

HERMANN FLAYED BY PROSECUTOR

Baker Accuses Him of Many Falsehoods.

MOTIVE FOR LAND FRAUDS

Had Consuming Ambition to Become Senator.

RELATIVES AT PUBLIC CRIB

Government Salaries Used to Pay Debts to Hermann—Draws Expense Money While Conspiring With the Land Thieves.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash- ington, April 25.—Time and again during his closing argument to the jury District Attorney Baker today branded Blinger Hermann as a liar; time and again he gave him a certificate that would entitle him to membership in the Ananias Club. Without pity, Mr. Baker tore Hermann's character to shreds. Merely he laid bare to the jury the shortcomings of the man which were exposed when he was under cross-examination, and all to show that Hermann is the type of man who would be guilty of the land fraud conspiracy which the prosecution undertook to prove against him.

Mr. Baker's arraignment was severe, it was unexpectedly caustic. It showed that he had not failed to grasp the significance of the slightest incident of the trial. Cleverly he wove together various bits of testimony, but most of all he builded on Hermann's own confessions.

Hermann winces when flayed. Hermann was visibly moved by the arraignment. Again and again he winced as Mr. Baker flayed him; quick he was to prompt his own counsel when Mr. Baker made a slip. Through the terrible ordeal the faintest person in the courtroom was Hermann's wife, who sat by his side and not once changed expression.

Out of the mass of testimony taken during the past few weeks Mr. Baker sifted the salient points. He graciously attributed Hermann's many alleged misdeeds to his predominant desire to break into the United States Senate. It was to further this ambition that he arranged himself with the land thieves—men with a political pull—for this purpose, and to get his share of the swag.

Ambition to Be Senator. "His chief ambition," said Mr. Baker, "was to be Senator. To gain that end he was willing to give up every acre of public land in Oregon, but he was not giving up any of his own money to increase his chance of getting into the upper house of Congress. He was making the Government pay the bill."

Mr. Baker alluded to the character witnesses who appeared for Hermann and declared that they were placed on the stand to show reputation, not character. "Of course Hermann's reputation was good," declared Mr. Baker. "Were it otherwise, two Presidents would not have appointed him Land Commissioner."

Mr. Baker then pointed out the vast difference between character and reputation. "Hermann's character was forming," he said, "at the time he was receiver of the Roseburg Land Office, the time he unlawfully acquired public land. His character never changed," he added.

Hermann's Thrifty Ways.

Taking up Hermann's thrift and his solicitude for his relatives, he sarcastically reviewed the defendant's admissions and scored him severely for having appointed his relatives in order that they, with their Government salaries, might pay off obligations which they owed him. "No other Government official ever appointed so many relatives as Hermann," he declared. "He appointed them all."

Later he alluded to Hermann's double self when at Roseburg he appeared before the Land Office as entrant under the guise of "B. Hermann," and passed on his own entries as "Blinger Hermann."

ROOSEVELT WILL OPEN GREAT FAIR

Imposing Naval Display at Jamestown.

WARSHIPS OF GREAT NATIONS

Review to Celebrate White Dominion in America.

TWO SQUADRONS ARRIVE

British and Austrians Join Marine Armament in Hampton Roads.

FOUNDATION OF JAMESTOWN.

NORFOLK, Va., April 25.—With President Roosevelt as the guest, and with diplomatic and military officials from all the more important nations of the world in attendance, the Jamestown Ter-Centennial Exposition will be thrown open to the public tomorrow. Every steamer and every train reaching Norfolk tonight brought many visitors. The city is decorated as seldom before and the Governor of Virginia has proclaimed tomorrow a holiday in this vicinity. Fair and cool weather is predicted, and, as the details of the programme of land and water ceremonies have all been carefully worked out, the exposition management is looking forward to the opening tomorrow as forming a notable epoch in the history of Tidewater Virginia.

Roosevelt to Open Fair.

Mr. Roosevelt, who left Washington this afternoon on board the Mayflower, is expected to arrive at Port Monroe tomorrow morning shortly after 8 o'clock. He will immediately review the fleet of foreign and American warships now at anchor in Hampton Roads. This imposing ceremony and a brief reception to the flag officers on board the Mayflower ended, the President will set out for the shore, landing on the exposition grounds at 11 o'clock. He will be driven at once to the review stand on Lee's parade ground, a magnificent ground skirted by blossoming apple trees, and will there deliver the opening and dedicatory address of the exposition. Mr. Roosevelt will conclude by pressing a gold button as a signal for the formal opening of all the finished departments of the enterprise.

Fair Is Far From Complete.

The day before the opening finds the management of the big enterprise straining every energy to put the grounds and buildings in presentable shape for the inaugural ceremonies. Several thousand laborers were engaged today clearing the streets which are to be traversed tomorrow by the President and his party and by the military organizations which will participate in the ceremonies. Notwithstanding the rush of work being carried on, it is expected that the President will receive several hundred invited guests in the Auditorium building and after this function will be entertained at lunch. He will return to the review stand during the afternoon to witness the land parade of soldiers and sailors, several companies of the latter being landed from the foreign vessels. This will conclude the opening ceremonies.

British and Austrians Arrive.

Today witnessed the arrival of the most formidable of the visiting warship squadrons. The Austrian ships Saint George and Aspern and the British cruiser squadron, composed of the Good Hope, the Argyle, the Hampshire and the Roxburg, passed in the cove within a few hours of each other. With saluting cannon and dipping flags, they cruised slowly up Hampton Roads to the position assigned them on the naval rendezvous grounds. The flagship Connecticut, of the American fleet, exchanged salutes with the Saint George and the Good Hope, and later Admiral Sir George Neville, of the British squadron, and Commodore Hermann Plescott, of the Austrian squadron, put out in small boats to visit Rear-Admiral Robinson.

Idiotic Children Born to Patients in Asylums.

BUILDINGS FULL OF VERMIN

Horrible Conditions in County Institutions Cause Governor to Demand Reform. Under Threat of an Extra Session.

Only Some of the Horrors.

CHICAGO, April 25.—(Special.)—Sensational revelations of the horrors of county insane asylums, including the chaining of young girls, forcing patients to sleep in coffin-like boxes and subjecting women to indescribable indignities, have aroused such indignation that Governor Deneen announces he will call a special session of the Legislature if the present session does not appropriate sufficient funds to place the insane patients in charge of the state.

Contrast of Gray and White.

With dull gray sides and smoky black funnels, the visiting ships were sharply contrasted in contrast to the American ships, resplendent in new coats of immaculate white paint. The arrival of the British and Austrians, who had been preceded two days by the German squadron and the Argentine ship Sarmiento, lent immeasurably to the attractiveness of the naval display arranged for the opening days of the exposition, and will make of tomorrow's review the notable event of the inaugural ceremonies.

Looks Easy to Ride, But—

That steel handcuff, barred cells, cages, padlocks and ankle-chains are in use, girls 20 years old being found in steel cages with their ankles chained.

Contents Today's Paper

THE WEATHER. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 72 degrees; minimum, 43. TODAY'S—Fair; variable winds.

INSANE CONFINED IN HORRIBLE DENS

Revelation to Illinois Legislature.

STEEL HANDCUFFS AND CHAINS

Idiotic Children Born to Patients in Asylums.

BUILDINGS FULL OF VERMIN

Horrible Conditions in County Institutions Cause Governor to Demand Reform. Under Threat of an Extra Session.

Only Some of the Horrors.

That steel handcuff, barred cells, cages, padlocks and ankle-chains are in use, girls 20 years old being found in steel cages with their ankles chained.

Contents Today's Paper

THE WEATHER. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 72 degrees; minimum, 43. TODAY'S—Fair; variable winds.

JANUARY TELLS STORY OF FLIGHT

New Jean Valjean Has Good Record.

PETITION SIGNED BY 40,000

President Asked to Set Reformed Convict Free.

HIS BETRAYER EXECRATED

Warden of Leavenworth Prison Believes Story of Honest Work—Popular Sympathy Booms January's Restaurant Business.

Escaped With a Comrade.

The statement of January opens by telling how he and another prisoner, Walter A. Axton, escaped on the night of October 9, 1898. After scaling the wall they walked toward Atchison and hid in the timber the next day, reaching Atchison the second night. There they separated, when January caught a freight train and beat his way to Wichita.

Works Honestly, Saves Money.

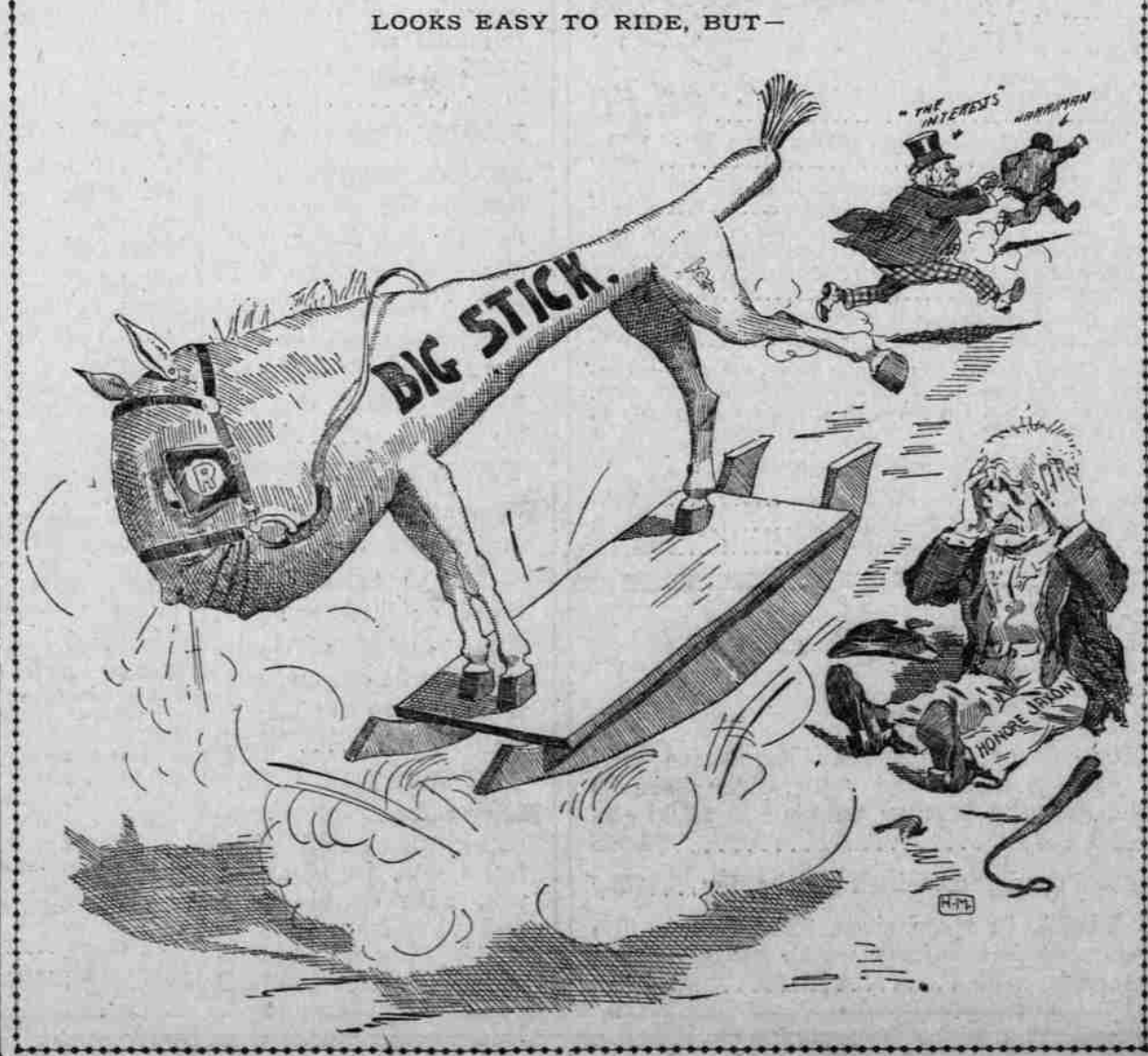
Early in 1899, January says, he started to sell tea and coffee. He traveled through Southern Kansas, part of Missouri and into Oklahoma with a man who owned a horse and light wagon. This he did for more than a year and then went to Kansas City, where he solicited for an insurance company, saving his money, and later engaged in the same business for himself for more than two years. This was followed by employment with the Metropolitan Street Railway Company for over a year.

Almost Kill Motorman

NEW YORK, April 25.—The sight of the mutilated body of a 16-year-old boy, who had been killed by a Conroy Island surface car, transformed the passengers into a maddened mob, which beat into unconsciousness the motorman. The timely arrival of police reserves saved the man's life.

Peace Conference Ends

BRITISH COLONIAL MINERS AND OPERATOR'S DISAGREE. VANCOUVER, B. C., April 25.—The peace conference at Fernie between representatives of miners and operators has broken up without coming to any conclusion. Negotiations are apparently over, and the government will have the responsibility of settlement on its own hands. There is great excitement in Fernie and groups of miners are assembling to discuss what will be the next move. Both sides refused to make any statement for publication.



LOOKS EASY TO RIDE, BUT—