

HAINS DEFENCE IS ALL IN

A DAY OF EXPERT TESTIMONY, MOST OF IT ABSTRUSE.

Prosecutor Darrin Continues to Tangle Defence's Witnesses in Their Own Web, Justice Crane Assisting—Trial Will Continue into Next Week.

The defence in the trial of T. Jenkins Hains rested yesterday afternoon after its insanity experts had created by their indefiniteness a confusion which Court, jury and audience tried vainly to understand. The day was supposed to be the defence's inning, so the inability of the prisoner's lawyers and experts to clarify the incomprehensible chaos must be regarded as a setback to the defence.

The burden of the experts' testimony was that, at the time of the killing of William E. Annis Capt. Peter C. Hains was insane; to be more explicit, that he was suffering from "impulsive insanity," and that prior to that afternoon and following his wife's confession he had been suffering from "manic depressive insanity." But when it came to telling what these expressions meant and just how they came about in the Captain's case, and how long such conditions lasted, Special Prosecutor Darrin had the experts badly tangled in their own nets.

It was Mr. Darrin's strongest day since the trial began. Prompted by Dr. Austin Flint at his elbow and helped out occasionally by the curiosity of Justice Crane who when he does not understand anything has a habit of demanding that the experts going in circles. What effect these things will have on the final result of the case is a matter of speculation.

Dr. L. Samuel Manson, the first expert to be called by the defence, whose cross-examination by Mr. Darrin was interrupted by the adjournment Thursday night, resumed the stand at the opening of yesterday's session. He told the prosecutor that he had examined many persons suffering from delusions, and in explanation of what a delusion is said that if he should imagine Mr. Darrin to be a wild-cat who was about to pounce upon him he would be suffering from a delusion.

Justice Crane told the witness to leave out the personal element from his examination, and the witness went on to say that an insane man may have delusions. "I myself have had delusions," he said, but he hastened to explain that he never had been what would be called insane. "Would a man suffering from this impulsive insanity which you describe retain sufficient mentality to recognize the face of an enemy?"

"Or recognize the name of an enemy if he heard it?" "No." "Would he be conscious of anything that went on?" "No, not in that stage."

This seemed particularly damaging to the defence, as it had been the contention that Capt. Hains on hearing the name of Annis went down to the boat, picked him out and shot him, without assistance from any one. It later was explained that the condition of "impulsive insanity" did not mean that Dr. Darrin had heard the name of Annis and had seen Annis in the boat—that his recognition of name and man occurred until the Captain had not been shot.

Dr. Darrin then took up some different forms of insanity and asked the witness about it. Dr. Manson said that "recurrent insanity, or recurring mania," was invariable.

"Was Peter C. Hains ever suffering from mania?" "Yes, on May 31 when he burst into his brother's room."

The Court asked what difference there was between the actions of the Captain on that morning and the actions of an angry man. The witness replied that an angry man does not recite poetry or sing songs from operas. The prosecutor went back to the mental condition of the man suffering from the brand of insanity attributed to the Captain and the witness admitted that such a man was just as likely to shoot down his best friend, or a little child, as his enemy.

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