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## JOHN BRIGGS' CASE!

The Commonwealth is Still Putting in Evidence.

WILL OCCUPY THIS WEEK

Several Witnesses Swear They Saw Briggs Fire the First Shot in the Riot and James Parfit Fell Before a Second Shot Was Fired.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

POTTSVILLE, Jan. 8.—Contrary to the expectations of some of the people interested in the trial of John Briggs for the murder of James Parfit in the electric railway riot at Gilberton on the night of August 21st, last, the Commonwealth did not close its case on Saturday. District Attorney Ryan says he will not have all his evidence in until Tuesday night and possibly not until Wednesday. The case will last all of this week and may run over.

Briggs' wife, a small and very delicate looking woman, was in attendance at the court all day on Saturday. She was accompanied by her two little daughters, who are very pretty. The youngest remained on her father's lap almost during the whole day. She is about four years old and as bright as a star. When not trying to curl the ends of her father's mustache, or whispering in his ear, she would pass the time directing his attention to the chandeliers, or other sparkling objects. Almost every moment she brought a fresh smile to Briggs' lips. Once or twice the child pointed to the jury and to the judge, but on these occasions Briggs pretended not to see what the child was doing or what she said, but directed his gaze upon the testifying witness. When the court declared adjourned for the day Briggs walked back to his wife, embraced and kissed her and the children and then turning to the court officer said, "Well, I am ready." The father was then conducted to the jail and the wife and children left the court room in an opposite direction. Briggs is handcuffed when passing to and from the jail, but not in the court.

While in the court room Briggs is always seated at the right of his counsel, Messrs. Brumm and Dyson, but it has been remarked that neither before, during or after any of the sessions has he been seen to communicate or make any sign to either of the lawyers. No matter what the character of the testimony may be, if it has any effect upon Briggs or father, it is not evidenced by any expression on their faces, or any movement of their body or limbs. Both are strictly attentive, yet wholly impassive. Briggs has given no intimation of what he thinks the result of the trial will be. He does not talk.

ABRAHAM BALLETT

Sworn: I reside in the East ward of Gilberton and was at the scene of the riot. I was there a part of the time when the track was being torn up; I was at home when the dinkey arrived, but I went down there. The crowd was around the front of the dinkey, but every thing was quiet. Richard Amour was on the dinkey. None carried arms when I arrived there. I saw no firearms before the shooting. I saw Amour, Garrett Keating and Reynolds. I didn't hear what they said. I was there about a minute, when somebody hollered, "Now, where are your guns?" and with regard to the militia, and the prisoner at the bar came out of the car pretty near on a run and said, "Hear we are, d— you," or something of that kind, and he shot. The crowd parted and the man fell. I ran up north. I went around the square and back to the dinkey, and when I got there a few stones were fired. I didn't know at the time who the man was that fell. He fell about a second or two after the cries about the Girardville militia and their guns. The prisoner made a remark at the time he shot, but I am not sure what it was. He held the gun pretty near against his shoulder and down when he fired. I won't swear positively. It looked that way. I didn't see Florence Mahony until he grabbed the gun. That was after the first shot was fired. A very short time after. The man was about falling when Mahony grabbed the gun. I didn't notice who fired the second shot. When I started away from the dinkey the shooting seemed to be going on all around the car, inside and outside. I noticed Amour when the prisoner fired the shot. He was standing on the lower step at the north end of the dinkey, with his back towards Briggs. Amour turned around after Briggs fired the shot. He stepped up on the platform and went towards Briggs, but I didn't hear what he said or what he did. I didn't see any fire arms in the hands of others than those on the dinkey. No attack was made upon those in the car that I saw.

CROSS EXAMINATION.

I live about 400 or 500 yards, more or less, from the scene. The shooting at the scene attracted my attention. I got out of bed and went over there. I saw ex-Representative Brennan and Eli Evans on the scene. The Chief Burgess told me he expected the dinkey and that the first man to be arrested would be Amour when he would arrive. Briggs held the gun with the stock under his arm with the muzzle pointed over the car rail and down. I can't tell whether anybody else had a hold of the gun at the muzzle.

THOMAS MARTIN

sworn: I reside in the East ward of Gilberton and was at the scene of the riot. I saw Briggs, Weavill, Amour and Brown on the car. I met the dinkey just about the time it arrived. Amour said something like, "All you people not interested in this business stand on one side, and he raised his gun and put it over the rail of the car and I heard a click and I stepped over to the other side to get out of the way. Garrett Keating came out and said something to Amour. I could not understand what was said. Amour stepped down on the north step of the car and was talking to Keating. The latter said "Dick, you know you can't lay any track here with guns to-night." Amour said, "I know we can't." I don't know what else he said. Briggs and Amour put their guns over the dash board of the car when the car first arrived they took them down. Briggs went into the car and took a seat. Amour remained on the step of the car. While Briggs was inside some one hollered, "Now, where are the Homesteaders, coming with their guns to lay a rail," and somebody said something about the militia. Briggs ran out and said, "—" and put his gun over the dash board of the car and shot Parfit. As the shot was fired I looked and saw Parfit fall. I thought it was only a blank cartridge but when I looked down and saw Parfit, I saw blood running from him. Parfit scrambled away and I tried to grab him to help to the pavement, but I missed him. I hollered to him to follow me around the corner, but he scrambled under the porch at the Russell house. I didn't see Mahony at the time the shot was fired. He was there after that. He had hold of the barrel of the gun, wrestling with Briggs, to take the gun from him. It was two or three seconds, or possible four seconds after Parfit was shot. I saw other shots that night, but I couldn't say who fired them. They came out of the dinkey. I saw no fire arms or drunken people, or people under the influence of liquor before the dinkey arrived and I didn't see any stones thrown that night, or see any attack on the people in the dinkey. I took no part in the tearing up of the rails or any of the trouble.

CROSS EXAMINATION.

I did not shot anybody that night or about anybody. I had no fire arms. I didn't see any of the Gilberton people have fire arms that night, until after the shooting. When I saw Francis and Foley, who took the guns from the dinkey. I heard no threats that night, except that if Amour came there with a force that night to lay the road down they would arrest him. I heard the crowd holler when the dinkey was there. They said that if the people in the dinkey got out of the car to lay the track they would be arrested. I didn't see any of them down off the car except two old men, repairmen, who were on the north side of the car. Nobody undertook to arrest them.

ROBERT PIERCE

sworn: I live in Gilberton and was on the scene of the riot shortly after the dinkey arrived. I didn't know the men on the dinkey and I am not acquainted with Amour or Briggs. I saw the crowd tearing up the road. I stopped a while and then went back into the house. I went out again when the dinkey came and I stood there while it was there. I was about 3 or 4 yards from it, in the middle of the track, at the front end of the dinkey. I didn't hear any words pass. All I saw was a man come out of the car at the front part and fired the shot, which struck James Parfit. Then I saw him fall down and scramble towards the sidewalk. That is all I saw. I didn't know the man who fired the shot then and don't know that I could recognize him now. I cannot say I have seen him since. He was a perfect stranger to me. The shot this man fired was the first I heard that night. He used a rifle and put it down over the dash board of the car. I didn't see Mahony when he took hold of the rifle this man had, but I saw him when he had hold of it. That was after Parfit was shot. About two or three seconds after. I didn't hear any shot before the one the man fired and which struck Parfit. The other shots were fired right after. I didn't notice where the other shots were fired from. After the shots were fired I went into the house. I couldn't tell exactly how many shots I heard after Parfit fell and I can't tell what made the man come out of the car and fire the first shot. Before the shooting I heard some one pass a remark about Homestead and the Girardville militia. I didn't notice anybody in the crowd outside the car carrying fire arms or see any one drunk.

CROSS EXAMINATION.

Q. What time elapsed between the firing of the gun by the man and the falling of Parfit?  
A. I couldn't tell that exactly. The man fell a moment after the dash went.  
Q. How long after you saw Parfit fall was it you saw Mahony wrestle for the gun?  
A. About two or three seconds.  
Q. How far were you away from the dinkey when you saw this?  
A. About 3 or 4 yards.  
Q. Did you see Briggs put his hand up to his head and run away?  
A. No, sir.

Mr. Brumm, counsel for the defense, recalled Thomas Martin, who responded and the falling examination took place.

Q. What did Briggs say when he came out of the car?  
A. I can't say exactly. He came out of the car, reached over the rail, "Here we are, take it, you ——" As he said it the gun went off. I heard him say, "take it." I forgot that when testifying before. I didn't hear Mahony call Briggs a "—" and I didn't hear Amour say, "take that." I

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## NEWS OF THE REGION.

Our Traveling Correspondent's Notes.

ALL ALONG THE LINE.

Interesting News Items From Mahanoy City, Girardville, Tamaqua, Mahanoy Plane, Centralia and Other Places Briefly Chronicled.

MAHANOY CITY, Jan. 8.

George Sketh, of Shenandoah, was visitor here yesterday.

George Wilford spent Sunday in Tamaqua. Joe Patrick, a Polish innkeeper, received "gun babies"—a boy—on Saturday.

The eight foot high boy who was arrested for exhibiting himself without a license, left town on Sunday in disgust. Officer Hased was but a child beside him.

Edward Hare, of Hazleton, is the guest of his brother Thomas, of East Centre street.

Mildred Meyer and Mr. Rich, of Hazleton, are visiting Miss Abbie Moyer.

The Misses Jennie and Hannah Refowich and Miss Cora Oswald returned from Hazleton after a week's absence.

I Refowich, of Freeland, is the guest of his brother, I. Refowich, of East Centre street.

Ed. Jones the genial manager of the Pottsville Academy of Music, together with our own Will Setley, and Will Hallman, late second baseman of the Philadelphia's National League Team, came up from Pottsville Saturday evening to see "King" Kelly and "Jack" Stovett in "O'Dowd's Neighbors."

TAMAQUA.

William Shalters and William Fulmer, of Reading, spent yesterday here with friends. Miss Emma Bear will leave this week to spend several months in Thomas, Alabama, as the guest of Dr. and Mrs. R. N. Ramsey.

Miss Lillian Fry, of Catawqua, who has been visiting Miss Annie Schaefer, has returned home.

Miss Elsie Bond, of Orange City, Kansas, at present studying music in Washington, D. C., returned here on Saturday.

Walter Sanford and an excellent company produced the great nautical play "My Jack" at Allen's opera house, Friday evening, to a fair sized audience. The next attraction is Bartholomew's Equine Paradox for three nights, commencing January 11th.

H. D. Leopold left to-day to resume his studies at the Lehigh University.

Mrs. A. J. Rhodes is suffering with a severe attack of the gripe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fitzpatrick entertained Miss Mame Weir, of Wilkes-Barre, Miss Christian, of Ashland, A. H. Tiley, of the Ashland Telegraph, and Mr. S. Eugene Stout, of Reading, on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sig Livingstone were in Reading on Thursday.

Miss Louise Zehner, after spending several months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Randall, has returned home.

The Misses Aiber gave a card party at their home on last Tuesday evening.

GILBERTON.

Mrs. Hobin, a widow, aged about 60 years, died on Saturday afternoon, after having almost recovered from the gripe. She is survived by two sons and two daughters.

A SINGULAR ABDUCTION

Secured Another Man's Child by the Aid of the Court.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 8.—A queer case is attracting the attention of the authorities here. On Saturday a man named Richard Hanson, claiming to live in Buffalo, secured possession by habeas corpus of a 4-year-old child whom he called Ella Hanson. The girl was living with a widower named John Benoit. Hanson claimed that his wife, who deserted him a year ago, had lived here with Benoit, and that when she died a month ago the body was shipped to Buffalo under the name of Mrs. Benoit. Her child being left here. The little one was taken into court on a writ of habeas corpus. After a hearing Hanson was given the custody of her, and he left, as he said, to go to Buffalo. Benoit was not notified of the proceedings. Today he declares that the girl is his own daughter, Ella, and not Hanson's child; that he never lived with Mrs. Hanson; and that it was his own wife's body which was sent to Buffalo. Benoit says his child was kidnapped, and he has requested the Buffalo police to arrest the man. A dispatch from Buffalo states that no such man as Richard Hanson is known there.

Wonders' one down 30 cabinets for \$1. S. E. Cor. Centre and Market Sts., Pottsville. 11-21-4f

Coming Events.

Jan. 9.—"Ye Old Folks" concert at the Union Sunday school building, Lost Creek, under the auspices of the Sons of Temperance.

Jan. 11.—"The Trolley System" at Ferguson's theatre, for the benefit of George Walters.

Jan. 15.—Manhattan Athletic Club Ball, Robbins' Opera House.

Feb. 5.—Fifth grand ball of the Gymnasium Club in Robbins' opera house.

Fried oysters a specialty at McKibben's 9-12-4f

QUICK CUT.

Anthony M. Natta, of Philadelphia, who has been visiting here, friends for the past few days, returned from a visit to Mr. Corset.

Miss Willie Adams and sister are visiting Shenandoah.

Miss Lewis, one of Shenandoah's bright young ladies, is spending a few days at the home of William Gittins.

James Ryan has put a new front in his building on Locust avenue. This adds materially to the looks of the building.

John J. Lavoy has announced himself for Justice of the Peace in the First ward. John is a good fellow and we are sure he would make a first class Justice. Among the other candidates for that office may be mentioned David C. Black and John J. Ryan.

The Morris Edge colliery, situated about two miles from here, changed hands last week. For some time past Mr. Lawson, of Scranton, has been negotiating with May, Trentman & Co. for the purchase of this colliery. The deal was consummated a few days ago and the colliery will hereafter be operated by a company known as the Morris Edge Coal Company. Many improvements will be made in the near future and the colliery's output of coal largely increased. The company has also secured the lease of the old Reno tract of about 4000 acres.

Squire Gittins has removed his office to the corner of Paxton and Centre streets, opposite the M. E. church.

Centralia and Logan collieries were idle on Saturday on account of having no cars.

John Barrett, of Dark Corner, who was injured at North Ashland colliery some time ago, is slowly recovering.

George Maley, who has been confined to the home for some time, is about again.

James Watkins, of Hazleton, after spending a few days with Bruce Fortner, returned home on Saturday.

GIRARDVILLE.

Squire Reynolds, John P. Reynolds and Edward Manley passed through town to gaze at the splendor of "Black Crook" and other crooks in Ashland on Saturday evening.

Misses Mame Munley, Laura McKittrick and Bridget Kelly, of Mahanoy Plane, tripped the "light fantastic" with the Girardville boys Saturday evening.

Charley Ritz, of Mahanoy Plane, passed through here last evening on his weekly pilgrimage to Ashland.

Capt. E. C. Wagner, with his company of National Guards, headed by the Brigade band, surrounded Lieutenant and Mrs. Wilhelm on Saturday evening, in honor of their recent marriage. After the playing of martial airs and a wedding march, the boys were invited inside and spent a most enjoyable time with their young superior officer. Mrs. Wilhelm is a daughter of J. J. Sallada, of Ashland.

Commencing last Saturday the Schuykill Traction Co. began the operation of a schedule by which they now run a car in each direction every half hour. General Manager Ash said that the new schedule was working to his complete satisfaction, and that the tedious waits that were necessary heretofore at Girardville and Gilberton are now a thing of the past, a fact that will be hailed with much pleasure by the patrons of the road who appreciate his efforts to give them a satisfactory service. With cars running regularly every half hour there can be nothing to complain of. The first car leaves the Locust Dale terminus at 5:30 a. m. The last car will leave Locust Dale at 10 o'clock for Shenandoah, at 10:30 for Mahanoy City, and at 11:30 for Girardville. The last car for Ashland leaves Mahanoy City at 10 o'clock, and will leave Shenandoah for Ashland at 10:15 o'clock.

MAHANOY PLANE.

Annie Esterline is confined with scarlet fever.

Mrs. Patrick Leahy, of Maltsville, is confined with the gripe.

Cornelius Kane and Patrick Kane and wife are suffering from the gripe.

After two weeks' illness Richard Bevan is improving.

Thomas Francis, who was injured in the head and chest, by falling timber, a month since, is now able to be about.

Mrs. McCook, of Maltsville, is convalescent. Two children of Mrs. Thomas Bevan have the scarlet fever.

James Norton, a brakeman on a mine run, was caught between two coal cars on Friday and severely injured at the hips. Dr. Esterline dressed his injuries.

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