DEBTS HAUNT REES

Major's Conduct Shown Up to Court-Martial.

BORROWED RIGHT AND LEFT

When Captain Baker Could Not Recover \$500 Lent Fellow-Officer on Urgent Plea, He Informed Paymaster-General.

VANCOUVER, Wash, Nov. 29 .- (Staff Correspondence.)-At the court-martial of Major Harry L. Rees here, the prosecu tion completed its testimony today and

rested its case. In all, three witnesses have been examned, namely: Dana W. Morey, chief cierk of the Paymaster's office under Maor Rees: Captain Jesse M. Baker, Army Quartermaster, stationed at Portland, and Charles Barenstecher, one of the pro-prietors of the Louvre Cafe in Portland. By the testimony of these witnesses the prosecution has endeavored to prove three

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That, in 26 instances, Major Rees falsified his reports to the Paymaster-General. That Major Rees technically embezsled by being continuously short 1976. If or a period of several months, ending June 16, 1991. On that date, it is alleged, having received a tip that his office was about to be examined by an inspector from the General Paymasier's office, he borrowed \$400 from Barenstecher and \$500 from Captain Baker, with which sums he was abje to make good his reported balance at the First National Bank of Portland. ble to make good his reported balance t the First National Bank of Portland. That by borrowing these sums on al-

leged improper representations, and neg-lecting to repay the loans as promised, Major Rees was guilty of conduct preju-dicial to good order and military discipline.

The defense will take up its side to-morrow. Apparently its efforts will be directed to showing that Major Rees is

only blameworthy for negligence; that at po time was he actually short, having money in his possession at all times suf-fident to make good his reported

The court convened promptly at 10 A.

M. Clerk Morey went on the stand to
complete his testimony begun yesterday.

He stated that he kept the office books
and made out all the reports and accounts current, which were signed by Major Rees and forwarded to the Gen-eral Paymaster. He admitted that he knew the reports of the bank balances were false, but stated that he had so written them by order of Major Rees. Mr. Morey further said that Major Rees Mr. Morey further said that Major Rees told him he had the money on band, and that he, Morey, had repeatedly urged the Major to deposit and make the account good, but that the Major failed to do so. "Once I told the Major that I had no bank receipts for the money to make up the check book balance, but he told me to put it down, nevertheless; that the money was on deposit."

Two Safes in Office.

In cross-examining Morey, the defense seemed to attempt to show that the clerk might himself be responsible for the al-leged errors in the reports, basing the theory apparently on deductions from one or two small errors in the books and upon the great amount of work flooding the Paymaster's office. It was brought out that there were two safes in the Pay-master's office, to one of which, con-taining the books, Morey had the com-bination; but to the other, so far as he knew, Morey sald Major Rees was the

only person having the combination.
"I do not know what was in the safe.
Major Rees might have had money in
it. If so, I never knew of it," said

nas as trips to Puget Sound. trips were sent by express. Sometimes not all of the money was paid out, in which case Major Rees always took charge of what was left. It was at the time of these absences to Puget Sound that the chief alleged shortages of balance are said to have occurred, one implication being that Major Rees neglected to make deposit of left-over sums, upon his re-turn to Portland. Morey stated that he had never seen anything in the conduct of Major Rees on those trips on which to base a suspicion of irregularity.

Under Rees' Orders.

J. M. Long, of the counsel for the ac-cused, sought to show that Morey might alone have been responsible for the false "I kept the books under Major Rees"

direction," repeated the witness. "Evras by his direction.'s Captain Jesse M. Baker was the next

dence. It compliance of the protested check for \$400, and also of an "I. O. U." for \$100; intimated that Major Rees could be "prosecuted for obtaining money under false pretenses"; it characterized Rees' conduct as "unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, and detrimental to the standing of the Army in this community." In conclusion the letter asked for some form of "relief from such apparent pascality." The cross-examination showed that Rees had first wanted to borrow the money on a note, and the flefense made the point that Barenstecher preferred a check, because under the Oregon statutes the maker of a check is liable to criminal prosecution if he has no funds at the bank on which he draws the check.

"Did not Major Rees tell you that he had no funds at the bank" asked Mr. Long. Captain Jesse M. Baker was the next witness. His advent marked the beginning of a new line of testimony—that relating to the "conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline." The Captain is of the well-known "bluff and hearty" type of military man, and straightforwardly told an interesting story, listened to with closest attention by the court.

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"Cap off, Captain," exclaimed a member of the court as the officer came in and stood to be sworn. "The regulations require it."

A smile went around the table and the

A since went around the case and the Captain apologetically removed the cap and raised his right hand.

"Glove off, Captain," cried another; "the regulations indicate that you can tell the truth better with the glove off."

Another smile circulated as the Captain peeled off the glove. His testimony was as follows: Long.
"I do not remember whether he did or "I do not remember whether he did or not." replied Mr. Barenstecher.

The prosecution was about to call a bank official to prove that Rees had no personal funds at the First National on June II, nor for a long time previous, but the defense admitted this.

Thereupon the prosecution rested its

Baker Lent Rece \$500.

"On June 15, 1994, Major Rees came to my office, at First and Morrison streets, Portland, and asked me to lend bim \$500. I said: Captain, is there no one here, where you have lived so long, who will

where you have lived so long, who will lend you the money?

"He replied: 'No, I don't want my position known. I need \$500 badly. I hear that I am to be inspected. There is an error somewhere in my account. I don't know that my clerks have "done" me, but I haven't been able to trace if yet. I have been careless, but I have not been critishal. I have checked up the books since making a change of clerks, some time since." Not often does a woman appear at the City Jail and request longing for the night, but Mrs. Mary Larson did Monday night. Her husband locked her out of home on Sherman street, between Third and Fourth, and she had to have a place to aleep. Therefore Captain Moore sent her to Matron Simmons' department.

But the score was made even last night, when Mrs. Larson got possession of the house and turned the key on her husband. It was he who was out then. He called

time since.

"I did not have \$50, but telegraphed mybank, asking them to authorize me to draw on them. The bank accommodated me, and the First National Bank cashed my draft. As I handed the money to Rete he suid that he might not need it; if so, he would return it at once, otherwise he would pay not later than July I.

"I sent my personal note to the bank, payable July I, and thought nothing further about it until July I, when, Rees not appearing, I wrote him, and on July 2 I wrote him again. I received no reply, but learned that he had gone to American Lake. It was he who was out then. He called at the central police station to see what could be done, but was told to return this morning and get instructions. He did not seek lodgings, as did Mrs. Larson.

ther about it until July 1, when, Rees not appearing, I wrote him, and on July 2 I wrote him again. I received no reply, but learned that he had gone to American Lake.

"Handed Me \$10."

"On his return I called at his office and told him I must have the money, I had arranged to use it in sending my oldest boy to college. He suld he was sorry, and renewed his promises to pay. Remarking T may as well begin at once, he handed me 20.

"When my note became due I had to pay it myself. I wrote Rees July 6, inclosing a letter to the Paymaster-General, and told Rees that he must pay by August I or I would send of copy of that

leiter to the Paymaster. Rees came to my office August 1 and said he could not yet raise the money, and saked if I had sent that leiter. "No. Rees," I said, 'I will give you ten

days more." He came in again with the same etatement, and seked if I had yet sent the letter. "No. Rees,' I said, 'but I must and I shall if you do not pay.'
"I sent the letter to the Paymaster August IL."

Informed Paymaster-General.

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A copy of the letter was then introduced in evidence and read to the court. It was addressed to the Paymaster-General, and recited the story of Major Rees' request for the ioan, and the reason urged by the Major regarding his need for the money, and all the circumstances which followed, as given in the Capitain's testimony. The letter stated the Capitain had made the loan without security to a brother officer, that the Major's failure to keep his word had distressed Capitain Baker severely financially, and requested whatever redress the Paymaster's Department could give.

Civer the Judge-Advocate's objection the court admitted the Paymastor-General's

ourt admitted the Paymaster-General's esponse to the letter. It was addressed o Major Rees and admonshed him that he receipt of Captain Baker's letter had raised suspicion in the Paymaster's De-partment against Rees, which had result-ed in an inspection of Rees' office. No shortage had been discovered, said the letter but it intimated the suspicion had not been allayed. The letter further inti- Erickson's Burnside-street saloon

JUDGE

ADVOCATE MORROW.

mated a hope that the Paymaster's office would not be further called upon as an agency in the collection of the Major's debts.

Captain Baker said that Major Bees had

once spoken about having a note indorsed by several Vancouver officers, but noth-ing came of it. Later Rees had paid \$100 of the loan, and on Novembe 1 he had paid \$50 more. This, making a total of \$160, was all he had received from the

resentation that he urgently needed the money that day. "Rees gave me his per-sonal check on the First National Bank

for that amount," said the cafe man, "and

promised to take up the check with a Government check before 6 o'clock that

Government check before 6 o'clock that same day. He never came around again. I kept his check for 30 days, then took it to the bank. They refused it, saying Rees had no funds there. After trying again and again to collect from Rees, I finally wrote the Paymaster-General."

At this point Barenstecher's letter to the department was introduced in evidence. It complained of the protested check for \$400, and also of an "L O. U." for \$100 intimated that Major Rees could

LOCKED OUT BY HER HUSBAND

Mrs. Mary Larson Spends a Night at the Police Station.

Always Keeps Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the House,

Disappears Same Night as Sister Was Held Up.

POLICE SEEK WILLIAM GAVIN

They Regard His Vanishing at the Same Time Miss Anna Gavin Was Robbed as a Strange . Coincidence.

By a most remarkable coincidence, according to the police, Miss Anna Gavin was held up, choked and robbed at 6:20 o'clock Monday night and at 8 last night Captain Moore was notified of the mysterious disappearance of her brother. William Gavin, According to his brother's statement he had not been seen since 7:15 Monday night, when he was noticed in Erickson's Burnside-street saloon.

MAJOR REES, ON TRIAL FOR TECHNICAL EMBEZZLEMENT,

AND OTHERS AT THE COURT-MARTIAL

part of a circuit he is organizing with the Bijou in this city as a base.

"Yea, I will have two new theaters in operation within a few weeks," said Mr. Merrill. I bought the Edison at Salem and immediately closed it down for a week. During that time I will greatly enlarge and improve it, and will open it next week in conjunction with the Bijou here. At Eugene I bought a site and let a contract for a fine brick theater building which will be rushed to completion as soon as possible. It will have a seating capacity of 700 or 800, and will be a model house in every respect. I have other vaudeville plans now maturing, but it is too soon to discuss them. I will say, however, that when I am through I will have one of the best circuits on the Coast."

FIVE NEW ASSOCIATIONS.

New Plan Adpted by Y. M. C. A. Will Spread Work in State.

Widespread work in the Northwest is being planned by the Y. M. C. A. Since the cunvention of the two states, Oregon and Idaho, at Salem, last week, the largest ever held, it has been decided that a change be made in the association's policy which will materially in-

ried on from the start in proper form.

Cart Jesse M Baker

ing of their own,

There are in Oregon, in

Brokers Made Assignment.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 28. — J. B. Fielschman & Co., brokers, made an assignment today. The rise in the price of stocks is given as the reason for the failure. No statements of assets and liabilities has been made.

Anna Gavin.

So peculiarly significant seems the circumstance that when the matter was reported to Captain Moore last night he asked the brother who gave the details of the mysterious disappearance if it were not William Gavin who got Miss Gavin's money. He appeared "No."

peculiar was that the highwayman, after

choking Miss Gavin and felling her to the sidewalk, took her purse, removed the contents and then returned the purse to

her. She found it when she regained her senses. The detectives state that none but an amateur would ever do such a thing. A clever crook would take purse and all, they say, and run as fast as he

Chief of Police Hunt and Captain

Moore were doubtful from the start con-cerning the hold-up. They did not for a moment think Miss Gavin's story was

false, but they did think some one who

knew her did the deed. Their theory is now strengthened, they state, and an in-vestigation may lead to an immediate

Miss Gavin was robbed in the most

bruini manner ever recorded in Portland. While going to her home at 325 East Seventh street, she was met near the Pirst Evangelleal Church, choked into in-

WARRANT OUT FOR ACTRESS

Miss Hetty Lundy is Accused of Re-

ceiving Stolen Spaniel.

All because she is in possession of a

a woman in black, who telephoned to the central station from several places during

the night. A warrant is out for Miss Lundy, but it was not served. She is ac-cused of receiving stolen property. The spaniel is alleged to have been stol-en in Montana, but Miss Lundy maintains

that she bought it, paying part cash and part "to boot." At any rate, she is in possession of the dog and evidently pur-

Last night Policomen Golts, Galbraith and Smith were trying to get service on Miss Lundy, but as fast as they attempt-ed to catch her she evaded them, going

CIRCUIT OF SHOW SHOPS.

Fred T. Merrill Buys Houses to Run

In Conjunction With Bijou.

yesterday from Salem and Eugene, where he completed arrangements to establish two vandeville theaters which will form

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gether unnatural."

complexion.

about from one to another of the va ville theaters. The warrant for her issued carly yesterday.

water spaniel, Miss Hetty Lundy, an actress, was hunted all over Portland last night by policemen, and was followed by

ensibility and left alone.

LET CONTRACT SOON

Plans of Celilo Portage Road Practically Ready.

DETAILS ARE NOT DIVULGED

Cost is Estimated to Approximate \$180,000, Inclusive of Right of Way, Terminal Wharves, Transfer Barges, Etc.

The contract for the Celilo Portage Road will probably be awarded in two or three days to A. J. McCabe and A. McL. Hawks. The form of the contract and the specifications, now being studied in this city by the contractors and the members of the open river committee, are as long as the moral law, and are not yet ready to be announced to the public.

Attorney-General Crawford was in the Attorney-General Crawford was in the city last night, and said that the State Board had satisfied itself the Portage Road could not be built and right of way secured for the 185,000 appropriation; therefore that the board was co-operating with the Open River Association, which will make up the extra amount needed. The board did not ask for empetitive bids, because, so far as saved in so doing; besides, the board is relying on a committee of the Open River Association, which is made up of men of recognized integrity, to secure the additional money, and the method which seems best to the committee for building the portage should be acceptable to the state.

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By the terms of the contract, McCabe & Hawks will give a security bond of \$50,000 to complete the road according to specifications by May I. The payments are to be made monthly up to 80 per cent of the work done, and the final \$50 per cent is to be paid after the road has been approved and accepted. The state engineer will be A. J. McMillan. The track is to be a standard guage and of 56-pound rails, and its length eight and one-half miles. The cost has not yet been determined, but will approximate \$180,000, inclusive of right of way. The cost of the road itself, without terminal wharves and transfer barges, will be something like \$180,000. The contractors will agree to build the road for the amount of the available appropriation after the right of way expenses shall have been determined. build the road for the amount of the available appropriation after the right of way expenses shall have been deducted, and will rely for the remainder on the Open River Association. It has not been possible to learn just what the contractors are to be paid, and the truth seems to be that it is not known by the state board or the Open River committee or the contractors, but one of the committee said yesterday that the expense of the terminal wharves and transfer barges by agreement with the contractors will be only the actual cost of construction.

McCabe & Hawks are ready to begin work just as soon as the contract shall Torthe Defense

work just as soon as the contract shall be let to them. At the same time that they shall sign the contract with the state, they will enter into an agree-ment with the Open River Association for payment of the extra money re-quired. Owing to the peculiar nature of the business, the fetalls are as yet quired. Owing to the peculiar nature of the business, the details are as yet uncertain and all persons inside the negotiations are reluctant to divulge Still more strange, say the police, is the fact that the description of the missing William Gavin tailles to a nicety with that of the man who robbed Miss Anna Gavin.

The association must own its own building and be able to maintain the various branches of work. The purpose of this ruling was to prevent the establishment of associations which would soon go to

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR OPENS.

and be able to maintain the various branches of work. The purpose of this ruling was to prevent the establishment of associations which would soon go to pieces. Colleges have been under a ruling of the control of the Women of First Congregational Church Hold Their Annual Sale.

There are in Oregon, in consequence, only three associations and in Idaho only one. But it is now believed that five other cities in Oregon should have associations established. These are Pendieton, Baker City, Eugene, Albany and Astoria. Several others are under consideration. It will be necessary in each case to raise a certain amount of money before anything can be done. And to aid in raising it, a specialist in this sort of work will soon come to Oregon and go to one city after another and stay there until he has finished his work.

The annual Christmas baxaar of the First Congregational Church opened yesered agreement will continue this afternoon and evening. The church parlors present a most attractive appearance, and the articles for sale include a vast array of pretty and useful things suitable for Christmas baxaar of the First Congregational Church opened yesered agreement and will continue this afternoon and evening. The church parlors present a most attractive appearance, and the articles for sale include a vast array of pretty and useful things suitable for Christmas baxaar of the First Congregational Church opened yesered a feet of the property of the articles of sale include a vast array of pretty and useful things suitable for Christmas pitch articles and the articles and the articles are believed that five of the church parlors present a most attractive appearance, and the articles for sale include a vast array of pretty and useful things suitable for Christmas gifts. Each booth is decorated in a very tasteful way, the jewelry beoof is in yellow, and the art booth, where Indian baskets, burnt leather work and Turkish embroideries are displayed, has an artistic draping of fish net and bright autumn leaves. Candy is sold at a tempting white table, which has chrysannual Christmas bazaar of the to one city after another and stay there until he has finished his work.

The state convention of Washington will be held the latter part of this week. W. M. Parsons, of Minneapolis, and H. O. Hill, the Coast college secretary, will be present J. C. Barline, president of the Spokane association, who is in Portland looking over the work as done here, will leave with Secretary Stone, of the Portland Y. M. C. A. today. Spokane's association was formed about six months ago, and the promoters set out with the purpose of raising H96,000 with which to build a suitable building. They have raised \$2,000 so fur.

tion, is for sale at the household booth.

A handsome pillow, which was designed as a present for Dr. House, was exhibited yesterday, and much admired. It is of yellow silk, and has upon one side a photograph of the First Congregational Church and on the other the autographs of many of his friends.

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Candy—Mrs. Ira P. B. Reynolds; Misses Mattle Cleiand, Grace Wargen, Elsie Smith, Gertrude Butchinson, Elnel Durham, Alice Hutchinson and Vesta Broughton.
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