

THE GOVERNMENT'S CASE

More Witnesses on the Stand Against Benjamin H. Snell.

Pension Office Clerks Tell of His Mental Condition for Several Years Past—Jail Officials Swear That the Prisoner Feigned Epilepsy—The Examinations by the Physicians.

Considerable damaging testimony was given against Benjamin H. Snell in his trial for the murder of Lizzie Weisenberger today. Pension clerks swore that the prisoner had never shown any signs of insanity, and the officials at the jail testified that Snell simply pretended to have epileptic symptoms, when the doctors were present to examine him.

John W. Watson, Chief of the Southern Division of the Bureau of Pensions, was the first witness called today by the government, and to questions put by Mr. Anderson, stated that he had occupied a position in the Pension Office since 1882 and had known and worked with Snell for seven or eight years.

"Snell was an examiner in the office. His work was the most difficult of the office. There was a great deal of correspondence connected with it."

"Do you know whether he was at work in the office on the Saturday preceding this tragedy?"

"Yes, sir; he was there, and there seemed to be no change in his work."

"You had an opportunity to note his mental and physical condition?"

"I did," replied the witness. "He never impressed me as a man of unusual mind, nor did he seem to be physically weak in any way."

The cross-examination brought forth the fact that the witness was on terms of good fellowship with the defendant at all times. Mr. Turner formulated his questions so as to draw from the witness the fact that Snell was always a genial man and had never exhibited any violent rage in any way given the impression that he was an amiable and even-tempered individual.

Theodore F. Sargent followed. Sargent had been a clerk in the Pension Bureau for more than thirty years, and knew Snell quite well. He had seen Snell nearly every day, and had considered him a careful and competent clerk, whose duties were in a way judicial and intricate in their character.

Mr. L. Thomason, the next witness, said he had known Snell about four years. He had met him frequently in a saloon, and had seen him there on the Saturday night, at about 10:15, before the murder of Lizzie Weisenberger.

"I thought he had a good, sound sense as I had," remarked the witness. "Snell was employed in the Pension Bureau since 1874, was called and testified that he thought Snell a sane man. He was excused without cross-examination."

George G. Martin, an employee of the Pension Bureau, testified that he had known Snell for two or three years, having become acquainted with him in the office and working with him in the defendant for the length of time named. Frequent conversations were held between them on current topics, and Snell considered Snell a well-informed and sane man.

Dr. A. W. Boswell, of 601 Ninth Street northeast, testified that he examined the defendant in his cell at the jail. He found him in a nervous state and gave him about two ounces of whisky. Snell's face was flushed, and he asked the witness not to put any more of the whisky, as he wanted to make a statement about this case before he died.

On cross-examination the witness said he had not observed any symptoms of epilepsy. James K. Clark, 1272 M Street northeast, a clerk in the Pension Office, went on the stand next. He also knew Snell well, and had seen him in his cell before the murder, when he seemed to be in a normal mood. He saw him at 7 o'clock on the evening of the same day, and had talked with him on the subject of his illness.

"I never occurred to me that he was an insane man, and I never heard of his being ill or having any epileptic convulsions."

Cross-examination again brought out the good nature and gentlemanly qualities of the defendant.

James W. Walters, captain of the watch at the District Jail, related the circumstances attendant upon the examination of Snell at the jail. During the time of the doctor's presence, the witness said, Snell walked boldly, but when he went to his cell, he was unsteady on his feet, as he walked as well as any man could. It was the decided opinion of the witness that the man was sane. A recess was then taken until 1 o'clock.

POSTAGE STAMPS IN BOOKS. A Plan for Public Convenience and Government Profit.

The Postmaster General and the Third Assistant Postmaster General have been engaged through the course of the past two months in perfecting a plan to sell postage stamps in book form. It is believed that the plan will be adopted shortly and 2-cent stamps offered for sale in books of twelve stamps at a cost of 25 cents each. The books will be of a size convenient to slip in the pocket, with wax paper between the stamps and the light serviceable covers, and with the division of mail matter in classes, the rates of postage and other kindred information on the outside.

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Charles Newburgh, another clerk in the Pension Bureau, was next called. He said he had known Snell since 1891. This witness acted as a clerk in the Bureau in the Bureau Division. His testimony was on lines similar to the witnesses preceding him.

Dr. John H. Griffith, Director of the Bureau of Pensions, was called next. He testified that he had seen Snell nearly every day up to two years ago, and had occasionally held brief conversations with the defendant.

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Edwin L. Robinson, guard at the United States Jail, was placed on the stand, and testified that he saw the prisoner at the jail every day. Snell had four or five hours' sleep every night, declared the witness, and slept as well as the average prisoner.

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STOCKS EXTREMELY DULL

The Market Opens With Limited and Irregular Changes.

Local Tractions Neglected—Third Avenue Brinks Sharply—The Bank Statements of Today Show Heavy Increases in Their Surplus, Cash, Loan and Deposit Accounts.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—The stock market opened extremely dull, and with limited and irregular price changes appearing. The local traction stocks were neglected, with the exception of Third Avenue, which broke rather sharply, and Brooklyn Rapid Transit, which was fairly strong.

Only considerable dealings in the industrial quarter were in Sugar Refining, but the fluctuations in that instance were limited. The railway list, in the main, was steady. In the absence of any further definite news from South Africa, the London stocks were rather stagnant, but fairly firm. Foreign houses had no considerable orders in this market.

The market closed steady and extremely dull. As a result of the changes shown in today's bank statement the surplus holdings of the associated banks now amount to \$29,277,000 in excess of the lawful requirements. Today's statement showed an increase in total assets of \$1,000,000 amounting to \$8,848,000, and of this gain \$5,922,000 appeared in the surplus reserves. The loan account showed an increase of \$7,515,000, which was due to the fact that actual cash, caused deposits to increase \$1,908,000. For the most part the statement was about in line with the general preliminary estimates.

The increase in the loan account was rather difficult to account for in view of the stagnation in the stock market during the week, and it was commonly assumed to indicate the transfer of some large loans to the banks from extra clearing house lenders.

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