

CLARK AS THEFT VICTIM

Says Seven Men Stole Stock That Cost Him \$7,000.

HIS LAWYER PUT MONEY UP

Informer in Windsor Trust Loan Trial Tells Why He Did Not Pay Back.

In the closing moments of yesterday's session of the trial of Donald L. Persch, who is charged with stealing \$100,000 of Heinze's copper stock, it was brought out that Walter L. Clark, who was indicted on the same charge, but turned state's evidence, had obtained \$7,000 from his counsel, G. S. P. Kleeborg, to use in a stock transaction and later had told Mr. Kleeborg that the stock in question had been stolen from him, naming the men he charged with the theft.

John P. McIntyre, counsel for the defendant, gave Clark a merciless grilling. He went at him hammer and tongs, the object of his severe examination being to impeach the credibility of the witness. He also endeavored to show that Clark had been the originator and prime mover in the scheme whereby he, Persch and Katz got control of the Heinze copper stock which was pledged as collateral security for a loan of \$50,000 from the Windsor Trust Company. Although pressed hard at times, Clark kept cool.

The afternoon session was marked by continual sprawling over legal points. Mr. McIntyre objected to most of the questions asked by Mr. Nott, Assistant District Attorney, on the redirect examination, and when overruled, as he constantly was, took exceptions.

Seeks to Discredit Clark. By cross-examination Mr. McIntyre tried to discredit Clark's testimony by showing that it was to his advantage to turn state's evidence and testify against his former colleague. To offset this Mr. Nott attempted to introduce a statement which had been made by Mr. Kleeborg when the latter was his counsel and before he had decided to testify for the state. Mr. Nott said that that statement would show that Clark was telling the same story of the note and stock transaction then as now. After a long argument on the legal points involved, during which the jury was excused, it was finally decided to put off final decision until to-day.

Katz, who is also under indictment with Persch, was in the courtroom and smiled appreciatively every time Mr. McIntyre drove home a point.

It was shortly before adjournment for the day when counsel for the defendant asked Clark if he had not got \$5,000 from Mr. Kleeborg for certain stock. Clark finally admitted that his lawyer had advanced him \$5,000. He testified that he had not been able to repay Mr. Kleeborg because the stock had been stolen from him. He said he had paid \$3,000.

"Who stole the stock?" thundered McIntyre. "Mr. Sherman, Mr. Althaus, of Boston; Mr. McCormick, of Philadelphia; Mr. Draper, of Boston—there were about seven in all."

"It took seven men to steal that stock?" "Yes, sir."

"Who did you turn the \$5,000 over to?" "Mr. McCormick."

"What became of the other \$2,000?" "I returned \$1,250 to Kleeborg."

In reply to other questions from Mr. McIntyre, Clark said that he had spent \$750—the remainder of the \$1,000—on Althaus for his hotel bills, and so forth, in an endeavor to keep him here and recover the stock. He said he did not know whether Althaus had ever lived with Sadie Weston, who charged Clark with stealing some of her diamonds, nor did he know whether he had ever given her \$15,000 in cash. He testified that Kleeborg had not allowed him to make any complaint against the persons who he alleged stole the stock from him, and in reply to another question said he had never taken any bills out of Sadie Weston's pocketbook.

"I didn't expect him to admit it," returned McIntyre.

That remark led to trouble right away, and a hot wrangle took place, which ended in the justice saying that he would not permit such behavior and in an apology from McIntyre.

Light on \$7,000 Transaction. In regard to the \$7,000, it was stated last evening that Kleeborg advanced that amount to Clark to get some stock in Philadelphia and carry it to Boston, where it is said there was an immediate market for it. It was also said that Mr. Kleeborg had filed an attachment against Althaus based on an affidavit sworn to by Clark.

TWO OF THE PRINCIPAL FIGURES IN THE PERSCH TRIAL.



WALTER L. CLARK. Who turned state's evidence. DONALD L. PERSCH. The defendant, charged with stealing \$100,000 of Heinze's copper stock.

STEALS AUTO AND DRIVER

Posse Chases Alleged Bank Robber in Vain.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] St. Paul, April 14.—An armed desperado held up a chauffeur in the business centre of St. Paul last night and forced him to drive one hundred and fifteen miles to Redwood County, where for five hours over a course of eighty miles this morning they played fox and goose with a sheriff and posse armed with rifles. The desperado finally escaped without leaving a trace behind. Once the desperado shot holes through the tire of the sheriff's automobile at the two hundred yards range.

The fugitive is believed to be a member of a gang of four bank robbers who blew open the safe of the First State Bank of Seaford, Redwood County, on April 7, and escaped with \$2,000 in plunder. It is thought this plunder was cached near Redwood Falls, and that the visit by automobile to-day was for the purpose of obtaining the booty and bringing it to St. Paul for division among the gang.

LARGEST AEROPLANE FALLS

Major von Parseval's Big Machine Turns Turtle.

Pau, Germany, April 14.—Major von Parseval's aeroplane, the largest yet constructed, and which early this month underwent successful preliminary trials here, was caught in a violent and gusty wind while flying over Lake Pau to-day and, turning turtle, fell into the water.

Engineers Blochmann and Hoff escaped uninjured. They dropped with the machine, but succeeded in freeing themselves from the wreckage and were picked up by a passing craft.

Major von Parseval's invention, which came to grief to-day, is a monoplane, with a four cylinder motor of 120 horsepower. It carries 120 pounds of benzine, and was expected to remain in the air three hours. The breadth of the plane is 62½ feet and the length of the machine is 45 feet. It is provided with torpedolike floats for descending on water and with wheels for a descent on land.

DEAD IN BALLOON HALL

Two Killed and Six Injured in Collapse of Building.

Munich, April 14.—Two men were killed and six severely injured to-day by the collapse of a balloon hall which was under course of construction for the Parseval. As a consequence the airship passenger trips to Oberammergau have been postponed indefinitely.

FELL FROM MILITARY BALLOON.

Berlin, April 14.—An aeronaut, Herr Lorenz, became entangled in the guide rope of the military dirigible balloon M. 4 as it was leaving the ground to-day, and was carried high above the field, where he hung for a moment, and then fell. He was frightfully and probably fatally injured.

NEW BALLOON IS FOR FRANCE.

Paris, April 14.—The new dirigible balloon Bayard-Clement II, which has been built by a private company near Paris, will, according to an official note just issued, be purchased by the French Government.

END OF JAMAICA BAY BOARD.

The Jamaica Bay Improvement Commission, which has been at work establishing harbor lines for the proposed improvement since June 1, 1907, has practically completed its work and will go out of existence on May 1. A special committee of the Board of Estimate will at the meeting to-day recommend that the following compensation be paid to the members of the commission for their work from the time they began to April 1, William G. Ford, \$5,000; Philip P. Farley, \$3,000; J. J. McLoughlin, \$5,500. For the month of April the first two members will be paid at the rate of \$6,000 a year and Mr. McLoughlin at the rate of \$5,000 a year.

NINETY-FIVE RESCUED

Steamer Santa Clara Sinks Off California Coast.

Eureka, Cal., April 14.—Ninety-five persons rescued from the North Pacific Steamship Company's steamer Santa Clara, which foundered yesterday, arrived here to-day on the tug Ranger. Everybody on the sinking ship was rescued. The Santa Clara sank about four miles down the coast.

The Santa Clara, which was bound for San Francisco from Seattle, had almost cleared the bar when her keel plunged into the sand and she sprang a bad leak, swamping the fires. Wireless calls for help brought the Ranger. The rescues in a high sea were attended with much danger.

COSTA RICA SHAKEN

Earthquakes All Day—Damage of More Than \$1,000,000.

NO LIVES REPORTED LOST

Thirty Shocks Cause Panic Among Inhabitants, Who Are Fleeing to the Hills.

San José, Costa Rica, April 14.—A series of earthquakes, varying in intensity, has swept over Costa Rica during the last twenty-four hours, doing vast damage, the extent of which can only now be estimated at more than \$1,000,000. So far there has been no report of loss of life, but the people in the cities are panic stricken and are abandoning their homes for the hillsides.

In all there have been more than thirty shocks, ten of these occurring between 12 o'clock last night and 3 o'clock this morning. Property in San José to the value of several hundred thousand dollars has been destroyed, but it is feared that it will total far more than this, as the vibrations of the earth have not yet ceased.

The government ordered a suspension of general business to-day until such time as safety is assured. The banks and public institutions have been closed and trade and commerce are at a standstill.

The first shocks occurring last evening were of slight intensity and caused little alarm, but later they became much more violent, and even the stanchest buildings were shaken to their very foundations. In several instances weaker buildings were partially wrecked and many persons were slightly injured. Communication between the various towns has been interrupted, and details of the damage done at these places are lacking.

San José, the capital of the republic of Costa Rica, is in the centre of a rich agricultural region. It is situated on an elevated plateau 3,568 feet above sea level, forty-four miles east of the Pacific Coast and sixty-eight miles west of the Atlantic Coast. Coffee is its chief product.

San José is regularly built, with broad macadamized streets at right angles, and all lighted by electric incandescent lamps. It has a temperate climate and a good water supply, and is fast becoming a health resort for Isthmian workers.

The most conspicuous buildings are the palace of the president and the bishop, and the national palace; the university, to which is attached a medical school and a museum; the restored cathedral and the national theatre. This latter is referred to as a monument of artistic beauty containing marbles, pillars, columns, statues and frescoes, and in its elaborate decorations resembling the Library of Congress at Washington. There is a good school system and the city is progressive.

The merchants are mostly foreigners. The railroads, banks and electric light plants were largely built by English capital. The French are the chief coffee growers. Americans are mainly interested in the railroads, mines, cattle ranches and the banana industry. Its population is about thirty thousand.

Costa Rica is very mountainous, with numerous volcanoes, some of which are active. The chief of these, Irazu, is freely active. This has given rise to several destructive seismic disturbances. Earthquakes are frequent, and the town of Cartago has suffered complete or extensive

NEW SPANISH PARLIAMENT

It Will Be Elected Next Month and Assembled on June 15.

Madrid, April 14.—King Alfonso to-day signed a decree dissolving parliament. The new parliament will be elected in May, and will assemble on June 15.

It had been expected for some time that Premier Canalejas would obtain a royal decree for the dissolution of the Cortes and then appeal to the country on his programme.

KILLED ON TORPEDO BOAT

German Cruiser Rams Smaller Vessel During Manoeuvres.

Stettin, Prussia, April 14.—Torpedo Boat No. 12 was run down by the small cruiser Muenchen during the German naval manoeuvres last night. Two engineers of the torpedo boat were killed and several others of her crew wounded. She was towed into

SWINEMUNDE IN A SINKING CONDITION BY TWO OTHER TORPEDO BOATS.

At the time of the accident the vessel were manoeuvring off Swinemunde, on the east coast of the island of Rugen, in the Baltic Sea. The cruiser struck the smaller craft amidships.

Two further serious accidents have occurred during the naval manoeuvres. A steam pipe burst in torpedo boat No. 147, one man being killed and two severely injured. A similar accident occurred on torpedo boat No. 149, three stokers being fatally scalded.

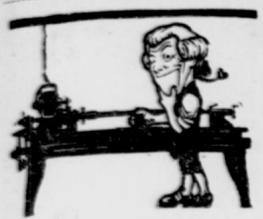
SHAW MUST PAY WIFE \$1,000

To Be Used by Her to Fight His Suit for Divorce.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Boston, April 14.—Ex-Senator James F. Shaw, who declares that his only source of income is the presidency of the Citizens' Street Railway Company, of Newburyport, which pays only \$1,000 a year, has been ordered to pay his wife \$1,000 to help her defend the action for divorce which he has brought against her.

This order was made by Judge Freeman, in the Superior Court, at Worcester.

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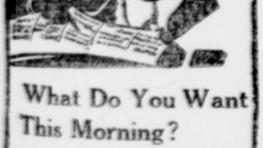
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CHINESE ATTACK MISSION

Rioters Destroy Wesleyan Buildings at Changsha.

Shanghai, April 14.—The Wesleyan China Inland Mission at Changsha, the capital of the province of Hunan, was destroyed by rioters to-day. The missionaries took refuge in the yamen, which the rioters subsequently attacked. There was no loss of life.

Two British gunboats are hurrying up the Siang-Kiang for the purpose of quelling the disturbance. The outbreak is attributed to the indignation of the natives at the action of the Chinese officials in cornering and exporting rice.

Peking, April 15.—The rice riots at Changsha, the capital of Hunan, which began on Wednesday, still continue. The buildings of the Methodist China Inland Mission and the Norwegian Mission have been burned. No report has been received from the Yale Mission.

The provincial governor is besieged. The British are sending four gunboats to guard life and property and to quell the riots, if possible. It is believed that no foreigners have been harmed. The telegraph wires have been destroyed.

Changsha, the capital of the province of Hunan, is situated on the Siang-Kiang, fifty miles south, where it empties into Lake Tung-Ting. It is a seat of the silk industry and is the home of the famous college of Yo-Lo. The population of Changsha is estimated at 300,000.

New Haven, April 14.—Changsha is the seat of a Yale missionary station and is conducted by alumni of that institution. No information concerning the rioting has been received here, and no anxiety is felt for the safety of the mission.

DREADNOUGHTS FOR AUSTRIA

Government Is Preparing to Build Four Great Ships.

Vienna, April 14.—In the Reichsrath to-day the Finance Minister admitted that the government was preparing to build four additional Dreadnoughts. He added, however, that he had not yet advanced a farthing for such purpose.

Berlin, April 14.—According to the "Vossische Zeitung," the Stabilimento Tecnico of Trieste, which has built nearly the whole Austrian navy, has agreed to begin the construction of two Australian Dreadnoughts without waiting for the sanction of the Delegations.

The Danube dockyard at Fiume has taken a similar course with regard to two others, while the armor and gun manufacturers will give their co-operation on the same basis.

GERMAN GYMNASTS SEE MAYOR.

Gustave Schweppendiek was the spokesman of a delegation from the German Gymnastic Union of New York City which waited upon Mayor Gaynor yesterday to ask him to attend its annual festival at Pelham Bay Park on June 12. The Mayor expressed interest in the work, but said he could not make an engagement so far ahead.

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