

DEFENSE FOR SEN. WHEELER OPENS FIRE

GREAT FALLS, Mont., April 21.—The defense in the trial of Senator Burton K. Wheeler on a charge of misuse of office began an attempt to systematically explain away or deny all evidence introduced by the prosecution.

Senator Thomas J. Walsh, chief defense counsel, indicated that defense intention to attack every point raised by the prosecution when he asked a recess, of two days in the trial to enable him to obtain four witnesses from the east.

These witnesses, he explained, could refute the sensational testimony of George B. Hayes, a New York attorney, who said Wheeler tried to get him to appear before the department of the interior on oil matters, promising as a reward

to split a fee with him which would "run into millions."

Walsh did not reveal the names of the four witnesses he expected to call, but it was known one was Henry Stern, Buffalo, N. Y., who was associated with Wheeler in prosecuting the Daugherty investigation in Washington. Two character witnesses were included who would testify to what they knew about Hayes, and the fourth witness Walsh is seeking is supposed to be a Washington telephone company official.

Peter Q. Nye, a Washington attorney, testified that Edwin S. Booth, then solicitor general of the interior department, had introduced him to Wheeler and asked him to obtain financial backing for Edwin Campbell, Wheeler's client. Nye said he requested Booth and Wheeler to get a list of Campbell's holdings including permits. Later, he said, he obtained them although he did not grant any financial aid to Campbell.

Booth said he gave Campbell a letter of introduction to Hayes later.

"I never made any proposition to him at any time," he continued. "No mention was ever made of Wheeler."

Booth entered a complete denial of all of Hayes' story and contended the only way Hayes was consulted was in relation to Campbell's financial matters.

"I have no recollection of any telephone conversation with Hayes," Booth said when questioned by Walsh. "I never told him I would make any effort to introduce him to Wheeler."

Booth also said he sent a list of Campbell's holdings to Hayes, who claimed he had "friends in New York" who might lend Campbell financial assistance.

Ritchie a Game Scrapper, Says Big Rocco After Fight

"Ritchie is a good game boy" said Rocco Strombo after the fight last night. "He hit me in the mouth in the second round and I could hear the birds singing. I had to use all the ring knowledge that I have picked up in 147 fights to out-step him. After that sock I decided to get him as soon as I could land with the hay-maker and I was forced to fight and jab and trick him into a trap."

"Just recently I have been working as a sparring partner with Tiny Herman and Pat Lester, and believe me any time those boys start one for your chin and you are lucky enough to duck it you can hear it hum as it goes by. The rough stuff that I went through with them put me in tip-top shape for Ritchie, and I have nothing but praise for the local boy and would be glad to give him another chance. Just at present I am negotiating for a fight at Butte, Mont. and just now I am waiting for a long distance call. When I get through talking with the Montana mining camp, I will know just what my immediate plans are."

War With Japan An Impossibility Says Jap Diplomat

NEW YORK, April 21.—War between the United States and Japan is not only unlikely, but a physical impossibility, and the two nations are destined to live at peace for all times, according to Tsumeto Matsudaira, the new ambassador from Tokyo.

There are no issues between the two Pacific powers which require settlement by arms; Japan is considering no acts of retaliation arising from the American immigration laws and more over, because of geographical reasons, war could not occur. Matsudaira has advised this country.

Making it clear that his mission here is to create a friendly spirit and better understanding between the two countries the new ambassador detailed the attitude of the island empire toward international and far eastern question in a frank speech at a banquet in his honor given by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ Monday night.

Referring to the new Russo-Japanese treaty, the ambassador declared that it did not conflict with the principle of the open door in Russia, nor need it cause apprehension in America.

Pastor Raps Romper Costumes



MINSTREL FROLICS of 1925.

When the Rev. Thomas C. Clark, of the exclusive Tacoma Park Presbyterian Church, Washington, witnessed a rehearsal of the "Minstrel Frolics of 1925," which was to be presented in the community hall of the church, he promptly made known his objection to full grown young women returning to "mudpie days," particularly if their costumes were nothing more than oversized rompers, beneath which pink knees were bared themselves. His action has caused a split among the members of the church, one faction holding that the girls should wear stockings, while the other brands him as too "puritanical." Officer E. H. Burdine is shown inspecting the much-discussed rompers.

Rocky Puts Earl Ritchie To Sleep In Third Chapter

Socks Local Man With Everything But Water Bucket; Crim Gets Decision Over Iron Man Torres; Packed House Sees Great Card.

Main Event
Strombo won in 3rd round by knockout.
Semi-Final
Jack Crim won by decision.
Preliminary
W. Harrington won in 1st round by knockout.
Curtain Raiser
Babe Lightfoot won by decision.

Rocco Strombo, of Portland, uncorked a sizzling right in the 3rd round of his scheduled ten-round go with Earl Ritchie, rocking the local heavy into dreamland, and giving Klamath Falls fight goes a demonstration of the famous wallop which floored Champion Dempsey at Shelby. He clearly outclassed the Klamath battler, though conceding 25 pounds to Ritchie who tipped the scales at 196 pounds, while the Portland battler weighed in at 171.

The fight was all Rocco's the first round being the only one in which Ritchie made any showing, as he early formed a respect for the wicked right of his lighter opponent, which ended the fight the first time it landed squarely on the button. Strombo wore Ritchie down with a series of left jabs and when the time was ripe, shot over the K. O.

Round One
Ritchie was the aggressor, opening hostilities with a left to the jaw, Rocco countering with a left hook. Rocco evaded a rush and landed a left to the jaw but missed a right hook. Rocco used the ropes, coming up with a series of left jabs which kept Ritchie on the defensive. Round was Rocco's by narrow margin.

Round Two
Rocco opened up with a left to the jaw and followed up with a left to the jaw and right to the body. Ritchie was on the defensive and vainly striking. Rocco used his left jab and missed a right to the jaw. Ritchie rallied and landed several lefts but missed a right swing. He disliked the rope style of fighting and moved back to the center of the ring. Ritchie slipped and fell. Rocco demanded the rosin he wiped from Ritchie's gloves. Round was Rocco's.

Round Three
Rocco came out with confident smile and left jabbed Ritchie. Rocco landed left to jaw, he missed a right hook. Ritchie was tiring fast and at the end of 1 minute and 20 seconds Rocco landed a vicious right and the show was over.

The semi-final between Jack

Crim, local Indian fighter, and Young Felix of Wood, went the full six rounds. Crim getting a close decision. Both boys showed fairly good work and were evenly matched but neither seemed to possess the punch to end the fight. Crim was given the decision for aggressiveness, taking the second, fourth and sixth rounds. Young Felix having a shade the best of the arguments in third and fifth, while the first round was a draw.

Tommy Thompson of Shipplington lasted quick with W. Harrington in the four round preliminary, going down at the end of the first round for the count. He was knocked down five times by the whirlwind attack of the Indian battler, and the fifth time failed to arise, although not completely out. Harrington handed him ten pounds advantage and a quick trimming.

The curtain-raiser, between Babe Lightfoot and Jimmy Boyd was crammed with fighting. Lightfoot taking a close decision. Sam Olson of Oakland made his appearance in the arena and challenged the winner of the heavy-weight bout. Olson is a well-known Pacific coast heavy and his defy, if accepted, should produce another good battle.

Telegrams were read by the leather-lunged announcer, Dewey Webb, from Joe Gorman of Grants Pass, who wants to meet Young Harris of Ashland, and from Ed Warner of Los Angeles, who challenged the winner of the main event.

A paper where all the people have opportunity to express themselves if they desire—that's The Klamath News



THE SCREEN'S BEST
LOVED VILLAIN
Adolphe Menjou, soon to be seen in "A Kiss in the Dark."

HAWAIIANS TO GREET SAILORS WITH OPEN ARMS

HONOLULU, April 21.—Via radio to the United News—Honolulu has taken on the paradoxical aspect of a land of eternal peace in preparation for war.

For native Hawaiians seem unaware that an "enemy" fleet is coming nearer their sub-tropical home with the intent of theoretically subduing the powerful fortifications by which it is protected.

Only at Pearl Harbor, and at Fort Kamehameha, Ruger and De Russay is there evidence that the black or lang forces are in readiness to repel the "attack" of the "one fleet." Large forces of enlisted men made final preparations at these posts today.

Mainland baseball scores and the prices of sugar stocks on the local board of trade crowd the impending engagement even from the interest of the 25,000 American residents of this sun-bathed city sitting on a tiny green island which may be circumnavigated by automobile in less than four hours.

Admiral Counts and Major General Hines, together with others of the board of admirals continue to hold their daily conferences, but they refuse to divulge the location of the fleet which is expected to strike its first tactical blow at any time. As soon as the maneuvers begin, the umpires will hold two daily conferences, at which time they will give out for publication brief reports of the progress made by offensive and defensive forces.

Admiral Counts and other ranking officers were guests at dinner of Governor Wallace R. Farrington tonight.

MERCHANTS BUREAU ACTS ON PEDDLERS

Earl Sheehy, president of the Klamath Falls Merchants' Bureau, called a meeting for tonight to take definite action on the proposed city ordinance aimed to protect the merchants against peddlers and itinerant hucksters.

The bureau has had under discussion various ordinances in effect in other Oregon municipalities dealing with this question. The meeting is called for 7:30 p. m.

Rags to Riches



F. H. WICKETT.

Like the hero in the famous Alger stories, F. H. Wickett, of Chicago, has risen from a \$3.00-a-week lawyer's apprentice to the executive position as head of the huge Pan-American Oil interests taken over by the Standard Oil Company of Indiana from Edward L. Doheny, born in England of poor parents, his rise was gradual until he reached the zenith of his career at fifty-seven years of age.

More than 1,200,000 licenses to receive radio broadcasting have been granted in Great Britain.

English aviation engineers have built an airplane motor weighing more than a ton and developing 1200 horsepower.

THE KLAMATH NEWS Bandit Turns To Church for

HOLDENVILLE, Okla., April 21.—Ray Prince, 32, escaped exclusive bandit of this section, turned to the church for the first time in his life.

Prince was given a chance confessing his sins before a gathering, or serving a term in the state penitentiary. He appeared before Judge George Crump on a charge of being a bandit with deadly weapons.

Judge Crump, in pronouncing sentence said to Prince: "Ray, you're a good man. You have been traveling the road. I'm going to give you more chance."

He took "the chance" in prayer in the First church and asked God to give him a cleaner life.

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