

DEFENSE BEGINS; PROSECUTION ENDS

District Attorney Finishes His Case.

NEW WITNESSES ARE HEARD

Williamson's Visit to Prineville in June Proved.

NOW ADMITTED BY DEFENSE

W. J. Burns Testifies as to the Disappearance of Witness Starr. Defendants May Not Take the Stand.

NO TRACE OF STARR. Ernest Starr, the nephew of Congressman Williamson, the missing witness for the prosecution in the case against Williamson, Gesner and Biggs, has not been found by the officers of the Government who are searching the passes of the Cascade Mountains for him.

The end is in sight. The prosecution in the case of the United States against Williamson, Gesner and Biggs has rested and the defense begun its fight to disprove all that has been shown by the testimony of the Government. The story of each witness put upon the stand by United States District Attorney Henry during the second trial will be impeached by the attorneys for the defense, who will make an effort to show that different stories were told at the two trials, from which it will be argued that the testimony is of doubtful meaning and not to be credited.

Williamson's \$4000 Loan. Jesse C. Hostetter, the cashier of the bank of French & Co., at The Dalles, related how Williamson had negotiated a loan of \$4000, which loan had been made on a note signed by Williamson and Gesner as individuals.

Williamson's Visit Proved. B. R. Pointdexter, the proprietor of the Pointdexter Hotel in Prineville, was also placed upon the stand and testified that Williamson was in the city during the period of time mentioned by the previous witness, and that he had eaten breakfast and slept in the hotel during that time.

McAlpin, a photographer of Portland, was put upon the stand to show by his pictures that the land taken by Biggs was without good timber, but his testimony was ruled out by Judge De Haven as incompetent.

Pearl Vanderpool Forgetful. Pearl Vanderpool was a very forgetful witness. She admitted that she had a poor memory in regard to some things and became angry with the District Attorney when he tried to help her to remember.

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KOMURA VISITS THE PRESIDENT

Japanese Peace Envoys Confer With Roosevelt on Coming Negotiations.

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OYSTER BAY, July 27.—President Roosevelt entertained at luncheon today Baron Jutaro Komura, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Kogoro Takahira, Minister to the United States, the Japanese envoys to the Washington peace conference.

Both Smiling, but Silent. Baron Komura bowed gracefully to the newspaper men who made themselves known, but smilingly declined to talk. Mr. Takahira shook hands with one or two of his newspaper friends, but said there was nothing of importance he could say at this time.

Warships Will Escort Them. Peace Envoys to Be Received by President on August 5.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—Arrangements were completed today for conveying the peace envoys of Russia and Japan from New York to Oyster Bay, where they will be received by the President, and from there to Portsmouth, N. H.

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Policy - Holders Renew Their Suit in United States Court.

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ALL INFLUENCES FOR PEACE. Kaiser's Advice and Insistence of Frenchmen Who Control Cash.

CHICAGO, July 27.—(Special.)—The Daily News' Paris cable says: "The Kaiser, during his last night, before going on board the Kaiser Wilhelm, to M. Rafalovitch, commercial agent of the Russian Embassy here, that correspondence just received from St. Petersburg 'does not mention in any degree the instructions already received from the Czar.'"

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STRICKEN CITY FIGHTS SCOURGE

Rigid Quarantine Cuts Off New Orleans to Kill Yellow Fever.

SLAYING DEADLY MOSQUITO

Total of 200 Cases Springs From Few Concealed Cases Among Italians—Escape From City Almost Impossible.

NEW ORLEANS, July 27.—All the forces engaged in the battle against the yellow fever scourge today joined in expressing the belief that, while the situation has been and is serious, enough success has already been achieved in the application of the methods applied, as the result of the work of the Reed commission in Cuba, to justify the hope that, for the first time in the history of the country, what threatened to be a malignant epidemic of yellow fever will be stamped out before frost comes and that New Orleans will be spared the horrors of previous epidemics.

DISSEMINATED BY ITALIANS. With the cases reported today the aggregate since July 12 runs close to 200. These are included in 20 to 25 foci, focus No. 1 including the section around the French market, where the fever first appeared and where a large proportion of the cases and fatalities have occurred.

NO NEW CENTERS OF DISEASE. As far as the health authorities were able to discover today, no case has thus far developed from outside of the city, save in an outlying infected district and a few exceptions the cases and deaths have been among the Italians.

EMERGENCY HOSPITAL OPEN. The emergency hospital which has been fitted out for the care of yellow fever patients is in full operation today. It is located in an old three-story building in the heart of the French quarter.

EVERY WAY OF ESCAPE CLOSED. There is a very slight exodus of New Orleans people. Some heads of families are sending their wives and children elsewhere, and men whose business has suffered by the appearance of the fever are

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