

BARNETT OFFERS MASSACRE ALIBI

I. W. W. Tenets Jauntily Up-Held on Stand.

RIDE FOR GUN RELATED

Two Witnesses Called by Defense. However, in Attempt to Disprove Any Part in Shooting.

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scared to death" queried Vanderveer at another juncture.

"Oh, I object to counsel bullying his own witness," exclaimed the state.

"You've had your turn," was the retort.

"Did you not tell C. D. Cunningham and J. H. Johnson of the prosecution that there was nobody in the hall at the time of the shooting?" insisted Abel.

"Reply to Timidly Made.

"Yes, but they didn't swear me, was the answering assertion.

"That's all."

"Tell them why you said that," urged the I. W. W. lawyer.

"I didn't want to be drawn into it—my wife was in jail," answered McAllister.

Barnett had testified that Mrs. McAllister stood at the front door of the Roderick, a revolver in her hand as the hall was attacked.

When Mrs. McAllister took the stand, a large woman with a pronounced nose for giving involved and indirect answers, she said she had known Eugene Barnett for some years, that he used to board with her in Chelonia and that she called him "Little Gene."

Corroborating her husband's testimony Mrs. McAllister testified that her husband, Eugene Barnett and a stranger, were all in the lobby watching the parade when the firing began.

Several soldiers came in on search, after the tragedy and while Barnett was not there. She said, under cross-examination, that she knew none of those men as they all looked alike to her in uniform.

Order to Rush Hall Charged.

"I made on horseback blew a whistle and they all stopped," said the witness, giving her version of the attack.

"Some started to rush the I. W. W. hall. As near as I could tell only two of them got to the hall. I heard some glass shatter and then the shots rang out. Afterwards they wrecked the place and burned the furniture. They must have run wild in there."

Mrs. McAllister named William Skales, Centralia grocer, as one who came into the lobby while Barnett was seated there.

"Did you have a revolver?" asked Abel.

"No, sir," was the answer. "I had a pocketbook. They thought it was a revolver."

Barnett had testified that he "threw his coat" when the attack came, thinking to "mix" in the fight.

McAllister said that he did not take off his coat. Barnett testified that he left his inner coat at the Roderick and later returned for it, first handing his I. W. W. card to McAllister. Mrs. McAllister denied that.

Victim Known by Woman.

On cross-examination the witness said that she had known Ben Casagrande, one of the slain, since he was a baby of 2 years. The state pressed her closely regarding statements she is alleged to have made to Mrs. Casagrande following the tragedy.

"Don't you remember that she said Ben was shot, and you said it served him right? he had business to be marching with soldiers?" asked Abel.

"No, sir."

Few of the firing, the witness testified, sounded overhead. Instantly the state asked her if it was not the fact that the gunmen were stationed in the upper rooms of the Roderick or on the porch.

Statement is Retracted.

"I didn't mean overhead," said the witness. "It sounded that way. There was no one up there. How could there be? All the doors and windows were locked."

Other features in the testimony of Barnett included his declaration that Herman Allen, prosecuting attorney for Lewis county, stood on the southeast corner of Second street and Towner avenue while the I. W. W. hall was being sacked and watched the property piled and burned in the street. The witness testified that books and papers from the hall were then delivered to Barnett by an unknown man.

On cross-examination Barnett denied that he had said to J. O. West, a neighbor, on the evening of Armistice day, that the "soldiers had stopped in front of the hall and the boys had shot some of them."

L. W. W. Song Verse Introduced.

Prosecutor Abel also questioned the defendant with respect to the words of a radical song, contained in an I. W. W. song book. The song is entitled "Christians at War."

"Have you noticed in that song the

SOME PROMINENT FIGURES AT I. W. W. TRIAL.



Top (left)—C. E. Armentrout, who caught Casagrande as he fell, and Bernard Kubanks, who was shot through leg. Below (left)—Miss Leila Trippe, who testified the saw gunman emerge from alley, and Mrs. Elmer Smith, wife of a defendant, with her baby.

suggestion about filing your bullet noses flat" asked Abel. (Grimm is alleged to have been slain by a bullet with the nose whittled down.)

"Many times," coolly answered Barnett.

"Ever sing it?"

"No, sir."

"You do not believe in filing bullet noses flat?"

"No, sir."

Song Declared Satire.

Vanderveer here interposed and asserted that the song was a satire upon modern warfare and that the line was intended to convey the brutality of such strife. He read the verse:

"File your bullet noses flat, God depress your enemies Must all go plumed to hell."

Barnett also identified and testified regarding a circular distributed in Centralia two weeks prior to Armistice day, which was said to be appeal for protection against raid the I. W. W. anticipated. Judge Wilson permitted the examination of the witness on this point, but ruled that the circular itself was not admissible as evidence.

Rifle Ownership Denied.

Under direct examination Barnett bared his ribs upon the claim that he knew nothing about the proposed defense, that he was in the lobby of the Roderick hotel throughout the parade, that he never had possession of the 28-55 caliber rifle with which Grimm was slain and that he had no weapon with him on Armistice day.

As a boy of eight years, said Barnett, he had begun work as a coal miner, employed at sapping. This was in Caldwell, N. C. He worked in the mines near Centralia and was out on strike at the time of the tragedy. He is a member of the I. W. W. and of the United Mine Workers of America.

How long were you in the hall? asked Vanderveer, referring to Barnett's presence there shortly before the parade.

Barnett relates movements.

"Not long, five or 10 minutes. I went to the Roderick hotel. I used to board McAllister who runs the place. I talked with him and read him I was there till after the shooting."

Another man was in the lobby testified the witness. After the firing, two American legionaries came in. One held a leveled revolver. Barnett had warned them not to shoot, saying that Mrs. McAllister was in a rear room.

Of the parade itself the defendant testified that he watched it from the Roderick, passed north and retraced its course. A contingent of business men marched before the veterans. From the window of the Roderick he observed them as they were passing the front of the hall.

"I saw the business men making

plans for armed resistance when he left for the Roderick. The only talk he had ever heard of a raid was in discussion at the mines, three weeks before.

Barnett identified the large, broad-brimmed black beaver hat as that which he wore on Armistice day. State witnesses have testified that on the evening of Armistice day, the men identified Barnett as the man who came from the rear of the Avalon, reloading his weapon.

The witness testified that his visit to Centralia on Armistice day was caused by the necessity for drawing up documents concerning a hope-stead. He had sought Elmer Smith, defendant, as an attorney and had met him outside the I. W. W. hall at 1:15 o'clock.

"Were you party to any conspiracy to shoot or murder anyone?" asked Vanderveer.

"I was not," replied Barnett. "I never heard of any plans, and I do not have a gun with me that day."

Cross-examination by W. H. Abel, special prosecuting attorney, sought to prove the improbability of the defendant's statement that he knew nothing about the raid, when he visited the hall while plans were in preparation. Just before the tragedy, Bert Bland, the witness admitted, was his close friend. They slept together at the Avalon on Sunday night. Bland, so the state has alleged, and according to the confession of Loren Roberts and Bland's own statement following arrest, was one of the riflemen on Seminary hill.

"Did you not say that you'd surrender to an officer, but not to any damned legionnaire?" queried W. H. Abel, special prosecutor.

"I did not."

"Did you not have a talk with a man named Jones?"

"I did not tell Jones that you were standing on the street with Melinney who the soldiers halted; that you thought they were going to raid the hall, and then the shooting started?"

"I did. I didn't even know Melinney."

Previous Arrest Admitted.

"You've been in trouble before over seditious utterances?"

"I have not," (defiantly).

"Were you not arrested while the war was on?"

"Yes."

"Over in Cottonwood, Idaho. I got in trouble because I objected to working for \$2.25 a day. They charged me with talking against the draft—but they never proved it."

Reading from a statement made by Barnett following his arrest, Abel asked the witness if he would abide by his statement that Britt Smith was the only man he knew of the several in the hall who were in the shooting and that he saw no weapons.

The witness declared that such was the case and that he did not know whether any of his fellow defendants, with the exception of Britt Smith, were in the hall.

State's Charges Denied.

"Britt said that he was going to tell them in a gentlemanly way, that he was within his constitutional rights and that the hall was open according to law," was the defendant's only admission of prior knowledge of the rumored raid.

"Did you not tell Preston McDonald and others that you ate your dinner at the Roderick, and then went over to the Avalon, and that you were seated in the Avalon at the time of the shooting?" pursued the state, referring to an alleged admission of the defendant after arrest.

"I did not," answered Barnett. Testimony given during the state's case had been that several defendants were in the hall at about the time Barnett says he visited it. Of these a number were known personally to the witness.

Vanderveer Is Rebuked.

Judge Wilson was again forced to rebuke Vanderveer for assertions that the case is being prosecuted with funds supplied by the lumber interests and to advise the I. W. W. attorney that the only issue is the guilt or innocence.

Various witnesses were called from the Logan district. Centralia, through which Barnett rode, to and from the city on Armistice day, to prove that he was unarmed on both occasions, and that he was dressed in cowboy attire, chaps and broad hat. One witness designated the hat as brown. It is black beaver.

These witnesses were John Mahar, 11 years old; Charles G. Roy, Mrs. Alma Roy, William Mahar, Phillip Mahar, Edwin Ayers, and P. E. Mahar.

Lark Evans Indicted.

MEDFORD, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Eleven indictments were returned by the grand jury Wednesday, the most important being against Lark Evans, charged with the robbery of W. G. White of Grants Pass last fall.

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Influenza Causes Suicide Attempt.

YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Joseph Maxwell, a resident of the Moses valley, slashed his throat and wrote in an attempt at suicide while mentally deranged as a result of an attack of influenza. He is in a hospital here in a critical condition.

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