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## MR. AMOUR TESTIFIES

Progress of the Trial of John Briggs.

## A VOLUMINOUS REPORT

The Proceedings of the Case at Pottsville Yesterday Given in its Entirety With a Report up to Noon To-day—What Amour Had to Say.

Special to the Herald.

POTTSMILLE, Jan. 6.—The case of the Commonwealth against John Briggs, for the murder of James Parfit, has progressed much more rapidly than was expected by those actively engaged in it. Several important witnesses were examined yesterday, the principal one being Richard Amour, his connection with the case had occasioned great expectations and the attendants at the court expressed surprise that his occupancy of the witness chair was so brief. Amour was called by the Commonwealth, but his testimony was almost wholly contradictory of the testimony given by the other witnesses called by that side.

Many of the people who had been in constant attendance at the court since the trial, express a positive belief that Briggs will not be convicted of a high degree of murder, and some go so far as to say if the Commonwealth has put forth its best evidence thus far, Briggs stands a chance of acquittal.

The Commonwealth will probably close its case to-night and it is the opinion of some of the counsel on both sides that the jury will retire for deliberation by Wednesday night, next.

We will be tried immediately after the Briggs case is disposed of. The cases against Amour and others indicted for inciting riot, it is understood, will go over until the next term of court.

POTTSMILLE, Jan. 5.—The trial of John Briggs was continued at 9 o'clock this morning by the opening of the cross-examination of Conneliman Thomas Foley by Mr. Brumm. The witness testified: I attended some of the meetings at which electric railway matters were considered. I was not at the meeting when the time was fixed to tear up the tracks. Reynolds, Middleton and Stone were appointed to fix a time. I first learned of the time and place when I saw them at work. I didn't know the men were employed to do it until I saw them work. I live two doors from Stone's. I had no conversation about the time or place. I only heard rumors of the time and place. I didn't want to know anything about it. I knew the place, but didn't know the time. I knew there was disputed ground and knew they had no right to put the road there. They were talking through the borough and at the Council that they would tear it up if they didn't fix the street up. I had nothing to do with it. I made a mistake when I previously stated I didn't know the place where the track was to be torn up. There was a limited time given the company to repair the road, but the Council didn't tear up the road. I don't know why they didn't carry out the resolution. I was not in favor of tearing up the track. I voted against it once because I wanted to give the company more time to fix up the other part of the track, not on the question of right of way. I did a little more business at my hotel on the night of August 21st on account of the transfer of passengers caused by the tearing up of the track. That was the only increase. The 21st was not fixed for the tearing up because on that day the company would do its greatest business on because the Lavalin Fair opened on that day. I didn't go near the tearing up of the track. I live about thirty yards from one end of the tearing up and I don't know whether there was one or more shifts on the work. I didn't see any drunken men there that night, or any under the influence of liquor. I saw some shots. I saw Mr. Briggs shoot. I got to the place of shooting to advise a little. Seeing a man with a gun I went to advise him to go in the car, that the gun might go off and hurt some one. The man said if any body had any respect for his life to keep away from the car. I don't recollect the man. I have a very poor memory. About a dozen, or perhaps more shots were fired. I said the man was very snooty for telling people to keep away from the car. This man stood on the ground. When Briggs came out just before the shot he said, "Here we are" and then shot. I was about twenty feet from Briggs when he fired. I said before the Coroner's jury Briggs said, "Here I am, you" and he fired. I can't say my memory was any better than now when before the Coroner's jury and I don't know that it is any better now. The shots fired were like a bunch of shooting crackers, right after each other. I can't say that I saw Amour grab a gun from anybody. I did swear before the Coroner Amour took a gun from a man in about the centre of the car, my recollection is refreshed now. I saw Amour go in the car and saw him throw his arms up and shove the gun out of the way. Amour never mentioned anything about shooting to me, or how he was shot. I took charge of the guns Gillespie had that night, because I was capable of taking care of them. Gillespie is a miner living 75 or a hundred yards from me. He is sober and industrious.

The only explanation I have for not allowing him to retain the guns is that I thought I was capable of taking charge of them. Frantz handed me the gun he had. Keating told Gillespie to give me the guns that I would take care of them. I didn't see any shots fired except those from the dinkey, when they came I ran. I did hear shots after, but I don't know where they were fired. I didn't see anybody with guns or pistols except those on the dinkey. I didn't see any unusual excitement when the dinkey arrived.

On redirect-examination Foley said the dozen or more shots he spoke of came from the dinkey to the best of my knowledge. I can't swear to any shots coming from any other place and they were fired after I saw the man fall. No stones were thrown before that. The man I advised to go into the car was Wren Brown, that was before the shooting. I only had a conversation with Amour about his wound, when I was trying to make him comfortable. I didn't talk with him about the shooting. The people took care of Amour after he was shot; his own men had run away. I got a pillow and put under Amour's head in the car. He said nothing only for God's sake to get him away. I am no relative of any of the parties concerned in this case. I only knew Briggs before the riot by seeing him as a miner man. There were no hostilities against Amour and his men before the shooting. Some boys about there were shouting. I could tell they were boys by their voices. I don't know who they were. The remarks were about the militia and Homesteaders. I can't say I heard anybody say "If I were Chief Burgess I would pull them off the car and have them arrested." Although I swore Brown's remarks were snooty; I still swear there were no hostilities on the scene.

This concluded Foley's examination.

GARRETT KEATING called and sworn: I live in Gilberton, Am no Conneliman or other official. I took no part in the tearing up of the tracks. They tore up from 70 to 80 yards. I recognized Amour and motorman on the dinkey when it passed my place and went up to the place where the track was torn up. I went up to the place and saw a young man standing at west end of the dinkey steps with a gun on his arm; some men were advising him to go into the car. I went to Amour and told him it was a shame to bring an armed body of men into the town at night like that; I was not in favor of tearing up the track but I was in favor of maintaining law and order in the borough and they had better go home; they wouldn't lay the tracks on the dinkey. They had better go home and come back the next day. Amour agreed with me and we shook hands. Shortly after there were shots and all scattered. There were no hostilities. The majority of the people were trying to make peace. After the shooting we took away the guns, fixed Amour up and advised that he be taken to the Miners' Hospital. We told them to take Amour and the car out of the borough. After I shook hands with Amour there was peace before the shooting, the car moved away about six feet and then stopped to take something on, I believe. I went home and came out again after I heard two shots, a few seconds elapsing between the first and second, and I saw general shooting from the car. I did not see or hear shots from any other place. From the time I left Amour and the dinkey until I heard the first shot was about a minute or two. When Amour and me agreed the crowd cheered. There were no hostilities, no stones thrown and no arms displayed. After the riot I found a gun in the car and took it to my house. The gun is in court. It was loaded.

A Spencer rifle was produced and Keating identified it as the gun he found in the car. I saw Briggs standing in the dinkey that night; I couldn't say whether or not he had any weapon I only saw him when I was passing the car and can't say what changes of position he made.

Cross examination by Mr. Brumm: I saw shooting from the south and east windows of the dinkey. I didn't hear or see any shooting from any other direction. I don't know of any citizens who had any fire arms there that night outside of the people in the dinkey. I objected to the tearing up of that track that night, but they paid no attention to it. One of the cries by the crowd before shooting was "Homesteaders," and there were cries for the Chief Burgess to arrest Amour and his men. The only man I can say positively had a gun at the time of the talk and shaking hands was Amour. Briggs was in the car. That was some time after the car had arrived and stopped. I did not see Amour and Briggs cover Stone and Reynolds. The dinkey left Gilberton about half an hour after the shooting. Amour had no medical attendance. I sent for Dr. Gillies and he couldn't respond.

WILLIAM CONNORS called and sworn: I reside in Gilberton and was at the scene of the riot. James Parfit was there. I stood about 10 or 12 feet from the car and about three feet behind Parfit. When I got to the scene I stood behind Parfit and I saw Amour on the front platform of the car and I heard John Reynolds say "You can't scare the people of the Gilberton borough." That is all I heard said by him. I heard some one say something about Girardville and I saw Briggs come out of the car and heard him say "Here we are, you" and "Take that." Then he fired. I saw Parfit drop and at the same time I was wounded. Then I saw Florence Mahony go and take the gun from Briggs. Then I went as hard as I could to get out of the road. When I got to Russell's, on the pavement, I got shot in the left wrist. I went into Russell's and saw Evan Davis, who

## NEWS OF THE REGION.

Our Traveling Correspondent's Notes.

## THE LEHIGH STRIKERS.

Much Dissatisfaction is Felt Among the Old Employees of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Because of Their Alleged Bad Treatment.

Mahanoy City, Jan. 6.

Anthony Ragus, a miner employed at Schuylkill colliery, was struck by a fall of coal Thursday afternoon and had his right leg severely injured. He was taken to the Miners' hospital.

Soren Post, G. A. E., gave a banquet in their hall, Thursday evening, to a large number of their friends. A prayer by Curran Noble was followed by singing of the Welsh societies and instrumental music by the Citizens' band. The newly-elected officers were installed.

Mrs. Jennie Webb is visiting Shenandoah.

Misses Abbie and Lillie Meyer visited friends in Shenandoah yesterday. The EVENING HERALD is the only paper in the county reporting news from Mahanoy City, Gilberton, Mahanoy Place, Girardville and other nearby towns every day. It is the only paper in the county employing a stenographer to report the Gilberton riot cases, now on trial at Pottsville, consequently its reports are the most authentic. Now blood has been infused into the HERALD, a new staff of reporters employed and the HERALD is now the leading daily of Schuylkill county. It is bright, clean and up to date. Sent by carriers at six cents per week. Our agent at Mahanoy City is Mr. C. H. Anderson, who may call on you for your subscription.

Officials of the several railway employees' organizations engaged in the late strike on the Lehigh Valley Railroad were met by a reporter here yesterday. "We are here," explained a representative of the Conductors' order, "to pay \$50 to each man not reinstated during the past month."

"Is the Company adhering to their agreement to re-employ ex-strikers before now?" was asked another representative. "Yes, every where except on the Mahanoy division, where thirty of forty new men have been employed in preference to ex-strikers. A HERALD reporter visited Delano and secured the names of a number of new men hired for the train service since the strike was declared off, one of them a Hungarian. The men to whom the local officials are turning the cold shoulder are, strange to relate, the most skillful railroaders in the service, men who, because of their intelligence and natural executive ability, fell into leadership during the strike. President Wilbur clearly agreed to reinstate all old employees if the strike was declared off. But just why they are reinstated everywhere else, but at Delano, is not apparent to a casual observer.

If the expression of a well-known business man be the sentiment of all our merchants the policy pursued by the local officials will hardly aid the Lehigh Valley Company in regaining the traffic lost to the Reading during the tie up. Said the gentleman, spoken of: "I was employed by the Valley Company for many years and felt an attachment for the road and an interest in its welfare that a man feels for his little home and family. I will lend the line altogether until it was tied up, but since learning of the company's disregard for the agreement with the men, the sight of a box car marked 'Lehigh Valley,' is a sore to my eyes."

Miss Maggie Ryan, of Frackville, is visiting Miss Rosa Quinn, of West Centre street. J. M. Grimes, of New York, has been visiting town.

Fou. W. Cooper, Sr., is a prisoner of influence. The fire department responded to an alarm from George Yieng's smoke house, on Butcher's alley, yesterday afternoon, but their services were not needed, as the building was dumped into the creek, big hams, little hams and hot sausages going to the dogs by the thousand.

A special session of Council has been called for Tuesday evening, to consider appropriations for the water works improvement. A year ago John Sacco, young and hearty, arrived here from Hungary, and making "plenty money" as plenty is among his kind. He spent it freely and became a good fellow, with no end of friends. A week ago he was taken sick and being penniless was transported to the hospital. Yesterday he died and Squire O'Brien notified his countrymen to receive and bury their friend's body, but the dead man was not wanted, all denied being John Sacco's friend.

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## MAHANAY PLANE.

John Clark, of Lost Creek, died at his home yesterday morning of hemorrhages. It may be remembered, is the young man who saved his life, two weeks ago, by jumping from an engine at the plane, just as it went over an embankment. The deceased was about 25 years of age and leaves a widow. His mother, who had been too sick to see her son, died a few hours before him. She was over seventy years of age and will be buried with her son in St. Joseph's cemetery, Girardville, on Monday.

Colliery employees worked about twenty-four hours this week. The Misses Higgins of Pottsville, are the guests of Mrs. John T. Beardon. George Balford, Jr., has been visiting his uncle in 56-smoke.

James Rowishick went to work with a very sore thumb, which swelled to the size of a base ball, when recesses set in and necessitated amputation of the member by Doctor Esterline.

Doctor Esterline has returned from Pottsville. The heating of Middle ward school house has been improved by the addition of a large chimney.

Henry Moore, a visitor from Newark, N. J., returned to his home this morning. Walter Murphy is confined with the grippe.

GILBERTON. Ambrose Boner returned from Pottsville. Misses Mary and Corah Parfure are visiting Pottsville.

Florence Mahony and Peter Jennings are daily travelers in Pottsville. George Carter, a Pole, was sued by his mother-in-law, Mrs. Watson, for \$60 board contracted for the first three months of George's honeymoon. Squire Fogarty transferred both Carter and his case to Pottsville for a decision.

Prof. T. C. Watson, wife and children, all of whom have been ill for a week or more, are now improving. Thomas Morgan is on the mend after three weeks of illness.

John Banda, an old and esteemed citizen, died suddenly yesterday of heart disease. The deceased had been employed as an engine-tender at Draper colliery for several years. He was 60 years of age and leaves a widow, two boys and three girls.

Frank Morgan was taken from Gilberton colliery to the Miners' Hospital yesterday, his arm being broken by a fall coal. Ed. McCauley is confined with pneumonia.

Fried oysters a specialty at McElhinny's 9-12-11

WM. PENN. William Guyon, of Ashland, and Harry Griffin, of Allentown, were business callers here to-day.

Miss Marie Lewis, who has been spending several days in Philadelphia, returned yesterday.

William Davis, who was married to Miss Kate M. Edwards, of New Philadelphia, on Tuesday last, are stopping with Mr. Jones until they can rent a house here.

There are many grippe cases here. Camp 255, P. O. R. of A., had a very good entertainment here last evening and at the same time installed their officers. The program was a most interesting one and want of space prevents publication in full.

The employees of the Wm. Penn colliery received their pay to-day.

Court Notes. In the Allen bribery case the Grand Jury found a true bill.

In the case of Benjamin Richards against Charles Stoop and William Dempster for burglary a verdict of guilty was rendered. Sentenced to 15 months imprisonment, returned stolen goods and fine of \$25 each.

Mrs. Amanda Thomas had to pay \$106.11 as the costs in the cases against Nelawenter which the Grand Jury ignored.

The case against J. J. Dougherty, of town, in which he is charged by John Casey with adultery, is fixed for trial on Monday next. A bitter contest is expected and both sides have retained able counsel. District Attorney Ryan and his deputies, and Lawyers Whelan and Seitzer will prosecute the case and Dougherty will be defended by Attorneys Pomroy, Wadlinger and Shay. M. M. Burke, Esq., who prepared the cases against Dougherty, tried at last term of Court, it is learned, refused to accept further service with the prosecution.

Additional local matter on inside pages.

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