

F. H. WOLGAMOT CAPS THE CLIMAX BY PLEADING GUILTY  
TO SWINDLING THE GOVERNMENT IN LAND FRAUD CASECONFESSES  
CONSPIRACYWalgamot Involves All of  
Those on Trial in  
His Admission.ACQUIT MARIE WARE,  
PROSECUTION'S PLEAOpening of Afternoon Session  
Crushes the Defense—Attor-  
neys O'Day and Hardy  
Take the Stand.

Immediately on the convening of the federal court at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Attorney Claude Strahan rose, and addressing Judge Hellingger, said:

"If it please the court, I appear as attorney at this time for Frank H. Walgamot, and I wish to withdraw his plea of not guilty and enter a plea of guilty."

Judge Pipes was on his feet on the instant.

"If the court please," he said, "I have appeared as attorney for Frank H. Walgamot on his trial, but I will consider this action as a discharge so far as he is concerned. I still appear for the other defendants."

Judge Hellingger asked defendant Walgamot if such was his plea, and the confessed conspirator arose and said it was.

Attorney Henny, to the dismay of the other defendants, then arose and addressing the jury, made recommendation that a verdict of acquittal be given as to Marie Ware, one of the defendants. He said that while he was confident that she had forged the signatures of Mattie S. Lowell, it had not been proved beyond a doubt that she alone done so, knowing that the paper she forged was to be used in furtherance of the conspiracy.

Frank H. Walgamot has furnished the crowning sensation of the land fraud trial by pleading guilty to the charge of conspiring with his co-defendants to defraud the government of public lands.

Immediately after the reconvening of the federal court at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Walgamot, to the utter dismay of the other defendants, asked leave to withdraw his original plea of not guilty and to substitute therefor a plea of guilty.

The sensation in the court room was profound. It was the last crushing blow to the defense, already beaten to the ground by the overwhelming mass of evidence piled up by the government's attorneys. Walgamot now stands before the jury a confessed and convicted party to the conspiracy charged in the indictment. His plea of guilty was entered in the desperate hope that it might mitigate the severity of his punishment.

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CAPITALISTS PROFIT  
BY TAFT'S REPORTS

(Journal Special Service.)

Washington, Dec. 3.—Plans are being laid for the early enactment by congress of a bill favored by Secretary Taft of the war department and his predecessor, Root, for the government assistance for railways in the islands and a syndicate of capitalists is being formed to construct a trunk line railroad in the Philippines.

It has come to light that a bill carrying this provision passed the house just before the last adjournment of a long session and was sent to the senate immediately, reported by the senate committee on the Philippines and placed on the senate calendar. Senator Lodge, chairman of the committee, says that he will call up the bill Wednesday.

The scheme to lend the credit of the United States to a syndicate of railroad capitalists has been carefully nurtured and the federal government is to guarantee the bonds that will be issued to build the railway. The liability of the government is not to exceed \$1,500,000 and is not to continue more than 30 years. The stipulated sum is \$1,500,000 at 5 per cent interest, which gives evidence of the magnitude of the project. Already indications are that a bitter contest will result over the proposed legislation. The administration is said to be favorably disposed toward the scheme, owing to the argument of Taft and Root.



Frank H. Walgamot, who delivered the last crushing blow to the defense in the land fraud case now before the federal court, by entering a plea of guilty, involving his confederates by his confession.

BLAZIER INDICTED  
AS A PERJURERGrand Jury Finds that Falsely, Corruptly and Maliciously He  
Swore Before Judge Fraser that He Had Sold His  
Gambling House to E. S. Heilley.

Eugene Blazier was indicted this morning by the grand jury on a charge of perjury.

The evidence by which he sought to escape punishment for conducting a gambling house, which saved two gamblers whose trial preceded his, the grand jury, after careful investigation, declared to be false. Perjury is a penal offense. The charge against Blazier reads:

"The said Eugene Blazier, in the county of Multnomah, state of Oregon, in trial then and there pending before the circuit court before Arthur L. Fraser, judge, in which trial the said Eugene Blazier was defendant under an indictment charging him with the crime of conducting, as owner and proprietor, a gambling game, was then and there tried by the judge and jury, and the said Eugene Blazier appeared and was sworn in his own behalf, and then and there upon trial did falsely, corruptly and knowingly, wilfully and maliciously, before the court and jury, testify, among other things, as follows:

"I have not run the gambling place for nearly three years; that he did not own any interest of any kind or character in the roulette game which was conducted at the place of business known as Blazier's gambling house, July 21, 1904, nor had he any interest therein for about three years prior to that date, and that he sold any and all interest that he had therein to E. S. Heilley. All of which testimony was material to the issue being tried."

DRUGGED IN SPOKANE,  
AWAKES IN ST. PAUL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Colfax, Wash., Dec. 3.—L. D. Lyons of Juliaetta, Idaho, whose mysterious disappearance from Spokane a short time ago caused considerable of a sensation has been heard from. His wife today received word from him that he was in St. Paul. The communication says that he was drugged in Spokane and remembers nothing of his wanderings until he regained his normal senses in the Minnesota town.

Lyons, who is a man past 50 years of age came to Spokane with the object in view of buying a saloon either there or at some smaller town in the state. He was last seen in company with a stranger and it was understood that he was drugged in Spokane and remembers nothing of his wanderings until he regained his normal senses in the Minnesota town.

It was satisfactory. He carried about \$2,000 on his person at that time.

WILL APPOINT WILCOX.  
(Journal Special Service.)

Washington, Dec. 3.—The president has decided to appoint William R. Wilcox postmaster for New York city.

SHANNON  
GIVES LIEDeputy Engineer Declares  
Himself on Subject of  
Stuffed Payrolls.STIRRING ENCOUNTER  
AT THE CITY HALL TODAYExplanation of How Shraake's  
Name Appeared Among Those  
of Men Drawing Salaries  
from the City Engineer.

A climax was reached this morning in the alleged stuffing of the payroll of the city engineer's department when A. M. Shannon, the chief office deputy in the engineer's office, met Councilman Rumlind and City Auditor Devlin and gave both of them the lie regarding a statement which they reported he had made. Councilman Rumlind was the first one to meet Shannon.

"Did you make the statement that I said that certain timekeepers had entered Shraake's name on their slips in the past and that George Bodman, the east side inspector, had been asked to do so and refused?"

"What statement?" replied Shannon, indignantly.

"Come with me," quietly returned Rumlind.

Rumlind led the way to Auditor Devlin's room, where Shannon was instructed to ask Mr. Devlin regarding the statements.

"Make the statement," Mr. Devlin, that I have said that Shraake's name has been entered on their slips in the past by certain timekeepers, and that George Bodman, when asked to do so, had refused?" excitedly queried Shannon.

"I did say such a thing and you did make such a statement to me," replied Mr. Devlin.

Shannon talks right out.

"You are a liar," cried Shannon.

"And whoever says I made such a statement is a liar."

Mr. Devlin jumped to his feet, but Mr. Rumlind immediately interposed and a blow was struck.

"I am going to get justice in this affair," said Shannon after the tilt. "I am going to fight it to the last ditch."

Auditor Devlin was not in the best humor. He had very little to say.

"I am going to see that this thing is investigated to the bottom," said he.

"It appears to me that there is something wrong and I am going to see that if there is anything wrong with that payroll it will be brought to light."

The incident caused a great deal of excitement at the city hall. Gossip of the affair was heard in every office and efforts to hush it proved of no avail; within an hour everybody in the hall knew of it.

Elliott Says It Was a Mistake.

City Engineer Elliott states that the name of Shraake on the payroll was simply a mistake.

"They are making a mountain out of a molehill," said he this morning in explanation. "Shraake has been employed in the department since September. He was paid at \$18 per month, and I gave orders to Braden, one of my foremen, to do so. I thought all along that Braden had obeyed my orders until the other day I found that Shraake had not done a day's work in November."

"When the payroll came to me I thought Shraake had been at work and I notified Shannon, my office deputy, to put him on the payroll, which he did, but marked him at \$45 per month instead of \$18. After Shannon had handed in his payroll he found that he had made a mistake. He went over the time books of the men in the office and found no trace of Shraake's time, and it was then that I found that Braden had not put the man to work. I then ordered

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Frank Felton, gambler, who shot dead Guy Roche, gambler, on Broadway, New York, in front of a large crowd. There are also given in the picture front and rear views of his gambling house in West Thirty-sixth street, the latter showing the high fence and the detective on guard. Felton must stand trial under indictment by the grand jury charged with murder. A coroner's jury declared the killing a justifiable homicide. Roche and Felton quarreled over money and a woman.

ATTACH PROPERTY  
OF MRS. CHADWICKAction of Fifth Street Milliners Deters Her from Going to Cleve-  
land—Much Heralded Statement Is Not Made and  
Her Counsel Refuses to Be Interviewed.

(Journal Special Service.)

New York, Dec. 3.—Mrs. Chadwick is still at the Holland house and it was learned this morning that she had been deterred from going to Cleveland last night by the action of her creditors in having a receiver appointed. It is said she has no intention of going to Europe.

A man who called himself "Coleman Carnegie," called at the hotel early this morning and asked for Mrs. Chadwick, and said that he was a nephew of Andrew Carnegie. He was not allowed to see Mrs. Chadwick. The much heralded statement which her counsel asserted that Mrs. Chadwick would issue clearing up all questions regarding her antecedents and financial operations, is not forthcoming today. Her attorney refused to be interviewed on the subject.

Justice Conlon in the city court this morning issued an attachment against the property of Mrs. Chadwick in favor of Louise & Co., fifth avenue milliners. The attachment is issued on the grounds

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that Mrs. Chadwick is a non-resident. The amount is \$1,000. The sheriff immediately started in search of property upon which to levy.

Deputy Sheriff Egan this afternoon served a writ of attachment on Manager Herriman of the Holland house, instructing him not to permit any of the woman's property to be removed from the hotel.

CONTINUANCE TAKEN.

By Mutual Agreement Matter Lays Over for Week.

(Journal Special Service.)

Cleveland, Dec. 3.—A third continuance was taken today in the case of Herbert L. Newton against Cassie L. Chadwick in which application was made for a receiver for the Chadwick securities. The matter has been laid over until December 19. The continuance was by mutual agreement.

CONSTABLE KILLED IN  
CHICAGO SALOON FIGHT

(Journal Special Service.)

Chicago, Dec. 3.—In a fight over a slot machine between rival gangs of constables, Joseph Biederman, a constable, was killed in Brunner's saloon on Blue Island avenue this morning. The police have made three arrests.

The two detachments of constables arrived at the saloon at about the same time and each was bent on the same mission; that of taking away a slot machine. A general fight ensued. Biederman was killed and several wounded before the police arrived.

SENSATIONAL SLUMP IN  
THE COTTON EXCHANGE

(Journal Special Service.)

New Orleans, La., Dec. 3.—It is announced that the government cotton port placing—the crop at 12,162,000 bales caused a heavy slump on the cotton exchange today. Prices fell from 46 to 52 points. Only the fact that the ginners' report had indicated a bearing estimate saved the market from a much heavier slump.

## PREPARE FOR BATTLE

(Journal Special Service.)

Washington, Dec. 3.—The United States consul at Chiofo has cabled that the Japanese are fortifying the Pescadore islands, near Formosa, and are planning to meet the Baltic fleet there. This point is on the route of the Russian fleet. Japan plans to establish a strong naval base there, making it a good place for a great battle.

NIGHT SKIRMISH AT  
ZEIGLER REPEATED

(Journal Special Service.)

Duquoin, Ill., Dec. 3.—Several shots were fired at the pumping station at Zeigler last night but none was hit. The troops responded, firing about 30 shots.

The situation apparently remains about the same. It is rumored that an attempt is being made by men of influence to induce Leiter to try and come to an agreement with the men.

NURSE STRIKES THUG  
IN FACE AND ESCAPES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Tacoma, Dec. 3.—Jennie Smith, a nurse at the Fannie Paddock hospital, while returning last night from an entertainment of which she was the treasurer, was held up in Wright park by a thug. She struck the fellow in the face and ran, reaching the hospital in safety with \$75.

## GOLD STILL RISES

(Journal Special Service.)

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—The \$10,000 in gold which was offered last night at the auction, failed to bring the \$100,000 which was the estimate. The gold was sold at \$100,000.

MOUNTING  
BIG GUNSJapanese Strengthen Fort-  
ifications on Captured  
203-Meter HillFIRST ARMISTICE FOR  
BURIAL OF THE DEADLasted Six Hours and Is the  
Only Truce During the Whole  
Siege—Russian Ships  
Damaged.

(Journal Special Service.)

Tokio, Dec. 3.—Admiral from Port Arthur state that the activity of the Japanese has not relaxed with the capture of 203 Metro hill. They have already begun the placing of big guns in position on the hill, and estimates for 20 of them have been constructed.

The day of December 1 saw the first armistice between the opposing armies at Port Arthur, declared for the purpose of burying the dead. It lasted six hours.

The Russians actively continue mine clearing operations in Port Arthur harbor, which is taken here to indicate that their fleet will attempt a sortie whenever the harbor becomes untenable.

It is evident that the Russian ships have been badly damaged and are unfit for service, but they still have some fighting power.

Exceptional haste is being made in the mobilization of recruits, and, although the winter office is usual, recruits there can be no doubt that this is due to reports constantly received from Mukden that Kuropatkin's force is being rapidly augmented and that an advance has already apparently begun on the part of the enemy's rifle wing.

This news is undoubtedly having an effect also of urging on operations at Port Arthur, and the Japanese are determined to accomplish the downfall of the stronghold before there is any possibility of relief by the Baltic fleet. It is not known here whether the recruits are being sent. It is possible that they are being diverted, a portion being assigned to Mukden while the remainder go to Port Arthur.

## TO GRASP KOREA.

(Journal Special Service.)

London, Dec. 3.—It is reported in official circles that Marquis Ito, the Japanese minister to Russia, will come to Europe by the way of America early in 1905.

It is understood that the mission partly relates to the future administration of Korea and the transferring of Korean legations to Japanese ministers.

## OFFERING HIS BATH.

(Journal Special Service.)

Antwerp, Dec. 3.—It is reported that Russia is offering a \$25,000 ten for freight including covering for the risk of capture to vessels taking provisions and ammunition to Vladivostok.

## REFUSE COALING FACILITIES.

(Journal Special Service.)

Colombo Island, Ceylon, Dec. 3.—The authorities here have been notified from London that no coaling facilities shall be given to Japanese vessels without permission from the local government.

UNION PACIFIC MAY  
BE ABSORBING ATCHISON

(Journal Special Service.)

New York, Dec. 3.—One of the rumors current in Wall street lately is that Union Pacific stockholders are likely to get some valuable rights before long. The newest form of the rumor is that the chief Harriman property is to issue \$40,000,000 additional common stock to pay for a large block of Atchison, which the Union Pacific has acquired. Denials have been put out based on the grounds that the Union Pacific had no direct ownership of Atchison.

The rumor seems to be related to the fact divulged last month to President Ripley of the Atchison that \$25,000,000 of Atchison stock had been bought by interests associated with Harriman. The mystery of the big buying of Atchison is unexplained in Wall street, and the general surprise among brokers is that Harriman and his associates are planning to hold the Atchison control but in such a way that they will in no wise be responsible to the anti-trust laws now in force or which may be enacted by the state legislatures.

In the meantime, the Union Pacific stockholders are being urged to sell their stock at \$100,000.