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## CONGRESSMAN WILLIAMSON AND HIS CO-DEFENDANTS PRONOUNCED GUILTY

**Jury Brings in Verdict After Being Out  
Seven Hours—Jones' Trial Then  
Binger Hermann's.**

By Scripps News Association

Portland Sept 28.—"Guilty as charged in the indictment," was the verdict when the jury filed in after being out in the Williamson Van Genser Biggs case in this city, seven hours. John Newton Williamson, representative in congress from Oregon, Dr. Van Genser, his partner, and Merion B. Biggs, their friend and United States Commissioner for the general land office at Princeton have been declared guilty of the crime of conspiracy to suborn perjury, and have been thrown upon the leniency of the court by reason of their previous good character. The verdict was returned at 11 o'clock last night. At 10 o'clock, after being out six hours, the first ballot stood 11 for conviction and one for acquittal.

The defendants have made a motion for a new trial.

### MORE TO FOLLOW

Portland Sept 28.—The federal grand jury this afternoon resumed investigations in the Oregon land frauds. On Monday the trial of W. N. Jones and others for alleged frauds in relation to the Siletz reserve, will begin before Judge Hunt and following this case will come the trial of Congressmen Binger Hermann

### Carter Explains

Scripps News Association.

Chicago, Sept 28.—Carter spent the morning explaining the disposition of the government money in the construction of the southern works and how large sums came to be paid to persons whose connections were uncertain and admitted that there was a misfunding entries on the check book stubs.



Congressman J. N. Williamson

### Shaw's Method

Scripps News Association  
Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 28.—Secretary of the Treasury Shaw delivered an address to the Ohio Bankers Association this afternoon on the proposed remedy for the non elasticity of the currency. He stated "That none of the suggested remedies appeal to me so strongly as an authorization of additional national bank circulations method, which involves the right of national banks to increase their circulation to an amount, say fifty per cent of the outstanding volume of government bonds in circulation which the bank should pay a tax of five or six per cent during their maintenance. The government's consideration of the tax would be a guarantee of their redemption. This is to be used in case of an emergency. This method would not advertise the existence of the emergency because it would put no new kind of currency in circulation."

### General Stricken

Scripps News Association  
Moscow Sept 28.—General Strogoff has suffered a stroke of paralysis which seems to affect his entire left side and his recovery is considered very doubtful.

### Formal Agreement

By Scripps News Association  
Paris Sept 28.—The formal agreement between Germany and France over the Moroccan situation was signed this afternoon.

### Livesley Sells Hops

Salem, Ore, Sept 28.—The largest transfer of hops made so far this season was yesterday, when Joe Harris purchased 300 bales of Tom Livesley at 12 cents per pound.

### Certificates Cancelled

Salem Ore Sept 28.—Certificates of sale for a total of 20,000 acres of state school land have been canceled in the last few weeks, because in the lapse of payments within the required time. Of this aggregate amount of land, 7000 acres is in the limits of the proposed Blue Mountain forest reserve, and according to the ruling of the Department of the Interior, the state will be able to use the land as base for the selection of lieu land.

The original purchasers of the land have forfeited the payments made, amounting probably to \$10,000 or more and the state has the land to sell again. Much of the land outside the reserve will probably not be salable for some time, as the state has raised the price to \$2.50 an acre. The 7000 acres inside the reserve should find a market as base for lieu land, at \$5 an acre. A large proportion of the certificates that have been canceled were among those secured by violation of the law governing the purchase of state school land. Prosecution of land fraud cases has scared many of the holders of certificates fraudulently secured, and they have thought best quietly to drop the whole transaction forfeit what they have paid and let the state keep the land.

The certificates were issued to "rumormongers" or middlemen, and the records do not show who the purchasers were, but it is understood among those familiar with public land affairs that some of the men who have been indicted in the Federal land fraud cases engineered the deals by which the lands covered by these certificates were secured. Payments of 25 and 75 cents an acre had been made. The department of the Interior has announced that it will not permit individuals who bought the school lands inside the reserve to use them for the selection of other lands. Their greatest value to the purchasers was therefore gone, and for that reason the holders of the certificates were ready to back out of a bad deal.

### Food May be Short

(By Scripps News Association)

Juneau, Alaska, Sept. 28.—Advice from Nome fail to confirm the reported food shortage but is the late steamers are unable to handle the freight on the docks at Seattle it is probable that it will result in a shortage of supplies and the prices will be raised on every thing except fuel.

This is the only real shortage this summer. properties at Fairbanks are closing as they are unable to operate, and the owners are getting out before the ice runs on the Yukon river. It is cold there nights and it is feared that the cold will lower the river early this winter. Most of the big miners coming up the river via Dawson and Skagway bond their dust to the San Francisco mint before going over Canadian territory to Seattle.

### Is a Candidate

Salem, Or, Sept 28.—Governor Chamberlain said this morning, when asked if it was his intention to become a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor at the primary election next April, that he was not a candidate in the sense that he was seeking the office, and that he was not a candidate in that sense four years ago, but that he realized now, as he did then, that, if the nomination came to him practically as the unanimous wish of his fellow democrats, he could not refuse to accept it.

### Mountain Split

Scripps News Association.  
Rome, Sept 28.—The Pietra Calcedia mountain was split today by an earthquake which threatens the city of Ajallo and the inhabitants are fleeing.

### Skyward

(Scripps News Association)  
Pittsburg, Sept 28.—The Standard Oil Co today advanced all grades of oil five cents per gallon in the east and two cents per gallon in the west.

### Renews Attack

Scripps News Association.

Detroit Sept 28.—Major Louis Benjamins renewed his attack of the medical section of the war department in a paper today and reviewed the Japanese victories and contrasted the preparedness of Japan to this country and declared that the medical men of Japan's army won the victory. He said disease was not guessed at by the Japanese as was the case in Cuba, Philippines and in South Africa and concluded by declaring that until the American line officers taught the necessity of sanitation and the medical officers were given the rank of authority to enforce the medical department, it would remain a humiliating failure.

### Sues for Divorce

By Scripps News Association

Cleveland, Sept 28.—Mrs. Mary A. Clark today filed suit for a divorce from William Clark, a son of the late James Clark, the oil magnate and at one time a partner of John D. Rockefeller. She alleges desertion and charges that her husband is living with another woman at Bakerfield, California.

### Securities Stolen

Scripps News Association

New York, Sept 28.—Securities with a present market value of over three hundred thousand dollars, were stolen from Wall street according to an announcement made this afternoon. The name of the losing firm is unannounced as an effort is being made to arrest persons attempting to dispose of them.

### Stole \$10,000

By Scripps News Association

Harrisburg Sept 28.—The large safe of C. F. Burnett & Sons in the bank at Eldorado was dynamited this morning about eight o'clock, and ten thousand dollars in currency was stolen. The shock awakened the citizens but the desperados made their escape.

### Push Club

Scripps News Association.

Racine Wis Sept 28.—Halvar Jacobson of San Francisco and Ivar Kirkegard of this city with other leaders at a meeting here today organized the Danish Society of America to promote the commercial and literary relations between the two countries.

### Air Ship Flight

(Scripps News Association.)

Chicago Sept 28.—Krabenshu made a very successful flight in his air ship today and returned to the exact starting point. His machine was in perfect control at all times.

### Six New Cases

Scripps News Association.

New Orleans Sept 28.—Up to noon today there have been six new cases of yellow fever reported and two deaths.

## PERKINS ON THE RACK

By Scripps News Association

New York, N. Y., September 28.—Perkins is on the rack today and is being mercilessly questioned. He was asked regarding the sale of the St. Louis terminal bonds and requested to show the books of the Morgan firm but he declined. Hughes insisted and Perkins asked time to consider.

Perkins evaded Hughes intimation that Perkins of the New York Life arranged the purchase with Perkins of the Morgan firm authorizing himself to buy the terminals at a certain figure. "Oh I have made such transactions," said Perkins discussing the agreement made by himself with himself to take four million dollars of Big Four bonds and said that he got them for forty thousand dollars under the price stipulated by the finance committee.

Perkins was asked about the reports made to the insurance departments of the various states and spent several minutes in advocating the federal supervision of the insurance companies.

### Witte Home

Scripps News Association.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 28.—There was a great throng at the station to welcome the arrival home of peace envoy Witte. Friends and newspaper men escorted him to his home which was elaborately decorated in his honor. The officials of the war department said "Witte has brilliantly fulfilled his mission and that he will be made Chancellor." Witte was dined tonight by the Emperor when he made his report.

### Desecrator Caught

Scripps News Association.

Ipswich, Mich., Sept. 28.—A Hungarian, aged about 40, and who was apparently half starved and demented was caught in the act of breaking and destroying tombstones in the local cemetery and was arrested on the charge of wholesale destruction of stones and crosses in the Catholic cemeteries in Michigan and Wisconsin.

### Coming West

Scripps News Association.

Chicago, Sept 28.—Olas M. Schwab and Mrs. Schwab and a few friends from this city are enroute to the gold fields of Nevada and from thence will visit San Francisco and possibly will visit the fair at Portland.

Schwab refused to discuss the report that he was going to San Francisco to look after the construction of Russian battleships.

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