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THE EVIDENCE ON THURSDAY.

WASHINGTON, May 18, 1865.

The Court, after the reading of the evidence of yesterday, commenced the

Testimony of A. H. Reeve.

By the JUDGE ADVOCATE—Q. State where you reside?

A. In Brooklyn, N. Y.

Q. In what business were you engaged in March last?

A. In the telegraph business.

Q. Look at this despatch and state what you know in regard to it?

A. It was handed to me, to be sent to Washington.

Q. Will you read it, sir?

The witness read as follows:

NEW YORK, March 23, 1865.

Dear John: I have just received a telegram from

Washington, dated the 22d inst., which reads as follows:

Q. Was it John Wilkes Booth?

A. It was sent on the day of the date?

A. It was sent on the 22d of March to this city.

Q. How do you identify that telegram?

A. I remember that it was signed by "J. Booth," instead of J. Wilkes Booth.

Q. Were any remarks made to you by the man who gave you that despatch at the time of his giving it to you?

A. No, sir; I was busy at the time, but in sending it I found that the middle name was left out.

Q. Are you in the habit of keeping all despatches sent to you?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What sort of a looking person gave you that despatch?

A. I never saw his likeness; I could not describe him.

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A. I received it on the day of its date.

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A. He was frequently called John.

Q. Did you not deliver the message to John A. Surratt?

A. I delivered the message to him the same day.

Q. What did he say?

A. I questioned him as to what was meant by the message; he replied to me, "Don't be so damned inquisitive."

Q. Do you remember this is the telegram you delivered?

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4th of March; whether it was before or after the day that Booth was arrested, I cannot say.

Q. Did you go to the play on the 4th of March?

A. Yes, sir; Booth sent complimentary tickets—at least gave a pass—to Booth for two, and he asked Surratt whether he thought I would go; and he thought when Surratt asked me I did go, the pass was a written one, and the doorkeeper at first refused an admission.

Q. State whether the affair of the ride was before or after Booth played in the Apostate. A. To the best of my recollection it was before.

Q. How long before?

A. Well, as near as I can recollect, it was about a week before.

Q. You cannot state positively whether it was before or after the play in the Apostate? A. I would not like to say.

By Mr. ALLEN—Q. How did you learn anything with reference to the antecedents of Mrs. Surratt? A. Through Mrs. Surratt herself.

Q. What did Mrs. Surratt tell you? A. Mrs. Surratt stated to me that she came to the house in company with her son John, and that she was a North Carolina; she told me that she was a blockade runner, and that she was a blockade runner or bearer of despatches.

Q. Where were you at the time Mrs. Surratt told you this?

A. At her house, in the kitchen, or at least in the dining room.

Q. Are you certain, beyond all doubt, that Mrs. Surratt told you that Mrs. Surratt was a blockade runner?

A. Yes, sir.

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Q. For what reason?

A. He was not in the War Department; did this man have a cipher?

A. Yes, sir; he showed me an alphabet.

Q. He showed the cipher of the alphabet? A. He showed no particular purpose.

Q. Was it not for the purpose of corresponding with Booth?

A. No, sir; he made no such arrangements for correspondence; the cipher alphabet was in my box, and no doubt was found there; I once wrote a poem of Longfellow's in this cipher, and that is the only one I had written in the cipher of the War Department.

Q. Is that all the use you ever made of the cipher?

A. Yes, sir; I showed it to Mr. Howell, and never saw him the second time until I saw him in prison.

Q. Any objection, ever made by any of these prisoners to your being present at their conversations?

A. No, sir; they were all very friendly to me, and they were all very friendly to me, and they were all very friendly to me.

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