

PERSONS WHO SAW SHOOTING ARE TO BE CALLED FRIDAY

Thomas Morgan, Alleged I. W. W., Is Expected to Testify as to What Took Place in Hall.

By Fred H. McNeill. Montesano, Wash., Feb. 12.—During the interim of the Lincoln holiday attorneys for the prosecution in the Centralia murder cases are marshaling their forces for the reopening of the attack Friday morning with the introductions of the "eye" witnesses of the shooting on Armistice Day.

The prosecution played two of its heaviest cards Wednesday in the introduction of the Loren Roberts confession and the testimony of the rifle expert, Fred J. Clarke of Seattle. But it was made known that another equally telling bit of evidence is to be introduced before the week is over in the testimony of Thomas Morgan.

Until Tuesday the whereabouts of this man were known only to the prosecution. On that day it was found he was in the Grays Harbor county jail, separately confined from the 11 men with whom he was arrested, and at first charged with murder.

The prosecution believes, in the Roberts testimonial, that it has proved the action charged to the defendants who were outside the hall, the "outside" men, as counsel for the state has been calling them.

It is the expressed intention of the prosecution to prove by Morgan the action of the men inside the hall. For Thomas Morgan, a tall, fair haired young fellow, who is said by the prosecution to have attended none of the meetings in the Centralia I. W. W., and who had only been inducted into the organization a short time before the shooting took place, was in the hall, it is alleged, throughout the shooting.

He is said to have already made statements of his part in the affair, and the prosecution asserts his testimony will fully connect the men who were in the hall with the shooting.

More than a hundred eye witnesses of the shooting are to testify, but it is expected that the testimony, once a start has been made will go in rapidly.

Positive identification of the types of bullets that killed Warren O. Grimm and Arthur McElfresh in the Armistice day shooting at Centralia was given last evening on the witness stand by Attorney Fred O. Clarke of Seattle, a champion rifle shot and an expert on arms and ammunition.

Previously the statements of the defendant, Loren Roberts, concerning his part in the tragedies of that day were read to the jury and admitted as evidence, subject to the defense challenging it on any point.

There will be no session of court today because of the Lincoln birthday holiday, but on Friday morning, when court opens, according to Special Prosecutor W. H. Abel, the state will open with the testimony of eye witnesses to the sanguine battle that took place at Second street and Tower avenue in Centralia on November 11.

That the bullet killing Warren O. Grimm came from a .38-55 calibre rifle was proved by Clarke, who took the missile that was removed from Grimm's body in the autopsy and fitted it in an empty shell of the calibre mentioned. The fit was perfect.

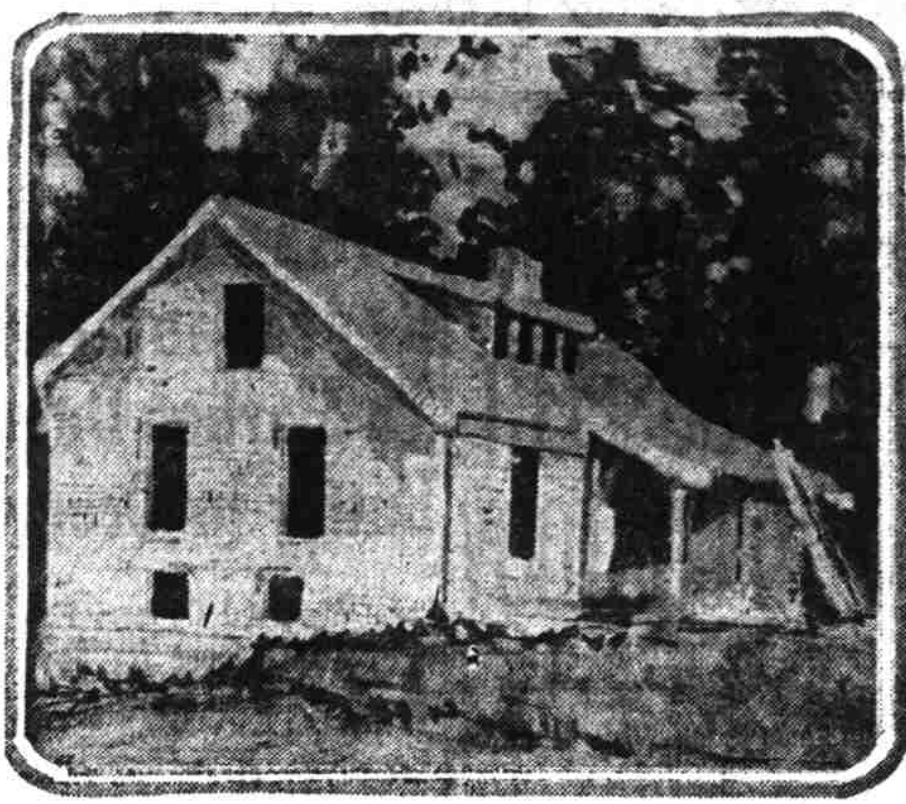
The bullet removed by autopsy from the head of Arthur McElfresh was from a .23 high power rifle, Clarke said, and he illustrated his statement by fitting the lead pellet into one of the empty shells of that calibre found on Seminary ridge.

CLARKE TAKES STAND. "It fits the casing perfectly," he observed to the jury. In the confession made by Roberts and previously read to the jury, Roberts had said that the gun with which he fired from Saginaw ridge was a .22 high power. The other guns used on the hill were .22-20 calibre Winchester and a .250-3000 calibre Savage. It was previously testified, according to Roberts, Bert Bland had the former and the Savage was used by Ole Hanson, one of the men charged with murder who has not yet been captured.

That experience have you had with firearms? asked W. H. Abel, in beginning the examination of Fred Clarke. "Oh, we'll admit Mr. Clarke's qualifications," put in Vanderveer. "We know all about him."

The witness proceeded to tell of his qualifications—membership on various gunnery teams in competition, his work

ERNEST DESCAMPS' HOME



The ranch home near Beaverton where Descamps lived the past year, and whence he made frequent trips into Portland to look after his extensive business affairs here. The interior of the house gives every indication that its owner expected to return within a few hours. The bed was unmade, dishes unwashed, an uncompleted letter to Descamps' step-son, with the French army in Africa, lay on the writing desk.

during the war as an army rifle instructor and so on being mentioned.

SHOTS FROM RIDGE. In Centralia, on January 21, the witness said, he made examination of the bullet holes at the scene of the shooting. Those in the building north of the I. W. W. hall he found, by sighting through them, to have come from a point on Seminary ridge.

A bullet that had passed through the lower part of a door and coming from the 250-3000 calibre rifle bullet found by Clarke and offered. It was discovered imbedded in a box of stationery behind a counter.

At the request of C. D. Cunningham, assistant prosecutor, the witness next testified, he went to the army range at Port Lawton and tested out the two gun types in question, firing from the distance of the Seminary ridge from the buildings on Tower avenue. Both the .22 high powered bullet and the .250-3000 calibre rifle wood not quite 12 inches in thickness.

NOT STARTLING ENOUGH. Another bullet hole in the front of one of the buildings north of Second street, the witness said, he had sighted through that hole and it pointed directly to the south window on the second story of the Avalon hotel. This building is located south of Second street, on the east side of Tower avenue. The Roberts confessions, which were expected to be of sensational nature by the crowd that packed the court room, seemed to disappoint the listeners who had sat breathlessly all day awaiting the reading of the statements.

At first, he and Bert Bland were in a room in the Avalon hotel, it was narrated, but Bland was afraid the place was watched, and so they decided to go to the hill.

From a point east of the Northern Pacific tracks, overlooking the Eastern lumber yard, they waited until shots were heard from the street in which the parade was passing. As the soldiers ran back from the I. W. W. building it was said that Roberts began shooting. He fired five or six shots, but aimed purposely over the heads of the paraders, as he did not want to kill anyone.

BEAT IT AFTER SHOOTING. "Bert, on his side, and Ole Hanson, another alleged I. W. W., who has never been captured, were also firing.

After the shooting, he said, they proceeded due eastward a couple of miles, Hanson and Bland intending to go to a cabin in the upper Hannaford valley, where he (Roberts) was in favor of hiding with the ranchers in the Grand Mound district, northwest of Centralia.

Two days later, at the advice of his mother, he surrendered and confessed. In the statements Roberts told of various meetings in the I. W. W. hall at Centralia, he said, he was arrested, and specifically of the meeting Sunday night, November 9. He told of the bringing of guns to the I. W. W. hall on the hill to defend the evening of the shooting.

Bert Bland, Wesley Everest (the man who was lynched) and Bert Bland most of the talking at the Sunday meeting. Bert Bland was the one who named Sparks attended the Sunday night meeting. It was stated, but he told Ole Hanson that "he wouldn't have anything to do with it and he was going home."

"Faulkner was there, but he said, 'You fellows don't need to be afraid of any trouble,'" the confession read. Roberts admitted that he had said that "I damn well mean to tell him where he was to be, when Bert Smith suggested that the building across the street would be a good place for some of the boys."

SAYS HE SHOT HIGH. The confession narrated the plans that were made for the shooting. "I knew that if any shooting started these fellows would be handed, so I went up on the hill," Roberts is said to have admitted. The men on the hill understood that they were to shoot when shooting began below. It was stated, that he heard the shooting first on the hill. He was of the opinion that Bert Bland and Hanson each fired half a dozen shots or more.

The story of flight, separation and of surrender was narrated. Roberts was particularly emphatic in his denunciation of the evening of "desperate man, who didn't give a damn for anything. He didn't give a damn whether he was killed or not."

HALL LIKE MAN'S HOME. Next, according to Roberts, took the attitude that they "weren't good fellows unless they would come through." Roberts, in distributing hand bills regarding an I. W. W. meeting, had discussed with Elmer the attorney, at the latter's office, the possibility of a raid, and Smith had told him, accordingly to the confession, that the hall was like a man's home. "If someone comes into your home and breaks one door, you have a right to shoot."

At the Monday night meeting, Roberts said, Bert Smith had spoken of their perfect right to shoot. "The confession speaks of other conversations, when Everest had told the men that the American Legionnaires would come."

SANITY IS QUESTIONED. "When those fellows come they will be prepared to clean up this building. It will be honeycombed with bullets in 10 minutes," Roberts was told by Everest, according to the statement.

Roberts is quoted as having said that he went to Everest's room on the Queen's

hotel at one time in an attempt to repair his rifle, but was advised that it be taken to a gunsmith.

As the witnesses were reading these statements the little flush in Roberts' pale cheeks passed from them completely, and he sprawled down in his seat, watching the readers through half closed eyes.

The other defendants listened attentively to the reading, and Britt Smith went to leave his head in negative fashion occasionally.

Entrance of these statements was contested to the last minute by Vanderveer, who maintained that the defendant was mentally unbalanced.

WOULD PROVE INSANITY. Vanderveer offered to prove by Dr. Arthur P. Calhoun, the alienist, that Loren Roberts was insane on November 17 and 18, 1919, and in that condition at this time.

Dr. Calhoun, Vanderveer said, was a personal friend of Warren O. Grimm, a member of the American Legion, having been in service for two years, and Grimm's fraternity brother.

The prosecution's objection to this was sustained.

The evidence now offered on the question of insanity may be introduced at the proper time, said Judge Wilson.

Vanderveer then asked that the jury be instructed to consider evidence only as against the defendant Loren Roberts and not against the other defendants. This instruction was given.

CONFESSION IS READ. To identify the supplementary statement from Roberts, Miss Dorothy Wise, stenographer for J. H. Jahnke, assistant prosecutor of Lewis county, was summoned.

Roberts' statement was made, she said, in the city jail at Centralia. J. H. Jahnke, Mrs. Clarence Axtell, sister of the defendant, Mrs. Edna Roberts, his mother, Assistant Attorney General Christensen and Chief of Police A. C. Hughes were present at the witness stand.

At the time Roberts said that he had made a previous statement. He appeared to be perfectly rational, the witness averred. Miss Wise said that her original shorthand notes had been destroyed when she was informed that they were no longer useful.

A. C. Baker was called to the witness stand and read the confession transcribed by him at Olympia. C. P. Christensen was called upon to read the supplementary confession. He had just started when Judge Wilson called a halt, saying that he wanted to see the statement.

There was an intermission of 15 minutes. The reading was then concluded and was accepted without comment by Vanderveer.

Judge Wilson instructed the jury that the statements were to be received as evidence only against Roberts, and not against the other defendants.

A bullet penetrated the door of the Sedan auto in which A. L. Frisbie, Centralia auto dealer, sat watching the Armistice day parade with his wife and son and two friends, Frisbie testified. The auto stood on Second street near Tower avenue, and the direction of the bullet hole indicated that the shot was fired directly from the Avalon hotel, he said. The bullet was found flattened in the cushions after passing through the wooden frame.

ROOM IS ENGAGED. "The side of a Ford car is made of light metal, is it not?" asked Vanderveer seriously. "Yes, sir," Frisbie answered. "I don't suppose you would admit it was made of tin, would you?" solemnly asked the attorney. The reply was lost in a burst of laughter.

O. C. Bland and John Lamb, defendants, called at the Arnold rooming house in Centralia on the morning of November 11, to engage a room, Mrs. Beatrice

CHARBONNEAU, manager of the house, testified. The men wanted the front room in order to see the parade, she was told. They registered under their own names. Vanderveer attempted to open up the subject of what happened during the parade, but was restrained by the court and given permission to call the woman as a witness later.

Adjutant General Harvey Moss of the Washington national guard, also testified during the parade. He searched a bullet imbedded in the sill and baseboard below the plate glass window of the building at the northwest corner of Second street and Tower avenue. This was a riotous bullet, and he produced it in court as evidence.

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PORTLAND MAN ARRESTED. The bogus pass scheme was exposed and exploded through the arrest in Portland, Or., yesterday of Theodore W. Powell, alias S. R. Powell, alias S. R. Weatherby, formerly a brakeman on the B. & O. railroad. Powell had fled from his elaborate offices here when the federal authorities were about to close in on him.

Powell arrived in Los Angeles from the East last November. He had in his possession a genuine railway administration pass. With that he is said to

HONOR MEMORY OF MARTYRED LINCOLN AT LARGE MEETING

Former Slave Who Knew Emancipator Personally, Gives Invocation; Appropriate Program.

The memory of Abraham Lincoln was honored this afternoon at a program given by the Lincoln Memorial society at Central library. The Rev. Daniel Drew, who was formerly a slave and who knew his emancipator personally, delivered the invocation.

General Charles F. Beebe made a few remarks suitable to the occasion. Hugh Montgomery gave an address on "The Personality of Lincoln." Major W. S. Gilbert read Lincoln's Gettysburg speech, and Judge C. G. Burton spoke on "Lincoln as an Inspiration in Solving the Great National Problems of Today."

Solos were given by Mrs. F. L. Olson and Miss Arline Smith played the piano. Patriotic programs were held in most of the Portland schools this afternoon, with addresses given by various speakers. Many of the schools were dismissed early, immediately upon termination of the program.

Lincoln's birthday will be commemorated tonight by the various Republican party organizations of the county and state, at a banquet to be given in the Chamber of Commerce dining room, commencing at 8:30 o'clock. Indications point to a large attendance, prominent Republicans from as far away as Klamath county having reached the city to attend. Thomas H. Tongue, chairman of the state central committee, will preside. There will be two addresses, one by Chaplain William S. Gilbert of Astoria, and the other by Mrs. Elizabeth Hanley of Medford.

FURTIVE LOOK PUTS SUSPECT INTO CUSTODY

At first Del Mae Jo was accepted as the name of the man sought, and Hotel Portland his residence. This proved incorrect. Then the Del Mae Jo hotel, 151 North Sixth street, was visited.

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Radical Belief of Prospective Juror Sustained by Court

Tomestone, Ariz., Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—Men sometimes are justified in taking the law into their own hands," declared C. R. Wales, cattleman, who was being examined for jury service in the first big Blabbe kidnaping trial here.

This statement quickly drew a challenge from County Attorney French. But Judge Patten ruled that such a belief was insufficient grounds for challenge.

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ORDINANCE FOR BUYING BUCKMAN TRACT IS PASSED

City Council Takes Action Following Commissioner Mann's Opposition to Procedure.

Passage of Commissioner Pier's ordinance for the acquisition either by direct purchase or following condemnation proceedings of the Buckman tract, located back of the Benson Polytechnic high school, and the land bounded by East Seventeenth, Twentieth, Belmont and Taylor streets was authorized Wednesday afternoon after Commissioner Mann had blocked the ordinance during the morning session of the council, that the entire program of park purchases should be presented to the council before any tracts are bought.

The Buckman property contains 6 1/2 blocks and is assessed at \$130,025. Superintendent of Parks Keyser will offer \$99,333 for the land. If this price is refused condemnation proceedings will be started. Condemnation of the Central East Side property is certain that the price asked is \$75,000 as against an assessed valuation of \$33,000.

As a result of the controversy between Mann and Pier it is probably that the latter will present his entire program of purchases before the city council, together with the assessed valuations as asked by Mann. The entire council had viewed five park sites so far.

COMMUNITY HOUSE IS PLANNED. Council Will Order That Structure Be Put in Dunlway Park. M. H. Whitehouse was employed by the city council to prepare for a community house at Dunlway park, following the passage of an emergency ordinance introduced by Commissioner Pier, which also included the repealing of plans and specifications for the community house which was to be constructed on the Marquam gulch property.

Superintendent of Parks Keyser declares that the Dunlway Community house will be two stories in height and will cost approximately \$15,000. It will be equipped with a gymnasium, swimming pool and shower baths, and other conveniences.

Parlia. Feb. 12.—(I. N. S.)—The Hungarian reply to the allied peace terms were handed to the allied representatives at the Foreign office by Count Apponyi today. The reply is long and urges that Hungary be allowed to retain a larger army than the terms provide for.

Washington, Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—The senate today adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of Abraham Lincoln. Adjournment followed reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg address by Senator Keyes of New Hampshire, who read from original manuscript in Lincoln's writing, which has been in the possession of the Keyes family for many years.

London, Feb. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Efforts are being made today to obtain confirmation of a Copenhagen dispatch to the Daily Herald, organ of the Labor party, saying that Admiral Kolchak, commander of the anti-Bolshevik forces in western Siberia, has been put to death by his own troops.

According to the Daily Herald dispatch the execution was carried out despite a wireless plea for mercy sent by the Moscow soviet.

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