

TESTIMONY IS STRONG FOR DEFENSE

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every time he dug his ears into the water he yelled, 'I'll fix the dog. I'll fix the dog.' The man landed and ran at the boy with an ear held high in his hands. The dog was held in the water by the boy, yelling, 'I'll fix you, you—' Then the boy shot.

A number of witnesses were put on this morning by the defense to prove the boy's previous good character. These witnesses included two of his school teachers, his Sunday school teacher, a man who has worked for his father, and Lafe Pence, who testified that he knew the boy very well and had often in conversation with Mrs. Pence remarked that he thought Chase Ried had a career before him.

An amusing feature of the testimony was some of the statements made by Captain Patrick Bruin, former captain of police detectives. Bruin was put on as an expert in firearms, the object of the defense being to prove that the gun with which young Ried shot George De Mars was "hair-triggered" and which was liable to go off without the user intending that it should do so.

Mr. Reid, deputy clerk of the court and uncle of Chase Jackson Ried, was the next witness. He was asked to state to the jury what the standing of this boy was in his school. He testified that he had known the boy since June 23, 1907. She said that in her class in the First Presbyterian church he was thoughtful, obedient, attentive and faithful.

He expressed a desire to join the church, but his father would not permit it. He never gave any trouble. She saw him once in his home and he seemed obedient and thoughtful. In your class you often read over the ten commandments. What effect did the commandment, 'Thou shalt not kill' have on him?

"It would be decidedly against his principles to kill a human being," replied Miss Reid. R. A. Reid, deputy clerk of the court and uncle of Chase Jackson Ried, was the next witness. He was asked to state to the jury what the standing of this boy was in his school. He testified that he had known the boy since June 23, 1907. She said that in her class in the First Presbyterian church he was thoughtful, obedient, attentive and faithful.

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Ray Baker, 11 years old, was called. He testified that he was on the yard with Chase Ried when the latter shot George De Mars. At 2:30 the afternoon he was playing in the yard with Chase at the Government building. Later they went upstairs to get ready for a swim. While there they heard the dog barking and went down to see what was the matter.

"How far away?" "I don't remember. The dog was to the north side of Chase when he shot." "How far away was the dog when Chase shot?" "I don't remember. The dog was pretty close to the south side of the benchouse. That is the side toward the Schemp house."

"Did you see George De Mars?" "Yes." "What was he doing?" "He was running toward Chase. He had the car over his head. I was frightened." "What about?" "I was afraid he was going to hit us."

On cross-examination the boy said Chase sent the little girl after the gun before the boat landed. Counsel for defense objected to this line of evidence as improper in cross-examination, and the objection was sustained.

Mr. Schemp, the stepfather of Chase Jackson Ried, was called. He said he was directly across from the life saving station above the Lincoln road, on the afternoon of the tragedy. "At that time I heard this dog barking and looked across the lake, possibly half a mile. The atmosphere was very clear and I could see distinctly. I saw the dog running after man, and the children—I don't know how many there were—on the gravel road that runs in front of the house. The man and the dog were having a fight all over the place. It seemed to me. Later I saw George De Mars, first when he was near the shore, standing in the boat, about to land. I then saw him running toward the children, toward the house."

"Did you hear any conversation by Mrs. Hammer relating to this killing?" "Mrs. Hammer was crying and said something to the effect that the boy shouldn't have done it. John De Mars said, 'Well, he was in here in here anyway, and least of all George. John De Mars' face when I met him was very flushed, and my idea at that time was that he had been drinking. I can't say as to Mrs. Hammer."

Mr. Schemp testified that he was watching the Government building. The neighborhood, he said, is inhabited by a very rough element. The people who come to the island are the scum of the earth. "They have committed all sorts of depredations. For instance, the Siberian exhibit in the government building, worth \$10,000, has been utterly demolished. There is not a pane of glass left in the irrigation building. Every door in the government building had been torn open. All the piping has been stolen. The water pipes have been repeatedly tampered with. On one occasion I found a fire burning in the building and the room full of smoke. I have put out one blazing fire and one fire ember."

Children Are Insulted. "My daughter has been insulted. On one occasion my daughter had been riding a pony and she came to me where I was sawing wood and told me she had been insulted by the children. The witness related some other instances, the character of which makes them unprintable. The court was obliged to exclude the children from the room during this testimony. Chase knew about these instances.

"I have had people walk right into my house," continued the witness. "I have seen people flatten their noses against the window to see what my family were doing." told Chase that he must always be ready to protect his sister.

"Where was that gun kept?" "Usually upstairs under the mattress of my bed. But the Sunday preceding this I had brought the gun down to run a bunch of hobses out of the Government building, and I put the gun in a drawer downstairs, intending to take it back up soon." Mr. Schemp told of having been obliged to discharge a driver who had been waiting for him. Schemp said he went to town to get the money to pay him.

"You're pretty limber on the trigger down there, aren't you?" "Yes, we have to be." Captain Patrick Bruin, a private detective and former captain of police, was called. He was shown the revolver with which George De Mars was killed and asked if it was a hair-trigger gun.

"Well, it would be if it were cleaner, but it's rusty now. Anyway, it's the next thing to it. It's out of order now." "Then if it were raised up by an excited man it would be liable to go off?" "Well, it would be a dangerous gun for an excited man to handle. Then, examining the gun again, 'I'm surprised it didn't knock the boy down.' "It knocked a man down all right and killed him," said Vreeland.

"Could a boy 12 years old raise that revolver without taking aim and be likely to strike a man in the chest at 55 or 70 feet?" "Well, 55 or 70 feet is pretty close." "Good shot for Vessera."

"I doubt," interrupted Judge Gantenbein, "if there are three officers in the Second Oregon regiment who could hit a man at that distance." Deputy District Attorney Vreeland tried to impeach the value of Captain Bruin's testimony as an expert. He asked him a number of technical questions regarding revolvers, target practice, hair triggers, etc.

"What is the extreme range of a pistol?" "A thousand yards." "A thousand yards? We'll excuse you, captain. You're an expert, all right," laughed Vreeland. "I've got a pistol that I killed a man with myself at 1,000 yards," said the captain.

"Scared to death, wasn't he?" asked Vreeland. "Well, he had a pretty good hole in him when I got to him." Lafe Pence was called. He said he is the owner of the old fair building, which he bought after the fair. Mr. Schemp was for some time caretaker of the buildings. He had been put in charge to prevent the buildings from being burned by the class of people who visit the island.

Mr. Pence said he knew Chase Jackson Ried very well indeed. "He has been the subject of conversation between Mrs. Pence and myself during the last two years, and we felt sure he had a career before him. He is as manly a boy as ever lived, and I feel sure he has an honorable career before him—unless it is stopped now."

Remerciful association, the Ladies' Home Benevolent society, the Neighbors' Guild Sewing society, the Children's home, baby home, old women's home and visiting nurses. William R. Ellis, a nephew, is named as executor of the will and shares with two sisters of the deceased, Rose White and Cora Goldman, in the distribution of the jewelry owned by the deceased. Her furniture goes to the Good Samaritan hospital. One dollar is bequeathed to an only son, Nathan Alpel, and all the remainder to Rose White. The total value of the estate does not appear from the papers, only the will being thus far filed.

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