

Seven Jurors Chosen to Try Treadway

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murder convictions, opened the proceedings by requesting the judge to try all three defendants together.

Defendants Win Point
The request caused a stir in the courtroom. It had been expected that the district attorney's office would combat any suggestion that all three be tried together...

Attorneys for "Boots" and Moss were on their feet instantly with objections. They explained that the defense offered for their clients would differ materially from that offered for Treadway...

Juror Is Accepted
He changed this when cross-questioned by the judge, only to return to his original answer when questioned more fully by counsel for Treadway.

The selection of jurors was then begun. The first juror named was Robert Boyce, a carpenter, of 6020 Rising Sun avenue. He was excused by mutual consent of counsel because his hearing was defective.

John S. Owen was chosen as juror No. 3, and George Scott as No. 4. Then came Albert Rein, No. 5; George Gruber, No. 6; and William Welch, No. 7. All accepted without unusual incident.

Against Death Penalty
J. Saylor Gabel, a twenty-two-year-old accountant, of 2305 North Cleveland avenue, also declared his conscience would not permit him to find a verdict of guilty where capital punishment would be the penalty.

"Are your scruples based on your unwillingness to take part in this trial?" asked Mr. Speiser.

"If the evidence warranted," insisted Mr. Speiser, "would you find a verdict of first degree murder?"

"I would not," answered the juror. He was challenged on the case and the challenge allowed. However, Judge Audenried turned to the talesman and said: "Young man, you had better take counsel and train your conscience to do lawful things."

Crowd on Hand Early
The advance guard of spectators was outside the courtroom long before 9 o'clock. Judge Audenried had given orders that no one was to be admitted, unless he came with proper credentials.

Women who came early seeking advance seats as spectators were turned away. The courtroom soon filled to capacity with the members of the venire, from which the jury would be chosen, and the witnesses in this and other cases summoned to appear.

"Boots" and Moss were brought up from Moyamensing prison in advance of Treadway. They rode in the same prison van, but in different compartments.

Elaborate precautions were taken to keep the prisoners from communicating with each other. "Boots" was taken to the women's part of the sheriff's cell room and turned over to the custody of Mrs. Larry Doyle, the matron.

"Moss Rogers, the sailor-husband of "Boots," had come over from New York to see her, and was waiting in the sheriff's cell room when she arrived. He was permitted to greet and talk to her. They kissed and she said "hello" to her husband again. She clung to him for a moment before she was taken to her cell, and seemed in a more cheerful frame of mind for the few moments' conversation.

Until the trial opened, Treadway and Moss were locked up in cells as far apart as the facilities of the sheriff's cellroom would admit. Moss in the first and Treadway in the last cell of the tier.

PEIRCE WAS VICTIM OF 'GOOD FELLOWSHIP'

The Peirce murder was one of the most brutal committed in Philadelphia. Henry T. Peirce, who had a good income and was known as a free spender, was found in a pool of blood on Monday morning, November 22, in his apartment, 2007 Market street.

Heard of Car in Wheeling, W. Va.
Then came news, on Tuesday, that Peirce's big red car was in a garage at Wheeling, W. Va. Two detectives were sent on the first train. They interviewed the garage man and learned that two men had bought the car in. With the aid of the police they found Treadway's lodging house and arrested him as he was leaving. The girl also was arrested.

WITNESSES AGAINST TREADWAY



Two of the witnesses counted on by the prosecution to link Peter Treadway to the murder of Henry T. Peirce were brought here from Wheeling, where Treadway and "Boots" Rogers were captured. Mrs. J. Piber (right) and Mrs. Amelia Beck are shown entering City Hall today prior to the opening of Treadway's trial.

TREADWAY SMILING, MOSS GRAVE, "BOOTS" STILL PERT

Peirce Murder Suspects Offer Big Contrasts as Trial of Alleged Actual Slayer Starts—Girl Center of Attraction

Peter D. Treadway, "Boots" Rogers and Joseph A. Moss were of markedly contrasting appearance when they were brought before Judge Audenried today at Treadway's trial for the murder of Henry T. Peirce.

Treadway, chewing gum, smiling and confident, presented all the appearance and all the manner of the man who knows he is good-looking, knows he has a personality that has charm, knows how to conceal those elements of his that are not so charming—knows all this by experience, the appearance and manner of a man who has been in trouble, perhaps not trouble with the law particularly, but trouble—and always got out of it.

He seems to be enjoying his position in the center of the stage. He has no doubt that he will get out of his difficulties. He has these good looks, this charm of manner, this ability to wear clothes well, and the exception of occasional and short-lived troubles he has always got along well. He has assets. They have carried him far. He thinks they will carry him through this trouble and much farther.

"Boots" Long Loyal
Even after he was arrested, "Boots" Rogers stuck by him, and it was only after they were actually separated by prison bars that there was any reason whatever to doubt that he still had her "in his power."

Moss is brought in now. A tipstaff draws the chair for him a couple of feet away from Treadway. Moss greets his attorney with a word and a nod. He sits down and looks straight ahead. He does Treadway for a minute. Then he looks at Moss, but Moss does not look at him.

Moss is handsome, no slender, nor even youthful looking like Treadway, takes the trial seriously. He is short, his face is heavy. His clothes are dark and they don't fit well. His hair is black. He has had his troubles, too, and has got out of his difficulties only by hard struggling. He sees another hand struggling. There is nothing for him to be smiling about.

Man of Few Friends
None and there over the country there are a few people who like him; but none that love him deeply. There are some men that are sorry to see him in trouble, but they are not seriously concerned over his position. They are not losing sleep over it. Some women have liked him, too, but it is not a "lad's" kind of love; there are none who would go far for him.

Moss and Treadway confer with their counsel. Moss thinks, knitting his brows. Both were brought back to Philadelphia, arriving the night of Thanksgiving Day.

"Boots" was an enigma to the police from the first. She was young, attractive, with a wealth of brown hair and a blue smile. Her "liveness" was her special characteristic, however. She laughed and looked and sang songs all the long trip from Wheeling to Philadelphia. She would tell nothing of herself, making disjoint answers to the questions of the detectives and reporters who accompanied them. By the time the train arrived at Broad Street Station she had the sympathy of many in the car and seemed the least concerned of the party.

The brado she displayed on her arrival soon gave way, however, when her husband, Ross Rogers, a sailor in the mercantile marine, came home on the train. She and her husband were reconciled and she made a lengthy statement to the police, repeating an earlier statement and telling what the detectives believed was a true story.

Link Moss and Elliott With Crime
Meanwhile it had been learned that Joseph "Archie" Moss and Marion Elliott had been several confessions, in which he finally admitted being present when the murder was committed and took the blame of Elliott upon himself. The police learned that Moss had lived in Camden and found his boarding house. They learned from several

Peirce Murder Chronology

Sunday, November 22—Henry T. Peirce, 40-year-old Washington, a man, manufacturer's agent, beaten to death in his apartment, 2007 Market street.

Monday—Body discovered by police, who learned Peirce's big red automobile was missing.

Tuesday—Automobile found in garage at Wheeling, W. Va.

Wednesday—Peter DeWitt Treadway caught in a rooming house at Wheeling and accused of Peirce's murder. With him was arrested a girl who gave her name as Marie Williams, then Phillips, and finally Rogers.

Sunday, November 29—Joseph "Archie" Moss, of Camden, a mechanic, arrested in Pittsburgh as one of the men who had been in the Peirce apartment when the murder was committed. He also is accused of being an accessory.

Tuesday, March 15—Treadway went on trial before Judge Audenried in Room 403, City Hall.

Both Treadway and the girl have made statements to the police. Moss also made a statement. Finally the police got this version, that Peirce had been struck down by a fourth man, Marion A. Elliott, who had escaped with the other to the South and remains a fugitive.

Sue's mother are caretakers of the apartment house at 307 Lenox street. He had been tinkering in the basement and he wore khaki overalls and an old blue cap. He is slender and dark, with black hair and mustache, almost young enough to be Sue's brother rather than stepfather.

"Sue," the man went on, "is no worse than most girls. There have been all sorts of scandalous stories told about her hearing a man, but we don't believe them. What if she did go round with young men in Philadelphia? She didn't mean any harm by it. She had friends and it is natural that a young girl should wish to have a good time. Of course, it was lonesome with her husband at sea. We don't believe she had anything to do with the murder of Peirce, and we feel sure she won't be convicted. Her husband has obtained a good lawyer. At most, they can't convict her of anything more serious than accessory to the crime, and I don't believe any one can prove that against her."

"Boots' brother, standing near, agreed with this. "If she is freed, we will probably have her visit us a few days and then we plan for her to leave the East for a while, at least. Rogers hopes to take her to Texas to live with his relatives."

Mr. Planovsky said he had visited Sue in Moyamensing Prison and found her hearing well.

"We plan to attend her trial in Philadelphia," he said, "but we are not at all interested in the trial of Peter Treadway. She supposed to be a witness in that, but that doesn't affect us any, and we do not care to hear it. Sue's attorney will notify us when her trial begins."

Sue's brothers and sisters are reticent on the subject of the murder. The little half-brothers are too young to understand what it all means. They know that something happened to the sister who lived at home for brief periods two years ago, something that causes much discussion and interest in the neighborhood.

Otherwise, the little household goes on as usual. The furnace and the plumbing and the telephone and the doorbell are in good order. The house is kept by some member or other of the family. And the older members of the family are glad Sue's trial won't come till how to conceal those elements of his that are not so charming—knows all this by experience, the appearance and manner of a man who has been in trouble, perhaps not trouble with the law particularly, but trouble—and always got out of it.

Children Try to Understand
"Yes, they know something of the tragedy. From a least understanding by the four-year-old, but the younger ones only know of daddy's death, no facts, Lewis, my baby, tells me every day or two, as if for the first time. 'Daddy will never come back again,' and she has big blue eyes take on a serious look as he tries to figure it out.

More than anything else, I dread going out today. I will be the first time I ever attended a trial. Oh, I wish it were all over. I hope it will not take long. I will be unable to go each day, but in the very beginning I am willing. The district attorney urged it, and then it is for Harry."

Mrs. Peirce's eyes flared, but in a moment she had recovered her composure. For several years she had been more or less an invalid, due to an injury to her ankle. Sickness, however, even combined with the sorrow of the loss of her husband, had not impaired her courage or strength of character.

Mrs. Peirce was "carrying on" for five sturdy boys. Housekeeping and home-making were her specialties. She had a big, roomy house was tidy and well ordered, in spite of these husky boys living all over it.

Peirce Was "Good Fellow"
"Two words," he said, "will explain my husband," continued Mrs. Peirce. "He was a good fellow. Only under the influence of drink would he have associated with persons of the character of Treadway and a rest."

Hamon Was Drunk, Clara Tells Jury

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but the spectators were reluctant to move, and after efforts of deputy sheriffs and bailiffs to remove the spectators and news writers, the court reversed itself first as regarding the newspapermen and women and finally the spectators were permitted to remain, although given a lecture and a pointed warning.

"Must Let My Poor Old Mother Alone"
Clara Hamon could not compose herself sufficiently to return to the courtroom and the one hour recess was ordered.

"I don't care what they do with me," she said as tears streamed, "but they must let my poor old mother alone."

S. P. Freeling, state attorney general, said that at the next demonstration he would insist on the room being cleared for the remainder of the trial.

Mr. McLean told the court his former had not been made under stress of the situation, but that it should have been made and "still stands."

The courtroom remained jammed to capacity. F. L. Carter, of Oklahoma City, an electric lineman, was the first witness called by the defense today. The defense attempted to substantiate a statement charged against W. B. Nichols, former chief of police of Oklahoma City, in testimony that Carter had overheard Nichols say "he held Hamon's hand until the end came, and that the wound was an accident."

Carter admitted he heard Nichols make such a statement. The witness was passed by the state. C. E. Wyles, a mechanic of an Ardmore garage, testified to having aided in mounting new tires on Clara's motorcar, at her request, the Saturday before the shooting.

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Five minutes before the recess period was over Clara Hamon returned to the courtroom apparently composed.

Sister Tells of Clara's Bruises
Mrs. V. B. Walling, sister of the defendant, had just left the witness stand when the remarks of the counsel precipitated the outbreak of applause.

Mrs. Walling testified that Clara Hamon was born in 1893 and is twenty-seven years old, but a few moments later she said that she was twenty-nine. The witness said she had only seen Jake Hamon a few times and was not very well acquainted with him.

"I did not know of the improper relations existing between him and your sister," McLean asked.

"Not for several years after they began," she said.

"Clara's chest was bruised very much and finger prints were deeply impressed," the witness testified.

"A bruise was on her chest and head, and she complained of pains in her hands and arms."

"Do you remember your father coming up here to kill Jake Hamon and about the sheriff disarming him?"

The state objected and was sustained.

MRS. STOKES MAY SEEK STAY IN DIVORCE TRIAL
Would Bar Alleged Evidence Concerning Edgar T. Wallace
New York, March 15—Martin W. Littleton, attorney for Mrs. Helen Elwood Stokes, is expected to apply to the Supreme court today to stay the divorce trial started by W. E. D. Stokes, millionaire hotel proprietor, insofar as it relates to Edgar T. Wallace.

An appeal for an order staying the trial in this respect would have to be based upon the theory of the defense that, as Wallace's name was not before the court in the proceedings on trial until yesterday, though it had been mentioned in the proposed amended complaint which Judge Wallace had signed, and also in the new suit for divorce recently started by Stokes, it cannot legally be brought before the court by an amendment.

Mrs. Mabel Matossian was the witness who brought the name of Mr. Wallace into the case when she told of seeing Mrs. Stokes entering the Wallace bachelor apartment several times.

HITS "ANIMATED CORPSES"

Bishop Woodcock Raps Those Who Cultivate Drogues
"Complaining heartily, animated corpses, people who cultivate drogues" were the terms severely criticized by the Rev. Dr. Woodcock, bishop of Connecticut, at the noon Lenten service at the Garrick Theatre today.

"The trouble with the business world today," the bishop said, "is that there are too many people in it who are afraid. Such people will never solve any problems. We all of us have the ability to grapple with our troubles and conquer them, if we only would realize it and face the issues."

By "animated corpses" the bishop said he meant those persons who "have died years ago but who are still walking about and chattering up the world, and have no use for them," said he.

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RELATIVES DEFEND "BOOTS" ROGERS

New York, March 15—"Boots" Rogers isn't any different or any worse than the average young girl of today, in the estimation of her family.

Man and Wife Fight for Gun

Louise Foster, Negro, and her wife, Pauline, of Tenth street above Brown, were arrested after the woman is alleged to have attempted to kill Foster by shooting him at Eleventh and Fairhill streets last night.