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BRUMFIELD TELLS JURY HE'S INSANE

MEMORY A BLANK SAYS DEFENDANT

Roseburg Dentist Accused of Murder of Dennis Russell, Tells Strange Story of Crime—Indistinct Flashes of Recollection Admitted—A Mysterious Man Present.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Oct. 17.—Dr. R. M. Brumfield took the witness stand today in his own defense in his trial for the alleged murder of Dennis Russell, following his wife who declared her belief that her husband was not in his right mind at the time of his disappearance July 13.

Doctor Brumfield's story was that of a man whose memory is a blank, pierced now and again by brief, vivid but indistinct lightning flashes of memory.

Through all of his recollections ran the shadowy figure of a stranger, a man who he saw was not himself and took him under his wing—and who bore a ghostly resemblance to Russell, who, the state claims, was his victim.

"Now tell all you know about this," said Dexter Rice, his chief attorney, as Dr. Brumfield took the stand.

For twenty minutes the accused dentist talked, calmly, with folded arms, facing the jury. Then the cross examination began a rough-shod affair, in marked contrast to the courteous questioning of Mrs. Brumfield.

He started at the Meredith ranch on July 13. He remembered helping a boy pick up BB shot, remembered lying down, nothing more.

"At times I can remember some things," he said, "although I did not know who I was. The next thing I remember distinctly was on the train. Percy Webb said, 'do you know who I am?' and I said, 'yes Percy Webb.'"

The mysterious man made his first appearance in a Portland restaurant—he did not remember which one—Brumfield said. Later the stranger apparently the same one, took care of him at Blaine, Wash., and Vancouver, B. C. His descriptions of the stranger were somewhat at variance.

"How was he dressed?" asked Assistant Prosecutor Joseph Hammersley on cross-examination.

"I haven't the slightest idea," replied Brumfield.

Answers Snapped Back. His answers were snapped back at Hammersley; they bore that refrain—"I haven't the slightest idea."

"The man was considerably older than I," he said at another time, "but his clothes were not pressed and looked as if he had slept in them. He was not clean and not shaven."

"Was he tall or short?" "I haven't a very clear recollection."

Brumfield said he remembered a stranger in the Portland restaurant reading a paper. He looked at it and saw the names Brumfield and Russell he said, but they meant nothing to him.

The next thing he remembered, he said, was a stranger on a train. He did not say whether it was the same stranger. The man was beside him—the next thing they were haggling with a man in uniform, apparently an immigration officer—the man told him no more laborers were needed in Canada and put him off the train.

The stranger got off with him, took him to a hotel.

He remembered nothing of registration.

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BABE RUTH DEFIES JUDGE LANDIS, PLAYS IN EXHIBITION GAME, BUFFALO

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—No immediate action in the case of Babe Ruth will be taken by Judge K. M. Landis, the baseball commissioner, said upon his arrival here today from New York. He has a number of things to attend to before the matter of the swatter's defiance of his order concerning exhibition games can be considered, the judge said.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Babe Ruth, slugging star of the New York Yankees, has precipitated what Federal Judge K. M. Landis, baseball commissioner, described as a test to determine "who is the biggest man in baseball—the commissioner or the player who makes the most home runs."

Ruth, with Bob Meusel and Bill Piercy of the Yankees, played in an exhibition baseball game at Buffalo yesterday in defiance of a formal warning from Judge Landis that the rule prohibiting world series contestants from appearing in exhibition games prior to the opening of the next big league season, would be enforced.

Ruth, moreover, announced he would play again today in a game scheduled at Elmira, N. Y.

"I still think I am in the right and Judge Landis is wrong," Ruth said. "I see no reason why this rule should be invoked against us when Sisler of St. Louis and others who shared in the world series money are playing exhibition games unmolested by Judge Landis."

Heavy Wind Storm in Oregon Predicted By Weather Bureau

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—Forty-eight to 65 mile gales for Washington and Oregon, with rain from the British Columbia boundary to the Tehachapi excepting the San Juan valley tonight or tomorrow is the prediction of the United States weather bureau today. Referring to the gales along the northwestern coast, the bureau statement says:

"Southwestern storm warnings were ordered at 7:30 o'clock this morning for all Washington and Oregon stations. Storm moving rapidly southeast from north Pacific. Strong to whole southerly gale today and tonight."

AID TO CRATER LAKE HIGHWAY IS PROMISED

R. A. Booth of State Highway Commission Declares Matter Will Be Taken Up October 30—Expect to Complete Pacific Highway Next Year.

"We expect to have the Pacific highway completed from Portland to the California line next year," said R. A. Booth of the highway commission Saturday evening at the Medford hotel. "We will let all contracts for this work this winter. When this is done we will have some money left to join the counties and federal government in building additional roads."

What does the commission expect to do about the Crater Lake road from Trall to Prospect, was asked Mr. Booth.

"We hope to be able to assist in building this project, believing it to be one of the essential roads next to the two leading highways. Estimates will be ready for the commission at our meeting on October 30th, and we will then see what can be done. The object of our trip is to look over the remaining gaps of the Pacific highway, not already let, the Crater Lake highway and the road to the Oregon caves out of Grants Pass."

Mr. Booth was asked what he thought about heavy trucks on the roads and said it was not intended by the people of Oregon to build roads to compete with the railroads, especially on long hauls and with big loads, but for the use of the traveling public and for the farmer to market his products and for other hauling with light trucks.

"In some instances," Mr. Booth said, "people are using the highways in opposition to the railroads, hauling big loads and freight for 100 miles or more. This will ruin the roads and must be stopped."

Engineer Herbert Nunn says the average 5-ton truck with a load will weigh about 22,000 pounds and the maximum speed allowed for such

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"MAIL WILL BE MOVED!" SAYS HAYS

Postmaster General Declares Railroad Strike Will Not Be Allowed to Interfere With U. S. Mail—Entire Harding Administration Gets Busy On Strike Problem.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—The government, through its various departments, began today a survey of the situation as developed by the call of railroad union leaders for a general strike beginning October 30.

Officials from President Harding down to departmental bureau chiefs and secret service agents were known to be watching the situation closely, meanwhile hoping that some means might be found for averting a paralysis of the nation's transportation system.

Hope was expressed generally by officials that the suggestion advanced by the public group of the railroad



labor board, here for conferences with the interstate commerce commission, might be the basis for a solution of the problem. The public group of the board proposed that the railroads immediately put into effect freight reductions equivalent to the wage decreases authorized by the board last July, that the railroads withdraw further requests for wage reductions, and that the employees rescind the strike order pending action by the board on proposals of the carriers for further pay cuts.

Mail Will Be Moved. Postmaster General Hays, in the only public statement issued up to noon, declared "the mail will be moved."

"I am sure the parties to the controversy will not permit developments which will interfere with government service," said Mr. Hays. "This is no time for statements from this department. A time may come for action. I sincerely trust that it will not. If it does there will be action. The mails will be moved."

White House and other officials declined to comment on reports that the president might call the railroad union chiefs to Washington for conference.

Postmaster General Hays refrained from discussing plans of his department with relation to the threatened strike. Mr. Hays was understood to have conferred with postoffice officials in various cities by long distance telephone but the information he received was not disclosed.

About 30,000 army trucks, most of them in storage at corps area depots over the country would be available for transportation use in the event of a complete railroad tieup, it was learned at the war department.

Millionaire Special Ready. NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—A fleet of 57,000 motor trucks, or as many of them as are found necessary, will be mobilized in the event of a protracted general railroad strike, to bring New York its daily quota of 1500 carloads of foodstuffs, Health Commissioner Copeland announced today.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., Oct. 17.—The volunteer crew of wealthy business men who operated the "millionaire's special" on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, bringing commuters to New York during the 1920 railroad strike, are ready again for service. Their spokesman Murray Coggeshall, banker, said today that if

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Dr. R. M. Brumfield Who Took the Witness Stand Today



LOCAL ROOMING HOUSE ROBBED EARLY THIS A. M.

Elmer Johnson and Charles Thompson, who are employed at the Earl Fruit company's packing house were robbed this morning of all their clothing and personal effects between the hours of 6:30 and 7:00. The thieves entered their rooms at the Imperial on north Front street, and departed with everything except an old pair of shoes and \$15 which one of the men had hidden.

The two local men had gone out for breakfast and upon returning to work Thompson found that he had forgotten his gloves and returned to the room after them whereupon the loss was discovered. The event and its attendant circumstances were at once reported to the police, but no action was taken and it was found necessary to appeal to the mayor before action could be obtained.

Thompson and a deputy sheriff left this noon in pursuit of the culprits whom they hope to discover in Gold Hill; the supposition being that they boarded a northbound train with their loot. The victims of the thieves estimate the loss at about \$300, as several new suits and new pairs of shoes as well as all their other belongings and a small amount of cash were taken.

GRAND JURY IN SESSION, BIG LIST OF CASES CALLED

The grand jury for the October term of the circuit court convened at Jacksonville this morning with J. B. Elden of Central Point as foreman, and began their deliberations at once.

Among the cases to be called before the body will be those of John Goodwin and "Shine" Edwards, taxi drivers, bound over, as a result of moonshine and bootleg raids last August, also the case of Ernest S. (Dud) Wolasmott, bound over on a similar charge. Special Agent Gates of the state prohibition enforcement corps arrived this morning to appear as a witness before the grand jury on these cases.

Another case will be that of Raleigh Matthews, Eagle Point farmer boy held in the county jail on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the fatal shooting of Wilbur (Wig) Jacks on September 9th. Many witnesses in this case.

There are also ten or 12 minor cases awaiting the action of the grand jury, among prisoners in the county jail. The petit jury will meet next Monday at Jacksonville.

DEMOCRATS ARE DEFEATED ON TREATY ISSUE

Amendment By Senator Walsh Snowed Under By Vote of 71 to 7—Majority of Democrats Vote With Republicans.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—The first senate roll call on the German peace treaty was taken today and resulted in a 71 to 7 rejection of the first amendment offered, a proposal by Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, to have the United States join the other powers in a pledge to protect Germany against unwarranted invasion.

All republicans and a large majority of the democrats opposed the Walsh amendment, the first attempt to amend the treaty. The seven supporters of the amendment, all democrats, were Senators Culberson, Texas; Glass, Virginia; Hitchcock, Nebraska; King, Utah; Overman and Simmons, North Carolina and Walsh, Montana.

The senate also rejected 62 to 6 a second amendment by Senator Walsh proposing that the United States would use its good offices in the event of a wanton attack on Germany.

COURT METHODS IN PHILIPPINES SLOW, SAYS WOOD

MANILA, Oct. 17.—That the administration of justice in the Philippines is slow and unsatisfactory, and judges are underpaid and that their number should be increased, was General Wood's comment on the judiciary of the islands in his first message at the opening of the Philippine legislature today which he read in person.

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Farmer's State Bank at Lind, Washington, Is Forced to Wall

OLYMPIA, Wash., Oct. 17.—The Farmers State bank at Lind, Wash., was closed today at the request of the directors by order of State Bank Examiner Fred Stevens, according to information received by E. L. Farnsworth, state director of banking.

GRAND WIZARD CALLED A LIAR BY CAMPBELL

Sharp Clash Occurs Between Ku Klux Klan Leader and Chairman of House Investigating Committee—Investigation Will Probably Be Abandoned.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—The house rules committee decided today, after hearing W. J. Simmons, imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan not to examine other witnesses. This decision was construed to mean that there will be no investigation of the Klan by congress.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—A sharp clash between William J. Simmons, imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, and Chairman Campbell of the house rules committee marked the re-opening today of the wizard's examination when the Klan head touched on the question of his physical collapse last week.

Simmons declared that Assistant Attorney General Crim remarked at the time "damn such faking; I've been expecting it all along."

"I was also told," Simmons added, "that Mr. Crim and Chairman Campbell had said it was cheap theatricals, intended to create sympathy."

Chairman Campbell broke in with a bang on the table.

"If all the rest of your statement is as false as your statement to me, it is utterly without foundation. The conversation you mention did not occur. I made no such statement."

Representative Uphaw, democrat, Georgia, undertook to speak, but was ordered to sit down.

Demand was made for the name of the newspaper correspondent who is alleged to have said that members of the committee looked upon the wizard's collapse as a fake.

Simmons could not give it but Representative Uphaw said it was the New Orleans Item whose name he did not know.

Representative Poy, democrat, of North Carolina, insisted that the wizard have fair play, and Chairman Campbell said he was getting it.

Blue Nose Wins Again. BALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 17.—Blue Nose today won the second race to determine the champion of Canadian fishing schooners which will race the Gloucester, Mass., schooner Elsie next Saturday for the international trophy.

PEACE PLEA IS DELIVERED BY PERSHING

American Commander in Bestowing Medal on Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey Pledges Trust in God to Lead Nations Into Paths of Permanent Peace.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—(By the Associated Press)—Upon the simply inscribed slab in Westminster Abbey, which marks the tomb of Great Britain's "unknown warrior," was said today the highest decoration with the gift of the American people. It was the medal of honor, voted by the congress of the United States in reaffirmation of the comradeship which united the United States and Great Britain during the world war.

The official presentation was made by George Harvey, American ambassador to the court of St. James, who delivered a brief address as the representative of the American govern-



ment and of President Harding. The act of bestowing the medal was performed by General John J. Pershing, commander of the American armies in France during the great struggle.

Service Is Simple. Simply marked the presentation and bestowal of the medal there being a brief choral service preceding these ceremonies, which were witnessed by the distinguished assembly. Included in the group in the nave of the historic abbey were the Duke of Connaught, representing King George, members of their cabinet, heads of governmental departments, and attaches of the American embassy. The transcripts and the choir of the ancient edifice were filled, there being 1200 visitors admitted to witness the scene.

General Pershing, accompanied by Major Oscar N. Solbert, military attaché; Vice-Admiral Albert N. Sibley, and Rear Admiral Nathan C. Twining, left the American embassy and entered a royal carriage which, with an escort of mounted police, drove to the precincts of the abbey. There it met a part of the American composite battalion, which arrived yesterday from Coblenz. With the Americans were drawn up officers and men from the royal navy, contin-

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EASTERN NEWSPAPER MEN AND ALASKA PIONEER PERISH IN ALASKA WILDERNESS

DAWSON CITY, Y. T., Oct. 17.—C. A. Warburton, a pioneer of the Pelly river district and Frank Keeley, former Brooklyn, N. Y., newspaper reporter, are believed to have perished while crossing the wilderness between Fort Norman, N. W. T., and Ross River, Y. T. No trace of them has been found since they left Fort Norman last April, intending to ascend Gravel river and then strike southwesterly across the Rocky mountains. The ice in the river was about to break up and friends warned Warburton and Keeley the trip would be hazardous.

Keeley was a member of Vilhjalmur Stefansson's first arctic expedition and later was a member of the Cornell expedition which explored the Mackenzie river valley.

DAWSON CITY, Y. T., Oct. 17.—The last Yukon river steamer for White Horse, Y. T., left here Saturday. No more steamers will leave White Horse for Dawson this winter and the river season is considered closed. The weather is still mild here and there is no ice in the river south of Dawson.