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BY BEN HUR LAMPMAN.
MONTESANO, Wash., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Efforts to impeach jurors already tentatively settled in the panel which will try the 11 L. W. W. charged with the murder of Warren O. Grimm, victim of the Centralia armistice day tragedy, were unsuccessful in superior court here today when Judge John M. Wilson denied all challenges. Defense and prosecution fared alike and the entire day was consumed by arguments relative to the challenges and to re-examination of jurors previously passed.

At the adjournment of court this afternoon but two additional veniremen, bringing the total to eight. They are C. C. Strayer, grain dealer, Aberdeen, and P. R. Ames, farmer, Oakville. The former is charged for cause by the defense with the challenge denied. Ames was passed by both state and defense, with brief delay, at the close of the afternoon session.

Eight Pass Tentative Tests.

As now comprised the incomplete membership of the tentative jury is Thomas C. Connor, Monticello, 23. A. Youngs, Montesano, W. E. Ferguson, Hoquiam; Mrs. Emily C. Pattison, Aberdeen; Orton Glenn, Satsop; O. C. Schneider, Aberdeen; C. Strayer, Aberdeen, and P. R. Ames, Oakville. Frontier court etiquette was announced and enforced in the morning when bailiffs questioned every person admitted to the courtroom regarding the possession of firearms and declared the court's injunction against bearing them. Officers of the law alone were excepted.

So far as could be learned the ruling found application in but one instance, that of George F. Vanderveer, counsel for the defense, who carried a .38-caliber automatic pistol which the L. W. W. attorney hitherto has worn was checked by the court. The clerk of the court before his owner entered the courtroom.

Influenza Increases Tension.

Added to the tension of the trial itself is the anxiety occasioned by an outbreak of influenza, said by Miss Susan K. Desk, county nurse, to approach the proportions of a local epidemic. Nine legionnaires attending on the trial are reported to be ill with the malady in the temporary barracks in this city, though their conditions are not serious.

In the strife to impeach jurors, the state, through the examinations by W. H. Abel and C. D. Cunningham, special prosecutors, directed first against W. F. Ferguson, who is charged with the murder of Warren O. Grimm, and then against the record of testimony in the previous examination of Thomas C. Connor of Montesano. Challenges were issued in both instances, but denied by the court.

That state and defense have employed agents to shadow certain jurors and make report upon them during the interim before the trial was evidenced by the nature of the questioning to which both counsel subjected the jurors in the attempt to impeach.

Juror Alleged to Be "Red."
Searchingly interrogated by Prosecutor Abel regarding conversations he is alleged to have had since selection, the juror Ferguson denied all knowledge of the statements attributed to him, though he admitted having met the men named by the state as those with whom he talked.

Though Ferguson insisted that he was not in sympathy with such views, the state drew admission from him that he had attended meetings of the "Red Socialists" at the Pinelands in Hoquiam, and that he had presided as chairman when speakers discussed revolution and anarchy. He admitted the statement that a red flag is displayed at such gatherings.

When the state sought leave to produce witnesses to testify to remarks alleged to have been made by Ferguson, since his selection, and to prove his attitude toward the trial, the panel, Vanderveer entered an objection which was sustained on point of law.

The defense in its impeachment efforts turned its batteries most strongly upon Thomas C. Connor, of Montesano, seeking to show by examination that the juror was of prejudiced mind and had already confessed to an opinion which it would require evidence to remove.

Though Vanderveer exhorted vehemently, declaring that the state would carry far beyond the four walls of the court room, his renewed challenge of this juror was denied after Prosecutor Abel had cited court rulings and decisions, including those of the United States supreme court on similar instances.

The defense also sought, in the instance of Connor, to prove bias, inasmuch as W. H. Abel, of the state, is counsel for Connor in an important civil suit.

O. C. Schneider of Aberdeen, tentative juror, was re-examined and

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challenged by the state on the grounds of illness, having said that he is frequently troubled with severe headaches. He has one son in the state home for mental defectives and another in the state asylum for the insane. The court denied the challenge.

The challenge of the defense against Orton Glenn, tentative juror, on alleged fixed opinion, was denied.

Two Excused for Opinions.
E. J. Cota, Woodlawn, and C. Manokowski, Aberdeen, were excused from service because of fixed opinion. Eric W. Johnson, laborer, Hoquiam, will be examined tomorrow morning.

Four veniremen were examined during the forenoon, all being excused with the exception of C. C. Strayer, Aberdeen. Those excused were Samuel F. Berdine, saw filer, of Hoquiam; Frank Watkins, merchant, Elma, and Adolph C. Pietach, Aberdeen. Grounds of fixed opinion served for the rejection of all three.

In the examination of Strayer, passed with but the slightest delay, the defense sought to establish bias by virtue of impressions already received by the juror in reading the newspaper accounts of the armistice day tragedy.

Juror Parties Thrusts.
The prospective juror successfully parried the thrusts of counsel, and maintained that he will enter the case with an open mind, abiding by the evidence and the instruction of the court. He said that he believes in the right of labor to organize, in lawful picketing, and in the right of free speech.

You were to tell a friend the story in the Centralia affair," insisted the defense, "you would tell him the case as you read it in the newspapers, wouldn't you?"

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High Debates To Begin

UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES LIST OF SCHOOLS.

Seventy-Five Teams Entered in
State Forensic League for Long
Series of Contests.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Contests in the Oregon High School Debating league for the championship of the state will begin in the 12 districts of the state Friday evening, January 30, at 8 o'clock, in the schedule in the hands of the secretary, S. W. Prescott, professor of public speaking in the University of Oregon.

The first round of the league, this year consists of 75 high schools, the largest number which has yet belonged to the league and almost double the number which participated last year, when activities were so largely curtailed on account of the influenza epidemic.

The league is expected to end late in February. A wide range of political and economic subjects is being discussed in the league, with each of the 12 districts taking a different subject. Winners in the 12 districts will meet in the semi-finals at the university campus next May 12, 13 and 14, as a feature of the junior week-end here.

The subject to be discussed at that time will be some phase of the league of nations issue. The trophy for the winner is the cup put up by the Laurean literary society and E. E. DeCou, professor of mathematics in the university, who was the first president of the league.

Eugene high school was the winner last year in a close contest with Bend, the runner-up. C. W. Boettcher, city superintendent of schools at Albany, is the new president of the league, succeeding George W. King, city superintendent of schools at McMinnville.

Following is the membership of the league as constituted to date: North Willamette district—Albany, Canby, Hubbard, Molalla, Oregon City, Silverton, Salem, Brownsville, Colton, Aurora, Sweet Home and Sheed.

South Willamette district—Eugene, Junction City, Roseburg, Elmira, Myrtle Creek and University high school.

Southern Oregon district—Central Point, Grants Pass and Butte Falls.

Coos Bay district—Bandon, Coquille, Myrtle Point and Gardiner.

Lower Columbia district—Astoria, Clatskanie, Seaside, Gresham, Svenson, St. Helens, Knappa and Vernonia.

Upper Columbia district—Moro, The Dalles, Prineville, Bend, Hood River, Redmond and Odell.

Umatilla district—Condon, Echo, Foster, Hermiston, Milton, Newberg, Pendleton, Stanfield, Weston, Arlington, Heppner, Umapine, Pilot Rock and Perdado.

Eastern Oregon district—Elgin, Enterprise, Joseph, Union, Wallawa, Cove and Imbler.

Southeastern Oregon district—Burns, Ontario and Vale.

South central Oregon district—Klamath Falls, Medford and Merriam.

West side district—Beaverton, Corvallis, Forest Grove, Hillsboro, McMinnville, Tillamook, Monroe, Banks and Willamina.

LOUIS W. HILL TO QUIT

CHAIRMAN TO RETIRE FROM
GREAT NORTHERN BOARD.

Ralph Budd Is Slated to Direct
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ST. PAUL, Jan. 29.—Louis W. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern railroad, and son of the late James J. Hill, announced this afternoon that he will retire from active management of the road shortly after it is restored to private ownership.

Several months ago it became known that the eastern interests had obtained control of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific roads. It was rumored at that time that Mr. Hill intended to retire from active connection with the properties which were his family's principal source of income.

Mr. Hill said his present office staff would be reduced to a very small organization. It is expected that a further announcement soon will be made public regarding reorganization of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific roads. It is expected that Hill will devote his attention to the Hill banking and real estate interests.

H. W. Parkhouse, Hill's confidential secretary, who was assistant chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern railroad, will retire.

TREASURY OPPOSES TRADE, CREDITS PLAN

Secretary Glass Hits Proposed Conference.

CONFUSION IS FORECAST

Private Channels, Rather Than
Government, Must Furnish Restoration Fund, Says Letter.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The United States treasury does not look with favor upon certain features of the proposed international conference, recently called by a coterie of national-known financiers and commercial leaders in an effort to lead the world from the commercial chaos into which it was dragged by the war.

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Issues Held Impracticable.
Mr. Glass characterized as "impracticable" international bond issues, guarantees and international measures for stabilization of exchange, which were to be taken up at the conference. Such plans never would prove workable, he asserted, because they would exist inequalities in taxation and differences in the fiscal policies of the various nations, and because the inequalities and differences no longer exist, reasons for the international measures also will have vanished, he asserted.

"It would be folly and unthinkable," he said, "to call upon the American people to contribute to the present inequalities in exchange. These inequalities, means for alleviation of which formed one of the principal bases for the conference, were born of a policy of taxation less drastic in the European nations than in this country."

Warning Is Given.
Relative to the solution of the exchange puzzle, Mr. Glass warned that this country could not continue to extend credit to the European nations to cover the present swollen trade balances while paying cash (gold and silver) to the American and far eastern traders. What the European nations need now, he explained, is working capital rather than so much bank credit. Then, as a solution to the intricate situation—and with which it is mentioned incidentally the proposed conference would be able to do nothing more than discuss—Mr. Glass offers the following:

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