

## DR. BRUMFIELD IS GUILTY; DECLARES HE IS INNOCENT

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In the terrible two weeks he broke down and wept.

Mrs. Brumfield pleaded with her mate in a soft voice to "cheer up; the fight isn't over yet."

But when the little woman left the jail she gave vent to her feelings. She, too, broke down and sobbed piteously.

Brumfield's two brothers, who left today for Indiana, called to see "Richard." Their few parting words found Brumfield speechless. The brothers left the jail with hanging heads.

The jury returned the verdict against Brumfield at 11:50 Wednesday night after deliberating for three and one half hours. No recommendation of leniency was made by the jurors, a fact which signifies that no power but the supreme court or the governor can save the dentist from the gallows. Attorney Rice says he will Friday ask for a retrial. If that is denied he will appeal to the supreme court.

As the verdict was read Brumfield sat motionless, his face expressionless. The man who slew Dennis Russell carried his composed countenance into his cell, prepared for bed and slept soundly. His only comment when he was left back to jail was to his cellmates:

"Well, boys, it's first," meaning first degree murder. His voice was not remorseful, sad or bold—rather, it was strained. His self-control was superb.

**WIFE COLLAPSES**  
Mrs. Brumfield was not in the courtroom when the verdict was read. When the jury gave notice at 11:30 that it had reached a decision Mrs. Brumfield was at home. She was summoned by telephone, but did not arrive until after the verdict had been heard.

Ignorant of the fate of her husband, she entered the courtroom with a smile. As she sat by the side of her husband she passed a joking remark and laughed a little.

Then—was it the compassionate faces of all in the courtroom, as she met their gaze—her face became bloodless as she turned again to her husband and breathed a scarcely audible "what?" Brumfield gave a slight nod and his wife fell forward on the table in front of them. She was carried sobbing into the judge's chamber where she remained for an hour. She was still sobbing when she was taken home.

**NO EMPATHY FOR DENTIST**  
The courtroom was crowded to capacity, those who attended the trial being certain that the jury would not deliberate long. They had expected the verdict as it was given. Never once did its sympathy swing to the side of the defendant.

**TO BE GUARDED**  
Judge Bingham is to pronounce sentence on the prisoner Saturday morning at 9 o'clock and Sheriff Starnes announced that he would leave on the next train for the state penitentiary with his charge unless some legal steps were taken in the case that would necessitate the holding of Brumfield here for a time.

The case of Brumfield has been the subject of the Douglas county jail, the interior of which place the dentist was kept, was searched. The officers are afraid that Brumfield, his courage gone, will make an attempt to take his own life. Brumfield was convicted of the most fiendish crime in the annals of Douglas county. On July 14 a charred, headless body was found under Dr. Brumfield's wrecked and burned automobile off the Melrose road. The body was first identified as that of Brumfield, who was missing.

**OPINION IS DIVIDED**  
Then friends of Dennis Russell, also missing, said that it was that of Russell. Roseburg became divided in opinion. Half of the town believed the body Russell's and the other half thought it was Brumfield's. Mrs. Brumfield was positive it was that of her husband.

Then came the positive proofs—the scrap of hair and scalp, the diary, the shoes, the watch—that Russell was the victim. In August Brumfield was captured on a farm near Calgary, Canada. At the time of his arrest he said his name was Norman Whitney, then he confessed to his true identity, then pleaded insanity. He said that his memory was lost to him except for three "visions" from July 10 until his return to Roseburg for trial.

**INSANITY ONLY FLEA**  
No proof was offered by the defense to show that Brumfield did not commit the crime. Insanity was his only plea.

The fate of Brumfield was placed in the hands of the jury at 8 o'clock. The crowd that taxed the capacity of the courtroom during the day remained. Fred Parker, one of the jurors, was taken ill as the trial closed, and soon after the jury was locked up a cot was taken to the room for him.

Arguments by the attorneys occupied

the entire day. When the last word had been spoken by Prosecutor Neuner at 5:30 and adjournment was taken until 7:30, when Judge Bingham read his instructions. The case then went to the jury.

**PROSECUTOR REVIEWS CASE**

Sometimes shouting at the top of his voice and then again speaking in a tone so low and appealing that he was scarcely audible, District Attorney George Neuner flung the state's challenge right into the face of Brumfield, who sat rigidly transfixed in his chair like an image carved from stone.

Pointing a quivering finger at the accused dentist, the prosecutor shouted: "Where is Dennis Russell now?" and then in a low, trembling voice said "buried at Myrtle Creek under a new mound of dust and under the spreading oak trees."

"The sentinels of God were stationed along the Pacific highway that night," continued Neuner. In taking up the case, bit by bit, step by step, he paraded the headless form of Dennis Russell before the jury in a word trip from the spot on the highway where a large pool of human blood was found on the morning of July 14, just nine-tenths of a mile south of the dead sheepherder's lonely cabin, to the place on the Melrose road where it was discovered under the burning automobile, the property of Dr. Brumfield.

**CALLS CRIME PREMEDITATED**  
"I want to save another Dennis Russell from death and I want to save another Dr. Richard Melvin Brumfield from deviating from a right path," fairly shrieked the prosecutor and he went on in an attempt to prove to the jury "beyond a reasonable doubt" that the nude and charred remains of a man, his head missing, was all that remained of William Dennis Russell, who had met a foul end by a murderer's hand and that this crime was premeditated—"the product of a master criminal mind."

"The state has proved that Dennis Russell was murdered on the night of July 14 and that the defendant was the slayer," shouted Neuner and he whirled about and gazed accusingly at the bold Dr. Brumfield.

Then for two solid hours the prosecutor paced up and down before the jury stopping now and then to pick up a dried piece of human scalp and other gruesome exhibits, mute evidence of the crime.

"This gray hair to his sister is just as dear as black hair is to his family," went on the attorney pathetically. "He wasn't educated, he didn't belong to the musical club, but he did have a big heart, and he was murdered by a man whom he had never wronged and there isn't one circumstance in the entire chain of defense to show the defendant innocent."

**CALLS LETTER CONFESSION**

Finally Attorney Neuner picked up the six-page letter found under Brumfield's bed in the C. A. Vader ranch home, near Midnapore, Canada, which the defendant admitted writing as the author was Dennis Russell, and which the state refers to as "Brumfield's confession," and commenced reading.

"Don't be scared of your man," he stopped short and turned facing the defendant. A deathlike silence fell over the packed court room. "No, I'm not scared of your man," yelled Attorney Neuner, "and never was."

Brumfield returned the gaze unflinchingly and Mrs. Brumfield shot a quick glance at her prisoner husband, to see how he was taking the playing. "If the defense hadn't brought insanity into this case as a plea for the defendant, my God, what would they have? Nothing."

To show that Brumfield was mentally normal just prior to July 13 letters the defendant wrote to the Australasian Steamship company of Vancouver, B. C., inquiring as to sailing dates of this concern's vessels to points in Australia were read.

The prosecutor also touched on the "pink shirt" package that the defendant expressed from Myrtle Creek to Seattle the day before he became a fugitive. This package was addressed to Mrs. Norman M. Whitney, and it was this mysterious package that led to the defendant's arrest when he wrote the American Express company requesting it to hold it.

"If God Almighty could tell you, gentlemen, there was a Mrs. Norman Whitney, and she would have claimed the \$100 left by the defendant with a telegraph operator at Lake Louise if she hadn't developed cold feet," was Attorney Neuner's opinion of this phase of the case, and he brought out the fact that the defendant in writing to the Vancouver Steamship company asked if "passports" were necessary instead of just passport.

"Blond—or brunette, Mrs. Norman Whitney was going to accompany the defendant to his hiding place in Sydney, Australia," he said.

In closing, Attorney Neuner cautioned the jurors that the eyes of the world were upon them awaiting their verdict. "The issue is clear cut and there is no half way point in the case," he said, intimating that the state asked for a verdict carrying the death penalty.

Gentlemen, I ask you to do your duty," the prosecutor concluded, and the final word had been spoken in the now famed Brumfield murder case, as far as evidence or plea is concerned.

**PLEADS FOR DEFENDANT**

Attorney Rice made a strong plea for Brumfield, saying that the state had failed to show how, when and in what manner Dennis Russell met death.

"They haven't a theory in 'God's word' was the way the leading attorney for the defense expressed himself on this point, and he carried the jury with him along the Pacific highway to the place where blood was found on the pavement.

"By the God in heaven, if you return a first degree verdict you will be sending to the gallows an insane person," warned Attorney Rice. "There is a tragedy here that has been dead up and you can't convict on the ev-

## DR. R. M. BRUMFIELD, HIS WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN



Dr. R. M. Brumfield, Roseburg dentist, who, early today, was found guilty of murder in the first degree for the slaying of Dennis Russell, laborer. It was charged by the state that Dr. Brumfield committed the crime so that his wife and children might collect the \$10,000 life insurance which he carried. Dr. Brumfield pleaded insanity.

dence in this case. You have got to stretch your imagination to hang him. My last words are that he have justice at your hands."

**CALLS CASE MYSTERY**  
Attorney Orcutt, also made a long plea for the defense during the morning session. It was his opinion that for the defendant to lift the dead body of Dennis Russell into his automobile as the state had attempted to show was the case, was utterly impossible.

"This case has been a mystery from the beginning," said Attorney Orcutt, "and there is something yet undiscovered. There has been nothing to indicate how, where and when Dennis Russell was killed. Assuming that there were two automobiles on the highway that night, and that one of these cars was the defendant's, if persons in the first car fired the fatal shots, a man in the second car would have heard them. So far the state has not exposed the crime. There is something still unexplained about the highway fracas that night."

In Attorney Orcutt's opinion, "it was out of the realms of reason to suppose that the defendant could so place the body of a man in the front seat of his automobile, measuring feet, 1 inches and still be able to drive the car. He admitted, however, that circumstantial evidence was 'good and right if clear.'"

Dennis Russell may have known more about the "pink shirt lady" than he could tell and there may have been a woman on the other side," said Attorney Orcutt, picking up a letter from a nearby table on which were stacked the gruesome exhibits in the case.

"Here's one from the conglomerate found at the wreck," went on the attorney, as he commenced reading a letter addressed to Dennis Russell and mailed from Medford, Or.: "Please don't send any more letters to me. I am a married woman and don't care to hear from you at all. You claim to be a man, but I don't think so. If you was you would pay your honest bills. I am married now and leading a decent life. I got the best man in the world so keep your letters."

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## OREGON TO MATCH U. S. ROAD MONEY

Salem, Oct. 20.—The Oregon state highway department stands ready to match, within 90 days, all federal money made available for use on post roads in this state, according to a telegram sent by Herbert Hoover, chairman of the federal unemployment conference, this morning.

Hoover had wired the highway department for advice as to how far Oregon could go toward relieving the unemployment situation should the federal aid bill pass congress within 10 days. The bill before congress carries with it an annual appropriation of \$75,000,000 for post roads, of which Oregon hopes to receive at least \$1,000,000, to be matched dollar for dollar with state funds.

"Oregon has been waiting for six months for federal funds for use on post roads," Nunn said. "As soon as the funds are available the contracts will be let and the work of clearing rights of way for grading, setting up construction plants and other preliminary work can proceed this winter ready for an early start in the spring."

## Fist Lands on Jaw Of Socialist, Amid Uproar in Chamber

Paris, Oct. 20.—(I. N. S.)—Violent uproar broke out in the chamber of deputies today when debate was resumed on the government's general policy. Deputy Mendel of the Clemenceau faction attacked M. Escoffier, a Socialist deputy, punching him in the jaw.

There was a wild burst of cheering and jeering. The president had to adjourn debate until order was restored.

## Rand Second Baker Man on High Court

Salem, Oct. 20.—John L. Rand of Baker, named by Governor Olcott to suc-

ceed the late Justice Henry L. Benson on the supreme bench, will be the second man Baker county has sent to the state's high court, according to Congressman C. N. McArthur, who was in Salem, Wednesday. L. L. McArthur, father of the congressman, was elected to the bench from Baker in 1870, in the days when the court was composed of five members, one from each of five judicial districts and met only once a year in Salem. In 1878 Justice McArthur was re-elected to the bench, but this time from Wasco county, to which place he had moved, serving then until 1882. Rand has wired his acceptance.

## Many Take Part in Community Singing

Salem, Oct. 20.—Two thousand people crowded the Armory here Wednesday night at the first county community singing staged under the auspices of the Marion county federation. Fourteen towns joined in the song fest, led by Mrs. Carrie B. Adams of Portland. Governor Olcott, Mayor Halvorsen and Mayor George L. Baker of Portland delivered short addresses, the latter putting in a few words in the interest of the proposed 1925 exposition.

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## BUSINESS LEADERS BACK DISARMAMENT PLAN OF HARDING

Limitation of armament is desired by the business men of Portland, a resolution having been adopted by the Chamber of Commerce board of directors Wednesday afternoon pledging full support of the local organization to any work on a program of checking further increase of the armament strength of the nations of the world.

"The resolution, which was adopted by the board and will be sent to Oregon's representatives at the national capital, follows: "We, the board of directors of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, expressing the sentiment of the business element of this community, recognize the grievous burdens that are imposed upon the business life of the world today through the extraordinarily heavy expenditures made for naval and military armament."

"We commend the course of our president in calling an armament limitation conference and convey unto him the assurance of most cordial and energetic support in the effort soon to be made in meeting with other powers to reach a basis of agreement which will warrant a heavy reduction in the outlays now being incurred for arming many of the leading nations of the world."

"In the conference soon to be opened, it is our sentiment that the representatives chosen by the United States to speak of this matter should take the lead in submitting plans for curtailing armed forces and should press the cause to all fair limits consistent with national safety and dignity."

"In presenting this issue to the delegates named by powers participating in the conference opening November 11, we urge that the general welfare of mankind be considered as the supreme end to be attained, and that our own nation show a disposition to conform to the highest laws of human advancement, but we would not ask or support

a procedure which would suggest our inability to protect the righteous, fair interests of the people of this nation or our fear of participating in any contest that is required for the protection of fundamental rights of the present and future generations of this country. However, within these bounds, we will gladly support the work of the administration in any manner open to us in trying to check the destructive competition now in progress to develop in time of peace and armament strength for war purposes that is becoming more unbearable by productive industries."

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