



SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1908.

DEFENCE OPENS

Vigorously Attack State's Arguments in Capitol Trial.

LAY BLAME ON ARCHITECT

It Is Contended Lewis Had Authority to Make Agreements For the State. Prosecution Claims That Bills Were False.

Harrisburg, Pa., June 10.—Both defence and prosecution addressed the jury in the capitol conspiracy trial. The defence made a vigorous attack upon the arguments of the commonwealth, which indicated that every point will be challenged and that the defence will rely largely upon the sincerity of the men involved in the contract and its execution. This was especially emphasized when ex-Attorney General W. U. Hensel, attorney for Congressman H. Burd Cassell, the contractor, said that if there was no doubt as to the adoption of the agreement upon a "square foot of workable depth" the case falls.

There were continual clashes between the lawyers, the defence aiming to confine the commonwealth to the smallest possible compass even in the closing argument to the jury. Some of these differences were pronounced and so interrupted the argument that Judge Kunkel intervened and straightened out the difficulties. Deputy Attorney General Cunningham's speech was remarkable for its grasp of the intricacies of the case, as much so as the two-day speech he made in the first capitol trial in March. He wove together the many strands and directly charged that every man mentioned in the indictment was guilty of conspiracy. The contractor was charged with making false bills and the architect with approving them, while the others' line of conduct was such that the charge could be inferred from the fact that they passed and paid bills which were fraudulent upon their face and which they could have verified had they referred to the contract on file in the capitol. The experts for the defence were ridiculed, and Mr. Cunningham claimed that even had the right to charge by a cubic foot been allowed by law the defence could not make its figures accord with those in the bill, because there was no distinction made between heavy and light construction, the failure to do which cost the state hundreds of dollars in the invoice in question.

Mr. Graham charged once during the speech that Mr. Cunningham was trying to make impressions by innuendoes, and a spirited controversy ensued. Just before Mr. Cunningham closed Mr. Graham objected to his use of matter he considered was not properly in evidence.

Mr. Hensel contended that Lewis was invested with authority to make agreements to bind the state, and that his testimony, which had not been attacked or refuted, must be considered. He said that the architect was forced to devise a method of measurement so that the bills could be handled, and the result was a standard, mutually agreed upon, which was favorable to the state. His application, he asserted, was honest in spite of the allegations of the commonwealth and the so-called "suspicious circumstances" which were "magnified" by the prosecution.

HUNG SUSPENDED BY CHEEK

Terrifying Experience of a Camden Youngster May Cost Him An Eye. Camden, N. J., June 10.—Hooked through the right cheek and the upper eyelid of the right eye, William Brown, aged five years, an inmate of the West Jersey Orphanage, was suspended for five minutes by three prongs of barbed wire from the top of a six-foot fence on the Mechanic street side of the home.

While the smaller children were playing in the yard, the matron, Mrs. W. D. Durisoe, was attracted by the screams of some of the older children and saw the little fellow impaled on the fence.

Under the advice of the matron the little boy manfully endured the terrible suffering while two of the employes held his body up and W. D. Durisoe, husband of the matron, with a pair of tinsmith's shears cut out a section of the barbed wire, thus freeing the little fellow. He was taken to the Cooper hospital.

Banker a Horse Thief.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 10.—Pleading guilty to horse stealing, Robert H. Green, of Waynetown, vice president of the Farmers' and Merchants' bank, of that place, a trustee of the local Methodist church and a large property owner, was sentenced to from one to fourteen years in the state penitentiary. He was disfranchised for one year and was fined \$10. A number of stolen animals were found in Green's possession when he was arrested here under an assumed name.

5000 Tax Dodgers Discovered.

Pittsburg, June 10.—Over 5000 persons who are alleged to have been dodging their personal property tax have been discovered and assessed by the board of tax assessment and revision. As a result the valuation of personal property in Allegheny county subject to a tax of four mills on the dollar is \$181,000,000. This exceeds the

return for 1907 by about \$1,000,000.

Hail Storm in Cumberland Valley. Harrisburg, Pa., June 10.—A severe hail storm swept over the Cumberland valley, reaching this city. Much damage was done to fruit trees and growing grain.

STEEL PRICES CUT

Manufacturers Agree Upon a General Reduction.

New York, June 10.—Announcement was made by Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, that a general reduction in the prices of finished steel products had been agreed upon by representatives of the large steel interests after an all-day conference. The reduction affects billets, steel bars, plates, structural iron, merchant pipe and wire nails.

The statement was as follows: "The representatives of the leading steel manufacturing companies have been in session during the day. It is understood that the price of iron ore has been or will soon be reduced to 50 cents per ton base.

"Each one of the steel manufacturers expressed the opinion that there should be a readjustment in the prices of their respective commodities, as follows: Billets, from \$28 per ton to \$26; sheet bars, from \$29 per ton to \$27; plates, from \$1.70 per 100 pounds to \$1.50 per 100 pounds; merchant pipe, a reduction of two points, or \$4 per ton; wire nails, from \$2.05 per 100 pounds to \$1.95 per 100 pounds.

"Sheet and plates were reduced early in the year; therefore no changes were considered in the prices of these products.

"It is hoped these changes will not necessitate a general or radical readjustment of wages, which it is desirable to avoid."

Smuggled Gowns Sold in Jersey Capitol

Trenton, N. J., June 10.—Thomas J. Alcott, United States marshal, sold the smuggled gowns of Josephine A. Byrne, of New York, using the assembly chamber of the state house for the purpose. The United States custom house here being torn apart in rebuilding. Business in the state house was at a standstill while the marshal exhibited the pretty Paris creations and even Governor Fort could not resist the temptation to go to the chamber where all of the stenographers of the building, as well as Trenton society of fair ones, were gathered admiring the fashions. The government realized \$852.20 from the sale, almost the duty charges.

Why He Kicked.

Stella—My fiance refused to let me take charge of a booth at the church fair last week.

Mabel—What were you going to sell?

Stella—Kisses at a quarter apiece.—Chicago Daily News.

London Clergymen.

In London there is one clergyman to every 2,600 persons.

—Extract from Senator Foraker's great speech in defense of the "Black Battalion."

Moreover, how would such a proceeding be conducted? Would it be public or private? It is a constitutional right of the most important character that all trials upon indictments involving criminal charges and convictions shall be public, to the end that the public may see to it, through the power of public sentiment, that no man shall be unfairly condemned. This trial would not be within the letter, but it would be within the spirit of the Constitution, for these men are not now soldiers to be dealt with arbitrarily, but plain American citizens, invested with all the rights of citizenship, who are seeking not only a restoration of their good names, but also of valuable property rights, to all of which they are confessedly entitled, if not found guilty of crime. They should not be dealt with, therefore, in the dark, as though a lot of chattels, for that day for the American Negro has forever passed, but as American citizens, entitled to the same rights white men would have under the same conditions.

In so far as we are to be governed by the fact that they were soldiers and may be soldiers again, we should remember, as Secretary Taft said of the white soldiers who shot up the town of Athens, Ohio, that they are, in a sense, the wards of the Government, and for that reason entitled, under such circumstances to the protection of the Government in all their legal rights. And if we are to be further reminded, as we have been, that the President is the Commander in Chief of the Army, it is a sufficient answer that, while that is true, yet also it is true that he does not create the Army. It is not for him to say who shall enlist or reenlist. All that belongs to Congress.

In short, there is no excuse whatever for such a bill. To pass it would be but pretending to grant relief, for manifestly, unless there has been a decided change of mind, practically none would follow.

Our action would but add insult to injury. It would be without precedent, for it may be safely asserted that never before in the history of civilization has a legislative body been invited to require men accused of crime to prove their innocence before a hostile judge who has already adjudged them guilty; and never before has there been a suggestion that any man worthy to sit in judgment upon the rights of his countrymen would accept such a duty if assigned him, if conscious of having the slightest prejudice against the accused.

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COLORED INFANTRY IN RESCUE OF ROUGH RIDERS AT SAN JUAN HILL, JULY 2, 1898, SIZE 20X28 AND 20X24 INCHES, ADMIRAL DEWEY'S GREAT NAVAL BATTLE OFF CAVITE IN MANILA BAY, MAY 1ST, 1898, NAVAL BATTLE, DESTRUCTION OF ADMIRAL CERVERA'S SPANISH FLEET OFF SANTIAGO DE CUBA, JULY 3RD, 1898, SIZE 22X28 INCHES; LAND BATTLE, CAPTURE OF EL CANEY, EL PASO AND FORTIFICATIONS OF SANTIAGO, JULY FIRST AND SECOND, 1898, SIZE 22X28 AND 22X27 INCHES. WE WILL SEND YOU ONE OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING BATTLES OF THE CIVIL WAR ON THE SAME TERMS: THE PICTURES LIKE THE OTHER BATTLES ARE FINISHED IN COLORS. THEY ARE 22X28 INCHES AND RETAIL AT ONE DOLLAR EACH. WE WILL FURNISH FRAMES FOR ANY OF THESE FINE CHROMOS FOR 2 DOLLARS & 50CTS. EACH. ADDITIONAL BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG, BATTLE OF SHILOH, BATTLE OF FIVE FORKS, VA., BATTLE OF ATLANTA, GA., BATTLE OF SPOTTSYLVANIA, VA., BATTLE OF VICKSBURG, MISS., BATTLE OF LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, TENN., BATTLE BETWEEN THE MONITOR AND THE MERRIMAC, BATTLE OF BULL RUN, VA., BATTLE OF CHANCELLORSVILLE, BATTLE OF THE BIG HORN, (CUSTER'S LAST CHARGE) STORMING OF FORT WAGNER, S. C., (COLORED TROOPS IN THIS FIGHT), BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS, LA., CAPTURE AND BATTLE OF SITTING BULL, THE GREAT INDIAN CHIEFTAIN; FORT PELLOW MASSACRE, FALL OF PETERSBURG, VA., BATTLE OF WINCHESTER, VA., BATTLE OF OLUSTEE, FLA. WE WILL SEND FAMILY RECORD, SIZE 22 BY 28, WHICH CONTAINS SPACE FOR PHOTOGRAPHS OF PARENTS AND TEN CHILDREN. WE WILL SEND SOLDIERS WAR RECORD (CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE IN UNITED STATES ARMY.)

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