

JURY GIVES ROOSEVELT 6 CENTS DAMAGE

COLONEL WINS LIBEL SUIT QUICK VERDICT

Jury Never Leaves Court Room—After Remarkably Strong Line of Testimony Roosevelt Stands Vindicated of Being Drunkard.

Secret Service Men and Many Close to Ex-President Swear he Was Never Drunk—Verdict Expected.

MARQUETTE, Mich., May 31.—Complete exoneration for Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, former president, from charges of drunkenness made against him in an editorial by George Newett, editor of Ishpeming, Mich., Iron Ore, came here this afternoon when Newett, after Roosevelt's case was rested, took the witness stand and made complete surrender.

Newett read a long statement in defending his mistake in charging Roosevelt with drunkenness, insisting that he acted with no malice but simply repeated in print allegations he had heard by word of mouth and without any actual knowledge of their truth. His statement came at once after the reading of a score of depositions from prominent persons, all of whom swore they had known Roosevelt intimately for years and that he was a model of sobriety.

Newett's statement contained a full and free retraction of the charge of drunkenness and made an absolute apology to the former president.

The verdict of the jury awarded damages to Colonel Roosevelt in the sum of six cents.

Colonel Roosevelt immediately addressed the court.

"In view of the statement by the defense," he said, "I ask the court to instruct the jury that I desire only nominal damages. I did not go into this suit for money or for any vindictive purpose.

"I made my reputation, as this court has said, an issue because I wished for once and all during my life time to thoroughly and comprehensively deal with slanders. Never again will it be possible for any, in good faith, to repeat these charges. I have achieved my purpose and am content."

After Newett and his attorneys had held a whispered conversation, all the lawyers joined in a request for the court to order a fifteen minute recess to agree on the amount of damages.

MARQUETTE, Mich., May 31.—Agreed verdict for Roosevelt. Case ends.

The last witnesses for Roosevelt were Dr. Lyman Abbott, James Amos, custodian of Roosevelt's home, and General Leonard Wood, from all of whom depositions were read as to Roosevelt's sobriety.

The prosecution in Colonel Roosevelt's libel suit against George Newett, publisher of the Ishpeming Iron Ore, rested at 2:45 this afternoon.

Newett, the defendant at once took the stand for the defense.

RETURNS JEWELS BY PARCEL POST

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 31.—Whether the thief who stole \$3000 worth of jewels from Mrs. Nellie C. Henderson, a visitor from Alaska, repented his act or was unable to dispose of his loot, is a mooted question here today, following the return of the gems by parcel post, without explanation. Mrs. Henderson believes the robber experienced a change of heart, but the police are inclined to attribute his unusual procedure to a fear of their sleuths. The jewels disappeared from a hotel here three weeks ago. They were returned late last evening.

PROMINENT MEN SUPOENAED FOR MAN WHO SKIPS

After having Large Number of Well Known Men Called to Testify for Him, San Franciscan Gives All the Slip—Said to Be Crazy.

Asked to Go to Court Yard to Smoke and Escapes—Threatened to Kill Attorney Savage—Is Prominent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 31.—After calmly writing out twenty-five subpoenas for prominent capitalists, judges, alienists, physicians, lawyers and priests to appear before Judge Mogan Monday to testify as to his sanity, Dr. H. Bremner Smith, a prominent San Francisco physician, who had been detained at the detention hospital since May 20, escaped early today and up to noon was still at large. Smith is alleged to have threatened to kill Attorney Lincoln E. Savage, a life-long friend.

IDENTIFY BODY CAST UP BY SEA

ASTORIA, Ore., May 31.—The body cast upon the sands at Long Beach last Wednesday has today been identified as that of Captain Robert Wilson, master of the steamship Strathfillan, who disappeared from his ship off Cape Flattery on May 12.

When the body was taken in charge by the Long Beach authorities it was turned over to Coroner Gilbaugh who at once began a thorough search for relatives or acquaintances of the man who might identify him.

WOLGAST SPLITS WITH JONES AGAIN

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 31.—Another split between om Jones and Ad Wolgast is impending and if it comes it is not at all improbable that the Dundee match in Los Angeles will be passed up. Wolgast returning to San Francisco to meet Red Watson late in June.

Before Jones and Wolgast left for Los Angeles it developed today Wolgast had a conference with Jim Griffin, the result being that the champion as good as agreed to box Watson here on June 29. He is said to have sworn Griffin to secrecy, not wishing Jones to have knowledge of the move, saying, it is further stated, that in the future he would do his own business. Watson has accepted term for a bout with Wolgast, and the latter also is said to be satisfied with what Griffin has offered.

JAPAN SENDING ANOTHER PROTEST

TOKIO, May 31.—It was learned semi-officially here today that the foreign office is drafting another note to be forwarded to Washington regarding the anti-alien land bill passed recently by the California state legislature. The note will be cabled to Ambassador Chinda for presentation to Secretary of State Bryan.

BURGLAR GETS SMALL HAULS MANY PLACES

Homes of W. A. Messier, Frank Amy, Scott Davis and Frank Isaacs Entered—Gets \$28 From Messier—Purse and \$10 From Amy.

Mrs. Davis Sees Man Reach in Window for Pair of Trousers—Supposed to Be a Hobo in Town.

A series of burglaries evidently committed by the same individual took place Friday night, the burglar effecting entrances into the homes of W. A. Messier, Frank Amy, Scott Davis and Frank Isaacs. At the latter place nothing was taken, though a screen was pulled off the window.

At the Messier home, on South Holly street, the thief took a pair of trousers containing \$28 in coin, a necktie and diamond scarf pin and a pair of new shoes. The trousers and shoes were discarded a short distance from the house and recovered.

At Frank Amy's home the thief took Mrs. Amy's purse, containing a \$10 gold piece and silver change. The purse was thrown away in the yard.

At Scott Davis' he reached through a window, grabbing a pair of trousers with \$3 or \$4 in change in the pockets. He was seen by Mrs. Davis at the window and fled, dropping the trousers in the yard.

There are a bunch of hoboes in the city and the thief is supposed to be one of the crowd.

A floating dope fiend who has been visiting drug stores, demanding dope and raising a disturbance when refused, was taken in custody by Chief of Police Hittson today.

TRANSPORT DIX OFF FOR WEST

SEATTLE, Wash., May 31.—Repairs on the transport Dix now at the navy yard at Bremerton, are nearly complete, and order were received today for her to come to this port and load supplies for Hawaii and the Philippines. Two hundred horses will be taken to Hawaii and fifty to the Philippines, while a full cargo of supplies, most of which is for the Pearl Harbor post will be taken aboard.

BERRY PRICES BETTER AS SEASON ADVANCES

KENNEWICK, Wash., May 31.—Berries are advancing in price as the season progresses, for the first time in the history of berry raisers here. The season opened with the fruit bringing \$4 per crate and today the price ranges from \$4.50 to \$4.75, with the demand in excess of the supply. Buyers from all parts of the northwest are here and rush each incoming wagon, offering spot cash for the load delivered on the freight platform.

OREGON DEBATERS LOSE TO WASHINGTON

PORTLAND, Ore., May 31.—The University of Washington representatives in the oratorical contest held here are victors today over the University of Oregon orators. Harold Burdick of Washington won the first prize for the prepared oration by a score of four to two. The prize for the extempore oration was won by Fred Bennett of Washington, who scored 2 to 1.

TWO WESTERN SENATORS MAY STOP TARIFF BILL



Senators Francis G. Newlands of Nevada and Thomas J. Walsh of Montana who will refuse to vote for free wool as provided for in the Underwood tariff bill now before the senate.

CHILD ASLEEP ON RAILS SAVED JUST IN TIME

A 2-year-old deaf and dumb baby owes its life today to Mrs. F. H. Hazelton, 1140 West Ninth street. The child wandered down the Barnum track and went to sleep with its little head pillowed on one of the rails. Mrs. Hazelton saw the baby just as the train approached and pulled it off the track in the nick of time. The baby's sister showed up and took it home after explaining that it had run away from home and had walked quite a distance along the track.

THREE REFERENDUM PETITIONS FILED

SALEM, Ore., May 31.—Petitions for a referendum on the compensation act, county attorney bill and sterilization measure were filed today with Secretary of State Olcott. Each of the petitions has more than a sufficient number of names. The effect will be to tie up the measures until after the vote is taken next November.

ETHEL BARRYMORE'S DAUGHTER IS ILL

NEW YORK, May 31.—Mrs. Ethel Barrymore Colt, the actress, is quarantined at the Minturn hospital here, where her year old daughter is suffering from diphtheria. The child's condition is not considered dangerous.

DYNAMITE HANDLER IS KILLED IN BLOWUP

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., May 31.—Conrad Thorslund, Swedish workman is dead today as the result of an accident which occurred Thursday while handling dynamite on excavating operations along the waterfront. One hand was so badly lacerated that it had to be amputated.

HUSBAND SEES MAN KILL WIFE IN LOCKED ROOM

Portland Man Summoned Home in Time to Hear Wife's Screams as Murderer Fires Twice into Her Body—Helpless to Interfere.

E. W. Allen, Plumber, Who Had Affair With Women Is Murderer—Takes Own Life Afterwards.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 31.—A bullet fired through her temple by an infatuated lover ended the life of Mrs. Neo Fisher, a pretty young married woman here today, the tragic climax of an "affair" with E. W. Allen, a plumber, who then shot himself and fell dead across her body.

Allen had become crazed over the woman. Today he rushed into the house at 308 Montgomery street where Mrs. Fisher lived with her husband, dashed up the stairs and into her room.

For twenty minutes, with the door barred, he kept her there, holding off with threats of death anyone who attempted to interfere with him.

Allen fired three shots at Jess Fisher, the woman's husband, who had been summoned from his employment two blocks away, to save his wife.

Through a crack of the door, Fisher saw Allen holding his wife down on a couch with one hand, a revolver in the other, while he gazed coolly at the entrance to the room. The husband, unable longer to stand the suspense, attempted to break open the door and Allen fired three times, none of the bullets taking effect. Mrs. Fisher screamed to her husband not to enter the room or she would have no chance for her life.

The police were notified and just as the automobile arrived, two more shots were heard in quick succession.

Breaking open the door, Patrolmen Hinson Courtney and Sherill, found the man dead, lying over the body of Mrs. Fisher, who was breathing her last. She died before physicians could arrive.

Leaves Note Behind.

In Allen's pockets were two notes. One, written as he sat in the room holding off would-be rescuers of the woman, showed the desperate and frantic condition of his infatuation. It read:

"To whom it may concern I am in this room with Mrs. Neo Fisher and if any one tries to enter, I will kill her and myself. And also anyone who tries to come in. Now I have a perfect right to do this, and the public would say I was right if they knew the circumstances. Now we are going to stay in here until we are both dead or let alone to do as we please. Now I am a desperate man and I will do all I say I will do. If you don't believe it, just try to come in and see."

There it ended, interrupted, apparently by the arrival of police. On the back he had scrawled the words "notice and read," with the intention apparently of printing it on the door.

AVIATOR KILLED WHEN HITS TREE

CHICAGO, May 31.—James Colovan, an aviation pupil, was killed at the Clecro aerodrome here today. The wires of his Curtiss biplane became entangled in a tree and Colovan fell 50 feet. He was crushed by the biplane's engine.

A. H. Stephens Gets Plum.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—The appointment of Alexander H. Stephens to be general superintendent of the railway mail service, vice, Theodore Ingalls, was announced here today by Postmaster General Burleson. At present Stephens is district superintendent of the railway mail service at San Francisco. It is understood Ingalls will be appointed a district superintendent.

HOT FIGHT ON MEXICO LINE SEVENTY DEAD

Engagement Between Regulars and Constitutionalists Above Laredo Reported by Couriers—Both Sides Lose Heavily.

U. S. Cavalry Arrests Twenty Rebels Who Escape Across Border Line Into Texas—Details Missing.

LAREDO, Texas, May 31.—Couriers reaching here today report that a hot fight between Mexican regulars and constitutionalists took place today on the Rio Grande 30 miles above Laredo. Seventy men are reported to have been killed on both sides.

The Fourteenth United States cavalry arrested 20 of the rebels who crossed the boundary into Texas.

WANTS JURY OF WOMEN ONLY

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 31.—The first motion for a special venire of women ever recorded in a San Francisco court was entered here today by Attorney Gilbert Boalt before Superior Judge Finlayson in the case of Mrs. Bertha Williams, called to be set for trial. The motion was continued until Thursday to be passed on by Judge Dunne.

Mrs. Williams was arrested following the shooting of John Jungelaus on February 21. She had possession of a trunk owned by a witness in the murder case and is said to have refused to release it until paid a certain amount. The defense claims that the baggage was held for a board bill.

LONG BEACH AWAITS CORONER'S JURY REPORT

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 31.—District Attorney John D. Fredericks was expected to present to the county grand jury today the report of the coroner's jury on the Empire Day accident at Long Beach. He will then ask the inquirers who viewed the scene of the accident if they expect to make an investigation to fix the responsibility for the accident. It is expected that the jury will order at once the issuance of subpoenas for witnesses.

OLYMPIA FOREST PLANS BIG SALE

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 31.—Officials of the Olympic National Forest are contemplating the sale of \$70,000,000 feet of cedar and Douglas fir timber. One of the units, including 100,000,000 feet of the oldest fir trees on the peninsula is located near Port Townsend and the sale may be contested by the city as the watershed on which it stands is the source of its water supply.

CHAMBERLAIN PUT ON ALASKA COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, May 31.—Senators Pittman of Nevada, Jones of Washington and Chamberlain of Oregon today were named a sub-committee by the senate to report on the Alaska railroad bills. The sub-committee probably will report next week.

RAILROAD TO BE PUSHED UPON RAIL DELIVERY

C. G. Bullis Promises Quick Action When Rails Arrive in September—Will not Tear up Streets Until Necessary—Grade Work Goes on.

Bullis Goes East on Business and Will Return June 16—S. S. Bullis Seeking to Hurry Rail Order.

Teams have been engaged for the past few days in grading upon the route of the new electric railway where the line will turn from East Main street for entrance into Siskiyou Heights. C. G. Bullis, who will have charge of the construction of the new line, states that this start of construction has been primarily for the purpose of computations based on the character of the cutting which will be necessary in making the roadway off from Main street and upon which the plans will be laid for the special work in connection with the curve construction.

When asked whether construction would proceed continuously now Mr. Bullis stated that it certainly would not; that the steel rails had been already ordered but that the steel company were so far behind upon their orders that they will not promise delivery before the latter part of September. He said:

"We do not intend to tear up the streets any three or four months before we can hope for delivery of our steel and we do not intend to organize a force for any of this work until a time when the entire work from grading to rail spiking and tamping into place can be carried through."

"We are going to hurry matters as fast as possible but we assure you that we will not tear up any street until a period which will give sufficient working time immediately preceding rail delivery."

Mr. Bullis leaves today for a business trip east and returns to Medford June 16. He stated that S. S. Bullis now taking the matter of delivery up with the steel company with the idea of securing an earlier delivery if possible.

LEMONS NOT TO GO ON FREE LIST

WASHINGTON, May 31.—Flat declaration that he has assurances that the senate will not put lemons on the free list was made here today by Congressman Kettner of California.

New York importers had urged the senate finance committee to free list lemons, but House Leader Underwood intervened, and the half cent duty on lemons, provided in the new democratic bill, was carried by the house. The importers have carried their fight to the senate.

FOUR YEARS WITHOUT SIGHT, SEES AGAIN

EUGENE, Ore., May 31.—After spending four years in darkness, Mrs. J. Misner is today happy in the full possession of her vision, following a successful operation for the removal of cataracts. The outcome of the operation was a joyful surprise, as it was feared that Mrs. Misner would never again be able to see.

WILSON LIKELY TO WITHDRAW NOMINATION OF SEATTLE MAN

WASHINGTON, May 31.—Reports are current here today that President Wilson will withdraw the nomination of Edgar Battle to be prominent at Seattle on account of the protests of Secretary Bryan and other administration democrats.