

JOHN G. WHAM ACQUITTED.

Verdict Was Rendered Friday Morning. Case Tried With Eleven Jurors.

The Laurens jury in the case of the State vs. John G. Wham, charged with the murder of L. W. Ramage, in Laurens county last July, after being out all Thursday night, on Friday morning returned a verdict of "not guilty."

Ten of the jury were for acquittal, but one held out for several hours against acquittal. Owing to the illness of one of the jurors the case was tried with eleven men.

Wham killed L. W. Ramage last July, who had called upon him to settle, peacefully if possible, certain conduct of Wham towards a niece of the deceased. Wham promised to do so and Ramage insisted that he go to the house of the young woman at once. This defendant declined to do and went into his house. Ramage entered the yard and went to the rear of the house of the defendant. Wham ordered Ramage and his companion, Blakeley, to leave. The latter did so, and immediately as he did Wham fired from an upstairs window, with a target rifle, killing Ramage. Wham left immediately, but later gave himself up.

10,000 THROWN OUT OF EMPLOYMENT.

Reduction in Pay Rolls of Copper Mines in Montana Will Amount to One Million Dollars a Week.

Butte, Mont., October 24.--By the general shut-down by the Amalgamated Copper Company properties Thursday night from 13,000 to 15,000 men are directly thrown out of employment, and others will be indirectly affected within a week, so that the grand total will reach 20,000. The Great Northern will lay off a large portion of the freight crews heretofore hauling ore from Butte to the Boston and Montana smelter at Great Falls. The Butte, Anaconda and Pacific Railway will lay off freight crews between Butte and Anaconda. In addition to these numerous other enterprises, large and small, which relied upon the Amalgamated as their chief customer, will be obliged to curtail. In Montana alone approximately one million dollars a week is cut off the pay rolls.

Butte streets were filled yesterday with 7,000 miners thrown out last night.

Boarding house keepers, store keepers, etc., whom the miners owe, besieged the Justice courts seeking garnishment orders. The constables cannot serve the papers fast enough and the justice clerks are working overtime filling them out.

F. Augustus Heinze, of the Montana Ore Purchasing Company, today published a statement giving his side of the shut-down. He said it was a move on the part of the Wall street speculators (among them H. H. Rogers, president of the Amalgamated Copper Company,) to control stock manipulation, and was not directly caused by the injunction issued yesterday by Judge Clancey. He also said that Judge Clancey's decision yesterday was in line with the Northern securities decision.

Mr. Scallon, of the Anaconda Copper Company, said that there was no truth in the statement that Mr. Rogers president of the Amalgamated Company, ordered the shut-down to affect the stock market.

Many Mothers of a Like Opinion.

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THE FISHING CREEK DISASTER.

Eight Suits Against the Southern Railway For Damages Aggregating \$205,000.

A special from Yorkville says that eight complaints have been lodged with the sheriff of York county, all claiming damages against the Southern Railway in amounts ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000 for the breaking of bones, injury to health and the destruction of life by reason of the Fishing Creek disaster on September 3, 1903.

In at least one case N. M. Stokes, the section master of the section embracing the trestle that gave way, is made co-defendant with the Southern railway, and in all cases the complaints attribute the wreck to gross carelessness, recklessness, etc., of the railroad people and to the rotten condition of the structure.

The plaintiffs in the various actions, together with the amounts sued for and their attorneys are as follows:

F. Sadler Love, administrator of the estate of Richard Wagener Miller, colored, deceased, wants \$20,000. Miller was killed in the wreck. The plaintiff is represented by Major James F. Hart, of Yorkville, and Wilson & Wilson, of Rock Hill.

J. B. Johnson, as guardian ad litem for Julian Boyd Johnson, wants \$50,000 on account of injuries. The plaintiff is represented by Wilson & Wilson.

Mrs. Eliza F. Buist wants \$30,000 on account of injuries sustained. She is represented by Mr. W. B. McCaw, of Yorkville.

W. T. Slaughter places his claim at \$20,000 on account of injuries. He is represented by Messrs. Lewis & McDow, of Yorkville.

J. W. Rhyne, as administrator of the estate of Frederick L. Rhyne, the fireman killed in the wreck, is asking for \$40,000. He is represented by C. T. Ladson, of Atlanta, Ga.

Isaac E. Greener, as administrator of the estate of Charles Johnson Smith, colored, the dead postal clerk, wants \$20,000. He is represented by Mitchell & Smith, of Charleston.

Edward Turner, the conductor of the train, wants \$20,000 for injuries. He is represented by C. T. Ladson, of Atlanta, Ga.

James L. Moss, guardian ad litem for Tooe Burris, colored, wants \$5,000 for injuries sustained by his ward. He is represented by Mr. J. S. Brice, of Yorkville.

A special term of court for York county, with Mr. J. E. McDonald, of the Winstboro Bar, as presiding judge, has been ordered to convene after the adjournment of the regular fall term, which will consume the latter part of November, and it is expected that the special term will be in session for three or four weeks during December, and it is possible that some of the suits against the Southern may be heard during the special term.

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