

## REACH NO VERDICT

### Second Trial of Land Fraud Case Proves Fruitless.

### 30 BALLOTS WITHOUT CHANGE

#### Proposal to Convict Gesner and Biggs and Clear Williamson Was Defeated by One Juror.

Portland, Aug 5.—John N. Williamson, Dr. Van Gesner and Marion R. Biggs will have to face trial on August 28 for the third time, on the charge of conspiracy to suborn perjury. After having strived for 45 hours to reach some conclusion, the jury in the Williamson case came into court, and upon its own request was discharged by Judge De Haven. At only one time did the government cause hold the majority vote, that being during the first three ballots, when seven of the jurors voted to acquit, the vote then changing to six for conviction and an equal number for acquittal, where it hung without interruption through 30 ballots. At another time those voting to acquit proposed to their comrades to convict Gesner and Biggs, provided Williamson should be acquitted, but Henry J. Keene would not consent to the agreement, and no change was made in the vote. George Kirk, after having voted for three times to convict, changed his ballot to the other hand and refused to make another decision. According to the story told by several of the jurors, it was apparent early in the course of the deliberations that no verdict could be reached, and the subsequent ballots were taken more as a matter of form than with the expectation that any change would be shown.

The bone of contention seemed to be in regard to the existence of a contract, and in the question of intention on the part of the defendants to do wrong.

#### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—New club, 73@75c per bushel; new bluestem, 78@80c per bushel; new valley, 78c.  
Barley—Old feed, \$21.50@22 per ton; new feed, \$20@21; rolled, \$23@24.  
Oats—No. 1 white feed, \$29@30 per ton; gray, \$29.  
Hay—Timothy, old, \$13@15 per ton; new, \$11@12.50; clover, \$8@9.  
Vegetables—Beans, 1@4c per pound; cabbage, 1@1½c per pound; cauliflower, 75@90c per dozen; celery, 75@85c per dozen; corn, 75c per bag; cucumbers, 15@25c per box; lettuce, head, 10c per dozen; parsley, 25c per dozen; peas, 2@5c per pound; tomatoes, 50@75c per crate; squash, 5c per pound; turnips, \$1.25@1.40 per sack; carrots, \$1.25@1.50 per sack, beets, \$1@1.25 per sack.  
Onions—Red, \$1.25 per hundred; yellow, \$1.25.  
Potatoes—Oregon new, 50c@\$.  
Butter—Fancy creamery, 21½@25c.  
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 22@22½c per dozen.  
Poultry—Average old hens, 12½@14; mixed chickens, 12@12½c; old roosters, 10@10½c; young roosters, 11@12½c; springs, 1½ to 2 pounds, 15c; 1 to 1½ pounds, 16c; turkeys, live, 18@19c; geese, live, per pound, 6@7c; ducks, old, 13c; ducks, young, 10@14c.  
Hops—Choice, 1904, 17@19c per pound.  
Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 19@21c; lower grades, down to 15c, according to shrinkage; valley, 25@27c per pound; mohair, choice, 31c per pound.  
Beef—Dressed bulls, 1@2c per pound; cows, 3½@4½c.  
Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 6c per pound; ordinary, 4@5c.  
Veal—Dressed, 3@7c per pound.  
Pork—Dressed, 6½@7c per pound.

#### PEACE ENVOYS MEET.

Brought Together on Naval Yacht and Introduced by President.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 6.—At 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon the formal reception of the representatives of the belligerent powers by President Roosevelt on behalf of the United States government took place on the cruiser Mayflower. It was a notable demonstration in honor of the distinguished guests, envoys of their countries to the peace conference.

The Mayflower, the finest vessel of her class in the navy, was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The beautiful interior finishings were ornamented with cut flowers and smilax, intertwined with the national colors of Russia and Japan. The colors of the two nations also fluttered from the vessel's masts.

The Japanese and Russian plenipotentiaries left New York in the morning on two cruisers for Oyster Bay, where they met the president. The Japanese made the trip on the cruiser Tacoma and the Russian envoys were conveyed to their destination aboard the Chattanooga.

Constantine Nakakoff, of the Russian foreign office, when asked whether Russia would agree to a cession of territory or payment of indemnity, two points on which it is believed that Japan will insist, replied:

"I don't think so."  
Sato, the Japanese spokesman, asked how prospects looked, said:  
"Not very bright, but we are hopeful."

Early in the morning the president's naval yacht Sylph and invited guests arrived, and at 1 o'clock President Roosevelt boarded the Mayflower. He was greeted with the presidential salute of 21 guns as he went on board. Baron Komura and Minister Takahira and their suites left the Chattanooga in a launch and proceeded to the Mayflower. As they boarded the vessel a salute of 21 guns was given. The envoys were received on deck by Commander Winslow and escorted to the main cabin, where they were presented to the president by Assistant Secretary Pierce. The same ceremony was then enacted for the Russian plenipotentiaries, Sergius Witte and Ambassador Rosen.

The envoys of the two powers were then presented formally to one another by President Roosevelt, after which all partook of a luncheon.

The Japanese envoys were then conveyed to the dispatch boat Dolphin, on which they sailed for Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Witte and his party remained on the Mayflower, which weighed anchor at the same time as the Dolphin and started on its cruise, conveyed by the cruiser Galveston.

#### Gomez Defiant.

Havana, Aug. 8.—Jose Miguel Gomez, governor of Santa Clara province and Liberal candidate for the presidency of Cuba, has given out an interview full of defiance to the Palma government. With reference to the Vuelto case and the Cuban government's assumption of the right to inspect municipalities without reference to the provincial authorities, Governor Gomez says:

"I will not allow anyone excepting the provincial authorities to inspect the municipalities of this province. Should a municipality be governed by moderates, I would refuse to consent to this procedure just the same and would deliver justice to them if permitted.

"If the Supreme court decides against the contentions we are now maintaining, we would not obey its mandates, because of its partiality in favor of executive authority. The court would be certain to be against us in order to increase its favor with the government."

#### Boycott on Special Lines.

Yokohama, Aug. 8.—The meeting of Chinese, which it was announced would be held today, resolved to boycott American bankers, shippers and insurance agents, but deferred action with regard to other lines of business.

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