

AS WAS CURE FOR THE TROUBLE OUT LAFAAN CASE

All Testimony Except Brown's Irrelevant, Defense Counsel Says

HITS JURISDICTION HERE CAN'T BE FOUND ON FILE

The Commonwealth closed today in the trial of Daniel F. Lafaan on a charge of misdemeanor in office. Joseph P. Gaffney, counsel for the former State Banking Commissioner, moved that the Commonwealth's testimony be stricken from the record as irrelevant, with the exception of that of Francis Shunk Brown, former Attorney General.

Lafaan is charged with having refused to close the North Penn Bank for six months after he knew its condition to be precarious. Mr. Gaffney based his argument on Section 9 of the Act of 1907, which is to the effect that if any books, papers or affairs of a bank are in any condition, and are so considered by the Banking Commissioner, he must report the fact to the Attorney General. Then the Attorney General must make a report to the court a receiver to look after the business.

Relies on Brown Testimony Only "There is only one witness who can be relied on by the Commonwealth, and that is the former Attorney General. He said upon the stand that he may have or may not have communicated with me on this matter. If he says he did, he did; if he says he did not, he did not."

Mr. Gaffney also challenged the jurisdiction of the court. A man under common law may be tried in the court of the county where the crime was committed, he argued, and as officers of both the Banking Commissioner and the Attorney General are by law fixed at Harrisburg, it is the condition of the bank to the Attorney General, then the Philadelphia courts have no jurisdiction.

Early Verdict Expected It is probable that the trial will be finished and a verdict returned early tomorrow. Those who are following the trial with interest are puzzled as to what will be done with Lafaan should the jury find him guilty.

BIDS ON CITY HALL SPACE

Christmas Tree Venders Galore After Place in Plaza Bids were received at City Hall today from Christmas tree venders who wish to have first choice of space around City Hall Plaza. Forty-four bids were offered, ranging from \$50 to \$1, and the contractor will select to follow the relative size of the bids.

The east entrance and the east side, together with the west entrance, are regarded as the most desirable places. A price of \$1 a foot is charged for space, whether or not a bid has been made for first choice. Thirty others made application for space without offering a bonus for choice. The proceeds of the bidding, which is expected to amount to about \$1500, will go to the city treasury.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION READY

Mayor Accepts Work for City—Will Push Building The foundation for the new Free Public Library Building, which will front on the Parkway between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, was formally turned over to the city today by the contractor. It was accepted on behalf of the city by Mayor Moore and Director Caven, of the Department of Public Works. Librarian John Ashurst represented the library trustees at the ceremony. Mayor Moore said, in a short address, the work on the building will be well under way early in January.

HEALTH BOARDS UNITE

Nearby Towns Join in Central Body to Help State The Boards of Health of the boroughs adjacent to Philadelphia met today in the Chamber of Commerce to organize a compact for work in co-operation with the State Board of Health. The boroughs have been working independently, in the State Board's view, they have taken a great step in unifying the work.

P. R. T. PARK HEARING ENDS

Judge Johnson to Inspect Site of Proposed Amusement Place Hearings on the application of residents of Millbourne and Stonehurst to have the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company build an amusement park beyond Sixty-third street and along the Schuylkill river, ended today before Judge Johnson at Media.

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Postmaster Says He Will Stand on Letter He Wrote Hays November 29

THORNTON MISSING MORE MUDDLED

An element of mystery was injected into the removal of Postmaster John A. Thornton today when the Postoffice Department in Washington received a letter from the Philadelphia Postmaster saying he would "stand on his letter of November 29 to the Postmaster General."

This was his reply to the telegram from first Assistant Postmaster General Hubert Work, informing him he would be dropped from the Government rolls "for serious reasons" on November 31, and instructing him to transfer the Postoffice to Colonel George E. Kemp, his successor, on that date.

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Three Men Who Raided Jail Defy Troops Surrounding Them Jackson, Ky., Dec. 15.—(By A. P.)—Three members of the band which raided the Breathitt County jail on Monday morning, killing one man, fatally wounding another, today were surrounded by State troops in a cave. The cave is located in the United States National Forest, near the town of Whitesburg, in Breathitt County.

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OFFICERS PROBE MURDER

British and Irish Endeavoring to Apprehend Constable's Slayer Dublin, Dec. 15.—(By A. P.)—British and Irish police officers today were engaged in a search for the slayer of Constable Joseph H. O'Connell, who was killed by a bullet fired from the roof of a building in Dublin last night.

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FURTHER RAIL REDUCTIONS UNJUSTIFIED, SAYS SHRIVER

Officer of B. and O. Contends Conditions Do Not Warrant Rate Cuts Washington, Dec. 15.—(By A. P.)—Though basic elements which influence transportation costs are declining, financial results from the operation of railroads in the United States do not justify immediate reductions in freight or passenger rates, but may do so "in the not distant future," George M. Shriver, vice president of the Baltimore and Ohio, declared today before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

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Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger Atlantic City, Dec. 15.—Testimony that Mrs. Mary Wollbert Bartlett, wife of William H. Bartlett, banker and former Director of Public Safety, kept relatives away from George T. Lippincott during the latter days of his life was introduced today by witnesses for the appellants in the hearing in the attack on the will of the millionaire.

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Deliberations Prolonged by Conflicting Statements of Actress Mays Landing, N. J., Dec. 15.—Dr. William H. Bricker, Jr., of Philadelphia, on trial in the Criminal Court here, charged with performing an illegal operation on Miss Rhodessa Davy, an actress, was found guilty. The jury, which retired yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, returned a verdict at 6:30 o'clock this morning. The long deliberations were due to a conflicting statement made by Miss Davy at the trial.

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Daughter of Furniture Dealer Recognizes Photo as That of "Customer"

GAVE ORDER FOR CHAIRS

Police are linking a half-written sale in an order book with the murder of Mark Harris, beaten to death Tuesday in his furniture store at 712 East Passyunk avenue. This order was for twelve chairs. On the blood-stained order book the sale was entered only partially. It ended in a scrawling line, which induces detectives to think Harris was struck as he bent over his writing.

A photograph in the Rogues' Gallery was identified as the customer by Miss Hannah Harris, 1822 North Twenty-third street, youngest daughter of the murdered furniture dealer. She was bookkeeper at the store.

"My sister remembered the man's face immediately," said Hannah Harris, only son of the slain merchant. "She remembered this man entered the store Monday and had placed an order for a dozen chairs of the same type as those noted on the last-used blank of the order book in the office."

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Miss Greenberg is a member of a stock company and went home by trolley after a performance last night. She told police the robber passed her as she was walking on Norris street east of Thirty-second, and then, apparently, turned and followed her until she was about to enter her home. The bag contained a small sum of money and a few trinkets.

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