

REDS IN CONTROL AT PETROGRAD; NETHAWAY JURY IS DISCHARGED

AFTER FORTY-TWO HOURS' FRUITLESS DELIBERATION COURT ENDS DEADLOCK

Jurors Pledged Not to Reveal Whether 9 to 3 Vote Favored Acquittal or Electric Chair in Famous Murder Case In Which Men and Women Wept In Court Room.

After taking an oath among themselves not to disclose whether the majority was for conviction or acquittal, the jury in the trial of Charles Smith for the murder of Mrs. C. L. Nethaway reported at 11:30 Saturday morning that they stood 9 to 3, as they had since the beginning.

Judge Sears, after consulting with the attorneys, discharged the jury and ordered Smith held for future trial. The jury had been out 42 hours.

JURY FIRM FROM START.

"The vote stands just as it did at the beginning," said Foreman William Salisbury, when he rose in the jury box to report the result of the jury's deliberations after reading the testimony submitted to them in writing last night. "Each piece of testimony was discussed thoroughly. Each juror is convinced that he is right in his opinion. Each juror stood up in the jury room and explained to the other members why he voted as he did. After further discussion the general opinion was that an agreement could not be reached if we stayed on the case six months."

The jury did not ask to be discharged, but were sent back to the jury room, while Judge Sears consulted with the attorneys for the state and for the defense. Attorney Piatt for the prosecution said that from the foreman's statement it was evident that no agreement could be reached.

"As there is no possibility for a verdict, I don't think we ought to torture them any more," said Attorney Morrison for the defense.

Compliments Jurors.

The jury was recalled to the court room, where Judge Sears complimented them on their conscientious efforts in the case.

"I am not finding fault with any juror here for your failure to reach an agreement. It looks to me as though the prosecution has had as good a jury as could have been secured to which to present this case. I have consulted with the attorneys and as your opinions seem to be unalterable you are discharged and the defendant is remanded for further trial."

Smith Pleased.

Smith, who had been brought into the court room to hear the verdict of the jury, brightened up at the news of the disagreement and consulted with Attorney Scruggs as to the significance of the finding.

C. L. Nethaway was not present nor were any of Mrs. Nethaway's relatives when the jury was discharged. Only a few people were in the court room.

The date for Smith's second trial has not been set.

Jap Freighter, Given Up as Lost, Sails Into Puget Sound

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 17.—The Japanese freighter Saika Maru, which yesterday was reported wrecked on the Japanese coast, today entered the Puget sound, according to reports reaching Seattle. The boat was due here yesterday. It was believed the Saika's name probably was mixed in wireless messages with the name of some other Japanese boat which has stranded.

W. K. Annis, Base Ball Player, Dies at Home in Denver

Denver, Colo., Nov. 17.—William K. Annis, known to many base ball followers, died at his home here today, aged 37 years. Annis came to Denver six years ago for the benefit of his wife's health, but preceded her to the grave.

Annis had played with the St. Paul club of the American association; with Oakland in the Pacific Coast league, and with middle-western, eastern and southern clubs.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair. Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Temp.	Deg.
5 a. m.	51	
6 a. m.	52	
7 a. m.	53	
8 a. m.	54	
9 a. m.	55	
10 a. m.	56	
11 a. m.	57	
12 m.	58	
1 p. m.	59	
2 p. m.	60	
3 p. m.	61	
4 p. m.	62	
5 p. m.	63	
6 p. m.	64	
7 p. m.	65	
8 p. m.	66	
9 p. m.	67	
10 p. m.	68	
11 p. m.	69	
12 m.	70	

Community Centers to Stage Some Spelling Bees This Winter

The campaign for better spelling in the public schools has prompted Superintendent Isaacson of the Board of Public Welfare to promote spelling bees in the community centers which are held at ten school buildings.

Spellers with a view of selecting leaders for the community centers. He suggests that the winners from the various centers meet for the city championship.

Get out your old spelling books and brush up for the contests, is the advice of the public recreation department.

Part of the "One Hundred Demon Words" printed in The Bee, has aroused much interest among the grade school boys and girls. Many have clipped the list for study.

MILD WINTER IS FORECASTED BY ALL THE SIGNS

Indications Outside of the U. S. Weather Bureau Show Moderate Winter Months Certain.

This is going to be a mild winter, according to the weather so far recorded and to the prognostications and proverbs of the weather observers of many generations.

The first 16 days of November this year piled up 155 degrees of excess temperature over the average daily temperature of those days. In other words, Omaha's temperature has been about 10 degrees higher every day in November than it has averaged on those days ever since the weather bureau was established 44 years ago. This is all the more remarkable since it follows an extraordinarily cool summer. The temperature from March 1 to November 1 was 433 degrees, in the aggregate below the daily average temperature for that time.

Indians Say, Mild.

Colonel Welsh of the weather bureau says he hears the Indians are predicting a mild winter. They report that the bark is very thin, the deer haven't put on their gray winter coats yet, the muskrats are drumming, the musk rats are building their houses extra high, and the moles are digging their holes not more than a foot deep. All these are signs of a mild winter.

Colonel Welsh professes to look on these signs as "mere flubdub." He says he leaves long-distance weather forecasts to the "wield, wonderful wizard Wiggins" and Rev. Irl R. Hicks' almanac.

Rabbits Are Thin.

The fact remains that local hunters report that rabbits are very thin, and the farmers say the husk on the corn is meager.

Other proverbs that bear upon November weather as an indication of the winter are these: "When the winter comes not early it will not stay late." "As November, so the following March." "For each November fog a snow during the winter."

The daily fogs that have hung over Omaha during the last week would seem to indicate plenty of snow this winter and the extremely mild weather would indicate a warm winter.

The old reliable goose bone bears out these indications. "If the November goose bone be thin, so will the winter weather be." And the November goose bone is reported to be thin with only a few red spots in it.

Americans Wounded With Canadian Troops in France

Toronto, Ontario, Nov. 17.—The following American casualties with the Canadian forces in France were reported today: Wounded—G. Miller, Rock Lake, N. D.; A. P. Larsen, Duluth, Minn.; G. Martin, Spokane, Wash.

Kansas Drouth Broken.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 17.—Light rains are falling over northwestern Kansas tonight, breaking a two months' drouth, according to reports received here tonight from Smith Center. Wheat has been suffering from lack of moisture, the reports said.

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STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO RAISE WAR FUND

One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars State's Share of Three Millions for Welfare of Soldiers.

The Knight of Columbus enter Monday upon their drive for \$150,000 in Nebraska to be applied on the war fund, both state and national.

The drive will be inaugurated at the Commercial club Monday by a luncheon at which Archbishop Harty and other prominent churchmen will be present. Emmett Finley, Council Bluffs, will be one of the speakers. It is hoped that many large contributions will be made, by both Catholic and non-Catholic friends of the soldiers at the front. The work done by the Knight of Columbus on the Mexican border last year showed it was particularly fitted for this work and the order has been designated by the War department as the official agency for all Catholic activity for the soldiers and sailors, corresponding to the Young Men's Christian association work for Protestant activity.

Endorsed by Denison.

E. F. Denison, secretary of the Young Men's Christian association work at Denning, is one of the heartiest endorsers of the plans of the Knights of Columbus. His power for good morals and religious spirit, as well as the encouragement and help furnished by the presence of the Knights' centers in training camps and in the trenches cannot be over-estimated.

The national fund to be raised by the drive has been set at \$3,000,000. Nebraska's quota is \$75,000. But the Nebraska branches of the order wish to double this, so enough for two years can be obtained without a second appeal. Iowa has finished its drive whereby \$150,000 was raised. Indiana and Missouri have given all as much as the Nebraska leaders are hoping this state will make as good a showing.

Part of the money raised will be kept for a state fund and will go to build recreation centers at Forts Crook, Omaha and Robinson. Applied on National Fund. The remainder will be applied on the national fund whose purpose is to:

1. Keep our soldiers and sailors clean in soul and body, and steadfast in the faith of their fathers, by maintaining volunteer priests with all units of the service where regular Catholic chaplains are not provided by the government.
2. Erect and equip buildings at all training camps in the country and in the trenches.

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American Boys Take Part in Lively Fighting

With the American Army in France, Friday, Nov. 16.—The artillery fighting in the sector held by American troops has become even more lively and there have been further casualties, shrapnel wounding some men in the trenches.

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BULLETS GREET CONGRESSMEN IN FRONT TRENCHES

Irreverent Germans Suddenly Turn Machine Guns on Party, Which Beats Hasty Retreat Without Injury.

(By Associated Press.) British Front in Belgium, Friday, Nov. 16.—Five members of the party of American congressmen and private citizens who spent yesterday and part of today visiting the Belgian war zone had a narrow escape from death or injury this morning when they were caught in a sudden burst of German machine gun fire while inspecting the front line trenches near Dixmude.

The Americans in danger were Congressman C. C. Dill of Spokane, Wash., Congressman Charles B. Timmerlake of Colorado, Congressman John F. Miller of Seattle, Wash.; Congressman Albert Johnson of Washington and former Representative Stout of Montana. Nobody was hit, but it was one of those peculiar freaks of fortune which soldiers call luck, because the shots came in a shower so close to them it seemed almost certain someone must be wounded, although they were exposed only for a brief time.

Hammond Elsewhere.

The other seven members of the party were in another section of the trench and were not disturbed by the fire. Later, however, when all the Americans were together, the Germans dropped a big shell some ten yards away, seriously endangering everyone. One member, in describing the incident to the correspondent here, said he and his companions heard the shell coming. "It sounded like the roar of an airplane." Again fortune favored them and no one was injured.

The visitors spent the night near the trenches in the vicinity of Dixmude. The Belgian and German lines run within 30 yards of each other at one point, and it was there that the five men came into danger. At that distance it is quite easy to see anyone in the opposite trench who raises his head above the top. Only the usual firing was underway when the party, accompanied by Belgian officers, reached this place.

Expose Themselves.

The Americans were having an excellent view of the lines when several of them got into an exposed position and were seen by the Germans. Suddenly the enemy machine guns nearby began a vicious chatter and bullets came whizzing across the narrow strip of No Man's land at the rate of several hundred a minute.

Other members of the party who were endangered by the shell in addition to the five who were under machine gun fire are Congressman Parker of New Jersey, Taylor of Colorado, Goodwin of Arkansas, Stephens of Nebraska and Hicks of New York, and former Representative Hammond of Nebraska.

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COSSACKS DESERT KERENSKY CAUSE AND PREMIER FLEES

Bolsheviki Control Petrograd and Moscow, Besieging Government Troops in Historic Kremlin; Released Convicts Fight Both Factions; Officers of Old Regime Command Army of Red Guard.

Defeated in battle by the Bolsheviki and deserted by most of his own officers and men, Premier Kerensky is in flight and his whereabouts is unknown in Petrograd. The head of Russia's provisional government was about to surrender to the Maximalists under coercion when he disappeared.

In Moscow the tide apparently has turned and the Bolsheviki are in control of the ancient Russian capital, with the forces of the provisional government besieged in the Kremlin. One report says heavy artillery is being used against the historic walls. Another declares a truce between government and Bolsheviki troops has been arranged. Between 2,000 and 5,000 persons have been killed in Moscow since the outbreak of the revolt. General Kaledines, leader of the Cossacks, is reported approaching the city with relief for the Kerensky forces. A third armed force supposed to be composed of released convicts is said to be fighting both Bolsheviki and government troops.

KERENSKY FLEES.

Prior to his sudden flight, Premier Kerensky has seen his force, mostly Cossacks, defeated by the Bolsheviki near Tsarskoe-Selo, now in the hands of the revolutionists. The Bolsheviki troops were commanded by the members of the old aristocracy and former army officers.

A traveler returned from the Caucasus reports that while conditions in most provinces are not abnormal, there is no sympathy with Premier Kerensky. He believes that the Russian people want a leader who will maintain authority and order. The Cossacks in Ruban, Astrakhan and the Don region have united and formed their own government.

Italians Check Germans.

From Lake Garda to the Adriatic sea, over the Asiago plateau and down the Piave valley, the Italians are holding the Austro-Germans in check. Nowhere has the Italian line been penetrated for important gains, although the enemy pressure is strong. Tonic attacks have been repulsed with heavy losses everywhere in the mountainous region, except around Cison, in the Sugana valley, northeast of Asiago.

The intense artillery duel continues along the Piave. The invaders have been unable to make further crossings of the river. At the river's mouth the enemy advance has been held up, if not stopped completely, through the Italian action in opening the floodgates of the Piave and Sile rivers, resulting in the inundation of 70 square miles of terrain. Attempts to cross the river further north have been defeated by the Italians. The Teutonic force which crossed at Zenson is held on the river's bank by the Italians.

In the other war theaters there has been no intensive fighting. A French attempt to cross the Ailette river southwest of Laon, Berlin reports, was repulsed. The French reached the northern bank of the stream, but a counter attack threw them back to their original position on the southern side.

Veteran Officers in Command.

Petrograd, Wednesday, Nov. 14.—The battle in which Premier Kerensky was defeated began last Saturday and continued until Monday night, according to the commander-in-chief of the Bolsheviki staff. The premier had 5,000 Cossacks and several hundred military cadets, with considerable artillery. The Maximalist force included four guard regiments, several battalions of sailors and numerous detachments of the Red Guard.

Many of the Bolsheviki soldiers were wounded and a few were killed. The Cossacks in Kerensky's force once attempted a charge near Tsarskoe-Selo, but suffered heavy losses, after which they retired into the town. The Maximalists now hold Tsarskoe-Selo. (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)

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The communication follows: "A successful operation was carried out late yesterday evening by detachments from the Highland, Berkshire and Lancashire battalions in the vicinity of Passchendaele. Further portions of the enemy's defenses on the main ridge north of the village, including a strongly fortified farm, were captured by us. We also took a number of prisoners.

"West of this locality also we have advanced our lines slightly at certain points. The enemy's artillery again has been active throughout the night on the battle front. The German shelling has been particularly severe in the Passchendaele sector."

In Flanders last evening, in the Passchendaele area, the British carried out a successful operation, taking more of the valuable ground on the main ridge north of the village. They effected a slight advance as well in the difficult low lying terrain sloping off to the west.

There has been notable artillery activity in the French sector held by the American troops, the German firing causing additional casualties among the Americans from shrapnel and when an American gun was hit by a German shot. The American fire in response has been extremely spirited and it is believed more than equal punishment was inflicted on the Germans.

Fate of Captured Women Soldiers Causes Anxiety

Petrograd, Thursday, Nov. 15.—The fate of the women soldiers captured at the winter palace is arousing speculation. It is said they have been transferred to Liavoshzva, beyond Pieliofstrof, Finland, where, it is reported, they have been treated harshly. Three are said to have disappeared. The British embassy has made futile efforts to ascertain the conditions under which they are held.

Ten Months' Display Advertising The Bee Leads in Gains

Warfield Agency Measurements

INCHES OF DISPLAY ADVERTISING		—1916		—1917		
World-Herald	Bee	News Herald	Bee	News	World-Herald	
January	26,753	22,568	23,516	22,372	22,319	
February	26,290	24,149	25,046	26,160	25,285	
March	30,096	25,337	27,988	31,256	29,281	
April	35,923	29,628	28,233	33,738	32,294	
May	46,820	26,510	24,807	35,496	28,306	
June	31,566	25,960	23,910	30,659	29,466	
July	24,621	21,071	19,367	27,772	23,210	
August	19,611	18,475	16,735	27,486	25,176	
September	28,628	16,735	24,922	31,705	29,734	
October	36,354	27,437	29,563	34,786	27,413	
Totals		306,762	237,880	244,187	301,476	272,477

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