

SOME MILING BLOCKS BOTH IN PROSECUTION AND IN DEFENSE

Prosecution Trying to Disprove Finch's Story of Murder in Self-Defense.

WRANGLING IS STILL ON

Finch's Lawyers Put Each Witness Through Hard Cross-Examination and Use Up All Time Possible in Quibbling.

Formidable stumbling blocks were thrown by the state yesterday in the path of James A. Finch, who hopes to save his neck from the hangman's noose by setting up that Ralph B. Fisher, his victim, was assaulting him at the time of the assassination.

Testimony Shows No Quarrel.

Then Dr. W. A. Roberts, whose dental office adjoins the victim's private room, told the jury that no sounds of a quarrel or struggle preceded the succession of shots fired by Finch. And, furthermore, Dr. Roberts said, Fisher was lying dead beside an overturned chair with his feet yet under the desk when he rushed into the room a few moments after the shooting.

Cross-Examination Fails.

Cross-examination of these witnesses failed in any way to weaken or discredit what they had said. It is known that the defense had hopes of getting Miss Burkhardt to admit being confused and excited at the time of the affair. This would leave them an opening to discredit her story.

Haggling Still Continues.

Haggling has taken its place as a pre-dominating feature of the trial. Finch's defenders, Lord, Holcomb and Campbell, are rising to interpose innumerable objections to every step in the trial. Once, during the forenoon, they spent 20 minutes protesting against the description by a witness of a conversation which, when the smoke of wrangle had cleared, was found not to have occurred at all.

Finch Will Fight Hard.

"I've got four lawyers and I'm going to fight this case for two months if I can," Finch has intimated to his fellow-prisoners in the row at the County Jail.

Night Session Is Held.

Chester V. Dolph, a lawyer, was called by the state at the opening of the night session. He said he was attracted to the hall by a woman's screams. Seeing Finch being held he stepped into the elevator.

Dr. Leonard Testifies.

Dr. H. P. Leonard's testimony was of a corroborative nature. He said that after receiving the revolver he turned it over to A. S. Thompson, a tenant of the building, who turned it over to the police.

Miss Burkhardt Testifies.

It was nearly 4 o'clock P. M. when Miss Burkhardt was called to the witness stand to tell of the tragedy. In response to preliminary questions, she gave her age as 29 years and said she had been working for Ralph Fisher two months before the murder.

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