

Tedious Cross-Examination Fails To Shake Mrs. Bigger's Testimony

THE DEFENDANT'S WIFE TOLD PITIFUL STORY OF HIS MONEY TROUBLES

She Declares She Told Friends That Biggers was Crazy Some Days Before He Shot Mr. Green Hood.

Mr. Stinson Thought Defendant Was Out of His Mind Before Killing—He Was Subjected to Gruelling Cross Examination.

The examination of only two witnesses was completed in the Biggers trial this morning.

It is likely that the entire afternoon will be taken up in the examination of the defense's witnesses as they have many who will testify as to the character of the defendant.

Behind the state's lawyers sat Mr. H. H. Hood, Mrs. John Hood and Miss Margie Hood, the latter the daughter of Mr. J. Green Hood.

The value of a human life is well illustrated in this trial. The criminal court room cannot contain the crowds that press in.

Just now, a huge farmer in the box sat in his coat sleeves and wielded a big palm leaf fan, commensurate with his own size.

The appearance of Mrs. Biggers, wife of the defendant, on this morning, excited the greatest interest in the trial.

Mrs. Biggers Cross-Examined. Biggers' sister sat by him and fanned him from time to time.

Direct Examination Resumed. Mrs. Biggers was placed on the stand again this morning and the direct examination, conducted by Judge Osborne, continued.

Before you noticed any change in your husband's mind and disposition, what was his treatment of his children, she was asked.

talk and play around him and he would not notice them.

How long had that continued before the homicide?

I noticed it Sunday, and before that he seemed not to take much interest in them for some time.

Well, Judge Osborne, there is one thing I forgot to tell. Mr. Biggers told me at one time that Mr. Hood was liable to attack him at any time.

The state objected to this question and it was withdrawn for the present.

Cross-Examination. Mr. Stewart conducted the cross-examination of Mrs. Biggers.

Mrs. Biggers, how far is it from your house to the Central Hotel?

I suppose it is very near a mile.

Who lived next door to you on the east?

It was vacant.

Who lived in the next house?

Mr. Smith.

Several other questions were asked as to who lived in the other houses of the neighborhood.

Did Mr. Biggers ever go under the house before the time you mentioned?

Yes.

So the fact that he went under the house was not peculiar?

No, but the way he acted.

Referring to the horse trade mentioned in Mrs. Biggers' story yesterday, Mr. Stewart asked if she knew that the horse had been broken up on the railroad and that Mr. Biggers had filed a claim of \$400 against the railroad for damages.

She replied that she knew nothing of this.

Did Mrs. Harvey Hood see Mr. Biggers the Sunday she came to your house?

Yes.

Did she speak to him?

I think not.

Did Mr. Berryhill speak to Mr. Biggers?

Yes, they sat down and talked over some business matters.

Mrs. Biggers said that her husband took out a paper and pencil and made some calculations and seemed to be talking in a businesslike way.



"HAPPINESS!"

BIGGER'S BROTHER CALLED IN AFTERNOON

At the afternoon session Mr. John Biggers, brother of the defendant, was placed on the stand.

State the first time you noticed a change in Biggers' condition?

When he lost his money in the Hood Co.

State what he told you about the business.

Mr. Hood told him not to be uneasy, that he would guarantee him his money at 6 per cent any time he wanted it.

What did he state to you if anything after the loss?

He said the store had broke and he wouldn't get a dollar.

Did you notice any change in his appearance then?

Yes, he seemed depressed.

Did you notice any other change?

He was melancholy, and seemed reckless in his horse trading.

What else did he tell you?

He said he had lost everything and seemed he couldn't make anything.

Where was the next time?

Four or five weeks before the trouble he told me it seemed as if he was going crazy.

Did he talk about the trouble until I would ask him about it?

Yes, he would talk about it Sunday morning he just walked on into the house and wouldn't stop to talk to me.

Did he come to your house Saturday?

No, one but Mr. Harvey Hood.

Do you know what Mr. Biggers did on Monday before the homicide?

Racing Autos Contest For Indiana Trophy

By Associated Press. Crown Point, Ind., June 18.—The first of the "Western Vanderbilt" automobile road races was run to-day in perfect June weather and over a track as smooth as time, money and men could make it.

Today's race was over ten laps, approximately 23.6 miles each, or a total distance of 232.74 miles for the Indiana trophy.

To-morrow 12 big cars will contest for the Cobe cup, the big event of the meet.

Practically all the best drivers of the country appeared in today's race, entrants being as follows: 1, Corbin, A. J. Masonville; 2, Buick, Robt. Burman; 3, Marion, Chas. Stutz; 4, Chalmers Detroit, Wm. Knipper; 5, Marlon, A. Mosen; 7, Locomobile, G. V. Florida; 8, Buick, Chevrolet, 9, Falcar, W. H. Pearce; 10, Locomobile, Geo. Robertson; 11, Moon, Phil Wells; 14, Buick, Lewis Strang; 15, Falcar, John Ruel; 16, Stoddard, Dayton, Wiseman; 17, Chalmers, Detroit, Al. Poole; 18, Stoddard, Dayton, Wright; 19, Chalmers, Detroit, J. Matson.

Owing to the crowds the start was delayed until 8:30 a. m.

There was a further delay and it was 9 o'clock when Corbin No. 1 was

What did he do from the time of his boyhood until he went West?

We were farmers.

You traded horses once in a while?

Yes.

How old was he when he went out West?

How much money had he accumulated up to the time he went West?

He didn't have any.

How much had he when he returned from the army?

I think he had some, but don't know how much; I don't think he had much.

You always considered him as a bright brother, didn't you?

Yes.

Did he conduct his business just as competently when he had not money as when he had it?

Well, I suppose so.

Mrs. Gould Drank Much Says Valet

started off, being followed by the others at one minute intervals.

Several Accidents. Florence Packard and Harriet Barnes, all of Chicago, were injured early to-day by the overturning of their automobiles in which they were speeding to the motor car races.

The car in darkness ran into a ditch and turned over. None are seriously hurt, it is said.

Man Seriously Injured. Charles Arnsted, said to be employed by a Chicago automobile agency, was seriously injured when his car overturned. Several ribs were fractured.

Winners of the Race. Mattson wins the race, Monson second, Robertson third.

Mattson and Robertson entered the last lap in the order given, Mattson leading by seven minutes over Monson and eight over Robertson. Mattson seemed certain winner.

DUTIES ON PRINT PAPER DISCUSSED

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., June 18.—Taking the floor in defense of the duties on print paper, recommended by the committee on finance, Senator Gallinger today made a reply to many of the statements of Senator Brown, in favor of placing print paper on the free list.

It was expected that Senator Brown would resume his speech today, but preferring to postpone any further remarks upon his amendment he gave way to Mr. Gallinger.

Mr. Gallinger declared that print paper was cheaper in the United States than in any other country.

"If Canada," he said, "gets control of the wood pulp and print paper business, newspapers will be at their mercy in the matter of price," he added.

Senator Owen again called attention to what he characterized as contradictory statements made before the finance committee, and declared that where men swore falsely for commercial profit they should be prosecuted for perjury.

"I would like to call attention to the fact that no one has been called to account for making false statements in connection with this tariff," said the Oklahoma senator.

Washington, June 18.—The senate to-day voted down Senator Brown's amendment placing print paper on the free list of the tariff bill.

Shot Woman, Then Committed Suicide. Macon, Ga., June 18.—After killing a woman named Emma Raymond to-day Patrolman Oscar Abel turned a revolver upon himself and blew out his own brains.

Ask America Not To Participate. London, June 18.—Great Britain has asked America not to press her claim for participation in the Hankow Sze Chun Railroad loan of \$27,500,000 which British and German and French bankers stand ready to take up.

Mills to Curtail. Manchester, Eng., June 18.—At a meeting held by Master Spinners using American cotton, a resolution was passed in favor of reducing the production of yarn by stopping mills on Saturdays and Monday between July 10 and September 27.

Travelers Meet at Yankton. Yankton, S. D., June 18.—The fifth annual convention of the South Dakota Traveling Men's association, which began here to-day, bids fair to be the most successful as well as the largest gathering in the history of the organization.

Harriman Appoints Lee. Chicago, June 18.—President Harriman, of the Illinois Central railroad, announced yesterday the appointment of Blewett Lee, of Chicago, to be general solicitor of that company.

Lee is a son of General Stephen D. Lee, of the Confederate army.

Harry J. Veitch Called by Defense in Noted Gould Separation Case—Recounted Many Occasions When She Drank.

Says She Ordered Him to Throw Table Into Hall at Her St. Regis Apartments—Her Favorite Drinks.

By Associated Press. New York, June 18.—Harry J. Veitch, of Des Moines, Iowa, was called by the defense when the court opened in the Gould separation case.

He was employed as valet to Mrs. Gould from December, 1905, to September, 1906; the witness said, and during the time, traveled with her to the West Indies and Europe and attended her at the St. Regis hotel, in this city, and at Castle Gould.

Veitch testified that he had seen Mrs. Gould under the influence of liquor several times.

He said she drank a great deal on the trip to the West Indies, on the yacht Niagara, mostly champagne and Manhattan cocktails.

The witness described an incident at Castle Gould in July or August, 1906, when he said Mrs. Gould drank champagne cocktails all day and became loud and boisterous and threatened to "fire everybody on the place."

"She asked me to tie her slippers and when I started to do it she kicked them off in the air," said the former valet.

Veitch said he was at Blue Gap farm, in Virginia, with Mrs. Gould in September, 1906, and saw her intoxicated there.

The witness repeated the statement that Mrs. Gould had ordered him to throw a table set with dishes, into the hall from her apartment at the St. Regis.

ELLER STATES POSITION ON INCOME TAX

Special to The News. Winston-Salem, N. C., June 18.—In response to a query from a New York paper as to whether North Carolina favors an income tax of tariff reduction, H. Elller replied: "Our people generally favor an income tax without apportionment among the states according to population, whenever the necessities of the government require it. They believe, however, that the present high protective tariff raises sufficient revenue and that the power to levy a direct income tax should be accompanied by positive assurance of tariff reduction. This state levies a tax from sources not otherwise taxed and such a subject of taxation may be as vital to the state as to the federal government and before surrendering this important subject of taxation thoughtful men will consider the relative necessities of the state and the nation and the just balancing of their respective powers. So that in my judgment it is a doubtful question whether the people of this state will at this time, through their legislature, favor or oppose such an amendment to the federal constitution."

Union Will Have Great Firemen's Convention. Special to The News. Winston-Salem, S. C., June 18.—From all present indications the Interstate Firemen's Convention and tournament, which is to be held July 6th, 7th, and 8th is to have the largest attendance ever known to that association.

That much interest and enthusiasm is being manifested by the fire departments all over the state is shown by the long list of companies that have been heard from so far by Fire Chief O. E. Smith, which shows that there will be much strong competition in the different races for the prizes, which in all amount to about \$675. In a very short time a canvass will be made of the town for accommodations for the members of the various teams that will be present then.

The following departments have been heard from that will be represented and participate in the tournament: Spartanburg, Columbia, Charleston, Newberry, Greenwood, Sumter, Rock Hill, Darlington, Anderson, Georgetown, Orangeburg, Florence, Camden, Beaufort, Camden and Walterboro.

There are others that have not been heard from that are expected to be represented.

Third Arbitrator Chosen. Washington, June 18.—Bishop Warren A. Candler, of the Methodist Episcopal church, of Georgia, was to-day agreed upon as the third arbitrator in the dispute between the Georgia Railroad Company and its firemen.

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