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Arguments That Were Made Yesterday in the Merolo Case.

REASONS THAT ARE ADVANCED

It Is Said That the District Attorney Went Too Far in liis Address to the Jury - Change of

Venue Refused.

Murderer Crezenzo Merola, firmly handcuffed and in charge of Warden Thomas Jay, was brought down from the county jail to court yesterday afternoon and as he peered wistfully over the balustrade of the prisoner's dock in the corner of the court room, he heard argument made by Attorney Joseph District Attorney John R. Jones, just out of a sick bed, opposed the grant-

ing of a new trial. The three judges were on the bench. Mr. Brown's argument was directed principally to set up in the minds of the court that certain remarks made by Mr. Jones during the progress of the trial, were of nature serious enough to warrant a new trial for the condemned man. The district attorney was charged by the prisoner's counsel with having expressed himself as not wishing to be a party to Merola's adding perjury to the crime of murder. Another remark defense could not get a single resident of Old Forge to come forward and swear he is not the right man, and that Mr. Jones had personal knowledge that the prisoner's counsel did all they could to find someone down there to testify in this manner, but they failed to do so.

Other Reasons Advanced.

These were the two principal argugiven were that the verdict was against the weight of the evidence and the jury fit of a reasonable doubt. Mr. Brown argued specifically on the remarks of the district attorney and said the defendant is entitled to a new trial from an unfavorable impression in the minds of the jury and made it impossible to render the defendant a fair and impartial trial. Mr. Brown also touched on the consideration of manslaughteraway

from the jury. om the jury. The district attorney, when he began his argument, was told by Judge Archhald that the court would like to hear from him on what ground he justified the use of the remarks attributed to him, as they were serious ones. Mr. Jones with much warmth and in a sharp and logical style replied that when he was elected district attorney he took great pains to know how far and no and that he was convinced that he had ola case. He assured the court that he had not made the remarks which he did make, in heated manner; but that they were made by him with due deliberahad not quoted him correctly with reference to the failure of the deto swear that the prisoner was not Merola.

Mr. Jones said that what he did say was that it had been proved that Mer-ela lived two years in Old Forge and he

WHY NEW TRIAL IS ASKED had not put a single witness on the stand from Old Forge to swear that he was not the right man. He said that was not the right man. He said that Sunday avaning in the First Preserve. he had a perfect right to make this argument to the jury. In regard to the other remark that he would not be a party to the perjury of the defendant, as he was already guilty of murder, Mr. Jones said that he had put thirty witnesses on the stand; everyone of them knew Merola and they unequivocally identified the prisoner at the bar as the

right man. When the prisoner was arrested in Boston two letters were found on his person addressed to Benianinni Moretti, a man who used to board at Joseph Salvi's house in Old Forge and who went away a month after the murder. These letters contained references to the Merola family and the names of ...e prisoner's parents in the letters tallied with the names found on a military certificate in the trunk of Merola in Old

Forge five days affer the murder. Under those circumstances the only committing perjury. He would use the same expression again if the case were tried over. Attorney John T. Martin was not present during the argument, which did not occupy more than three-

The Burns-Smith Case. Judge Gunster handed down an order refusing to grant a change of venue in the Burns-Smith cases. Argument was then made on the rule to set aside the award of \$15,000 made by Arbitrators Fred. W. Fleitz, George M. Watson and Thomas P. Duffy. Arguments were then made to strike off the appeal and set aside the award and the court took

OF A RELIGIOUS NATURE.

Like the ten days preceding Thanksgiving Day, the present period in the church world is being almost wholly levoted to rehearsing church and Sunday school music or in preparation for the variously planned Christmas tree or other church functions for Christmas eve or Christmas night. This condiusual church doings, and church people who are not working for Christmas in time to the house, store or office in connection with the pleasure or profit that this season brings. All this portends that whatever may be the absence of the usual week-day trimmings of church life, the famine will be more than bountifully balanced by the good cheer and good things that the holidays

Tomorrow afternoon at 3.45 o'clock in he railroad branch of the Young Men's hristian association will be held the last of the meetings which nightly for two weeks have been addressed by "Jim" Burwick, the freight-conductorreacher of the Evansville and Terre Haute railroad. Burwick, without any centricity, which might have been ex-pected in his peculiar combination of railroader-preacher, has attracted large crowds, and, what is better, has brought bout an unusually large number of conversions. What he says is ex-pressed in the vernacular peculiar to the railroader, and this style is more in-telligible to his hearers than Greek or fountain talk. His knowledge of the Bible and fund of practical argument ave done much in contributing toward

Professor James Hughes will preach tomorrow at the Dickson City Presby-terian church.

Sunday evening, in the First Presby terian church, Rev. Dr. McLeod will deliver a sermon on the "Gospel of Pur-ity." The doctor is a vigorous talker

are sure to be of interest. The regular meeting of Methodist ministers will be held in Elm Park church, Dec. 23, at 10 a, m. Essayist, Rev. Charles McGee, pastor of Howard Place church; theme, "Our Nation's

Disgraceful Lynchings in the South. hold a special Christmas service Sunday evening. Song service at 6.30, con-Gifts:" leader, H. H. Beidleman, Selections by choir of young men. All

Rev. L. C. Floyd will preach on an interesting topic tomorrow evening at 6.30 o'clock. Dr. Floyd is a very patriotic gentleman. He has taken a great interest in the Cuban controversy and will give his views on the matter in the evening sermon.

Y., who has accepted the call extended to him by the Scranton Street Baptist church, is expected to preach his first sermon at the church tomorrow morning. He will take charge of the church At the Young Men's Christian Association tomorrow afternoon at 3.45 the address will be delivered by the Young Men's Christian Association State Secsubject of Secretary Bard's address is "Through a Hole in the wall," and is an unusually interesting subject. The music under the direction of J. M. Chance will be of special interest. Secretary Mahy's Bible Workers' class, which convenes immediately after the service, will welcome any one desiring

The Sunday afternoon meeting at the Young Women's Christian Association, 205 Washington avenue, at 3.45, will be in charge of the Student Volunteers of our City and will be of special interest as "A World's Needs and How to Meet Them" is to be talked upon by H. W. Luce and A. B. Williams, who are very earnest workers in the student volunteer movement, and very interesting speakers. Good music will add to the interest of the meeting, and it is hoped that many young women will be pres-

The Sunday News Tomorrow. Be sure and get it! It will be a grand double number consisting of 16 pages finely illustrated matter. It will contain an interesting notice of Earle H. Eaton in which he speaks of sport on the alleys and gives a few points to the novice; an excellent humorous page; home for the refusees; how a senator home for the refugees; how a senator got even with a Pullman porter; the double dealing Sultan and his appointment of Bahri Pashi; a handsome fashion page, in which all the latest fashions may be found; the traveling men's home, (finely illustrated), showing picture of George C. Green; De Windt's long trip, to go from New York to Paris by land and spend \$25,000 on the way; the story of a remarkable whale; in the the story of a remarkable whale; in the drug stores, some funny happenings that are seen at the soda fountains; the Brundell murder, a mystery that has never been solved; Chief Byrnes' successor, peaceful Guerrillas; Author Herne says nature should be produced on the stage; picture of the man who beat the great Zimmerman in Australia; checker and chess department; science and progress; the household, good health; our young folks column; the curiosity shop; many local cuts of people well known in the city and the latest national news together with the most exclusive local of any Sunday paper in this section of the state.

Manhattan Ele. 1004
Mich. Central. 95
Math. Central. 95
Math. Central. 95
Mo. Pac. 4
Nat. Cordage 5%
Nat. Lead. 23%
N. Y. Central. 1005
N. Y. Central. 1006
N. Y. S. & W. 1076
N. Y. S. & W. 1076
Nor. Pac. M. 1076
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New York, Dec. 20.-As shown elsewhere in dispatches the dealings at New York Stock Exchange were attended with unusual excitement, and a general in the gilt-edged securities which forced everal firms to the wall.

National Lead preferred declined 151/2 to

73, Consolidated Gas, 12 to 139; Delaward and Hudson, 7 to 118; National Lead, common, 8 to 20; Pacific Mail, 6½ to 22½; Omaha, 8 to 31; Tennessee Coal, 7 to 13; Omaha, 8 to 31; Tennessee Coal, 7 to 25; Manhattan, 84 to 95; Jersey Central, 9 to 97; New York Central, 6½ to 914; Canada Southern, 6 to 44½; Michigan Central, 7% to 95; Louisville and Nashville, 10½ to 29; Lake Erie and Western, preferred, 8 to 65; Lake Shore, 8 to 142; General Electric 9¼ to 20; Lackawanna, 5 to 158½; Colorado Fuel, 5½ to 20½; St. Paul, 10 to 62%; Burlington and Ouiney, 6% to 74: Northwest 18 to 94; Chicago Gas, 75, to 61%, and Missouri Pacific, 84; to 194;.

The Canadian banks were among the first

to call in their loans and in answer to in quiries some of the foreign capitalists money to purchase exchange. Borrowers were compelled to seek elsewhere and near the close the Central Trust company cam n the market and offered \$5,000,000, which to 50 per cent. The decline in money started up a little better demand for stocks generally, and on purchases by bargain hunters and others a recovery of 1a7 per cent. took place in the standard issues, and 11 per cent. in Lead, preferred. A rumor which had some influence at this time was to the effect that the head of the Belmont-Morgan syndicate had been called to Washington, Lead, preferred, railied 11 to 84; do. common, 4 to 24; Con-solidated Gas, 6½ to 145½; Sugar, 4½ to 96%; Tobacco, 3¾ to 72; Lake Shore, 3¾ to 16%; Louisville and Nashville, 32 to 424; Manhattan, 5 to 100; New York Central, 5% to 98%; Canada Southern, 2% to 46%; Jersey Central, 2% to 99%; Rock Island, 4 to 67; Delaware and Hudson, 2% to 120%; Lake Shore, 4 to 146; Susquehanna and Western, preferred, 3½ to 25; Southern Railway, preferred, 4½ to 26½; Rubber, to 25; Leather, preferred, 4½ to 64½, and Western Union, 2% to 85%.

The gain was not fully maintained, however, and in the final trading the market

was feverish and unsettled. Net change Furnished by WILLIAM LINN, AL-LEN & Co., correspondents for A. P. CAMPBELL, stock Broker, 412 Spruce

Op'n- High- Low- Clos ing. est. est. ing. Am. Tobacco Co..... 73 734 584 714 Am. Cotton Oli..... 16 16 154 154 Am, Sugar Re'g Co., 9914 Canada Southern 48 Ches. & Ohio 14

821/2 841/2 7 83/2 93/2 93/2 CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE PRICES. Open- High- Low- Clos-WHEAT. May 55% 58% 68% 0ATS.
May 19 19% CORN.
January 25% 25% May 28 28 1.ARD.
January 5.22 5.22 Scranton Board of Trade Exchange Onotations-All Quotations Based on Par Thuron Coal Land Co............ Scranton Jar & Stopper Co Third National Bank Lacka. Iron & Steel Co....... ... People's Street Rallway, first mortgage, due 1918....... 110
Scranton & Pittston Trac. Co. ... People's Street Railway, Second mortgage, due 1920...... 110 Lacks. Valley Trac. Co., first Lacka. Township School 5%.... ... City of Scranton Street Imp 6% ...

New York Produce Market. New York, Dec. 20.—Flour—Dull, barely steady. Wheat—Active for export, lower with options; No. 2 red store and elevator, 68c.; afloat, 69%a69%c.; f. o. b., 67%a69%c.; ungraded red, 61a70c.; No. 1 northern, 64%a 66c.; options unsettled and weak at 1%a 1%c. decline; May-July most active; No. 2 red, January, 64%c.; February, 65c.; March, 66%c.; May, 66%c.; May, 64%c.; July, 64%c.; Dec. 63%c. Corn—Dull, firm; No. 2 at 33%a33%c. elevator; 24%a24%c.; afloat; options were dull and firm at unchanged prices. Oats—Quiet, steady; options neg-

prices. Oats—Quiet, steady; options neg lected and nominaly unchanged; spo prices, No. 2 at 23%c.; No. 2 white, 24c. prices, No. 2 at 22%c.; No. 3 at 21c.; No. 3 white, 24c.; No. 2 Chicago, 23%c.; No. 3 at 21c.; No. 3 white, 24c3c. Provisioni—Quiet, steady at unchanged prices. Lard—Dull, weak; western steam, \$5.47½c.; cky at, \$5a5.10; December, \$5.45; refined quiet; continent, \$6; South America, \$6.20; compound, 4%a5c. Pork—Dull, steady; mess, \$8.76a9.25. Butter—Quiet, fancy steady; state dairy, 13a 24c.; do. creamery, 20a27c.; western dairy, 11a19c.; do. creamery, 20a27c.; western dairy, 11a19c.; do. creamery, 15a22c.; col. June, 17a 24c.; do. factory, 10a19c.; Elgins, 25c.; imitation creamery, 15a22c.; rolls, 11a18c. Cheese—Pancy, fir, unchanged. Eggs—Steady, moderate demand; state and Pennsylvania, 22a26c.; bouthern, 20a21c.; lee house, 17a18c.; do. case, \$3.75a4.25; western fresh, 20a22c.; limed, 17a17½c.

Buffalo Live Stock. Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Cattle—Receipts, 22 head; on sale, 65 head; market, very luli and 25 cents lower. Hogs—Receipts, 5,180 head; on sale, 14,000 head; market

IN CASE OF A WAR.

The Armies That the United States and Great Britain Could Put Into the

Field for Active Service. At the present time the entire standing England's regular army, excluding the militia and volunteer corps, is, approxarmy of the United States, including cavalry, artillery and infantry, reaches a total of 25,871, enlisted men and officers. and British
Col. India. Army
Horse Artillery...... 3,131 2,478 5,609 The distribution by geographical depart-

ments is as follows: Departments, Officers, Men. Total. California 111 Cotorado 261 Dakota 2,624 7,320 Missouri 307 Platte 204 Texas 142 1,937

In addition to this available force the National Guard could be called upon immediately. The latest census of the Guard shows that the total force is 114,930 men and officers. This is divided as follows: Infantry (men and officers)...... 104,504 Artillery (men and officers)...... 5,151 Cavalry (men and officers)...... 5,249

Total 114,930 By combining the standing army and National Guard a total of 140,801 men could be placed in the field at short notice. At the present time there are sixty-four

war vessels of all descriptions in commission in the United States Navy. Including the recently formed naval militia, the total available force amounts to 17,255 officers and men. The war vessels are divided into classes as follows:

Cruisers 1 Protected cruisers......13

 Cruisers
 29

 Gun vessels
 8

 Torpedo vessels
 1

There are in course of construction at the present time ten armored and nine un-armored vessels and seven torpedo boats. The naval force is divided as follows:

Naval militia (reserved)............. 2,695

Artillery 19,25 9,567 28,892
Engineers 5,198 428 5,628
Infantry, including
Foot Guards 76,366 45,768 122,134
Service Corps 2,960 2,960
Colonial Corps 2,455 2,485
Army Hospital Corps 1,745 1,745
Additional force in Additional force in consequence of reenforcements, total. 3,900 3,900 Of the total 190,600 men 7,980 are officers, 6,550 are non-commissioned officers and 166,070 are rank and file. There are 11,325 horses for use of this army. Great Britain's military system includes Field Reserve. Non-commissioned officers and men 76,350 Guns (including fortresses and garrisons) 3,119 Non-commissioned officers and men. 600,000 Guns 1,260 Horses119,742 Second Reserve. Officers, non-commissioned officers and men.....225,000 Grand Totals. Population capable of bearing arms, in-

cluding Canada and Austrialia, but ex-cluding India and other colonies, 12,000,000. About 50 per cent, of the vessels enu-merated in the following table are ready for action, while from ten days to periods of greater length would be required to put the others in condition for active service. Armored cruisers..... Cruisers (protected)..... Torpedo vessels..... Torpedo boats (over 100 feet long).. Torpedo boats (under 100 feet long).. Officers

very dull; roughs, \$3a3.15; stags, \$2.75a3; yery dull; roughs, \$3.351; stags, \$3.70ac; good Yorkers, \$3.751;a3.50; light lots, \$3.65a \$3.70; pigs, \$2.70a2.75; Yorkers sold late at \$3.55. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 5,400 head; on sale, \$0.00 head; market dull for head; on sale, 9,000 head; market dull for all kinds of sheep and slow for lambs; prime lambs, \$4.55a4.50; good to choice, \$4a 4.25; light to fair. \$3.35a3.85; culls and com-mon, \$2.75a2.25; seven loads Canada lambs sold ranging \$4.40a4.60, with most sales \$4.45a4.55; good sheep, \$2a2.25; choice, \$2.35a 2.40; culls to fair lots, \$1.15a1.85; yearlings, good to extra, \$2.70a2.50.

Toledo Grain Market.

Toledo, O., Dec. 20.—Close. Wheat—Receipts, 5,200 bushels; shipments, 4,500 bushels; shipments, 4,500 bushels; dull, lower; No. 2 red cash, 63c.; May, 63½c. Corn—Receipts, 45,107 bushels; shipments, 37,400; essay; No. 2 mixed cash, 25½c.; No. 3 do. 25½c.; No. 3 yellow, 27c.; No. 3 white, 25½c. Oats—Receipts, 3,000 bushels; shipments, 1,000 bushels; nothing doing. Cloverseed—Receipts, 525 bags;

\$4.17½; January, \$4.22½; February, \$4.35; March, \$4.30.

Oil City, Dec. 20.—Oil opened, \$1.33; highest, \$1.39; lowest, \$1.30; closed, \$1.30 bid.
Pittsburg, Dec. 20.—Oil opened, \$1.32; highest, \$1.39; lowest, \$1.29; closed, \$1.30 Philadelphia Tallow Market.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—City tallow, in hogsheads, 3%c.; country, do., 3%c5%c., as to quality, and cakes, 4%c. A Professional Adventage.
"Don't you want to hire my par?" said

a little colored urchin. "What for?"

"Ter put up de stovepipe."
"Does he put up stovepipes well?"
"Doed he do. An' de bes' ob it am dat
he's deaf an' dumb, my par is, so de wemen folks doan' hab tel leave de house
while he's wuhkin."—Washington Stan,