

GUILTY AS CHARGED

Dramatic Setting in Land Fraud Case Unexpected.

NEW ATTORNEY TO THE FORE

Plea of Guilty in the Wolgamut Case Will Have a Powerful Effect Upon the Federal Jury That Carries Fate

Portland, Or., Dec. 3.—Prolific in surprises as has been the trial of the land fraud cases, none were prepared for the developments of today.

Frank Wolgamut asked for permission to withdraw his plea and enter one of "guilty," and the plea was promptly allowed.

Consternation was the order. The effect upon the jury of this plea was patent to the most callow of the courtroom loungers, and the plea caused a sensation from the bench to the rear corridor.

The crime of conspiracy is the one charged, and Wolgamut's confession was the most sensational development of the day, occurring at the afternoon sitting.

The presentment was dramatic: Claude Strachan, a new attorney in the case, arose and said: "I appear for Frank Wolgamut and wish to withdraw his former plea of not guilty and substitute that of GUILTY."

"Mr. Wolgamut," asked the court, "do you so desire?"

"I do," was the answer. "What is your plea?" asked the court.

"GUILTY." Immediately upon the heels of Wolgamut's confession came Heney's announcement that the prosecution had abandoned its case against Miss Ware, saying he could not ask a jury to return a verdict where he (Heney) could not go to the jury room and vote for conviction. He stated that the government had proved beyond doubt that Miss Ware is not connected with the case on trial, and asked for an order of acquittal. Hall's statement to the jury was simple, clear and concise. When the presentment was concluded court adjourned until Monday.

Standing Together.

New York, Dec. 3.—Of a meeting here of men representing a large number of non-union fire insurance companies, a bureau to be known as the Information Exchange has been organized. J. B. Branch was chosen president.

It is the intention through the new bureau to insist members in reforms including a reduction of expenses, and facilitate the interchange of fire underwriting information and views. No attempt will be made, it is understood, to make rates nor interfere with other organizations.

Teddy a Missionary.

Cambridge, Dec. 3.—President Roosevelt has, it is stated, consented to act as chairman of the advisory committee of the Harvard Mission, a society organized to increase interest in foreign missions at Harvard and to place a score of missionaries in the foreign field. Associated with the president on the committee are James A. Stillman of New York; Francis Rawle of Philadelphia, President of the American Bar association; the Rev. Floyd Tompkins of Philadelphia, Bishop Lawrence of Massachusetts and Bishop Roob of Hankow, China.

PERSONAL MENTION.

C. E. Kerlee, of Ilwaco, is at the Occident.

Mrs. A. J. Taylor of Flavel was in the city yesterday.

C. W. Carnahan of Clatsop was in Astoria yesterday.

W. E. Herrick of the Nehalem valley was in town today.

C. E. Raup of Milton, Pa., is registered at the Occident.

Isaac Bergman went to Portland yesterday on business.

James T. Wallace of the A. & C. is in Portland over Sunday.

J. M. Turney, mayor of Flavel, was in the city yesterday.

J. E. Hazeltine and wife of Portland are in the city on a visit.

W. L. Robb and daughter went to Seaside yesterday on a visit.

M. J. Young of Seaside was in Astoria yesterday on business.

W. R. Hume is expected home today from an extended eastern trip.

Editor Blackford of the Clatskanie Chief was in the city yesterday.

Dean Blanchard, the Rainier lumberman, was in the city yesterday.

Lieut. W. A. Whittier has returned from a visit with friends in Maine.

John L. Carlson and daughter of Seattle are visiting friends in Astoria.

John McCue is wrestling with the grip at his home. He will be out Monday.

Manley M. Strawser, of the Knappton mills, was an Astoria visitor yesterday.

Lelut. Dodge of the Perry left yesterday for a two weeks' visit to San Francisco.

Homer L. Fletcher arrived in Astoria yesterday to attend the Elks' memorial services.

E. A. Taylor came up from Clatsop ranch last evening to spend Sunday with his family.

Louis Peterson was over from the Nehalem valley today with a small herd of beef cattle.

Jim Wallace, understudy for J. C. Mayo, of the A. & C., is in Portland on his monthly visit.

W. F. McGregor and family went to Seaside yesterday. Mrs. McGregor and family will remain over Sunday.

Mrs. Winnie McCausland and daughter of Portland are in the city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McAfee.

Geo. Hannigan, editor of the Cathlamet Sun, and F. Martin, of the same place, were Astorian callers yesterday.

Fred J. Johnson of Johnson Bros., the enterprising grocers, left for Portland this morning on a few days business trip.

To Prohibit Football.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—State legislation forbidding the playing of football in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin is being urged by James Francis Rowley, of Chicago, whose son, James Francis Rowley, Jr., died from injuries received in a game on November 5.

State Senator William Mathews of Bedford, Ind., whose son died from injuries in a game on October 16, and the father of Elmer Erickson, who died in Stoughton, Wis., after playing on October 29, will cooperate with Rowley.

No doubt Mr. Bryan is excessively busy now getting his fodder in the shock while the frost is still on the pumpkin—after which the work of re-organization will begin in earnest.

Hansen & McCanna, who occupy the shop formerly used by T. S. Simpson, adjoining the city water office, are prepared to do all kinds of sign and carriage painting. They will make a specialty of work of this class and guarantee satisfaction.

FIRE ON THE PIKE

Investigation Points to its Being of Incendiary Origin.

ONE SUSPECT IS ARRESTED

Guards Break Open Door and Find a Pile of Newspapers Burning in the Building.

St. Louis, Dec. 3.—A further investigation by the police and the Jefferson guards strengthens their belief that the fire on the Pike today which totally destroyed the "Streets of Rome" and "Quo Vadis" and partially destroyed the "Fair Japan," "On the Bowery," and "Old St. Louis," was of incendiary origin.

One suspect has been arrested, Arthur V. Dunn, 26 years of age who gives his occupation as a waiter. He has been identified by John McAnnar, employed as a watchman at the "Moorish palace" as the man he saw running from the building in which the fire was discovered. Dunn was arrested in "Hereafter," an attraction immediately opposite the burned buildings.

The guards attention was attracted to "Hereafter" by a bright light which proved on investigation to be a pile of burning newspapers and straw. Dunn told the Jefferson guards that he had entered the building to extinguish the fire but could not explain why he was locked in the concession. When searched 11 pocket books were found in Dunn's possession.

In addition to the loss of the buildings which is estimated to be about \$5000 a series of oil paintings, illustrative of scenes from the novel "Quo Vadis" which formed the principal attraction in the concession known as "Quo Vadis," valued at \$75,000 were burned. The paintings were the work of Jans Styka, the Polish artist and were brought to this country under \$50,000 bonds.

It is believed that a waiter named Alexander Dickson, called "Scotty," was burned to death.

Two Japanese were painfully burned having been rescued by Lieutenant Scheppe of the world's fair police force from the building in which they were asleep.

It is also stated by persons who were on the scene soon after the fire alarm was sounded that there were two distinct conflagrations one in the "Streets of Rome" and the other which was observed at about the same time in "Old St. Louis." The police are working upon the hypothesis that there was an attempt to destroy several of the concessions by preconcerted arrangements.

Merchant Marine.

New York, Dec. 3.—Marked improvement has been shown in shipping business from American ports to Europe during the last six weeks, according to the Journal of Commerce and the depression which has prevailed for many months is believed by merchants here to have been supplanted. Increasingly active demand for grain accommodation on the regular steamers was the first to attract attention and rates for this class of cargo have in many instances advanced considerably.

Many large steamships which have been laid up for sometime are now being placed in commission.

No Complaint

A German friend of mine looked rather down-hearted.

I asked him:

"Wass ist loss, Heinrich?"

"Oh! mine mudder-in-law died. She vas such a goot womans."

Well, I asked again:

"What was the complaint."

"Oh," said Heinrich, "there vas no complaint; effery-body vas satisfied."

That's what everybody says about the kind of clothes Herman Wise sells.

"There is no complaint."

"Everybody is satisfied."

"Ain't that so?"

Herman Wise

The Reliable Clothier and Hatter

Attention Elks.
All Elks are requested to meet at the lodge room (L. O. O. F. building) on Sunday, December 4th, 1904, at 2:30 o'clock sharp. The Memorial service is at 2 o'clock.
J. C. CLINTON, CHAS. V. BROWN, Secretary. Exalted Ruler.

Tonka, the usual cheat for vanilla, costs one or two cents for a certain amount; Schilling's Best vanilla a dollar.

One is strong; the other is fine. One is rank; the other is delicate. Nevertheless four-fifths of "vanilla" is tonka. The 98 cents accounts for it.

CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT.
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John Blasich has leased the California Restaurant and Oyster House and is now prepared to serve the public. The best oysters and meals in the city. Family trade supplied. Good cooks, polite waiters and prompt service.

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And get the diamond in Seymour's window, or the \$20 gold piece or a fine suit of clothes.
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