

ONG KEE FOUND NOT GUILTY OF MURDER BY JURY

Jury Remains Out Less Than Two Hours in Determining Chinaman Did Not Kill Gin Wing in Tong War

Ong Kee, charged with murder of Gin Wing, was found not guilty by a jury at about 11:30 o'clock last evening. The case went to the jury at 9:45 o'clock, after an argument of two hours by the state and an hour and a half by Attorney F. C. Struckmeyer, for the defendant. It took but little over an hour and a half to reach a verdict.

When the jurors in the case of Ong Kee heard the counsel for the defense ask for two hours and a half to the side for argument of the state, the other jurors have sat through long hot days listening to conflicting testimony, hearing the county attorney and counsel for the defense engage in bitter dispute, spoke for the jury when he suggested that an evening session be held. He stated that as business men and lawyers they were eager to return to their work and did not care to devote another day to jury duty. The court, in favor of the suggestion, took an hour's recess and at 6 o'clock the argument began, lasting several hours, after which the jury received its instruction.

Ong Kee was called to the stand in his own defense and his testimony hearing out that Frank Howe, that he was at the latter's home during the hour the shooting occurred. Howe swore under oath that he met Ong in Chinatown that evening and he accompanied him home, remaining until 11 o'clock. When Ong went to his own quarters, he was confronted by his roommate, who alleged that Gin Chong had been there with the officers to arrest Ong for murder. Fearful of Chin and the hatchet men, the accused man made his escape to Peoria, he said, where he was overtaken two days later by the county officers.

Yip Sim, another witness, testified that Gin Chong was not in the basement and he testified at the preliminary hearing but was sitting in front of China Dick's with Moon Foo who testified to the same effect. Wong Fie another state witness who testified as an eye witness incriminating Ong Kee, is blind or nearly so, according to the testimony of Lu Bue.

The Chinese interpreter, O. D. Wing gave the court the definition of a hightlander. He explained that a hightlander was a hatchet man—called by Americans a gunman. He said groups of these notorious characters associated together as tong members and protected one another from the police. F. W. if any would be said but were willing to submit records for money.

That Ong Kee had a "good working" of good character, was brought out by several witnesses. Ira H. S. Huggett testified in behalf of the defendant.

"You could not qualify as a Chinese expert," Mr. Huggett suggested the county attorney.

"I taught a Chinese school for a time" replied the witness.

Miss Glavin, who had known Ong Kee for two or three years when he attended the Chinese Mission school and that he was a good boy.

Miss Leola Elwin of Mesa, testified that the boy had attended a private school with which she was connected when he worked on the Southside and that his character was excellent.

FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) DOUGLAS July 10—The chamber of deputies of the state of Sonora soon will begin the study of religious problems, in order to arrange a form of public worship in which the people may indulge, according to a statement of policy received here today from General P. Elias Calles, who took office as governor of Sonora late in June. General Calles said none of the Catholic priests who officiated in Sonora before the revolution would be allowed to return.

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VALUATION OF MINES GROWS BY MILLIONS

State Tax Commission Says Taxable Value of Mines in Arizona Is \$158,743,377 More Than It Was in 1916

The valuation of the mines of this state will add \$158,743,377 to the taxable wealth of the state this year, the total valuation fixed by the state tax commission being \$326,631,994.76 against \$171,888,616.19 in 1916. This valuation is just for the mining properties and not for the improvements which are assessed by the counties in which they are situated. Such improvements last year were valued at \$39,595,682.77. The total valuation of mining properties in the state, therefore, this year will be not less than \$370,000,000. It is estimated that the total valuation of all classes of property for taxable purposes this year will be about \$669,000,000 against \$486,406,518.50 in 1916.

Several causes contribute to the greater valuation of the mining property of the state this year. One is the greater production which increases the value of the five-year period on which valuations are based and another is the bringing in this year of new property and the great increase in value of certain properties which a year ago were new. For instance the Inspiration, which in 1916 was assessed at \$20,400,896.71, this year leads all other mines in this state in valuation with \$79,432,900. The United Verde Extension a year ago was assessed at \$5,369,286.73 this year bears an assessment of more than \$27,000,000. The Copper Queen which led all other mines a year ago with \$26,000,000 plus is this year assessed at \$54,000,000 plus. The valuation of the properties of the Calumet and Arizona has been increased \$14,000,000 and that of the United Verde Copper, \$17,000,000. The values of the Inspiration and the U. V. Extension are largely due to development while those of the other mines mentioned result from greater production.

The clerical force of the tax commission this morning will complete a detailed statement of the valuations of the mines by properties and counties.

MELONS GO OUT IN BIG NUMBER

Sixty-seven carloads of cantaloupes from the Salt River valley bound for 32 different cities went forth to market yesterday. This brings the total shipped to date up to 212 carloads as against 240 on the similar date a year ago. This is considered a good showing—better than expected—considering the lateness of the coming of hot weather. In a very few days it is expected that the record of a year ago will be passed.

Each day the marketing bureau, being maintained jointly by the government and local interests, in the water users' building, is issuing a most comprehensive little daily paper giving "dope" with regard to the cantaloupe situation. The issue for yesterday shows not only the number of cars shipped but the destination, the biggest number, eight, going to New York with Chicago second with seven carloads.

The little cantaloupe paper, which will be sent free daily to any cantaloupe grower upon written request, contains market news from all of the principal buying centers. As a whole this report shows that Arizona cantaloupes are in big demand and are arriving in excellent shape. In New York they bring up to \$2.75 a crate.

DREWES DEFEATS JONES

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) ST. LOUIS, July 10—Ted Drewes defeated Drummond Jones in the second semi-finals event of the central states patriotic tennis tournament here today and is scheduled to meet Roland Hoerz in the finals tomorrow. Drewes lost the first set to Jones, 2-6 and then took the next three 6-2, 6-4 and 6-3.

CITY ATTORNEYS PROPOSE TO PASS

Imperial Valley People to Try and Reach Agreement With Yuma Citizens Over Possible Flood Overflow

The city commission of its own initiative may not adopt an ordinance prohibiting the manufacture or sale of liquor within the city of Phoenix. Only through an initiative petition signed by fifteen per cent of the qualified electors of the city, and the subsequent passage of such a measure or its submission to an affirmative vote of the people, may such a provision become effective. This, in substance, is the opinion of City Attorney Richard E. Sloan. This opinion, reduced to writing, was informally presented to the city commissioners yesterday, and was brought forth through the desire of the city fathers to provide more effective means for the police to cope with the bootlegging situation in the city.

At the last regular meeting of the commission a motion was made and approved, directing the city attorney to draft an ordinance prohibiting the manufacture and sale of liquor in Phoenix. Before proceeding under these instructions, Attorney Sloan examined the city charter closely with the result that he became convinced that such a measure could not be adopted under the provisions of the charter. The opinion of Judge Sloan, informally presented yesterday and which will be read before the commission at the regular meeting this morning, is as follows:

To the City Commission of the City of Phoenix, Gentlemen: I note the instructions embodied in the motion adopted by the city commission at the session held July 5, 1917, that an ordinance be drawn by the city attorney prohibiting the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors within the city.

Before drafting such an ordinance, I deem it my duty to call the attention of the commission to the provisions of our charter on the subject of "the manufacture, sale or disposition of intoxicating liquors." The power of the commission to legislate on the subject of intoxicating liquors is found in subdivision 32 of Chapter 4 of the city charter. The provision is too lengthy to be quoted in full, but the gist of it is to be found in its general provisions. The section empowers the commission "to license, regulate and control the manufacture, sale or disposition of intoxicating liquors, limit the number and determine the locations where intoxicating liquors may be sold and to fix the amount of license tax for those who may be licensed therefor."

The foregoing provisions do not cover the proposition of prohibiting the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors. The latter is covered by a further provision that the proposition is to whether or not the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited in the city may be submitted under the provisions as provided in Chapter 15 of the charter and is to be determined by the vote of the qualified electors of the city at an election duly called and held for that purpose.

It is clear, therefore, from the foregoing provisions, that the only way by which a prohibition of the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors, as provided in chapter 15 of the charter, is to be adopted by the city is by the initiative, as provided in chapter 15 of the charter. In this I assume that the adoption of the constitutional amendments on the subject of prohibition does not affect the power of the city under the charter to legislate upon the same subject. Whether the city may adopt a prohibition of the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors upon the city court to punish for its violation, now that the constitutional amendments cover all possible offenses that may grow out of the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors, is a question that might properly be left to the courts to decide, if provision be found for such legislation in the charter.

Very respectfully,
RICHARD E. SLOAN,
City Attorney

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Imperial Valley People to Try and Reach Agreement With Yuma Citizens Over Possible Flood Overflow

Senator Mulford Winsor of Yuma county is in the city on various kinds of business one of which he says is to find out in advance something of the intentions of the city with respect to floods, a mighty vital subject at Yuma just now. There has never such a high stage of water at Yuma for so long a period. Night before last 132,000 second feet passed Yuma and the volume has been not lower than that any time within two weeks and has been as much as 155,000 second feet. Just before Mr. Winsor left home it was learned that the Green, Grand and Gunnison rivers were emptying new floods into the Colorado. Concert of action on the part of the Gila at this juncture would be a very serious matter.

At the present there is no danger at Yuma and there will be none unless the Gila sends it. The highest stage of water there in the present flood has been 102 feet but has included a greater flow than past floods with a stage of 33 feet since the bottom of the river has been so scoured that it carries more. Residents in the Yuma valley believe that they are safe with any stage below 35 feet.

There is one permanent cause of nervousness there and that is the construction of a river across the Colorado to water the valley after the floods have passed so that the great canal for the imperial country may be filled. Such an obstruction in the river is always a menace to the levees of the Colorado in flood time. This matter was made the subject of a memorial to the congress and the department of the interior by the last legislature in which it was suggested to avoid the necessity for such a weir, that a new heading for the imperial canal be taken out of the river.

However, said Mr. Winsor, the people of the Yuma valley will raise no objection to the weir if the people of Imperial will indemnify them against damage in consequence of it. It is realized that such an area as the Imperial Valley with its 500,000 acres must have water even at the risk of some damage to the Yuma valley.

But the people of Yuma are not satisfied with the provisions of the flood control bill which authorizes the construction of a weir in the Colorado regardless of the effect upon it of the Yuma valley. A delegation from Imperial will shortly be in Yuma for the purpose of coming to an agreement with the citizens of Yuma relative to this matter.

Crops are looking well in the Yuma valley, never better. There are about 4,000 acres in cotton, mostly long staple and it is doing well, so well in fact, that the growers are looking forward to well-filled pockets. There is also a crop of 25 cents a pound. So sure are they that it will bring that price that there is not a grower in the valley who would now contract his crop at that figure. It is the opinion of the sentiment with respect to the cotton crop, Mr. Winsor said that he has 80 acres in long staple cotton and it is so promising that a neighbor across the road, the owner of a 40-acre highly improved farm, had offered to give him a deed to the farm for the cotton crop. The deal was not made, from which circumstance it may be seen that the more enthusiastic over the cotton outlook.

TALKS HERSELF INTO CITY JAIL

Grace Landis talked herself into the city jail yesterday afternoon. But for liberal use of a vocabulary that would have put a Missouri mule skinner to shame, she would have been able to resist the temptation of the payment of fines amounting to \$65. Profanity in the presence of the city magistrate and threats against Frank Fowler, a witness whose testimony had resulted in her conviction of a charge of soliciting, brought about her detention in the city jail pending formal action in justice court looking to placing her under bonds to keep the peace.

The pretty little impertinence of an East Madison street rooming house, had been arrested by Policemen Burnum and Culp, charged with loud and profane language and thereby creating a breach of the peace. With her being charged with being drunk and disorderly, Kelly is alleged to have been in the young woman's room at the time the officers placed both under arrest.

The woman, being unwilling through the testimony of the officers who related the conversation between the girl and Kelly, overheard by the officers who were standing outside the door of her room. General denial was made by the Landis girl; but a conviction was easily obtained and a fine of \$15 assessed against both Kelly and his companion.

Then came the unexpected. Another complaint was read charging Grace Landis with soliciting. This complaint was sworn to by Frank Fowler, a well known rancher and at one time night captain of the Phoenix police. While he was endeavoring to tell his story, the young woman frequently interrupted him, denying she had ever seen him and winding up by calling him a liar and coupling this with vile names.

Despite the energetic efforts of her attorney to keep her from talking, the young woman continued and finally wound up by suggesting that for his personal safety, Fowler had better leave Phoenix. And then the jail doors opened for her.

THREE BURNED TO DEATH
(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) CINCINNATI, July 10.—Three persons were burned to death and four others seriously injured by fire in the plant of the Interstate Sanitation company here late today. The fire was caused by the explosion of a 250-pound can of chemicals the shock partially wrecking the building, trapping employees and several families living in the upper stories of the building. The dead were employees of the company.



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"The Star Spangled Banner" a three-reel production from the Thomas A. Edison Studios, appears to be a psychological picture of a psychological moment. "The Star Spangled Banner" deals with a story of life in the American Marine Corps and teaches a lesson in patriotism that will linger long in memory.

There are no big battle scenes or high armies in this picture and the child can view it with the same interest as the grown up. One of the funniest comedies ever seen in "Max Comes Across" with the famous Max Linder. He is known as the comedian with the irresistible smile. Max, while fighting for France, was shot through the lung. He got his discharge and came to America to make pictures for the S. and A. company, made three comedies, took sick and is now some where near Phoenix with tuberculosis caused from that wound. Max may never make another picture but he continues to laugh just the same.

Douglas Fairbanks at Lamara

As Mary Pickford is identified with her curls, as George M. Cohan is associated with the American flag, just so is Douglas Fairbanks connected with the smile. In fact "Doug" is the best advertisement for the hearty grin the country has ever seen. This most popular actor in America has been termed the human agency for the removal of wrinkles and aptly so. His photoplays are recognized the world over as not only the greatest dispensers of laughter, but as the cleanest comedies the screen has yet displayed.

"In Again—Out Again" is the first Douglas Fairbanks offering following his affiliation with Artcraft Pictures. It presents a satire on New York and peaceful New Jersey and discloses incidents that are of the typical Fairbanks variety, offering on the whole a rapid-fire picture of red-blooded American theme and unusual surprises. Written by little Anita Loos, authoress of many Fairbanks hits, and staged by John Emerson, "Doug" well known director, "In Again—Out Again" carries further than ever before the wonderfully successful Fairbanks message of smile and he is happy. It is a photoplay that does not play to giggles, but to hearty laughs, and never for a minute does it allow one's interest to lapse.

"In Again—Out Again" will remain at the Lamara today and Thursday for the last time.

Petrova Scores at Hip

Petrova holds a place in the camera world that is distinctive her own. She is the mistress of expression in parts that no other woman on the screen can hope to imitate. In "The Soul of a Magdalen" she is seen in a part that is perhaps the finest vehicle she has been provided with in a year.

She is the beautiful and hard working daughter of a woman who is very ill. Her brother is an invalid and to provide money for these two she listens to the one man who can supply the means to keep her loved ones with her. This libertine has a room where he takes his fancy changes some new "Eve" as he calls them, for he has named the room his "Garden of Eden." She is the new "Eve" but the libertine reckons without his host and the end sends her to the one man she really loves. It is not a theme that one could expect to find in "Tales Told for Simple Folks" but it is a peep into the side life in great cities that the provincial knows nothing of. "The Soul of a Magdalen" is followed tomorrow by Antonio Moreno whom all will recall last week in "The Magnificent Meddler." He comes tomorrow in "A Son of the Hills," another outdoor picture with plenty of punch.

Riverside Park

The people of Phoenix do not realize that they are missing some excellent music these nights at Riverside park. Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening from 7 to 10, the Favorite quartet, composed of colored musicians render a program of selections, both vocal and instrumental, which is the best thing in the musical line which has been given here recently. Their Hawaiian songs are especially pleasing, and it is indeed a treat these hot evenings to sit in the cool park, and be entertained by the sweet strains of music, played as only negroes know how to play it. If you have missed this attraction, hear it tonight.

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