

SOLDIER'S PAL TELLS OF DUEL WITH POLICE

Private Tillman Mumbles Story of Holdups, Also.

H. A. WALTERS IS ACCUSED

Companion Dred Him Into Robberies and Did Fatal Shooting Alone, Jury Is Informed.

From the mumbled lips of Private John A. Tillman, 17-year-old soldier, there was detailed to a jury in Circuit Judge Tucker's court yesterday a story of reckless and daring street handiwork on the part of himself and Private Husted A. Walters, which culminated in the killing of Jerome Palmer, Portland police patrolman, on the night of November 17.

Private Walters, on trial for the murder of the policeman, sat through his youthful companion's recital with a flushed face and a nervousness which was apparent to all in the courtroom. At frequent intervals Walters would shift himself about in his chair in an effort to catch the eye of the young witness who was giving the most damaging testimony against him, but Tillman kept his gaze upon the jurors throughout his recital, except on one occasion when he nodded toward Walters as the man who had fired the shot which terminated the life of Patrolman Palmer.

Walters was told that they would have to stop. "I told him the police would sure get me," related the youth. "He said he didn't care, but the police would never get him."

After the third hold-up Tillman said they started back toward the business district with the intention of going to the union station and getting a train.

"When we got down by Sixth and Gilsan I saw two policemen and told Walters that they were coming toward us," the youth said.

The police were coming up Sixth street and toward the corner where we were. When they got pretty close to us Palmer called out for us to stop and take our hands out of our pockets. Walters turned and said, but Walters walked off the side-walk and got about six feet from the curb. When the police called once again for him to stop, Walters turned and shot Palmer. The other officer and Palmer fired at Walters, who then began to run east. They paid no attention to me after the police man had been shot. I stood there for a minute and then walked down to the station, where I was arrested a short time later.

From the moment Walters turned in the street and sent a bullet from an army revolver into the heart of Patrolman Palmer the narrative of succeeding incidents was taken up by other police who were at or near the scene of the fatal shooting at the time.

Patrolman Thorpe testified in all essential details similar to that given by young Tillman relative to the actual shooting of Patrolman Palmer. He said that with other police he immediately gave chase to the fleeing soldier.

Patrolmen Reek and Barber and Desk Sergeant Reno testified concerning the running duel with Walters from Sixth and Gilsan streets to the terminal freight yards, where Walters was found with a bullet wound in his shoulder, reclining against a cement pier of the steel bridge.

Patrolman Reek said he crept up on Patrolman Palmer's slayer and strong-armed him. Walters' gun was cocked at the time and ready for use, he said. Patrolman Barber said he held his gun at Walters' side while Reek took the soldier's weapon away from him.

John A. Goltz, lieutenant of inspectors, told of the admissions made by Walters at the emergency hospital the night of his arrest. Walters admitted shooting Palmer, he said, and admitted the street robberies preceding the fatal shooting. Walters told him that he shot in an effort to get away, he testified.

The prosecution got well under way yesterday and is expected to conclude with its case in chief late this afternoon or early tomorrow. The case is not expected to reach the jury until late Thursday or possibly Friday.

SOCIETY NEWS

A novelty party for the employees of Marshall-Wells company was given Saturday evening at the company's offices, Fifteenth and Lovejoy streets. The evening was spent in dancing and cards. A musical programme was furnished by Miss Helen Matthews, the Zenith quartet, with the assistance of Greenwald's orchestra, after which an elaborate luncheon was served. The offices were prettily decorated with various colored effects, festooned with Christmas greens.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Well, who have been residing in Hillsboro, have taken apartments at the Carmelita for the winter. They will leave shortly for a short trip to New York.

Earl C. Ward, Jr., who is a student at Stanford university, expected tomorrow to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ward, at the Bretton apartments.

Miss Elizabeth Huber entertained with a small dancing party last night honoring her fiancé, Cliff Cornwall, who is visiting here for the holidays. Many are the affairs planned for Miss Huber and Mr. Cornwall. Monday night Mrs. E. L. Thompson gave a dinner honoring the young people, and Miss Nadine Caswell then entertained the party at the theater.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Kelloch will be hosts for a dinner tonight, complimenting Miss Huber and her fiancé. A similar affair will be given tomorrow night by Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Thompson.

One of the interesting family parties of the week will be that for Miss Elizabeth Huber and her fiancé, Cliff Cornwall, who is visiting here for the holidays. Friday afternoon the children of the Corbett family will be entertained with a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ladd Corbett. A Christmas tree and a Yuletide play by the Corbett children will be features.

The wedding of Miss Edna Holcomb and Waldo Hirschberger will be solemnized Christmas day at the home of the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Holcomb, on Hawthorne avenue. The ceremony will be read at 8 o'clock by Rev. Leif Johnson before a small group of relatives and friends. Miss Vera Kelly will be maid of honor and Ernest Holcomb, brother of the bride, to be best man.

Following the ceremony a supper will be served. Mrs. Morse Jones will cut the icing and Mrs. Thomas Van Orsdel will preside at the coffee urn. The wedding trip of the young couple will include several weeks in California, after which they will return to Portland to reside.

Christmas kindness took possession of the women who live in the St. Francis apartments yesterday when they spent the day preparing presents for the old people of the Piegah home. Matrons and maids of the building gathered in the apartment of Mrs. W. L. Prentiss and sewed and prepared gifts for the old people. At 2 o'clock the presents were arranged for each inmate and candy, cigars and other luxuries were added to the basket.

Henry F. Wentz, prominent Portland artist, will leave shortly for New York, where he will spend the month of January. He will attend a number of exhibitions and visit artist friends in the eastern city.

Several Portlanders shared in the festivities at Del Monte recently, at which E. L. Garretson of Tacoma, imperial potentate of the Mystic Shrine, Mrs. Garretson, were honored guests. Mayor and Mrs. George I. Baker and Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Tomasi of Portland were included in the series of dinners, golf matches and bridge parties.

Carol Barker, a student of the University of California, came from Berkeley this week to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Miss Mary Hall of Oids, Alberta, is the house guest of Miss Marion Ide for the Christmas holidays. Miss Hall is a student at Oregon Agricultural college.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Seaman are in the city for the holidays from Long Beach, Wash.

Miss Margaret Sheridan, student of the University of Oregon, is spending the holidays with her mother.

A holiday visitor is Miss Blanche Nyswonger of Denver, Colo., a student at the University of California. Miss Nyswonger was a nurse in the same unit in which Miss Doyle served overseas. She is studying landscape architecture under the direction of the federal board for vocational training. Miss Nyswonger will be entertained by number of Miss Doyle's friends during the Christmas season.

HALSEY, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—William N. Walton and wife celebrated their 25th (silver) wedding anniversary Saturday. Twenty-five relatives and neighbors sat down to a bountiful repast. Some nice silver pieces were given them.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—James J. Sexton post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will give their second annual New Year's ball in the Knights of Pythian hall New Year's eve.

A fancy dress party will be given by the Gays of Harney County club members December 21.

The busiest day of the busiest week will not be given over to shopping by several Portland women, but will be devoted to work for the European Relief for starving children. In several hotels of the city booths will be placed Friday to obtain contributions. The booths will be a forerunner of the big campaign which the women's committee of the council will put on for the holiday week between Christmas and New Year's day.

The Portland hotel will be in charge of Mrs. William D. Wheelwright; Multnomah, Mrs. Edmund Giltner; Imperial, Mrs. J. C. Costello. Assisting these women will be Mrs.

Julius Louison, Mrs. Guy Strohn, Mrs. Harry Beal Torrey, Mrs. E. R. Willard, Mrs. G. C. Von Egloffstein, Mrs. W. O. Van Schuyler, Mrs. A. A. Morrison, and Mrs. John S. Parke.

Irvington club members are anticipating with pleasure the next social event of the organization, which will be a formal dance. The party will be an event of Monday night at the clubhouse.

The annual luncheon of Alpha Chi Omega alumnae and active members will be held Tuesday at 12 o'clock at the Hotel Portland. Covers will be laid for 35. Following the luncheon a theater party at the Orpheum will be enjoyed. The affair is open to all alumnae and active members and reservations may be made with Mrs. J. P. Breckel, Tabor 5945.

Of interest to society will be the play to be given this evening at the Heilig theater, by the Y. W. C. A. and the Portland Drama League. Many box and line parties will be given. The principal characters of the play will be Dame and Father Worden, played by Mrs. Norman Christie and Walter Jenkins. Other important parts will be taken by Mrs. William Bailey, William Sites and H. Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Endicott have just returned from an extended stay in California.

Miss Julie Murphy will arrive today to be the guest of her sister, Mrs. William Sinnott, for the Christmas season. She is a student at the University of Washington.

Miss Judith Joy, who is attending school in Bellingham, Wash., will spend the holidays with her grandmother, Mrs. Julia La Barre. Allen Joy is also home from eastern Oregon for the Christmas vacation.

Junior members of the Multnomah club are anticipating the Christmas entertainment which is scheduled for Monday night. Parents and friends have been invited to attend.

Women's Activities

TOMORROW women members of the Harding and Coolidge club will sell Christmas seals for the Oregon State Anti-Tubercular association, and it is expected that the 25,000 members of the club will respond financially to the urgent call.

Thursday is the last day of the campaign for Christmas seals and every effort will be made to make it a success.

Miss Leona Powers, leading lady of the Baker stock company, has volunteered her services and will be at Mrs. William Calk's booth at the Imperial hotel, The Harding and Coolidge club workers are in charge of booths as follows:

Mrs. William M. Calk, Miss Julia Chemin and Miss Leona Powers, IMPERIAL HOTEL. Mrs. D. W. Ross, Mrs. E. W. Langdon and Mrs. Alma Varnum, Meier & Frank's store.

Miss M. J. Smith, Miss Winifred Mitchell, Miss Marian Mitchell, Oids, Wortman & King.

Mrs. F. C. Noyles, Mrs. Ora Baker and Mrs. Fred Hyskel, Multnomah hotel.

Mrs. Leander Martin, Mrs. J. F. Kelly and Mrs. Paul M. French, Lippman, Wolfe & Co.

Mrs. Ethel Stearns Spaulding, Miss Ann Bliven, Miss Helen Bliven and Miss Mary Helen Dickson, Morrison street postoffice.

Mrs. A. F. Wheeler, Mrs. C. E. Dent, Portland hotel.

Mrs. M. E. Young, Mrs. W. I. Swank, Benson hotel.

Miss May Siscocks, Mrs. A. L. Stephens and Mrs. J. S. Standifer, Oregon hotel.

Mrs. M. H. McClung and Mrs. Mary E. Steeple, Broadway postoffice.

Mrs. M. H. Lamond is chairman of the day for this drive.

Friday evening the Wallowa Women's club presented Miss Elizabeth Fox, dean of women at the University of Oregon, in a public lecture which was preceded by a banquet in her honor at which covers were laid for more than 30 prominent club women. Mrs. J. M. Biddis, president of the club, presided and the event took the form of a citizen's educational conference at which Miss



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the members of the club by an unanimous informal vote endorsed the law as it now stands. Janet Patton was soloist for the afternoon, accompanied by Miss Frances Nendel and Miss Boush Blackwell played several violin selections, accompanied by Miss Leslie Griffith.

The Trill girls of the Washington high school held an interesting meeting in the Community house yesterday afternoon. A delightful programme of music, readings and Christmas stories was held. All members have been urged to attend the New Year's meeting on January 4.

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