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JNO. R. FORD ACQUITTED

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closed his place of business two hours earlier that night because Ford was ugly and he feared he would come back and make trouble. Said he closed two hours earlier because he was tired and his bar keeper was also tired. (Chief Egan says Beck with told him that night that he told Lewis and Kimmons to leave as he intended to close. He did this because he felt sure Ford had gone after his pistol and there would be trouble when he came back. He did this in order not to have any trouble in his place. Beckwith also told Chief Egan that when Lewis called Ford a liar the latter reached over the counter to grasp a bottle to strike Lewis, but he, Beckwith, shoved Ford's hand aside and told him not to make any trouble. This testimony did not get before the jury.)

Geo. Mallou a brick layer, testified to what occurred at Beckwith's about the same as others. On cross examination he denied the official report of the coroner's jury which stated that he had sworn that he saw Ford pass through the hall and a man following him with something in his hand.

C. A. Cooksey told of Ford visiting his saloon at Sixth and Commercial just before the shooting and he was not angry. This was just after Lewis and another man had passed up the street and Lewis was angry and was trying to get back.

Ruby Jackson, bartender at the time at Bourzels & Dun's told of angry talking there by Lewis and Kimmons, the former making threats and wanting to go back and fix some body.

Dr. McNamee told of seeing Lewis and Kimmons at Bourzels & Dun's and again at Eighth street, Lewis trying to get back and using violent language.

Win. S. Dunn said he was a timber man from New Madrid, was in Cairo on the night of Oct. 29, 1907, came down Eighth street and when he reached side door of Newton Riddle's place a man came dashing out and a moment after a shot was fired. Shot was fired after man had come out.

John Coleman, embalmer, stated he took charge of Lewis' body and found no bruises on head.

John Gardner was bartender at Albert Laurent's across street from Riddle's. Heard shot and ran over, saw Lewis' body and knife lying near body.

Guy P. Eichenberger saw Ford on night of tragedy; came to Blue Front restaurant and change \$20 bill. Noticed nothing unusual about him.

John Shepherd bartender for Ford, said he got pistol from Lewis' gun shop and gave it to Ford. Left Ford at McCann's saloon.

Edward J. Malley testified that he had Ford in charge the night of the tragedy and took him home; after arriving home Ford said Lewis came at him with a knife, and he (Malley) noticed two cuts in his (Ford's) coat and called his attention to them. He turned the prisoner over to the sheriff the next morning. (The coat was shown to the jury. It had a cut 1 1/2 inches on the outer side of the left sleeve about midway between the elbow and shoulder, and another 2 1/2 inches long under the left sleeve near the arm pit. The former was straight up and down on the sleeve, the latter slanting slightly from the top backward.) Witness did not know how the cuts came in the coat.

Sam West saw Ford at police headquarters on night of Oct. 29. Malley called attention to cuts in coat.

Court then adjourned till after noon, the defense stating that two witnesses who had been subpoenaed were not present.

John Ford Tells His Story.

When court convened after dinner John R. Ford, the defendant was put on the stand. He said he had lived in Cairo five years, was put in county jail Oct. 31, 1907, had been in business three years, was in Beckwith's saloon Oct. 29, 1907, between 7 and 8 o'clock, took drink and invited friends to drink among them Lewis and Kimmons. Lewis said "I'll take this drink with you but you insulted me once." I said I have never insulted anybody. Lewis said "You are a lying ——" had never seen the man before in my life, had my revolver at the time, went from Beckwith's to my place, stayed 20 or 30 minutes talking, went to Guy's restaurant to

stayed 20 or 30 minutes, then went to Beckwith's stayed there 15 or 20 minutes then went to McCann's, stayed there the same length of time, went to Cooksey's stayed there 20 minutes drank nothing, then went to Riddle's, got there between 10 and 10:30 o'clock started to walk back to close, as I passed through rear room heard some one say "There goes the ——— now." looked around saw Lewis getting up and coming at me with knife and other man was making for back door, when he was striking at me I got my pistol and shot him. He was advancing on me and striking at me. There was no one in the room but Kimmons was not in room. I did not myself and Lewis at the time I shot.

strike Lewis on head with pistol, did not go up to table and talk to him, would not have known the man had he not spoken, shot in my necessary defense. Lewis fell at front door of saloon, saw knife on floor near body, saw Lewis have knife at Beckwith's, don't know if it is the same knife. Am 38 years old.

States attorney introduced Chief Egan, Sergeant Cowell, Officer Casey and Dr. McNamee who testified they had seen no cuts in Ford's coat when he was arrested. In answer to Attorney Leek's questions they said they had not examined the coat, cuts might have been there.

Albert Lewis son of the dead man swore positively the knife found near the body was not that of his father.

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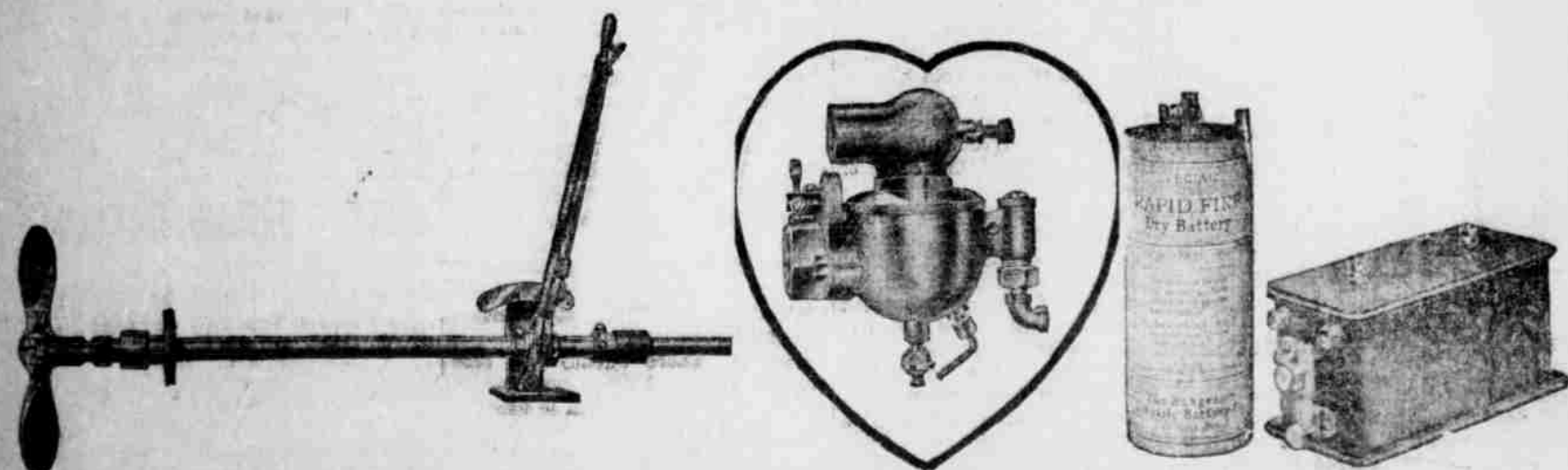
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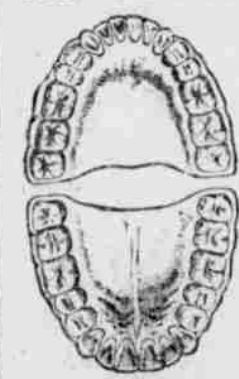


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