

WOMEN TESTIFY IN LEWIS CASE

MRS. VAN ALSTINE'S FIRST GRIEVANCE IS BEING A WITNESS.

THE MISSOURI LAW IS READ

Counsel For Defendant Would Show Statutes Were Complied With—Witnesses Lean Forward and Listen to Every Word.

St. Louis, Nov. 12.—"Up to this time I have nothing to complain of in my transactions with Mr. Lewis," said Mrs. Mary C. Van Alstine, a witness for the government, upon cross-examination Monday forenoon in the trial of E. G. Lewis in the United States district court.

Mrs. Van Alstine, who said her home was at Richfield, Summit county, Ohio, was a stockholder to the extent of \$16 in the People's United States bank, which Lewis organized. She testified that after the bank went into a receiver's hands she received in exchange for her stock, from Lewis, a trustee's note for \$10, payable in three years, with interest payable semi-annually at 5 per cent.

She testified that so far the interest payments had been met. "Then," asks Attorney O'Brien for the defense, "up to this time you nothing nothing to complain of in the matter. The witness hesitated, but after the question had been repeated twice, she replied, with considerable emphasis: "No, I have not."

She said she had come to St. Louis as a witness and had turned over certain letters and papers to the government at the solicitation of the post-office inspectors.

Mrs. Van Alstine, who is about 45 years old, said she was a dressmaker.

Jury to See State Law.
The importance which counsel for the defense attaches to the manner in which the People's United States bank was organized and how it was conducted during its brief career was indicated early Monday.

Shepard Barclay, representing Lewis, told Judge Carland, in arguing for permission to read certain sections of the Missouri banking law to the jury, that it was the purpose of the defense to show that everything in connection with the bank was entirely regular under the law. He wished especially, he said to bring to the attention of the jury that section referring to the powers of the secretary of state.

Judge Carland, who had interrupted the reading, permitted Mr. Barclay to proceed, although, he said, it would not be within the province of the jury to decide whether Lewis' bank has been organized in accordance with the law of the state.

At the opening of court Monday morning United States District Attorney Hodge requested that all witnesses in the cases against Lewis other than the one now on trial be excused for another week. It became apparent that the government expects the present case to last at least a week longer. The witnesses first reported at the opening of the Lewis trial last Tuesday and then were excused until Monday morning of this week.

Miss A. C. Penniman of Albion, N. Y., testified that she and her sister invested \$500 each in the Lewis bank and had recovered \$5 per cent.

The government still has a large number of witnesses available for use in the trial of E. G. Lewis on a charge of using the mails to defraud before Judge Carland in the United States district court.

Many of these are women, 20 to 25 of whom, seated together in the court room, were highly interested spectators of the proceedings in the case last week.

Not infrequently one of them would rise in her place and lean as far forward as possible in her eagerness to catch the words of a witness.

Rural Carrier Assassinated.
Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 12.—James Coffee, a rural mail carrier, whose route was over rough mountain country, was found dead, having been shot off his horse by unknown assassins. His mail bag was unopened. It is believed the assassin mistook the mail carrier for his intended victim. Bloodhounds were ordered by government officials to run down the assassin.

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MONEY IS EASIER

SEVERAL SUSPENDED BANKS PREPARING TO RESUME. FIFTY MILLION IN GOLD IMPORTED

Bankers Believe Normal Conditions Will Be Restored Inside of Sixty Days.

New York, Nov. 12.—Distinct improvement is to be noticed in the banking and trust company position. The larger banks, which were more or less embarrassed in the early part of last month, have now virtually adjusted their affairs and are transacting business on a normal basis. A number of the small institutions which were compelled to suspend at the same time are making preparations to resume business. Of even greater importance was the partial rehabilitation of the affairs of the Trust Company of America and the Lincoln Trust Company. As the result of all day and all night conference of last Saturday plans were finally adopted by which the stability of those concerns was virtually assured, certainly so far as their depositors were concerned. Consequently these institutions have been paying promptly the claims made upon them, instead of following the dilatory and annoying practices formerly pursued. Additional improvement in the banking situation at large is indicated in the fact that on more than one day this week there were no applications at all for the taking out of loan certificates at the clearing house. Interior banks are still making heavy drafts for cash upon their New York correspondents and there is no manner of evading these demands. Currency remains at a premium and much discomfort has been experienced by individuals of small means who receive their wages in the form of checks, to say nothing of the more serious restrictions imposed upon manufacturers and other large employers of labor.

\$50,000,000 in Gold Imported.
The total amount of imported gold laid down in this city last week and that now in transit exceeds \$50,000,000. The sterling exchange situation has naturally continued in a very unsettled state, the markets of each day showing extremely wide fluctuations. While the rates for sterling exchange are, of course, far above the point at which under normal conditions large exports of gold would be undertaken, the premium on currency serves to counterbalance the rates at which business is transacted. Conservative bankers seem to be now in agreement in point that it will be unwise to make much greater demands for credit upon the European banks.

The Bank of England raised its discount rate to 7 per cent. The Bank of France raised it to 4 per cent, the Bank of Germany to 7½ per cent, the Bank of Belgium to 6 per cent, the Bank of Bengal to 6 per cent and the Bank of Bombay to 5 per cent. Such a combination of advances in discount rates was almost without precedent and certainly of very rare occurrence. It shows in a striking manner the unsettling influences produced on the world at large by the money strain in the United States. The democratic pressure for ready money has been greatly relieved by the arrival of gold and further material relief will be experienced when the balance of the coin secured shall have reached its destination.

Money Becoming Easier.

If money were not allowed to freely circulate in the country all business would stop, including the people who are secreted funds. If there are persons who have become distrustful of the depository institution in which their money is deposited, let them deposit it in another institution, but they should bear in mind that in putting it in safe deposit vaults or in bureau drawers at home they are doing that which will work to reduce their own individual income more rapidly than that of any other force that could be imagined. Wall street itself, it is to be noted, is singularly composed under the circumstance. Speculators there, judging from the way matters have always turned out in the past, are pretty confident as to what is likely to happen in the future. They know that within ten days more nearly \$50,000,000 in new gold will be in the country that will serve as a basis of an expansion of credits of over \$200,000,000. As the premium on currency is fast disappearing, money is becoming easier and it is the belief of the best bankers that within sixty days money will be a drug on the market.

BURIED ALIVE IN DEEP MINE

NO HOPE OF ESCAPE FOR ENTOMBED PENNSYLVANIA MINER.

MAN IS ALIVE AND UNHURT

It Would Take a Year to Reach the Workman, Who Awaits Death From Starvation 800 Feet From Surface.

Mahoney City, Pa., Nov. 12.—Alive and unhurt, but in darkness that will never be lifted, Michael McCabe, a miner, is awaiting certain death by starvation, 800 feet below the surface of the earth in the Draper colliery, near here.

While McCabe was at work he fired a blast that blew away one of the mine pillars. He fled in the wrong direction and got into a blind shaft. A fellow workman managed to get out of that wing of the colliery before the roof caved in.

The mine breach extends to the surface, where it yawns 60 feet wide, right in front of McCabe's home, where his wife and six children vainly hope for his rescue.

Mine officials say it may be a year before it will be possible to reach the place where the man is shut up.

Terse Telegrams

Mexican supreme court decides that the Americans, Richardson, Mason and Harle, must be shot at Chihuahua, Friday, December 6.

British naval officer, accused of "flippency" to German kaiser, may lose his position.

Louisiana legislature meets in special session. Politics of the state at boiling point.

War spirit is said to be stalking among the delegates to the Central American Peace Conference, now in Washington.

Citizen of Ardmore, I. T., at Washington seeking to defeat appointment of G. A. Porter, as marshal of the Eastern district of Oklahoma.

Week opens with good banking position. Bank reserves comparatively intact, with \$25,000,000 gold on ocean steamers for this country. West gets currency. Business disturbances insignificant.

Output of lead and zinc in Joplin district may be restricted temporarily because below point of profit.

Grain prices have sharp declines on account of money stringency. France drafts counter tariff modus vivendi for submission to United States.

Administration is fearful of coast's Japanese exclusion campaign planned for sixtieth congress.

Six states represented in congress of Missouri river boomers in Omaha. Administration leaders declare congress may repeal Sherman anti-trust law.

Taft will ask \$5,525,000 for increase in coast artillery at Pacific posts. Oklahoma will have "get-divorce-quick" law pending enactment of new measure after statehood.

Harriman, under Mexican concession, is building line in Lower California which will extend through the peninsula.

Ridgely, at the coming session of congress, will vigorously urge passage of bill to increase elasticity of currency.

The jury in the Collier murder trial at Pana, Ill., has been out for twenty-two hours and, as yet, no verdict has been reached. It is said the jury stands ten for acquittal and two for conviction.

Every detail in the preparations for the sailing of the battleship fleet to the Pacific ocean is now well in hand and by Dec. 16, the date on which the vessels will pass out of Hampton Roads in review before President Roosevelt, members of his cabinet and high officers of the navy, all arrangements for the comfort of the men en route will have been attended to.

Japanese camphor factories in Formosa have been suffering from raids by head hunters, several Japanese officials having been killed and their heads carried off. Punitive expeditions are being organized.

For the fourth time, Caleb Powers will be put on trial at Georgetown, Scott county, Ky., for alleged complicity in the assassination of William Goebel, democratic aspirant for the governorship of Kentucky in 1900.

The trial of Mrs. Annie M. Bradley at Washington on the charge of murdering Senator Brown of Utah, has been adjourned until Wednesday, owing to the death of Judge L. E. McComas of the District court of appeals.

If Secretary of War Taft does not visit England on his way home from the east, it will be a keen disappointment to his many admirers in the British Isles.

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GO TO H--L! IS NOT CUSSIN'

Jackson, Miss., Nov. 11.—In an opinion handed down by Justice Calhoun today the supreme court of this state held that the expression "Go to hell" was not profanity, and reversed the circuit court of Alcorn county, in which the matter originated. It was styled Rose Stafford vs. the state. The appellant is a negro girl, 12 years of age, who was indicted and convicted for violating the public profanity statute, her offence being justified on the streets of Corinth by some negroes. It has attracted considerable notice from the first.

GREAT GULFPORT RESORT BURNED

Mobile, Ala., Nov. 8.—The laundry of the Great Southern hotel at Gulfport that cost \$500,000 caught fire Friday and the big building seemed doomed. Fireman had a hard fight to save the place, against great odds, as the water supply was scarce.

A Chicago dispatch says that 1,200 men have been laid off at the Illinois Central Burnside shops. Officials of the company claim that this number is not greatly in excess of that usually laid off at this season.

There is great excitement and surmising of theories among the persons who knew all the time how to perfect the national financial structure, but could not get listeners.

The new Gilmer Hotel at Columbus will be formally opened on the night of the 16th with a banquet. The Corinthian editor acknowledges receipt of an invitation to be present.

Delegates to the Central American Peace Conference are gathering at Washington.

The monetary situation grows slightly better slowly.

Expensive Peace Guards.
Some idea of what it costs to have military protection in Russia can be gathered from the following figures. Prince Naryszkin, whose estates are in Lithuania, near the Courland frontier, is afraid of strikes and riots. A year ago he asked for some dragoons, who were sent to the manor house and have been there ever since. For this he pays £190 a month to the government.

They have already cost him £2,280 in cash, to say nothing of huge quantities of meat, wood, straw, hay, oats and clover, which he is obliged to give them free of charge. All told, he has reckoned that his "protection" costs him about £4,000 a year. At such a rate only rich men can afford to feel secure in Russia. The poor ones must run the risk of being looted. —Fall Mail Gazette.

Boy Kills Baby Sister.
Colby, Kas., Nov. 12.—The 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hoagland killed his baby sister, 1 year old, with an old revolver, which he loaded with some cartridges found in a buried teapot. He did not know the weapon would discharge when he pointed the revolver at his sister and pulled the trigger.

Snow and Cold in Illinois.
Decatur, Ill., Nov. 12.—At 10 o'clock Sunday night the temperature throughout central Illinois was 20 above zero, the coldest of this season. The change was marked by a snow storm with high wind that assumed almost the proportions of a blizzard.

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Father's Disposition of Money Earned by Son's Bravery.

A heroic act was performed recently in the south of France by a little lad of 13. A soldier belonging to one of the regiments specially mentioned in connection with the troubles at Narbonne, was bathing alone in the river Aude, when he got suddenly out of his depth. The man was struggling hard for life, when his dreadful predicament was perceived by the boy, who plunged, fully dressed, into the water, and by dint of desperate efforts succeeded in getting him safely onto the bank. The soldier thanked the lad most gratefully for having saved him, and as soon as he got to the barracks he gave an account of his adventure, which promptly reached the ears of the colonel of the regiment, who sent for the boy, complimented him on the courage and resource which he had displayed, and presented him with 20f. The general commanding the brigade having also been informed of the affair, asked the lad's mother to call on him, and, after having heartily congratulated her, gave her 20f. as well. The father had been spending the day as usual at work in the fields, and when he returned home in the evening he was rejoiced by the story of his son's bravery, and of the fame which he had achieved. But he bethought him afterwards of the distress from which the wine-growers are suffering, and, after consultation with his wife and child, he set off, with their consent, to take the 40f. to the relief fund.

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Notice to Creditors

Administrator's Notice to Creditors of F. P. Morrison, Deceased.
Letters of Administration having been granted on the 29th day of October, 1907, by the Chancery Court of Alcorn county, State of Mississippi, to P. Morrison, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the clerk of said court for probate and registration according to law within one year from this date, or they will be forever barred.
This 29th day of October, 1907.
LESLIE I. MORRISON, Admin.

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One two year old Durham heifer, with short horns, solid red with a little white under belly and one white hind foot. Any information as to her whereabouts will be liberally rewarded by L. H. Mitchell, R. F. D. No. 2 Riem, Miss.

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Under and by virtue of a final decree of the chancery court of Alcorn county, Mississippi, made in the cause of J. S. Neely vs. M. C. Kimmons, No. 106, rendered at the October term, A. D. 1907, thereof, the undersigned Commissioner named in said decree will, at the 23rd day of November, A. D. 1907, within the legal hours of such sales, at public outcry to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property: One black Jack.
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