

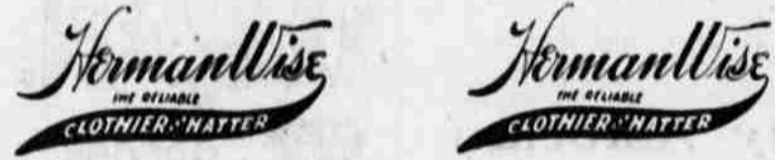
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HEAVY DAMAGES FOR MRS. SCOTT

Jury in Case Against Railroad Company Gives Plaintiff \$4,000.

JUROR HOUGHTON HELD OUT

For Nearly Twenty Hours Refused to Agree With Other Ten Men—New Trial May Be Asked.

"In the circuit court of the State of Oregon, in and for the county of Clatsop—Ella M. Scott, administrator of the estate of William Scott, deceased, plaintiff, vs. the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company, defendant:
"We, the jurors in the above-entitled action, find for the plaintiff and against the defendant in the sum of \$4,000."
E. C. JEFFERS,
"Foreman."

The above verdict in the \$5000 damage suit was returned before Circuit Judge McBride at 4:20 yesterday afternoon. The interested attorneys, press representatives and a few other persons were present when the verdict was rendered, but few of those who constituted the big crowd heard the jury's return in the case which had been followed so closely and contested so stubbornly. Attorney Fulton knew the verdict was against his client, and was, of course, not at all surprised. Excepting himself, perhaps, the verdict was most satisfactory to every one in the court-room, and, as far as the public is concerned, is one of the most popular verdicts ever returned. It was reached by the jury after more than 20 hours' discussion, during which time the jurors came near giving up hope of arriving at an agreement.

The jury was sent out by Judge McBride at 8:15 Wednesday night. It is learned that the first verdict stood 3 to 2 for the plaintiff, Jurors Houghton and Dawson voting for the railroad company. After the first ballot the testimony was discussed at some length in the jury-room, and an hour later Juror Dawson went over to the majority. But Juror Houghton was not so easily convinced. He thought the company had taken every possible precaution to provide for the safety of passengers and train employees and that the elements were to blame for the disaster in which "Billy" Scott was killed. All night long the other ten jurors (the case was tried before eleven men, Juror Sherman, having been taken ill) argued with Juror Houghton, but he could not be brought around. The majority wanted to give Mrs. Scott the full amount asked for. This state of affairs continued until shortly after noon yesterday Juror Houghton, appreciating that the majority would hold out indefinitely, expressed a willingness to compromise.

"If I am willing to give the plaintiff \$2500," said Juror Houghton, but the other men, who favored a verdict for \$5000. On this point the majority was quite as obdurate as Juror Houghton had been up to the noon hour, and it soon became evident that there would be a disagreement. As the afternoon wore on the hopelessness of an amicable agreement became so apparent that the jurors decided to report the situation to Judge McBride. Accordingly, they were ushered into court.

"We have been unable to reach a verdict, may the court please," said Foreman Jeffers.
"Do you think you will be unable to arrive at a verdict?" asked Judge McBride.
"There is a possibility that we will agree, but no probability," was Mr. Jeffers' reply.
"So long as there is any possibility of a verdict, you will remain out," said the court, and again the jurors retired.

At this stage of the proceedings Juror Fletcher suggested a plan of compromise. He recommended that the majority offer to agree to \$4000, which would be a back-down of \$1000. Juror Houghton was consulted and finally agreed to the proposal. The jury then prepared its verdict and asked to be taken into court.

Attorney Fulton asked the court for ten days in which to prepare and file a motion for a new trial. The request was granted.
The suit has been one of the most

interesting ever tried in Astoria, and the outcome has caused general delight. There is always a natural sentiment for the plaintiff in such suits, but few persons thought Mrs. Scott would be given more than \$2500.

TO ENFORCE ANTI-TRUST LAWS.

Government Will Institute Proceedings Against Coast Companies.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 27.—The Express says: Corporations in California whose combined capital is close to the billion-dollar mark, and which are alleged to be operating contrary to the terms of the Sherman anti-trust law, are to be proceeded against by the government.

Joseph H. Call, Federal attorney, has been instructed by Attorney-General Knox to institute the proposed new litigation.

IRON MARKET BETTER

GRATIFYING ACTIVITY IN TRADE IS REPORTED.

Buying of Steel in Germany and England Promises to Grow to Proportions.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 27.—The Iron Trade Review, referring to market conditions this week, says:

The heavy import movement in steel and a further burst of activity in foundry iron are the features of the iron market for the week. The buying of steel in Germany and England now promises to grow to very considerable proportions, in spite of recent advances abroad. The independent sheet manufacturers at their meeting at Pittsburgh last week decided to send a commissioner to England and Germany to buy sheet bars and he is now on the way.

The amount of contracts as talked will be about 40,000 tons but it is believed that a larger tonnage will be needed, deliveries extending over the next six months.

It is understood that the United States Steel Corporation has been a buyer in a small way, 10,000 to 15,000 tons having been taken. The steel corporation is also a buyer abroad of steel melting scrap and the importation of low phosphorus scrap by open hearth plants is likely to reach a round tonnage before the end of the year. German steel has advanced \$4 to \$5 since December and German billets are now quoted \$31.50 Pittsburgh, while \$33 is asked for sheet bars. It is believed from 150,000 to 200,000 tons of foreign steel will be needed this year to supplement the domestic output. Plants under construction and plans on foot will give a very good increase in our open hearth capacity, but only a minor portion of it will be available this year. In the foundry iron market the feeling has been growing for some weeks among consumers gave evidence of added excitement in the past week and the business closed has been very heavy. This has been almost entirely for delivery in the second half of the year. Many buyers are influenced by the difficulty of getting iron already ordered and the practical impossibility of finding even car load lots of foundry iron for delivery before July 1. They seem to feel that this condition will be encountered in the second half, though it is well understood that the furnace output will be greater as time passes, also that railroad troubles will disappear to a large extent. A variation of fully \$1 a ton appears in current transactions. Those producers who are exerting themselves most to hold down prices are evidently not taking all the business offered them since other sellers are getting top prices from the same buyers.

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The policeman forced the man toward the ropes, dragged him into the crowd hurried him along the street.

It was learned that the policeman had been watching the man who persisted in remaining in the neighborhood of the prince's car, and, becoming suspicious had decided to take him into custody. The officer said his prisoner had attempted to enter the prince's car.

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NELSON GOES TO ENGLAND.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Henry L. Wilson, United States minister to Chile has arrived at Mendoza on his way to Buenos Ayres where he will embark for England, says a Buenos Ayres dispatch to the Herald. Colonel Thomas H. Holdich, chief of the bureau survey commission appointed to settle the Argentine-Chilean boundary question will leave here Thursday for Santiago. He will be accompanied by his son, Lieutenant Holdich. The other members of the commission will go to Patagonia.

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QUIET DAY FOR GERMAN PRINCE

Visited the Tomb of Washington and Dined With the President Last Night.

GERMANS ARE DELIGHTED

Reception to Prince Prompts Enthusiastic Utterance From One of Berlin's Leading Papers.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Prince Henry, accompanied by Ambassador Von Holleben, dined at the White House tonight with President and Mrs. Roosevelt. The dinner was entirely unofficial and of a personal character.

Prince Henry journeyed to Mount Vernon this afternoon and placed two wreaths on the tomb of Washington. When Washington was reached on the return trip the prince was driven to the German embassy.

GERMANS ARE PLEASED.

Cologne Gazette Says Reception Has Deep Significance.

BERLIN, Feb. 27.—"One of the most beautiful pages in our international relations is the record of the festivities," says the Cologne Gazette, referring to Prince Henry's visit to the United States.

"President Roosevelt, the members of both houses of congress, the mayor of New York and the representatives of the government, army and navy of the United States have shown the brother of our emperor not only official honors, but have everywhere manifested such open-hearted cordiality that the impression in Germany is most agreeable and permanent."

TOOK NO CHANCE WITH HIM.

Suspicious-Acting Man Arrested Near Prince Henry's Car.

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MISS COELLE'S DISAPPEARANCE.
Probable Explanation of the Mysterious Buffalo Case.

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all the dear ones. Do not think that I do not love you all, for I do. The waters are calling for me."
Mr. Creffield did not know of the young lady's disappearance, but sent word to the address on the card. He heard nothing further until he reached home today, when he found a message awaiting him asking for full particulars and saying the young woman had probably committed suicide.

VICTORY FOR UNION LABOR.

LEAVENWORTH, Kas., Feb. 27.—In the city court today Manager DeCoursey, of the Leavenworth Street Car Company, was fined \$50 for dismissing an employe, because of his connection with a labor union. This is the first conviction under the new state law.

LETTER FROM CAPTIVE

DELATED LETTER FROM MISS ELLEN STONE.

BOSTON, Feb. 27.—The Congregationalist in its current issue publishes a letter from Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary. Though written October 29, 1901, the letter was only recently received in this country, having been placed by the brigands in the hands of Counsel General Dickinson with the understanding that it would not be forwarded until an agreement was reached as to the ransom to be paid. As soon as these arrangements were completed, Mr. Dickinson, January 4, sent the letter to the mother of Miss Stone, with the condition that it should not be made public until news was received of her release from captivity. The letter says in part:
"Twice the limit has been set for our lives, but as the plans laid by our captors have singularly failed to result as they had anticipated, our days have been prolonged until now and we hope for our release."
"We are well still, in spite of our hardships. Our captors well know the need of keeping us as well as possible, if they would get the ransom."
"As we had no change of underclothing our captors gave to Mrs. Teikka and myself each a suit of flannel (men's) and socks and some handkerchiefs. Our baggage is now heavy, you see. Our captivity, while hardly endurable for me, is yet harder for Mrs. Teikka because of her delicate condition. We hope and pray for our release before her time of trial comes."
In his letter to Mrs. Stone, Consul General Dickinson wrote:
"I do not need to assure you of my profound sympathy with you and your daughter during this period of trial. Miss Stone is loved and honored by every one who knows her in this region and during all these anxious weeks the missionaries and the United States officials have almost literally called her upon their hearts."

WANTS SENATE TO SETTLE IT.

Frye's Reasons for Restoring Belligerents' Names to Roll.

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As soon as the body had been called to order, Frye, president pro tem, said that on Tuesday he had directed the clerk to restore the names of the two senators from South Carolina to the roll in event of roll-call. He had done this not because he doubted the propriety of his action on Monday, but because a very grave question was involved which he desired to submit to the senate itself.

The protest of Tillman against the action of Frye in ordering the name of Tillman omitted from roll-call was ordered spread on the minutes of the senate.

The senate adjourned at noon.

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VERDICT FOR ACCUSED.

ALTURAS, Cal., Feb. 27.—The jury in the case of James W. Brown, accused of the murder of Martin Wilver, a 13-year-old boy, who was lynched with Calvin Hall, James Hall and Dan Yantis, at Lookout in May last, returned a verdict of "not guilty."

CENSURE WILL BE THE PUNISHMENT

Senate Committee Decides on Form of Reprimand for South Carolinians.

DEMOCRATS COMPELLED IT

Threatened to Prolong Debate if Republicans Recommended Suspension of Belligerents.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The subcommittee of the senate committee on privileges and elections appointed to formulate a proposition for the proper punishment of Senators Tillman and McLaurin, of South Carolina, for their offense to the senate last Saturday, today practically concluded to recommend that the two senators be severely censured for their conduct, and to limit the punishment to censure.

The Democratic members made it very plain that, if a resolution of suspension should be presented to the senate by the majority of the committee, they would resist its adoption by the senate to the extent of insisting upon prolonged debate. The Republicans have given serious attention to this possibility of delay in the senate, and it is having a pronounced influence on the disposal of the question. They recognize the fact that, if so disposed, the minority can obstruct all legislation for an indefinite time, and probably continue the present session of congress far into the summer.

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