



HAINS' DEFENSE SOON TO BE HEARD

Staggered by Evidence of Cabman.

DAMAGING REMARKS OF HAINS

McIntyre Accuses Witness of False Swearing.

ONE POINT FOR DEFENSE

State's Witness Brings Out Points Favorable to Hains—Revolver Expert Asked to Demonstrate in Court, Judge Forbids.

FLUSHING, N. Y., Dec. 24.—With the exception of one or two witnesses who will be heard on minor points, the state's case against Thornton J. Hains is practically closed. The defense will outline its case to the jury on Saturday after the prosecution rests. When the defendant returned to the Long Island jail tonight he knew all the vital evidence that the prosecution had obtained to prove its charge that he was one of the principals in the killing of W. E. Annis.

Darrin Surprises Defense.

District Attorney Darrin surprised Hains' counsel by calling Henry L. Jespersen, a former real estate agent, whom the defense had planned to call as one of their principal witnesses. Mr. Jespersen's testimony developed many points favorable to the defendant. He said he had several conferences with Hains over waterfront property at Douglasson, near Bayside, and that Hains had made an appointment with his partner, Mr. Bugz, about some property near the Bayside Yacht Club. Mr. Jespersen further stated that Hains had postponed the real estate negotiations because of the illness of his brother. The lawyers for Hains were delighted at Mr. Jespersen's testimony. Mr. Darrin's purpose in calling him is not apparent.

An incident of interest in today's session was the demand of John F. McIntyre for the arrest on a charge of perjury of Martin Skura, an 18-year-old cabman, who swore that he had made a false statement to Hains' lawyers, believing that they were newspapermen. Skura was excused after a grilling cross-examination, in which he admitted making several false declarations in the statement given to counsel for the defense. He was not arrested.

Skura was recalled, and was asked: "Did the defendant speak to you on August 17?" "Yes, he asked me if I had a public hack. He spoke to the other man, and they got in the cab. The yacht club stage left the depot while I was talking to the men. I drove on and passed the stage. The man told me to pull down and let the stage go by. I did so."

"Did you hear the defendant say something when the stage went by?" "Yes, some one said, 'We've got him now.'"

"Did the defendant have any other conversation with you while driving to the club?" "The defendant asked me if I knew Annis. I kept on behind the stage."

Told to Drive Behind Stage.

The cabman said he saw Mrs. Annis alight from the stage at the club. The witness said the defendant and the other man left the cab at the club and the two men entered the clubhouse. Skura said that about 10 minutes after the two men entered the clubhouse they came out and went down to the dock.

"Did the defendant tell you how far you were to drive behind the stage?" "The defendant said, 'Keep behind the stage about 100 feet.' Near the clubhouse grounds he told me to get as close to the stage as I could, which I did."

COSGROVE SENDS WORD

Governor-elect of Washington Remembers His State.

PASO ROBLES HOT SPRINGS, Cal., Dec. 24.—Governor-elect Cosgrove, of Washington, sent the following message to the people of Washington today:

"Christmas greetings to the people of the State of Washington. In body in California, in mind with the people I expect to serve."

CHILD IS FATALLY BURNED AT TREE

DRESS TAKES FIRE AS SHE ADMIRES PRETTY THINGS.

Heroic Efforts by Eleven-Year-Old Brother to Save Her Life Prove Unavailing.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Little 8-year-old Laura Lyons, daughter of prominent parents of this city, lies dead at the morgue, and in the home of her parents and brothers there is grief instead of Christmas cheer, as the result of a spark from the heating stove having ignited the little one's dress when she was admiring Christmas trees which her mother had been decorating, and burning her fatally.

The mother had stepped out temporarily to get additional ornaments, while the girl's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Spencer, of Centralia, were visiting at a neighbor's.

Suddenly the little girl uttered a piercing scream and her 11-year-old brother, Howard, looked around to see her wrapped in flames. He made heroic efforts to smother the fire, but was forced to drag Laura to the bathroom, where he finally extinguished the fire with water. Prompt medical attention was had, but the child passed away within a short time.

GIFTS ARRIVE; MAN DEAD

Christmas Caller Finds Intended Recipient of Charity Lifeless.

COLIFAX, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—James H. Kincaid, aged 52, a White-man County pioneer of 30 years and a veteran of the Oregon Rogue River Indian War, was found dead at his Colifax home today by Mrs. H. Haines, a neighbor, who had called at the home with Christmas presents for him.

Mr. Kincaid was living alone and was last seen Tuesday morning. Indications are that he was building a fire probably on Tuesday. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Mary Hirst, formerly of Seattle, now thought to be in Alameda, Cal., who had just sent him a winter's stock of groceries, which were being unpacked at the time of his death.

MADE BIG DIAMOND DEAL

Vagrants at Fresno Believed to Be Noted Oklahoma Crooks.

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—That George Rives and Fred Dawson, arrested here for vagrancy, are well-known crooks is the information which was received here today from the authorities at El Paso, Tex. Further proof of the character of the men comes by wire from Oklahoma City.

This communication states that Dawson is none other than Sam Shivers, with aliases, Jackson and Snyder. The meager information states that he is wanted in Oklahoma for having engineered a big illegal diamond deal. Sheriff Garrison says that Dawson is badly wanted in Oklahoma City, and that requisition papers will be at once secured for the man's removal.

ALL NICKELODEONS BARRED

New Yorkers Can No Longer See Moving Pictures.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Moved by the protests of many ministers who complained to him that the great majority of the 650 moving-picture shows of Greater New York were exhibiting pictures detrimental to the morals of the youth of the city, Mayor McClellan today revoked the license of every picture show.

PENDLETON'S TAXES HIGH

Property-Owners Will Have to Pay Approximately 25 Mills.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Property-owners within the city limits will pay a total tax of approximately 25 mills this year, according to present indications and estimates. The school district has voted a tax of 6 mills, the city a levy of 12 mills, including the library tax, and it is estimated that a levy of 10.5 mills will be necessary for county and state purposes.

UNCONSCIOUS AND ROBBED

Peculiar Crime Interests Reno Authorities—Two Arrests.

RENO, Nev., Dec. 24.—While unconscious from stroke in a fire at her home, early last night, Mrs. C. Jacobs, wife of a well-known business man of Reno, was robbed of more than \$500 worth of diamonds on her person and from a purse suspended from a bell.

NORTHWESTERN PEOPLE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—People from the Pacific Northwest registered at New York hotels today, as follows:

From Portland—G. Brown, at the Woodstock; S. Peacock, at the Hotel Astor; Miss R. B. Sutton, at the Grand.

From Seattle—F. T. Graham, at the Hoffman.

ACCUSE PACKERS OF FORMING TRUST

Broad Scope of New Grand Jury's Work.

RESULTS OF NINTH'S PROBING

Underbidding Which Gave Rebates Also Charged.

ROOSEVELT INCITES MOVE

National Packing Company Believed to Be Clearing-House for Trust. False Description of Shipments Saves \$30 Carload.

FACTS FOR HOMESEEEKERS.

For all who are interested in Oregon and thinking of making this state their home, the forthcoming New Year's issue of The Oregonian will be a fruitful source of information. A review of what has been done in the numerous industries during the past year, with facts and figures presented in concise, readable form by specialists, will be found most useful. There will be articles on dairying, stockraising, farming, manufacturing, mining, irrigation and other subjects most important to the homeseeker. Fruit-raising, for instance, will be dealt with at some length. The reader will be told just what can be done in the production of apples, pears, prunes, grapes, peaches, cherries and berries. An article on walnuts, by a scientist who has made a thorough study of conditions in this state, will be of especial interest.

The Annual will be issued one week from today, and will be sold for 5 cents a copy.

STORM OF PROTEST AT GOMPERS' CASE

Labor World Rallies to Give Him Aid.

BRYAN SINGULARLY RETICENT

Says He Thinks Gompers Did Right to Test Law.

FEDERATION WILL APPEAL

Scores of Telegrams Pour in Expressing Support, but No Move for Appeal Will Be Taken Until After the Holidays.

ACCIDENT CAUSE OF DEATH

Coroner's Jury Reports H. H. Cox Not a Suicide.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 24.—That H. H. Cox, wealthy and retired manufacturer of Portland, Me., had fallen head first from a third story window of a local hotel to his death instead of having jumped from the window, with suicidal intent, as at first reported, was the verdict of a coroner's jury today.

After accompanying Mrs. Cox to the dining-room of the hotel, Cox returned to his apartments on the third floor to complete his toilet. A few moments later he was found dying on the sidewalk.

Cox, who was a sufferer from neurasthenia, came to this city a month ago with his wife to spend the winter. His son is a prominent merchant of San Francisco.

ADD STRENGTH TO TAFT

Ellis Goes to His Aid—Harris Declares for Caucus.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 24.—The coming of Columbus W. Ellis, ex-Attorney General of Ohio, now Assistant Attorney General of the United States, who will exert his influence for Charles P. Taft, and the open declaration of Governor Harris that he favors a Senatorial caucus, added much strength to the Taft movement today.

Mr. Harris came out for the first time openly in favor of a caucus today.

VIGILANTE LAW WRONG?

Frenchman Ousted From Rawhide Will Bring Suit.

RENO, Nev., Dec. 24.—Joe Rock, the Frenchman who was driven out of Rawhide yesterday by vigilantes for alleged claim-jumping, arrived in Reno today and has employed attorneys to look after his interests at that camp. He insists he owns the claims he is supposed to have jumped, and will invoke the aid of the state police, if necessary, to restore him to possession.

GREAT WIND IN COLORADO

Smashes Windows in Denver and Severely Cuts Two Persons.

DENVER, Dec. 24.—A wind of almost cyclonic velocity swept this section of Colorado today, resulting in the severe prostration of telegraphic communication and doing considerable other damage.

USED HOSE AS BLACKJACK

Guards at Asylum Carried Heavy Tubing as "Protection."

PITTSBURG, Dec. 24.—Two pieces of heavy rubber hose, each 18 inches long, were introduced in evidence yesterday as weapons used by inmates of the Colorado State Penitentiary, formerly at the Alameda poor farm. They were offered at a hearing before the Allegheny County Civil Service Association, given John S. Touraine, formerly secretary and nightwatchman, recently discharged. It developed at the hearing that one insane patient was killed by another, that orders knocked down one patient and that the hose was carried by attendants for protection from maniacal patients.

CHIEF WITNESS IS DEAD

New Trial for Multi-Murderer Would Handicap Prosecution.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 24.—The Supreme Court today heard arguments in one of the most noted murder cases in the history of Montana. Ole Nordahl was convicted in Fergus County on the charge of killing a widow and several children and received a life sentence. An appeal was argued today. In the meantime the chief witness for the state met death in a runaway accident.

LOS ANGELES MAYOR HURT

A. C. Harper Victim of Automobile Collision.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—Mayor A. C. Harper was severely injured in an automobile accident tonight. The machine in which he was riding collided with another automobile as it rounded a corner, and the Mayor was thrown to the pavement. He walked unassisted to a nearby drugstore, however, and from there to his home, four blocks distant.

GIRL FIGHTERS IN TWELVE-ROUND GO

CULTURED MASSACHUSETTS IS SCENE OF BATTLE.

Blood Drawn and Opponents Sent to Ropes Many Times Before Decision.

HEAVY GROWTH EXPECTED

Hill Officials Look for Rapid Development in Northwest.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Officials of the Hill lines look for a great increase in new construction in the Northwest. Most of this probably will come in the way of extensions to the present lines. They are confident of large results from the road that has been built in connection with their system down the north bank of the Columbia River, which connects the two chief Hill lines and gives an easy grade into Portland. Another important piece of construction work that has been accomplished is the extension of the Burlington to a connection with the Great Northern.

It is predicted that there will be a great volume of traffic into the far Northwest during the coming year. Indications point to an increased flow of immigration and the Alaska-Yukon Exposition is expected to attract a great deal of travel in that direction.

In view of this increased travel, the Northern Pacific road has placed orders for \$1,500,000 worth of new passenger equipment, delivery of which is just about to begin.

NOT SO EASY TO DESERT

Army Commanders to Announce Fact by Wire, Not Mail.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Deserters from the Army will have more difficulty in evading capture in the future, the War Department having issued urgent orders today requiring commanding officers at all military posts and stations and of troops in the field, except in the case of the Alaska-Yukon Expedition, to notify at once the Adjutant-General of the Army by telegraph in each case of desertion. Heretofore such notices have been given by mail, at least ten days after the desertion occurred.

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GRAFTERS WELL PAID BY BANKERS

Pittsburg Councilmen Got \$176,000.

MANY MORE ARRESTS COMING

Operations of Voters' League Stop for Christmas.

AMPLE FUNDS PROVIDED

Wealthy Pittsburgers Pledge Any Sum Up to \$500,000 for Municipal Housecleaning—Crooked Contracts Declared Void.

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