

### LOTISSO ON STAND; DEFENSE NEARS END

Both Sides May Rest Case by Tonight.

### STATE WITNESS SHIFTS

Taxicab Driver Testifies for Slayer; No Outcry Heard While Girl Was in Auto.

Defense of Thomas Lotisso, wife-slayer, based on the insanity theory, was well under way at adjournment of court last night, and there were indications that both sides would rest their cases, except for argument, by tonight.

Transition of Ed Gonsau, for-hire automobile driver, from witness for the state in the first trial of Lotisso to star witness for the defense in the second hearing was accomplished without confusion. He repeated on the witness stand the story he had told at the first trial, which was the basis of perjury charges filed against him by the state several days later.

Cross-examination did not shake his story. He testified that there was no struggle between Tessie Lotisso and her husband as they drove down Alder street the night of November 30, and that he heard no screams or outcry of any description. The state has produced six witnesses who said they had been roused from sleep that night by screams of a woman, followed by four shots.

### Gonsau Goes for Police.

After hearing the shots, fired on Fourteenth street out of his sight, Gonsau testified that he drove east on Alder to the intersection of Fourteenth, saw a body lying in the street and two men standing over it, drove north on Fourteenth away from the murder scene, down Washington to Broadway, notified two policemen that he thought "Dag" Ramsey had killed his wife, and drove them back to the scene.

"Why didn't you go to where the body was lying when you first saw it?" Gonsau was asked by Joseph L. Hammerly, deputy district attorney. "I didn't think it was necessary to go there," replied the witness. "I saw two men there. Really, I don't believe I knew just what I was doing."

"Didn't you think your car might be of some service?" pursued his interrogator. "I figured that with that many shots she must be dead and there was nothing I could do with the car, so I went for the cops," was the answer. When he returned, the dying woman had not been moved, he said.

### Lotisso "Nice" During Ride.

On direct examination, Gonsau testified that during the ride from the Chinese restaurant where Lotisso had gone for his wife, to Fourteenth and Alder, Lotisso "had been very nice to her, putting his arm around her." She was crying at first but the couple talked together in low tones later, he said.

On cross-examination, Gonsau admitted that at the coroner's inquest he had testified that Lotisso and his wife during the drive had been quarreling "a little bit." He admitted his arrest for perjury and a recent conviction for bootlegging.

Mrs. Evelyn M. Conway, a new witness called by the defense, told of finding a letter written to Lotisso by his wife in October, at a time the prosecution contends he was very attentive to an old sweetheart, Mrs. Gertrude Geddes. This communication thanked Lotisso for money he had sent, amount not mentioned, and was signed "With love and kisses, Tessie."

Early in the evening preceding the morning of the killing, Mrs. Conway, in whose home Arthur W. Larsen, chum of Lotisso, had been staying, talked with Lotisso, or rather listened to him for half an hour as he recited his troubles. She said she did not seem particularly nervous but that he wanted to talk to someone.

### Lotisso Says He Couldn't Sleep.

"He said that if he could get to talk to his wife alone, everything would be all right," said Mrs. Conway, "but he declared there always seemed to be another girl with Tessie. He had not been able to sleep because of worrying about his wife, he said. He told me that he had been saving up money so that he could take her back to England as he had promised her mother. He was going to meet her that night after the show to which he was going with Mr. Larsen," he said.

Larsen was a witness also. He was with Lotisso until 11:30 the night of the killing. He had known him for about three years. On cross-examination, he answered that he had observed nothing unusual about Lotisso's condition that night.

Mrs. M. J. Ruthman, proprietor of the Navarre hotel, related on the witness stand conversations between Tessie and two other men she said she had overheard while eavesdropping at the telephone exchange board about a month before the tragedy.

Two Men Called on Phone. Lotisso had gone to the hotel and wanted his wife to stay with him, said Mrs. Ruthman. Before she went to his room, Tessie telephoned two men, she declared. One of the men, she said, she could not keep an engagement with him that night, as her husband was there. This was after midnight, Mrs. Ruthman testified.

Mrs. Ruthman said Lotisso had told her he wanted to take his wife back to England and open a little ice cream parlor there, and was saving money with that end in view.

Lotisso himself took the stand shortly before adjournment last night and detailed the accidents in his youth which had subjected him in later years to fainting spells or complete lapses of consciousness. His testimony had not reached his marriage when court closed.

Barney Lotisso, father of the accused, and Jennie Lopez, sister, testified concerning the mishaps of the young man, also.

Wife Taunted Mate, Testimony. Other witnesses for the defense, who testified in the first trial, were M. G. Butterfield and H. A. Chapman, who described an argument between Lotisso and his wife at midnight in the street near the Morris hotel, saying that after she had gone to her room, Tessie taunted her husband from the window. The episode had such an effect on Lotisso that he walked away unsteadily from the hotel, spinning about dizzily near a street intersection, said Butterfield. Verne Bristol and Thomas W. Hughes, taxi-drivers, were other witnesses, telling of actions of Lotisso prior to the crime.

attorney, who questioned him at the same time, and Dr. George Parrish, city health officer, who was awakened by a woman's screams while in his room at the Mallory hotel the night of the killing.

Showerman testified that Lotisso told him a few hours after the tragedy that he had killed his wife and did not care if he hung for it in the morning. The witness said Lotisso fully realized what he had done and thought he had done what was right when his wife refused to return to him.

### NEW STORE WILL OPEN

Second Woolworth Establishment Ready for Business.

The new 15-cent store of F. W. Woolworth company, at the southwest corner of Broadway and Alder street, will be open tomorrow afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock for inspection and will open at 8 o'clock Saturday morning for business, according to announcement made yesterday by B. J. Williams, Oregon and Washington manager for the company.

The management of the store has issued a general invitation to the public to visit the store during the inspection period. There will be an 8-piece orchestra to give music for the occasion.

The new Portland store is No. 1126 in the Woolworth chain. It will be operated in the same fashion as all the other stores of that organization, according to Mr. Williams. Earl Goodwin will be manager.

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### UNIT DECLARED ASSURED

Roseburg Machine Gun Company Is Obtaining Enlistments.

ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Following a meeting at the armory last night of young men eligible to enlistment in the proposed national guard unit here, it was announced this morning that the company is practically assured for this city. The names of 45 men are necessary before the machine gun unit can be organized, and C. L. Stoddard, formerly a captain in overseas service, spoke before the high school this afternoon, and succeeded in enlisting a number of the young men in the company.

Salaries for the members of the unit will total approximately \$800 annually, and in addition funds will be available for equipment.

### Taxpayers' League Elects.

ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—A meeting here of the directors of the Douglas county taxpayers' league last night, Loyal V. Emery, a Coles valley prairie grower, was elected president; C. O. Garrett, a stockman of Glendale, first vice-president; G. W. Riddle, second vice-president; A. A. Thiel of Yoncalla, third vice-president, and H. G. Fargeter of Roseburg, secretary-treasurer. The directors are: Loyal V. Emery, G. W. Riddle, C. H. Bailey, A. A. Thiel, O. L. Beckley, S. D. Evans, Arthur March and C. O. Garrett.

### Auto Goes Over Bluff.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—K. G. Harlan, head of the electric equipment company, en route to Walla Walla from Lewiston yesterday afternoon, saved his life by leaping from his automobile as it went over a bluff on the slippery Marengo grade. His car was wrecked. He was brought here today in another car and sent out a wrecking crew. This hill has been the scene of many bad wrecks.

### Roseburg Playground Planned.

ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—If plans initiated by Umpqua post of the American Legion materialize, the youngsters of Roseburg will soon be provided with a fine playground. The tentative proposal was discussed at a meeting held in the city hall last night. It is proposed to invite aid of the city council in perfecting the plan. In addition to a central athletic field, it is believed necessary to provide four community playgrounds, one in each section of the city.

### Kelso Man Becomes Minister.

KELSO, Wash., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—W. S. Pearson, who has been associated with his father, C. B. Pearson, in the realty firm of Pearson & Son, has been ordained as a minister of the Mennonite church and has taken a pastorate at Granger, Wash. He is not yet 21 years of age. His father will continue the realty business here.

### Washington Programme Given.

MONMOUTH, Or., Feb. 23.—A George Washington programme under the direction of Miss Laura Taylor, head of the department of physical education, and Miss Bessie McChesney, third and fourth grade critic of the Independence training school, was given in the Oregon Normal school.

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- Coates' Crochet Cotton . . . . . 10c
- Crystal White Soap, 4 bars . . . . . 15c
- No. 2 1/2 Can Peaches . . . . . 15c
- Wide Fancy Ribbons, 1/2 yard . . . . . 15c
- Fels Naptha, 2 bars . . . . . 15c
- Large Can Tomatoes . . . . . 10c
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