

WILLIAMSON SAYS HE IS INNOCENT

Denies Entering Plot to Suborn Perjury.

KEPT NO TRACK OF GESNER

Never Consulted Him About Controlling Claims.

KNOW HE LOANED MONEY

Defense Makes Bitter Objections When Judge Shuts Out Testimony Regarding Defendant's Good Character.

After the counsel for the defense places several witnesses on the stand this morning to show that the timber claim of Marion E. Biggs, one of the defendants in the trial of Representative Williamson and Dr. Gesner, was valuable for timber, and Dr. Gesner, was valuable for timber, all of the evidence will have been laid before the jury. By refusing to permit the defense to place on the stand a long list of witnesses to prove the good character of the three defendants, Judge De Haven shortened the trial and for the next few days the courtroom will be ringing with the voices of the attorneys making their argument to the jury.

The court rules, that inasmuch as the United States District Attorney has stated that he will offer no evidence against the character of these defendants, he will not permit the time of the court to be taken up in hearing the witnesses.

Williamson Takes the Stand.

Yesterday morning Representative Williamson took the stand in his own behalf and declared to the jury that he was innocent of the charge of conspiring to cause certain applicants for Government timber land to commit perjury. He was inclined to be combative under cross-examination, but District Attorney Henry, apparently had no desire to press the witness to the point where he would lose his temper.

WILLIAMSON MAKES DENIAL

Declares He Never Entered Conspiracy to Suborn Perjury.

When the Federal Court was convened, yesterday morning, Judge De Haven announced that he would overrule the demurrers in the Steiner, the Watson and the Hendricks case, these being cases in which the Government had sued the anti-W. W. Steiner, Charles Watson and H. H. Hendricks occurred to the indictment against them.

FLEET WILL SAIL FOR VLADIVOSTOK

Japanese Hope to Capture the Fortress Before Envoys Reach America.

ARMY HAS ALREADY LANDED

Investment by Sea and Land Will Be Pushed—Oyama Will Keep Lincolnton Too Busy to Go to Relief.

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Part of Regiment Rebels, but Is Subdued and Imprisoned.

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TWO ENGINEERS ON OREGON WORK

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LANGFITT CANNOT REMAIN

Will Be Called East and Appointed on River and Harbor Engineer Board Because He Knows Pacific Coast Rivers.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU

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HEAT IS KILLING; ICEMEN STRIKING

Twin Evils Aggravate Suffering on New York's Hottest Day.

CHICAGO ALSO IN MISERY

Exhausted by Overwork, Carriers of Only Cool Thing in Metropolitan Strike—St. Louis Having Turkish Bath.

TEMPERATURES IN LEADING CITIES.

Table with 3 columns: City, Max, Min. Includes Portland, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Detroit, Washington, Pittsburgh, Boston.

NEW YORK, July 17.—After a respite of one day, the hot wave that swept over New York last week, causing scores of deaths and hundreds of cases of prostrations, returned today with renewed intensity.

WHOLE COUNTRY FROM MISSISSIPPI TO ATLANTIC IN PERSPIRATION.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—The Weather Bureau tonight announced that there was no prospect for several days at least, of a let-up of the extreme heat which has extended over the country for the last few days.

FOUR DEATHS IN CHICAGO

Breeze From Lake Brings Relief From Extreme Heat in Evening.

CHICAGO, July 17.—Four deaths and 19 prostrations were the result of the heat today. A low humidity was responsible for the few fatalities. The mercury reached 94 at 1:30 in the afternoon, and remained there until 7:30, when it commenced to drop.

ST. LOUIS IN A STEAM BATH

Sweltering in High Temperature and Excessive Humidity.

ST. LOUIS, July 17.—A steady hot wave is affecting St. Louis, and the Government Weather Bureau can promise no improvement. The maximum temperature today was 92 and the maximum degree of humidity 82.

PHILADELPHIA'S HOTTEST DAY

One Death and a Dozen Prostrations Caused by Sun.

PHILADELPHIA, July 17.—This city experienced the hottest weather of the year today, the temperature reaching a maximum of 94 degrees shortly after 4 o'clock. At 5 P. M. the Government thermometer registered 97 degrees. One death and a dozen prostrations due to the heat were reported to the police.

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RACE RIOTING RENEWED

Negroes Attack New York Police and Fusillade Follows.

NEW YORK, July 17.—Rioting between whites and blacks was resumed after midnight this morning in the San Juan Hill district, on Sixty-first and Sixty-second streets, between Amsterdam and West End avenues. Many shots were fired and 20 negroes and one white woman were arrested.

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