MAIN TESTIFIES IN HIS OWN DEFENSE

Wives of Slain Man and of Accused Testify for Defense at Chehalis.

Chehalis, Wash., March 8.—Oscar Main, on trial here charged with the murder of Fred Swayne, Napavine merchant, took the stand in his own defense today and told of his movements on the day the crime was committed. He told a story that in all essential details tallies with testimony of other witnesses for the defense. Under cross examination he did not deviate from his story.

Several times Main gave the lie to witnesses who had testified for the state.

"I do not like to accuse Dr. Pettit of telling an untruth," he said, "but I certainly did not ask him if he had treated Swayne for heart disease. I did not tell him that I thought Swayne had fallen from the balcony and I did not interpose any objection, when he suggested that we call the detectives. I merely said that he was nearest the phone and to call them himself."

Main to Be Last Witness

Main will probably be the last witness to testify for the defense. The closing arguments of both sides are expected late today and it is predicted the case will be given to the jury late tonight or early in the morning.

Mrs. Main continued her testimony this morning and she swore she knew all about the three automobile trips taken by Main in company with Mrs. Swayne. The witness declared she believed there was nothing improper about this.

That Main was at his home at 5:30 o'clock on the afternoon of the murder, was testified to by Mrs. C. L. Stone, wife of a Napavine banker. This testimony was considered as important by the defense because the state had fixed the time of the crime at before 5:30 and probably shortly after 5 o'clock. Other witnesses also said they had seen Main between 5 and 5:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Main Takes Stand

Mrs. Main was on the stand when court adjourned Thursday and resumed her testimony this morning. She told of the intimate friendship between the Main and Swayne families since they have lived in Napavine. Mrs. Main told in detail how her husband spent his time on the day of the murder. She declared when he returned home after the 5:20 o'clock train had departed he was in his usual cheerful mood, playing with the children and eating heartily.

Mrs. Swayne, Thursday, told of her Red Cross activities and declared that on two occasions she had been out with Main in his automobile, doing Red Cross work. She declared her husband had asked Main to drive her here to a doctor at another time. She denied she had ever discussed obtaining a divorce. She said Swayne treated her well and she liked him except sometimes when he got drunk.

State's Testimony Assailed

This morning Mrs. Main testified that her husband had never owned a gray mackinaw such as Bob Hodge swore was worn by the man, who, he claimed, he saw go to the Swayne store on the afternoon of the murder and whom he claimed to be Main. This morning City Commissioner T. J. Long of Chehalis, George R. Walker, secretary of the Southwest Washington Fair association; Sam Agnew, a Centralia lumberman, and W. W. Emery, a sawmill man of Napavine, testified that they went to Napavine and examined the Hodge premises, where Hodge claimed he stood when he saw the man at the Swayne store, that they were unable to identify two men who walked around the store and that it would be impossible to identify anyone in the evening as Hodge testified he did.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brautigan testified that they saw Main in front of his office around 5 o'clock in the evening, about the time the murder is alleged to have accurred.

John Coulson, a friend of Main, testified he had not noticed anything unusual about his condition or conduct the evening the murder was discovered. He denied making certain statements attributed to him by Sheriff Berry regarding Main's alleged nervous condition at the Swayne funeral.

Swayne's Store Is Purchased

Centralia, March 8.—On Wednesday a deal whereby George E. Berlin, Abe Crabbs and Ray Evans of this city obtained possession of the store in Napavine, formerly operated by Fred Swayne, was closed. The store has been closed since January 6, the date of Swayne's murder, and will probably be reopened by the new owners Monday.

Evangelist's Wife Speaks

Mrs. H. L. Stephens, wife of the evangelist, spoke Thursday night at special evangelistic meetings being conducted at the Centenary Methodist church. Mrs. Stephens related many experiences with unfortunate women. Members of the church are planning to hold afternoon neighborhood prayer meetings. Delegations from two churches are planning to visit the service tonight.

Minimum Wage of $10.36 Agreed Upon

A minimum wage of $10.36 for women workers in manufacturing plants has been agreed upon by the conference committee, representing the employers, employes and the public, but before the recommendations are submitted to the state industrial welfare commission, another meeting will be held. The conference committee seeks a solution of the problem of providing for those workers who put in less than a week's work.

The schedule agreed on per hour for the factory workers is a minimum of 21 7-12 cents, for a week of 48 hours.

WAR GARDENERS OF PORTLAND ENJOY SPECIAL PRIVILEGES

Free Water One of Advantages Which City Gives to Encourage the Growers.

Comparison of inducements offered by Portland and Spokane water departments to war gardeners show that Portland is far more liberal than the city of the Inland Empire.

In Spokane an ordinance has been adopted by the council which requires not only payment for all water used in the cultivation of vegetables on empty lots, but also requires a deposit of $5 to insure payment.

In Portland the city proposes to furnish water free for war gardens. The ordinance has restrictions, such as use of water between the hours of 4 a. m. and noon; no free water when more than 10 per cent of the ground area is used for flowers and lawns, and free water for only two 50x100 lots.

Three men will be needed in the water department to care for the applications for free water for war gardens, according to John M. Mann, commissioner of public utilities. All applications must be checked in order that water be not furnished free to those not entitled to it.

Fire Apparatus on Way

"Fire apparatus consigned to Portland passed Chicago today," is the message received Friday by Commissioner Bigelow, the first trace secured in Portland of the apparatus shipped from New York January 29. "Considering the progress being made in the shipment of the pumping machines, we can probably settle the suit filed in the circuit court to restrain the city from accepting the machines, even though it is being carried to the supreme court," declared Mr. Bigelow.

Driver Fined $20 for Failing to Report

A. L. Erickson, driver for the American Express company, was fined $20 in the municipal court this morning for failing to report an accident. Erickson is the driver of the truck which knocked the bumper off the Mason Ehrman company auto at Second and Ankeny streets Wednesday and failed to report the accident to the driver of the truck or to the police. When the driver of the Mason, Ehrman auto, L. F. Taylor, had proceeded a short distance with his machine the bumper caught in the front wheel and steered the machine up on the sidewalk and five men were knocked down and injured. Taylor was released.

German Perjurer Is Sentenced to Jail

Ernest Emil Barz, German alien, was sentenced to nine months in the county jail by United States Judge Bean this morning for perjury in answering draft questions and for false information on his questionnaire.

Barz is said to have written a letter to his mother in Hillsboro telling her not to reveal the fact that his children were dependent upon her for support, for he had declared that he supported them in order to escape the draft.

BERLIN ANNOUNCES PEACE WITH FINNS

Possibility of German Move on Petrograd From North Seen in Dispatches.

Copenhagen, March 8.—(I. N. S.)—The possibility of German operations against Petrograd from the north was seen today in the Berlin announcement that a peace treaty has been concluded with Finland.

The German government promises to give military aid to Finland such as was given to Ukrainia, and already German forces may be moving through Finland.

It is known that the Aland islands have been occupied and German naval forces are in Finnish waters.

It is reported that the Russian Baltic sea fleet has taken refuge at Kronstadt and Viborg, the latter being a Finnish port.

Should the Germans occupy Helsingfors, on the pretense of giving aid to the new republican government of Finland, they would be in a position to move against Petrograd along the Helsingfors-Petrograd railroad.

(The two cities are about 170 miles apart.)

Germany's military plans south of Petrograd have not yet been revealed. There is apparently a strong disposition in Petrograd to believe that Von Hindenburg intends to occupy the city, if possible.

Late dispatches from various sources indicated that the Germans were rearranging their lines between Reval and Petrograd. Just where the German front stands is uncertain, but the general belief is that it is in the neighborhood of Narva, 81 miles southwest of Petrograd.

Arming of All Russians Planned

Petrograd, March 7.—(U. P.)—The war commissariat today published a plan for arming the whole Russian people, offering an immediate opportunity for all desiring to learn military science to prepare for a renewal of the war in the future.

After withdrawal from Narva, the Russians retreated to Jamburg, which they fortified with the aid of reinforcements from Petrograd.

Railroad men from Narva report the Germans halted operations in accordance with General Hoffman's order.

Witnesses say the bombardment of Narva was begun Sunday and was renewed with intensity Monday, causing numerous explosions. The Russians attempted to stand outside the city, but were obliged to fall back owing to the enemy's artillery fire. The German occupation of the city was accomplished Monday afternoon.

Moscow Disapproves Terms

Washington, March 8.—(U. P.)—General disapproval of the Russo-German peace terms is expressed in Moscow, state department messages from Consul Summers, under date of March 6, said today. He reported the anarchists growing stronger there and that some people had been killed and wounded by bombs.

Upstate Folk Seek Low Priced Smelt

With the price of fresh smelt hovering between 5 and 6 cents per pound in practically all parts of the state, residents living outside of Portland are taking advantage of the offer of the Portland municipal fish market to secure fresh Columbia river smelt by the 50 pound box at 2 cents per pound.

Letters containing money orders and checks are reaching both the fish market and the office of Dan Kellaher, commissioner of finance. So great has been the influx of the orders that it has become necessary to assign one man to do nothing but prepare the boxes for shipment.

Onalaska Logger Instantly Killed

Centralia, Wash., March 8.—When a log rolled over him, John Brodnick, an employe of the Carlisle-Pennell Lumber company, was instantly killed Tuesday at Onalaska. His wife lives in Austria. A belt containing $184 was strapped around Brodnick's body when he was killed.

James Leisure was probably fatally hurt at the Shaver logging camp near Onalaska, Monday, when he was struck in the back by a flying stump. The young man is 20 years of age.

China and Paintings Are Lost in Flame

Rare paintings and a collection of hand-painted china were destroyed on Thursday night in a fire which gutted two rooms in the home of James Young, 263 Cherry street. The fire is thought to haave started through a pillow falling near a hot stove. Mr. and Mrs. Young were not at home at the time. The damage is estimated at $2000, according to Fire Marshal Grenfell.

SPRUCE GOES EAST FASTER THAN NEEDED

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spruce sent from the cutup plant will meet the same requirement.

10,000 Volunteer to Help

Ten thousand drafted men have volunteered for service getting out spruce in the forests and many of them are men drafted originally from the forests, said the spruce division commander. These men have been moved in a supplementary force to civilian labor without friction because they were paid the same wages.

The Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, now including practically all the men in the industry, has shut out contention and sedition and practically stopped what Colonel Disque called the "milling about" of men which has hitherto been responsible for a 30 per cent loss in efficiency in the camps.

Colonel Disque began his address by saying the chief note struck in civilian comment upon the war department's efforts to get from the Northwest sufficient spruce to build airplanes for service abroad is one of encouragement.

"But in a small degree, which is entirely too large, there is loose talk without foundation or knowledge.

"I heard that we are criticized on the ground that our overhead makes the cost of the spruce $1000 a thousand feet. This came from men of reputable position in this community. I have heard that it is said spruce production has not been increased since we came, and that the aircraft program in the Northwest is a failure.

"If you believe things like that, God help us. If you think that we have in Washington executives with no more ability or any larger calibre, then we might as well tell the kaiser to come over and get us.

"The people have a right to know the facts. People ought not to criticize until they know the facts.

Full Value Is Secured

"I want to assure you that in the production of spruce we are getting 100 cents value for every dollar.

"In the past about 12 per cent of the spruce cut for airplane stock could be used in airplanes. The broker's fee was $5 to $15 a thousand feet.

"There are in Oregon and Washington about 5,000,000,000 feet of spruce that might be considered suitable for airplane construction. In order to meet the military necessities of the government it was necessary for us to increase production 500 per cent more than it had been. The average operators and lumbermen said it could not be done. And it was quickly apparent that it could not be done in the ordinary, normal way.

Results Held Main Object

"To have gotten out the material necessary in the ordinary way would have flooded the market with a sidecut of cedar, fir, hemlock and low grade spruce. If we knew when the war would end this might be all right. It would be all right if the war were to end in a year. But we do not know when the war will end. We have to proceed along the lines that will insure results. Any other attitude would take from us every chance of being successful.

"The war is costing $50,000,000 a day. If it costs us $50,000,000 to get out the spruce and thereby we shorten the war by one day, it is well worth the price.

"War emergencies cannot be compared with commercial enterprise. We have got to get results, and to do so in a sensible, reasonable way without dishonesty and with intelligence.

Unfavorable Conditions Met

"When we came we found that logging had slowed down, due to dull times. Railroad extensions contemplated had not been made. The situation was critical. The winter months were coming and it is almost impossible to extend logging roads and camps in the winter. These were the conditions which we faced, and which had to be overcome."

Colonel Disque described the organization with which he surrounded himself in order to meet the conditions and get out the spruce. One hundred and forty-three people are employed in the offices, he said.

"We get from 90 to 1000 letters a day and 95 to 100 telegrams," he said. "At least 50 per cent of them are unnecessary. But we cannot help it. We would be pleased if our correspondence were one tenth what it is."

New Logging Road Provided

Colonel Disque announced that the traffic department has succeeded in securing the construction of 87 miles of new logging railroad which opens up the way to 1,000,000 feet of spruce not otherwise accessible.

"Our contracts," he said, "covers spruce requirements for the next 18 months. The department deals with 224 mills and 57 camps. Because the sawmills were not equipped to saw spruce to grain as well as clear, the cut-up plant was built at Vancouver.

"The only possible way to get the increased amount of spruce needed was by riving—going into the forests finding trees suitable, splitting them into pieces that could be hauled out by a horse. Riving is no longer in the experimental stage. It is a success.

"We have now 2000 soldiers among the camps and 250 civilians working in 19 independent camps operated by private individuals. "Through riving operations we will produce in excess of our needs."

Time of Shipment Is Cut

Colonel Disque briefly summarized that the traffic department of the spruce production division is handling over 400 cars a day and has cut the time for a car to cross the country from 50 to 10 days. The technical department has secured an increase in February of 11 per cent over the production in January by showing the mills how to get more airplane stock out of the spruce. Formerly as much spruce was wasted as was secured.

"Mills that do not meet the necessary degree of efficiency will presently find it impossible to get logs," he warned.

The priority department has secured $1,000,000 worth of wire rope absolutely essential to operations, $1,500,000 worth of logging engines and other equipment, and $700,000 worth of rails.

The report of the medical department shows a sick rate of 2½ per cent, inclusive of everything, which is considered very low. Men in the Loyal Legion who remain on a job six months will get a certificate of service for their country. The adjutant's department is in charge of records and all military supervision.

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GAUDIO MURDER CASE IS EXPECTED TO GO TO JURY THIS AFTERNOON

Defense Closes and Arguments to Follow Two Witnesses in Rebuttal.

By late this afternoon the fate of Frank Gaudio, Italian, charged with the murder of Lucy Carter, will be placed with the 12 jurors who have been listening to testimony before Circuit Judge Campbell for the past three days. The defense closed its case at noon today and arguments will begin as soon as two witnesses in rebuttal are used this afternoon by the prosecution.

Frank Gaudio, the defendant, and his brother, Joe Gaudio, were the only two material witnesses used by the defense, although a large number of character witnesses told of the good reputation and character of the defendant.

The defendant, under cross-examination, could not be shaken from the story he told Thursday afternoon under direct examination, although his version of the woman's death is now different from the one he gave immediately after his arrest.

Joe Gaudio, his brother, testified that he had found Frank at the home of Dominic Aquina, "crying like a baby."

"I asked him what was the matter and he said his wife had fallen from a window and been killed," testified Joe Gaudio.

"We then went together to give him up to the police, as I had learned that Detective Joe Morak was looking for him."

Lucy Carter plunged through the third-story window of the Cadillac hotel on the early morning of December 22. The prosecution contends she was thrown from the window during a drunken brawl with Gaudio and Dominic Aquina, who is also under indictment for her murder.

SEVERAL DIVORCE SUITS FILED

Three Wives Make Complaints Against Husbands for Alleged Cruelty.

Because she said he swore at the bill for clothes he had told her to buy, and said she was "not worth dressing," and because of other alleged acts of cruelty, Kathryn Williams is asking for a divorce from Alfred Williams. They were married at Jersey City, February 5, 1907. He is a civil engineer and earns $150 a month, she says. She asks for $30 per month alimony.

Christina S. Hosey alleges desertion on the part of Patrick Hosey. They were married at Denver, May 27, 1903. He left her in 1912, she alleges.

Helene Jurgens says she is willing to live with Herman H. Jurgens, her husband, but he won't live with her. He left her in 1910, she says, and went to Glendale, Or. She followed him and kept house for him until 1917, enduring continual acts of cruelty, she asserts. They were married in Germany in 1887. He is an employe of the Southern Pacific, she alleges, and earns $80 per month. She asks for $75 attorney fees, $25 per month permanent alimony, and to be decreed sole owner of some real estate.

STARK ESTATE TO BE PROBATED

Widow Named Executrix by County Judge Taswell.

The will of T. M. Stark, who died February 21, has been admitted to probate by County Judge Taswell. Kittie Stark, the widow, was appointed executrix. The estate was estimated to be of the probable value of $39,857, consisting of real estate in Multnomah county, $19,842; Tacoma, Wash., $1680; secured and unsecured notes and other securities, $18,335.

The property of the estate was bequeathed to the Portland Trust company in trust for the widow for life, with certain reversionary interests to Ethel Winifred Sandstone, a daughter, and H. D. Standstone, Jr., a grandson.

ACTION AGAINST TAVERN BEGUN

Abatement Proceedings Are Started Against Claremont Resort.

Abatement proceedings against the Claremont tavern declaring it to be used for disorderly and immoral purposes were begun in the circuit court Thursday afternoon.

Sol Blumauer and Eugene Hoch, alleged to be owners of the property on the Linnton road, were made parties to the suit. Phil Kolsky, named as lessee, is a third defendant.

Sues Street Railway for Damages

Declaring that she was seriously injured while alighting from a streetcar January 8 at Sixty-ninth and East Glisan streets, Grace Lewis demands $5000 damages from the Portland Railway, Light & Power company in a suit filed in the circuit court Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Groat's Estate $4100

The will of Josephine Groat, who died February 13, was admitted to probate by County Judge Taswell this morning. The estate, consisting of real and personal property in Multnomah county, was stated to be worth $4100. C. J. Groat, husband, was appointed executor.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL ARE FAVORABLE TO OREGON INDUSTRIES

Commission Stands Firm for Award of Bid for Water Pipe to Local Plant.

The majority of members of the city council are on record as favoring home industries against Eastern firms and doing all possible, legally, to aid and encourage Oregon products.

This was evidenced Thursday when Mayor Baker and Commissioners Barbur, Bigelow and Mann stood firm for the award of a contract for 575 tons of cast iron water pipe to the Oregon Iron & Steel company.

Upon advice of Deputy City Attorney Tomlinson, the council rejected all bids and ordered a readvertising for bids to be opened Saturday morning. This was done because Mr. Tomlinson said a change in the freight rates on March 15 made it impossible to determine which bidder was the lowest.

Representatives of Eastern firms, present at the meeting, protested against rejection of the bids on the ground that the "hands" of the Eastern firms had been exposed and the Oregon firm would know what to do in order to secure the contract.

"What difference does that make," asked Mayor Baker. "I intend to stand by home industries, especially during this war, and Oregon industries are entitled to an advantage."

Commissioner Kellaher was the only member of the council who favored the awarding of the bid to the Eastern firm on the ground that its bid was lowest.

Old Resident Dies

Centralia, Wash., March 8.—Mrs. Elisabeth Helen Brodack, aged 61 years, a resident of Bucoda for the past 27 years, died at the family residence Tuesday evening. Mrs. Brodack is survived by her husband and four children, Joe and Margaret Brodack, both of Bucoda; Mrs. Elisabeth Yundt of Corvallis, Or., and Mrs. Caroline Houston of Tacoma.

PIONEER WOMAN LEFT WITH LARGE FAMILY MASTERS ADVERSITY

Mrs. Mary Richardson, Who Died February 25, Survived by Nine Children.

Mrs. Mary Richardson, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Marindey J. Wright in St. Johns, February 25, was one of the early pioneers of Oregon and the mother of a large family. Mary Cox was born in Missouri September 10, 1830, and crossed the plains with her father, Salam Cox, in 1848. In 1849 she was married to Franklin Richardson. The young couple took up a donation claim near the present town of Monroe, Or., but afterwards moved to Douglas county and engaged in gold mining. In 1875 Mrs. Richardson was left a widow with 11 children and only her labor and theirs to support them. The family settled on a homestead near Junction City, Lane county, and Mother Richardson brought her children to manhood and womanhood in spite of hardships, privations and pioneer experiences in a manner that was a credit to her and to them. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. M. J. Wright, William C. Richardson, Martha H. Richardson, Mrs. Margaret M. Ray of Prineville; Mrs. M. E. Ray, Falls City; B. F., Henry F., Jessie J. and George Richardson.

56 Stars in Biscuit Co.'s Service Flag

A service flag with 56 stars for that number of employes in military service, was unfurled Thursday at the Pacific Coast Biscuit company plant. During the presentation of the flag the factory wheels were stopped and every employe attended the ceremony in honor of the former employes. A. J. Bale, manager of the company, gave a talk.

Martinson Funeral Saturday

The funeral of John Martinson will be held at the undertaking parlors of the Pearson company, Russell street at Union avenue, Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with interment in Rose City cemetery.

Dr. Hinson Will Preach Tonight

Dr. W. B. Hinson will preach at the Arleta Baptist church tonight. The pastor, Rev. W. C. Handley, is conducting a 10 day series of special meetings. J. W. Troy, noted evangelistic singer, will lead the large chorus choir and render solos.

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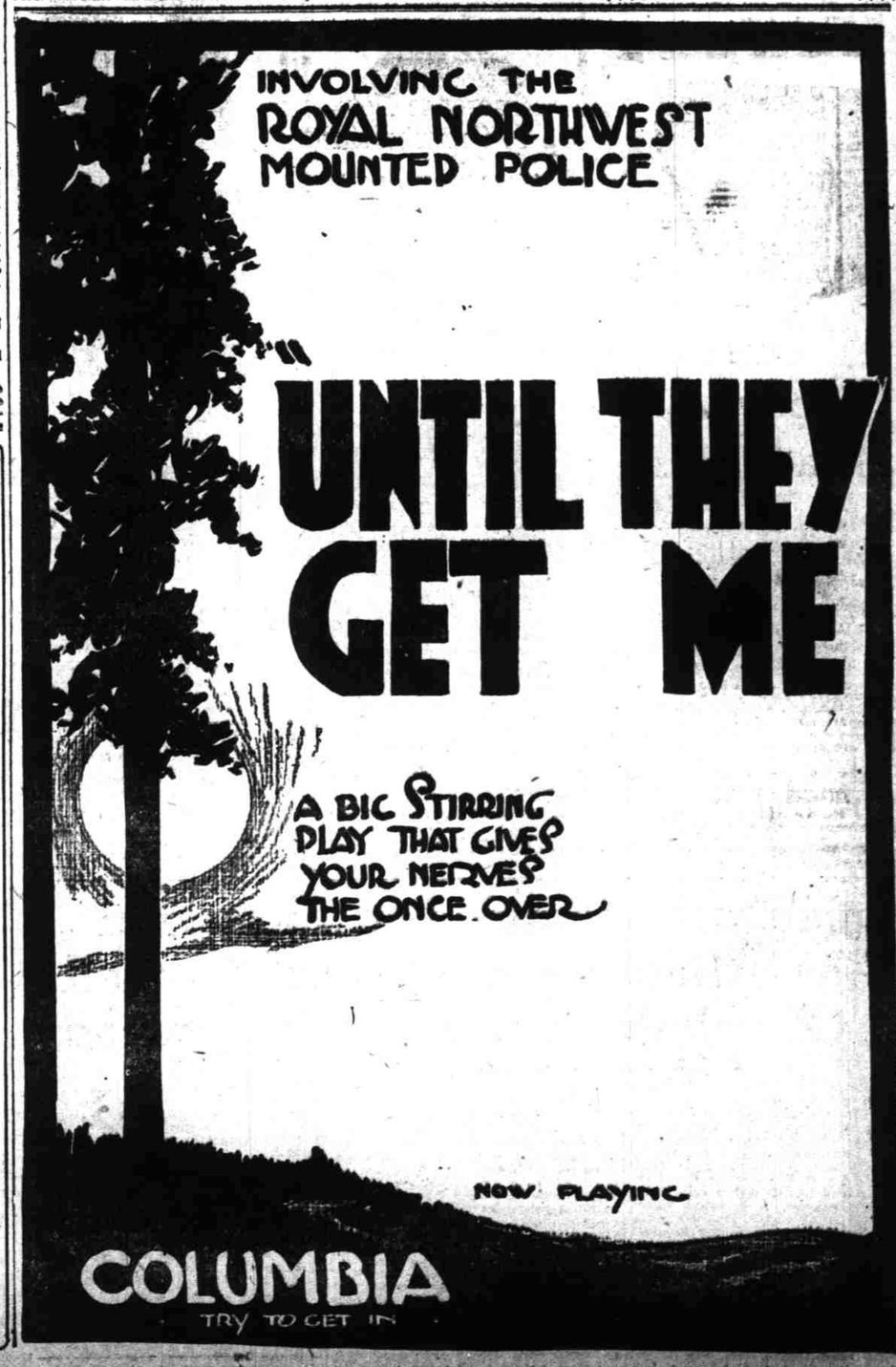

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