

TWO BURGLARS ARE GUILTY

Bixler and Johnson Convicted and O'Neil Acquitted.

STRONG ALIBI SAVED HIM

Progress of the Olchefski Arson Trial.

Defense Opens Its Case and Claims It Will Show That It Is Highly Probable That Olchefski Committed the Deed and That It Was Caused by an Accidental Gas Explosion in Michalowski's Saloon.

In criminal court two of the Bogart burglars, Frank Bixler and Harry Johnson, alias James T. Reilly, were found guilty in manner and form as charged in the indictment, and the third, Michael O'Neil, who proved such a strong alibi was acquitted.

Yesterday's proceedings consisted solely of the closing arguments of counsel and the charge of John T. Martin made the closing for the defense, and Major Everett Warren for the prosecution. It was noon when Judge Gunster finished his charge.

The jury retired and after dinner proceeded to deliberate. Shortly after three o'clock the verdict was reached. O'Neil was called up and discharged and the other two were remanded to the custody of the sheriff to be sentenced Saturday.

In the Olchefski case the taking of testimony for the defense has begun. The commonwealth rested at noon after adding evidence to show that Olchefski's properties were insured for more than their real value.

Before proceeding to the matter of insurance, District Attorney Jones showed by Frank Bonn, a Lackawanna saloon keeper that Olchefski came to him a few days before the explosion and tried to induce him to buy a box of soap, containing one hundred bars.

COURT'S RULING.

Court would not admit the testimony, however, until the insurance was first proven. Peter Robling was called to testify to the insurance from his office records but the defendant's attorneys raised the points that the policies would be the best evidence and court excluded the testimony.

Mr. Jones stated that Olchefski had been given over to a party in Philadelphia as security on a \$5,000 mortgage, and for this reason the commonwealth had been unable to get hold of them. Judge Archbold held that it was possible to get the policies and persisted in his refusal to allow the insurance to be shown from the books.

Chief of Police Robling, Mr. Jones called Chief of Police Robling to the stand and had him detail a conversation with Mr. and Mrs. Olchefski in which they stated that they carried \$4,000 insurance on the store building, \$1,500 on the dwelling, \$500 on the blacksmith shop, and \$1,200 on the furniture of the dwelling.

John Power O'Connor, the chief stenographer, was called to corroborate the testimony about the conversation. He was giving answers from his short hand notes when counsel for the defense objected and he was directed by court to transcribe them that the defense might use them in cross-examination.

COMMONWEALTH RESTED.

At this juncture the commonwealth rested and Mr. Oliver opened for the defense. He claimed first that Olchefski was innocent of the crime and that he was totally ignorant of what caused the explosion. It would be proven, he said, that Olchefski had been almost killed and the lives of his family imperiled by the explosion and fire; that the kerosene in the bureau came from two lamps that had been overturned by the explosion; that the furniture had been mutilated after it was taken from the dwelling, presumably by some enemy, and that gas was escaping in Michalowski's saloon on the night of the explosion and in all probability caused it.

Olchefski whirled him around three times. He saw a light in the Michalowski saloon, but did not notice anything unusual about the Olchefski stores.

He was one of the first to reach the Olchefski dwelling and assisted in carrying out the furniture. The chair bottoms were not wet.

Valen Bialkofski, the next witness, said that when he rushed into the Olchefski apartments he found Olchefski lying on the floor in the children's bedroom. Some plastering was scattered over Olchefski but there were no beams or timbers of any kind pinning him down.

Two kerosene lamps were seen knocked from the bureau and the oil had scattered over the bureau and carpet.

NO KEROSENE. He helped to carry out the furniture and was positive that there was no kerosene on any of the chairs and such that the bottoms were not cut.

He saw the chairs at Mrs. Olchefski's when daylight came and the bottoms were cut. He wanted to tell that the chairs had been tampered with in the meantime but Mr. Jones refused to have him argue the case.

The witness thought to add to the effect of his testimony by saying that he was "mad at Olchefski for two years." Mr. Jones took advantage of this opening to show that the witness had told Mrs. Nitch the day before when she came down from the stand, that she had shown herself to be no friend of Olchefski and she would suffer for it.

He would not deny that he had made this threat. He could not remember, he said, he could not remember endeavoring to tamper with the commonwealth's witness.

Dr. H. C. Comegys, who treated Olchefski after the fire, testified that there was an inch-long cut on Olchefski's head, burnt on his neck and left arm, scratches on his face and bruises on his foot.

On cross-examination it was elicited that the examination by Dr. Comegys took place in the attorney's room at the court, that Dr. Comegys happened to be in the main court room on the day following the fire. Mr. Scragg asked him to examine Olchefski and the three repaired to the attorneys' room, where the examination took place.

Dr. J. P. Walker, of Bellevue, who was next called, did not give very favorable testimony to Olchefski. A slight abrasion on the head was all that he found wrong with Olchefski, excepting that he was to all appearances suffering from shock. The face was slightly scratched, but it was nothing serious. Olchefski complained that his foot was bruised but the doctor could find nothing the matter with the member, and says that he told Olchefski he might "run a race on that foot."

MR. SCRAGG'S EFFORT. Mr. Scragg tried to discredit this testimony by asking him to bring out that he was testifying from memory.

On direct examination Dr. Walker stated that he gave Olchefski an hypodermic injection of nitro-glycerine. Mr. Jones asked him if he was sure that it wasn't dynamite. This was followed by a general burst of laughter.

The next witness called was Patrick Gibbons, a rock contractor, who has used dynamite for over twenty-five years. He testified that if fifty-nine sticks of dynamite exploded in the Olchefski house there would be no cellar or foundation walls left.

On cross-examination he made the startling statement that dynamite could not be exploded by concussion. "I have often hit a stick of it with all my might against a rock," he said, and then made the unnecessary addition, "and it did not explode."

His efforts to make it appear that dynamite could not be exploded by concussion, the explosion were ludicrous, the jurors, even laughing in derision at some of his statements. Among other things he stated was that if a large stick of timber was placed over fifty-nine sticks of dynamite and the dynamite exploded, the timber would not be disturbed to any great extent. "Oh, it would move it a little ways," was his opinion. Powder would have caused a wreck such as followed the Olchefski explosion, he said, and gas might have done it, but dynamite, the tendency of which is wholly downward, could not have caused such consequences as resulted to the Olchefski building.

Editor Daniel Lancowski was on the stand at a moment telling how he went to Michalowski's saloon at 1215 o'clock on the night of the explosion to get a glass of beer, and when trying the door, which was locked, smelled gas and saw a light within.

SOME MINOR CASES. When the burglary trial had been finished in court room No. 2 the case of Edward McNulty, charged with having stolen goods from a fellow newspaper's package at the Delaware and Hudson station was called before Judge Gunster.

In the case of the commonwealth against Albert Price, accused by his wife, Mamie Price, with assault and battery, a verdict of not guilty was taken and the costs placed on the county. The parties had kissed and made. Michael Kelly, charged by A. P. McDonough with assault and battery and pointing fire arms, was allowed to go upon payment of costs, the prosecutor not being desirous of pressing the charges.

Emma Stephens, of Franklin avenue, who is accused of keeping the house where Kitty Donahoe met with misfortune, was called yesterday afternoon but failed to respond. When a capias was sent for her she feigned illness, but upon the deputy sheriff reporting to court that she was to all appearances practicing deception, orders were given that she be examined by a physician and if it was found she was not ill, that she should be taken to jail and held until she is arraigned this morning.

REVIVAL SERVICES IN ELM PARK CHURCH

The First of the Series Was Held Last Night.

ADDRESSED BY REV. DR. PARKER

He Look for His Text the Words, "I Beseech You, Therefore Brethren, by the Mercies of God, That Ye Present Your Bodies a Living Sacrifice, Holy, Acceptable to God, Which is Your Reasonable Service."

Last night began a series of revival services in Elm Park church, which is hoped by pastor and people may result in great spiritual interest. The lecture room was filled. Dr. Giffin made a few preliminary remarks after the opening prayer service and introduced Dr. Parker, a well known divine of New York city, who although a man of years, speaks with marvelous enthusiasm and eloquence.

Dr. Parker is distinguished in appearance with a leonine head and a ringing voice. His address was directed chiefly to believers and was on the subject of consecration from the text, Romans, xlii, "I beseech you, therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

The speaker gave a strong exhortation to believers urging a dedication to the faith they have accepted. He declared that every believer is under obligation to respond to God's will and told of a man who once in a meeting arose and declared that he would consecrate his tobacco to God. Dr. Parker suggested that he give that offering to the devil but not to his Lord.

God never accepts anything in consecration that he cannot use. He will not have it, "give to Him yourself, your life, your home, your business, your purse," said the speaker earnestly, "but not a worthless gift."

SPECIAL REPARATION.

Consecration means entire eternal and special reparation to God. It is the assignment of all possession to Him. It is not necessary to itemize consecration, yet if this is a benefit to the believer, it may be done as it is a lifetime service. "Take the soul and body's powers," said Charles Wesley in beginning the enumerations of his consecrated offerings. Consecration does not necessarily make holiness. It is a declaration on our part to be so that holiness may come.

The entire sanctification belongs to God. "Be ye not conformed to the world." Your standard is a divine and not a human one. God becomes a center of your life "to Him, for Him, of Him," with "thine will you will go on any errand for Him, always glad to come back." "You may have done nothing outwardly gross in the eyes of the world, but you have done as men do who belong to the world. There is not that outward distinction which should be. There should be that about you suggesting your walk with God. Surely if this communion with God is surely in my heart, it is enough to guard from such a step.

The great purpose of our redemption is that we be conformed to the image of the Master. Is not this worth all effort, all sacrifice?

WRONG IMPRESSION.

You will not carry the impression that God's religion is good enough for Sunday but of little use for every day. Dr. John Hall was once asked by a young lady member of his congregation whether it would be her to go to a dance. "No daughter," he answered. "You've got nothing to hurt, if you want to dance. The speaker then said, "God wills your entire sanctification; do you will it? He approves it. Do you approve it? Are you going to God? Not objectively, so that you weary the more sedate and reserved of God's people.

Too often the idea prevails that after conversion, consecration will happen. Frequently the backsliding of the young convert is the fault of the church because of its neglect.

Entire consecration means a crisis, a battle to which the emancipated soul ever looks back as to its Pentecost. It never takes place before conversion and seldom at that time. If it does not take place, decay and coldness are the results. Entire consecration does not mean repentance for neglected duties and conscious sins. You must ask God for pardon. After that once and forever consecration can be made.

The speaker then called for a complete consecration to God and the congregation rose in response, after which all knelt as prayer was offered.

Dr. Giffin briefly supplemented the remarks of the evening. After Parker it was announced that Dr. Parker would remain here to assist in the meetings for some time. They will continue tonight and tomorrow evening, this week.

RECORDS OF OUR EARLY WARS.

A Bill Providing for Their Publication by Massachusetts.

Boston, Feb. 9.—A bill has been introduced in the state legislature which seeks to have the state undertake the publication of parts of the colonial records, giving the muster rolls, pay rolls and other interesting data connected with the Indian and French wars. The Revolutionary war records are now being published, and the officers of several of the patriotic societies advocate the printing of the pay rolls, etc., in use during the early wars.

E. S. Barrett, president of the National society of the Sons of the American Revolution, is the prime mover in the matter. He urges that Massachusetts has more material than any other state the legislature should act on once.

ABDUCTION OF VON DER AHE.

Ball Magnate's Attorneys Threaten Vengeance on Kidnappers.

St. Louis, Feb. 9.—Circuit Attorney Eggers has looked up the law on the matter and today declared the abduction of Chris Von der Ahe, the base ball magnate, by a Pittsburg detective, a high handed outrage. He announced his intention of issuing warrants for every person concerned in it as soon as he can find out who personally saw Von der Ahe forcibly taken from the St. Nicholas hotel and carried out of the state. As soon as the warrants are made out, application will be made to Governor Stephens for a requisition on the governor of Pennsylvania for the return of the kidnappers to Missouri. Governor

Stephens, who is in the city, announces his intention of granting the requisition.

The statutes of Missouri provides a term of imprisonment in the penitentiary not to exceed ten years as a punishment for abduction.

GOOD ROADS DISCUSSED.

Sessions of the L. A. W. Held at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Feb. 9.—Today's sessions of the L. A. W. were devoted to the discussion of the good roads movement. Addresses were made by those prominent in that part of L. A. W. work.

President Morrison called the convention to order. Mr. Otto Doerner, of Milwaukee, chairman of the national highway improvement committee, was chairman of the meeting. He announced that the national highway improvement committee had offered two lots of cash prizes for the best collection of photographs of bad roads.

The principal address of the day was that of Professor John Hamilton, Harrisburg, Pa., who is president of the national institute and author of the Hamilton road bill, which is expected to do so much great improvement of roads in Pennsylvania.

A number of other addresses were made and an adjournment was taken until tomorrow, when the actual work of the convention will begin, including the election of officers.

The friends of President Potter are confident of his re-election. They believe that he will have at least 252 votes out of a total of 364. Whatever opposition there is to him will develop tomorrow after the convention meets. In the order of new business there will be presented amendments to the constitution and by-laws. There are 33 of these.

A protected session of the racing board was held today with all the members present. The first thing for consideration was a list of riders, who had been transferred from the professional from the amateur class for the infraction of league rules.

Among the professionals recommended for transfer to the amateur class, and whose cases will be acted on by the national assembly were these from Pennsylvania: G. W. Warign, Morrisdale Mines; John B. Corser, Allentown; A. Luther Lady, Harrisburg; W. P. McClay, Allentown; E. S. Whitney, G. M. Diddlebrook, G. R. Owen, James Thompson and A. E. Storey, Jr., of Philadelphia. Tonight a banquet was held in the dining hall of the Southern and the festivities were continued until midnight.

Tonight several hundred wheelmen sat down to a good roads banquet at the Southern hotel.

After discussing an elaborate menu a number of toasts were responded to.

After an address of welcome by the mayor, John M. Stahl, of Chicago, secretary of the Farmers' National congress, responded to the toast "State Aid of Improving Farm Roads."

He was followed by Otto Doerner, of Milwaukee, chairman of the national committee on highway improvement, who in responding to his toast spoke of the progress made in the work of his committee.

Robert McMath, president of the St. Louis board of public improvement, also spoke on "Street Improvement in St. Louis."

"The L. A. W. crusade for good roads," was the toast responded to by President Isaac B. Potter, of New York.

The concluding toast, "Good Roads and Farmer Institutes," was responded to by Professor John Hamilton, of Harrisburg.

FOR CURRENCY REFORM.

Boston Bankers' Praise of the Commission's Work.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Francis B. Seaver, vice president of the Third National Bank of Boston, in a letter to the secretary of the monetary commission, compliments the commission on its plan for an improvement of our monetary system, and expresses the hope that all business men will waive their objection to certain details of the report which may not meet their views and work "persistently and energetically together to secure a settlement of the currency question on this basis."

Alfred Ripley, the vice president of the Hide and Leather bank of Boston, says: "That the commission, representing so many different sections and localities, and of different political beliefs, could unite on so broad and thorough a measure, is proof that the questions are deep and vital and affect the welfare of all classes and occupations, the country over. And in the face of such testimony as to the country's needs, the people have a right and a duty to demand that something be done promptly."

ICEMEN RETURN TO WORK.

Operators Yield Conditionally to the Demand for More Pay.

Kingston, N. Y., Feb. 9.—This morning the workmen who struck at five o'clock last evening resumed work at this city resumed work as usual. The ice operators having agreed to accede to their demands for an increase of twenty-five cents per day in their wages if the other houses along the river would grant the increase to their men.

It is thought that the ice operators would be willing to pay even higher wages to their men rather than have the work of harvesting stopped as all are fearful of a thaw which would ruin the prospects of a good crop.

AGAINST TRANSPORTING INDIANS.

Secretary Bliss Disapproves the Annette Island Removal Bill.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Secretary Bliss has returned to the senate with his unqualified disapproval of the bill to settle on segregated lands of about twenty-one miles in area the Indians now occupying Annette Island, in Alaska, and opening the remainder to settlement.

The secretary said that he is convinced that the Indians should be permitted to remain in undisputed possession of their reservation and that no part should be opened to the public.

PRICE OF NAT IRON ADVANCED.

Carnegie Company Purchases Almost \$1,000,000 Worth.

Cleveland, Feb. 9.—For several days past there has been inquiry for Bessemer pig iron and advances in prices have been made. A week or ten days ago Bessemer pig was selling in the valley at \$9 and \$9.10 a ton, but the increased demand has raised the price up to \$9.50, and the Carnegie Steel company picked up 100,000 tons at that figure. Close to \$1,000,000 is represented in the transaction, which is the largest of the kind for several years.

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ALL FOR THE LITTLE ONE.

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"Yes," he said, in low, earnest tones; "do you?"

"Sometimes," she sighed. "What are the pictures that most often appear to you?"

"There is a maiden's face," he tremulously returned, "that I can see when I am alone—a face with large, soulful eyes, and lips that I would give my soul to kiss."

The flame died down, and slender shreds of gray smoke curled up into the chimney. Outside, the wind shrieked and swept stray pineheads of hard snow against the panes.

She leaned over a little nearer to him and looked longingly into his face. He was thinking of the wife who had put her arms around his neck, when she lay upon her deathbed, and made him promise never to take another in her place. He thought, too, of the motherly little one at home, in its crib, and then he looked at the sweet, wistful face that was turned toward him—the face that was ever before him in his dreams.

He arose, and she also stood up. Somehow her little fingers had found their way into his hands.

The wind moaned as if it had been the voice of a lost soul. A shiver passed over him from head to foot, and he looked around as if he expected to see the reproachful face of his dead wife—but she wasn't there.

So, in time, the little one in the crib at home was taken in hand by a step-mother, and the wind ceased to have a monopoly of the shrieking business in those parts.

The Boys Helped the Senator Out.

Senator Joe Hawley, from Connecticut, wanted to get up town from the capital on Thursday, writes the Washington correspondent of the New York Press, and, unable to get a seat in a street car, proposed to two newspaper friends that they all chip in and hire a cab. "I can't afford to pay \$1.50 for the ride," he said, "but I'll get a half with you fellows."

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