

FATALLY BURNED BUT SAVES CHILD

Mrs. Julia Laventhal Tosses Baby Out of Circle of Flames, Unharmed.

(Called Press Lined Wire.)
San Francisco, Dec. 22.—While Mrs. Julia Laventhal was fondling her four-month-old daughter, Irma, today in her apartment, her dress caught fire from an open fire in the room and before neighbors came to her aid she tossed the baby out of the flames, because her death. The baby was rescued from a blazing bed on which the frail woman threw it, and was unharmed.

NO SIGNS OF STRUGGLE

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The shooting with the exception of the defense seems likely to have an unexciting character, unless it has unexpected testimony in reserve.
Not until the examination of Wilkins had been finished by the state this morning did the defense ask for the exclusion of witnesses from the courtroom. Charles F. Lord, one of Finch's attorneys, announced after a short recess that he had seen hurriedly conferred with the witnesses of the state, and he wanted all the witnesses "fired out." He modified this request to allow the reporter to remain in the room, but refused to extend this privilege to a reporter for another evening paper, whom Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald announced he might desire to call for the state in rebuttal. Rather than have the reporter excluded by enforcement of the rule, Fitzgerald announced that the reporter would not be called as a witness.

Fisher's Slayer Cheerful

Finch was in excellent spirits today. He chatted with his attorneys and frequently smiled, as though he were exchanging bon mots with them at an after dinner event. During the giving of testimony he made notes with great industry, or leaned over and earnestly explained the questions he wanted asked on cross-examination. He is still the guiding hand at the wheel, and if his ship is wrecked he apparently will not be in position to blame his pilots.
Objections by the defense were less numerous than yesterday afternoon, though there were frequent interruptions on technical points. The defense is saying, "An effort was made to attack the credibility of Wilkins, the most important witness of the state, by showing that Wilkins had some difficulty with Finch in collecting a bill several years ago."
An effort was also made to show that Wilkins had tried to talk to members of the jury when the judge and jury visited Finch's office yesterday. Wilkins denied this, but admitted that he had gone to the door of Fisher's room while the jury was there, upon invitation of the state, and had been denied admittance by Bailiff Hill.

Tells of Murder

Wilkins gave a dramatic recital of the events that followed the sound of shots in Fisher's office. He and Dr. Roberts were the ones who first entered the room after the shooting. He said the defense tried to show that they had moved the body. Wilkins said they had not moved the body, only touching Fisher's hand and shoulder to be certain that life was extinct.
Finch's old mother again came to court this morning and pleaded on her way to a seat to greet her accused son. Finch said this morning that his wife is still in a dangerous condition and will not be able to testify. The state has already consented that her statement may be taken and used as testimony by the defense. She is wanted to tell of a burglar being in her house two nights before Fisher was killed and of asking her husband to get a revolver for protection, this being the explanation of the defense for the purchase of the gun by Finch just before he shot Fisher.

Victim's Brother on Stand

Charles S. Fisher, brother of Ralph E. Fisher, was the first witness of the morning. He said his brother was born near Dallas, Polk county, was 28 years of age and had been practicing law for four years. The defense objected to a question as to whether or not Fisher's parents are living, and this was sustained. Objection was also made to a photograph of the deceased, but this was admitted in evidence. The witness said his brother was about five feet nine inches tall and weighed 200 pounds or more.
Dr. S. M. Gellert, who performed the



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autopsy on Monday following the shooting, described the wounds on the head as follows: "A bullet entered the back part of the skull about an inch from the middle line, ranging through the brain and lodging in the temporal bone, just above the ear on the left side. The course of the bullet was downward."
A second bullet wound was found on the left side of the head, the leaden bullet just under the skin and through the hole of the ear. The first bullet was found and removed, much flattened. The witness illustrated the position of the bullet by pointing them out to the jury on the head of Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald. The witness said he also found a bruise on the right temple, that might have been caused by a fall on a flat surface.

Murder Snickers

On cross-examination Dr. Gellert said there was no protrusion of the right eye of the head, but none on the left. A question as to whether the wounds were inflicted by a person while standing at Fisher's left was prevented by objection of the state, and this incident seemed to greatly rejoice Finch and his attorneys, who snickered audibly as Attorney Campbell exclaimed, "Now we've got you where we want you."
M. O. Wilkins, an attorney who was an office neighbor of Fisher in the Mohawk building, was called as the first man to enter the room of tragedy after the shooting, was next called and taken through a long examination by Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald to identify the drawings of Fisher's office and the location of the furniture in the room at the time of the shooting. He pointed out the location of the desk, the chair, the desk, and the chair, and the diagram did not, in his opinion, properly show the location of some of the furniture.

Wilkins then told his story of the scenes following the killing of Fisher. He heard shots, followed by a woman's screams. He went into the hall, where he saw Dr. W. A. Roberts, and then went into Fisher's office together. They found the room full of powder smoke, and saw Fisher's body just in front of his desk. It lay as though he had toppled over with the chair, the office chair being on the right side of the body. Fisher's breast was about six inches from the front of the desk, his feet were in position under his desk, his left arm was thrown over his back and his right arm under his head. The top of his revolver desk was open, and he lay freshly written check with the ink apparently just blotted. All the drawers of the desk were closed.

Gun in Floor

Wilkins said he made a search for weapons on the floor to see if he could find evidence of how the deed was done, but could find nothing. After the coroner made a search for a revolver in the end of a drawer in the right side of the desk, this drawer was 16 or 18 inches long and was closed when he entered the office after the shooting.
The witness said that he went to the telephone in Fisher's office and called for the police, and while he was there Finch was brought in between two policemen. The witness of the office asked who the man was and the witness, who knew him, said "He is J. A. Finch." The defendant said, "I do not know you." The witness again told the officers that the man was Finch. He said he had put his hand as though to shake hands, and said, "I am glad to know you." The witness turned away from him and the officers led the prisoner to the court.

Are you as familiar with the post-office as with the Mohawk building?

This was objected to by the state and the court sustained the objection. Finch's attorney said he wanted to show the witness that he was unable to draw a plan of the Mohawk building, and that he was unable to identify the plans of the building.
Questions about the accuracy of the chart in showing the pigeon holes in Fisher's office desk were asked out by Judge Bronaugh. Attorney Campbell then conducted the examination of witness Gellert, and the defendant started to address the court in protest on this ruling, but the judge cut him off. Later, the court warned Campbell that he was consuming too much time on irrelevant things.
Wilkins was asked nothing about the seal, directly, but did say that he saw nothing on the floor or anywhere in Fisher's office that might have been used as a weapon. The state did not ask specifically about a seal because the defendant's defense, and the defendant's attorneys evidently fought shy of the question because they were certain that the witness would say he did not see the seal. The drift of the cross-examination was an effort to weaken Wilkins by trying to show that he has taken extraordinary interest in the case and that he is unfriendly to Finch because of their differences over a bill.

Two Pictures of Finch

Two word pictures of James A. Finch, on trial for his life for the murder of Ralph E. Fisher, were painted before the jury in Judge Bronaugh's department yesterday afternoon. One was given by Arthur C. Spencer, special prosecutor, when he said that the state expects to show "beyond the peradventure of a doubt, to a moral certainty" that when Finch went to Fisher's office on the afternoon of November 23, he went "with revenge in his heart, with vengeance in his mind, bent on destruction, no matter what might fall, and went cowardly, sneakily, to commit the dastardly act."
The other picture was presented by Charles F. Lord, attorney for Finch, who declared that his client had no idea of harming a hair of Fisher's head and was driven to shoot after trying to escape from an unprovoked assault, the result of Fisher's anger and hatred.

Finch Apparently Unmoved

Spencer's opening statement consumed only 15 minutes. Finch listened to it with the closest attention and the keen shafts of denunciation hurled by the prosecutor did not appear to disturb him. He had just given his jury to visit the scene of the tragedy, but this and the scathing words of the state attorney seemed to give him no more concern than if he were appearing as an attorney in some ordinary case.
Spencer first referred to the life of Fisher and his career at the bar. He told of the dead man's exemplary character and the success he had achieved in a few years.
"In such esteem was he held by his associates at the bar," said the speaker, "that he was employed by the bar association to prosecute unworthy and disreputable members of the profession. Upon the resolution of the bar association, a grievance committee it became his unfortunate duty to file three complaints against the defendant, and another for improper and illegal conduct, such as warranted disbarment. The cases were assigned to a referee for trial, and the defendant confessed the charges. One of them was for forging his name to a pension certificate, and another for gross drunkenness."

Purchase of Revolver

Spencer was here interrupted by objections on the nature of the nature of the charges were not proper matter for comment. Spencer withdrew his remarks, and in respect to the proceedings to recount the action of the supreme court in disbarring Finch. The latter began to draw up a petition asking to be reinstated as an attorney.

Purchase of Revolver

"It seems that Finch had called on Fisher to sign this petition, and that Finch desired to do it," said the prosecutor continued. "About 12:45 on the day Fisher was shot, this defendant went to the store of the Hudson Arms com-

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Lord Pleads With Jurors

Lord began an outline of his remarkable version of the death of Fisher by reminding the jurors that the defendant is held to be innocent until he is proved guilty. He pleaded with them to reserve their judgment until the last word of testimony is in, and told the jurors that their minds should be like pieces of blank paper until that time. He said that Spencer was correct in saying that Finch was disbarred when he was only suspended, and it was untrue, he said that three charges were filed against Finch, there being only one.
The attorney then said that Finch while under the cloud of charges, he did too freely in intoxicating liquor, and he did do some of the things charged in the complaints of the association. Some of the members of the bar interceded for him with Fisher, one of them being C. M. Idleman, who thought Fisher was "crowding him too hard." He referred to Finch's marriage about two weeks before the tragedy, and said that he never used a hard word toward Fisher, but had been a suppliant, pleading that he might be allowed to earn a living for himself and wife and thus make a home.
Coming down to the day of the killing, Lord explained the purchase of the revolver by saying that a burglar had been discovered in the Finch house two nights previous, and Mrs. Finch, a nephew of the attorney assisting in Finch's defense, who had frightened the marauder away, had advised him to purchase a revolver.

Finch's Office

Just after buying the revolver, said Lord, Finch went back to his office. Before removing his coat he received a telephone message from Fisher, in which he was invited to call at Fisher's office. He went to the Mohawk building in response to that call, and when he entered said "Hello, how are you, Ralph," in the most friendly tone. Finch then talked with Fisher, and the prosecutor to "let up on him," and saying in substance, "I am just married, I am poor, I have not to support my wife for God's sake, give me a chance, you can give me a chance if you will."
Fisher became much incensed, according to Lord's narrative, and the two men engaged in an altercation. Fisher used harsh language, seized a notary's seal weighing about a pound and a half from his desk and struck Finch with it on the head.
"That blow loosened the bone," said Lord. "You can put your finger there now and feel that bone, that is loose just under the skin."
Then Finch tried to get out of the office, his attorney declared. He was half dazed, and Fisher barred the way to the door. He stood for a moment with his back to the window, with his arms extended, then tried to get past Fisher and escape. Fisher had arisen from his chair, and again he attempted to play. This time he was struck in the back of the head and knocked against the door and partition between the outer and the private office. As he stood there Fisher advanced on him, and in that position, in self-defense, he drew his revolver and fired.

LEAPS 100 FEET TO RIVER GRAVE

Tom Sullivan Commits Suicide Off Willamette Bridge at Salem.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Dec. 22.—Claiming to have lost his last dollar in a bad deal at Portland, and unable to find work, Tom Sullivan, 63 years of age, committed suicide some time last night by leaping from the bridge that spans the Willamette river at Salem, 100 feet above the water. His coat was found on the bridge by C. L. Frasure about 6:30 o'clock this morning, and on it was pinned the following note:
"Salem, Or., Dec. 21.—To whom it may concern: I am old and useless, never was other than a detriment, so in a few months I intend to slip down and out. My family lives at 113 North M street, Tacoma, Wash. They are better off without me."
"TOM SULLIVAN."
Sullivan had been in the city three or four days, having come here from Woodburn. He was a member of the Y. M. C. A. and while here had spent much of his time at the association's headquarters. He told Secretary Forbes, who helped him, that he had invested every cent he had in a land proposition. He said that he had trusted the money with a friend, but that when he had come to Woodburn to take possession of the land he found that he had none.
Sullivan's occupation was engraver.

LABORERS KILLED BY QUARRY CAVE

(Called Press Lined Wire.)
Santa Cruz, Cal., Dec. 22.—Messages from Davenport today tell of the death of three men who were buried under tons of rock last night by a landslide at a Portland cement quarry. The men were at work in the quarry when suddenly without apparent cause the side gave way and they were crushed to death. A number of other workmen witnessed the burial of the victims, who had no chance whatever to escape. Rescue parties last night succeeded in taking out the body of Jakob Perko. At 3 o'clock this morning the body of

LOOKED DOWN GUN BARREL

(United Press Lined Wire.)
Sonoma, Cal., Dec. 22.—Wade Archer, 16 years old, son of George Archer, was brought to the hospital here today from Taloumne, where he was shot in the eye while removing a cartridge from a shotgun. He will lose the sight of the eye, but will recover from the gunshot wound.

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