

BERGER MAY PLEAD TO LESSER CHARGE

Final Case Involving Girls Likely to Be Ended When Jeweler Is Called.

AGREEMENT IS PROBABLE

Judge McGinn's Action in Barring Spectators May Prompt Prosecutor to Compromise. Women to Meet.

When the trial of the case against Joseph Berger, jeweler, is resumed in Judge McGinn's courtroom tomorrow it is probable that the charge of conspiracy to the delinquency of a minor by offering her liquor will be brought against him and opportunity will be given to plead in answer to this charge.

This procedure will provide a model procedure of the lesser charge, to which Berger has pleaded not guilty.

It is expected the District Attorney will be willing to accept a plea of guilty on the lesser charge and dismiss the major indictment. Reason for this belief is the feeling on the part of prosecutors that the defense will be sustained following a trial in a closed court, the defendant will be granted a new trial by the Supreme Court. It has been the contention of Deputy District Attorney Collier all along that Judge McGinn's action in excluding the public from this series of trials constitutes reversible error.

CASE TWICE Postponed.

The Berger case was twice postponed this week—first for the reason that a witness had to be brought from California. The trial was set for this morning, but yesterday it was again put over until next Monday. It is understood, however, that the defendant will appear with his attorney to have the modified indictments against him.

Trials of Frank Arellanes and Robert Davis, baseball players, charged with conspiracy to the delinquency of a minor, resulted in verdicts of not guilty and other indictments against the two were dismissed.

ACTOR PLEADS GUILTY.

Bert Roach, a local actor, pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment by Judge McGinn and paroled.

The case against Berger is the first to be added to the slate against Arellanes and Davis, except it is said conviction is more likely. The testimony of the same 14-year-old girl who was the main witness in the other trials would be relied upon largely.

Were the case to go to trial it was expected Judge McGinn would adhere strictly to his rule to exclude the public from the hearing. The maximum penalty that can be visited upon Berger is a fine of \$1000 and imprisonment for one year.

WOMEN WILL Meet.

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tically a continual bombardment, intended to pulverize the defense preparatory to the advance of the infantry. In the center the struggle has been at a standstill, the progress of which will certainly be reckoned in history as one of the most striking episodes of the British army.

"For more than three weeks the position, which projects like a bastion into the enemy's lines, has been held under a rain of shells which has not ceased by day or night. During this time the enemy has poured waves of infantry against it, only to see them pieces, one after the other."

Cavalry Passes Through Brussels.

According to a dispatch from Hayre, the Belgian Minister of War has received information from Belgium that last week 26 trains filled with German cavalry passed through Brussels coming from Ghent and going toward Germany.

Large entrenchments, including barbed wire entanglements, have been constructed in the neighborhood of Namur, Liege, Antwerp and Lierneux according to the advice received by the Minister. A majority of the civic guards of Brussels have deserted, refusing to sign agreements not to take up arms against Germany, it is said.

ALLIES RESUME OFFENSIVE

Germans Said to Hold Only One Position on Yser.

PARIS, Nov. 12.—The official communication issued by the French War Office tonight was as follows:

"To the north we have held all our positions. The enemy has sought to debouch from Dixmude by a night attack, but has been repulsed.

"We have continued the offensive against the enemy, who had crossed the river Yser, and have driven him back at all points except at one place where he still occupies from 200 to 300 meters on the left bank."

"In the center we have gained some ground in the region of Tracy-le-Vallée, northeast of the Forest of L'Aigle."

"In the Argonne region the German attacks have been very serious, but have accomplished nothing."

The statement issued earlier in the day was as follows:

"Our left wing the fighting still continues with violence and has been conducted with alternate advances and retirements without importance. Speaking broadly, the battle front has not varied greatly since the line of November. In the evening of yesterday, it extended along the line between Lombarzyde and Nieuport; the Nieuport

canal to Ypres; the approaches of Ypres, in the region of Zonnebeke and to the east of Amentières."

"There has been no change in the positions held by the British army, which repeated the attacks of the enemy, and particularly an offensive movement of the Prussian Guard.

"From the canal of La Bassée, as far as up to the River Oise, there have been minor engagements."

"In the region of the River Aisne, in the neighborhood of Vailly, we retained our position against a counter attack, and we strengthened our position in the territory previously conquered by us."

"In the region of Craonne and on the Huertibière farm, we further succeeded in silencing the thunders of the enemy. Several of their pieces were even destroyed. We also made some progress in the vicinity of Berry-au-Bac."

"In the Argonne, in the Woëvre district in Lorraine and the Vosges the respective positions show no change."

GERMANS ASSERT ADVANCE

Attack to South of Dixmude Said to Be Progressing.

BERLIN, Nov. 12, via London.—German general headquarters issued the following:

"The enemy advanced from Nieuport as far as Lokeren, but was driven back across the Yser. The eastern bank of the Yser, as far as the sea, is now clear of the enemy."

"Our attack across the Yser Canal to the south of Dixmude is progressing."

"In the forest of Argonne, the western theater of the war, the Germans, near Kalis, have driven back the Russian cavalry, which made a fresh advance."

"Vienna headquarters report that in the battle for the heights of Misar with the Serians, from November 6 to 11, 4300 prisoners were taken."

"Instantaneous headquarters report that the Caucasian army is attacking the second line of the Russian positions. According to reports of prisoners, the morale of the Russians is very bad."

"Turkish troops which have crossed the Egyptian frontier have occupied Elarish."

AMERICAN CONSULATE HIT

Rheims Building Vacated Recently Struck by German Shell.

RHEIMS, France, Nov. 12, via Paris.—A German shell exploded yesterday in the street opposite the American consulate. The front of the building was cut up by the shrapnel bullets, but neither the American staff nor the men on the consulate were damaged.

For six weeks German shells by the thousands have been falling into this quarter of the city, but this is the first time the consulate has been struck.

William Barnes, chargé d'affaires here by direction of Ambassador Herrick three weeks ago and the consulate is empty. So far as is known there is not single American in Rheims.

Greater Storm Predicted.

Police were on watch throughout the city for leveled wires, poles and trees. At a late hour no damage, other than the telephone wires on Rue de la Main and Cours streets, was reported.

"This is but one of the storms usual at this season of the year, and it was not serious when the last report came in," said Mr. Beale. "I think it will continue particularly before morning. They sometimes get winds of 75 or 95 miles at North Head. As conditions stand it would not be advisable for heavily-loaded ships to venture out just now. We probably will not feel the storm much here except for rain and a pretty stiff wind. The storm is moving eastward."

NORWEGIANS HEAR TALKS

Description of Exhibit at San Francisco Given by Pastors.

Three hundred Norwegians assembled at a mass meeting in the Lincoln High School last night to hear addresses on the proposed Norwegian building and exhibit at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco next year.

All the other bids, with the exception of that of the Butler Contracting Company, San Francisco, and Portland contractors and the letter from the Chamber of Commerce is understood to have been intended to fit the case at point. It happens, however, that the bid submitted by the Montana firm is irregular in some respects and that it may be thrown out on that account.

The next lowest bid for the general contract, \$116,075, was submitted by the Boajan-Arnold Company, of Portland. This firm had the contract for the construction of the school, now under way. The plan is identical for the Couch and Shattuck buildings. The third lowest bid was entered by the Seattle firm and the fourth lowest by Bingham & Shelley, of Portland.

The entire set of bids was referred yesterday to the building committee or recommendation and the awards probably will be made at an early meeting of the board.

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