

# MASSACRE CASE WILL SOON BE IN HANDS OF JURY

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TWO CENTS IN SEATTLE

**Weather**  
Tonight and Friday, probably rain; moderate southerly winds.  
Temperature in Last 24 Hours  
Maximum—48. Minimum—39.  
Today noon—46.

## AS IT SEEMS TO ME

DANA SLEETH

HERE is a letter about a man who is doing the best he can:  
"There is a man with his family living on a houseboat south of the Spokane at bridge, who, although handicapped by the loss of one arm, manages to saw, split and rack up stove wood. Any one who could patronize him would be doing a good deed."  
"I do not know his name, nor have I ever spoken to him, but it is a treat to watch him work. Under such circumstances, many would give up, and lots of us who have two arms are frequently found with one of them propped under our chin, wondering why the world doesn't treat us better. So, I say, give this man, who is doing his best, a chance."  
"JOE DAVIS."

THE spirit that never says die, that spirit of Hill-ton that creates an epic, the blindness has engulfed him; the spirit that puts cripples on the job, instead of on the street with a hand-organ; the spirit that enables wid-ows to work 15 hours a day to keep the family together, rather than give their children to a "home"—this spirit is more worthy supreme praise than all the heroisms of military leaders since the world began.

SUBSCRIBER who noted my remarks about the cost of canned peas writes in to state that he pays 40 cents for half a pound of coffee, 13 cents for half a pint of cream, and makes a big cup of coffee for 2 cents. He wants to know why restaurants find it necessary to charge a dime a cup for coffee.

I buy better coffee than nine-tenths of the 10-cent cafes do, and I pay only 55 cents a pound for it, and as I loot the cream from the top of the baby's milk bottle—that is, I do when I get up early enough—my coffee probably doesn't cost me more than a cent and a half a cup. And it is better coffee than any 10-cent coffee I have tasted.

Indeed, I know of several cafes where good coffee is still a nickel, and I know of several other cafes where extremely chickerish coffee is a dime.  
And nowhere do I find a cup of tea that is fit to drink, except at home. Coffee making is a rare art; tea manufacture is lost one.

HOWEVER, the catering business is not all prof-iteering. It happens that the only place in Seattle where the common job—that's most of us—can enjoy the best in art and good music, freely, comfortably, without a season ticket or a social introduction, is a restaurant.  
Seattle, with its art society, and its symphony orchestra, and its unusually high grade movie theatres, is equipped as but few American cities are to give something of the best in life to the poor, but still we are pitifully poverty-stricken.  
This city is big enough to support a municipal opera company in a municipal auditorium.  
It is big enough and rich enough to support a permanent art museum, with art and craft classes open to everybody.  
It is big enough and rich enough to have orchestral music the year around.  
If we spent one-tenth the time and one-twentieth the money on the beautiful things that we do on the ugly; if we spent as much on beauty as we do on jails; as much on music as we do on partisan politics; as much on art as we do on unsuccessfully prosecuting suspected murderers, to enhance an official reputation, we would have a great, beautiful, happy city.  
And most of the money we do spend for parks and monuments, for schools, and churches, and business blocks, is utterly wasted, so far as any aesthetic value is concerned.  
It costs no more to build beautiful buildings, but we have formed the habit of ugliness, and regard architectural slovenliness as pre-tined.

## DEFENSE WITNESS ACCUSED PERJURY

Charges to Be Filed Against John Huber for Remarks on the Stand

BY CLEM J. RANDAU  
GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY COURT HOUSE, Montesano, March 11.—Perjury charges will be filed against John Huber, Centralia fireman, who testified for the defense when the taking of evidence was resumed for a short time today, prosecutors said, when Huber left the stand.  
Huber swore he had seen F. B. Hubbard, uncle of Dale Hubbard, one of the soldiers slain on Armistice day, in Centralia, on November 11. The elder Hubbard was in Portland on that day, several witnesses have said.  
The final evidence was taken at 11:20 today, when Judge Wilson announced that "the evidence on both sides is now closed, gentlemen."

The court's instructions to the jury may be read late this afternoon, Judge Wilson said. This will depend on the length of time consumed in argument in chambers over the instructions to be given, he said.  
The lengthy and highly involved charge which Judge Wilson must give the jury has required days of preparation. Attorneys for both sides submitted their requested instructions to the court late yesterday, and from this the final draft will be prepared today.

Special Prosecutor C. D. Cunningham will open the argument for the state. He will be followed, in all probability, by Defendant Elmer Smith, who is expected to enter a brief plea in his own behalf. Defense Counsel George P. Vanderveer will sum the case for the defense, after which Special Prosecutor W. H. Abel will conclude for the state.  
Although attorneys yesterday discussed limiting arguments to three hours for each side, no agreement was reached, but all indications point to a conclusion of the arguments late Friday.  
Final testimony for the state yesterday was given by Mrs. Warren O. Grimm, widow of the former soldier with whose murder the accused men are charged. Eugene Barnett, alleged slayer of Grimm, was the final defense witness. In all, 264 witnesses were placed on the stand in the four and a half weeks of testimony. The state called 147, while 117 testified for the defense.

"MYSTERY MAN" NOT CALLED TO STAND  
Ray Becker, so-called "mystery man" of the trial, was the only one of the defendants who failed to occupy the witness stand during the trial.  
Loren Roberts, alleged by the defense to be insane, also not called to testify, crossed the courtroom to the stand during a lull in the procedure yesterday. He was told by Judge Wilson to resume his seat, and at once returned to his place on the bench occupied by the defendants.  
Along with Roberts, whose plea of insanity distinguishes his case from the other accused, I. W. W., are the cases of Eugene Barnett and Elmer Smith, Centralia attorney, alleged accomplice before the fact.  
Barnett, the defense claims, took no part in the shooting, but was an innocent spectator in a lobby of the Roderick hotel. Smith is charged with having advised the other defendants to use guns in defending their hall from an expected raid and with having told them they were warranted in stationing men outside the hall.

May Have to Wear Shark Skin Shoes  
Skins of the Alaskan shark, Beluga whale, sea lion, hair seal, walrus and reindeer are to be made into leather to relieve the shortage.  
This became known Thursday following the organization of the Universal By-Products company, capitalized at \$5,000,000. J. F. Lavarne is president.

Mebbe Cider Isn't Willing to Work  
Seattle isn't drinking as much cider as coffee—quite.  
The weekly report of the port of Seattle shows 471.79 tons of coffee on hand as against only 305.31 tons of cider.

## SHIP ASHORE! 100 IN PERIL

Rich Man Flees Angry Wife Says She Wields a Whip



Miss Irene Crane, pretty Seattle clerk, named by Mrs. Carl F. Kruse in her divorce action.

Fleeing before the alleged wrath of his estranged wife, Carl F. Kruse, proprietor of the Pure Food Shop, 1511 Pike place, sought refuge Thursday in the superior court, where he appealed for an injunction restraining her from entering his place of business, declaring she was after him with a loaded horsewhip.  
Mrs. Kruse, on Monday, began suit for divorce. She asked \$1,000 monthly alimony and named Irene Crane, a 19-year-old confectionery clerk, as co-defendant. The young woman was said to be living at the Van Sien apartments, 1214 Eighth ave., but could not be found at that address.  
The young woman clerk at the Van Sien said there was no Miss Crane or Mrs. Kruse living in the house. Mail that had come addressed to Miss Crane, the young woman said, had been returned to the mail man.  
According to Kruse's cross-complaint in which he, too, petitions for a divorce, the difficulties in his household date back some months.  
He learned, he says, that Mrs. Kruse was taking a horsewhip, after a personal encounter with her, from which she emerged somewhat worried and "crusily scratched."  
"She informed my creditors," said Kruse, "that my business was not flourishing, and hired a physician to show I was of unsound mind in an

endeavor to railroad me to the asylum. She told me she would ruin me if it cost \$10,000."  
SAYS SHE GOT \$31,250 IN BONDS  
Last month Frank George, his father-in-law, Kruse says, struck him about the same time he became aware that stool pigeons and detectives were shadowing him everywhere about the city, whenever he left his shop or place of abode.  
Kruse charges that his wife went to the Food Shop on February 28, and again on March 1 and 5, and cleaned out the cash drawer. He says she has obtained possession of more than \$10,000 in cash and Liberty bonds worth \$31,250, which, to it is community property, he contends she unlawfully retains.  
Concerning his wife's petition for alimony, Kruse says he is worth but \$100,000, and considers \$100 a month a just and reasonable amount for Mrs. Kruse's upkeep and incidental expenses.  
Miss Crane formerly was employed at the "Pign Whistle," but resigned a week ago, it is said. Kruse said he did not care to discuss his acquaintance with the girl.  
Mrs. Kruse has taken an apartment at The Castle, 901 Yeaser way, and has employed Albert D. Martin as counsel.  
Kruse has placed his case in the hands of Attorney R. W. Huntoon.

Last Call! Billy Sunday Enters Race for President  
SYRACUSE, N. Y., March 11.—To keep the "back biting, grasping, thieving, degenerate bunch of dirty politicians, who are trying to double-cross the 18th amendment, from the presidential chair," Billy Sunday told the United Press today, he will run on a dry platform with William Jennings Bryan.!!!  
Moreover, here is his cabinet, hand-picked and ready for the approval of the public:  
Secretary of state, Henry Cabot Lodge or Ma Sunday ("I don't know which, both of 'em are fine in any job.")  
Secretary of war, Leonard Wood.  
"He had a raw deal and he's a great soldier."  
Attorney general, Judge K. M. Landis. ("He'd smash the daylight out of the robbers.")  
Secretary of the interior, Governor Henry Allen. ("He's another good one, believe me.")  
Postmaster general, Herbert Hoover. ("Oh, boy, there's a man for you.")  
Secretary of agriculture, Professor Charles Curtis. ("I used to go to school to him when he was dean of the agricultural college at Ames.")  
Secretary of labor, Police Commissioner Curtis, of Boston. ("One of the ablest men in the country.")  
"I don't know about anybody else, except that Pershing will be chief of staff."

EX-HUSBAND NO. 1 HELPS EX-WIFE SUE EX-HUSBAND NO. 2  
LOS ANGELES, March 11.—Former husband No. 1 acted as attorney while former husband No. 2 played the role of defendant, in a suit brought here by Mrs. Ethel Rich to recover \$65,000 from Robert B. Rich, No. 2. No. 1, Leon Samuels, acted as counsel for Mrs. Rich. Mrs. Rich says she gave the money to No. 2 during their married life, but that he has refused to return it since they have chosen separate ways.

## VESSEL IS IN DANGER OFF MEXICO

Steamer Esperanza Strikes Reef; Tugs Sent out to Aid Passengers

NEW YORK, March 11.—The 4700-ton steamer Esperanza, of the Ward line, believed to carry about 100 passengers, is ashore on Madagascarc reef off Progresso, Mexico, according to an undated radio picked up at Tampa, Fla., and forwarded here today.  
The message was signed by Capt. J. R. Curtis, and said the Esperanza's engine room was flooded and that she was in danger, her engines being disabled.  
Tugs from Progresso have gone to her aid, according to a later wireless message.

HOPE FOR VOTE ON ARTICLE X  
Democrats Make Overtures to Republicans  
WASHINGTON, March 11.—Unless republican senators spurn overtures being made to them by democrats, the senate will be given a chance to vote on the Watson-Simmons compromise reservation to Article X, it was announced today.  
Simmons stated positively that he had 30 democratic votes pledged to the compromise and can get more. If 30 democrats vote for it, 34 republican votes would be required. The total strength of Lodge's forces is 35 and some of his followers have told him they would not support the Watson-Simmons plan or any modification of the Lodge reservation.  
The Watson-Simmons reservation provides that the United States "assumes no obligation to employ its military or naval forces, its resources or any form of economic pressure" in preserving from external aggression the territory or independence of any other country.

Violets Laid on Coffin of 'Other Woman'  
CHICAGO, March 11.—An expensive casket, decorated with tiny bunches of violets, was the resting place today of Mrs. Ruth Randall. Who furnished the casket none would say. The violets were laid upon the coffin by a white-haired woman, one of the curious hundreds who called to look upon the restless woman of many loves who killed her last lover and then herself.  
"I think Ruth Randall has found in death what her soul sought in vain in life," the white-haired woman said, as she left the violets.  
Nearby lay the sealed coffin of Clifford Bleyer, the family man Mrs. Randall had lured from his home. None was permitted to view his last sleep.

Sokol Gymnasts to Give Entertainment  
The Czech-Slovak (Bohemian) Gymnastic Society Sokol, of Seattle, will entertain American friends and guests at a social and musical program, March 14, in Christensen hall, Harvard ave. and Broadway, with a physical culture and musical program. The entertainment will continue from 3 p. m. to 10 p. m.

'Tis Spring! Even Chickens Know It  
Ah! the first yelp of spring.  
Harry Wade, 907 E. 62d st., complained to the police Thursday that chickens belonging to his neighbors were running amuck and doing considerable damage to his embryo garden.  
She Hasn't Got a Ring to Wear!  
The cold air was felt keenly on Queen Anne hill Thursday morning by Miss Thelma Miller, 411 W. Lee st., who reported the theft of all her summer clothing, comprised of four bathing suits. The thief also took several pairs of shoes, some silk pretties, a purse and two rings, one of them set with two diamonds.

Army "Frozen Beef" Is Sold to Markets  
Army "frozen beef" is being shipped to Seattle by Uncle Sam, who has sold 15 car loads in the Northwest at 20 per cent under Chicago beef quotations. "Choice meat, too," say army quartermaster officers.

Would You Marry a Man You Had Never Seen?  
This is the problem which confronts the young girl heroine of

## SOMETHING DOING

By Varick Vanardy  
This popular author's startling new detective story which reveals amazing secrets of New York's Underworld  
To be printed in Twelve Installments in

## THE STAR

BEGINNING MONDAY

Spokane to Give Benefit Ball to Help Isom White  
SPOKANE, March 11.—A benefit ball to raise money with which to carry up an appeal in the case of Isom White, condemned at Everett to hang, is being planned here by Arthur Prange for several weeks has been circulating petitions, calling on Governor Hart to commute White's sentence. White was found guilty of murdering Lee Linton at Everett.  
Prange said his petitions will be forwarded to the governor in a day or two.

Attorney for Youth Wants Appeal Decision  
EVERETT, March 11.—Until the supreme court passes on the appeal of Isom White, 19-year-old slayer, condemned to the gallows for the murder of Lee Linton, a taxi driver, the death warrant will be held up from entry in the records of the county clerk.  
Senator Joseph Smith, the lad's attorney, said today he wished the supreme court to clear up two points of law.  
The first is whether White had a fair trial after three men were permitted to enter the room where the murder was confined during a recess of the court. The men passed on into the bedrooms without speaking and got a view. Senator Smith holds to the opinion that opportunity was given to tamper with the jurors.  
The second point to be presented in testimony against a defendant whom they examined after he had been arrested for a crime. A favorable decision by the higher court means a new trial for White.

He'll Face Federal Jurors in Tacoma  
Herbert A. Benjamin, arrested at Carlisle, Wash., on complaint that he forged his brother's endorsement on a \$80 "bonus" check, was released on \$1,000 bail and instructed to appear before the federal grand jury at Tacoma for trial, at a hearing before the U. S. commissioner at Aberdeen, Wednesday afternoon.

Womens' Pajamas Are Out of Date  
CHICAGO, March 11.—Silk "undies," now the rage in this country, are slated for the scrap heap. In their place will come assortments of linen-made varieties, trimmed with fine hand-made lace, according to Madame Valentine Frere, Brussels modiste, here today.  
Madame Frere predicted the doom of pajamas for women and the return to the old-fashioned nightgowns.

GO TO CANADA ON CRIME CLUE  
Seattle Sleuths Seek Car in Murder Case  
Seattle police made continued efforts Thursday to trace the blue motor car, believed to have been owned by the man who was last seen with Arthur Bagnell, the 20-year-old Aero Alarm company clerk, whose body was found Friday in a wood near Kent. One detective was dispatched to Canada.  
Absolute secrecy is being maintained by detectives working on the case. Detective headquarters insisted they are as mystified as ever over a possible solution of the murder mystery.  
James P. Taylor, 24, and G. H. McKay, 30, a mechanic, are held on open charges for investigation, detectives declare, of automobile thefts.  
Robert Hodge, attorney for the pair, Captain of Detectives Charles Tennant and Lieut. John Wickman deny they are held in any other connection.

## DEATH WARRANT IS NOT ENTERED

Said He Was Hero; "Friends" Angry  
He said he was an ex-captain of marines, wounded and decorated at Camp of Thierry and now a representative of Kuhn Loeb, New York bankers. His name he gave as W. Brouse. Today Seattle police are seeking him with a warrant. Seattle and Tacoma business men, who find his "faultless manners," say they cashed checks for Brouse, which have returned, marked "insufficient funds."

Company "L" Vets Plan Organization  
Plans for the organization of a club of members of Company L, 161st infantry, formerly the Second Washington, were inaugurated Wednesday evening at the first reunion of the members held since the war. Over 65 members attended the dinner held at the Masonic club.

AMERICA SHOWS BIRTH INCREASE  
Seattle and Milwaukee Report Slight Decrease  
The census bureau in Washington is publishing vital statistics for 1920 as fast as they can be compiled, but information gathered by the United Press today indicated the enumerators will never catch up with the population.  
Reports from cities throughout the country showed a general increase in births during the first two months of this year, compared with the corresponding period of last year. This increase was practically uniform in all sections. Milwaukee and Seattle were the only places to report a decrease.  
Adoptions, wherever figures were available, generally showed even a greater ratio than births. Many cities reported a commensurate decrease in the number of babies abandoned by their parents.  
The desire of mothers who cannot support their babies to assure a good home for them rather than to trust the comparative uncertainty of an institution, has been evinced through several instances of babies being "auctioned off," in some cases even before birth.  
Persons adopting babies generally want them extremely young.  
Girls appear to have a slightly better chance than boys of obtaining foster parents.

Worker Is Missing, Roommate Reports  
Joe Boff, 38, employed until March 4 at the Lake Union steam plant, was reported missing to the police Thursday by V. Dibblisio, 1633 King st., with whom Boff had been living.

Draws His Check Then Disappears  
After drawing his pay check from the Youngtown Steel Works, William Kerry, 32, an engineer, is missing.  
His wife, 2815 37th st. S. W., told the police her husband is a tall man, about six feet, and wore a gray suit.

\$1,000,000 Income Tax Filed in S. F.  
SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—The income tax of one San Franciscan amounts to \$1,000,000. His return was included in 90,000 filed here up to Friday. March 15 is the last day for filing returns.

## SEEK GANG CRACKSMEN IN SEATTLE

Postoffice Robbers Believed by Sheriff to Make Headquarters Here

That a gang of expert postoffice safe crackers are operating in rural towns near Seattle, with headquarters here, was the belief expressed by Sheriff John Stringer Thursday, after being notified that the postoffice safe at Rainier had been blown and \$250 stolen during the night.  
Within the last month, postoffice safes at Silvana, Tolt and Rainier have been blown. An attempt to blow the safe at Cumberland February 26, officers believe, resulted in the murder of Joseph T. Paschich.  
An ex-convict, living on a lonely island near Seattle, is believed to be the manufacturer of the explosives used by the gang, Stringer says.  
Similarity of the robbery at Rainier to the other recent robberies led Stringer to dispatch Deputy N. L. Lovell to investigate.  
At Rainier, C. E. Wilkowski, who lives near the postoffice, was aroused by the safe crackers hammering on the safe. They blew the safe, rifled it and escaped before Wilkowski could arouse the authorities. Rainier is in Thurston county.

Jewels, 100 Years Old, Stolen Here  
An exacting thief took a dozen of everything he could find Wednesday night in John Evruek's silver chest, when the home of the latter, at E. 42nd st., was robbed. Along with the knives, forks and spoons, the thief took \$100 in currency and a pair of 100-year-old earrings.

It Was a Machine, Not Machine Gun!  
Shots, fired with the rapidity of a machine gun, drew a motorcycle patrolman to the district at the foot of Spring st. early Thursday morning. The officer, upon arriving at the scene of the shooting, discovered a disgruntled motorist having trouble with a back-firing motor.

MOTHER OF EMILY CALLS RECEPTION IN U. S. "SCANDALOUS"  
ASHTON, Eng., March 11.—The mother of Miss Emily Knowles, now Mrs. Guy Spiker, is far from being reconciled by the outcome of her daughter's war romance. Mrs. Knowles says she believed her daughter to be legally married to Perley Spiker, and declares that the reception accorded the young mother and her baby in America was "scandalous."  
"I would spend my last cent to see the man punished as he deserves," said Mrs. Knowles.

Woman Is Charged With \$6,500 Theft  
OREGON CITY, Ore., March 11.—Mrs. Emma Winifree, of Portland, is in the Clackamas county jail here, charged with stealing \$6,500 in currency from the Aurora state bank.  
Burns detective agency operatives, who caused her arrest, say Mrs. Winifree has confessed.

Senate for Probe of Grain Officials  
WASHINGTON, March 11.—The senate today ordered an investigation of the United States grain corporation on the basis of charges made by a federal grand jury at Spokane, Wash.