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WOLGAMOT PLEADS GUILTY IN UNITED STATES COURT.

MARIE WARE TO BE DISCHARGED

Wolgamot's Confession of Guilt Surprises Everybody in the Court at Portland.

Judge Bellinger Takes Plea Under Adversity--Defense Despaired of Battering Down the Terrible Mass of Evidence.

PORTLAND, Dec. 3.—Prolific in surprises and sensations as have been the developments of the land fraud cases none were prepared for the climax of today. By far the most important, both because of the unexpectedness and because of the moral effect it is almost certain to have on the jury, was the request of Frank Wolgamot, through his attorney, for leave to withdraw his plea of not guilty and to be allowed to plead guilty of the crime of conspiracy as charged. Judge Bellinger took the matter under advisement. Almost equally unexpected was the request of Prosecutor Henri that an order of acquittal be entered in the case of Marie Ware, on the ground that the prosecution does not believe that she, according to the evidence, had been proven guilty of aiding in the present conspiracy. Of hardly a less surprise was the announcement, not more than twenty minutes after the government completed its case, by the defense that it rested, and the case was ready for argument by the counsel. The defense only offered explanations on behalf of two of their defendants who for two weeks have listened to a chain of circumstances by which the prosecution confidently expects to convict them of conspiracy to defraud the government of its public domain. Apparently they despaired of undertaking to batter down the mass of evidence the government had heaped against them. Claude Strahan, a new attorney in the case, arose and stated: "I appear for Frank Wolgamot and wish to withdraw his plea of not guilty and substitute that of guilty."

"Mr. Wolgamot," asked the court, "do you so desire?" "I do," was his answer. "What is your plea?" asked the court. "Guilty."

Following right upon the heels of Wolgamot's confession came Henri's announcement that the prosecution had decided to abandon the case against Miss Ware. Henri stated to the court that he would not ask the jury to return a verdict in the case where he him-

self could not go to the jury room and vote for conviction. He stated that he did not think the government had proved beyond a reasonable doubt that Miss Ware was connected with the present case and therefore he asked an order of acquittal. Following the motion to acquit Miss Ware, Henri made a statement of the case to the jury. His statement was simple, strong and concise. When Henri concluded, the court adjourned until Monday.

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A BOLD ROBBERY

BURGLARS ENTER HOUSE OF FARMER NEAR STAYTON AND SECURE SUM OF MONEY

House of O. V. Myers, a Mile and a Half from Stayton Scene, and Forty Dollars is More or Less the Booty--No Clues of Robber.

STAYTON, Or., Dec. 3. (Special to the Statesman)—A bold robbery occurred at the farm residence of O. V. Myers, one and one-half miles north of this city, on Thursday night. The family retired as usual, but upon awaking in the morning found that during the night some one had entered the house and proceeded to search the rooms for loose cash, and succeeded in carrying off quite a little money, just how much has not been learned, but it is reported about \$40 was taken, which belonged to one of the secret orders of this city. The burglar used matches quite freely to aid his search, as quite a number of burnt matches were found on the floor. The money was taken from a secretary which stood in the sitting room, but was managed so quietly that none of the members of the family were aroused. Constable Smith was called and examined the premises, but no clue to the identity of the robbers can be found.

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"QUO VADIS" BUILDING BURNS

Conflagration Started by an Incendiary Who Was Captured by Jefferson Guards.

A High Wind Was Blowing and the Sparks Fell Upon the Major Exhibit Palaces, Threatening Them With Destruction--Japanese Building Burned

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 3.—Fire tonight broke out in the attraction on the World's Fair Pike known as "Quo Vadis," and quickly spread to the Japanese pavilion adjoining. A high north wind was blowing and sparks were carried over the exhibition grounds and in the vicinity of the major exhibit palaces. In addition to the loss of the buildings, the collection of oil paintings depicting the scenes in "Quo Vadis" valued at \$75,000, was burned. They were painted by Jan Styka, a Polish artist, and brought to this country under bond of \$50,000. While Jefferson guards were in the rear of "Hereafter" on the Pike, opposite the buildings on fire, they saw a light and pounded on the door for admission. After considerable delay they were admitted and found a pile of lighted newspapers in the middle of the floor. They arrested the man that opened the door. He gave the name Arthur V. Dunn, and was arrested on the charge of suspected arson. When searched a hunting case watch and eleven ladies' handbags were found concealed on his person.

MITCHELL'S DEFENSE.

Senator Gives Excuse for Refusing to Aid Land Fraud Case.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Regarding the statement that he had refused to go to Portland at the earnest and repeated request of Special Prosecutor Hickey, to testify in the land fraud trial, Senator John H. Mitchell said today: "I was for four months prior to my leaving for Washington on November 15th, continuously in Oregon, and all of the time, with the exception of a few days, in the city of Portland; furthermore, it was known to John H. Hall, U. S. District Attorney, for more than a week before I left Portland, that I intended to leave for Washington at the time I did. Therefore, if my testimony was regarded as important, there was ample opportunity to secure my attendance by subpoena, or even had it been suggested to me that my testimony in the case was desired, I certainly should have postponed my starting East, and would have gladly gone on the witness stand had given any testimony within my knowledge bearing on the case."

"Innumerable Stars"

(Written by W. A. Gathright, Dabney, Va.)

In our previous articles we have briefly described that glorious system of which our earth forms a small, but to us highly interesting and important member. In this article, we shall go beyond its boundaries, and enter the boundless domain of sidereal space. The reader, no doubt, has often met with the expression "innumerable stars." Looking at the sky with a telescope of great magnifying power, the epithet "innumerable" becomes literally true, but the keenest naked eye cannot at one time see more than 3000.

The fixed stars have been divided into classes according to their magnitude. There are 20 stars of the first magnitude, although they are by no means of the same brightness, Sirius, the most brilliant of all, exceeding in brightness many times the standard first magnitude star Altair, in the constellation Aquila, while Altair is considerably brighter than Pollux in the constellation Gemini, the last in the list of the first magnitude stars. There are about 60 stars of the second, 200 of the third, etc. The stars of the first six magnitudes are considered visible to the unaided eye, but the seventh magnitude telescope stars begins, whose number increases immensely with the magnifying power of the telescope. Knowing the angle under which the radius of the earth is seen from the moon or a planet, and which technically is called its parallax, the calculation of the distance of the moon or planet from us is an easy problem, but the experiment has thus far proved sufficiently successful in the case of 36 stars. The distance of even the nearest fixed star, if expressed in miles, is so immense as to become unmeaning, and in order to bring these sidereal distances within the power of human understanding, a new unit was chosen. Light is transmitted through space at a rate of 186,000 miles during a second of time, and the space it would traverse within a year is called a light year. This light year is the unit of sidereal distances. It is certainly a thrilling and awe-inspiring fact, that the nearest fixed star is a little more than three light years from us. This is the first magnitude star, Alpha Centauri, not visible in our latitude. The Pole star is about 50 light years from us, so that were it now expunged out of existence it would still shine to us for 50 years to come. The reader can easily imagine what the vastness of distances must be which at such colossal rates are still visible. Compared with most of the fixed stars, our own sun, despite its vastness, dwindles into insignificance.

But it is not alone the size and distance of those orbs that fill us with wonder and awe; but also the variety they present as to color and their connection with other suns. Speaking of double stars, we must distinguish between such as are optically double; that is, as are simply in line but at distance from each other, and such as are physically double, and under the influence of each other's attraction. The latter presents a trait which is wanting in our own solar system, viz.: a sun with its satellites revolving around it. Of such binary systems, as they are called, we know now at least 200. But this is not all. Stars have been separated by telescopes into more than two stars, thus physically connected, so that we hear of triple and multiple stars. There is a star in the beautiful winter constellation Orion, which consists of six suns revolving about each other—a sextuple star. It is highly probable that each of these six suns has its own planets revolving about it, whose inhabitants, if there are such, would enjoy the unspeakably grand spectacle of six rising and six setting suns. The complexity of such motions baffles the human mind, and thus nature challenges the mathematicians.

Variable Stars.

It has been observed that some stars, in course of revolving years, lost some of their brightness, and even vanishes from view, and this brings us to the subject of variable and temporary stars. In some cases the fluctuations were gradual and regular; in others quite irregular. One of the most remarkable of the variable stars is in the constellation Perseus, which, about 9 o'clock in the November evenings, may be seen near the meridian, and between the fine constellations of Andromeda and Auriga. This variable star, Algol, is the easternmost star in the handle of Andromeda. It changes from the second to the fourth magnitude in the short time of 3 1/2 hours, and back again in the same time; then it remains thus for nearly three days, after which the same changes occur. Another very remarkable variable star is in the constellation Cygnus, and is called Mira, or the Wonderful Star. It was the first variable star known. Within a hundred years it changes from the ninth to the fourth and even second magnitude. The second in the list of first magnitude stars is Eta Argus, not being visible in this country. In 1842 it came next to Sirius, but since 1865 it has been of the seventh magnitude. In 1572 a magnificent star suddenly burst forth in the circumpolar constellation Cassiopeia, which rivaled Venus itself in brilliancy. Just as quickly as it had appeared it faded away, and has never again been seen. This star is an excellent example of a temporary star. It is not known whether such temporary stars are variable ones of long periods of invisibility, nor has any reliable theory been established in regard to both either variable and temporary stars.

Star Clusters.

Star clusters are groups of stars closely packed together. The most remarkable and familiar example of such clusters is the Pleiades, of which seven stars may be seen by a tolerably keen eye. Praesepe in the zodiacal constellation Cancer is another cluster. By means of a small telescope, it looks like a faint cloud, but viewed with a powerful telescope it presents one of the most magnificent objects in the heavens. Star clusters are always recognizable by a telescope, but not so with those peculiar

cloud-like objects known by the name of Nebulae, of which, at present, 8000 are known. Only three of them are visible to the naked eye. What the nebulae really consists of we do not know with any degree of certainty. The old theory that they are stars so densely crowded together as to present that peculiar cloud-like appearance has been exploded. It is an interesting question whether the stars form a system. Judging by analogy from our own system and the motions of the binary stars, it is highly probable, if not absolutely certain, that the great law of gravitation prevails between the stars, and is consequently universal. Quite a number of stars have been caught at proper motion, and how can such a motion be accounted for otherwise than by supplying a mutual attraction? Thus the idea of a central sun suggested itself to more than one astronomer; nay, the celebrated German astronomer Madler actually announced that the brightest star in the Pleiades was this central sun around which not alone our own sun, but the visible universe revolved. The idea is a very pleasing one, but unfortunately it has been altogether exploded by later and more thorough observations.

The Constellations.

Looking above us on clear November evenings about 9 o'clock we see the heavens have commenced to put on their accustomed winter splendor, for Orion, the most magnificent of all the winter constellations, is just coming into view. The square of Pegasus is now a little past the meridian. South and southwest of Pegasus is the zodiacal constellation Aquarius, which is represented by the figure of a man pouring water from an urn. The ancient Egyptians thought the setting of Aquarius caused the Nile to rise by the sinking of his urn in the water. Capricornus, the Goat, is now on the point of setting. In a northerly direction from the Goat we see Aquila, the Eagle, which contains that bright first magnitude star Altair, which lies in the Milky Way and may be easily distinguished by reason of its being the center of three stars about two degrees apart in a straight line, bearing northwest and southeast. If this straight line be continued about thirty-five degrees in a north-west direction it will pass nearly through Vega, a very bright star situated in Lyra. East of the Eagle we see that beautiful little constellation containing five stars in the shape of a diamond, known as Delphinus, also called Job's Coffin. Cepheus and Cassiopeia are now favorably situated for observation, being on or near the meridian.

These constellations move closely around the North Star and may be seen in our latitude at all hours of the night when the sky is clear. Southeast of Cassiopeia is Perseus, East of Perseus is Auriga, containing a very bright star of milky whiteness known as Capella. To the southward of Auriga we see Taurus, which is now the second sign and third constellation of the Zodiac; but which astronomy was first cultivated in the East, or more than four thousand years ago, the vernal equinox took place, and the year opened when the sun was in Taurus; and the Bull for the period of two thousand years was the prince and leader of the celestial host. The Ram succeeded next and now the Fishes lead the year. Serpens and Sagittarius, which last month were on the point of setting, have now entirely disappeared from our view. Thus do the very heavens forcibly remind us of the endless changes going on around us and the near coming flight of time.

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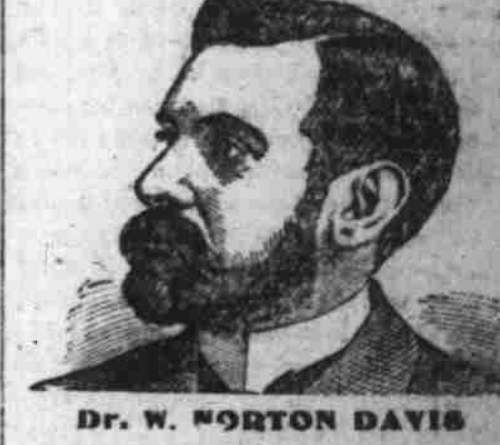
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