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DEFENCE HAS CLOSED CASE

**WORTHINGTON PLEADS FOR AN
ACQUITTAL FOR BINGER HER-
MAN BY THE JURY**

**CASE WILL BE GIVEN TO
THE JURY SATURDAY NOON**

Henry to close up his case tonight and Judge to instruct the jury during morning hours Saturday—Expected that jury will reach a verdict before Sunday morning at the latest.

Portland, Feb. 11.—Earnestly appealing to the jury to wipe this case off the slate and return a verdict of acquittal for Binger Hermann, Col. Worthington closed his arguments for the defense at noon today in the United States court and thus ended the contentions of Hermann and his counsel that he is innocent of the charges brought against him.

Henry will take up all the time until five this afternoon making his closing arguments for the government and the court will convene in the morning to listen to the charge by Judge Wolverton. This will take most of the morning and the case will be given to the jury for final consideration by noon tomorrow. It is believed a verdict will be returned before Sunday morning.

GIANTS FLY SOUTHWARD

**McGRAW MARSHALLS FORCES
FOR TRIP SOUTH.**

**Veterans and youngsters will tour a
large district in training**

New York, Feb. 11.—Several youngsters on the reserve list of the New York Giants are in town today, preparatory to sailing southwards tomorrow on a steamer bound for New Orleans. From the Crescent City the players will go to the training camp of the Giants at Marlin, Tex., where they will have the honor of opening the big league training season.

Next Friday another bunch of McGraw juveniles will leave St. Louis for Marlin, the latter contingent including all those residing west of the Appalachians.

The Giant veterans, like the kids, will go South in two parties. Some of them will take the ocean route to the training camp, while others will congregate in St. Louis, and go from that city to Marlin by rail. The date set for the departure of the second bunch of ocean voyagers is Wednesday, Feb. 23, while the travelers by land will hike out of St. Louis on Sunday, Feb. 27. On Tuesday, March 1, all the members of the squad ought to be at the training camp.

MITCHELL REACHES HERE

New car comes for Dittbrandt Brothers at Summerville.

The first Mitchell automobile ever shipped to a La Grande purchaser arrived last night and was given its maiden run by the owners, Dittbrandt Brothers of Summerville. The machine is a 30 horse power and has been gazed at by auto lovers freely during the day. It will be steered Summervilleward at once.

Edison is Sixty-three.

Fort Meyers, Fla., Feb. 11.—Thomas A. Edison, the great inventor, who recently arrived here with Mrs. Edison and their youngest son, Theodore, to spend the winter, is today receiving the congratulations of his friends and admirers upon attaining his 63d birthday. Mr. Edison was late in arriving at his Florida home this year because he has been very busy in the perfection of his storage battery for street cars. He believes that the problem is now near solution, and that before many years, the overhead wires will be a thing of the past.

WORKS FARM AT OLD AGE

**DELEWARE HAS REMARKABLE
WOMAN FARMER.**

**Rais Delaware truck farm and she is
able to discuss society.**

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 11.—Alert and active and still able to make a good living from her truck farm at Delmar, Del., Aunt Hester Cordrey is today celebrating her 113th birthday.

Aunt Hester was born nine miles from here Feb. 12, 1797, on a farm. Her father was Hamilton Neal, who was very wealthy at one time. She was of a family of 15 children and, losing her mother when only 14 years of age, had the responsibility of the home. Her sister, all married, and while her brothers went to the war of 1812, she and her father were left to run the farm. In speaking of her younger days Aunt Hester said:

"When I was about 16 years of age I used to go into the fields and work, and held up my end, too.

"If a girl now were to go in the field and cut wheat or corn she would be disgraced for life, but I was not. I made friends by doing this kind of work.

"It would have been a disgrace for a young lady to have come to one of our dances with a low neck and short sleeves, and a sheath gown is the limit. Is it any wonder that generations are getting weaker all the time? It is the fast life they are living. If they would add more laborious work and think less of society, they would be healthier.

Mrs. Cordrey was married twice. Her first husband, Levin Moore, lived only three years. Then she married Elisha Cordrey, who died in 1864. They had one child. After the death of her last husband, she purchased land in the suburbs and built a house. She has lived in this all alone for 43 years. Granddaughters have tried to persuade her to leave it and live with them but she refused to do this, because she thinks that without work she cannot live.

Aunt Hester has had very little illness and says the worst pain she has ever experienced was the toothache with which she suffered at times until recently, when the tooth was extracted. This was the first tooth she ever lost. Her hair, although snow white, is heavy. She has never worn spectacles and can read now as well as the average person. Last summer was a hard one for Aunt Hester, as she could not stand outdoor work as she did the year before. Often when out hoeing her vegetables she became so fatigued that she substituted a large spoon for her hoe, and on her knees did the necessary cultivation.

Mrs. Cordrey has several heirlooms, one of which is an old trunk which she guards from the eyes of both members of her family and of strangers. This relic contains all of her ancestors' papers as well as her own. She has five great-grandchildren and two grandchildren living.

PROFESSOR IN DARKNESS

**NATIONALLY KNOWN PROFESSOR
FIGHTS VALIANTLY FOR HIS
LIFE AT PALO ALTO, CAL.**

**MAY LIVE BUT WILL ALWAYS
BE BLIND FROM INJURIES.**

Continual pain drives aged instructor to operation tables where injuries to base of brain are sustained—He will always be blind even though he should recover from his present illness.

Stanford, University of Calif., Feb. 11.—With his skull laid open and brain mutilated, John Ander Bergstrom, Professor of education at the Stanford University, lies in a semitorpor at Palo Alto hospital. His life, hanging by a thread, may be saved, but his sight will be gone. Violent headaches at first little heeded, began to attack the professor about a year ago.

When time brought no relief he stayed doggedly at work, fearing an operation or a prolonged absence might necessitate a discontinuance of his courses.

Pain finally came to be intolerable and two months ago Bergstrom went under the knife. It was found necessary to probe his skull, in an operation on his brain. For a score of years a highly trained storehouse of specialized knowledge for which he has become national authority, underwent injuries from which he will never recover. For two months he put up a wonderful fight for life. There is hope he may win the battle. He will be one of darkness.

Triangular Fencing Meet.

New York, Feb. 11.—Columbia, Yale and Princeton fencing teams will contest in a triangular meet at the Columbia gymnasium this evening.

Silk Men to Hear Smoot.

New York, Feb. 11.—Members of the Silk Association of America will gather at the Waldorf-Astoria tonight for their 38th annual banquet. The list of speakers on the program includes Reed Smoot, United States senator from Utah, who will speak on "How a Tariff is Formed." The silk trade will be interested in the Utah Senator's address as he practically drew the silk schedules found in the tariff act of 1909. Mr. Smoot was chosen for this particular work by Senator Aldrich.

KEEP ARREST FROM WIFE

**DR. HYDE'S WIFE NOT APPRISED
OF HIS ARREST.**

**Unusual action taken to let accused
have freedom on bonds.**

Kansas, City, Feb. 11.—Mrs. Hyde is probably the only person here who does not know of her husband's arrest on the charge of having killed Col. Swope. She is ill and has not been told that Hyde is out under bonds.

Today he consulted Attorney Conkling and action in endorsing Hyde's application for release on bail has created surprise. The prosecutor's action is unusual in first degree murder charges.

MANAGUA AT REBEL MERCY

**CHAMERO HAS ARMY OF WELL
TRAINED MEN WHO CAN TAKE
THE CAPITAL WHEN DESIRE**

**WOUNDED AMERICAN TAKEN
TO HOSPITAL VERY LOW.**

Chamoro plays trick on government troops and marches northward where he takes several detachments of regulars—Revolutionary leader has situation in his complete control say couriers.

Bluefields, Feb. 11.—By wireless to Colon, Chamoro has 3000 well trained men in his command and he will capture Managua whenever it is deemed opportune by him, according to couriers arriving today from the scene of fighting at La Garita and Santa Clara. The couriers say the Mena was completely victorious at La Garita. Santa Clara was compelled to retire to Moogan, where he set himself to the task of holding the government troops while Chamoro advanced to Managua.

Chamoro's intention was to approach from the Northwest to rid the coast of several government forces in that section. This explains the capture of Matagalpa, the capital of the province of the same name by the revolutionists, news of which has just reached here.

Couriers say that if Chamoro had marched directly to Managua he would have taken that city last Tuesday or Wednesday.

Twenty-six of Mena's men were killed and 60 wounded at Santa Clara, where they were greatly outnumbered. Gen. Blandell is among the killed and Gabe Conrad, an American, wounded at Santa Clara and was brought here suffering from abdominal wounds.

"Sowing and Reaping."

Whiston preaches this evening on "Sowing and Reaping." His text is taken from the following passage: "Whoever sows a seed, that shall he also reap." A large audience listened to the discourse last evening. The people are beginning to realize the power of this evangelistic team. Whiston loses no time; there are no dry periods in his sermons. The meeting lasts one hour. You can plan your work with that time. Come at 7:40 sharp.

CZARINA IS NEAR DEATH

**CAN'T RECOGNIZE HUSBAND OR
HER CHILDREN.**

**Given to hysteria and melancholy—
news closely censored.**

Eydtukhnen, Russia, Feb. 11.—The Czarina's condition is critical today. She is unable to recognize her husband or her children.

Dispatches are being strictly censored.

The Czarina is suffering from hysteria and periods of melancholia and it is believed that her death is but the question of a short time.

Dr. H. E. McLeod visited Elgin today between trains.

News From London Town.

London, Feb. 11.—Although the final figures of the recent election will not be known until tomorrow, the results are certain. Excitement regarding the political situation still runs, however, and will continue at top notch until after parliament begins its business sessions February 21. The Liberals, with the coalition of the Irish and Labor parties, will have a majority of over 125 against the peers—a bigger majority than any ministry in modern times has obtained on a second appeal to the country. The government is, of course, dependent upon the Irish party and will have to handle it with kid gloves unless on some bright day Mr. John Redmond, the Irish leader, dismisses them from power.

THUGS LOOT ENTIRE CITY

**WHEN THROUGH HIDE AWAY—
POSSE ON TRAIL.**

**Town of Divide, near Butte, held at
mercy of two highwaymen**

Butte, Feb. 11.—Bandits looted the town of Divide last night according to a message here today, and obtained \$500 in cash and a considerable amount of jewelry and stamps. There were two men, both masked. They entered the postoffice, blew open the safe and stole the contents. Broke open a general store and took everything of value that could be quickly turned in to cash.

The thugs then went to the Divide hotel and held up the night clerk and secured a small sum of money. After terrifying the inhabitants the outlaws rode from town. A posse started in pursuit shortly afterwards.

Divide is 30 miles from here and local authorities are preparing to join in the hunt if the bandits head this way.

Ray Noyes of the Home Independent Telephone Company, is quite ill at his home with an attack of La Grippe.

FEAR MANY EARTHQUAKES

**SCIENTISTS ADVISE GOVERNMENT
TO STRENGTHEN WEAK PARTS
OF CANAL NOW CONSTRUCTED**

**ERUPTION OF PEAS IS TAKEN
AS SURE INDICATION**

Eighty killed when Peas throws out huge rocks and molten lava—Eruption has now ceased but indications point to many serious and destructive earthquakes in region or canal zone and South America.

Port Limon, Costa Rica, Feb. 11.—Eighty persons were killed by the eruption of Peas according to reports today which say the eruption was the worst in the history of the mountain and has now ceased. The deaths were caused by stones being thrown from the crater.

Scientists foresee an eruption and a warning of severe earthquakes in Central America and the Canal Zone and have warned Washington to strengthen vulnerable points in the canal construction in preparation of quakes.

Musical at the White House.

Washington, Feb. 11.—At the first official White House musicale of the season, scheduled for today, the soloists will be Billy Koenen and Olga Samaras.

Holiday in Georgia.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 11.—"Georgia Day" was observed by the public schools of the state today in accordance with the proclamation of State School Commissioner Pound. The event commemorates the landing of Gen. Oglethorpe on Feb. 12, 1772.

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That
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Camera**

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