

Cross Examination of Lawrence is in Progress all Day

One of the sharpest battles of wits that has developed during the trial of A. Ernest Lawrence on charge of shooting Mrs. Alma Kuehne in the Dodd Hollow battle, has been raging all afternoon, with C. M. Onell, of the prosecution, cross examining Lawrence. Both stick pretty close to the matter involved in the case, with little waste of verbiage. Occasionally, however, there are some enflaming tactics, with the other attorneys shouting out little remarks at each other.

Onell's cross examination is carried on with a bulldog tenacity. He gets off the point at issue a little occasionally, but only in an effort to get the defendant in condition so he can unexpectedly fire a question at him regarding some vital spot in his testimony, to be answered without much previous warning. In his cross examination he has brought out more to date regarding the status of the homestead ownership and the agreements between Lawrence and Mrs. Kuehne than all the rest of the testimony heretofore given, if it were combined in concrete form upon this point.

In Lawrence, however, Onell has an adversary in the battle of wits who is no inferior opponent. He has rarely appeared confused on any of the issues, and if for a moment he was, he has usually corrected himself and detailed the circumstances regarding the matter. Lawrence is one of the most intelligent witnesses examined during the present trial, and he has proven a remarkable benefit to his case by his actions and testimony while in the witness stand.

Following his testimony regarding his antecedents, his meeting Mrs. Kuehne in San Francisco, the terms under which they went on the homestead, his making extensive improvements there, and other introductory testimony of the kind, Lawrence yesterday afternoon stated that practically ever since he has been in Dodd Hollow, W. H. Todd and Wash Adams, two of the state's principal witnesses, have been very bitter toward him.

Late last summer, the morning after the burning of the barn on the Dorsey Johnson ranch, which Todd had leased, Lawrence says Todd and young Kuehne drove up to the homestead and tied their team up to the fence. Lawrence says it was necessary for him to go in that direction to see what a hired hand was doing, and that as he was passing Todd, Todd asked him what time he had reached home the night before.

fence and came toward me in a fighting attitude. I told him to get back, that he had no right on my side of the fence, but he continued coming at me, this time saying: 'I'll show you, you s--- of a ---!' He made a pass at me with his fist, and I knocked him down. He had a rock in his hand when he came up, and threw this at me. I knocked him down again, and then he crawled through the fence again.

"While my back was turned, he secured a rifle from the wagon, and when I turned around, he had it and shot me through the arm. I was on my way to the house to fix my arm when Andrew Kuehne jumped on me from behind and beat me and choked me.

"Todd came up then. One took me by my sound, and one by my wounded arm, and they dragged me to the wagon. Andrew beating me with his fist and kicking me over the kidneys on the way there. They then took me to Merrill, but near the Whitlatch place, before reaching Merrill, Kuehne, assisted by Todd, dragged me over the back of the seat and let the wagon run over me. Kuehne then beat me up again.

Lawrence stated that Mrs. Kuehne left the homestead in December, 1914. He said that for a day or two she was "miffed" about something that was said or done at the ranch house, and then went to town, walking, instead of using a conveyance as was her usual wont. It was some days later, according to the witness, before Mrs. Kuehne returned, when he remonstrated with her for leaving him with the stock to take care of, chickens to feed, the cooking and the chores to do, when she knew he had nobody to help him.

Mrs. Kuehne's answer, said Lawrence, was: "I don't care; I'm going to take the place away from you."

"I then said to her," said Lawrence, "Can't you listen to reason and overlook some little grudge? We've been friends so far, haven't we? and ought to be able to continue friends." Her reply was: "I've had enough of you and I am going to take the place; I am going to get the patent in a little while." "So you are going to drive me off?" said I. "Yes," she replied, "that's what I am going to do," and after looking through her personal effects awhile, she left, leaving all of her property behind. She walked toward the Todd place.

ing to the witness, who said he provided the food eaten by Kuehne. Mrs. Kuehne received a patent to the homestead in January, 1915, and started suit to oust Lawrence in February or March. Lawrence said her things remained in the ranch house for two or three months after Mrs. Kuehne started suit, afterwards being moved to the old cabin by himself and Andrew Kuehne. They were later hauled away, he said, by W. H. Todd.

The Hunters, according to Lawrence, moved to the ranch in September, 1915, living in the ranch house. Lawrence resided with them until his homestead shack was finished, when he moved there, two months before the shooting. He said he moved there to establish residence on the piece of land he was homesteading, and also to stay off the Kuehne-Lawrence ranch until after the pending lawsuits regarding it were settled.

On his way home after his trial here on charge of setting fire to the Dorsey Johnson barn, Lawrence said he heard at Merrill of their being trouble at the ranch, necessitating the calling of Constable Durham. When he reached his homestead shack Saturday evening he said he immediately went over to Hunter's to find out about the trouble. After he heard of the shutting off of the water and the shooting that day by Andrew Kuehne, Lawrence and Hunter went to Merrill, where they telephoned an account of the situation to W. H. A. Renner here, and arranged to come to Klamath Falls Monday to take legal steps toward preventing such actions.

Sunday morning, Lawrence said, he went over to Hunter's and that while he was there Mrs. Kuehne and the Todds came down with a wagon load of Mrs. Kuehne's effects, which were put in the old homestead cabin. Kuehne, he said, was never more than twenty or thirty feet from the tankhouse, except when he went to eat, and that then his mother took his place, keeping the water supply under armed guard all day long. Kuehne, he said, carried one gun on his arm and another rested against the tankhouse door.

Lawrence says he stayed at the Hunter house all day Sunday, for fear of being shot by Andrew or Mrs. Kuehne if he exposed himself. He said he waited until 11 o'clock that night before he went home under cover of darkness and said he carried a revolver with him on his trip to his cabin.

The witness stated that when he came to town for the trial he left a shotgun, a 30-30 automatic rifle and a revolver at his cabin. His cabin, he said, was unlocked and while he was away the Hunters took his three guns to their house. He stated that after the shooting, Constable Durham took his revolver and half a box of 30-30 rifle shells from the Lawrence cabin.

Lawrence said he arose at 4:30 or 5 o'clock the morning of the tragedy, and after his breakfast went over to the Hunters'. He said his shotgun shells, his revolver and his 30-30 shells were at his cabin.

He recounted Hunter's departure with a team, wagon and barrels for water, and of the appearance, just afterwards, of Andrew and Mrs. Kuehne. He traced on the map the route taken by the Kuehnes, as armed, they went from gate to gate, tackling up signs.

When Mrs. Kuehne took her post at the first gate, Lawrence said, Hunter was at the Van Meter ranch, and Kuehne came to the house where Lawrence, Mrs. Hunter and the children were and walked around the house for nearly an hour. He said Kuehne at this time was armed with two rifles and a revolver.

"Mrs. Hunter was badly frightened by Andrew's actions, and put her children in the basement of the house," said Lawrence. "While Andrew was marching around the house she became hysterical and repeatedly begged me to save her and her babies. When Andrew tramped heavily up to the back door, and before he asked for Mr. Richardson, I grabbed up the 30-30 rifle, tested it and stood in the living room doorway. 'I said to Mrs. Hunter: 'Elsie, you stop back in the bedroom and leave this to me.' She asked: 'What if he breaks open the door?' and I told her that he would break it at his peril.

"When Kuehne knocked, Mrs. Hunter asked him what he wanted, and he asked to speak to Mr. Richardson. She asked him to please wait until Guy returned, and he replied: 'All right,' and resumed his march

around the house, looking in the windows as he went around. I didn't expose myself for fear of being shot." He then told of Hunter's approach, and recounted the positions taken at the gates by Mrs. Kuehne and her son, as explained by all of the witnesses. Mrs. Kuehne, he said, had a shotgun, and Andrew two rifles and a revolver. The 22 special Andrew used in the fight was presented to Andrew by Lawrence, according to the witness.

Adjournment was taken then for the day. There was a little delay in starting court this morning, owing to the illness of C. C. Brophy, one of the jurors, who was taken to a doctor, but who was able to resume his seat in the jury box.

Asked if he had made a statement to Mr. and Mrs. Orson Beals in which he threatened Mrs. Kuehne and called her a vile name, Lawrence said that he did not—that he did not use that kind of language in the presence of ladies. Beals, he stated, was a prize fighter, and he stated that he and Beals had trouble over a potato deal, and over Beals' statement to him that he had shot a range horse, after which Lawrence told him that his (Lawrence's) horses were ranging at the time and that if Beals shot one of his horses, he'd suffer the consequences.

Lawrence stated that at the time Hunter started to turn in the lower gate and Kuehne started to shoot at him, he and Mrs. Hunter were looking at the proceedings from the ranch house. Mrs. Hunter, he said, was calling to him to save Guy.

"After Hunter jumped from the wagon and Kuehne fired, Mrs. Hunter ran to the porch with a 30-30 rifle," said Lawrence. "After she fired one shot, I took the gun from her, and fired one shot, then found that the gun was no longer loaded. 'Mrs. Hunter then ran in the house and I ran in, grabbed my shotgun, ran out on the porch and fired at Kuehne. I am sure I fired more than two shots with the shotgun, firing until the magazine and gun were empty. 'Kuehne was firing alternately at Hunter and at me, when I was shooting. I could hear the bullets from his gun.

As Hunter approached, his team was travelling very rapidly, and for a time appeared to be running away. "Just as Hunter's team was passing the steps where I stood, I heard Mrs. Hunter cry out that she had shot Mrs. Kuehne. I turned around and saw Mrs. Kuehne for the first time since I saw her at the gate. She was in a sitting position. Just then Hunter went past in the wagon. I saw Mrs. Kuehne struggling to point her gun at Hunter, and I rushed down there. Before I reached her, she pointed the gun at me and I wrested this from her, and also my own shotgun, which she had seized. I never struck her and never cursed at her.

"I then ran for the back of the house as fast as I could to get away from young Kuehne, and met Hunter at the back door, also trying to get in the house. Hunter told me to give him a gun, and I handed him the one I had taken from Mrs. Kuehne, and we then entered the house after I had broken the screen on the milk-room door with my fist, and had reached through and unlocked the door. I went in first. We were both afraid of being shot by young Kuehne."

Lawrence stated that at the time Mrs. Hunter called that she had shot Mrs. Kuehne, young Kuehne was still firing at the porch. He said some of the bullets plowed up little mounds of dirt near the steps.

Lawrence said Mrs. Hunter had a rifle in her hands when they entered the house. He said he was positive this was not his 30-30. In the basement, he said, Hunter's wounded arm began to pain, and they were unable to attend to it, having no water. Mrs. Hunter, he said, wanted to crawl out the window to get aid, but the men prevented her from so doing. He stated that she crawled upstairs once to get clothing for the baby, which she then dressed in the basement.

He recounted seeing Kuehne go to the aid of his mother, helping her to her cabin, and of then hearing the loud explosion when Kuehne set off a stick of dynamite. Hunter's team then ran away.

Lawrence made a denial of committing the murder of Mrs. Kuehne. He stated that Constable Durham made two trips to the ranch on the morning of the shooting, taking the guns from the ranch the first time, and taking Lawrence and Hunter to

STONE SAYS SOME INTERESTS SEEK TO BRING A WAR

CHARGES BORDER TROUBLE IS INCITED

Following Receipt of Two Wireless Messages From Pershing, Which Were Received in Very Poor Condition, Army Decides to Discontinue Wireless as Unsatisfactory, and Use Wires Later

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—Following the reading of telegrams detailing the serious conditions along the Texas and Arizona borders, Senator Stone today charged that "altruistic" forces are seeking to inflame the people of America and Mexico to incite them to war. Every man," said Senator Stone, "with any sense knows that the situation in Mexico is critical. An effort is being made to incite the Mexicans to rash acts by telling them that America contemplates an aggressive move against the Mexican government and the Mexican people. Will the members of this body make a bad situation worse by reading these telegrams at such a critical period?"

Senator Stone asserted that the recent resolution offered by Senator Sherman, authorizing a call for 50,000 volunteers, was aimed to provoke war against others than Villa. Republicans denied the intimation that they were trying to embarrass the administration.

Senator Lewis introduced a resolution denouncing as a traitor anyone aiding Villa, claiming they were guilty of treason.

The president and cabinet today decided that it was not necessary to call for the militia or volunteers at present. It is possible, though, that more regulars will be ordered to the border. The administration believes if the militia were sent to the border it would inflame the followers of Carranza.

United Press Service

EL PASO, Tex., March 24.—General Bell and Major Sample say they doubt the reports that the American troops have surrounded Villa or engaged him in skirmishes. They say they have received nothing that would tend to lead to such conclusions. Consul Garcia expected the battle to begin at daybreak, but no word has been received of any clash. American Consul Fletcher at Chihuahua wired that General Herrera is still military commander of Chihuahua, and has not revolted.

United Press Service

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 24.—Headquarters announced today that the wireless service from Columbus to the front would be abandoned. Two messages from Pershing today arrived so badly mutilated it was necessary to repeat them. It is believed that they contained important information. A wire to Casas Grandes will soon be in operation.

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—D. A. Richards, a prominent attorney of Douglas, Ariz., today wired to Senator Ashurst as follows:

"The Mexicans have forty pieces of artillery and 3,000 cavalry within a distance of about ten blocks from the center of Douglas, and 7,000 cavalry about six miles south of here. The Americans have only 1,800 infantry, 300 cavalry and four guns stationed two miles from Douglas."

Mr. Richards said further: "The Mexicans could easily repeat the Columbus massacre here, on a much larger scale."

GETTING READY FOR THE GAME

KLAMATH FALLS WILL AGAIN BE REPRESENTED IN THE SPORTING WORLD WITH A STRONG BASEBALL AGGREGATION

Acting under the advice of the Business Men's Association, several members of last year's baseball team are working to organize another team for this year that will be at least the equal of last year's fighting bunch. This little city last year had the premier team of Southern Oregon, and their list of wins made Klamath Falls the envy and despair of neighboring California and Oregon cities.

It also demonstrated that a good team will be well supported by lovers of the game in this section, and it is to be hoped that those interested in the movement will succeed in their efforts.

A meeting will be held next Monday at the Commercial Club headquarters, at which time officers will be elected to manage the affairs of the club. Letters have been received from players in various Coast cities, and the array of talent to choose from assures a top-notch club. "Big" Dick Nelson, who covered first last year with so much credit, has been engaged, and will bring with him from the University of Oregon infielders Cornell and Shea. From St. Mary's College will come Joe Maher, an infielder, and Park Wilson, an outer garden man, while Tucker Johnson of Sacramento, who played last season with Yreka, is also due here in a short time.

The lineup, as doped out to date, will be about as follows, subject to change at the decision of the officers elected:

Clarke, catcher; Cook and Peterson, pitchers; Nelson, first base; Maher, second; Bowdin, third; Cornell, shortstop; Palmer, right; Johnson, center; and Shea or Wilson, left.

It is the intention to put all the boys under salary, and at any time one of them fails to earn his stipend he will be removed.

Medford and McCloud have already organized strong teams, while Doris, Weed, Grants Pass, Yreka and other neighboring towns are organizing, and baseball this summer promises to be a revelation in this section. The business men of the various cities, recognizing the value of a good team in a place, are doing their utmost to secure the proper material, and Klamath Falls will not be found in the rear rank, by any means.

United Press Service

Lee's Are Back. Mr. and Mrs. Will T. Lee arrived last night from California and Arizona, after an absence of several months. Bill was critically ill in San Francisco last fall, but he has regained his weight and part of his strength, although that "pap and ginger" so characteristic of Willyum will have to return through residence in this salubrious climate.

United Press Service

Shook in Town. Dave Shook is in town today from his ranch near Dalry.

ALLIES DO NOT WANT TO DISARM MERCHANTMEN

AMSTERDAM BELIEVES NAVAL BATTLE RAGES

Flashes of Fire Are Seen in Early Morning by Mariners—French and German Forces Are Still Carrying on Extensive Engagements, With Varying Successes All Along the Meuse and Vicinity

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C. March 24.—The joint reply of the allies to the proposal of the state department to disarm all merchantmen was received today.

It is understood that the proposal has been rejected, the stand being taken that under the present conditions of naval warfare such a step is not warranted, as it would subject the vessels to too great a risk.

United Press Service

AMSTERDAM, March 24.—Incoming skippers report that flashes of gunfire were visible on the horizon last night. They think an important naval engagement is in progress.

United Press Service

BERLIN, March 24.—It is announced today that the Germans are advancing south of Malincourt against the southwestern side of Salient, imperilling the Malincourt and Bethincourt positions. Artillery duels continue in the Champagne and Argonne regions and west of the Meuse. The Germans captured two more trenches in the Harcourt region. It is also asserted that violent Russian attacks near Evinsk were repulsed.

United Press Service

PARIS, March 24.—The French continue to shell the Germans in the woods south of Malincourt. The Germans are making no new assaults. The front to the northwest of Verdun remains calm.

AMSTERDAM, March 24.—Flushing correspondents to Amsterdam newspapers report that heavy firing is heard from the channel from the direction of Ostend and Westende.

Hogs and Horses Make the Load

Four hundred hogs and a carload of fine draft horses composed the shipment of livestock sent from the Klamath Basin to outside points on yesterday's stock special.

Chas. Horton and Louis Gerber shipped three carloads of fat hogs to Portland, and Fred Stukle shipped a car of porkers to Swanson & Co. in Sacramento.

Geo. Manning shipped a car of fancy draft horses to Wells-Fargo company at Sacramento.

Money for Completion of the Modoc Point Project

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—Amendments made to the Indian appropriation bill by the senate committee on Indian affairs have increased the sum to be received by the Chewawash school at Salem, Ore., from \$119,000 to \$135,500. This is \$18,500 above the original bureau estimate.

Other new items added by the senate committee are as follows: Bridge over Williamson river, Klamath reservation, \$3,000, government to be reimbursed from Indian funds.

One thousand dollars from tribal funds of the Klamaths to pay expenses of two members of the tribe who are in Washington to look after reservation matters. Other appropriations carried by the bill for Oregon Indians as it now stands are these: For expenses of Klamath agency, \$6,000; for Warm Springs agency, \$4,000; for Grande Ronde and Umatilla, \$4,000, and for Unatilla, \$3,000. There is also \$20,000 for completion of the Modoc Point irrigation system on the Klamath reservation, and an authorization of increase in the limit of cost of that project from \$155,000 to \$170,000, in order to carry out enlarged plans for the irrigation system there.

Spelling Championship to Be Settled Tonight

Just who is the best speller in the Klamath county schools is a matter to be decided this evening at Houston's opera house. The contest for the Klamath championship will begin shortly after 8 o'clock and all are invited, there being no admission fee.

A short program will be rendered by the pupils of the city schools. The contest between the winners of the district preliminary contests will then compete for the championship. The first prize is a seventeen-jeweled gold watch, either lady's or gentleman's, given by Frank M. Upp. A cash prize of \$5, given by J. J. Wright of Hildebrand, is the second prize, and the third is a \$4 fountain

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