



THOMPSON GUILTY OF JITNEY MURDER

Jury Deliberates Only 33 Minutes.

ALIBI IS SHREDDED BY STATE

First Ballot Is Unanimous After Shirts Are Viewed.

LIFE TERM TO BE GIVEN

Conviction Is Found for Slaying of Mrs. Jennings and Sentence Is to Be Pronounced This Week.

Appeal May Be Taken.

HILLSBORO, Or., Sept. 13.—(Special.)—Just 33 minutes were required by a jury in the Circuit Court here tonight to return a verdict of guilty against Bennett Thompson, charged with the murder of Mrs. Helen Jennings.

More than 100 persons were in the courtroom when the verdict was read. So conclusive did the attendants at the trial consider the case against the jitney murderer that they expected a prompt conviction.

Crowd Waits for Verdict.

Instead of leaving when the jury retired, as is usual in murder cases, those present remained in their seats and there was little surprise when the jury filed in with its verdict, signed by Paul Beck, the foreman.

Although Thompson was tried only for the murder of Mrs. Jennings, his conviction practically fixes his guilt also of the death of Fred Ristman, the jitney driver whom Thompson hired to drive him to the Gore farm, where the double tragedy was enacted on the night of May 15 last.

"Every juror had his mind made up before the argument began," said one of the jurors tonight.

In the jury room we fitted the hammer with which Ristman was killed to the wrapping of the package that Thompson had been seen carrying the night of the murder. It fitted perfectly.

Graphite Stains Match.

"We compared the graphite and blood spots on the outer shirt and undershirt. They matched absolutely. We were convinced Thompson could operate the jitney under stress. The alibi had not been proved by disinterested witnesses.

"One ballot was taken. We were unanimous in our conviction of Thompson's guilt. We finished our cigars and reported."

Thompson stood up in a slouching position, with his hands on his hips, when the verdict was given. He had eyed each juror entering the courtroom searchingly and had found no hope.

The brief time the 12 men had been out was in itself enough to convince him he had lost. His face was grim and white. He was led from the room by Sheriff Reeves.

Sheriff Reeves announced that he would put Thompson under special guard tonight, and will continue the precaution until he is taken to Salem.

Judge Bagley will pronounce sentence of life imprisonment the last of the week.

An appeal may be taken, said Attorney Hurst.

Final argument in the case closed at 8:40 tonight, the jury receiving instructions at 7 o'clock and the fate of Bennett Thompson was delivered into its hands.

Defendant Little Interested.

Arguments began an hour before noon and the steady piecing together of circumstantial evidence by District Attorney Tongue and efforts of Attorney Hurst on behalf of the defense to shatter the state's alignment continued all day.

Every seat in the large courtroom was occupied and 100 persons lined the walls and blocked the entrances. Interest was intense.

Although it all sat Thompson, his left hand in an overall pocket, his face resting on the right, occasionally rocking back and forth in his tilted chair. He was cool and displayed little nervousness, but his face was pale and serious.

At times when the District Attorney's tongue-lashing became particularly stinging, Thompson gave no notice that he heard except an almost imperceptible narrowing of his eyes.

Defense Asks for Motive.

"Mrs. James Thompson knows down in her heart that if Ben was not home that night he committed those murders, and if he did he would do the same thing to her if he got a chance. Why should she help him avoid a life sentence?" was a point made by Attorney Hurst.

"If Thompson, knowing the country perfectly, decided to commit this murder, why did he go down on the street and attract attention to himself by dicking with jitney drivers?" Attorney Hurst asked the jury.

"What could have been Thompson's motive?" and "How could a man who had never been seen at the wheel of an automobile have committed those crimes?" were questions both propounded.

In concluding his argument, Attorney Hurst contended that because of previous convictions...

POLICE SAVE UNION LEADER FROM MEN

ANDREW FURUSETH ESCORTED TO SEATTLE WHARF.

Longshoremen Heckle President During Speech Explaining Strike Settlement in San Francisco.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 13.—A police escort was necessary to see Andrew Furuseth, president of the International Seamen's Union, safely from the Labor Temple tonight, after a meeting of the Central Labor Council broke up in disorder at the conclusion of an address by Furuseth.

He showed sympathy with the San Francisco Longshoremen's Union in settling the strike there against the wishes of the longshoremen at North Pacific Coast ports.

While he was addressing the Labor Council, sympathizers of the local longshoremen, who still are on strike, heckled President Furuseth, and at the conclusion of his address, bombarded him with questions and demands for explanations of the San Francisco labor leaders' action in sanctioning settlement of the strike there against the wishes of the longshoremen in other Coast cities.

TAXES PAID, BUT NO STREET

C. M. Hyskell Heavily Assessed, Yet Can't Reach Property.

When a property owner is paying assessments on seven different street improvements he should be able to reach his property with a delivery wagon, in the opinion of C. M. Hyskell, who has property on Corbett street, in South Portland.

Channel Dug for Bear

Efforts to Pull Steamer into Water Prove of No Avail.

EUREKA, Cal., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Finding that there is little to be accomplished by pulling on the steamer Bear, ashore near Cape Mendocino, the salvage crew now is placing its reliance on the wrecking tug Salvor.

Plague in Pulitzer Home

Child Has Infantile Paralysis and Family Is Quarantined.

BAR HARBOR, Me., Sept. 13.—Joseph Pulitzer, Jr., publisher of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and the members of his household were quarantined at their summer home here today when physicians diagnosed the illness of Mr. Pulitzer's 10-year-old nephew, Ralph Pulitzer, Jr., as infantile paralysis.

Curb on Marriage Urged

Protestant Episcopal Church May Restrain Divorces.

CHICAGO, Sept. 13.—Marriage parties divorced for any cause, either of whom has a husband or wife living, will not be permitted hereafter in the Protestant Episcopal Church, if a new canon recommended by the commission on marriage and divorce is adopted by the general convention of the church.

McAdoo Is to Join Board

Secretary to Attend Hearings on Location of Farm Banks.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Secretary McAdoo arranged today to join the Federal Farm Loan Board at Topeka, Kan., next Monday and to be present at the remaining hearings on the location of farm loan banks.

Mrs. Annie Howe Sinking

President Wilson's Sister Losing Strength, Says Physician.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 13.—Mrs. Annie E. Howe, President Wilson's sister, who is critically ill here, is losing strength, her physician announced tonight. A bulletin issued at 9 o'clock said:

"Mrs. Howe has been comfortable throughout the day. There is a perceptible loss in strength tonight."

TROOPS, IN REVIEW, DELIGHT GOVERNOR

Third Oregon Credit to State, He Says.

CLACKAMAS HAS BIG DAY

Visiting Throng Applauds Soldierly Bearing of Men.

MUSTER-OUT IS DUE SOON

Regiment Will Be Paid Off and Returned to Guard Status About September 20—Two Companies Yet to Take Oath.

PROGRAMME FOR RECEPTION OF THIRD OREGON, AND CORNERSTONE LAYING AT AUDITORIUM.

12:30 P. M.—Third Regiment arrives from Clackamas and marches to the Auditorium.

1 P. M.—Parade to the Auditorium.

2 P. M.—Ceremonies of laying the cornerstone.

4 P. M.—Third Regiment returns to Camp Withycombe.

6 P. M.—Dinner served to the soldiers by women's committee.

7 P. M.—Retreat, band concert and moonlight promenade.

All women who are to participate in the entertaining at Camp Withycombe and who are going by train are urged to take the 2 o'clock train from the Union Depot, as the troop train leaves shortly thereafter and the next regular passenger train would get them out after the troops had reached the camp.

Governor Withycombe did not think that ten weeks in active military service would make such a change in the boys.

But he was thoroughly convinced when he reviewed them at Clackamas field yesterday afternoon.

It was the same Third Oregon, sure enough, but it was a regiment transformed.

All evidence of inexperience had been replaced by unmistakable signs of military training. The "civilian slouch" had entirely disappeared.

It was a gala day at Camp Withycombe. It was the first public appearance of the regiment since the return from the Mexican border and probably was its last formal review before passing out of the Federal service.

Even Mascots Turn Out.

Every living creature in camp turned up (Concluded on Page 8, Column 2.)

CENTRALIA CAPTAIN SUES FOR FREEDOM

COLONEL INGLIS ORDERED TO ANSWER HABEAS CORPUS.

Officer Under Arrest Charges Detention Without Hearing in 10 Days Required by Army Code.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 13.—An allegation that he is being held a prisoner at Camp Brown, in contravention of the articles of war of the United States, is made by Captain David Livingstone, Company M, of Centralia, Wash., who today obtained a writ of habeas corpus in the Federal District Court directed against Colonel William Inglis, Second Washington Infantry. The writ, which seeks to compel Colonel Inglis to release Captain Livingstone from arrest, is returnable September 19 in the Federal Court at Seattle.

The Second Washington, now at American Lake, only recently returned from the Mexican border, having been stationed at Calexico for seven weeks, and still is in Federal service.

It is alleged by Captain Livingstone in his petition that, as the result of the escape of a prisoner while Livingstone was officer of the day, abusive and unprintable epithets were used by Colonel Inglis toward him. When Captain Livingstone demanded an apology, he says, Colonel Inglis demanded that he make a specific statement in writing.

On the advice of Colonel McDonald, of the Inspector-General's office, U. S. A., Captain Livingstone says he placed the matter before the commander of the Western Department, and so informed Colonel Inglis.

FIRST FLOUR MILL FOUND

Oldest Plant of Kind on Coast Is Uncearthed at Astoria.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 13.—(Special.)—What is believed to be the remnant of the first "flouring mill" on the Pacific Coast was unearthed a few days ago by workmen who were making an excavation at the corner of Seventh and Bond streets. The relic consists of two hand millstones, each weighing several hundred pounds. They were carved from granite and both are in a splendid state of preservation.

There is no record of where the stones came from, but the general opinion is they were brought by the American ship Beaver, which arrived in this harbor on May 5, 1812, with reinforcements for the Astor colony.

BEATEN GENERAL DROWNED

Roumanian Tries to Escape in Boat Which Bulgarian Sink.

BERLIN, Sept. 13.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—According to reports from Sofia, says an Overseas News Agency announcement today, General Bessarabesku, commander of the recently captured Roumanian fortress of Turtulak, attempted to escape in a boat after the fall of the last fortification.

The boat was sunk by Bulgarian artillery and the General was drowned.

FRENCH WIN BATTLE IN OPEN IN WEST

German Lines Pierced; Fighting Is in Field.

SWEEEPING ADVANCE IS MADE

Teutons Soon Ejected From Hastily-Built Trenches.

MANEUVERS BRING VICTORY

Kaiser's Lines of Communications to Base Cut Off—Combes Now Gravely Menaced—Heavy Artillery Aids Gauls.

BY FRED B. PITNEY.

PARIS, Sept. 13.—(Special.)—For the first time in two years a battle was waged yesterday on the western front in the open field, where strategy, tactics and maneuvers of troops rather than assaults on trenches won an advance. This, more than anything else, serves to show the extent of the French gains in the Somme offensive and the tremendous advances they have made.

Between Combes and the Somme there is a gap more than four and a half miles wide, cut clear through German lines of fortifications that were two years in the building, and yesterday the French, debouching through the gap, defeated the Germans in a series of maneuvers in the open country and drove them back a distance varying from nearly three kilometers on the north to a little more than 500 meters on the south, making possible the capture of Bouchavignes.

Soldiers Battle for Homes.

Yesterday's battle was divided into three parts and was fought by troops battling veritably for their homes, for the French soldiers engaged were those coming from the invaded districts. Two nights of unremitting cannonading utterly demolished the German trenches and the difference between the trenches here and those farther west was shown by the results of the bombardment.

The western lines were the finished effort of two years labor of the best military engineers in the world. The trenches carried yesterday were those of an army operating in the field which had been allowed a few days' respite to dig itself in.

Ground Won Quickly.

The difference was such that 30 minutes after the charge sounded the French carried the whole line of the German entrenchments from Combes to the river. This was the first part of the battle, and it was followed by the fight in the open.

As soon as the trenches were carried the French guns were lifted, and the 75s raised a barrier east of the Peronne-Bethune road, preventing the Kaiser's reinforcements from moving forward.

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GERMAN CONFERENCE DEEMED OF VITAL IMPORT.

Military Session Said to Be Planning Drastic Strategic Changes, With Possible Sacrifices.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Sept. 14.—German newspapers attach profound importance to the conference now taking place at German eastern headquarters. Those in attendance include the German Emperor, the Imperial Chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the chief of staff, Field Marshal von Hindenburg, and the first Quartermaster-General, Von Ludendorff, representing Germany; Archduke Charles, representing Austria-Hungary; King Ferdinand and the Crown Prince, representing Bulgaria, and Enver Pasha, Turkish Minister of War.

The Frankfurter Zeitung intimates the fate of the Near East is being decided and closes with an enthusiastic tribute to Enver Pasha, who, it is asserted, is endowed with Napoleonic genius.

Dutch papers suggest that the conference is considering new and drastic strategic changes, in the nature of sacrifices, on one or both fighting fronts.

VESSEL HITS SOUTH JETTY

Steamer O. M. Clark Enters River in Damaged Condition.

ASTORIA, Sept. 13.—(Special.)—The steamer O. M. Clark collided with the south jetty and was damaged, while preparing to enter the Columbia River tonight. The vessel was en route from San Francisco to St. Helens to load lumber.

A message from the steamer said she was leaking, but had safely entered the river and was proceeding under her own steam. The message added that the vessel would go to Portland to undergo survey of the damage.

BALLOON IN AIR 20 HOURS

"Greater Philadelphia" Covers Distance of 250 Miles.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 13.—The left balloon Greater Philadelphia, which left this city last night with three passengers in a long-distance flight to break the state record of 335 miles in 12 1/2 hours, descended at Woonsocket, R. I. today, according to a dispatch received here from Charles Y. Scully, one of the passengers.

The balloon was in the air 20 hours and 15 minutes and covered about 250 miles.

THREE HOP KILNS BURN

E. Clements Horst Suffers \$2000 Loss From Fires.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 13.—(Special.)—Three hop kilns in the yard of E. Clements Horst, six miles north of Salem, in Marion County, were destroyed by fire today. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The loss to the buildings is placed at \$1500 and the hops at \$500, covered by insurance.

POINTEXTER WINS; LEAD MAY BE 12,000

Count of Second Choice Ballots Not Needed.

McBRIDE SAFE FOR GOVERNOR

Johnson and La Follette Are Renominated for Congress.

DEMOCRATS GO TO TURNER

Dan Landon, Progressive, Beaten for Congress by ex-Mayor Miller, of Seattle—Attorney-General Tanner Gets Place Again.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 13.—United States Senator Miles Pointexter, who was elected as a Republican six years ago and who joined the Progressive party four years ago, was renominated as the Republican candidate for Senator in yesterday's primary election, defeating Will E. Humphrey, now Representative in Congress from the First District, by a plurality of more than 12,000, according to returns from two-thirds of the state.

Sixteen hundred and sixty-three precincts out of 2443 in the state give Pointexter 63,815 first-choice votes and Humphrey 50,395. Each candidate polled more than 40 per cent of the total vote so that the absolute provision of the primary law does not operate in the Senatorial contest.

Humphrey's campaign managers had counted on a much larger plurality in King County than he was able to obtain, and his small pluralities in other lumber counties and the adverse majority of Pierce County were a surprise to them.

Ex-Governor McBride Wins.

Henry McBride, of Seattle, who was Governor of the state from 1901 to 1905, was nominated as the Republican candidate for Governor with first and second-choice votes. He received a very large plurality in King County. McBride was a leader of the Progressive party four years ago.

Lieutenant-Governor Louis F. Hart, Republican, appears to have been renominated, and Mrs. Josephine C. Preston, State Auditor, also seems to have been successful. Incomplete returns point to the nomination of W. W. Sherman for State Treasurer on the Republican ticket. Other Republican nominations are: Secretary of State, L. M. Howell; Auditor, C. W. Clausen; Insurance Commissioner, H. C. Fishback; Land Commissioner, Clark V. Sevidge; Attorney-General, W. V. Tanner.

Senator Turner Nominated.

The Democratic vote was small, owing to lack of contests. George Turner, ex-United States Senator, appears to have been nominated for Senator over Robert Bridges. Thomas Democratic nominees, there being opposition to none except Governor Lister, and that only nominal, are: Governor, Ernest Lister; Secretary of State, J. M. Tadiok; Treasurer, George J. Galvin; Insurance Commissioner, J. H. Hamer; School Superintendent, J. H. Morgan; Lieutenant-Governor, Thomas Lally.

Nominee May Be Appointed Soon.

Supreme Judges Emmet N. Parker, Mark A. Fullerton and George E. Morris, nonpartisan, were renominated. Their names will go on the November ballot ahead of those of Edgar G. Mills and Charles E. Claypool, who polled smaller votes than the judges. For the short term on the supreme bench J. Stanley Webster received a majority over Elihu F. Barker, and Webster's name will go on the November ballot unopposed.

In the First District John F. Miller, ex-Mayor of Seattle, received the Republican nomination for Congress, defeating State Senator Dan Landon, Landon, progressive Republican, and eight other candidates. George F. Cotterill, ex-Mayor of Seattle, got the Democratic nomination unopposed.

Johnson and La Follette Safe.

In the Second District Representative Lindley H. Hadley obtained the Republican nomination with opposition, and Mrs. Frances C. Axtell, formerly a Progressive member of the Legislature, was named on the Democratic ticket.

In the Third District Representative Albert Johnson was renominated, defeating Mayor Angelo V. Fawcett, of Tacoma. The Democratic nomination went to G. W. Fishburne, unopposed.

In the Fourth District W. L. La Follette, Republican, was renominated, and C. W. Masterson received the Democratic nomination.

In the Fifth (Spokane) District Tom Corkey is leading in the race for the Republican nomination, and Representative C. C. Dill, Democrat, was renominated.

SKAMANIA COUNT IS SLOW

Six Precincts Show Sutton, Humphrey and Johnson in Lead.

STEVENSON, Wash., Sept. 13.—(Special.)—So many election boards have failed to make unofficial returns on state and district offices that it is possible to give results on but six precincts.

These give for Representative, Johnson 319, Fawcett 73. For Senator,

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