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AT KEITER'S.

JOHN BRIGGS' STORY.

His Version of the Fatal Night at Gilberton.

WHY HE WAS PRESENT.

Says That His Gun was Discharged in a Scuffle and the Shot Struck the Ground—How he Managed to Make His Escape. A Large Attendance.

Special to the HERALD.

POTTSVILLE, Jan. 18.—The star witness yesterday in the Briggs murder trial which has been in progress before Judge Weidman for over two weeks was John Briggs, the accused and prisoner. His demeanor on the stand was cool and deliberate, his answers were given with but slight hesitation at the most trying moments, and at no time did he appear flushed or embarrassed.

DAVID WILLIAMS sworn: When we got to Gilberton that night I was sitting in the car. When we reached the point where the track was torn up I got up and got to the door. I saw Mr. Amour on the platform with Benny, the motor man. Mr. Amour was on the corner of the car. He leaned over and called out to the Chief Burgess and Mr. Reynolds to assist him in dispersing the mob, that he had come to lay this track that night. Amour then saw Stoss at a distance and said, "And you, also, Mr. Stone, I ask you in the name of the Commonwealth to help me disperse this mob. We want to lay this track." Stoss was standing with a lantern in his hands. One man, I believe it was the Chief Burgess, allowed there would be no track put down that night. "Mr. Amour, you are a pretty good policeman, but you are not in it to-night. We are too many for you." Amour tried to reason with them and said they came there not to harm or hurt anybody, but to lay the track. They got reasoning together pretty nicely, as I thought, and things quieted down. I stood at the inside of the car and as I looked out I saw Mr. Watkins in the crowd and I took a walk out of the car, at the rear end, and went around to the front end. I went up to Mr. Watkins and said, "Hello, I see you are here?" and he said "Yes," and asked me how I got there. I told him I came up in the car. In about a second from that Mr. Watkins left me and went towards the north side of the car. In about a second or two from that another man named Jonathan Pritchard came up to me and we exchanged a few remarks about private matters. Pritchard then left me and went to the north side in front of the car. Then a shout started, "Now, where are the Home-Stealers and the Girardville militia?" and something about the scabs. It was lively there at the time. I was looking straight at the car and saw Mr. Briggs get up from his seat and come out at the front with a gun and say, "Here we are, what do you want?" at the same time as Briggs came out of the door with his gun pointed upward I saw a man step up and grab the gun with his left hand, and as he grabbed the gun I saw it come down and then the shot went off. I turned to see if any one was shot, and just as I looked a man in the center of the track said, "My God! I am shot," and at that I saw him raise his arms and lean over. He made a move towards the south side of the street. That was all I saw.

CROSS EXAMINATION.

I first got on the dinky at Girardville power house. I came from Shenandoah in company with Mr. Amour. I came without firearms. I couldn't say whether Amour had at that time; but at Win Penn I saw him handling firearms. We were on the passenger car with Ed. Foley. When we got to Win Penn 5 or 6 guns were put on the car. A gun was handed to me between Girardville and Mahanoy Place. Mr. Amour handed it to me and told me to take care of it. The gun Amour handed to me I put on the seat and didn't handle it after. I saw Amour hand guns to other men, I remember just a few who they were. I don't know where Briggs got his gun.

Witness identified the gun marked "B" and "30" as the one Briggs had on that night. I saw Amour load some of the guns on the way to Gilberton. I saw Briggs and Wrenn Brown open boxes of cartridges and saw them about the same time Amour loaded guns. Amour said, "Now, boys, don't make any noise until I tell you." He mentioned that on the way to Gilberton, Brown and myself said, "Yes; don't make any noise, boys." I heard a distinct shot after the first one and after that the shooting became general. I saw under indictment, and earlier but in this court to answer a charge of riot.

E. D. SMITH, ESQ.

I reside at Pottsville, am a lawyer by profession, and for five years was a captain in the National Guard of Pennsylvania.

Q. You saw the witness Williams hold the gun as he described the holding of the gun by Briggs when he went out of the car?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Is that a natural position for a soldier to carry his gun when advancing?

A. Objected to and objection sustained.

Mr. Brumm asked permission to read to the jury the testimony taken by a stenographer at the coroner's inquest for the purpose of contradicting witnesses and showing that at the inquest they swore in many respects to a different state of facts than they have here. The Commonwealth objected on the ground that the stenographer's notes themselves were not evidence.

Judge Weidman decided that such of the notes which had bearing on the alleged contradictory statements could be read.

Mr. Brumm then spent some time reading from the notes.

ALBERT ROBBING, reporter for the Republican, swore that he had known John Briggs for 25 years and had never heard his reputation for peace and good order questioned.

JOHN BRIGGS' STORY.

I was born in St. Clair on January 3, 1863, and lived there until I was between 11 and 12 years of age. I went to school there and moved with my parents to Huntington, where we lived for about a year and then moved to Heckscherville where I lived until I was married, but I was residing in Minersville for a year or so before that. It is about 15 years since I left Heckscherville. I went to

school in Heckscherville. I lived in Minersville about two years and got married there. My wife, father and other are still living. I have had three children and buried one. I was an employe of the Schuylkill Traction Company as a motor man.

Mr. Brumm: Now state all about this difficulty. Detail all you know about it; all you saw and all you heard.

THAT NIGHT.

Witness: It was on Monday evening, August 21, last year. I was in the Palace restaurant at Girardville. I was in the habit of going there and used to tend bar there occasionally. Mr. Amour came in and asked Mr. Lloyd if I was there and he called me out. When I came out Amour asked me if I would go to Gilberton, that they were going there to lay the track. I said yes and he asked me to get another good fellow. Wrenn Brown was in a side room and I told him Mr. Amour wanted to see him and after they had a talk, we both

CONSENTED TO GO.

Mr. Amour told me the dinky was going down the valley for some repairs and who were to fix the track. I don't rightly know whether Mr. Amour asked me to go for a gun or whether I volunteered to go and get one, but I think I volunteered, because I do not think Mr. Amour knew I had one. However, I went home

AND GOT MY GUN.

and came back, got on the dinky and went to Gilberton. Just before we entered Gilberton Mr. Amour told me to guard the rear end of the car and in going through I asked Wrenn Brown to go to the other end with me and he did. We both stood on the rear end of the car and when the car stopped where the track was torn up Brown and me stood for a few minutes, three or four.

EVERYTHING WAS QUIET.

and I walked through the car to the east end and saw Mr. Amour talking to some of the people in the crowd. I remained with my gun in my hand and leaned against the door frame with my left shoulder and stood the stock of the gun on the platform with the gun by my right side, the top of the muzzle under my right arm and the arm down over the muzzle to keep it hid from view. I was standing there for a few minutes and Amour was talking to some of the people. I thought one of them was Leahy and there was another man there, stout and tall man, who I thought was Stone, but he seemed larger than he appeared here. They

SAW AMOUR TO UNDERSTAND.

that he could not lay the track that night and second determined that he should not; and for their expressions, though they were under the influence of drink. They ordered the car back off the crossing. I turned around and went into the car with the intention of going to the other end to warn people to leave the track because the dinky was going to be backed up and I was afraid some might get run over. I hollered back to see that no people were on the tracks, to clear the track and then I sat in the northwestern corner of the car, with my face south. After the car got back, I could not say how long the

CROWD SEEMED EXCITED.

but I sat there with my gun between my feet and my face resting on my two hands resting on the barrel of the gun. I was humming a tune and drumming with my feet on the floor. The crowd started to hoot and cheer and called for the Girardville militia. They said, "Now, where are your Girardville militia?" "Bring out your Girardville militia."

I WAS AFRAID.

they were going to rush on the car and I went out of the car with my gun, which I had over the car rail when a man in front reached over and grabbed the barrel. He jerked it so that I was pulled partly over the rail in this way: I was afraid my head would get hurt between the gun and the rail and I grabbed it on top of the barrel (placing his hand on the trigger) in this way and held on to the gun and

IN THE SCUFFLE.

the gun was discharged, I still held on to the gun. There was a vacancy of about 18 inches between the front of the car and the people. When the gun was discharged

I SAW THE FIRE STRIKE.

the ground. I wrestled to get him to leave go of the gun. As soon as my gun was discharged I heard a shot and I saw a man in the car and then I heard Amour say "Oh, God," as if he had been suddenly injured.

I WAS WOUNDED.

on the head and I let go. When I jumped off the car my leg hurt me. I thought at the time that it had been struck by a stone, but when I got to the railroad I found my leg covered with blood and a small hole where

I HAD BEEN SHOT.

I was wounded in the head and in the leg. I did not know a man by the name of James Parfit and never saw such a man that I know of. All the people in Gilberton that night were strangers to me.

CROSS EXAMINATION.

From Minersville I moved to Girardville. I lived in Philadelphia from three to five months and worked for the Franklin sugar refining company at Front and Bainbridge streets, then I went to Mahanoy City. I was not employed by the Schuylkill Traction Company on the 21st of August, last. I was laid off for smoking on a car on a turnout, contrary to the company's rules. I had been suspended about five days. I laid around the house and around the town, expecting orders to go to work. I expected to go back on the Wednesday after this difficulty occurred. I used to give them a hand behind Lloyd's bar in his restaurant. I don't recollect being behind it on the night of August 21.

Q. Do you recollect whether or not you went out of your house that Monday night evening?

A. I couldn't say.

Q. Can you tell this jury where you spent that morning?

A. No, sir.

Q. Or the afternoon?

A. No, sir.

Q. Do you know where you had your dinner that day?

A. No, sir.

Q. Or your supper?

A. No, sir.

Q. So far as that Monday is concerned the first and only recollection you have is the fact that about 7 of an hour before Amour got to Lloyd's restaurant you got there?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. The balance of the day so far as you were concerned, is a perfect blank?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Had you drunk anything that night?

A. Only two or three shall beer in the Palace restaurant. I had not drunk anything else to my knowledge. I am not in the habit of drinking anything else. I had not been to any other restaurant or hotel that evening. I did not drink any malt or spirituous liquors besides what I had here. I cannot explain why it is that so far as that Monday is concerned everything is a blank. I cannot explain it any more than I could for a week

THE EVIDENCE ALL IN.

The Case to Go to the Jury To-day.

LAWYERS SUMMING UP.

Counsel to Address the Jury This Afternoon and the Case Likely to be Submitted at Close of the Day—What Will the Verdict Be?

Special to Evening Herald.

POTTSVILLE, Jan. 17.—This morning's session of the Briggs trial opened by Mr. Brumm re-calling the accused to the stand and asking him to state whether, or not, he made a statement of the whole Gilberton affair a day or two after it occurred to a news paper reporter and that statement was published at the time Briggs replied that he made a statement to Mr. Youngfish, a reporter for the *Mahonoy Journal*.

State whether, or not, you had seen Mr. Amour or any of these witnesses since you were in jail, or had any conversation with them, or corresponded with them in any way? I have seen some of the witnesses in the jail, but I have not had any conversation with them on this subject, or any correspondence with them on the subject.

DR. FORLESTER.

a practicing physician of Girardville. Found a wound on Briggs' head, scalp wound as it is made by a bullet, and a bullet wound in his right thigh. The doctor has known Briggs for about 7 years and has never heard his character questioned.

Mr. Brumm then announced that the defense rested, but was given permission to call William Wilhelm later as a witness to prove that the Traction Company changed heads entirely since the riot and any of the witnesses who are in the employ of the present company could not have any interest in the case or be influenced by any past or present employment.

Mr. Wadlinger said: Crawford Benny having been asked the following question and answer before the coroner's inquest, and having denied that he did so answer, the Commonwealth now proposes to read from the notes of the testimony.

There was no objection and Mr. Wadlinger read the following answer: "I noticed he threw the gun down over the front of the car and then there was a shot. I was back on the other end of the car and couldn't see how it went."

WILLIAM WILHELM.

Re-called: The management and control of the Schuylkill Traction Company and the officers, the whole board, with the exception of Messrs. Harty and Johann, changed within a week after August 21st, last. I do know that among the changes was the resignation of Capt. Bailey as president and election of Mr. Harty to that position and the new company is distinct from the old one.

DEFENDANT RESTS.

District Attorney Ryan announced at 1:30 that the Commonwealth had no other evidence to offer.

Judge Weidman then directed the counsel to proceed with the summing up.

A full report of the closing proceedings of the trial will be given in Friday's edition of the HERALD.

POLITICAL POINTS.

Attend the Citizens' primaries to-morrow evening.

With good nominations the Citizens' ticket should be an easy winner at the approaching election.

National delegates to the last Democratic Convention, O'Connor, of Mahanoy City, it is said, will be a candidate for State Senator.

The coming prize fight will not interfere with D. J. Doyle's candidacy for Council, on the Democratic ticket. He is in the field to win.

The Prohibitionists will not have a candidate for Congressman at Large in the field. The party failed to get their papers in on time.

Hon. Thomas J. Higgins was in Pottsville yesterday, bounding his candidacy for sheriff. "Tom" is a good all-around fellow and we would not be surprised at his "getting there" this year.

The new rules of the Citizens' party will come the primaries to go slow for the first time and it is important that the business commence promptly at 7 o'clock to-morrow evening.

J. M. Kallbach, candidate for Chief Burgess on the Citizens' ticket, is making a cutting good campaign. The party will make no mistake this year in selecting good material from the list presented to it.

Ex-Chief Burgess Boehm is of the opinion that he will get the Councilman nomination in the Second ward to-morrow evening. Messrs. McKelvey and Wrenn are of the same opinion as to themselves. Take it good naturedly, gentlemen. Only one can be nominated.

Ex-Councilman Seiwenter, who is seeking a nomination for Council from the Third ward, on the Citizens' ticket, is making good, natural content. "Billy" made a good Councilman before and if he should be fortunate to be sent there again the public will not be disappointed.

PENCIL POINTS.

Indian Ridge colliery resumed operations this morning.

A very successful sociable was held in the Trinity Reformed church last evening.

The "Old Folks" concert at Lost Creek was a great success both financially and sociably. Joseph Bickert, of Iowa, is said to have leased the hotel at Lakeside. Many improvements are to be made throughout the building.

The Pottsville electric railway will do away with its conductors on and after Saturday next. Each car will be operated by a motor-man only. There is considerable dissatisfaction among the employes.

Our WIFE'S LAUNDRY BROS, the best fitting for laundry use. Each package makes two quarts. 15c. Sold by Coakley Bros.

Fried oysters a specialty at McElheny's 8-12-17

PERSONAL.

K. A. Glover went to Mahanoy City on Monday.

Miss M. Deane, of Deaneville, was in town to-day.

Miss Mable Thiele is a guest at the Kirlin mansion.

Miss Lora Miller has gone to Mt. Carmel to visit friends.

Harry Schwartz, of Park Place, spent last evening in town.

Tim Coakley, went to Pottsville on the 12:45 train to-day.

James Dalton and David Reilly were Pottsville visitors to-day.

Harry Hart, of Ringtown, was seen on our streets last evening.

P. J. Ferguson transacted business at Shamokin this morning.

Casbar Hunter attended the "Faucet" performance at Ashland.

Miss U. W. Boddall and son are visiting friends in Fort Carbon.

Jerry McAvoy and Charles McElroy were seen on our streets last evening.

Major Finney went to Philadelphia this morning on the early train.

Rev. J. E. Linn, of Pottsville, preached in the Presbyterian church last evening.

John Killian, of the Lauer Brewing Co., of Reading, is the guest of Christ Schmidt of town.

"Jim McElheny, who is becoming popular as a actor, went to Pottsville this afternoon to visit friends.

Miss Mame Wesley has been unable to attend to her school duties the past few days, owing to illness.

Mrs. A. P. Bickler and son, Irvin, occupied one of the boxes at Ferguson's theatre last evening.

P. J. Birmingham and wife of Girardville, came to town last evening to witness the "Black Crook" at the theatre.

Mrs. John Cain and Mrs. Isaac Conick, of town, we learn through the Mt. Carmel News, are visiting that thriving town.

Dr. A. A. Seibert, who is making a specialty in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, has already held up a large practice in this county. His office is on Second street, Pottsville. The doctor is a skillful and successful surgeon.

The following Mahanoy City people witnessed the production of "The Black Crook" at Ferguson's theatre last night: Aaron Brownmiller, Matt Stelo, George Hopper, Harry Krebs, Charles Brownmiller, Jr., Harry Kluge, Joe Neuman, George Gerrett, Howard Hopper, Charles Hendricks and John Evans.

Diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.

Any person suffering with pain in the head or whose vision is defective, and who will consult Dr. Seibert, 114 North Second street, Pottsville, Pa., on Friday of each week, may have their eyes examined for glasses free of charge. Every pair of spectacles guaranteed satisfactory. Special attention paid to people afflicted with "running eye," deafness and crossed eyes. No charge to determine whether you can be relieved. Dr. Seibert is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and studied the diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat in the office of a distinguished New York specialist, and in the New York Eye and Ear Hospital. 1-18-13

A Good Production.

A crowded house witnessed Springer and Welly's production of "The Black Crook" at Ferguson's theatre last night and everybody was delighted with it. The scenic and stage effects of the play, as well as the costuming, were magnificent, and the transformation scenes were heartily applauded. The cast of the play was good and the specialties introduced excellent. In all respects "The Black Crook" was a splendid success last night.

Notice to the Public.

All persons are forbidden to skate or trespass on the dams of the Shenandoah Water Company under penalty of the law. By order of the company. 1-16-14 S. D. Hess, Supt.

Banquet This Evening.

The majority of the state officers of the Sons of America have already arrived in town to be present at the installation ceremonies of Shenandoah Commandery, No. 14, S. of A., this evening, after which a banquet will be held in Holliday's opera house. It will undoubtedly be an enjoyable occasion for the members, as extensive preparations have been made therefor.

Buy Keystone Beer. Be sure that the name LAMAR & BARK, Ashland, Pa., is printed on every can. 1-13-14

M. Graham.

M. Graham, who is making a vigorous canvass for the Citizens' nomination of Reservoir of Taxes, is one of our oldest and most respected citizens, who has and always had the best interests of the borough at heart. He is progressive and is always ready to take a lead in anything that will enhance the borough's interest. No mistake will be made should he receive the nomination.

"All work out" is the expression of the stooped sufferer with that terrible cough. Par-Tin puts a stop to it. It's a remedy for Cough, Croup and Consumption, 25 cents. Par-Tin is sold at P. H. K. Kirlin's drug store.

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