

Prosecution Opens Case Against Centralia Reds

ATTORNEY FOR STATE BUILDS FOUNDATION FOR MURDER CHARGES

Montesano, Wash., Feb. 7.—Outlining in its every detail the state's version of events leading up to the Armistice Day shootings at Centralia, Wash., on November 11, 1918, Herman Allen, county attorney of Lewis county, in which Centralia is situated, today told the twelve jurors sworn to hear the evidence against eleven alleged members of the I. W. W. just what the state would attempt to prove by the testimony and exhibits it would offer at the trial.

"Incredible as it may appear that a crime so heinous in its character and evincing so much depravity should be perpetrated within the limits of a peaceful and moral community, nevertheless the evidence which we shall lay before you will irresistibly lead to the conclusion that the prisoners are guilty of the offense of which they stand charged," Mr. Allen declared when first addressing the jury.

Conspiracy Outlined.
Mr. Allen told of the alleged leasing of the hall in Centralia from which the shots were fired, locating the hall in the minds of his listeners so that they would be able to locate it and the other buildings from which it is maintained shots were fired at the Armistice Day marchers. He then told of the alleged meetings at which the conspiracy to shoot down former service men is alleged to have been plotted. A word picture of Warren O. Grimm, overseas lieutenant, for the murder of which the eleven defendants are on trial, was next in his statement.

Many Shots Fired.
"It was while the men were in this position that they were fired upon," the county prosecutor declared. "When in this position four or five shots rang out and there was a distinct pause of a few seconds, and the boys began to break ranks and seek shelter. When the ranks broke and the boys began scattering, several volleys of shots came from the I. W. W. hall."

He then declared that the shots came from several different places, describing the Avalon hotel, Arnold hotel and Seminary Hill, about 1000 yards distant, from which point it is alleged many shots were fired.

Other Cases Cited.
Allen pointed out that although the eleven defendants are on trial for the murder of only Grimm, the other three victims' deaths had to be mentioned frequently in order to make his detailed statement of the shootings clear. He then told in detail of the shooting of Arthur McElfresh, Dale Hubbard and Bean Casaranda, other men killed at the time, and of the wounding of several other men. He declared that the evidence will prove that Grimm was ahead of that part of the parade which halted immediately in front of the I. W. W. hall and that the bullet which caused his death came from an upstairs window of the Avalon hotel. The bullet which killed Grimm, he said, went entirely through his body, entering just below his ribs on the left side, taking a downward course and emerging just above the hip bone on the right side.

Allen's statement then told in detail, that the state would endeavor to prove that all of the defendants, including two not yet captured, were either in the I. W. W. hall, the Avalon or Arnold hotels or on Seminary Hill, and that nearly all of them were shooting. He then promised to produce evidence during the trial to show that the shooting was premeditated.

Says All Guilty.
"The evidence will show," he said, "that all the defendants participated in a conspiracy to kill ex-service men; that while some of them did not actually shoot and kill ex-service men, nevertheless they were present, aiding, abetting, encouraging and countenancing such conspiracy and had helped plan the same, and actually participated in carrying out such plans; that all the defendants were present and assisted in carrying out such conspiracy except Elmer Smith, their lawyer, who though not present, did advise, encourage, aid, counsel and abet the defendants in their unlawful conspiracy which resulted in murder."

Statement Detailed.
The statement went into detail about alleged meetings of the I. W. W. at which the arrangements to arm men and place them in the hall and other strategic places are said to have been discussed. Allen also gave many details of the movements of Loren Roberts, who is alleged to have later confessed to his part in the shootings, explaining that the state would prove that Roberts was one of the men who stationed themselves on Seminary Hill and shot at the marchers from there. Guns, a suitcase and other exhibits will be offered to prove this contention of the state, he said. The movements of Roberts, Bert Bland and Ole Hanson, alleged to be the man who fired from the hill, also will be shown, Allen said.

each of the eleven defendants, alleging that all participated at different meetings at which the shooting was discussed and planned, and that all were either in the I. W. W. hall or other strategic locations when the parade began to move.

Attorney Implicated.
"The evidence may not be clear as to whether Bert Faulkner," (one of the defendants), "did any shooting, but it will show his presence in the hall," Allen said, in detailing the part each of the individual defendants are alleged to have taken in the shooting. Mike Sheehan, another of the defendants, did not participate in the actual shooting, Allen said, because he did not know how to handle a gun. In the case of Elmer Smith, Centralia attorney, who is charged with being an accessory before the fact, Allen in his statement to the jury, declared the evidence will show that Smith attended a meeting in the I. W. W. hall just prior to the parade, and that he conferred with several of the defendants, and that he advised, and counseled them; that he knew of their plans and that he went to the hall for the purpose of instructing and directing them.

"I think that substantially all I have related will be conclusively established by the evidence in the case," Allen said in closing, and I submit to you, gentlemen of the jury, when we have produced the evidence in this trial setting forth and establishing the things I have related, we are justified in asking a verdict of guilty as charged at your hands."

Survey Of Fire Hazards In Eastern Oregon To Be Made

On intensive survey of fire hazards of eastern Oregon towns is to be made by deputy state fire marshals during the next two months, according to A. C. Barber, state fire marshal Saturday. The deputies will begin their work at Ontario next week going from there to Vale.

G. W. Stokes of the fire marshal's department, has been in Vale this week investigating the fire protection facilities of that town, which have been reported as being brought up to the requirements of the insurance companies covering a protected town. Deputy G. W. Allen is in Eugene Saturday investigating a dormitory at the University of Oregon which has been reported to the department as a fire trap. The building, according to complaints received by the department here is a three story frame affair used as a girl's dormitory. A number of girls, it is reported, are housed on the third floor with only one stairway and no fire escapes, the building being kept locked at night with the keys in the possession of a matron who occupies separate quarters.

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That the east and middle west will buy all the canned fruit that the Willamette valley can pack, was the statement yesterday of J. O. Holt, manager of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association, who returned to the city Tuesday night from Cleveland, Ohio, where he attended the national canners' convention and interviewed 25 of the local association's buyers.

"The business outlook in the middle west is good," said Mr. Holt. "If we can get the fruit I believe that we will do a bigger business in that section of the United States than ever before. All the buyers seemed anxious to obtain canned goods from this valley, which have a good reputation in all parts of the country."

GREEK REVOLT FEARED.
Rome, Feb. 5.—Revolution in Greece is forecast by Elio Panas, former Greek minister of foreign affairs, in an interview today in the Giornale D'Italia. The only alternative is the resignation of Premier Venizelos and the return of former King Constantine, he says.

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Police Here Asked To Hunt For Lost Corvallis Woman

Word of the disappearance of a woman named Ruet from her home in Corvallis at about 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon and a request that local authorities be on the watch for her was contained in a message from the chief of police at Corvallis early Saturday morning to police here. The chief of

police telephoned that the woman had left her home and that a search throughout that town for her was unavailing.
The woman is described as being 24 years old, five feet six inches tall, heavy light colored hair, blue eyes, wore a gingham dress, soft brown coat and a small gray hat. Five days ago she had five upper teeth removed.
The language of the Berbers who inhabit almost all of northern Africa has linguistic connection with the Semitic group although Arabic is spoken along the coast.

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