

MAIN NOT GUILTY, IS JURY'S VERDICT

Single Ballot Is Sufficient to Dispose of Charge of Murder.

ALIBI FULLY ESTABLISHED

Case Never Should Have Been Brought to Trial, Declares Counsel for Defense—District Attorney Rebuked for Action.

When they had against Main was because they had to be tried.

The jury retired at 2:55 o'clock this afternoon after having heard testimony and arguments since last Monday afternoon.

Herman Allen in his opening argument contended that the man who committed the murder was no ordinary man, because he very cleverly covered every trace of evidence which might disclose his identity.

District Attorney Rebuked. Attorneys for the defense bitterly assailed prosecuting attorney Allen for ever having arrested Main and for having brought the case to trial.

Mr. Abel rebuked the District Attorney for having carefully concealed until the last moment the fact that Robert Hodge, of Napavine, would testify that he saw Main enter the rear door of the Swayne store on the afternoon of the crime.

Mr. Abel asserted that every indication was that the crime was committed for the purpose of robbery.

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under instructions from General Executive Chairman Edward Cook...



George L. von Meyer, ex-Cabinet Member and Diplomat, Who Died Last Night.

GEORGE VON MEYER IS DEAD IN BOSTON

Ex-Ambassador to Italy and Cabinet Member Succumbs to Tumor of Liver.

PUBLIC RECORD NOTABLE

Native of Massachusetts and Graduate of Harvard Gains Recognition for His Business Ability While Serving His Country.

BOSTON, March 9.—George von L. Meyer, ex-Cabinet member and diplomat died at his home here at 11:15 to-night.

Mr. von L. Meyer had been suffering from a tumor of the liver for several weeks. His son, Captain George von L. Meyer, reached here from Washington today upon being notified that his father could not survive.

In the succession of public service to which Mr. von Meyer was chosen, he attained a reputation as a practical statesman. Trained to business from the time he was a boy, he applied business methods to the departments which came under his jurisdiction in the two years that he served as Postmaster-General in President Roosevelt's Cabinet and in his four years as Secretary of the Navy under President Taft.

Ability Is Recognized. Born in Boston on June 24, 1855, the son of a wealthy manufacturing chemist, Mr. Meyer was trained in what was locally known as the "school for politicians," the old Boston Common Council.

Mr. Meyer's National prominence began when, upon the recommendation of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge and the late Senator George Frisbie Hoar, President McKinley named him as Ambassador to Italy.

Results Are Obtained. Mr. Meyer was at St. Petersburg during the trying days of the Portsmouth peace conference. It is recounted that when the peace envoys reached the bustling island of the Japanese territorial indemnity President Roosevelt directed Ambassador Meyer to see the Russian Emperor in person and insist upon an armistice.

Mr. Meyer, however, found diplomatic suggestions for such an arrangement ineffective at the Russian Foreign Office, whereupon he resorted to his favorite direct methods and informed the Foreign Minister that unless an audience were arranged before a stated hour he would employ means of reaching the Emperor's presence.

Mr. Meyer's retirement from public office in 1913 Mr. Meyer resumed many of his earlier business connections. Throughout his life he was devoted to out-of-door sports. At Harvard, from which he was graduated in 1878, he rowed on his class crew and won medals for running. He was a vigorous tennis player and a lover of fishing, for many years making annual trips to the Restigouche for salmon.

Mr. Meyer married Alice Appleton, of Lenox, Mass., in 1885. They had two sons and two daughters, Captains George von L. Meyer, Jr., and Christopher L. P. Rodgers, of Boston, and Mrs. Giuseppe Brambilla, of Rome.

SOLDIER'S RELAPSE FATAL. Roy Bent, Thought Recovering, Dies at Fort Stevens Hospital.

ASTORIA, Or., March 9.—(Special.)—Roy H. Bent, a member of the 45th squad, aviation section of the Signal Corps, stationed at the Signal Corps Post Hospital, died following an illness of several days with pneumonia.

The young man was supposed to be improving and was expected to be able to leave his bed today. During the late afternoon, however, his heart became affected and he expired within a short time. The deceased was 23 years of age and his home was in New Hampshire. It is expected the remains will be shipped there for interment.

Teamster's Arm Broken. H. A. Case, a teamster for the Northwestern Transfer Company, suffered a broken arm yesterday morning, when he dropped an iron bar which he was lifting into his wagon. His injury was treated at the Good Samaritan Hospital.

A Child 2 or 3 Years Old requires something stronger than the sweet liquid laxatives now on the market which are purely osmotic in their action.

LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN fills this long felt want. It acts on the liver and regulates the bowels without griping or disturbing the stomach. A Liquid Digestive Laxative, pleasant to take. See the bottle.—Adv.

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CO-ED TO DO WAR WORK Frances Schenck to Be Given Credits Necessary for Graduation. UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, March 9.—(Special.)—Though lacking five of having the required number of credits to graduate, Miss Frances Schenck, of Colorado Springs, Colo., will be granted her diploma at the end of the present semester and will leave at once for Chicago, where she will train as a nurse prior to going to France with the Red Cross.

Send Your Boy a VICTORY RING The Symbol of Good Luck Mothers, Wives, Sisters, Sweethearts—this Victory Ring will mean much to your Boys at the front. More than 475 Victory Rings were purchased at Vancouver Barracks by the boys themselves in one day last week.

NUNN DEMANDS REFUND

STATE-HIGHWAY ENGINEER CALLS FOR \$6000 PAID OUT.

Old Government Work Dumpers Declared Not Up to Specifications Given in Bidding Contract.

SALEM, Or., March 9.—(Special.)—State Highway Engineer Nunn today forwarded a formal demand on J. H. LaMore, of Portland, for the return of \$6000 paid by the State Highway Commission for six dumpers sold the commission by the Loggers & Contractors Machinery Company, of Portland, of which LaMore was agent, and also a formal notification that the commission rescinds the contract to pay \$12,000 for 12 more dumpers which the commission had contracted to purchase Sunday in the family vault at Wexford.

Messages of sympathy from Queen Mary and Queen Alexandra were among those received by Mrs. Redmond yesterday. Queen Alexandra, in referring to the death of Mr. Redmond, said it was "an irreparable loss, which was all share."

WHAT PRUSSIANISM MEANS. The actions of the German armies in Belgium, in Poland and in Northern France have blotted the record of humanity.

This policy of Prussianism—this deliberately adopted "rightfulness"—with its aftermath of blood and tears, is one of the great wrongs against which America fights today.

The evidence in the case is set forth in an official book just published by the United States Government.

A copy of this book will be sent free to any reader of The Oregonian.

It is based on the reports of American diplomats and relief workers on the protests of high church authorities, on official German proclamations, on the field diaries of German soldiers.

To secure a copy of this free book, send your name and address with a 2-cent stamp for return postage to the Portland Oregonian Information Bureau, Frederic J. Haskin, Director, Washington, D. C. Ask for "German War Practices."

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The House today voted, 99 to 71, to eliminate the sub-treasuries at San Francisco, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, New Orleans, New York, Philadelphia and St. Louis. Efforts to abolish the sub-treasuries in previous years have failed.

SPEAKERS TO TOUR STATE Liberty Loan Boosters to Talk Patriotism for Ten Days.

Representatives of the state Liberty Loan headquarters organization, acting