

# DEFENSE BEGINS IN GOLD HILL POKER GAME ROBBERY

Testimony was resumed this morning in the trial of Mose Hall for robbery of a poker game at Gold Hill, when Miss Hazel Fitzpatrick took the stand for the state and testified that the telephone call from Medford to a Gold Hill pool hall which was delivered to Dan Burton at the Hall residence on the evening of Nov. 25, was put through from Medford to Gold Hill at 7:58.

John Sutton, Vernon Fleming, and the Lewis were called as defense witnesses, the state having rested its case awaiting the arrival of another witness.

Gus Larsen was recalled and was questioned by the defense attorney. He was asked if he remembered having made a statement to C. W. Martin, superintendent of the cement plant, several days after the robbery, that the robbers seemed to have been an old man and a boy. That the old man had white hair and long, white hands. Larsen stated that he did not remember whether he had made such a statement or not.

C. W. Martin was called as the next witness for the defense and stated positively that Larsen had made such a statement to him while describing the robbers.

Dan Burton, who lives with the Halls, was called. He testified that Hall's hands were in the same condition at the present time as they were in November. He testified also that he and Hall went to bed the night of the robbery shortly after 8:15, and that he thought it would have been impossible for Hall to have left the house without his knowledge. He testified also that Mrs. Hall took a neighbor who had been visiting that evening, home, at 8:15 and that he and Hall then retired, that Mrs. Hall returned, lighted the light in Hall's room and went to bed, after which a messenger knocked at the front door. Hall opened the door and took the message which was for Burton. This is the message spoken of in the testimony of Miss Fitzpatrick which was sent through at 7:58.

Mr. Walker was called and testified that Larsen had told him, "I gave the old man a job and he then came down and robbed me."

Mr. Ross took the stand and testified that Larsen had described the larger robber's hands as being slim and white.

Antoo Olsen took the stand for the defense but his testimony was barred. Bradshaw and Cartwright of Gold Hill, testified that shortly after Nov. 25 they noticed Hall's hair and that it was rather longer than men usually wear their hair. Cartwright was at the time a barber in Gold Hill.

Sheriff Terrill testified that Larsen had described the larger robber as having slim hands and close-cut hair about the ears.

Mrs. Hall took the stand and testified in her husband's behalf. Her story largely tallied with that of Burton.

A. J. Vance, manager of the local telephone company took the stand and testified that the time of a telephone call on Nov. 25 from the camp at the rock quarry to Sheriff Terrill was 10:08 p. m. but that the party was not connected with the sheriff until 10:35 p. m.

Hall took the stand in his own behalf and his story largely corroborated that of Mrs. Hall excepting in the detail of her turning on the light when she returned from taking the visitor home. He stated that the light was on when she arrived and that he had just finished reading the paper. He testified that he was in the house the entire evening and night of Nov. 25, and that he had nothing to do with the robbery.

Opening statements by Rawles Moore, District Attorney, and by Gus Newbury, attorney for the defense, began yesterday afternoon in connection with the case of the state against Mose Hall, who is charged with highway robbery of occupants of the bunk

house at the lime quarry north of Gold Hill on the night of November 25, 1921.

Gus Larsen, partner in the contract work being done in furnishing rock for the cement plant at Gold Hill and assistant foreman at the quarry, was the first witness for the state.

Larsen was questioned for about two hours and related the detailed circumstances of the holdup. He testified that two men entered the bunk house ordered the inmates to hold up their hands and lined them up against the wall, searching them for valuables. The larger of the men, he stated, seemed to be the leader and gave orders. He compelled Larsen to lie on the bed after had been searched and when his back was turned Larsen dodged out the door, intending to bring assistance and capture the robbers. He was not successful as when he ran the man followed him out the door and fired two shots, whereupon Larsen ducked behind a log and kept still. The larger man ran and made his escape and the smaller man escaped through the rear window.

Larsen testified also that a poker game was in progress as the robbers entered and that the robbers were masked with blue bandannas, polka-dotted in white. He positively identified the defendant as the larger of the two highwaymen.

Upon cross examination by the defense attorney, Gus Newbury, Larsen was rather uncommunicative. When asked if he had been drinking the evening of the robbery, he said that he had, but that he had partaken very lightly of the liquor. He was asked what it was that he had been drinking, if it had been moonshine. He remarked "Well ay don't know what yu would call it." This answer produced a laugh from spectators and a severe reprimand from the judge, in which he said that persons making any further demonstrations of the sort would be placed under arrest by the bailiff and fined. Larsen was also asked how much of the larger man's face he had been able to see, if his vision had not been hindered by the handkerchief. He stated that he had seen a large part of the nose, part of the forehead, the hair and the eyes and that he was positive of the identity.

The next state witness was Gus Swanson, whose testimony was substantially the same as that of Larsen. Swanson had three dollars stolen from his pocket by the larger highwayman. He identified Hall as the man. The specific charge against Hall in the indictment is the stealing of the three dollars from Swanson's pocket.

James Powers, also an inmate of the bunkhouse at the time of the robbery and who was in bed as the men entered, was called after Swanson's testimony was terminated. Powers was not as positive as the foregoing witness on the identity of the man, but testified that he was the same general build and presented the same general appearance. He also described the clothes worn by the robber and this description tallied with that of the other witnesses.

Ben Johnson was called as the next witness for the state. He testified that the defendant "looked like" the larger of the two robbers, but he would not positively identify him.

Hugo Johnson, partner with Larsen, in getting out the rock for the Gold Hill cement plant, was called as the last witness for the state, to testify yesterday afternoon. His testimony corroborated that of Larsen and Swanson and he positively identified the defendant as the larger of the two robbers. Upon cross examination, when asked if he had been drinking he stated that he had had a drink or possibly two, the number not to exceed two.

Larsen, Swanson and Hugo Johnson all testified that Larsen had spoken in Swedish urging Johnson to be sure and look sharply at the robber so that if he saw him again he would know him, also that Larsen had advised a fight and a clean-up on the robbers, but that Johnson had advised against it because of the danger of getting shot; all in the Swedish language.

**Liberty Bonds**  
NEW YORK, March 23.—Liberty bonds closed:  
3 1/4's 98.00; first 4's 98.00; second 4's 97.92 bid; first 4 1/2's 98.16; second 4 1/2's 98.02; third 4 1/2's 98.30; fourth 4 1/2's 98.20; Victory 3 1/4's 100.02; Victory 4 1/4's 100.90.

**Italian Cabinet Endorsed.**  
LONDON, Mar. 23.—The Italian cabinet, headed by Premier Facta was given a unanimous vote of confidence by the senate at the close of a debate on the government policy, says a Stefani dispatch from Rome.

## MOST "JAILED" MAN IN THE UNITED STATES



Ned Hogan, 76 years old and a real "native son" of Milwaukee, holds the unique distinction of being the most "jailed" man in that city and possibly the entire country. He is now serving his 106th term in the House of Correction on charges of vagrancy. He is shown at his favorite indoor sport of peeling "spuds" for the work-house gang.

## CANADIAN CENSUS SHOWS INCREASE IN POPULATION

OTTAWA, Ont.—Complete census returns show Canada's population to be 8,769,489 as compared with 7,296,643 in 1911, an increase for the ten years of 1,562,846 or nearly 22 per cent, according to final figures announced by the Dominion bureau of statistics.

The following is the population by provinces according to the 1921 census:

Province	Census 1921
Nova Scotia	522,837
New Brunswick	387,889
P. E. I.	88,615
Quebec	2,349,067
Ontario	2,529,504
Manitoba	613,608
Saskatchewan	761,390
Alberta	581,995
British Columbia	523,353
Yukon	4,162
N. W. T.	6,684
Canadian Navy	485

Total 8,769,489  
In reviewing these figures, the bureau reports point out, that for practically five years of the last decade, Canada was involved in the world war and during that time immigration was stopped from the British Isles and Europe and greatly curtailed from the United States.

For two years prior to the war, immigration to Canada reached its peak. The Dominion sent overseas more than 500,000 fighting men. Sixty thousand of these were killed and 125,000 were wounded. In addition more than 100,000 men in the Canadian army were engaged in military occupations on this side of the ocean. During the war period, marriage and the establishment of homes was far below normal.

Taking into consideration the tragic occurrences of the decade, the increase of population in Canada is as substantial as could be expected, it is noted.

## GERMAN MARKS DECLINE AGAIN

NEW YORK, Mar. 23.—Selling of German marks throughout the day brought the rate down to 29 1/2 one hundredths in the final hour of the stock exchange today, shattering all previous records.

Dealers attributed the further weakness to the changes in the Genoa reparations payments announced in Paris last night and the firm attitude of the United States government for the payment of the expenses of the army of occupation on the Rhine.

MEXICO CITY, March.—Catholic priests and clerics in Mexico have again been warned against mixing in politics in a letter published recently by Jose Mora y del Rio, Archbishop of Mexico.

The warning was prompted by the threatened expulsion of Jose Maria Sanz Cerrada, a Spanish priest, for alleged activity against the Obregon administration.

## NEW DRY AGENTS PACIFIC DISTRICTS IN OFFICE APRIL 1

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23.—Appointment of division chiefs and designation of headquarters for new general prohibition enforcement territories announced today by Commissioner Haynes included:

Wyoming, Utah and Colorado, Theodore Switzer.

Seattle, for Washington, Oregon Idaho and Montana, F. A. Hazeltine.

Los Angeles, for California and Nevada, W. W. Anderson.

It is expected, Mr. Haynes said, these chiefs will have entered upon their new assignments by the first of April, at which time the entire force of general prohibition agents will be allotted to the divisional chiefs under whom they will function.

"These divisional chiefs have been selected from the present personnel of the general agents force wholly on the basis of their experience, fitness and record in the department service," he continued. "All have been tried and have been found producers and men of highest integrity and dependability. In most instances, they have been assigned territory other than their native sections and it will be the policy to make frequent changes of the various squads and divisional chiefs as to their territorial assignment."

## ALLIED DEBT REFUND COMMISSION NEXT

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23.—Senate republican leaders today made plans to take up the nominations of Senator Smoot, republican, Utah, and Representative Burton, republican, Ohio, to the allied debt refunding commission soon after disposal of the four power treaty.

Canvasses made today were said to indicate confirmation of the two nominees in spite of the adverse recommendation of the majority of the senate judiciary committee which sustained the contention of Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, that they would become civil officers while members of congress and therefore ineligible.

## HINT ROBBERY IN SEATTLE MURDER

SEATTLE, Mar. 23.—A possible clue to the motive for the slaying of Daniel A. McDonald, formerly of Edmonton, Alberta, was given police today by Horace A. Guth, McDonald's attorney, who said he had recently paid McDonald an old debt and that his client might have been slain for this reason.

McDonald's body was found yesterday in a gravel pit near Ronald, north of Seattle. Marks on the head indicated he had been beaten to death with a rock or hatchet. Guth gave officers the names of two acquaintances of McDonald, who he said might be able to furnish a clue to the slayer.

## STATE RESTS TRIAL AGAINST RICKARD

NEW YORK, Mar. 23.—The prosecution late today rested its case against Tex Rickard, sporting promoter, charged with criminally assaulting 15-year-old Sarah Schoenfeld, after Herman Berch, janitor of the apartment house on West 47th street, in which the attack was alleged to have taken place, had been called to the stand.

Berch testified that after Rickard's arrest a stranger had led him to Madison Square Garden and that there Rickard, charged had someone was trying to frame him, "told him that if he knew anything to keep quiet."

## EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS IN NEAR EAST CONFAB

PARIS, Mar. 23.—Lord Curzon had a talk with Premier Poincare today and later the French premier, the Italian foreign minister and the British foreign secretary met, unattended by aides, for an informal exchange of views on the Near East before beginning discussion of the different questions at issue.

With the opening of the conference proper, the British point of view of the whole situation will be presented by Lord Curzon, while foreign Minister Schanzer and M. Poincare will follow with brief declarations of the attitude of their respective governments. After this the ministers will begin work on specific subjects. It is expected three or four days will be required to complete the discussions under the agenda.

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