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PEPPERY PLEAS MARK CLOSING ARGUMENTS

NEWLIN CASE MAY GO TO JURY
THIS EVENING, ACCORDING
TO INDICATIONS

NEWLIN DENIES PRESENCE

Vurpillat, Newlin and Several Others
Claim Defendant Was not in Store
When the Alleged Liqueur Trans-
action Was Made—Attorney Finn
Attacks Character of Detective,
and Plays Reverend Gray.

Churches, Rev. Frank E. Gray and particularly Ben Morgan, were collectively and singly given a severe grilling today as the closing features of the Adolph Newlin case, wherein bootlegging was charged. Arguments were confined to three hours, for each side, and Attorney T. H. Crawford opened for the state. He dwelt on the legal points, speaking a considerable length of time without entering into grillings. Attorney C. H. Finn followed with a bitter attack of Morgan, involving the churches, and particularly Gray, in a scathing grilling.

C. E. Cochran followed Finn, and was interrupted by the noon recess. He, too, touched upon the church question, but in a less vindictive mood, rather, perhaps, assuming a conciliatory position.

District Attorney Ivanhoe finished for the state, and indications are the case will go to the jury at five o'clock this afternoon.

Yesterday Evening's Evidence.

C. W. Baker was next called on the stand, following H. J. Ritter yesterday afternoon and stated:

"I was in Newlin's drug store June 1, 9:30 p. m. I was there long enough to buy five gallons of gasoline. Vurpillat was there but I didn't see Newlin nor Morgan; Gray was not there; Worstell was there or I didn't see them. Vurpillat stated to me that Newlin was not there. I left by the side door after purchasing the gasoline."

H. C. Gilman, water superintendent, was next on the stand. "I was in Newlin's drug store about 9:30 or 9:45 p. m., June 1. I left the council room at 9:30. I don't see Newlin, but I saw Vurpillat. Newlin might have been in the drug store. I went behind the case and he was not there. I was in the store about five minutes. Neither Gray nor Worstell, Porter or Morgan was there. I saw Morgan in the council room on the same night. It might have been July 1 that I saw Morgan first in the council room."

E. B. Morelock was called.

"I was in Elgin about six weeks during March and April. I met Morgan in Bader's saloon. He came and talked to me, about the 20th of March, I believe. He came and sat down beside me, asked me if I lived in Portland, stating that he was a detective. That was about the gist of the conversation. I left for Portland and then came back. I never told anyone of the conversation at that time. That was the first time I remember of seeing him, when he told me he was a detective. I didn't give him much thought and he didn't have the appearance of a detective. He repeated that he was a detective and I asked him what he was on, and he answered he was after some guys in this county and expected to make a stake out of it. I am not a detective and I had no mutual admiration for him. I didn't have a very exalted opinion of the man. The first thing I knew a lot of 'boys' or saloon men were indicted. 'Boys' is a common phrase for saloon men. They asked me if I remembered a man with a

white dog, and asked me if I could describe him. No, he wasn't wearing the dog. I didn't have any respect for him but I remembered what he told me, and I told them. I think it was 10 or 11 o'clock a. m. I don't remember the day of the week or the month. I was not feeling well and was sitting in the saloon."

Chas. A. Vurpillat was then called to the stand. He said: "I am in Newlin's employ as bookkeeper and clerk and was on June 1. Newlin was not there on the evening of June 1. He went home at 6:30 p. m. If he had been there I would have seen him. I don't remember seeing Morgan. I was acquainted with the interior of the store June 1, and I don't think that a person standing on Depot street so as to look down back of the counter, could see a person in front of the counter because there is toilet paper, sponge racks, etc., to obstruct the view.

On redirect examination, when shown photographs, stated: "I could not recognize it from the picture."

He recognized himself in the picture stating, "I don't remember Morgan coming in and asking for whiskey, and my going back and asking Newlin about it."

D. C. Cox, an was called and produced ordinance No. 442, series 1910, of the city of La Grande, which was marked for identification.

The court announced that the Townsend case would not be called until Monday.

At that hour court adjourned until 7:30 p. m., and reconvened at that time with A. Newlin on the stand. "I am the defendant in this case; aged thirty-seven and live in La Grande in the part known as 'Old Town.' Am a druggist at Adams and Depot street.

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WORLD PEACE IS FOSTERED

GREAT DELEGATION OF REPRESENTATIVES IN STOCKHOLM

Establishment of an Arbitral Court Is Probable Result

Stockholm, July 30.—Men and women of nearly every nationality, color and language, but animated by a common humanitarian motive, the abolition of war, met in the Swedish capital today to inaugurate the eighteenth Universal Peace Congress. The deliberations of the friends of peace will continue through the first five days of next week.

Although primarily a convention of delegates from the five hundred peace societies now in existence in various parts of the world, the congress has also enrolled representatives of trade and labor unions, churches, civic and philanthropic societies and educational institutions. It was originally intended to hold the eighteenth congress in this city last year, but it was postponed on account of a strike which threatened to develop into civil war.

Among those scheduled to deliver addresses are Baroness van Suttner of Austria and Signor Moneta of Italy both recipients of the Nobel peace prize; the eloquent Senator La Fontaine, of Belgium, Joseph G. Alexander of England, and Prof. Quidde, of Germany.

Topics to be considered during the congress include the effect of the probable establishment of an arbitral court of justice; the possibility of an international agreement for the limitation of armaments, as foreshadowed in former President Roosevelt's Nobel address; the immunity from capture of merchant ships at sea during time of war, a measure that would do away with necessity of naval protection for commerce, and therefore greatly reduced armaments; the removal from the category of war of questions of national honor, and the growing demand for treaty provisions pledging the nations not to take territory from each other by conquest.

SMALL SALARY IS CAUSE OF THEFT OF THOUSANDS

NEW YORK BANK EMPLOYEE IS
"DRIVEN TO THEFT BY MIS-
ERABLE SALARY

WALL STREET IS NO FRIEND

Stealing Six Hundred Thousand and Spending it On Wall Street Leads to Downfall of Bank Clerk in New York—Twenty-five Dollars a Week Not Sufficient to Keep Him from Sluicing in Handing Millions.

New York, July 30.—Blaming the bank which employed him for paying him a miserable salary and allowing him to handle millions, Erwin Wider, the arrested assistant-cashier of the Russo-Chinese bank, admitted today he stole \$600,000. He wept when he told his story.

He took money and securities. He said: "It was only what could be expected of a man getting \$25 a week and handling millions. Wall street seemed safe. I played the market. I did not get reckless till I got so deep that there was no escape and then I played heavy, hoping the market would change. It didn't and here I am."

Wallowa People See Something New.

The first steel box car that ever went over the Wallowa branch, was the Union Pacific No. 100,000, which went out on Conductor Grady's train Friday morning. The car was one of the latest models and was a novel sight for the Wallowa county people as it was the first one that many of them ever saw.

NINETEEN OFFICIALS RESIGN

Many Arrests are Pending for Repair Grifts

Chicago, July 30.—Nineteen officials of the Illinois Central have resigned. Already a dozen arrests are expected as a result of the probing into of the car repairing grifts. Authorities are seeking Henry Caterman, organizer of the Memphis car company, wanted as a witness. The Memphis company did repairing, which is alleged wholesale graft practices. There is no trace of Caterman.

POPE RECALLS HIS NUNCIO POSTED AT MADRID

DOWNFALL OF SPANISH DYNASTY SEEMS FORESHADOWED

Recalling of Ambassador to Rome Precedes Nuncio's Recall

Rome, July 30.—Monsignor Vico, papal nuncio to the Spanish court, was recalled this afternoon by the Pope. The action followed the recall of Ambassador Emilio De Ojeda from the Vatican, by King Alfonso. This completely severs relations between Spain and the Vatican. The open rupture foreshadows the downfall of the Spanish dynasty. The recalls are the result of a long fight over the question whether the state and church should have equal powers. Alfonso favors supremacy of the state.

CRIPPEN GROWS MORE NERVOUS AND HAGGARD

INDICATED THAT HE FEARS TO
LAND TOMORROW WHEN
STEAMER IS DUE

TROUSERS DISCLOSE SECRET

Crippen and Girl Companion Will Not Be Allowed to Commit Suicide for There is Close Guard on Them on Board Ship—Captain Says They are Nervous and Man Appears Very Haggard from Worry.

Father Point, Quebec, July 30.—The United Press received a wireless from Captain Kendall of Montrose today saying, "The suspect did not sleep much last night and appeared haggard and worried today. The woman is not as nervous as the man and doesn't experience the same terror."

The dispatch indicates a guard over the couple has been posted to prevent any attempt by Crippen to suicide, if he suspects he is being watched.

Trousers "Tip" Disguise

Montreal, July 30.—Everything is ready for the arrest of Crippen and his companion, Mme. Lenave, when the Montrose arrives tomorrow afternoon. Inspector Dew of Scotland Yard, has arrived here. The tug Ourka, has been chartered to meet the steamer in the stream, where Crippen will be arrested before he has a chance to escape to the shore. Captain Kendall, aboard the steamer, said today he first suspected them because the "son's" trousers fitted miserably, and were gathered at the waist with safety pins.

HUNDREDS IN MAN HUNT

Fellow Rans Amuck, Killing Mother and Others

Quincy, Ill., July 30.—A hundred members of the Massachusetts national guard, and fifty Quincy policemen are engaged in a man hunt today for Louis Rastella, who yesterday ran amuck, killed his mother, shot H. E. Hardwick to death and wounded three others. It is believed Rastella is violently insane, and will do further damage unless killed. The police have orders to kill him on sight.

COMBINES SHOW WHEAT CROP EXCELLENT

THOUGH NOT UP TO RECORD CROP OF 1909, ARE FINE

Average Thus Far in Widely Separate Fields is About 37 Bushels.

Two phases of harvesting wheat are becoming undeniable facts the past few days and they are to combine mechanisms for harvesting small grains in Union county and what is perhaps more important, the crop as far as harvested, is proving itself to be of a rare high grade and that the amount is running between thirty-five and forty bushels to the acre. There are six new combines in the valley this year and though the fact is not generally known in La Grande, this is the first year that the ma-

chine has been given a thorough try-out here. The header method has always been the popular style for cutting grain. It is a safe prediction that the combine with its crew of five men will be more universally used in Union county hereafter, than the header.

For more than a week combines have been at work in widely separated fields of the valley and that all the wheat cut is good though not perhaps up to last year's record, is coming to be a certainty.

MARTIAL LAW IS LIKELY

Governor Harmon Sees Urgency of Iron Hand in Columbus

Columbus, July 30.—Governor Harmon did a right-about-face and today probably will declare martial law at Columbus to take a hand in the street car strike. Adjutant General Weybrecht has ordered the 4th and 8th regiments to this city, and the troops arrived this afternoon.

Two other regiments, the First and Fifth, are ordered to be in readiness to come. The summoning of extra

troops followed a dispute between Harmon and city and county authorities. Harmon was angry because troops were called and authorities are dissatisfied because troops are not patrolling the streets last night when there were several riots.

NATIONAL ROAD CONGRESS ON

BRUSSELS IS GATHERING PLACE FOR GOOD ROAD BOOSTERS

Best Method of Constructing Roads Being Told by Europeans

Brussels, July 30.—America is exceptionally well represented among the delegates who are here today to take part in the second annual International Good Roads Congress. The congress will be officially convened tomorrow and will continue its deliberations and demonstrations through all of the coming week. Among the American organizations represented are the United States Department of Agriculture, the American Automobile Association and the American Road Builders' Association.

Twenty-six nations are represented in the congress, which was organized for the purpose of securing, translating and distributing information concerning the best methods of road building and maintenance. Last year's congress, the first, was held in Paris, and was attended by more than 2,000 delegates.

The King is manifesting much interest in the convention and will give a reception to the delegates. He is a trained engineer and has invented a material for roads which is said to withstand admirably the wear of automobiles.

President Samuel Hill, of the American Road Builders' Association, says that America is further behind in respect to highway construction than any other civilized nation and that it ranks with Turkey in this respect. He places the responsibility for this condition on the state legislatures, the federal government being impotent in the matter.

Burlon Answers Sharply.

Cleveland, O., July 30.—Replying to a statement in a Cincinnati newspaper quoting "Boss" Cox as referring to him as a "rusty pinhead," Senator Burton today declared that Cox is no gentleman and did not know how to talk. Cox is bitterly disappointed because he could not nominate his choice for governor and is now taking out his spite on those who would not take his orders, said Burton. He closed his remarks by stating that the time had arrived for the people of Ohio to refuse to submit to the tactics of a man of Cox's character.

WOODCUTTERS IN BLOODLESS COMBAT

FOREMAN COONS SHOT AT BY
GEORGE NASH OF THIS CITY
ON FOX HILL

UGLY STATEMENTS ALLEGED

Only One Bullet Fired and It Went Amiss—Nash Hurries to Town and Coons Follows Later and Causes Arrest of His Assaulters—Witnesses Saw Shooting But Did Not Hear Conversation at Wagon.

An erring aim of a revolver, five paces distant, is alone responsible for sound limb and body of Foreman James Coons, who has charge of a wood-chopping crew on the Kroger company ranch on Fox Hill. Coons was shot at while dismounting from his wagon this morning at 8:30 o'clock by George Nash, who has relatives in La Grande, but the bullet failed to hit its mark and except for some powder burns in Coon's face, there is nothing to make lasting the effects of the escapade. Nash is in La Grande today and at noon a warrant for his arrest was issued from the district attorney's office. Nash came to La Grande immediately after the shooting.

The scene was witnessed by two men but they did not hear the conversation between Coons and Nash. Coons states that Nash was in the habit of demanding pay for his work before Coons could audit the accounts and have the company issue the checks. This morning he was accosted for his money again and Coons told Nash that if he would pile a certain heap of wood, he would pay him then. This, Nash is reported to have refused to do, and instead, told Coons to dismount from a wagon in which he was riding.

Whipped Out Revolver.

While Coons was dismounting, Nash is said to have whipped out a .38 six shooter and fired one shot. It missed. In the meantime A. Benson and James Palmer, two woodcutters were a short distance away and saw the shooting but did not hear the conversation. The weapon was removed from Nash's hands and he immediately started for La Grande. Nash and Benson came to town soon afterwards and had warrants sworn out. Benson, who was with him stated this morning: "I believe Nash is partially insane." Nash is reported to have said this morning to Coons: "I have been wanting to kill you for some time."

Apparently there has been no previous trouble between them.

AGED LADY MASHES NOSE

Enterprise Woman Falls and Sustains Severe Injury.

Enterprise, Ore., July 30.—Mrs. Fay, an elderly resident here, fell and literally mashed her nose yesterday evening. She was walking with a grandchild over a board sidewalk when the child stepped on the end of a loose board. The elderly lady tripped over the board, falling prone and striking fairly on the nose. That member was literally flattened and necessitated the immediate attention of a physician. No other injuries were sustained.

Whites and Blacks are Mixing Things

Austin, Texas, July 30.—Desperate fighting is going on between the whites and blacks near the city of Palestine in this state today. Governor Campbell has ordered the Texas ranger to proceed to the scene of war at once and disarm everybody, but the rioting continues.