

MEROLO IS IDENTIFIED

Several Witnesses Testify That They Saw Him Kill Loro.

MR. JONES' OPENING REMARKS

Describes the Manner in Which the Murder Was Committed—Graphic Story of the Crime from an Eye-Witness—Witnesses Examined.

District Attorney John R. Jones opened the MeroLO case to the jury yesterday morning. On Sunday, June 17, 1894, he said, the prisoner left his boarding house in Old Forge, armed with a revolver. He walked in an alley near Fallon's hotel for Loro to pass by. Loro was a barber, 45 years of age, unmarried and a quiet and inoffensive citizen. He came from Philadelphia and opened a shop opposite that of Joseph Salvit on Main street, Old Forge. MeroLO came three times and got shaved; Loro charged but five cents a shave, yet MeroLO did not pay this paltry sum; so that on the Sunday above named when Loro met MeroLO and requested payment, the latter answered by taking out his revolver and emptying the five bullets in it into the barber's body.

MeroLO escaped, was hotly pursued by the authorities, but he got away and crossed the ocean to Italy, where he talked about his crime. The authorities were after him there and he got no rest. He eventually re-crossed the ocean, came to New York, and was afterward located in Boston by the Barrington & McSweeney detective agency. The defendant denied that he is the man, but the district attorney said that his identity would be established beyond question by competent witnesses and letters found on the defendant's person. The district attorney's promise is being fulfilled. The commonwealth is making out a strong case against the prisoner.

Testimony for the Commonwealth. Coroner J. A. Kelley was the first witness. He described the wounds found on the body of the murdered man. One bullet passed through the left lung and severed a large blood vessel carrying life fluid back to the heart. That was the fatal wound. Pulmonary hemorrhage was the result and death was the natural consequence. The coroner extracted the fatal bullet. District Attorney Jones offered it in evidence.

Emilio Piloso was an eye witness of the murder. He knew the dead man well and was similarly acquainted with MeroLO. He described the incidents that led up to the shooting. MeroLO was standing near Fallon's hotel. Loro came along accented him and asked him for the 15 cents owing to him. MeroLO said, with an oath, that he would not give it to him and struck him in the breast with his fist, knocking him down, and when Loro arose, the defendant whipped out his revolver and shot him. Then MeroLO escaped. Ludovico Barbieri, an Italian woman, saw the shooting. MeroLO pointed the pistol until he killed his victim. She recognized the prisoner at the bar as the one who did the shooting. The husband of the witness was afterward called and testified substantially the same as his wife.

Mrs. Moran Saw the Shooting. Mrs. Mary Moran was sworn. She said that MeroLO boarded in a house owned by her, next door to where she lived. They called him Frank. She saw the shooting. MeroLO ran from his pursuer, but MeroLO followed him until the man fell dead.

John Oakley, the man with whom MeroLO worked in the mines previous to the murder, was put on the stand. He was told by Mr. Jones to look at the man at the defendant's table. "That's the man," said he. Mr. Oakley's fibrousness was so strong that the audience was threatened by the judge with expulsion for laughing.

The pleasures that passed between the district attorney and the defendant's counsel tickled the other members of the bar who were with the hearing. Once when Mr. Jones was interrupted by Mr. Martin he told the court that the latter did not know the rules.

MeroLO had a Scar. Oakley noticed that there was a slight scar on MeroLO's head when he worked as his laborer. Mr. Martin was questioning the witness closely about the scar and took occasion to admit that he had scars on his own head. District Attorney Jones, turned mischievously around and said in an undertone something about wheels. "Thanks very much," said Mr. Martin. Mr. Oakley fixed the period that MeroLO worked as a laborer from Oct. 13, 1893, to June 16, 1894.

Oakley was at home the afternoon of the murder; his home is only a short distance from where Loro was killed. The five shots were fired in quick succession. When Oakley got out on the street the man was dead and the murderer had made good his escape. It was an undeniable impression throughout Old Forge that MeroLO did the shooting. The witness took it for granted that his laborer was the murderer since he did not appear at work on the day after the affair. He knew Loro well and regarded him as a peaceful and quiet citizen. That was Loro's general reputation among the people of Old Forge. Mr. Oakley said his laborer had a scar on his face, but he failed to point it out on the prisoner's face.

MeroLO Positively Identified. John Nese, an Italian, who claims to have been well acquainted with the prisoner, positively identified him. "Yes," said he in answer to District Attorney Jones, "that's Criszeno MeroLO. He knew the prisoner for two years before the murder. MeroLO worked with him three days in the mines and learned how to separate rock from coal. Nese was a witness of the shooting after the first shot was fired. Loro shouted out 'Virgin Mary, I am shot!' and fell dead at MeroLO's feet. He was shot five times. Loro was a peaceful and quiet man. The witness and MeroLO were members of the same lodge, and for that reason he was able to state positively

that he knew him well. He used to see him at the meetings.

Vito Cacci, another resident of Old Forge, was the next witness. MeroLO and he came from Carleton, this state, three years before the murder. They came to Old Forge and worked in the same mines down there. He said that there is no doubt about the identity of the prisoner.

The witness, along with knowing MeroLO, saw him fire the shots that ended the existence of Loro, the barber. He saw MeroLO when he started to run and saw that day to this he had not seen the prisoner, but he could identify him the same as if the murder happened yesterday.

Story Was Not Shaken. His story was not shaken on cross-examination. MeroLO did not linger around the scene of the shooting. He was not taken to Boston for the purpose of identification. The conversation that Loro uttered after he was shot was in Italian.

Frank Faro came forward next. He lives in Middletown and lived there when the murder was committed. He was out on the main road the Sunday of the shooting and heard pistol shots not far away. Without delay he went toward where the shooting was and he saw MeroLO fire three shots. MeroLO wasted no time in escaping.

The witness, during three months in the same house with the prisoner, ate at the same table with him, and positively identified the black-bearded, lazy looking fellow on trial, as Criszeno MeroLO, the man who murdered Emanuel Loro.

IN COURT ROOM NO. 2.

Men Charged with Robbing and Ganging Rev. Cochrane and Wife on Trial.

In No. 2 court room, before Judge Gunster the trial of W. J. Van Dyke, John Moran, Elias Thomas, John Sims and Anthony Jones for burglary accused the greater part of the day. The jury retired to deliberate at 4 o'clock. These are the young men charged with breaking into the parsonage of the Stewart Memorial Methodist Episcopal church at Rendham, on Aug. 21 last, and gagging the pastor, Rev. W. R. Cochrane, and his wife.

Assistant District Attorney John M. Harris represented the commonwealth and the defendants had three lawyers, Attorneys H. Burns, M. J. Donahoe and A. A. Chase. Rev. Mr. Cochrane testified that on the night in question his home was broken into; he and his wife were awakened by the intruders. They fled to the rear of the house. He recognized Van Dyke, who had no covering on his face. They bound him hand and foot and gagged him. They did the same to his wife.

After going through these operations they demanded money, and on being told that there was none to be given, they asked for valuables. Mrs. Cochrane recognized Moran as the one who tied her.

The clergyman and his wife could not swear positively that the defendants were the ones who did the deed, but they stated it as the best of their opinion and recollection. Moran's confession that he was the one who carried the money to the house of the burglar, Van Dyke, was called and a jury was sworn. The charge against him is receiving stolen goods.

STATE OF THE COAL TRADE.

Has Again Become Uncertain Owing to Unrestricted Production.

"The anthracite coal trade has again become somewhat unsettled, owing to the continued unrestricted production of coal and the fair weather of the past month," says the Philadelphia Ledger. "The month of November ends the fiscal year of the Reading and several other of the anthracite mining and carrying companies, and it is only being actively engaged during the past month in making all the tonnage possible, so that their records for production would not suffer in comparison with those of the competitors.

Common Prudence Will tell every thoughtful man and woman in this city who intend to spend a winter in this city presents that the better to make their selections now. Turnquest, the jeweler, will lay anything selected aside till wanted, and as the holiday rush has not yet started, stocks are complete, and you can have all the time and attention desired in making your purchases.

IT FELL INTO GOOD HANDS

Valuable Diamond Pendant Found by Patrolman Thomas Lowry.

Yesterday morning's papers contained an offer by W. W. Berry, of a reward of \$25 for the return of a diamond pendant valued at \$250, which was lost Sunday night somewhere on the "hill."

Soon after the papers were circulated Mr. Berry recovered the jewel, which was found by Patrolman Thomas Lowry, while on his beat, and turned over to Chief Simpson. The pendant belonged to a lady who was a guest at Mr. Berry's residence. 1,000 gem rings to select from at Turnquest's, 205 Lackawanna avenue.

TRAVELS THROUGH CHINA

Graphically Described by Frank G. Carpenter in Y. M. C. A. Hall.

AMERICANS ARE NOT LIKED

All Kinds of Contemptuous Remarks Are Directed Toward Them—It is a Country of Great Possibilities—Educated Class Cause All the Trouble.

Frank G. Carpenter, of Washington, D. C., a widely-known journalist and an extensive traveler, lectured on China at Young Men's Christian Association hall last evening under the auspices of the standard lecture course. His audience comprised the prominent and literary persons of the city. The stage was arranged with a large curtain on which were exhibited stereoscopic views that showed interesting scenes of persons and places in the land of Confucius. The empire of China is a wonderful world in itself, he said; it is undiscovered to the rest of the world today as it was when Columbus started on his voyage across the trackless sea. The Chinese are not degraded in intellect, but they are in a dormant state. The struggle with Japan, however, is going to open up a new era in that empire's history. It is the contest of the population of the globe and its people are surpassed only by the Caucasian race. Its mountains are rich in coal and iron; and the speaker shuddered at the possibilities of the future, when its two billion will toll twelve hours a day for ten cents.

It is as unfair to judge China from its seaport towns as it is to form an estimate of the American people from the slums of New York and Chicago. The ablest man in China, General Grant on his travels around the world said that Gladstone, Bismark and Li Hung Chang were the three greatest men he met. The Pekingian is an old and stands six feet two inches in height.

Poor Accommodations for Sleepers. The Chinese hotels are like barnyards, the speaker declared, and the rooms are heated by spasmodic straw fires, which burn up fiercely and then go out. The sleeper rolls over and over again to find the soft side of the bed. Upon arriving at Peking, the lecturer was started at the high wall surrounding it. The mammoth wall is four stories high, sixty feet thick at the base, and on the top four haywagons can be driven abreast. It is twenty-seven miles long and encloses an area of twenty-five square miles.

Three cities are built within its confines. One of them is the holy of holies, where the emperor lives; one is the commercial center, and the third is where the laws are made. On the streets there is an everlasting bustle and the jam at the World's Fair was like a Sunday in Glasgow compared with it. The Pekingian is a man of Peking is 250 feet wide and a veritable mud puddle. Decent language cannot describe its filthiness. The streets are submerged into sewers.

The popular color for mourning is white, and the manner of the Chinese tells about death in the family he laughs heartily. Long finger nails are the sign of culture. When a visitor enters a home he keeps his hands in his pockets and shakes his fist at his host. His call names last, first. Mr. Smith is styled Smith, Mr. their books begin at the last page.

High Respect for Learning. There is no other land in the world where learning is more highly respected. The humblest boy can attain the highest position if he is competent. The emperor makes the literature temple of Confucius every year. In it there are 300 tables on which are inscribed the proverbs of the sages of the empire for ages. The portal of the temple is made of porcelain. Here is where gunpowder, carrying quotations and legends, were invented. For centuries this intellectual mind has been kept going and the future possibilities are impossible to conjecture.

The average Chinaman thinks the other countries are subject to his empire. The literati of the country are the cause of all the trouble. They spread the doctrine that foreigners ought to be killed. They have cartoons carried everywhere and the number of missionaries and travelers. The learned men were the cause of the riots of 1891 and the massacres of a few months ago.

The Americans as a nation are thoroughly despised. Mr. Carpenter has great trouble to get a guide to go about with him and among the contemptuous utterances that frequently greeted him were: "See the red-headed, blue-eyed devil," "See the baby kidnaper," "See the pale-faced barbarian."

Great Reverence for the Emperor. When the emperor goes out he is attended by a large retinue. Along the route where the procession marches the blinds must be kept over the eyes of the windows of the houses, and any curious Celestial desirous of taking a ruffian peep from under cover at his royal highness is very apt to get his eyes shot out by the emperor's archers who attend the train for that purpose. The emperor is called the son of Heaven.

No Chinese blood flows in his veins. The emperor for centuries has been a Tartar. He comes out once a year to pray and then a bullock is offered up as a burnt sacrifice in a furnace nine feet high. The place where this service is held is struck by lightning a year ago and is in process of reconstruction. Mr. Carpenter was surprised to find that the material being used is Oregon pine.

The government is notoriously corrupt. The larger part of the public revenues find its way into the pockets of the officials. A rich Chinaman who was impressed with the macadamized roads in the parks of some of the principal cities of the United States, went back home and donated \$200,000 to repair the Pennsylvania avenue of Peking. The board of public works gobbled up every dollar of it. This stealing goes on from center to circumference and the government is rotten to the very core.

The Power Behind the Throne. The emnuch who combs the hair of the empress dowager has such influence that he leveled a tariff of \$250,000 recently on a politician who desired the appointment of the dowager's favorite to a large town. The dowager is the power behind the throne.

The speaker described in amusing and entertaining fashion the barbarous customs of the women of the East. It dates back, he said, many centuries to the time when a certain empress had a club foot, and the ladies of the court began to imitate the shape of the congenital malformation. Speaking of the diet that is provided in that country, he said that the better classes dine as sumptuously as any Fifth Avenue nabob. They do not live on rice, puppy dogs' tails with corn and rat souse, but have dinner with Li Hung Chang, given in honor of John W. Foster, minister to China, and testified to the epicurean menu that was discussed thereat.

FILLING THE JURY WHEEL.

Names of One Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Citizens Placed in It. Judge R. W. Archbald and Jury Commissioners T. J. Matthews and J. F. Mannion yesterday placed in the wheel the names of 1,650 citizens who will be called upon to do jury duty during the year 1896. The work of filling the wheel was begun at 8 o'clock in the morning and was not completed until 6 p. m. A list of the names placed in the box was compiled by Edward Williams, and acted as clerk for the commissioners.

Before beginning the work of filling the jury wheel Judge Archbald and the jury commissioners subscribed to the following oath: "I will use my utmost endeavor and diligence in making an impartial selection of competent persons for jurors for the year 1896, and I will not suffer partiality, favor, affection, hatred, malice or ill will in any case or respect whatever to influence me in selecting jurors, but will in all respects honestly conform to the true intent and meaning of the acts of assembly in such case made and provided."

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Cigars and Wine Stolen from a Railroad Station at Olyphant. By forcing open the doors burglars affected an entrance into the New York, Ontario and Western station at Olyphant Monday night.

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The Cost of the Improvements Will Be \$83,930. Permits were issued by Building Inspector John Nelson during November for new buildings and additions to old ones. The total cost of which will be \$83,930. Those to whom permits were granted are:

- J. D. Hackett, single dwelling, wood; George B. Smith, double dwelling, wood; J. W. Lisk, single dwelling, wood; New York street, Thirteenth ward; John Casey, extra dwelling, wood; Brick avenue, Second ward; Estella Briggs, barn; North Main avenue, Second ward; J. S. McAnulty, dwelling, wood; Clay avenue, Second ward; Charles S. Gilbert, single dwelling, wood; Pittston avenue, Twentieth ward; Almses Caffrey, double dwelling, wood; Clay avenue, Tenth ward; Patrick Walsh, double dwelling, wood; Clay avenue, Tenth ward; E. Nelson, double dwelling, wood; Clay avenue, Tenth ward; George B. Smith, double dwelling, wood; North Main avenue, First ward; E. A. Wenzel, store and dwelling, wood; Pittston avenue, Nineteenth ward; Charles Schlager, double dwelling, wood; Webster avenue, Seventeenth ward; Charles Schlager, double dwelling, wood; Linden street, Fourteenth ward; Almses Caffrey, double dwelling, wood; Mulberry street, Seventeenth ward; George B. Smith, double dwelling, wood; Stone avenue, Twentieth ward; Mrs. J. L. Northup, single dwelling, wood; Quince street, Twentieth ward; W. S. Klonowicki, store and dwelling, wood; Pittston avenue, Nineteenth ward; Richard Zulger, store and dwelling, wood; Pittston avenue, Nineteenth ward; Sebastian Klein, single dwelling, wood; Luzerne street, Fifth ward; Valentine Ankeroy, store and dwelling, wood; Prospect avenue, Nineteenth ward.

LARRY GOT IT IN THE NECK.

He Says the Breaking of the Gate was Accidental. On Nov. 25 a teamster broke one of the safety gates at the Bridge street crossing of the Delaware and Hudson road. The company's officers set out to look up the matter and yesterday arrested Drayman Larry Stone for the offense on a warrant sworn out by Roadmaster R. W. Kellow. In which it was charged that he maliciously broke the gate.

Stone had a hearing before Alderman O. R. Wright yesterday and was held in \$300 bail to answer at court. He says that the gateman let the gate down on him and that it was broken by striking him in the back of the neck.

Money as a Christmas Gift.

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Summoning Patrolmen Reese Jones and John Hawks, he made a search of the premises. Hiding in the cellar, among the boxes and barrels, was found Aaron Lane, who was not long ago jailed for breaking into the Ontario and Western depot, at Providence.

He had his pockets filled with cigars and cigarettes, and had a package of cigars tied up, ready to be carried away. He offered no resistance, and on the way to the station house expressed himself as being desirous of spending the winter in the county jail. Investigation showed that Lane secured entrance by tearing out a part of the cellar wall.

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