

HAROLD HOWELL CASE WILL GO TO JURY DURING DAY

Bandon Boy Displays Remarkable Control on Witness Stand in Defense on Charge of Murder.

UNSHAKEN BY QUESTIONS

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found and getting only a glimpse of the body, as it was covered with a sheet when carried away. His attorney asked: "You are accused of murdering Lillian Leuthold. Did you kill her or do you know anything about who did kill her?" "I do not know anything about it," the boy answered.

"Did you kill her?" the attorney asked.

"I did not," replied the boy. The witness was asked why he went to the place where the body was found and he explained that he was told the girl's body had been found and he went there with others and stayed half of three-quarters of an hour.

WANTS GUILTY PUNISHED
"Did you want to see the guilty one who killed this girl punished?" his attorney asked.

"I certainly do," replied the boy gravely. In answer to another question he said he had never talked with or been alone with the girl. The boy was shown a gun which is an exhibit in the case and from which it is alleged the .35 calibre bullet which killed the girl was fired. The boy said it was his gun and said he had it a few days before the girl was killed, and two days before he was arrested was hunting with it.

He told on this occasion of riding with John Kronenberg of Bandon and having with him a rabbit which he killed and which was bleeding.

The trousers, in the pocket of which the prosecution alleges blood was found, were shown the boy. He said they were his trousers and he wore them the day of the murder. He did not know whether they contained blood stains or not.

SHOWS SCARED THUMB

He told of having cut his thumb 10 days before the killing and of having tied up. He cut it with an ax. When asked if he still had a scar on the thumb of his left hand he showed the thumb. He was asked to exhibit the scar to the jurors and the boy walked in front of the jury box and without the least nervousness showed the scar on his thumb to each member of the jury and the attorneys for the prosecution.

The boy also identified a jersey and underclothing which he wore the day the girl was killed and when he was arrested and which he had kept in the jail since without the garments being washed. They bore no blood marks. He said he wore no coat. He was asked to explain about his shoes being burned by his mother. He said the shoes were breaking across the soles and were about to be thrown away when his mother was cleaning house preparatory to a visit from relatives she burned the shoes, together with other castoff clothes and waste.

BOY IS UNSHAKEN

The witness identified shells which were shown him as probably being from his gun. They were shells alleged to have been found in the vicinity where the body was discovered. He said he and the girl's brother had shot at a chipmunk several times at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the murder, but that he was not near the spot again that day.

On a map in the courtroom the boy went into a careful detailed description of his movements on the day of the murder. In the cross-examination he was asked about the various guns which he had used and owned. He went into detail on this point, saying that he had been using guns to hunt for two years. He exhibited an exceptional knowledge of shotguns and rifles.

The cross-examination did not bring out anything different although Attorney Sherwood assisted in putting the boy through a severe grilling. He did not contradict himself in the smallest detail.

Once he mentioned the wrong day, but quickly corrected himself. Attorney McKnight for the defense left the way open for a complete cross-examination. Twice he objected on technical grounds to questions, but the boy had answered the questions before the attorney had time to object.

SAYS DETECTIVE THREATENED

On re-direct examination the boy told of a visit by Detective Riley of Portland to his cell. He said that while they were alone the detective told him that he would have the mother, Mr. Howell, in the cell next to him before night for perjury and that he would put the boy

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PLANS READY TO DISTRIBUTE COAL

Committees Named to Direct Work in Eight Regional Railroad Districts of Country.

Washington, Nov. 1.—(U. P.)—Committees to take charge of coal distribution in the eight regional railroad districts have been appointed by Rail Director Hines. It was announced at the railroad administration today.

The committees will have headquarters at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Chicago and St. Louis. Fuel Administrator Garfield will have a representative on each committee.

COMMITTEES TO DO WORK
Personnel of the committees was not announced, it was said. They would be operating officials and Garfield's representatives.

Appointment of the committees followed orders turning over to Hines the function of the old fuel administration in distributing coal during the strike.

The committees will make distribution under a priority list issued by Hines several days ago.

NO DISORDERS REPORTED
No disorders necessitating use of troops had been reported at the war department this morning. Secretary Baker left for Pottstown, Pa., where, it was stated, he was to plant a memorial tree and lay a cornerstone. His trip had nothing to do with strike distribution of troops. It was declared.

LOCAL SUPPLY GONE
The nation-wide strike of coal miners found Portland fuel dealers practically without supplies at midnight Friday. Dealers, however, joined in optimistic expressions, minimizing the effect of the strike on Portland and Oregon coal users.

"There is little or no coal on hand," they declare, "and while the supply en route would have lasted in some yards for 10 days, other dealers have already booked orders that cannot be filled now because of the confiscation orders."

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PRICE RISE PREVENTED
The price of coal will not advance because application of war-time prices fixed by the federal fuel administration has been renewed.

Coal comprises a very small part of the fuel consumed in Oregon, dealers say, and in most cases, where industries are equipped for coal, they can convert their fire boxes to use wood, oil or other material in the emergency. Construction work may be somewhat handicapped because the conversion of traction engines and the like will be found difficult.

Some local fuel yards have not been selling coal for the past 10 days and have held their supplies for the use of consumers who cannot use wood or other fuel. Among these yards is the Albina Fuel company.

FURNACES CAN BE CONVERTED
Household furnaces fed with coal can be converted to the use of wood by installing a reasonable priced grate or manufactured fuels can be readily employed, dealers point out.

The action of the railroad administration has complicated the coal supply situation here, according to officers of the Edlison company, who declare that the freight rate on coal from Washington mines has been increased 25 cents a ton within the past two weeks. Selling under the alias of a "switching charge," the officials say, the new rate has increased the freight cost per ton from Washington mines to East Portland from \$1.50 to \$1.75 and \$1.80 for a haul of less than 100 miles.

To Answer Statutory Charge
Arrested in Everett, Wash., on a warrant sworn to by O. W. Berg, Harry Baril faces a statutory charge. Berg alleges that Baril kept his 16-year-old daughter, Hilda Berg, three days in a downtown rooming house. The girl told vividly of being held prisoner, but police women discredit this story.

Chamber Speakers Named
William M. Ladd will address members of the Chamber of Commerce at their luncheon Monday noon on the advantages of the Pacific International Livestock exposition. Mayor Baker and John McCourt will speak on the general unemployment condition in Portland. Members of the Portland Opera company will provide entertainment.

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PORTLAND TO LOSE ARMY DEPARTMENT

Quartermaster's Station in This City, Including Army Store, May Be Closed.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 1.—(U. P.)—Army quartermasters' depots in Los Angeles and Portland will be closed soon and the business from the Angeles depot, and perhaps from Portland, will be diverted to San Francisco, according to a telegram received from Senator Phelan by Mayor Snyder.

The telegram ends a long campaign, led by the Los Angeles and San Diego Chambers of Commerce, to keep the quartermaster's depot here. It was established as a zone office during the war.

Senator Phelan, in his telegram, said he had been informed by General Rogers that the Portland and Los Angeles offices would be closed because the expense of maintenance is not justified.

Large orders for army supplies are handled through these offices with consequent benefit to the nearby business communities.

NO ORDER RECEIVED HERE
Major Frank P. Tingley, district quartermaster, declared today that he had received no notice of a possible closing order. However, the officers who have been aiding the major here were all discharged Friday and he is not only in charge, but alone in the offices as far as army aides go.

There has been a recommendation to close the Portland depot and its offices, but no authority has ordered this. If the depot is closed it will mean a loss to Portland not only of the depot itself, but of the quartermaster retail store at Fourth and Pine streets, where army foodstuffs and supplies have been retailed to homekeepers.

LOCAL CLOSING IN DOUBT
Great doubt has been expressed locally as to whether a closing order will be sent to Portland, inasmuch as this city is a central point for Northwestern distribution of army supplies and is at present the center for a large area including Vancouver barracks and other Columbia river ports, as well as those in Montana and Idaho.

Also, the army has maintained a quartermaster depot in Portland for some 40 years and it is doubtful that it would be ordered closed now when it has proved so necessary for so long. However, if the office is closed, it is said, it will be due to a shortage of commissioned officers, familiar with quartermaster work.

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Berkeley Student Denies She Married Would-Be Suicide

Berkeley, Cal., Nov. 1.—(U. P.)—Miss Esther Diggle, University of California student, today repeated her denial of the story of Horace Mileham, who shot himself Friday at Moscow, Idaho, and who claimed the Berkeley girl as his wife.

Though her name appears on the marriage certificate found among Mileham's effects, purporting that she married him at Farmington, Utah, she denied having any knowledge of Mileham or ever having known him.

Mileham shot himself after his return to Moscow from Berkeley where, she says, he had gone in an effort to persuade the girl to return to Idaho with him. Though he is dangerously wounded, physicians today believe he may recover.

Mileham, who was wounded while serving with the Ninety-first division in France, was being sent to school by the army vocational training board.

Coast Will Launch Campaign for More Ships, Says Dodson
United action of every port on the Pacific coast to obtain ship allocations from port of the Pacific should go to the national capitol, if necessary, were some of the results of the San Francisco shipping conference, according to W. D. B. Dodson, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Portland's representative at the conference.

Dodson returned from the California city this morning.

"It was decided," said Dodson, "that two men well versed in shipping from each port of the Pacific should go to Washington early in December, fortified with all data on shipping and shipping needs of the various ports."

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Dredging Company Sued
Suit was filed in the circuit court Friday against the Standard-American Dredging company involving work on the Derby street approach of the Interstate bridge, charging that there had been a material change of original plans and specifications which caused a subcontractor to lose heavily on the work. Plaintiff in the suit is the county of Multnomah for the use of R. L. Ray, contractor, asking \$20,853.21 alleged to be due on the basis of work accomplished.