

THE WEATHER									
Fair tonight and Saturday; continued cool tonight; rising temperature Saturday; moderate northerly winds.									
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR									
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50	48	46	44	42	40	38	36	34	32

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'BOOTS' LOSES PLEA TO ORDER JURY TO ACQUIT

Court Makes State Drop Murder Charge, but Accessory Indictment Stands

HOLDS QUESTION OF GUILT FOR VENIREMEN TO DECIDE

Girl Loses 'Vamp' Smile as Prosecutor Points to Lies for Treadway

BLAMED INNOCENT MAN

Speiser Declares She First Put Blame on Moss to Shield Lover

"Boots" Stage-Struck: Wants Chance to Appear

Sue "Boots" Rogers wouldn't mind going on the stage. She said so in a little note she wrote in answer to a query.

"If I got a good chance I would go on the stage," she said. "Every one would like to see the notorious Marie Rogers." Don't make me laugh so much.

"BOOTS."

The defense fought a losing fight today to keep the case of Sue "Boots" Rogers from the jury which was being tried in Criminal Court No. 1 for her part in the murder of Henry T. Peirce.

Though her counsel succeeded in persuading Judge Anderson to order the more serious charge against her—that of murder—dropped by the commonwealth, he refused to direct an acquittal of the second charge, that of being an accessory after the fact.

The defense, failing in its attack on the accessory charge, offered in testimony, "Boots" did not take the stand in her own behalf, nor were any other witnesses summoned.

Assistant District Attorney Speiser, appearing for the commonwealth, made a strong address, demanding that "Boots" be found guilty on the minor indictment, asserting that she had tried to shield Peter D. Treadway, her so-called lover, and had been willing to sacrifice Joseph "Archie" Moss, who pleaded guilty Tuesday to being an accessory.

Mr. Speiser's address was followed by her counsel's closing speech, in which he argued that no case had been proven, and begged the jury to cast prejudice aside and decide the case strictly on its merits.

Judge Anderson ordered a recess for an hour after the attorney for the defense was through. The judge's charge will follow, and the case will go to the jury some time this afternoon.

"Boots" seemed cheerful when she left court at the noon adjournment. She was carrying a little pair of rubber boots, and she had given her jokingly, and said she "felt fine and was content of acquittal."

She was taken to the cellroom, where she had luncheon with her mother, Mrs. Julius Planovsky, and her husband, Ross Rogers.

The crux of the defense rested on the bills submitted to the jury and the girl released on the ground there was no sufficient evidence to hold her.

Jury Sent From Room

The commonwealth closed its case after only one witness, a court stenographer who read the notes of "Boots" testimony against Moss, had been on the witness stand.

Immediately her attorney asked that the jury be sent from the room. Mr. Speiser agreed, and Judge Anderson sent them out.

The girl's lawyer immediately asked that the bill of indictment charging murder and manslaughter be submitted to the jury with binding instructions to find a verdict of not guilty.

"There is nothing to connect this girl with the actual murder of Peirce," he said.

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Put Blinders on "Boots," Says One Woman at Trial

Two well-dressed women of matronly appearance, in the front row at the trial of "Boots" today, were discussing the case.

"She complained they wouldn't let her work in prison like the other women," said one. "If I'd my way, she'd wash dishes six months and scrub floors another six. Women of her type are the ruin of girls perfectly willing to do their share of household duties."

"I don't think it would be right to do that," said the other woman. "But I certainly think a girl with hypnotic eyes should be forced to scrub floors."

"My husband came here, I'd chase him home."

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