HAZELWOOD BUTTER PURE, SAY EXPERTS

Witnesses Deny Testimony of Food Law Violations.

TRIAL IS NEARING END

Chemical Process by Which Rancid Product Could eB Rectified Is Explained to Jurors.

Experts placed on the stand by the Hazelwood company, in its defense against government charges that the creamery concern manufactured adulterated butter, in violation of the federal pure food law, endeavored to show yesterday that the company was not engaged in the practice.

Despite positive testimony offered Wednesday by persons who had been or are in the employ of the creamery concern, that butter in advanced stages of rancidity was put through the alleged refining process, with the aid of chemicals, witnesses for the creamery testified to the exact opposite.

While Walter F. Henningsen, vice-president of the Henningsen Produce company, also vice-president of the Hazelwood company, stated that he held but one share of stock in the concern now being prosecuted by the government, he also stated that he was not a party in the actual management. The management of the Hazelwood Ice Cream company and of the Hazelwood restaurants and confectioneries has no connection with the Hazelwood company, being separately owned and managed

Trial Is Nearing Conclusion.

Indications are that the case will be completed, or nearly so, today, and there are chances that it will go to the jury this morning or Monday. When court adjourned yesterday afternoon the defense announced that it wished to call but two more witnesses and Lester Humphreys, United States attorney, in charge of the prosecution, said that the rebuttal of the government would take less than half an hour.

The government, in the estimation of Lester Humphreys, proved its case when two of the creamery experts, under cross-examination, testified that it was possible to take rancid butter, using rancid in the sense that it is used in the dictionary, and by the proper use of lime, in an illegal manner remove or cover up most of the traces of the rancidity.

The chemical process was described as the action of lime and soda on butyric acid, the acid being the element that caused the putrefactn to develop, and the result being the formation of a tasteless salt called calcium butyrate.

This statement was made by Fremin Ferrar, a graduate of Columbia university, and an expert chemist, and much of it was confirmed also by the testimony of H. V. B. Harding, a graduate of Oregon Agricultural college. It has been stated during the course of the trial that chemists and other authorities do not deal in their works with the process, as they regard it beneath the ethics of their profession.

Samples of Butter Rejected.

Witnesses for the company tried to have some of the results of their experiments introduced as evidence in the trial, offering for the consideration of the jury jars of treated butter to prove their contention that it was a wholesome product. But the efforts of the defense were overruled by Judge Bean.

Joseph Kellogg, foreman of the print room at Julia Florence, an office employe; John C. Allen, the sales force; Mary Heizer, now with the telephone company and a former wrapper in the creamery plant; Charles Michaelson and a quartet of other girl employes testified that they never knew of any rancid or mouldy butter being shipped, or that there was any means taken to prevent their passage to all portions of the creamery plant.

O. G. Simpson, sales manager for the Oregon Dairymen's league, a former professor of the dairy department of Oregon Agricultural college, told that an overdose of the alleged neutralizer would have the effect of rendering the compound insipid. He also stated that the alkaline reaction would have the effect of eliminating the bad odor from spoiled butter.

Efficiency Expert Testifies.

Samuel Olson, efficiency expert, who perfected some of the processes for the Hazelwood company and other of the Henningsen plants, testified that he found good, bad and indifferent butter in the Hazelwood store rooms. After stating that he had been engaged in the dairy business for 20 years, Olson told how he believed that lime and other alkaline substances had a beneficial effect upon cream and how it was possible to juggle butter and cream when too much of the acidity had been removed by the introduction of a starter that would again create acid.

Robert Ireland, a dealer in butter and produce, told of testing some samples at the Hazelwood plant. He said he found all of them rancid, some with a strong lime flavor and others tasting old and greasy. These tests were made in October, this year, after the company had complied with the law and paid the government fine of $14,000 under protest.

PORTLAND FORCES CUT

REDUCTION IN EMPLOYES IS ANNOUNCED BY ROADS.

Temporary Slowing Down of Freight Movements Given as Reason for Unemployment.

Reduction in working forces were announced yesterday by the Southern Pacific system, the Spokane, Portland & Seattle and Great Northern railroads and several manufacturing plants in Portland, affecting a few hundred men.

Temporary slowing down of freight movements is given as the cause of a lay-off of indefinite length of 10 per cent of the mechanical and maintenance of way employes on the railroads mentioned. The Great Northern fixed December 6, as the date of its reduction and the Southern Pacific gave notice to its men that their temporary suspensions would be effective December 10. That is about the time the Spokane, Portland & Seattle order will go into effect, too.

Included in the number who will be laid off are about 50 men working at the Southern Pacific shops in Brooklyn.

There is a general slump throughout the country in freight movements, but one thing which has brought about the decision to lay off men in the northwest, is virtual suspension of the logging business, it was said last night by a railroad official.

It is belived by railroad officials that the lay-offs will not be for a long period, but that freight business will rally early in the new year.

Two hundred men employed on the night shift at the St. Johns plant of the Western Cooperage company have been laid off and night operation of the mill has been discontinued owing to the present dull market for wood products of that plant. The mill is still operating with 300 men on the day shift.

It is expected that the market will show a change for the better after January 1, and the night crew put back on again.

The mill of the Oregon Ship Timber company at Linnton, was shut down December 1 and 45 men thrown out of employment.

The mill of the West Oregon Lumber company, also at Linnton, was shut down Thursday. The bad lumber market and the need for repairs about the mill were given as the cause. The plant employed 170 men.

REDUCTION RUMOR DENIED

Standifer Officials Declare No Employes Being Laid Off.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—There is no truth in a rumor circulated here today that the G. M. Standifer Construction corporation had laid off 100 men at the local shipyards, officials of the company said. The company has five ships to build and there is ample work for that length of time at least.

There is a report that the company has contracts for more ships, but there were no officials here today in authority to speak as to the truth of this. Mr. Standifer and N. C. Soule, his assistant, are now in the east.

OREGON EDUCATORS TALK

SCHOOL PROBLEMS DISCUSSED AT Y. M. C. A. MEETING.

President of University, State Superintendent and Others Plead for Social Service.

Leading educators of Oregon discussed vital problems at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium last night under the auspices of the Social Workers' association. P. L. Campbell, president of the University of Oregon; J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools; D. A. Grout, superintendent of schools in Portland, and Bishop Walter Taylor Sumner were the speakers. S. C. Kohs was chairman of the meeting. Mrs. C. B. Marks led in singing several songs, with Mrs. Harry Moore as accompanist. Mrs. James M. Riley had charge of the programme for the association.

Superintendent Churchill's talk dealt with the rural schools. He declared that in some respects the one-room school is superior to the graded schools. Mr. Churchill pleaded for more normal schools and said the lack of good homes and social features made it difficult to hold teachers in country districts.

President Campbell discussed the importance of the state university as a means for promoting general social improvement through research and knowledge. Superintendent Grout spoke on the utility of play as a means for the diffusion of knowledge.

Bishop Sumner was the final speaker of the evening and discussed the manner in which education must be brought to bear in eliminating some of the present evils. He told of how those who adopted this vocation for life tried to forget material things and interest themselves in persons.

TRAFFIC MISHAPS FEWER

NO DEATH IN 43 DAYS IS PORTLAND RECORD.

Improvement in Conditions Is Shown in Report of Police for November.

An improvement in traffic conditions was noted in the report of the police department for November, which showed not only a decrease in serious automobile accidents as compared with previous months, but also no death from automobile accidents for 43 days. The last fatal accident in Portland occurred when Pefer Kuhn was crushed beneath the wheels of a heavy truck, on October 21.

Injuries likewise showed a decrease from preceding months with 117 listed for November as compared with 150 in October, while collisions decreased by 100 during the same period.

The report of the auto theft department showed that only 21 out of a total of 259 automobiles stolen since December 1, 1919, have not been recovered. Records of automobile thefts by months indicated that they have been on the decrease for several months. More than 300 stolen machines were recovered by the department but 80 of these had been stolen outside the city.

PHYSICIAN IS ACCUSED

False Diagnosis of Death Charged by City Health Officer.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Dr. Oral Welsh, county health officer, accuses Dr. Hugh S. Mount of this city, of making false diagnosis of the death of A. De Ford, who was shot by D. E. Frost here a few days ago when De Ford attempted to run from an officer. Dr. Welsh alleges that De Ford died from the effects of pneumonia following the influenza, and at the coroner's inquest Dr. Mount said that De Ford died from bullet wounds.

Dr. Welsh in his statement to the press, says that De Ford could not have died so soon from the effects of the wounds, and that he (Dr. Welsh) has the statement from the majority of the physicians of Oregon City to this effect.

NINETEENTH BANK CLOSES

Plans Reported Being Made for Reopening of Institutions.

BISMARCK, N. D., Dec. 3.—Closing of the Citisens' State bank of Antler, in Bottineau, due to depleted reserves, was announced tonight by O. E. Lofthus, state bank examiner.

This is the 19th bank to close in North Dakota since November 15. Mr. Lofthus said plans are under way for reopening the closed institutions.

St. Lawrence Navigation Ends.

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., Dec. 3.—Navigation on the St. Lawrence virtually is ended for the season, but the canals probably will remain open a week or ten days longer, if weather permits, to accommodate belated coal and grain carriers en route to Montreal.

OPERA PRODUCTION IS MOST AMBITIOUS

Local Effort Well Received by Music Lovers.

STORY TUNEFUL, TRAGIC

First Offering of Season Sparkles With Music and Rapid Action That Holds Attention.

"THE FORCE OF DESTINY," GRAND OPERA BY VERDI, PRODUCED BY PORTLAND GRAND OPERA ASSOCIATION.

Marquis of Calatrava.....Frederick T. Crowther
Donna Leonora ..Mrs. Mischa Pelz
Don Carlo of Vagas.....Otto P. Wedemeyer
Don Alvaro .....John Treharne
Preziosilla .....Phyllis Wolfe
Padre Guardiano.Edw. Moshofsky
Fra Melitone.....Mark Daniels
Curra.....Mrs. Fred B. Hammond
Mastro Trabuco.....Karl Herbing
Alcade.....Robert Crane
Peddler .....E. C. Davis
Spanish Military Surgeon.....Henry Dirksen

BY JOSEPH MACQUEEN.

Sparkling and tuneful in music, tragic in story and pulsing with rapid stage action that always holds the attetion of the audience, the Portland Opera association presented with English text its first operatic production this season, Verdi's "Le Forza del Destino" ("The Force of Destiny"), last night in the public auditorium.

The audience was a large one, but it could have been larger. The entire offering is one that is eminently worth while. It is a great credit to musical Portland and the most artistic, most ambitious home opera so far produced by the association.

The finish of stage detail and the smoothness and completeness of production that moved like clockwork, and the great, magnificent chorus of 60 voices—that would be an honor to any traveling professional organization—win respectful admiration.

Great Moment Shown.

The great moment of the opera comes in the second scene of the second act, outside the church and convent of the Madonna degli Angeli, when dozens of the chorus, wearing the brown cowls and habit of a religious order, walk slowly toward a dazzling white cross where kneels a penitent. Suddenly the big organ booms out and there comes from the chorus a hymn that gathers in strength and then falls away. It rises again like a mighty tempest and dominates all. Orchestra and pipe organ take up the theme and weave it into an anthem, but the big chorus sings again and holds attention enthralled.

Much of the artistic triumph won last night is due to the wise supervision and hard work of Mrs. Edward L. Thompson, the president, and also to Roberto Corruccini, the conductor, who trained both principals and chorus. Mr. Corruccini was also musical director and handled the home orchestra with skill and excellent judgment. The orchestra played superbly with Ted Bacon as concert master.

Production Is Local.

It is a Portland production taken all in all—principals, chorus, ballet, orchestra, conductor, scenery, stage hands—except that the costumes came from San Francisco. The management says that the San Francisco house gives good terms and a large and complete selection of costumes.

Mrs. Mischa Pelz, soprano, made a splendid impression with the commanding power of her impersonation of Donna Leonora, and sang like the Portland nightingale that she is. Mrs. Pelz's voice has silver-bell brilliance and she acted with charming grace.

Otto Wedemeyer as Don Carlo, the brother, and John Treharne as Don Alvaro, the lover, sang the two principal male parts of the opera, and carried a good deal of the action. They sang with dramatic fire and effect the famous "Challenge Duet" with such power that it is one of the principal gems of the entire opera.

Mr. Treharne has a strong dramatic tenor voice that he uses with fine taste. Mr. Wedemeyer is one of the favorite baritones of this city. He formerly was in professional opera, and acted with delightful ease. He too, sang finely.

Splendid Voice Heard.

Phyllis Wolfe, soprano, was the Preziosilla, and she surprised her auditors with the grace and witchery with which she endowed that personation. Her voice is a splendid one, finely trained.

The two vocal surprises of the production were the two Franciscan friars, impersonated by Edward Moshofsky, basso, and Mark Daniels, baritone. Mr. Moshofsky has one of the most powerful basso voices ever heard in this city, and it is of more than ordinary admirable quality. It is of the Edouard de Reszke order of vocal excellence. Mr. Daniels is another newcomer in this city and he has a fine voice of resonance and beauty. Frederick T. Crowther has a small part as the Marquis, but he makes it stand out as a fine stage picture. The music allotted to Mr. Crowther just suits his voice. Police Sergeant Crane makes an imposing magistrate, and sings with marked ability.

The scenes of the opera are laid in Spain and Italy in the end of the 18th century. The opera was composed by Verdi in 1862 and was produced at St. Petersburg by command of the czar. Its plot centers around Donna Leonora; her brother, Don Carlo, and her lover, Don Alvaro. Alvaro is blamed for the death of Leonora's father, and a feud begins between Carlo and Alvaro. There are three deaths in the action of the opera, those of the Marquis, Carlo and Leonora.

A second and concluding performance of the opera takes place tonight.

At the Theaters.

Heilig.

A PLAY of amusing situations and delightful comedy is "Would You?" which opened at the Heilig theater last night, starring Henry B. Walthall and others of moving-picture fame. It is not always that film stars prove satisfactory in the spoken drama, but the frequent encores last night attested the audience's appreciation of the acting.

Herbert Bashford, a San Francisco newspaper man, wrote this satire of modern life, which sparkles with brilliant lines and offers many opportunities for laughable incidents.

"Would You?" tells the story of a minister, Dr. David Skaggs, who believes in practicing true Christianity and helping those who have strayed from the straight and narrow path. With him lives his sister, Rebecca, who is easily shocked and determined to dominate any situation.

To the minister comes Alice Howland, posing as Flossie Johnson, a girl with a past, who wants work. The minister takes her in against the wishes of his sister. The minister's nephew, a young poet, falls in love wth Flossie, and then the trouble begins.

After the poet and Flossie are married and Flossie explains that she is perfectly respectable and has been in the minister's house to get material for a magazine article, the aunt Rebecca's attitude and that of her friends change.

Walthall does not have as strong a part as he did as Oswald in "Ghosts," in which he was without question the center of interest throughout. In "Would You?" he shares honors with Mary Charleson, who plays Flossie admirably, with Sherman Bainbridge as mamma's boy Percy, and with Arthur Rutledge as Dr. Skaggs.

Walthall plays the poet, Carleton Willoughby, with feeling and understanding. It is not a difficult part to play and he makes a handsome poet and fervent lover, so everyone is satisfied. His clear enunciation is a comfort after the habits of speech of some actors. Some of his exit speeches, characteristically delivered, earned him much applause.

Sherman Bainbridge brought down the house as Percy. The part could so easily have been overacted that Bainbridge's interpretation of this ungainly youth, who always said the wrong thing at the wrong time in the wrong way, was delicious. His is not a large part, but he made the most of it and his bright thoughts and way of saying "mamma, dear," will not soon be forgotten.

Mary Charleson, who is fully as pretty on the stage as on the screen, did a splendid piece of work as the penitent Flossie, who really was "having the time of her young life." She is the central figure throughout most of the play and handles her part with great credit.

Arthur Rutledge plays the role of Dr. Skaggs in such a natural way that one almost forgets he is speaking from the stage. His manner is rather that of a family counselor and friend, a sincere, good man, who has the strength of his convictions. One of his short speeches of Christian truth, so simply delivered, won special favor with the audience.

Elizabeth De Witt, who was the mother in "Ghosts," does not have much an emotional role in this play. She is the fussy old aunt with nerves, who cannot bear to see disgrace brought upon her household.

A matinee will be given this afternoon and the last performance will be tonight.

The cast follows:

Dr. David Skaggs.....Arthur Rutledge
Rebecca Skaggs.....Elizabeth De Witt
Agnes Willoughby Cheora Orden
Jimmy Doble .....William Clifford
Alice Howland (Flossie Johnson).....
.....Mary Charleson
Carleton Willoughby..Henry B. Walthall
Mrs. Bromley Harringford..Marion Cross
Percy Harringford...Sherman Bainbridge

BANK ROBBERS FOILED

WOULD-BE THIEVES RIDE OFF IN STOLEN AUTO.

Jewelry Store and Barber Shop Are Looted; Bloodhounds Lose Fugitives' Trail.

LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Robbers early today broke into the State bank of Imbler, Or., 16 miles from this city, and made an ineffectual attempt to dynamite the safe, and escaped after breaking into a barber shop and jewelry store and stealing valuable articles.

The yeggmen rode away in a seven-passenger automobile which they had stolen from a garage operated by "Boots" Squires. Part of the loot and the automobile were recovered in the outskirts of La Grande this morning, and Sheriff Warnick tried to trace the robbers with bloodhounds, but the dogs lost the scent.

The authorities believe the robbers first broke into the garage, where they stole the automobile and tools used on the bank safe. The lock on the safe withstood the dynamite charge and the yeggmen evidently abandoned the attempt.

From the jewelry store the thieves obtained seven or eight watches, $6 cash, several suits of clothes and a .22-caliber automatic pistol. The clothing was found in the deserted auto.

The bloodhounds took up the scent of the fugitives readily, and followed it to the railroad track and across the track to an irrigation ditch. There the trail was lost. The dogs failed to recover it. The sheriff believes the men waded down the irrigation ditch for several miles.

MAYOR REINSTATES ELLIS

POLICE SERGEANT RETURNED WITHOUT PAY LOSS.

Special Hearing Exonerates Officer Previously Suspended for Alleged Misconduct.

Police Sergeant Ellis, who was ordered suspended for 30 days for alleged failure to report dealings of officers under his command with stool pigeons, was yesterday reinstated after a hearing held by Mayor Baker.

Through this hearing Sergeant Ellis was completely exonerated, being restored to duty without loss of prestige or salary.

Mayor Baker called in Chief of Police Jenkins, Assistant City Attorney Myers and Deputy United States Attorney Fiegel at the hearing, which was granted to Sergeant Ellis so that he might present his version of the case.

Mayor Baker explained that Sergeant Ellis had a record of 16 years without a blemish of any kind, and that the testimony given at the hearing of Officers Huntington and Russell was at variance in numerous instances.

MOSIER MAN IS DAZED

Clare Bailey Found Crawling After Probable Auto Accident.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Clare Bailey, Mosier carpenter, 23 years old, was found today crawling in a dazed condition along the Columbia river highway near the twin tunnels between here and Mosier. He was removed here but remained in a comatose condition, unable to give any story of an accident.

Bailey was expected here late today on business. It is presumed that he drove his automobile over one of the steep bluffs along the highway. It had grown dark before searching parties could start and the wreck of his car has not been found.

Bailey was injured about the head and his lower body was cut and bruised.

MRS. SWANTON HELD EFFICIENT MANAGER

Charges Are Disproved at Humane Society Hearing.

"NOT PROVED" IS FINDING

Defendant Tells Committee She Has Devoted Greater Part of Life to Work.

Charges against Mrs. W. F. Swanton, secretary-manager of the Oregon Humane society, alleging her to be unfitted for her tasks and not in sincere sympathy with the work, were completely overcast last night before the committee of inquiry, in session at the court house headquarters of the organization, and resulted in a finding of "not proven."

"I have given the greater part of my life to this line of endeavor," said Mrs. Swanton, when the committee made its report, "and the verdict of complete exoneration, while not at all unexpected, is deeply gratifying to me."

Ex-Employes Make Charges.

One week ago, at the first session of the committee, comprising three members of the directorate, ex-employes of the society formally preferred charges against Mrs. Swanton and testified in support of their contention that she should be ousted. They alleged that she was temperamentally unfitted for the work, accused her of misappropriation of funds, and charged that she was callous to the suffering of her dumb wards at the city pound.

In rebuttal testimony last night, witnesses for the defense, including Mrs. Swanton, swept aside every accusation with concise statements that revealed her actual service to the cause, and that disproved in every particular the allegations of the complainants. Witness after witness, several of them now employed by the society, declared their entire confidence in the defendant and branded as absurdities and falsehoods the charges made against her.

Defendant's Testimony Brief.

The testimony of the defendant was brief. She entered positive denial to previous testimony of the complainants, who had declared that she used abusive language to them, that her temperament was so erratic that they could not longer stay under her direction, that food furnished to the animals at the pound was unfit, that she had misapplied small financial trusts, or that she permited unnecessary suffering in the execution of doomed animals.

"Thank heaven, I am temperamental!" exclaimed the defendant, as D. D. Hall, attorney for the discharged and resigned employes, pressed the question. "If you want something further, I can tell you that when I was four years old I slammed a hatchet on the milkman's foot because he abused his horses. If that is temperament, I plead guilty to possessing it."

Ex-Keeper of Pound Witness.

Foremost among the complaining witnesses at the first hearing had been L. S. Ellerman, ex-keeper of the pound, who was discharged for alleged inefficiency and who was ousted from his quarters with difficulty—the incoming poundmaster being forced to spend a night or so in the dog kennels while Ellerman held the official residence.

It had been testified that the lethal chamber for electrocution of hapless cats and dogs was in disrepair and that Mrs. Swanton did not give it proper attention, with the result that the voltage was weakened and stunned cats and kittens were cast alive into the quicklime. The defendant flamed with indignation as she denied this charge, but asserted that, while she was not an electrical expert, others would scatter this calumny for her.

Executions Are Described.

George Miller, poundmaster who succeeded Ellerman, and Ross Churchill, state humane officer, performed this service in their testimony, the former declaring that after he had thoroughly cleaned the lethal chamber it functioned properly and he had executed more than 800 cats. Churchill confirmed this testimony on his own account.

"These charges against Mrs. Swanton are also against us," he declared with heat. "I've never had any trouble with the lethal chamber since Miller succeeded Ellerman. Every cat went through and went through fine. And that's something you couldn't say when Ellerman was there!"

Poor Food Charges Answered.

Churchill testified, with respect to charges that mouldy bread was provided for food, that undoubtedly Ellerman himself had wasted the great heap of loaves that were found mouldering at the pound. He declared that bread procured from the bakers is sent to the pound in a fresh condition, not more than two days old, and that since Poundmaster Miller has been in charge there has been no recurrence of the wastage or the complaint.

Otto J. Kraemer, president of the society, asserted that he considered it a privilege to testify in Mrs. Swanton's behalf. He declared that the board had full knowledge of the $7 trust fund held for a child rescued by the society, and that the intimation that Mrs. Swanton had misappropriated the fund were baseless, as it is on deposit in a local bank at the order of the directors.

Time Devoted to Work.

"Mrs. Swanton has for 10 or 15 years devoted more time to this work than any member of the board," said Mr. Kraemer.

Dr. A. G. Smith, veterinarian to the society, thrust aside the assertion that first-aid bandages and medicines should have been provided at the pound, and voiced the opinion that more harm than good is wrought through inexperienced first-aid ministrations. In all ordinary cases of injury bandages for the dumb wards are not required, he declared. He was emphatic in his testimony that the condition of the pound under Ellerman's administration was unsatisfactory, and was prevented by the objection of counsel from replying to the query of whether he would have discharged Ellerman.

Employe Is Satisfied.

"I would have fired him sooner than Mrs. Swanton did," was the veterinarian's independent comment as he left the stand.

"I've never been employed by anyone that treated me more like a man wants to be treated," testified Harold Sawyer, an employe of the society.

"I never knew anyone more kind to animals," said Sergeant Crate of the police bureau, who for many years was humane officer.

"I know that Mrs. Swanton's whole heart is in the work," testified Miss Mildred Smith, former member of the board.

Self-Control Exhibited.

"Mrs. Swanton has exhibited wonderful self-control under conditions that were extremely aggravating," was the tribute of City Attorney La Roche, who added that he knew and approved of the humanitarian work of the defendant.

"Personally, I'd say that these charges were all lies!" was the pithy comment of J. George Keller, deputy humane officer, while testifying.

In the opinion of the committee of inquiry, comprised of E. E. Graff, Miss Jessie Millard and Tom Swivel, the complainants failed utterly to establish their case and the verdict of "not proved" was brought in after slight deliberation.

HANDS OFF, SAYS JAPAN

MALCONTENTS AIDED, IS REPLY TO MASSACRE CHARGE.

Warning Given That Spiritual or Other Assistance May Bring Breach With British.

TOKIO, Dec. 3.—(By the Associated Press.)—The military committee at Chien Tao, Manchuria, has addressed a letter to the Canadian missionaries there in answer to charges made recently by the missionaries that massacres alleged to have been committed by Japanese troops had taken place and that villages were burned. The letter declared that the Japanese military expedition to the district was due to the fact that the Chinese authorities co-operated with the outlaws and further declared that churches and schools were burned only where there was incontestible evidence that they had been used as "breeding places of iniquity."

In such places, the letter pointed out, it was impossible to hold even courtmartials, therefore, the troops executed insurgents on the spot after a simple inquiry, which included villagers' evidence, but took the utmost care to avoid an indiscriminate massacre.

Warning was given in the letter that any spiritual or material assistance the British missionaries give the Corean malcontents will lead to a breach in the good understanding between the two countries. It said there are many insurgent races in India and that if British Christians assist the Corean malcontents, the Japanese Buddhists are entitled to assist the anti-British elements in India.

If the missionaries refrain from politics, the communication declared, Japan will co-operate with them, if they act to the contrary they can hardly hope for the future development of the work. In conclusion, it expressed the hope that the missionaries will clearly understand the facts.

EX-EMPRESS NEARS END

CONSISTENT WATCH KEPT AT BEDSIDE OF INVALID.

Friends of Former Days in Germany Share With Daughter in Nursing Augusta Victoria.

DOORN, Holland, Dec. 3.—(By the Associated Press.)—Hypodermic injections of a heart stimulant are being resorted to daily to conserve the fast waning strength of ex-Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany.

A constant watch is being kept at her bedside and it is said hope for her recovery has been abandoned, although it is believed she may linger until a particularly severe attack ends her suffering and life. Lights burn all night within the castle.

The sick bed in is an upper room. Countess von Keller and Countess von Lotzau, old friends of the ex-empress and ladies in waiting in the Potsdam days, share with the Dutchess of Brunswick, daughter of the empress, the duty of guarding the bedside. There is no professional nurse but one old charwoman, long in the Hohenzollern employ, and two housemaids assist.

Every room in the castle is now occupied. Ex-Prince Oscar and his wife, Adalbert and his wife, the duchess of Brunswick, and Dr. Ernest von Dryander, pastor to the ex-empress, all are living within the building.

Ex-Emperor William has deviated but little from his old routine. He spends his evenings generally alone, in his own downstairs apartment. Yesterday he took a walk outside the house for the first time in many weeks.

The ex-empress passed a comfortable night and today was resting easy. She is understood to realize fully that her recovery is improbable and has requested burial in Germany.

POLICE BATTLE ROBBERS

DUEL IN STREETS IS HAMPERED BY PEDESTRIANS.

Pair, Surprised at Work, Fire Point Blank at Patrolman, Blinded by Darkness.

Motorcycle Patrolman Drennan narrowly escaped injury or death last night at the hands of a pair of burglars who were attempting to break into the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lovert, 184 Grant street. One of the intruders fired two shots at him, point blank range, but both whistled harmlessly past his head.

Lovert informed police headquarters that burglars were endeavoring to gain entrance to his house through the rear door. Almost at the same instant Drennan reported in to the station from a point near the Lovert home. In company with Patrolman Sax he started after the burglars. Sax went through the house while Drennan stalked the men outside. Drennan's eyes were searching the darkness for human forms; he did not see a low fence until it tripped him. The noise warned the intruders, who fired at him and ran.

A running battle was waged for ten blocks. The work of the patrolmen was hampered by householders who rushed to the street to see the excitement. They could not shoot for fear of killing a bystander. At Hood and Porter the fugitives darted into the steel yards and were lost.

The Loverts gave the detectives a good description of the men, who are thought to be negroes of bad repute in that neighborhood, and arrests are expected today.

Irish "President" Recuperates.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 3.—Eamonn de Valera, "president of the Irish republic," who was confined to his bed with a severe bilious attack, had recovered sufficiently tonight to leave for New York city.

COUNTY TO BE ASKED TO ASSIST FESTIVAL

Delegation From Auxiliary to Visit Commissioners.

GRAND MARCH IS FORMED

About 100 Delegates From Various Civic Clubs Join in Enthusiastic Meeting.

A grand march on the county commissioners for the purpose of having them include in their 1921 budget funds sufficient to finance the next Rose fyestival was organized last night, when the auxiliary of the association met in the green room of the chamber of commerce with the largest representation from the various clubs of the city ever recorded.

Ira L. Riggs, president, was in the chair. Many women were present. More than 100 delegates were in attendance and enthusiastically acted on several important features looking toward the success of the next celebration.

A committee of 55, including men and women from each of the clubs represented, was named by Mr. Riggs to visit the county commissioners at 9 o'clock next Wednesday morning to seek their co-operation to the extent of appropriating approximately $31,000 with which the board of governors, to be elected Tuesday, December 28, shall carry forward the next festival.

Support to Be Sought.

In addition to this action, it was voted to line up every organization in the city behind this movement, so that the commissioners will see that the people of the city and county are back of them if they vote the money.

That the next festival must be put on in a style becoming the great importance of the annual floral celebration in the light of its proved value as an advertising feature for Portland and Oregon, was the unanimous opinion of those present and it was likewise their belief, expressed by vote, that the county is the proper governing body to finance the project.

From the time that W. J. Peipenbrink read a letter from Eric V. Hauser, president of the 1920 festival, in which he assured the members of the auxiliary that there will be no deficit for them to face until the close of the meeting enthusiasm marked every action of the delegates, causing Mr. Riggs to declare that it "Certainly looks good for the 1921 celebration." Mr. Hauser is absent from the city and expressed regret at his inability to attend.

By-laws to Be Amended.

By unanimous vote, upon motion of Frank V. Smith, a director, the delegates decided to have the by-laws of the auxiliary amended so that three of the 12 members of the board shall hold over each year to enable the other nine new ones to have the benefit of their experience.

As a nominating committee to name 18 men and women from whom the new board shall be selected, Chairman Riggs appointed Walter D. Whitcomb, E. J. Jaeger, Milton R. Klepper, Miss Ocean Golsby, W. P. Strandborg, A. A. Aya and Mrs. J. C. Simmons.

H. H Haynes, reporting on the Sandy boulevard, which he hopes will soon be known as the roseway, reported some opposition to plans which have been proposed to beautify it. For example, he said, the Northwestern Electric company had objected to the use of their poles for climbing roses. He asked for a vote regarding the name of the thoroughfare and it was unanimous for the change. Mr. Haynes said there is a move on foot now to have the city order the poles out. Mr. Haynes and Superintendent Keyser of the bureau of parks reported that more than 15,000 slips have been planted in the roseway project.

COTTON INDUSTRY SLACK

Weekly Working Hours Set at 24 Instead of 48.

MANCHESTER, England, Dec. 3.—The American section of the cotton industry, which constitutes three-fourths of the whole cotton-spinning industry, has decided by a ballot, to reduce the weekly working hours from 48 to 24. This decision affects 100,000 operatives.

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BY L. H. SMITH, M. D.

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