

11 ANSWERED I. W. W. HEAR ACCUSATIONS

Prosecutor Sketches Details of Alleged Plot.

ARMISTICE DAY RECALLED

Defendants Closely Attentive as Attorney Allen for State Cites Events Leading Up to Tragedy.

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very before the fact, and who is acting as his own counsel in the defense, scribbled busily when Prosecutor Allen related the part that Smith is alleged to have borne in the plot. The statement asserts that it will be shown that Elmer Smith advised the defendants to arm themselves and take strategic points wherefrom to fire upon the parade. It further contends that on the day of the attack, November 11 last, Smith visited the Centralia I. W. W. hall and assured himself that all was in readiness for the attack upon the ex-service men.

Vanderveer Raises Query.
George F. Vanderveer, attorney for the defense, heard the state's opening statement without interruption. But at its close he was on his feet. He turned to Allen, who had seated himself at the state's table.

"Mr. Allen," said Vanderveer, "I believe it is advisable now that I should know and the defendants should know, and most of all that the jury should know, whether or not you now take the position that there was no attack on the parade. I ask you in common honesty to the jury now whether or not you will be your position in this case?"

Allen glanced up with surprise at the query and rose to his feet.

Response Elicits Smile.
"Our position is that the boys were standing in the street in military formation," he replied, "under the charge of their commander, paying close attention to him when he gave the command to halt and close up the ranks, and they were marking time when they were fired upon."

"In other words," insisted Vanderveer, "it is equivalent to a statement that there was no attack on the hall, and the doors were not smashed in before there was any shooting, and you will be judged by it hereafter."

"We surely will," exclaimed W. H. Abel, special counsel for the state.

"Thank you," was the I. W. W. lawyer's parting rejoinder, with a sarcastic smile.

Before Judge Wilson adjourned court, to convene again at 2:30 Monday morning, he complied with the request of the defense and signed a court order authorizing the employment of an alienist, Dr. Donald A. Nicholson, of Seattle, for the examination of Loren Roberts, defendant, whose plea in defense will be that of insanity.

Confession Is Recalled.
It was Roberts who, two days after the Armistice-day murders, gave himself up to the Centralia authorities and dictated a full confession, in which he is said to have testified that the attack had been planned three weeks in advance. In this confession Roberts stated that he was one of three riflemen in distant ambush on Seminary hill. The others he named were Bert Bland, now a fellow defendant, and Ole Hanson. The latter has never been taken.

Concerning the state's opening statement, the I. W. W. counsel asked permission of the court for an adjournment for the remainder of the session yesterday, saying that he might make some form of reply Monday morning. He added, however, that he might not reply at all at that time, but reserve his entire statement for the opening of the case for the defense, when the state has concluded.

First Witnesses Named.
C. D. Cunningham, Centralia special counsel for the prosecution, revealed today the witnesses who will first be summoned by the state, and who will take the stand Monday. They are: E. C. Dohm, state engineer; Sheriff John Berry of Lewis county; Sidney Gahlagher, engineer, and C. N. Bevans, photographer, all of whom will be called to explain and identify the various maps, diagrams and photographs with which the state will illustrate to the jury the scene of the Centralia assassinations.

Choice of the two alternate jurors, who are to sit with the regular panel throughout the case, but who are to serve only in the event that illness or death deplete the original 12, came to a swift climax just before the noon adjournment. With the naming of the last juror the case definitely opened.

But one slip and one name remained in the venire box to be drawn. The clerk drew it forth and read the name. To the defense was left a single peremptory challenge.

Blacksmith Readily Passes.
James A. Ball, blacksmith, Montsane, came forward to the 13th jury seat. The I. W. W. counsel glanced at the juror.

"I'll accept him on his looks," said Vanderveer, waving right to challenge and excuse.

"So will we," concurred W. H. Abel, special counsel for the state.

Ball is the 13th juror. His fellow alternate is A. R. Johnson, cigar dealer, Aberdeen, the 14th. In the event their active services are required, Ball will be the first to take a substitute place in the regular panel.

During the closing phases of the jury examination for alternates the religious issue was introduced by the defense. George W. Makurath, sawyer, Aberdeen, had testified that he is a member of the Catholic order of the Knights of Columbus.

I. W. W. Counsel Roused.
Pouncing upon the statement, the I. W. W. counsel interrogated Makurath regarding the nature of the oath he took when entering the Knights of Columbus, declaring that organization was already of record, as was the Catholic church, against socialism and that I. W. W. men are socialists and kin.

Instantly the prosecution objected, through W. H. Abel, special counsel, with Judge Wilson sustaining the objection. Vanderveer asserted hotly that the salesman should be compelled to divulge the nature of the secret oath, and was again overruled.

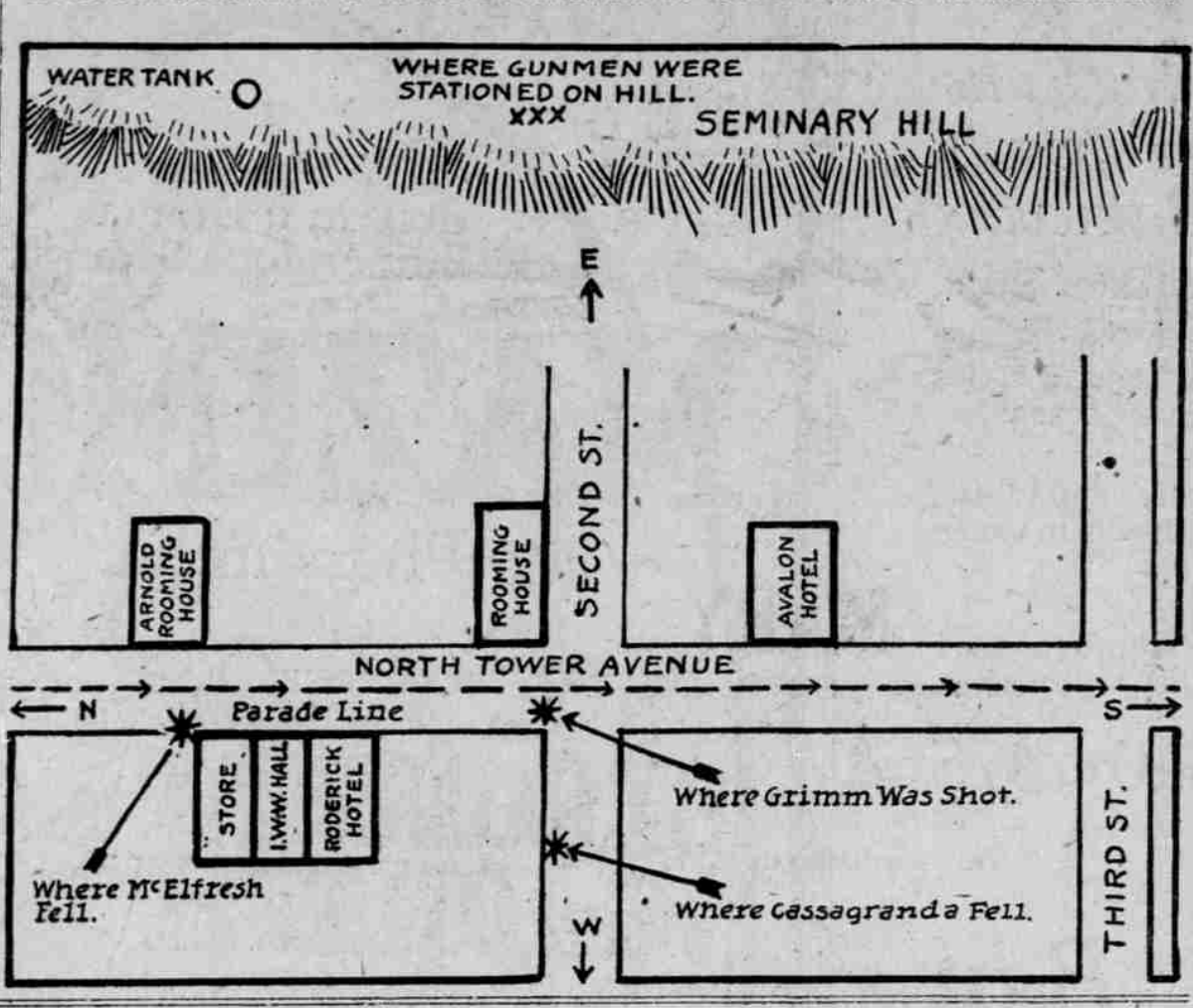
"The court does not intend to be lectured by counsel for either side, every time he makes a ruling," declared Judge Wilson.

Makurath was challenged for cause by the defense, but was seated as a tentative alternate juror when the court denied the challenge.

Makurath was removed later by the defense through exercise of its second and last peremptory.

At the adjournment of court today the jurors went to the single

DIAGRAM SHOWING WHERE CENTRALIA ARMISTICE-DAY SHOOTING TOOK PLACE, AS DESCRIBED BY PROSECUTOR ALLEN IN OPENING STATEMENT TO JURY AT TRIAL OF ALLEGED SLAYERS.



ALLEN'S OPENING STATEMENT PICTURES REDS' CONSPIRACY

Prosecutor in I. W. W. Trial Describes Centralia Crime in Detail and Levels Finger of Accusation at Eleven Defendants.

room that is to be the home of 14 men for several weeks to come. They are closely guarded by balliffs. Judge Wilson will censor all reading matter and mail that is sent to them. He began this phase of his judicial duties this morning when he informed E. E. Torpen, juror, that a letter had arrived for him, and that either the court must read it before delivery or it must wait the close of the case.

"Go ahead and read it," acquiesced Torpen.

The 12 regular jurors gave evidence of resignation to circumstances that led up to the Armistice day shootings at Centralia, Wash., on November 11, 1919, were outlined in detail by Herman Allen, county attorney of Lewis county, in which Centralia is situated, today told the 12 jurors sworn to hear the evidence against 11 alleged members of the Industrial Workers of the World just what the state would attempt to prove by the testimony and exhibits it would offer at the trial.

"Incredible as it may appear that a crime so heinous in its character and evincing so much depravity should be perpetrated within the limits of a peaceful and moral community, nevertheless the evidence which we shall lay before you will irresistibly lead to the conclusion that the defendants are guilty of the offense of which they stand charged," Mr. Allen declared when first addressing the jury.

Conspiracy Is Pictured.
Mr. Allen told of the alleged leasing of the hall in Centralia from which the shots were fired, locating the hall in the minds of his listeners so that they would be able to locate it and the other buildings from which it is maintained shots were fired at the Armistice day marchers. He then told of the alleged meetings at which the conspiracy to shoot down former service men is alleged to have been plotted. A word picture of Warren O. Grimm, overseas lieutenant, for the murder of whom the 11 defendants are on trial was next in his statement.

Logger Killed by Blow.
ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 7. (Special.)—Theodore Peterson, a choker setter, employed at the H. B. & A. Logging camp on Grays river, Wash., was instantly killed while at work today.

The accident was being hauled into the timber, it caught on a small sapling and then swung around, striking Peterson on the head and crushing his skull.

Peterson was a native of New Richmond, Wis., and 21 years of age. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Peterson, who reside at Brush Prairie, Wash., as well as a sister, Elvera Peterson of the same place, and one brother, Samuel Peterson, who was working with his brother at the time of the accident.

RAILROAD TIE-UP LOOMING

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railroad companies is to keep their trains running. Hence, they will not feel like resisting unreasonable wage demands or suffering costly strikes when, under the guarantee, any additional burden can be shifted to the public without loss to stockholders.

After pointing out the dangers of the guarantee provision when not safeguarded by anti-strike legislation, this same member of congress said: "The bill is exorbitant in protecting the interest of everybody but the people. In forcing their successive wage demands upon the railroads, with consequent increases in rates to be charged to the public, the brotherhoods force certain success for the Plumb plan. The public, they reason, will grow tired of meeting the constantly increasing tax and will rise in favor of giving the workmen a trial at running the roads."

"That a strike is coming is the opinion of close observers of the railroad situation. The only question is, will it be within a few days or will it be later, the roads have been returned to their owners on March 12."



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Several Volleys Fired.
"It was while the men were in this position that they were fired upon," the county prosecutor declared, "when in this position four or five shots rang out and there was a distinct pause of a few seconds, and the boys began to break ranks and seek shelter. When the ranks broke and the boys began scattering, several volleys of shots came from the I. W. W. hall."

"How many shots were fired it may not accurately be determined, but it will be shown that there were a great number, ranging from 50 to 150," Allen continued in describing the shooting. He then described the position of the marchers in the street, how they at first did not realize they were being shot at, their efforts to escape the rain of bullets and charged along the streets to witness the procession. He then declared that the shots came from several different places, describing the Avalon hotel, Arnold hotel and Seminary hall, about 1000 yards distant, from which point it is alleged many shots were fired.

Bullet's Course Described.
Allen pointed out that although the 11 defendants are on trial for the murder of only Grimm, the other three victims' deaths had to be mentioned frequently in order to make his detailed statement of the shootings clear. He then told in detail of the shooting of Arthur McElfresh, Dale Hubbard and Ben Cassagrande, other men killed at the time, and of the wounding of several other men. He declared that the evidence will prove that Grimm was ahead of the part of the parade which halted immediately in front of the I. W. W. hall, and that the bullet which caused his death came from an upstairs window of the Avalon hotel. The bullet which killed Grimm, he said, went entirely through his body, entering just below his ribs on the left side, taking a downward course and emerging just above the hip bone on the right side.

Allen's statement then told in detail that the state would endeavor to prove that all of the defendants, including two not yet captured, were either in the I. W. W. hall, the Avalon or Arnold hotel or on Seminary hill, and that nearly all of them were shooting. He then promised to produce evidence during the trial to show that the shooting was premeditated.

Premeditation Is Charged.
"The evidence will show," he said, "that all the defendants participated in a conspiracy to kill ex-service men; that while some of them did not actually shoot and kill ex-soldiers, nevertheless they were present, aiding, abetting, encouraging and countenancing such conspiracy and had helped plan the same, and actually participated in carrying out such plans; that all the defendants were present and assisted in carrying out such conspiracy except Elmer Smith, their lawyer, encourage, aid, counsel and abet the defendants in their unlawful conspiracy which resulted in murder."

The statement next went into detail concerning an alleged meeting held by the defendants November 9, the Sunday prior to the tragedy, at which, Allen declares, the plans for arming and distributing the men who could shoot was discussed and decided upon. Allen said that the state will show that the defendants talked of a purported raid on their hall to take place on Armistice day, but said that whatever information the defendants received regarding any purported raid of their hall, came from the defendants themselves.

Movements Are Detailed.
The statement went into detail about alleged meetings of the I. W. W. at which the arrangements to arm men and place them in the hall and other strategic places are said to have been discussed. Allen also gave many details of the movements of Loren Roberts, who is alleged to have later confessed to his part in the shootings, explaining that the state would prove Roberts was one of the men who stood in the Seminary hall and shot at the marchers from there. Guns, a suitcase and other exhibits will be offered to prove this contention of the state, he said.

The movements of Roberts, Bert Bland and Ole Hanson, alleged to be the men who fired from the hill, also will be shown, Allen said.

The statement brings into the case each of the 11 defendants, alleging that all participated at different meetings at which the shooting was discussed and planned, and that all were either in the I. W. W. hall or other strategic locations when the parade began to move.

Accusations Made.
"The evidence may not be clear as to whether Bert Faulkner (one of the defendants), did any shooting, but it will show his presence in the hall, Allen said, in detailing the part each of the individual defendants is alleged to have taken in the shooting. Mike Sheehan, another of the defendants, did not participate in the actual shooting, Allen said, because he did not know how to handle a gun. In the case of Elmer Smith, Centralia attorney, who is charged with being an accessory before the fact, Allen in his statement to the jury, declared the evidence will show that Smith attended a meeting in the I. W. W. hall just prior to the parade and that he conferred with several of the defendants, and that he advised and counseled them; that he knew of their plans and that he went to the hall for the purpose of instructing and directing them.

"I think that substantially all I have related will be conclusively established by the evidence in the case," Allen said in closing, "and I submit to you, gentlemen of the jury, when we have produced the evidence in this trial setting forth and establishing the things I have related, we are justified in asking a verdict of guilty as charged at your hands."

O.A.C. FRATERNITY ELECTS
Eleven Pledges Made to Home Economics Honor Society.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Feb. 7. (Special.)—Omicron Nu, national professional

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