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JURY COULDN'T AGREE ON VERDICT

MISTRIAL RESULT LAST NIGHT OF BUDDY HESTER TRIAL

JURY WAS OUT FOR SIX HOURS

Hester's Defense Was That One of the Dead Man's Companions Fired the Fatal Shot.

After nearly six hours' deliberation, the jury in the case of Buddy Hester, negro, charged with killing Harold Crasto, white, 19 years old, last December, late last night announced a mistrial. Eleven jurors voted for acquittal and one for conviction.

The trial came to a close yesterday afternoon. Judge Clretien charged the jury shortly after 3 o'clock. After an hour passed and no verdict had been reached, the jury was ordered to report at 8 o'clock. It was nearly 9 o'clock before the result was announced.

Attempt to convince the jury that instead of Hester, it was one of the dead youth's companions who fired the fatal shot, missing the negro at whom he aimed. This was the defense's trump card at the way through the trial.

Hester testified in his own behalf Thursday afternoon. He denied ever having owned a gun and said the shot that killed young Crasto was fired while he and his companions had him on the ground kicking him. Some one in the crowd, Hester stated, yelled "Let me shoot that nigger," which was followed by the shot and a cry from Crasto.

Assistant District Attorney Lanfrie prosecuted the case.

The shooting of Crasto occurred in Carrollton late Christmas eve. According to the defense, Hester and Georgia Smith, a negroess, were sitting on a stoop when Crasto and several white youths passed. They made a vulgar remark about the woman, which Hester resented. A fight which ended in the shooting followed.

MAY DIE, RESULT OF RASH ATTEMPT

Said by the police to have been dependent over a love affair, William K. Duncan, Jr., member of a prominent Ruston, La., family, and a private in Company F, Louisiana National Guard, attempted suicide in the rear of a saloon at 331 Baronne street Friday afternoon. He took bichloride tablets. His condition was reported at the Charity hospital last night as being serious.

According to the police, Duncan has been in a despondent mood since a young woman he had been calling upon left the city. Yesterday he and Lee Harris, member of the same company, went into the Baronne street saloon. They sat at a table. After drinking a glass of water, Duncan arose and said he would return in a few minutes. He went into the rear.

A few minutes later groans were heard. Harris and the bartender investigated and found Duncan sitting on the floor doubled up. The soldier told them he had taken bichloride tablets. He was taken to the Charity hospital in an ambulance.

AUTO SMASHED BY TULANE BELT CAR

Although the automobile they were in was demolished when struck by a Tulane belt car at Carrollton avenue and Apple street yesterday afternoon, Corda E. McFarland, 1921 Carrollton avenue, and his brother, William J. McFarland, were not seriously hurt. Motorman R. Fisher and Conductor H. Chauvin were in charge of the car.

The brothers, who are connected with the National Life Insurance company, were crossing Carrollton avenue when the accident occurred. William McFarland was driving. The machine was clearing the track when the car struck it in the rear. Its occupants were hurled out into the street.

William McFarland was hurt about the right leg and left arm. His brother sustained general bruises. They were treated at the residence of Dr. Volbe, 1719 Carrollton avenue.

The automobile, a Chevrolet, valued at \$500, was completely wrecked.

RESENTED OFFER

OF FINE LESSON

Cries of "lynch him, kill him," arose from an angry mob of over three hundred men and boys as they chased Joseph P. Klein, 30, an electrician, 128 South Alexander street, after he deliberately attacked August Kirsch, 27, 628 Ammunition street, while the latter was driving an automobile truck at Travis and Camp streets yesterday afternoon. Klein would have been handled roughly had he not succeeded in breaking through the crowd and sought refuge in the rear of the Old Ruby cafe.

Klein and Kirsch were arrested for disturbing the peace. William Alex, chauffeur of the truck which belongs to the New Orleans Stencil Works, was being sought last night. He is said to have been implicated in the trouble.

The affair is rather complicated, but from what the police report says it appears that William Alex lost control of the truck, almost knocking a pedestrian down. It was at this juncture that Klein appeared on the scene and is said to have insisted that Alex let him show how to operate the machine. While the two were arguing, Kirsch, also employed by the stencil works, intervened.

Kirsch jumped on the machine and told Klein he was taking charge of it. This did not meet with the approval of Klein, however. Nevertheless, after considerable argument, Kirsch started off. The crowd, which had gathered around and enjoyed the fun, shouted at Kirsch. They yelled that he knew nothing about driving an automobile. Klein kept abreast with it and when Kirsch tried to make him take his hand off the track, the former swung his right arm and dealt Kirsch a smacking blow under the left eye.

Blow appeared on Kirsch's face and he was almost knocked unconscious. The "rowdy attack," as it was termed by spectators, aroused the wrath of the crowd. They no longer looked at Kirsch, but turned upon Klein who shoved two men aside as they tried to grab him.

"Catch him, lynch him. Don't let him get away," were some of the remarks. In true moving picture style, Klein broke through the crowd and ran into the Old Ruby cafe. The crowd came in but stopped a few feet from the doorway. Curses and threats were hurled at Klein who

KAHN CLOSED GENERAL DEBATE ON CONSCRIPTION LAST NIGHT

House will Vote on Amendment Enacting Selective Draft Today; Senate Will Vote Tomorrow Night--Administration Victory Looked on as Certain

By International News Service.

Washington, April 28.—The general debate on the question whether the new army of the United States shall be raised by the volunteer method or by conscription ended in the House today.

In support of the administration plan, Representative Kahn, Republican, of California, delivered the closing speech of the debate which had consumed thirty-nine hours. He made an eloquent address. The House shook with applause when he concluded.

Kahn illustrated why conscription is fair by pointing out the fact that under the volunteer system one mother may give several sons while another does not give any to her country. "Why should any mother be called upon to give her all? Under the plan for a selective draft such a thing is impossible," Kahn said.

Tonight it is evident that the selective draft method will win. It is predicted that the President will be given authority to put it in operation within twenty-four hours.

The House agreed to vote tomorrow as a committee of the whole on Kahn's amendment to the army bill, which would substitute the selective draft for the volunteer system in the House bill. The Senate has already agreed to have a final vote tomorrow night.

By a vote of 170 to 106, the House today refused to amend the army bill so as to permit Mr. Roosevelt to raise a volunteer force for service in France.

Given serious attention at today's cabinet meeting and most of the discussion was directed toward supplying quickly as many ships as possible to carry supplies to the entente.

The idea was expressed generally that the war is liable to continue for some time and that it is vitally necessary to turn out merchant ships as quickly as possible. Secretary Daniels has plans for speeding up the construction of destroyers.

Lieut. Wm. F. Gresham, who commanded the naval gun crew on the American merchant steamer Aztec when she was sunk off Brest, made his report in person to Secretary Daniels yesterday and left an impression that the vessel probably was destroyed by a mine.

FINE PROMOTION FOR DR. CORPUT

Surgeon J. R. Corput has just returned from Washington with good news for himself and his friends. He has been promoted to be surgeon in charge of the Southern Division of the United States Public Health Service and the Marine Hospital, with headquarters in this city.

Surgeon Corput has been in command at the Quarantine Station for several years, replacing Surgeon von Esdorf, who was at that time transferred to Mobile. Later, Surgeon von Esdorf, while on an investigating trip into contagious diseases, was taken suddenly ill of appendicitis and his death took place inside of twelve hours.

Dr. Corput's numerous friends, and especially those who served with him in the epidemic of yellow fever in 1905, desire to congratulate him on his promotion. No man in the service has worked harder than he did to keep New Orleans clear of contagious diseases.

NEGRO GIRL IN TROUBLE

On complaint of Mrs. S. Levy, 1629 Canal street, who charges she has a \$100 diamond ear pin, Bojze Bell, negroess, was arrested yesterday by Detective Henry Littleton. The negroess, police say, confessed her guilt, alleging she had been wearing the pin and lost it.

Found in a copper, pale and trembling. Thus he stood for nearly ten minutes before Sergeant Seelhorst, of the Central police station, arrived. This was fortunate for the anger of Kirsch and the spectators was not decreasing. Even as he was taken out by Seelhorst, the crowd continued in on the prisoner and continued their threats.

Kirsch was arrested at the New Orleans Stencil Works, Natchez and Magazine streets.

LOUISIANA LAWS STAND IN THE WAY

Lack of laws which give farmers and stock growers control of their financial affairs threatens to deprive this State of the advantages of a Cattleman's Bank about to be organized under the fostering care of the packing firm of Nelson Morris & Co. It was the company's desire to help the stock growers to enlarge their operations and thrive in the cattle business, but under existing laws the company could obtain no security for such loans without numerous and burdensome restrictions.

The requirements of the law, as summarized by Attorney Walter E. Gleason follow:

"First. The mortgage must be passed before a notary public and two witnesses, and signed by both parties.

"Second. Full description of the property must be contained in the deed.

"Third. The deed must be recorded both in the parish wherein the property is situated and in the parish wherein the mortgagee resides.

"Fourth. Should the mortgagee assent to the removal of the property to an adjoining parish, the deed must be forthwith recorded in that parish.

"Fifth. When cattle are purchased from a person residing out of the State, or in another parish, an affidavit must be procured stating that the property has been paid for and is not encumbered.

"Sixth. As regards cattle, a homestead exists to the extent of two horses, two cows and calves, and twenty-five head of hogs, and this homestead right can be released only by the owner signing with his wife, if married, a release thereof, and recording same in the parish where he resides.

Until the laws are repealed or

WHY POWER TO FIX PRICES IS WANTED

Washington, D. C., April 27.—The Secretary of Agriculture, in response to a telegram regarding the fixing of prices of food products, made the following reply:

"Your telegram received. No agency now has power to fix prices of food products. Have suggested that Congress confer power on the government to fix minimum and maximum prices if the emergency requires them.

"The object of a minimum price to producers would be to stimulate production of certain staple products by assuring farmers that these products would not be disposed of below a certain level which would give them a reasonable return and would not cause them to suffer loss in any event. This would have to be done under proper regulation.

"The shortage of important crops in this nation, the greatly depleted resources abroad, and the waste and destruction in Europe should cause a continuance of remunerative prices, but as an additional assurance to farmers the power indicated ought to be vested in the government. It is not suggested that maximum prices be fixed to producers.

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modified by the legislature, there is little hope for this badly needed aid to the extension of the industry of stock growing.

STRUCK BY AUTO DEATH RESULTS

George Schaefer, 60, 910 Poland street, died in the Charity hospital at 6:35 o'clock last evening as a result of being knocked down by an automobile driven by Lee Matthews, negro, at St. Claude and Alvar streets yesterday afternoon. His skull was fractured.

Matthews drove the wounded man to the Charity hospital and then surrendered at the Fifth Precinct police station. No charges were made against him, however, as a police investigation shows the accident was unavoidable.

It is alleged that Schaefer walked in front of the automobile and was hit before Matthews had time to apply the brakes.

RIVER COMMISSION HERE

The Mississippi River commission, accompanied by Chief Engineer Frank M. Kerr, Joe Moullet, a member of the State board and Victor M. Lafont, president of the Atchafalaya levee board, ended their long voyage on the government boat Mississippi here last night. They left St. Louis April 20 on their annual tour of inspection.

BOUNCE ENDS ANNUAL SESSION

The Episcopal church diocesan council completed its seventy-ninth annual meeting and adjourned yesterday after a two days' session. The meetings were held at Christ Church Cathedral. Forty members of the clergy and lay delegates from eighteen parishes were in attendance and much business of importance was transacted.

Much of the interest centered in the reports of the board of missions and the committee on Church pension fund.

The report of the committee on the Church Pension Fund, of which Warren Kearney is chairman, brought out the fact that the share in more than seven millions raised for the fund was \$23,345.53. The council received Mr. Kearney's report with a rising vote of thanks and Bishop Sessums expressed personal gratitude to Mr. Kearney for his work.

Members of the new committee on Church Pension Fund are: Rev. G. L. Tucker, J. M. Owens, Warren Kearney, A. LeBlanc and Watts Leveitch. Members of the finance committee are the bishop, chancellor and treasurer, ex-officio; Rev. Dr. R. S. Compland, A. R. Burkeley, Orluff Lake, George A. Wiegand, A. P. Sauer, R. M. Walmstey, Frederick Adolph and T. J. Battlett.

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REST AFTER FOUR DAYS' FIGHTING

QUIET PREVAILED ALL ALONG WESTERN FRONT YESTERDAY

BRITISH MAKE LOCAL ATTACK

Which Gain German First Line Trenches at Strategic Points—Toll of Trench Big Guns, 150

London, April 27.—Explosions forced a lull on the Western Front today, with the bulk of the British forces rested, preparing for another onslaught. The men in the trenches started forward taking a series of strategic first-line trenches. The Germans themselves withdrew from local attacks and backing in other places.

The steam and water works at the Charity hospital.

Since April reported officially, 150 have been taken from the Germans.

LEG BROKEN BY A FALL Patrick St. John, cotton screwman, living at St. Thomas and Felicite streets, had his left leg fractured yesterday afternoon when he fell between two bales of cotton aboard the steamship Ika. He is being treated at the Charity hospital.

WHEAT BRINGS OVER \$3 BUSHEL

By International News Service. Chicago, April 27.—A car of No. 2 red winter wheat sold today at \$3.04 a bushel, the highest price ever known here.

At St. Louis a car of the same grade brought \$3.10 a bushel.

MINE DISASTER 120 IMPERILED

Trinidad, Colo., April 27.—Rescuers are making a heroic effort to reach 120 miners who were entombed in Hastings mine No. 2, of the Victor American Fuel Co., and trapped by fire this morning.

A report that Austrian miners had started the blaze caused great excitement among the weeping women and children at the mouth of the mine shaft.

STRONG DEFENSE EVIDENCE HEARD

Brownwood, Texas, April 27.—Twenty-three character witnesses testified today in the Spennell murder trial, that Spennell's reputation was good and that he was devoted to his family.

George Cleveland, Jr., of Slavery, testified that he knew Major Butler, the slain man, at Texas City, as an officer and heard him referred to as "Bull Butler" and "Stud Butler."