

'RED' RUPERT AND WIFE RECONCILED

Man Charged With Liberty-Bond Theft and Wife May Be Remarried.

MRS. RUPERT HEARS TRIAL

Fair, Divorced Last September, Are Seen Strolling About Corridors, Arm in Arm Daily and Embrace at Parting.

A reconciliation has been effected between Clyde J. (Red) Rupert and his divorced wife, Pearl Rupert, according to a statement made by the defense.

Mrs. Rupert has been present throughout the trial and greets her husband as he leaves the courtroom after each adjournment. They stroll about the corridors arm in arm, and embrace each other at the door of the jail elevator as Rupert is taken back to his cell at each recess.

Without the least show of emotion and apparently the most unconcerned person in the courtroom, Rupert yesterday afternoon dragged into his defense the name of the late Bob Phillips, who, until his tragic death November 22, last, was chief field deputy under Sheriff Hurlburt.

Rupert told a resume of his life from the date of his birth, 35 years ago, until the day of his arrest, December 15, last, for the alleged theft of \$15,000 in Liberty bonds from the Northwestern National Bank, where he was employed as a special officer. He had just started to give the version of his bond transactions when he suddenly brought in the name of the dead Deputy Sheriff.

"A party came to me one day and asked me if the bank would cash liberty bonds," said the witness at the outset of his direct examination. "This party said he represented a German who did not want his name to be brought out. This German, I was told, had purchased the bonds and then wanted to get his money back, but did not want any person to know of it, fearing that he might be accused of being unpatriotic."

Phillips Makes Proposition. "Who was this person who asked you if the bank would cash the bonds?" asked his attorney, Plowden Stott.

"Bob Phillips," replied Rupert without a tremor. "Bob Phillips was the man who came to see me."

"Phillips told me he was to get 6 per cent if he sold the bonds and told me if I would sell them for him he would divide with me and give me a 2 per cent commission."

The witness admitted that he had told Alfred R. Rix, to whom he had transferred \$14,000 of Liberty bonds for motorship stock, that he had received a legacy from an estate which consisted of Liberty bonds. In explanation, he said he did this because he was cautioned by Bob Phillips not to mention any of the persons connected with the bond negotiations.

German Is Not Named. "Who is this unknown German?" he was next asked. "I don't know. Bob Phillips never told me."

"Phillips came to see me at the bank four or five times," continued Rupert. "I told him the bank would not cash the bonds, but later I remembered that Rix had been urging me to buy motorship stock, so I told Phillips that he could probably exchange the bonds for some good stock without having any names made public. Phillips said he would see the German and find out if this was satisfactory."

"He came to me several days later and said it was all right to get the stock. He gave me a long envelope with the five \$3000 bonds right there in the lobby of the bank."

"Did anybody see this transfer?" he was asked by Deputy District Attorney Hindman on cross-examination.

"Yes; some man was standing near us and saw Phillips give me the envelope," replied Rupert.

"Who is this man?"

Wayne Lewis Mentioned. "He is here in the courtroom. I think his name is Wayne Lewis, of Jones Cash Market," responded Rupert.

"How long had you known Bob Phillips?" was another question on cross-examination.

"For eight or ten years."

"When he lay dying at the hospital late in November after he had been shot, did you go to see him?" he was asked.

"No, I did not," he admitted.

"You made no effort, while he was alive to find out who was the owner of these bonds?"

"No, I did not. I thought if the owner wanted them he would come to me for them."

No Receipt Given for Bonds. "Did you give Bob Phillips a receipt for these \$5000 in Liberty bonds?" "No, I did not."

"Do you mean to tell this jury that he gave you these bonds without any receipt of any kind?"

the courtroom. He admitted that he had kept the bonds in his pocket for nearly two weeks after Phillips had been killed before he had completed his negotiations for their transfer.

Rupert Retains Commission. He also testified that he had retained \$150 from the bond sales as his own commission and had deposited \$139 with his attorney, Mr. Stott, for Phillips' share. He said this money was to be given to the unknown German if he should ever call for it.

"Didn't you think that Bob Phillips' heart-broken mother was entitled to this money?" he was asked.

"I never thought about that," he answered.

"If this German had shown up and demanded those bonds, would you have given them to him?"

"Yes, I would."

"Did you have any idea that these bonds had been stolen from the bank?"

"No."

Bank Officials Not Informed. "Then if you really thought they belonged to this German why didn't you tell the bank officials about it the day they had you in the bank office just before you were arrested?"

"Because I had no confidence in Mr. Mullt."

"Are these all the Liberty bonds that you ever had in your possession?"

"Yes, they are."

"Are you sure of that?"

"I am."

"Isn't it a fact, Mr. Rupert, that you gave A. C. Stubling \$3000 in bonds to hold for you?"

"No, I never did."

Years ago a man introduced to the world a thin copper strip for protecting shoe tips, and received \$4,000,000 in royalties.

ARMY NEEDS STEEDS

Officers to Comb State for Horses and Mules.

OFFICIAL RED TAPE CUT

Funds Deposited in Oregon Banks and Raisers Will Be Paid Direct. Mules Bring \$215 and Cavalry Horses \$140 Each.

Captain F. S. von Stade and Lieutenant C. C. Weeks, of the United States Army Remount Station at Fort Keogh, Mont., left Portland yesterday for a tour of the central part of the state in search for horses and mules for the Army. They will buy direct from the farmers and stockmen and there will be no red tape to go through with in making payment. Funds have been deposited in Oregon banks and payment will be made direct to owners.

A flat rate of \$140 for cavalry horses and \$215 apiece for mules, will be paid. The horses should weigh 1000 pounds and be, or saddle-broken and hardened. Horses fresh from the range

are not wanted. Likewise mules should be broken and should be 1200 pounds in weight, and hardened.

Cap. von Stade and Lieutenant Weeks will be in Prineville today, Redmond tomorrow, Bend February 23 to 25 inclusive and in Lewiston, Idaho, February 26 and 27. They will be back in Portland on various occasions and they may be reached at the Portland Hotel. They will make it a point to visit localities where they can find available horses and mules. Their headquarters in Portland are at the Portland Hotel.

"We are going to deal direct with the farmer and horse-raiser," said Lieutenant Weeks yesterday. "The Government has eliminated all of the so-called red-tape details in order that we may treat with the farmers direct. Our funds are on deposit in Oregon banks and we will pay direct for the horses, the farmers getting their money instantly. This system has been adopted because of the dissatisfaction expressed when the Army was getting the horses from contracting buyers. Naturally the contractor's commission had to be figured in and that meant that less could be paid the horse owner. Now, however, the regular price will be paid the farmers direct. People who are interested in selling horses should be in mind that it is necessary to have hardened horses. It takes longer to prepare a 'green' horse for service than it does a 'hardened' soldier. We prefer horses that have been worked."

The Government wants to impress upon the farmers and horse owners that now is a time they can make a sacrifice, by giving up their hardened horses and set to the task of training their green colts and range animals. The farmers can do a special service by letting us buy such available horses

and mules. The need for these horses is pressing. We have come to the Northwest in the hope of finding the kind of animals needed. The buyers from the allied governments have been through this section before and the farmers.

ALLEGED PRO-HUN FREED

Case Against Joseph LeRoy Falls for Lack of Evidence.

Joseph LeRoy, who figured in a sensational affair at the Strand Theater Monday night, when some one called out that "Germany should win," was discharged in Municipal Court yesterday afternoon because, as Judge Rossman stated from the bench, he was not positively identified as the man who had uttered the statement. Deputy City Attorney Dolch, who prosecuted the case, said he also had a reasonable doubt, and did not wish to see the man imprisoned without more proof.

LeRoy had a membership card in the I. W. W. when arrested, but he said in court yesterday that he would throw it away; that he joined it only because he had to in order to get work in the woods and had no interest in the cause otherwise.

During the night, just at the close of a patriotic speech by A. G. Clark, some one in the balcony shouted, "What about invisible government—Germany ought to win." There was instant uproar all over the theater, and so much confusion followed that no one took sufficient pains to identify the man who made the remarks.

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McBride Purchases Bond. George M. McBride testified that he had met Rupert in the office of A. S. Rix, and that he had purchased one \$1000 bond from Rupert, through Rix, for some stock in a shipbuilding plant. As had been expected, Rupert's testimony concerning his relations with the late Bob Phillips caused a stir in