



FAMOUS LUETGERT MURDER

CASE ENDS IN A MISTRIAL.

Jury Was Out Sixty-six Hours and

Necessary.

his wife.

Stood on Last Ballot Nine to Three for Conviction - New Trial Will Be

End of the Long Siege.

tried in vain to reach a verdict. For thir-

ty-eight hours the vote was 9 to 3 for

conviction and at 10:40 o'clock Thursday forenoon the twelve men announced an irreconcilable disagreement, and Judge

Tuthill, being convinced that it was use-

less and inhuman to attempt to force a verdict, reluctantly ordered its discharge.

The twenty-second and last ballot stood

nine for conviction and three for acquittal. This was irrespective of any ques-

tion of the penalty which had to wait on

the jury's decision as to the guilt or innocence of the prisoner. The big sausage

maker, the center of a series of the most

dramatic episodes in the annals of criminal procedure, will have to go through

this experience a second time, for he will be put on trial again for the murder of

The closing events of the famous trial made up a scene of not more than eleven minutes' duration. But a tense, feverish

emotion was packed into every one of

these minutes and even Luetgert, with his iron nerve, felt the strain. His face was bloodless as he entered the court room and a tangle of deep furrows extended across his brow. A keen, swift look shot from beneath his shaggy gray eyebrows and

his glance seemed to take in at a flash that

the supreme moment in his fate had arriv-

ed. As he came in from the jail a battery

of eyes threw at him looks whose significance expressed all degrees of curiosity.

In his walk, his manner, his mien, con-

straint was there and the anxiety that

sent the blood from his cheek and put a

urple tinge on his lips was visibly shared

Court was opened and the jurors noti-

wrangling, loss of sleep, and the close con-

finement had worked a wonderful trans-

formation on them. They entered the

room with lagging steps and sank into

n by his counsel.

The great Luetgert trial in Chicago, the most absorbing criminal prosecution of the century, ended in a disagreement of the jury. For sixty-six hours the jury

ADOLPH L. LUETGERT. In response to command from Judge Tuthill. Foreman Heichhold arose in his place and announced as his positive belief that no verdict could be reached. The judge interrogated the jurymen individually and each positively declared that no influence or argument could change his opinion. The attorneys for both sides agreed that the jury be discharged, and it was done. Thus ended the first trial of what must

regarded as one of the most remarkable criminal cases of the century. The trial was in progress nearly nine weeks and cost the State of Illinois over \$15,-000. Of the disagreement it can frankly be said that the division in the jury fairly represents the division of opinion in the great world outside the jury box, where every fact and incident of the trial has been followed with engrossing scrutiny. It is probable that a poll of all those who have given intelligent consideration to the testimony and the law as laid down by the court would present a division of three to one in favor of a conviction. The proportion of those who believe in the prisoner's guilt is probably much greater. But belief in guilt and convicting a prisoner on circumstantial evidence such as that produced for the State in this case are two very different things.

Ready for a New Trial. State's Attorney Deneen said he would press for another trial, but when he did not know. He said it would be on the same theory as the one finished was prosecuted. The vat theory, the boiling of the body of his wife in crude potash, and again the convincing part of the evidence of the heinous murder would be the rings. It was the rings that fortified the majority in the jury in its demand for the conviction of Luetgert. Attorneys Vincent and Phalen said they were ready for the new trial whenever it might be held. They said they would present a far stronger defense than before. Luetgert said he was anxious for another trial and confident it would be ended in his acquittal. He charged the failure of securing a verdiet that would exonerate him from the fearful charge to the fact that Juror Shaw was accepted. The next time, he asserts, he will take the stand in his own defense, with or without the consent of his counsel. Judge Tuthill said that he believed it would be impossible to select a competent jury in Cook County on acount of the publicity given to the proreedings of the trial just ended. It is

therefore possible that Luetgert may nevor be tried again. Luetgert said he was not surprised that the jury disagreed and that he was conficent no verdict would be made twentyfour hours before. He was not taken by hold announce that no verdict had been JURORS IN THE LUETGERT TRIAL.



2—Henry Franzer. 6—S. S. Barber 3—J. S. Shaw. 7—James Host 4—J. Mahoney, Secretary. 8—J. B. Boyd.

he thought it was apparent that the jury grave case a subject of jocular mention could not agree. Not once, however, did throughout the country. the jurors ask to be discharged. They | As a result of all this the jury when it were a determined set of fighters and retired for a consideration of the law they looked for no interference on the and the evidence found it impossible to part of the judge, in whose discretion they unite on any verdict satisfactory to all might have been released at any time. fied to appear. Nearly three days of

their chairs a woe-begone looking crowd. of the trial, the sesamoid, femur and let them all go home. other bones which were introduced in evi- While the majority of the public may dence as portions of Mrs. Luetgert, and believe that Luetgert was guilty of the over which the battle was fought, were terrible crime laid to his charge, there not considered by the jurors. They were has always been room for a lingering cast aside as having no weight in prov- doubt in many minds that would operate ing guilt. To the way of thinking em- powerfully on a juror's mind to prevent ployed by several of the jurors, the work | conviction. But for this lurking fear of of impeaching the Schimpke girls and doing an irreparable injustice to an inno-Nick Faber was fruitless. There were cent man the circumstances of this case those in the jury who gave credence to would have placed Luetgert beyond the their testimony that they saw Mrs. Luet- pale of human sympathy. The trial with gert with her husband going toward the its disagreement has blasted his life forengine room of the factory that night.

> sence from the smaller ring of any mill- tory and its hideous evidences of crime ing was the point that did most to keep | told the truth. the three jurors strong in their assertion that Luetgert was innocent. Nearly all M'KINLEY'S IMAGE IN BRONZE of the witnesses said the small ring had a milled edge when they saw it with Mrs. Luetgert, while the one in evidence had a smooth outer surface. And when it was such a document. They admitted having signed resolutions of thanks to Judge Tuthill and the court officers, but exhibited no knowledge of the last paragraph which sounded approval of the north side police inspector.

Were it not for Juror Harley, it is asserted by many of the other jurors, a verdict of guilty would have been rendered. Harley was convinced of Luetgert's innocence and he voted for acquittal on every ballot. His positiveness was a prop and support to Holabird and Barber, who limited and the demand is large. Some voted with him on every ballot. When he left the court building he was cheered by the crowds in the street, who distinguished him as the one who was immovable in his belief of the prisoner's inno-

After nearly two months of legal contention the case goes upon the records to be cited as another of the historic murder trials of the century. The celebrity guration. Large orders for the medals are of this sensational case has been partly expected, and the receipts are for the bendue to the extraordinary character of the alleged crime as described by the State and partly to the unusual developments of the trial itself. The State had before it the difficult task of evoking the image of | Spain a Blanco. Mrs. Luetgert from a few bones and two gold rings. To connect the dead woman | con, Ga., were destroyed by fire. Loss, with the accused it then had to present to \$75,000. the jurors a story which naturally would seem hard to believe, and in proof of which it had only circumstantial evidence

Judge Tuthill and he agreed with his attorneys. State's Attorney Deneen said became almost farcical and made this cut and bruised.

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surprise when he heard Foreman Heich- to offer. Experts were called in to identify bones and debris, and then these genmade and none was likely to follow. Hemen were promptly met by experts for Neither was it a surprise to him when the defense who were able to deny the every man in the jury box said the same possibility of such an identification. This thing in response to the questions of feature of the case, more even than the Judge Tuthill as he polled the jury. No length of time consumed and the endless objection was made to the discharge of technical discussions, will call attention the jury. Judge Tuthill asked Attorneys | again to the marked inferiority of Amer-Vincent and Phalen what they were dis- | ican criminal procedure as compared with | killed him. posed to do and they said it seemed as if that abroad. There was a waste of time the discharge of the jury was the only and money and there was an unconscion- and Pittsburg Railroad ran into a shiftthing justified by the situation. Luetgert | able waste of words. There were times | ing engine in the West Park, Allegheny, was then asked the same question by during the testimony of the experts when Pa. Ross Griffin, fireman, was fatally

5-J. E. Fowler, Jr. 6-S. S. Barber. 7-James Hosmer.

9-William Harley. 10-James H. Helchold, Foreman. 11-J. P. Behmiller. 12-Louis Holabird.

of the twelve men. After spending sixty-In the interviews given by members of six hours in heated discussion a majority the jury they said they paid little atten- numbering nine men gave up the attempt tion to the bones. Although the battle to persuade the other three that Luetgert of the osteologists was the great feature should be convicted and Judge Tuthill

ever-a wrong beyond repair if he is in-Greater, however, than all of the evi- nocent, a righteous retribution if the cirdence was that of the rings. The ab- cumstantial testimony of the deserted fac-

Medals Now Being Struck Off by the

Philadelphia Mint. Bronze medals bearing the likeness of all ended an encomium of Inspector President McKinley are being rapidly Schaack's methods issued from the jury struck off by the mint, and soon the whole room. With the exception of Foreman issue will have been finished. This work Heichhold, who wrote this peculiar docu- is being done in accordance with an anment in which Schaack's manner of secur- cient custom that has prevailed ever since ing evidence was commended, most of the time of Washington. The medals are jurors denied any knowledge of signing very valuable, inasmuch as the supply is



collectors have complete collections of these medals, from that showing the profile of Washington to that showing the profile of Cleveland. Several of the medals already struck off have been sent to the President for himself and the members of his cabinet. The profile of the President is an excellent likeness. On the reverse side is the date of the inauefit of the mint earnings.

Sparks from the Wires.

Weyler, it seems, drew a blank and The Central railroad buildings at Ma-

A. C. Deuel, aged 75, for forty years

superintendent of the public schools of Urbana, Ohio, was killed by a freight

President Gompers has issued a call for the seventeenth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor at Nashville, Tenn., to begin Dec. 13.

The auxiliary yacht Utowana has been sold to Allison V. Armour of Chicago, a member of the New York Yacht Club. who has for years owned the steam yacht

The coroner's jury in the inqueset upon the death of Cashier Struble of Shepherd, Mich., rendered a verdict of suicide. The verdict was reached after eighteen hours' deliberation.

Forest fires near Austin, Pa., are under control after burning \$200,000 worth of timber. The northern part of Cayuga County, N. Y., is ablaze, and great damage has been done. The complaint of Mortimer Hendricks

of New York City against the Manhattan Railway Company, alleging that its directors had unlawfully paid out \$3,000,-000, has been dismissed.

United States Commissioner Tunison decided to hold Karl A. Karlsehn, who shipped as carpenter on the British ship Favonius to Rio Janeiro from Pensacola, Fla., charged with the burning of the ship at sea.

John Harris shot and killed George Kebo, an escaped convict, at Keokuk, Iowa. Kebo is Harris' son-in-law, but was not living with his wife. Kebo broke into the house and fired at Harris, who

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