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JAMES FERRARI IS ACCUSED OF SHOOTING JAMES KELLEY

Proprietor of "Blind Pig" at Henryville Held by Coroner's Jury.

SEVERAL WITNESSES TELL OF ADMISSIONS

Sensational Evidence Given at Hearing Last Night—Some of The Testimony

CORONER'S VERDICT

"We, the jury, find that the death of John Kelly was caused by a gunshot wound, resulting from a shot fired at him, striking him in and about the body, and that we further find, that a crime has been committed and that there is probable cause to believe James Ferrari guilty of the crime."

In less than fifteen minutes after the conclusion of the testimony, the Coroner's jury last night returned a verdict holding James Ferrari to stand trial for the murder of John Kelly, who was killed in a gang fight last Sunday evening at Henryville. Ferrari conducted a "blind pig" at Henryville and engaged in a drunken brawl with some of his customers Sunday night. Fearing that he would be attacked, it is charged that he went to the house of Jack Galli, borrowed a gun, went outside and from the porch fired two shots at Kelly and his associates who were heading toward camp.

Dr. Mingus Testifies

The first witness to testify last night was Dr. E. Mingus, the attending physician upon Kelley. Dr. Mingus testified that he performed an autopsy on the body of Kelly and found small shot scattered all over his body from the neck down. He further testified that three bullets had passed through the liver and two through the upper portion of the stomach. Dr. Mingus stated that the cause of death resulted from the bullets in the liver. He also submitted a diagram showing where the bullets struck Kelly, also a diagram showing where the bullets penetrated Kelly's arms and extended into his back.

Galli on Stand.

John Galli, an Italian employed at Hennessey's mine, took the stand and told the story of the gang coming down to his house and requesting a place to sleep, or a lantern. He testified as follows: "Sunday evening I was in my house at Henryville. About eleven o'clock Sunday night six fellows came to the door of my shack; one of them knocked. I answered the door and they asked for a lantern and a place to sleep. I told them to come inside and pointed to the other room, telling them that they could find a lantern there. When we were all about ready to sleep, Ferrari came to the door and asked me to let him in. I opened the door and he wanted to borrow my shotgun. I told him he could not have the gun and that I would not let him take it. He grabbed it from its resting place in the wall and I tried to keep him from taking it, but he wrested it from me. He went outside and I went to sleep, and he came back in about ten minutes and knocked on the door, very excited, and said: 'Let me in. I killed a man.' I opened the door and he came in, shaking and nervous. He told the rest of the bunch that they better go to Beaver Hill as there was trouble around the mine. While Ferrari was out, I heard two shots.

"When Ferrari returned I say, 'Where's my gun?' He says, 'I leave it outside.' I say 'for why do you do that. In one place you have no business to take my gun, and in the next place you have no business to leave my gun up from behind the door and say: 'Here's your damn old gun.' Then I tell him to get out of here, he all time make trouble for me, and he goes home. The gun was loaded when he first left the house. It was a double-barrelled gun and I was going to shoot some chicken pretty soon. When Ferrari returned after I heard the two shots fired the gun was empty. Rev. Samuel Gregg questioned the witness about the gun and the uses he put it to. The juror brought quite a bit of humor out of this testimony for shooting chickens and ducks. In fact when Sheriff Gage was looking for him he was up at Conledo in quest of fowl.

Drank Two Glasses.

Dan Bravine, one of the gang that came down from Beaver Hill to Henryville Sunday afternoon was the next witness. He testified that he went up to Ferrari's place and drank only two glasses of beer. He said that while he was at Ferrari's "blind pig" that Ferrari engaged in a fight with Bert Johnson. He did not stay for the battle but went down to the shack with his gang and asked a fellow who was down there with a flute to play a tune. While the bunch were

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TO HOLD MEN AS WITNESSES

District Attorney to Require Accusers of Kelly to Provide Bond

The preliminary hearing of James Ferrari, accused at the coroner's inquest last night of firing the shot which caused the death of John Kelly in the Henryville fracas last Sunday night, will probably be held next Tuesday at Coquille. It is expected that he will waive the preliminary hearing.

District Attorney Liljeqvist last night informed the coroner's jury that he would see that Bravine, Galli and Dempsey were held as witnesses, intimating that they would be required to furnish bond for their appearance or remain in custody.

Was After Blind Pig.

Three or four weeks ago Mr. Liljeqvist was informed that Ferrari was conducting a blind pig at Henryville and at that time took steps to secure evidence against him. His first efforts failed and just a short time before the shooting he had made arrangements to get the evidence that would have landed Ferrari.

HOT CONTEST IS IN SIGHT

W. H. Meredith Practically Announces Candidacy—Congressional Outlook

The probable entrance of W. H. Meredith, prosecuting attorney of Curry county, into the field as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress in this district, is attracting much attention and will probably result in a contest between Meredith and Frederick Hollister of North Bend for the place. The Roseburg Review announces as practically certain that Meredith will run, following a conference with leaders at Roseburg, and it boosts his candidacy.

During the early part of the week Hollister conferred with him and urged him to keep out of the race this time and let Mr. Hollister have the backing of the coast Democrats against a possible valley Democrat. However, Mr. Meredith would not agree to this.

Mr. Meredith is attending the big Oregon Development League Congress this week at Eugene and will probably determine there definitely although he has practically made up his mind to run. Mr. Hollister was in Marshfield yesterday and said that he had encouraged letters from many Democrats at different points in the district. It is understood that he will leave today or tomorrow for a trip through the district to see what the outlook is.

John D. Goss, who was talked of as a probable candidate for the Democratic nomination has practically made up his mind not to get into the game this time. Judge Hamilton of Roseburg was also talked of as a possible candidate but recent word from Roseburg is that his health will not permit him to run this year.

On the Republican side it seems that W. C. Hawley, the present incumbent, and E. F. Jones, former registrar of the U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, are the only candidates. Mr. Jones will be on Coos Bay in March.

The Curry county papers and political leaders and a number of the Coquille Valley leaders are said to be getting behind Meredith's candidacy and pushing it vigorously. They claim that if the coast really wants to land the congressional plum, the thing to do is to get the strongest Democrats and Republicans in this section to get into the race, with a view of surely landing at least one of the nominations, and then backing the winner, regardless of political lines, in the election campaign.

FLORENCE ICE PLANT

While J. P. Cox was on his recent trip East he purchased an ice plant, which is now in San Francisco on its way to Florence.

Last year Mr. Cox bought some waterfront property upon which he will erect a building this year to be used for cold storage purposes and the manufacture of ice.—Florence Pilot.

BRITISH SUBJECT EXECUTED BY MEX. REBEL COURT MARTIAL

Crisis May be Precipitated by Killing of Wm. S. Benson for Alleged Threats Against General Villa's Life.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 20.—William S. Benton of El Paso, a Scotciman and subject of Great Britain, is reported dead. The report is confirmed officially by Pancho Villa and was conveyed to the widow here by United States Consul Edwards, of Juarez. Mystery surrounds the report of his death. William Benton, a cousin of Consul Edwards, confirms the report. "Consul Edwards told Mrs. Benton," he said, "that her husband was dead in Juarez. The consul said that Villa had confirmed this, but said Villa had asked him not to make public the details, except in official dispatches to his government."

Benton was executed Tuesday night after a trial by a military court in Juarez, of which Federico Gonzalez Garcia was the head, according to what appears to be a correct version of the affair. The charge against Benton was that he was implicated in a plot to take Villa's life. Villa left for the south this morning on a special train.

Benton was last seen alive in Juarez Tuesday. He was making his way to Villa's home and said he was going to "tell Villa what he thought of him," to the manner in which his ranch, "Los Remedios," in western Chihuahua, had been looted by the rebels. It is supposed Villa's defense will be that Benton was shot because he entered Villa's office and started to draw a gun, although Benton's cousin said he did not go to Juarez armed. In the course of the interview Benton was lost to the view of his friends.

Villa's sudden departure is regarded as a flight from the storm of public indignation. Talk of a mass meeting on this side to take some action

was discussed by the citizens. Excited knots of Americans, English, French and German refugees asserted the time had come to voice their sentiments.

The fact that the alleged execution occurred Tuesday night is thought to mean that the report of Villa's court martial was given out to cover the fact that Villa personally shot Benton in a quarrel.

Talking with a reporter over the telephone, Consul Edwards made the cryptic remark: "I have officially reported Benton dead because his death was officially reported to me. Personally I may have my hopes or doubts."

Call Mass Meeting.

A call for a mass meeting of protest was posted this afternoon. It will be held tonight in Cleveland Square. Former Governor Curry of New Mexico will address the meeting. He is investigating the Benton execution on behalf of the citizens. Villa refused to deliver Benton's body to Consul Edwards, but Edwards exacted a promise that the grave should be marked.

In a communication to the British Ambassador of the news of the death of Benton, Secretary Bryan said he had ordered a thorough investigation. Pending inquiry there is every disposition on the part of the officials to maintain a judicial attitude and await the production of evidence. It is understood the British Government will formally warn all its subjects to leave Mexico immediately.

BRYAN ORDERS INVESTIGATION.

After Conference with Cabinet Probe of Benton's Death Directed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.

Secretary Bryan, after a cabinet conference, ordered an immediate investigation of the killing of W. S. Benton at Juarez.

TRAIN ROBBED OF OVER \$40,000

Three Bandits Make Get-away With Big Loot Near Birmingham, Ala.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 20.—Railway detectives and police with blood hounds began the search today for the three robbers who held up the Queen and Crescent New Orleans limited last night near here and rifled mail pouches of registered mail said to contain \$40,000. In their haste the robbers overlooked a sack containing \$10,000 consigned to New Orleans and a big consignment of stamps.

MINE WORKERS SCORE MILITIA

Colorado Strike Investigation Reaches Its Climax at Trinidad

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] TRINIDAD, Colo., Feb. 20.—The series of charges by the United Mine Workers of America against the National Guard reached a climax today before the House sub-committee. The report of the officers who investigated the alleged attack and theft at the Yoshinski house, described yesterday by the Polish boy, was submitted by the militia. The investigating officer denied every charge made by the boy except that two officers searched the Yoshinski ranch house. His testimony was the signal for a general attack upon the militia by counsel for the strikers.

LABOR WAR AT WILLAPA HARBOR

General Strike of Lumber Mill Workers Threatened—Both Sides Firm

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] RAYMOND, Wash., Feb. 20.—Willapa Harbor is threatened with a general strike of the mill workers which

GOETHALS MAY MISS OPENING

Builder of Panama Canal Says He Will Not Attend Formal Opening

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Colonel George W. Goethals, builder of the Panama Canal, may not be present when the new waterway is opened to commerce. Goethals arrived from Panama yesterday and took a late train for Washington. "It will be a great show but I hope I won't be there," he said. "I don't care for celebrations and never did."

SHIP IS LOST ON ATLANTIC

Schooner Kineo Supposed to be Fighting Sea—Missing Three Days

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 20.—Somewhere out in the 45-mile gale that is lashing the Atlantic today, the flimsiest schooner Kineo, of Bath, Maine, is probably fighting for the lives of her crew of eleven. After a fruitless search the revenue cutter Onondaga put back to Norfolk for supplies to continue the hunt.

HALIBUT SCHOONER DISABLED

Alzida of Tacoma, With Broken Propeller Shaft, Tower to Vancouver.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 20.—The halibut schooner Alzida, was towed, disabled, to Vancouver last night by the steamer Coquitlam. The Alzida broke her shaft off Haddenbrook Island.

probably will be in full blast within the next few days. The trouble was precipitated when three shingle weavers were discharged and the union voted the employers must re-employ the men. The employers refused and all hands walked out. All the mill operators then met and declared for the open shop and ten hour day.

NOT SPOKANE MILLIONAIRE.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] SANTA BARBARA, Feb. 20.—The body washed up yesterday by the sea was declared not that of Francis Lewis Clark, the Spokane millionaire, by his val-let, who viewed the body.

HEAVY RAINS CONTINUE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TODAY

MOORE MILL IS SCENE OF FIRE

Staging for New Smokestacks Burns—Big Deals On—Randolph in Port

[Special to The Times.] BANDON, Or., Feb. 20.—The staging erected for the purpose of replacing the smokestacks of the Geo. W. Moore mill, which were blown down in the January storm, caught fire last night and burned down. For a time it was feared that the blaze might spread to the mill and caused intense excitement. The blaze was extinguished without much damage except the loss of the staging.

It has been reported here that the Moore Company recently received a fine offer for their property and the sale of it is not unlikely. The Chaney people, who have big timber holdings on the upper Coquille, are understood to be interested in the deal.

Dollar Goes South. Stanley Dollar, of the Dollar Lumber company, left for San Francisco on the Speedwell to close final details in the readjustment of the affairs of the Johnson Lumber company. Everything is reported progressing nicely, but it is necessarily a little slow. It is said authoritatively that a satisfactory arrangement will be made quickly.

Randolph Out of Oil. The Randolph came in this morning to renew her oil supply. She had a cargo of merchandise from Coos Bay for Port Orford and Rogue River points and it has been so rough that she could not discharge or make those points, so she put in at Bandon to renew her supply.

Reports that the Randolph was in serious trouble are unfounded. Bedillion's Woolen Mill. Although nothing official has been given out, it is understood here that the Bedillion Woolen Mill will remain in Bandon. Mr. Bedillion is said to have figured out that he can make the necessary changes by securing \$10,000 additional funds. At first he figured on it requiring \$50,000, but has reduced this. The special committee appointed by the Bandon Chamber of Commerce has not made any report on the deal yet.

GEO. WULFF IS HIT BY CAR

Well-known Ferndale Pioneer Slightly Injured by S. P. Motor Today

George Wulff, a well-known pioneer citizen of Marshfield, was struck by the Southern Pacific motor car on North Front street this morning and narrowly escaped being instantly killed. As it was he escaped with a few flesh wounds and some severe bruises.

Mr. Wulff was walking south in the roadway alongside the track and the car was running backwards to Marshfield. There is a railing separating the roadway and car track but there is an occasional crossing where there is no railing.

Mr. Wulff evidently figured the car was further away and started to cross the track ahead of it. Conductor Kardell was unable to stop the car to prevent the collision.

Luckily the projection on the rear of the car struck him high enough and threw him back under the railing into the roadway instead of onto the track.

A severe gash was cut in his head, his wrist was sprained and he was cut about the body. Conductor Kardell had an auto take him to Mercy Hospital where his injuries were dressed, and he expected to return to his home in Ferndale this afternoon.

Mr. Wulff is about seventy-five years old. A short time ago he was badly bruised near the same spot by a piece of railing striking him, the planking being torn off by Joe Houser's runaway team. He is wealthy.

This makes the third man that the motor car has struck while backing up, but in each instance they have not been seriously hurt. Capt. Adamson, light tender, witnessed this morning's accident.

The Baptist Ladies' Aid of North Bend, will hold a cake sale, Saturday, at Smith's Variety Store.

Young bunch TURNIPS at OLLIVANT & WEAVER'S. Phone 199.

Many Cities and Towns Are Threatened With Repetition of Freshets

THREE DROWNED BY FLOOD IN TWO DAYS

Miss Sue Beville, Noted Orange Raiser, and Cousin, Lost Together

CLOUDBURST TODAY.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20.—A cloudburst in the mountains sent a wall of water down upon Covina, in the citrus belt, today and inundated several streets in the northern part of Los Angeles. Pasadena avenue, the principal thoroughfare between Los Angeles and Pasadena, was flooded, the water wrecking three houses in its flight through the Park district.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20.—Southern California again was menaced by flood conditions today, following a steady downpour of rain which began shortly after midnight and continued throughout the night. In Los Angeles proper about one inch of rain fell during the night, but in the foothill districts surrounding the city, the precipitation was reported to be much heavier, and apprehension is felt for the residents of those sections.

A terrific downpour early today in Sierra Madre, fifteen miles northeast of Los Angeles, flooded the streets and arroyos and caused much damage to the orange groves. No lives were endangered as far as is known.

The San Gabriel River rose rapidly during the early morning hours, causing a suspension of traffic on the interurban trolley lines running north and northeast from Los Angeles.

Prominent Woman Drowns.

A third victim of flood waters was reported last night with the discovery of the body of Miss Sue Beville of Covina in Walnut Wash only a few feet from where the body of her cousin, Harold M. Seitz, had been found earlier in the day. It is believed Miss Beville and her cousin had attempted to escape together and perished at the same time. Miss Beville was one of the best known orange growers in the state.

Unless the rain ceases by 4 o'clock this afternoon, the Vanderbilt cup race, scheduled for tomorrow, will be postponed.

VANDERBILT RACE POSTPONED.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20.—The Vanderbilt Cup Race, to have begun tomorrow over the Santa Monica course, was postponed until Thursday on account of the rain storm. The Grand Prize race was postponed until February 28.

VOTE AGAINST AMENDMENTS

Senate Rejects Chamberlain Change in Spanish Treaty

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—By a vote of 40 to 13, the Senate, in executive session, rejected the Chamberlain amendment to the Spanish general arbitration treaty to exempt from arbitration questions relating to Panama tolls, immigration, admission of children to state schools and all questions involving the Monroe Doctrine. On one objection the Spanish treaty went over until tomorrow. Senator Shively, then changing the plan of the committee, then called up the British treaty and offered a resolution for its ratification.

MAIL STAGE ABANDONED

Molalla Line Operated for Sixty Years Gives Way to Train

OREGON CITY, Feb. 20.—Mail to Molalla went by train through Canby for the first time and for the first time in sixty years the stage between Oregon City and Molalla did not run. The stage from Oregon City to Molalla was one of the first to be established and the longest to operate out of Oregon City.

CLOSE LIBRARY

The library will be closed on Monday on account of Washington's birthday.