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NIGHT SESSION OF THE COURT IN ROWLAND CASE?

Counsel Engage in Hot Argument Over Mr. Allison's Evidence

TESTIMONY MEANS MUCH TO THE PROSECUTION

J. C. Allison Was Examined by the Court and Counsel But Jury Was Sent Out of Room—Judge Long Has Reserved His Decision and Later Mr. Allison Will Be Recalled and Allowed to Testify in Regard to Such Evidence as is Admitted—This Only Way to Show Dr. Rowland Purchased Acetone—State Will Hardly Get Through With Witnesses This Afternoon.

Thursday here, and all of the evidence of the state not yet in. It is generally believed that night sessions will have to be held if the case is concluded this week, and even then it will mean very hard work. Up to yesterday afternoon the prosecution had placed thirty-five witnesses upon the stand and there are about twenty who have not been examined. Of the number yet to be placed upon the stand, are the physicians and there seems to be no doubt but that it will take considerable time to examine them. One of the attorneys for the state stated this morning that he did not think they could finish with their witnesses today. This would leave only two days for the defense to get in their testimony and for the attorneys to address the jury, and the defense, according to one of the attorneys, will have as many witnesses as the prosecution.

The crowd in the court room this morning was not as large as it has been, but as the morning advanced the crowd increased.

Dr. Rowland and his wife are beginning to show the strain of the past few days, and when Mrs. Rowland came in this morning she was very pale. Yesterday was a very hard day on all connected with the trial, as it was a warm day and the court room was close and hot. The weather today has been as warm as yesterday, but it is only during the afternoon when the court room becomes so disagreeable.

The attorneys in the case, as well as other connected with it, are hoping that Judge Long will not begin holding night sessions, for they are pretty well worn out when night comes, but from what his honor said yesterday afternoon night sessions will probably be held.

Dr. Syme Resumes His Testimony. When court convened this morning, the examination of Dr. Syme was resumed. He testified that the stomach of Strange weighed between 8 and 9 ounces. When a stomach is in a case of decay it is more difficult to trace poison. He knew of no chemical test by which acetone could be discovered.

Cross-Examination. The witness was asked if 7-10,000 of a drab of acetone would not cause a tingling sensation if rubbed upon the

written upon bill, S. Merck & Co. "O. K. billed out, Dr. Rowland, Re-direct-Examination.

The entries show the goods were sent out in the due course of business. Cross-Examination. Witness knew nothing about transaction except what appeared upon book.

All Evidence Objected To.

Mr. Hicks, for the defense, objected to the introduction of the evidence given above, basing his argument upon the ground that there was no evidence showing the goods were ordered by Dr. Rowland, or were received by him.

Cod. Argo, for the state, cited the case of Stewart vs. Railroad, 128, N. C., in which it was held that entries made by the regular course of business were admissible.

Judge Long read the greater portion of the opinion in this case, the same having been written by Associate Justice Connor. The case was tried before Judge Long and his ruling was sustained. In the opinion many authorities are cited on the point at issue, and nearly all hold the entries similar to the one in the Stewart case are admissible.

Judge Long said the evidence offered came very near falling within rule of an ad laid down in case of Stewart vs. Railroad.

Attorneys for prosecution asked to be allowed to place Mr. R. G. Robertson, shipping clerk at the W. H. King Drug Company, upon the stand as his testimony would bear upon the point under discussion.

Mr. Robertson knew Dr. Rowland and he came to the drug store every day. Mr. King died or the day he was buried and asked if a package had come for him. Mr. King died on April 2nd.

Witness was not cross-examined.

Mr. Allison Recalled. Mr. Allison said there were no other entries on the books concerning Dr. Rowland. If the cash was paid he would know nothing about it. It was his business to make the entries when articles were bought on credit.

Ruling of the Court. "After the jury returned, as above (Continued on Second Page.)

BIG METEOR FALLS BLAZING

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 3.—With the roar like that of a cannon a big meteor fell in the mountains back of the Elizabeth River last night, setting fire to the forest and frightening hundreds of people. The roar and following report as the meteor struck the earth was heard all over the northern end of Dauphin county.

From various points in southern New York state, northern Pennsylvania and northern Ohio came reports of a "ball of fire" being seen about the time of the falling of the meteor.

Another One. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Dubois, Pa., Oct. 3.—During a dazzling and terrifying meteoric display last night a meteor fell and exploded in the third ward of this city. The red hot ball, about the size of a man's head, was seen to whirl across the horizon followed by a fiery trail.

Two similar meteorites had preceded it, falling beyond the town. One of these was the size of a barrel.

BRUCE ESCAPES THE GALLOWS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 3.—The jury in the case of Dr. Bert B. Bruce, charged with the murder of Ernest J. Geisler, his father-in-law, returned a verdict of "not guilty," after being out an hour and a half.

Dr. Bruce, who was a member of a drug company in St. Joseph, was indicted for the murder of his brother-in-law and father-in-law, both of whom died of similar symptoms.

The prosecution charged that Bruce, who filled the prescriptions for medicine in both cases, had poisoned his relatives. Both carried insurance, which it was asserted, Bruce hoped to get.

Bruce was very popular in St. Joseph before the charges were made against him and moved in a fashionable circle.

Priest Sentenced to the Penitentiary. (By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 3.—Rev. Father Ludwik Szczygiel, the Polish priest of Chicago, who murdered Andrew and Stephen Starzynski a short time ago, was sentenced to serve thirty years in the western penitentiary.

EPISCOPAL CONVENTION

Today's Proceedings of the Richmond Meeting

THANK OFFERING TODAY

Selection of Convention Officers Cause General Satisfaction—The Convention Day Began With Communion Services in Grace and St. Mark Churches, Morning Prayer By Three Bishops—Business Session Opened With 760 Delegates Present.

(By ELIZABETH ELLICOTT POE.)

Richmond, Va., Oct. 3.—With most of the delegates present the convention of the Episcopal Church in America opened with a combined communion service of the delegates in St. Mark's and Grace churches.

The first service of the convention proper the daily morning prayer, in St. James Church which was read by Bishops Green, Tallant and Beattie of Washington.

Promptly at 10 o'clock the business sessions of both houses opened with 567 delegates in the House of Deputies and 120 American bishops in the House of Bishops with a foreign contingent of nine English bishops.

Much satisfaction is felt in the convention on the re-election of the Rev. R. H. McKim to be chairman of the House of Deputies.

Another Washington, disease man who got a plum was the Rev. Joseph Packard of Christ Church, Rockville, who was selected as assistant secretary of the House of Bishops.

It was a member of the Washington delegation who early today moved that the hours of the convention be from 9 to 5. Mr. C. H. Stanley of the day delegation from Washington was one of the committee of two who notified the House of Deputies that organized.

Triennial Thank Offering. At 9:30 this morning the triennial thank offering service of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions was held in Holy Trinity Church.

The missionary sermon was preached by Bishop Gibson of Virginia, after which the united offering of over one hundred thousand dollars was presented by the local women. Miss Vickers, president of the diocesan organization, Miss Fanny Grille, vice president, and Mrs. Foxwell, recording secretary, were the custodians of the Washington quota considerably over \$5,000.

His Grace, the Archbishop of the West Indies, Rt. Rev. Enos Nuttall, was presented to the house of deputies this morning. In his speech he referred to the Swettenham incident and stated that the American aid offered during the disaster should have been thankfully received.

He told in glowing terms of the great services at the Washington cathedral last Sunday and said: "that the cathedral now 'in faith will some day be in reality.' He left immediately after his speech for the West Indies.

It was announced that the lord bishop of London wished to visit the house of deputies at 12 o'clock and a committee, of which Thomas Nelson Page was a member, was appointed to present him. The committees were announced for the convention. On the committee on canons C. H. Stanley, of Washington, was a member, while Arthur S. Browne was appointed on the committee on canons.

A little laugh was raised by an objection towards the convention styling President Roosevelt as "his excellency."

Rev. Dr. William R. Huntington, of Grace Church, New York, moved that the house of deputies had too many members, and moved that the membership be cut down in the future. This was referred to a special committee. A flood of memorials on the subject followed the resolution.

The Pennsylvania delegation offered a memorial calling for a negro bishop for the colored communicants of Pennsylvania. This is the opening gun of what will be the greatest battle of the general convention—namely that of segregating the colored churches and appointing negro bishops over them.

Rev. Dr. Alfred Harding, of St. Paul's Church, called for a joint communion of two bishops, four presbyteries and twelve laymen to prepare a mission hymn. This commission is to sit in the interim to the next convention and report to it. Dr. Harding made an eloquent speech in support of his resolution and said "a singing church is a winning church." The commission was recommended by the House of Deputies.

At 12 o'clock promptly, the Lord Bishops of London, Saint Albans and Montgomery escorted by the house

committee and Bishop Satterlee and Tucker of Virginia, entered St. Paul's Church and was received by the House of Deputies. Dr. McKim inspiring welcomed the guests. Bishop Ingram first apologized for the hoarseness of his voice by saying he had been asked to say a few words once an hour in America.

"We shall not win the world," he said, "unless we keep the Catholic truth and fervent evangelical effort up as well. The note of the Anglican communion is Freedom."

"I have no use for jelly-fish churchmen, nor for the high starched ritualist who sits in his church and waits for people to come to meet him." (Continued on Sixth Page.)

NOV. 25 WILL BE FATEFUL BRYAN DAY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, D. C., Oct. 3.—Washington has been selected by William Jennings Bryan as the place at which he will make an important political announcement.

The time is November 25. Democratic politicians all over the country, and Republicans, too, for that matter, will be in better-hopes until Mr. Bryan has spoken. Some time ago Mr. Bryan was invited to lecture before the School of Political Science of George Washington University on November 25. In reply to that invitation, accepting it, in a letter to Prof. C. W. A. Vedding, the dean, Mr. Bryan expressed his intention of making an "important political announcement" on behalf of the distinguished democratic leader, the statement recently was made that he would take occasion at an early date to let the country know where he stood with regard to the nomination for the presidency in 1908.

Mr. Bryan has been taking counsel of his friends, and before he delivers his lecture in this city it is understood he will have a general conference with those interested in the success of the party, and that the conclusions of that conference will guide Mr. Bryan in whatever statement he may make to the public.

HOT TIMES IN BIRMINGHAM

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 3.—The factional fight in the city council which has been pending for months exploded last night another enormous bomb. In the most turbulent council meeting ever held in the city hall, Mayor George B. Ward assumed the chairmanship of the board of aldermen, overturned the municipal code, which was established in his absence, passed resolutions by a vote of nine aldermen and himself, forbidding the entry of John L. Parker, a member, from entering the chamber, and presided through 45 of the most strenuous minutes.

The climax was reached when Alderman John O'Neill, after a bitter speech, hurled the live three times and gave the lie to City Attorney Ed. Smith. Mr. Smith jumped toward him and it took half a dozen men to hold him in his seat.

The crowded chamber became one mass of disorder, shouting and yelling, and was not quieted down until Chief of Police Weir, with about fifteen policemen, threatened to arrest all they could lay hands on.

Sensational developments are expected to follow today, as a result of last night's session.

NEW LIGHT ON GOEBEL MURDER

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 3.—A strange silence covering several days between Chief Powers and the woman who was jointly indicted with him on the charge of securing the death of Henry Young, was broken today by the murder of former Governor Goebel, was made public by the fact that the first information received, it is alleged, came from the mother of James W. Goebel, who said her son had written to her that Young had killed Goebel.

The thought of killing Goebel was his at the time Governor Taylor was making a tour over the state. He thought that Taylor would be killed, and Goebel would steal the election from him.

When the election was held, Young, it is alleged, did not get a number of persons to secure Goebel but failed, and he decided to do the deed himself. He was yesterday demanded an immediate trial.

Four Dagges Ranged Today. (By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 3.—Four Italians were hanged today on one scaffold at the same time.

TROUBLES OF THE OIL TRUST

Pres't Moffett's Stunt Has Not Helped Matters

STANDARD AS DICTATOR

At the Chicago End of the Legal Troubles of the Octopus There's Disappointment for Moffett—At the New York Hearing to Dissolve the Corporation's Legal Existence, the Standard is Characterized as Dictatorial in Its Attitude Before the Country and Other Business

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Chicago, Oct. 3.—Before Judge Landis tomorrow the federal grand jury called to investigate violations of the interstate commerce law by corporations other than the Standard Oil Company will report that it found no evidence to warrant indictments.

This information is given out by government officials. The failure of the jury to discover anything which might form the bases of a prosecution means that President J. A. Moffett of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana did not present any evidence to support his published statement that if the Standard Oil Company was guilty other corporations were "equally guilty."

Mr. Moffett, after a ten minutes session with the jury in the afternoon took the twentieth century limited for New York.

F. S. Hollands, chief rate clerk of the Chicago & Alton Railroad; Albert Marti, William Pickering, Benjamin Parsons, and Edward Casey, employed by the road in the rate and freight departments, and Silas H. Strawn, counsel for the railway company, were before the grand jury during the day.

It was said authoritatively after adjournment that these witnesses throw little light on Mr. Moffett's charges. For an hour Mr. Hollands was examined by District Attorney Sims and his assistant, James H. Wilkerson.

Dictatorial Attitude of the Octopus. (By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Oct. 3.—The Standard Oil Company's relations with the country, which it is declared is virtually a dictatorship, was the feature today of the federal government's hearing in its suit to dissolve the oil trust which was resumed in the postoffice building.

Chief Examiner Frank B. Kellors began to probe into the Standard's sale of lubricating oil to the railroads controlling nearly ninety per cent of the country's traffic. It is the government's contention that the trust practically controls these railroads through representation in the several boards of directors and thereby shuts out independent competition. By those tactics, it is alleged, the railroads are overcharged millions of dollars every year. Before this feature of the investigation is completed it will probably be necessary to follow up on the Standard's sale of lubricating oil to the railroads.

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SWAPS WEALTH FOR A TITLE

Another American Girl to Wed "Poor Nobleman"

VANDERBILTS DAUGHTER

She Has Fifteen Millions and the Hungarian "Nobleman" Who is to Wed Her is Poor as a Church Mouse—But He is a Count and Gladly Will Be a Countess, and So That Settles It—Mamma Cornelius Vanderbilt Makes Final Announcement.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Oct. 3.—Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt officially announced today the engagement of her daughter Gladys, one of the richest young heiresses in all America, to Count Laszlo Szechenyi, a poor nobleman of Buda Pest, who is a guest of the young woman's mother at Newport.

Miss Vanderbilt has been known for years as the "American sphinx," for notwithstanding she had been reported engaged many times she would not deny or confirm the rumors.

The confirmation of the rumor which has been given little or no credence will cause great astonishment in the social centers of the world, for Miss Vanderbilt, who inherited \$12,500,000 upon the death of her father, has been the goal of fortune-hunters throughout every state in the union, as well as every foreign province in the world. Since her father's death her fortune has increased to at least \$15,000,000.

She had been at various times reported engaged to young Robert Walton Goetz, himself worth more than \$5,000,000, as well as to the sons of other prominent and socially eminent Americans of aristocratic blood and to British noblemen.

In the man she has selected to aid in the spending of the great Vanderbilt fortune the family has won little except association with the Szechenyi's who have been identified with the political fortunes of Austria-Hungary for a century past.

The count brings with him little save the breeding of a gentleman and the reputation of having once fought a duel.

An interesting coincidence in connection with this was that his antagonist was Aurel Batonyi, who is being sued by his wife, the former Mrs. Barke-Roche, for a divorce. The count's honor was upheld when he shot Batonyi in the arm. As the celebrated whip is leaving the social center a practical outcast, the latest importation suddenly becomes its hero.

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