of an innocent man. The defendant himself had told Mrs. Noble on the night Miss Lamont disappeared that he rode to school with her in the morning. On the day of his arrest, and when on the stand, he said the defendant made the same statements. The fact that Durrant left a book at Mrs. Noble's for Miss Lamont on April 3d, he said, contained too much method for a guilty man, and he, therefore, considered that as a circumstance going to show the innocence of the accused.

General Dickinson next made reference to the roll-call upon which it is evident, the defense intends to base its case. He said if the correctness of the roll-call were admitted, the prosecution's case fell to the ground. He said Drs. Cheney and Gray, the only two persons who ever had the book in their possession, made no alterations, and he challenged the prosecution to show that anybody else had. He said the mute testimony of the book was corroborated by all of the students in the class, who testified on the witness-stand that they did not answer to Durrant's name. The statement of the prosecution that the students were unwilling witnesses, and withheld the most important testimony, was ridiculed, as he said the students, Glazier and Graham, the prosecution's two most important witnesses, were willing to tell what they knew.

The notes of the lecture were next considered. Dickinson showed what he said were Durrant's notes taken by himself at Dr. Cheney's lecture, and said they had been in his (Dickinson's) possession since April 17. Dickinson said this fact had an important bearing on Dr. Graham's statement to the effect that on April 20th Durrant told him he had no notes and asked to borrow Graham's in order that he might establish an alibi. The notes of Glazier and Durrant, arranged in parallel columns, were read to the jury, to show the dissimilarity of the two. Dickinson said the notes plainly showed that when Durrant and Glazier compared papers on April 10th, Durrant did not copy from Glazier.

General Dickinson said he made the assertion with confidence that when Dr. Graham testified that on April 20 Durrant told him he had no notes, he made a mistake. Graham, he said, he believed, had been unduly influenced by J. S. Dannigan, a newspaper man, who is his most intimate friend. Dickinson did not mean that Dannigan used improper methods to induce Graham to give the testimony, but said Graham had become so excited over the matter that he had become confused. Dickinson asked the jury if they did not believe Graham would have told Dannigan the same day if Durrant had told him on April 20 that he had no notes. Instead of that he waited until October 5th. Another argument against his statement was the fact that at the time of the alleged interview Durrant did have notes of the lecture, which were in possession of his attorneys. He said there was no reason for Durrant to have made such a statement, and he asked the jury if they believed he would have told Graham he had no notes when at that very moment his notes were in possession of his attorneys.

Dickinson dwelt at length on the relations of defendant and Blanche Lamont, which, he said, had been perfectly honorable on both sides throughout. So far from being his sweetheart, or Durrant, her beau, he said, they had only been friends and were no more to each other

than other two members of the congregation. He had escorted her from the meetings at church a few times, and had always done so at the request of her aunt.

MESSENGERS ARMED.

An Express Company Preparing to Resist Trainrobbers.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Oct. 25.—All messengers in the employ of the American Express Company have been furnished with Winchesters and revolvers to resist trainrobbers. Under the rules they are required, when they come in from a trip, to remove the cartridges from their Winchesters and revolvers, examine the shooting irons and ammunition and report their condition. Under these rules the cartridges are not to be replaced until they start on their next run, when the guns will be loaded to protect the money and valuables in their charge. The company also advises its men to become proficient in rifle and revolver practice, and hints that in the future prizes will be awarded the most proficient marksmen.

MACKAY'S SAD JOURNEY.

Starts for New York to Meet the Remains of His Son.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25.—John W. Mackay will take a private car for New York this evening. He will be accompanied by John D. Rosenfeld, and at the end of his journey, will take charge of the dead body of his son who was recently killed by a fall from his horse near Paris. Mrs. Mackay will accompany the remains across the Atlantic, and the surviving members of the family will be on the funeral train across the continent to this city, where the final interment will take place.

There is one medicine which every family should be provided with. We refer to Chamberlain's Pain Balm. When it is kept at hand the severe pain of a burn or scald may be promptly relieved and the sore healed in much less time than when medicine has to be sent for. A sprain may be promptly treated before inflammation sets in, which insures a cure in about one-third the time otherwise required. Cuts and bruises should receive immediate attention, before the parts become swollen, and when Chamberlain's Pain Balm is applied it will heal them without matter being formed, and without leaving a scar. A sore throat may be cured in one night. A piece of flannel dampened with this liniment and bound on over the seat of pain, will cure lame back or pair in the side or chest in twenty-four hours. It is the most valuable, however, for rheumatism. Persons afflicted with this disease will be delighted with the prompt relief from pain which it affords, and it can be depended upon to effect a complete cure. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton, Druggists.

Further Postponement.

New York, Oct. 25.—The matter of the Northern Pacific receivers came up in the United States circuit court today upon the motion of the Farmers Loan & Trust Company, to have Bigelow and McHenry appointed. After hearing the arguments Judge Lacombe suggested that the gentlemen in the West agree upon a person representing every interest, the matter went over till next week.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of Testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O., Sold by Druggists, 75c.

A Change in Receivers.

TACOMA, Oct. 25.—S. M. Nolan, the recently appointed receiver of the Commercial bank, was today removed and Almon Woodruff appointed instead. Nolan was an interested party, being a stockholder and director.

A Household Treasure.

D. W. Fuller, of Canajoharie, N. Y., says that he always keeps Dr. King's New Discovery in the house and his family has always found the very best results follow its use; that he would not be without it, if procurable. G. A. Dykeman Druggist, Catskill, N. Y., says that Dr. King's New Discovery is undoubtedly the best cough remedy; that he has used it in his family for eight years, and it has never failed to do all that is claimed for it. Why not try a remedy so long tried and tested. Trial bottle at Snipes-Kinerslys Drug Co.'s Drug Store. Regular size 50c, and \$1.00.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION

Two Men Killed at Fairhaven, Washington.

TWO BOILERS BLOWN TO PIECES

List of Overdue and Missing Ships Increasing—Death of Ambassador Eustis' Wife.

FAIRHAVEN, Wash., Oct. 26.—A terrific explosion occurred at the Pacific Coast Milling company's lumber mill at 5:10 this morning, killing two men, fatally wounding another and severely injuring three more, as well as wrecking the mill property.

There were four large boilers in the mill, only one of which was in use at night to run the dryer. The fireman had just started to get up steam in the others and it is supposed either allowed the water to get low and turned cold water into them after they became heated, or that he turned hot steam into them from the top when they were full of cold water. Whatever the cause two boilers exploded with fearful force, one of them being blown fully 500 feet, passing through the dryhouse and drooping through the railroad trestle into the water. The boiler-house is a total wreck, the main portion of the mill and out-buildings are badly shattered and the premises covered with a great mass of debris.

There were seven men at work in the mill at the time of the explosion. Of these Armstrong, the fireman, and J. Whitmore, the night watchman, were killed, outright. G. W. Newkirk, the second fireman, was so terribly bruised and scalded that the physician has no hope of his recovery. G. T. Lewis, of Whatcom, was badly injured, but will probably recover, and G. W. Lindley and A. T. Bennett were stunned and bruised, but their injuries are not considered serious. H. Kilgore, the only man who escaped without injury, was in the dryhouse when the flying boiler passed through it.

The damage to the mill property is estimated from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Missing or Overdue.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 26.—The list of missing and overdue ships is increasing. Lord Brassey, 81 days out from Hong Kong for San Francisco, is insured at 15 per cent. Other vessels concerning which there is anxiety are Lady Lawrence, from Newcastle for Valparaiso, on which 55 per cent reinsurance has been paid; the Middleburn, from Newcastle for Pocopilla, 75 per cent; the Soudan, from Cardiff for Callao, 30 per cent, and the Nimma, from Melbourne for London, 35 per cent. Vessels in which San Francisco people are most interested are Star of Australia and Lord Spencer, which are considered as good as lost, and to those have been added the Earl of Hopetoun, from Tatosoh for Adelaide, on which 40 per cent is offered. The Nordlyset, from the Clyde for San Francisco, 20 per cent. These two are good risks.

On board those of the overdue fleet for which there is no real cause to feel anxiety, are about 190 men and officers. On board the vessels overdue for which there is cause for some but not serious anxiety, are about as many more souls.

On the vessels that are posted as missing the last eight months and for which there is no hope, are about 150 souls.

The amount of property represented by the overdue fleet is valued at about \$6,000,000, including the values of ships and cargoes.

That Pretended Letter.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 26.—The Examiner says the contents of the mysterious letter which was to be opened in case Durrant was convicted are known. In this letter, it is said, Durrant makes the statement that he saw the last details of the murder, and Rev. Gibson and another man prominent in church affairs bending over the body of Blanche Lamont. The Examiner says that although Durrant requested his lawyer not to open the letter until he was convicted, they have opened it, and so remarkable were the statements in it that even they did not believe them, and refrained from using them in Durrant's defense.

Ambassador Eustis' Wife.

PARIS, Oct. 26.—Mrs. Sames B. Eustis, wife of the United States ambassador, died suddenly this morning at Ratoath, Ireland, of heart failure. She had been ill only a few days. Mrs. Eustis, at the time of her death, was visiting at the country residence of her nephew, William Eustis. Mr. Eustis had just been notified of the illness of his wife, and was at the embassy, preparing to start for Ireland, when he received the dispatch announcing her death.

Mr. Eustis, who was suffering from a bad attack of bronchitis, sustained such a severe shock that his condition became worse. If his physicians permit he will proceed to Ireland.

The funeral ceremonies will probably take place at Ratoath, and the body will be shipped from Queenstown to the United States.

The Lottery Scheme Abandoned.

CHICAGO, Oct. 26.—Indictments against ex-Governor John L. Beveridge, Samuel M. Biddison and Frederick D. Arnold, for alleged violation of the lottery laws of the United States, have been dismissed by General John C. Black, United States district attorney. The gentlemen were officers of a life insurance company, a semi-tontine feature of which was said to be in the nature of a lottery. They were surprised to learn they were violating the federal laws and immediately abandoned the feature.

A Tender Wrecked.

VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 26.—The Dominion lighthouse tender Quadra is on a reef at Graham island, a small isle in the Discovery group. If the weather remains mild she will probably be floated uninjured, but if a blow comes she will very likely pound to pieces. She is so firmly wedged on the rocks that tugs cannot move her even at high tide. She was built on the Clyde five years ago and is valued at \$100,000.

A Communication.

TO THE EDITOR:—The Rattlesnake road question has gained sufficient impetus to be able to almost move without the necessity of lifting on the wheels. There are, perhaps, still a few who would unite with the railroad monopoly, such as some merchants at points along the railroad. The letter in the last issue of the Observer, and signed by "Merchant," seems to say: "We demand the right to hold you as our slaves, and have you do our bidding and serve us;" but we, the people of Sherman county, mean to be free, and such articles, like the one the Observer printed, only hinder the time when we will be able to reap the fruits of our efforts.

C. W. B.

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Judge Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The president today appointed Vance Lewis, of Ardmore, Indian territory, United States judge for central district of that territory to succeed Judge Stuart.

Dr. J. H. McLean's Liver and Kidney Balm is an unfailing remedy for all diseases of the Liver, Kidneys or Urinary Organs. It is a certain cure for Dropsy, Diabetes, Bright's Disease, Gravel, Kidney Weakness, Incontinence of Urine, Bed Wetting in Children, Biliousness, Liver Complaint and Female Troubles. A trial of this great remedy will convince you of its potency. Price \$1.00 per bottle. For sale by Snipes-Kinerslys Drug Co.

Money Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Money on call nominally 2 per cent. Silver, 67 1/2c. Lead, \$3.15.

The chronic grumbler still lives, but there are less cases of chronic indigestion and Dyspepsia than formerly. The fact is so many people in the past have taken Simmons Liver Regulator that they are now cured of these ills. And a great multitude are now taking Simmons Liver Regulator for the same troubles and they'll soon be cured. "It is the best medicine."—Mrs. E. Raine, Baltimore, Md.

Mr. J. K. Fowler, secretary and treasurer of the Corinne Mill, Canal and Stock Co., of Corinne, Utah, in speaking of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy says: "I consider it the best in the market. I have used many kinds but find Chamberlain's the most prompt and effectual in giving relief, and now keep no other in my home." When troubled with a cough or cold give this remedy a trial and we assure you that you will be more than pleased with the results. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton, Druggists.

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ALLEGED CONSPIRACY

New Phase Developed in the Durrant Case.

MOST DIABOLICAL PLOT IF TRUE

Conspirators were to Have Implicated Preacher Gibson—One is Conscience-Stricken.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28.—A strange story of an alleged plot in connection with the trial of Theodore Durrant came to light today through a letter addressed to the coroner. The police claim they have known of the plot for some time, and that the knowledge of that plot had been discovered, and led Attorney Deunprey, for the defense, to abandon the case and take to his bed, leaving the closing management of the case to General Dickinson, who, it is alleged, did not know of the plot. Six men are, according to the story, implicated as those who were to swear to false statements prepared for them, it is alleged, by the defense. The police say the plan was conceived entirely by Durrant and carried out largely under his direction by the aid of one of his counsel. The plan was to make such evidence as would prove an alibi for Durrant and at the same time implicate Rev. J. George Gibson in the murder of both Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams. One of these alleged witnesses, who, by his letter to the coroner, confesses his part in the plot, said he and others were ready to manufacture an alibi, but when they were asked to implicate Gibson they weakened and gave a hint to the police which spoiled the whole plan.

A letter dated October 27, and signed George Reynolds, is as follows:

"Tonight I will seek rest from all worldly cares in these waters near the Cliff House. I write this so you need have no inquest or identification. I was some months ago to be a witness in the Durrant trial for the murder of Minnie Williams. I send you a statement prepared for me to learn with five other men named Smythe, Dugan, Stewart, Taylor and Harrington. I object to take part in this matter because of the part of the plan to implicate Preacher Gibson. I assisted E. M. Thayer, Durrant's friend, in fixing up the plan. Smythe, Dugan and Stewart were to be witnesses in the Lamont case, and Taylor, Harrington and I were to help him out in the Williams case. I tried to get statements of the other five to enclose with this, but they would not give them up. Smythe was to say Blanche Lamont was at his house, near Hayward's, until Friday, April 5th, when she left for home. The strap with Blanche Lamont's name I marked myself with her name. I cut off the end of the strap and sent it to Chief Crowley three months ago with other matter. Dickinson's explanation about the strap is clever, but very improbable. I should think Dickinson would be sick, too. Dugan and Stewart were to say they had been to Dr. Anthony's funeral in Oakland on Friday, April 5th, and when returning saw Miss Lamont on the ferry-boat, Dugan knowing her well. The plan was also to produce a bloody handkerchief with the initial 'G,' meaning Gibson, upon it. I littered five other handkerchiefs, and Thayer sent them by messenger to Gibson, with a card written by Smythe, saying, 'From four little infant-class girls.' The bloody handkerchief was to be offered as having been found in the lot back of the church on Sunday, April 14th, but it never was delivered because we declined to take part in the plot to implicate Gibson. This is all I have got to say. Let Durrant tell the rest." (Signed),

"GEORGE REYNOLDS."

Accompanying the letter was a lengthy statement, comprising the purported bogus testimony which Reynolds was to learn before going on the witness stand. The statement was type-written and backed in legal form, but was not written by the writer of the letter, because in the type-written statement several corrections had been made with a pen in handwriting which differed from that in Reynolds' letter. Coroner Hawkins said: "I have turned this letter over to the police for investigation. It looks

like a hoax, but it is possible that Durrant or some one connected with the defense may have prepared this story as Reynolds says. The statement which accompanied the letter shows careful work, and was no doubt prepared by some one who had made a close study of the case. If Durrant could prove what is stated in the document, he would go forth a free man."

The substance of Reynolds' type-written statement was that he had known Durrant for ten years; that he had met him on the evening of April 12th, the night Minnie Williams was murdered. The statement says he met him on Howard street, where they talked some time. In a friendly scuffle Durrant was unintentionally thrown to the ground. Durrant said he was sorry he had got dirt on his clothes, as he had got to go to a party where there would be ladies present. Durrant then left for Dr. Vogel's house, and the witness, looking at the clock, noticed it was 11:35.

Telephone Decision.

San Francisco Call, Oct. 25. Two suits were filed in the United States circuit court on the 23d inst. by the Western Electric Company of Chicago, against the Capital Telephone Company of Sacramento, with which corporation Frederick Cox, president of the California Bank of Sacramento, and W. E. Gerber, also of the California bank, are associated as defendants.

One of the suits filed is for the infringements of patents on switchboard apparatus and office machinery, which are held by the Chicago corporation, and the other on the telephones and manner of wiring. The patents held by the regular telephone company and the Western Electric Company cover every conceivable part of the sound transmitter, thereby making it almost impossible for a new concern to successfully operate a telephone circuit.

Now that the Chicago firm has determined that an injunction shall be placed upon the home company, it will probably put a stop to the subscription for stock in the latter organization and may eventually lead to a number of suits against parties who have been using these telephones, as the revised statute under which these suits are being brought strictly states that not only the manufacturer but the seller and user are each personally liable for infringement by using a patented article without the consent of the patentee.

It is alleged that Messrs. Cox and Gerber, not being content with being the instigators of the Capital Company, have organized another telephone company throughout the state, and as several other minor companies are organizing the Western Electric Company feels that it is being imposed upon, and says that it is going to show beyond a doubt that these companies cannot legally exist.

Attorney George F. Barton, who represents the Chicago corporation, was in the city a few days ago and some advanced the opinion that if the petition of his client was sustained it would be almost an impossibility for the Sacramento firm to successfully operate a telephone line before the year 1900, as none of the patents held by them will expire before that time.

At least \$60,000 was subscribed by business men of Sacramento to the stock of the new company before it was suspected that the question of patent rights would be raised, and it will be quite a hardship to many if they are forced to discontinue the service. c23d2t.

There are so many accidents to live stock when cause delay and loss to the farmer in his work. In a large number of instances the delay would be but trifling if a remedy was promptly applied. Dr. J. H. McLean's Volcanic Oil Liniment has for many years been regarded as the farmer's friend. Its healing on flesh of domestic animals is immediate and permanent. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. For sale at Snipes-Kinerslys Drug Co.

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