

REDS' FATE MAY BE KNOWN THIS WEEK

Prosecution Has Final Volley to Fire.

WITNESSES ON RESERVE

Attempt Will Be Made in Rebuttal of State to Completely Shatter Plea of Self-Defense.

BY BEN HUR LAMPMAN.
MONTESANO, Wash., March 6.—(Special)—The narrative of Centralia's tragedy, wherein four ex-service men fell last Armistice day, now is a complete record in the archives of the superior court for Grays Harbor county. It comprises the transcription of testimony for and against the accused. The defense rested its case at noon today, after six weeks of trial, and the 10 I. W. W. defendants, charged with the murder of Warren O. Grimm, legionnaire, wait within a week of the verdict.

When court reconvenes on Monday, it will be to hear the testimony of witnesses called by the prosecution in rebuttal—witnesses whose recitals of what they saw, declare the state counsel, will further shatter the plea of self defense advanced for the accused, and will demonstrate that Grimm had committed no overt act against the I. W. W. when he fell in a holiday parade, mortally wounded.

Rebuttal to Be Brief.
It is the opinion of C. D. Cunningham and W. H. Abel, special prosecutors, that rebuttal testimony will occupy but a few days, possibly not more than two—though scores of witnesses are under call. Their testimony will be brief, and will be confined to specific points. The defense will then present a number of witnesses in rebuttal, of even briefer duration. The case should go to the jury before the close of the coming week.

George F. Vanderveer, attorney for the accused, closed his case today with renewed offers, declined by Judge John M. Wilson, presiding, to prove the defense contention that Centralia business men, in a secret commercial league, conspired to raise the I. W. W. halt and drive the radicals from the city and that this purported conspiracy culminated in bloodshed.

The refusal of the judge is based upon total lack of evidence to connect Warren Grimm with any such alleged plot, or to show that the dead legionnaire made a single hostile move against the Centralia I. W. W., as they waited in their hall and at outside points, rifles and pistols ready.

Disclosure Startling.
One of the most startling disclosures of the entire case came yesterday when Rev. T. Edmonds, defense investigator and witness, admitted the authorship of a letter written to Vanderveer, in which the secret service clergyman absolved Grimm from all blame and suggested means to controvert this fact. Edmonds testified that he is not and never has been an I. W. W., but that his seal for the cause is actuated by a desire for justice.

Vanderveer offered proof relative to an alleged commercial conspiracy against Centralia, to the lynching of Wesley Everest and to various other matters, as follows:
To prove by Earl Craft, Centralia electrician, that on the night of November 11, during his temporary absence from the lighting plant, the doors were unlocked and the lights of the city turned off, during which time Wesley Everest, slayer of Dale Hubbard, was taken from the jail and lynched. And further, that when Craft returned he found in the lighting plant the mayor of Centralia, the city electrician and the assistant city electrician.

Grim Jest Brought Up.
To prove by Dr. David Livingstone, coroner of Centralia, that Livingstone went to the Elks club, American Legion headquarters, following the lynching of Everest and there made an oral report, as coroner, that Everest had broken out of the city jail, had gone one-half mile to a bridge over the Chehalis river, had tied a rope about his neck and jumped off the bridge, that the rope was too short and Everest had clambered a back and lengthened it, that he had then leaped again, shot himself through the body, cut the rope with his own hand and dropped into the river. (The grim jest that Everest died by his own hand was current in Centralia following the lynching.)

To prove by George F. Russell, manager of the employers' association of Washington, that he had conferred with Governor Hart and had planned the simultaneous arrest and prosecution of I. W. W. in all counties, thus depriving them of adequate legal protection; that Russell is the same man who organized movements against radicals in Chehalis and Centralia; that the governor did call a meeting of prosecuting attorneys at which the proposed plan was adopted, and that the plan had the approval of L. L. Thompson, attorney-general of the state.

Matter Held Irrelevant.
To prove by Judge John M. Wilson, presiding in the present trial, that Judge Wilson made public address on the Centralia tragedy, following Armistice day, and that he preached a funeral oration at an Elks' lodge in memory of Warren O. Grimm, Arthur McElfresh and Dale Hubbard, victims. And further that after various changes, Judge Wilson was appointed by Governor Hart to try the present case.

To prove by W. H. Abel, special prosecutor in this case, that he had once been appointed special prosecuting attorney, during labor troubles, to serve without pay and that such appointment was at the instance of timber interests.

To prove by C. D. Cunningham, special prosecutor, that on November 11 he was attorney for the Eastern Railway & Lumber company, of Centralia, of which F. B. Hubbard, who is alleged to have directed a purported commercial conspiracy against the I. W. W., was and is still its president. "All objected to as incompetent, irrelevant and immaterial," said Special Prosecutor Abel. "No excuse in this for the killing of Grimm." Objection sustained, ruled Judge Wilson.

Defense Witness Recalled.
John Patterson, witness for the defense, was recalled by the state for continued cross-examination in an effort to impeach the previous testimony of the witness who had testified that he stood at the corner of the variety store, during the shooting and saw the body of Arthur McElfresh carried from the entrance of the I. W. W. Hall.

The witness denied that he had ever said, in the hearing of Ruth Godfrey and her sister, of Centralia, that he was not in the vicinity of the trouble and that he did not see anything, or

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that he had ever made a similar statement to J. A. Pollock, a neighbor.
The state asserts that Patterson did disclaim any direct knowledge of the tragedy.
Since he had testified, said Patterson, he had been interviewed by state investigators, as had his wife.

"Get Out," Orders Woman.
"You get to hell out of here and don't come back until you have a warrant," was the reply that she gave to state investigators, testified his wife, Mrs. Patterson.

Britt Smith and Mike Sheehan, defendants, both testified that the doors of the hall were kicked open by paraders before shots were fired.
Charles Everest, Aberdeen, brother of Wesley Everest, the I. W. W. participant who was lynched on armistice night, testified that his brother had been in the United States army, that he possessed a .45-caliber automatic, presumably that which he used on armistice day, and that he had never heard his brother speak ill of the army service.
On cross-examination by W. H. Abel the witness admitted that Wesley Everest was drafted into the service and that his military record comprised a period with the spruce division in logging operations.

Faulkner Hides Card.
Himself a defendant but a few days ago and released by order of the court, Bert Faulkner of Centralia, who was one of the I. W. W. in the hall at the time of the shooting, was called to the stand to testify.
Faulkner said that he had never heard of any plan to post riflemen outside the hall and that the only suggestion he had heard of anti-social trouble was when Wesley Everest had approached him and asked if he had his "card on him." He had taken the card home, secreted it and had returned to the hall.
That Centralia business men, as they passed in the parade, "made faces" at the hall, and that Paul Uhlman, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, whom he knew, "made a face" at him as Uhlman saw Faulkner standing near the window, was the testimony.

When the parade returned and had halted, testified Faulkner, he heard shouts of "Let's go get 'em" followed by the rush towards the door. He

testified that at the time the shooting started he was standing between the defenders and the door. A bullet fired from outside, into the hall, declared Faulkner, pierced the shoulder of his overcoat. This coat, he said, had been loaned while he was in Chehalis jail, and the evidence destroyed by enlargement of the tear.

Friendship Casual.
Faulkner testified that he was on terms of casual friendship with all of the legionnaires who were killed, that he knew most of the men in the parade, that he had gone to school with Grimm, and that he had no malice against the paraders.

On cross-examination Faulkner said that six or seven men were in the hall. Of these he knew only Wesley Everest and Britt Smith. He saw no weapons and heard no plans. The defendants had not talked of their case in jail or had reached any agreement regarding their tactics of defense.
Recalled to the stand, Elmer Smith, attorney defendant as accessory, testified that he went home about 4 o'clock on the afternoon of armistice day, convinced that there would be attempted lynchings, to get his revolver and endeavor to prevent mob action. His wife had cried as he left.

I. W. W. Right Asserted.
Smith asserted, under cross-examination that he did not advise the defendants to station men outside the hall to fire upon the paraders, but he is now convinced, he said, that the I. W. W. had the right to station riflemen in the Arnold, the Avalon and on Seminary hill.
Frank Nearing, Chehalis, who marched in the eighth platoon, testified that he saw soldiers rush the hall, but that their movement and the shots seemed to be simultaneous. He saw the body of Arthur McElfresh, where it had fallen at the corner of the variety store.
Nearing also testified that he thought he heard several shots at his left, after the firing had opened from the hall. His platoon was halted almost before the Arnold hotel which would be on the left hand of the column, where O. C. Bland and John Lamb, defendants, were stationed. The defense denies that any shots were fired from the Arnold.

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