

WRONG MAN HELD FOR FIRE, IS PLEA

Defense Admits Blaze in Home of Max Albert Was Set, but Exonerates Owner.

EXPOSURE IS PROMISED

Attorneys Spring Surprise by Declaring Arson Is Sustained and Providing Alibi for Client. Jury Is Drawn.

Counsel for Max Albert, who is on trial in Judge McGinn's court on a charge of setting his Alberta home afire to defraud insurance companies, sprang a surprise yesterday when it admitted the fire which led to Albert's indictment was incendiary.

In his opening statement Attorney E. B. Seabrook, who, with A. Carter and A. H. Dibble, is defending Albert, said the defense would admit the fire was set and would expose the guilty one before the trial is concluded.

Incendiary Clews Reported. Attorney Collier, in his opening statement to the jury, said it would be shown beyond a doubt that the fire was of incendiary origin. He said witnesses would testify that a couch was found soaked with oil, that a burning candle, set in a rubber overcoat containing oil, was found in the house when the first persons entered after the fire alarm, that matches, rags and paper had been placed about the rooms so that three different candles burning by the firebug would communicate their flames to different parts of the house.

Alibi Is Asserted. A perfect alibi was set up for Albert by Attorney Seabrook in his opening statement for the defense. On the night of the fire, November 18, 1912, he said, a party was held at the home of friends of the Albert family, to celebrate the betrothal of the defendant's sister, and Max Albert left his store about 8 o'clock and went to the party, his family having preceded him, leaving the Summer-street home shortly before 8 o'clock. Upon their return home about 11 that night they found the place had been burned.

Fire Captain on Stand. W. C. Morrison, captain at the Alberta fire station, testified that he arrived soon after the fire was discovered and found in the house candles that appeared to have been extinguished shortly before, matches being piled around them. There was but little furniture or other property in the place, he testified, and circumstances aroused his suspicions. He said it looked like the house had been set on fire.

Walter Goren, special agent for District Attorney Evans, drew a diagram of the Albert premises, which was submitted to the jury for their information.

from California with cargoes of fuel oil for Portland. The steamer Alvarado and Paraiso from San Francisco, via Coos Bay, with general cargo for Astoria and Portland, arrived this morning.

The steam schooner Northland and Yosemite, with general cargo for Astoria and Portland, arrived this morning from San Francisco.

The British bark Invercoe left this morning for Portland, where she is wider charter to load grain for Europe.

The American-Hawaiian steamer Montanan arrived from Portland to-night and sailed for the Sound.

The Quinault arrived tonight from Portland and St. Helens with cargo for Southeastern Alaska and sailed later.

The British ship Kirkcubrightshire, grain laden for the United Kingdom, was shifted to the lower harbor today and will go to sea tomorrow.

COOS BAY, Or., Oct. 20.—(Special).—Rough and uncertain weather along the Oregon coast is coating shippers and vessel-owners many thousands of dollars and conditions have been worse at Coos Bay than for several years.

There are craft in port now with loads which have been delayed for eight days, others from five to three, and today the Nann Smith completed loading and was unable to proceed to sea.

The gasoline schooner Rustler has been loaded with provisions for Port Orford and Rogue River for the past ten days, and there is reported a shortage of supplies in those sections.

The weather is still stormy and the loss all around is piling up in heavy figures. The gas schooner Kommer, which plies between Coos Bay and the Siuslaw River, also is harbored at Florence, and it is probable the Florence canneries will be obliged to put up with severe losses.

LINER PARTLY SAFE

Steamer Santa Catalina May Be Rebuilt, Says Expert.

LOSS ABOUT 40 PER CENT

Fire on Freighter Now Smoldering and Cargo Investigation to Be Feasible Soon After Water Is Pumped Out of Craft.

"Repairs can be made to the steamer Santa Catalina beyond any question, and I would say that at the outside she is not damaged 40 per cent, though it

early yesterday and was in port last evening. She sails for New York and Boston Sunday. The vessel is bringing 543 tons of general cargo. The liner Kentuckian is scheduled to arrive Sunday and sails Tuesday and Honolulu comes November 5, departing November 9 and is followed November 14 by the Iowan, which sails November 18, the same day the Dakotan arrives, and the latter gets away November 22.

GALE DIES BUT TIDE HIGH

Vessels at Astoria Go to Sea When Storm Blows Itself Out.

ASTORIA, Or., Oct. 20.—(Special).—The southerly gale that has been raging along the coast for several days appears to have blown itself out. The sea outside are smooth comparatively, and all waiting craft were able to proceed to sea. The barometer, which was to rise to 30 inches on Sunday, is still going up, indicating good weather, although the electrical storm during last night is said by some to mean untold weather conditions for at least 10 days.

SPECIAL ACT IS VOIDED

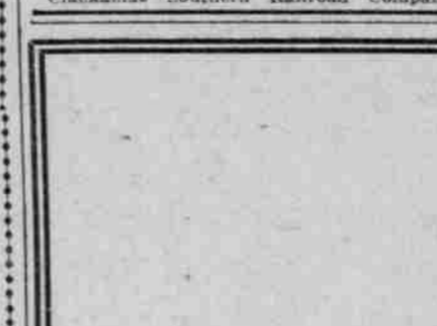
SUPREME COURT THROWS OUT SUE TO RECOVER 106,000 ACRES.

Justice Burnett Holds Charles Altechul Should Start Action Where Land Is Located.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 20.—(Special).—The Supreme Court today, Justice Burnett writing the opinion, reversed the decree favorable to the plaintiff and ordered the suit dismissed in the case of Charles Altechul against the state to quiet title to 106,000 acres of land in Linn and Crook counties.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR UNDERSTANDS PROBLEMS OF OREGON FARMER

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has not been possible to make an examination," said Captain L. Veyssey, surveyor for Lloyd's, last night, after having spent part of yesterday at Columbia City, where the fire aboard the vessel was rapidly being overcome.

Ship to Be Towed Here. Considering that about 500 tons of fuel oil has been consumed, that some of her cargo has been destroyed and a large amount of weight eliminated through the destruction of her house and where the 'tween decks were gutted, it is believed that she can be floated without resorting to dredging.

Engines May Be All Right. The damage has been principally confined to the refrigerator compartment, the shelter deck and No. 3 'tween deck, in addition to that in the engine room and stateroom.

SAILOR'S CAPTURE WORTH \$50. Celestial From British Tramp Strathdene Causes Action Against Ship. Any person apprehending Lo Neg, Celestial, late resident of Callao and more recently an able seaman aboard the British tramp Strathdene, will be enriched by the skipper of that carrier to the extent of \$50.

TEXAN IS IN CANAL TODAY. Montanan Sails for New York and Nebraska Is Bound Here. On the reopening of the Panama Canal yesterday after it had been impassable for the past few days because of a slide at Culebra Cut, the American-Hawaiian line arranged for the steamer Texan, westbound, via New York, to pass to the Pacific today.

PRIZE COURT AWAITED

STATE DEPARTMENT DELAYS ACTION IN TANKER'S CASE.

Vessel Formerly Owned by German Subsidiary of Standard Oil Now in Virtually Same Hands.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—Information was submitted to the State Department today showing that there was no actual change of ownership involved in the transfer from German to American registry of the tank steamship Brindilla, which has been captured by a British cruiser and towed into Halifax.

Atlantic Due Next Week

Pacific Also En Route to Portland After Puget Sound Stop. More engine trouble is said to have developed aboard the new steamer Atlantic, now at San Francisco on her way to Portland as the vanguard of the Boston-Pacific line.

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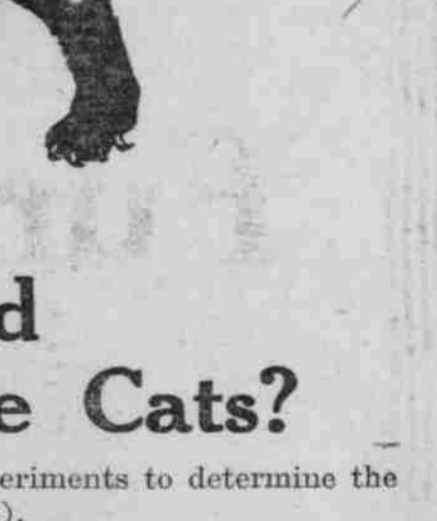
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