

STATE SPRINGS SURPRISES AT KATLEMAN TRIAL

Alleged Wichita Thief Testifies That He Drove Stolen Car to Nebraska City for Defendant.

Virgil Ott of Wichita, Kan., was produced by the state yesterday as a witness against Maurice Katleman, on trial in district court before Judge Redick and a jury on the charge of aiding and abetting William McKenna and L. C. Jones in automobile stealing in Omaha.

The appearance of Ott was a surprise to the defense and the admissibility of his testimony was argued for more than an hour. Judge Redick decided that Ott's testimony is admissible as tending to support the theory of the state that there was a conspiracy and plan by Katleman and someone else to steal automobiles.

Arrested in Wichita.

Ott is under arrest in Wichita on the charge of automobile stealing and therefore the authorities here were able to bring him from there to testify in the Katleman case.

Ott's testimony, as outlined by County Attorney Shotwell, is that he brought a stolen Hudson car from Hutchinson, Kan., to Omaha; that he asked a taxicab driver whether he knew where he could sell a "hot" car; that the taxi driver introduced him to Maurice Katleman, who introduced him to "Red" Neal, who, in turn, made arrangements for Ott to drive the car to Nebraska City and leave it on the east side of the court house with the cushions turned up.

This is the procedure to which both McKenna and Jones testified in the cases against Katleman and Neal.

Another blow at the defense came when the state placed Daniel Horrigan, Omaha attorney, on the stand. Mr. Horrigan testified that McKenna sent for him when he was in the county jail under a seven days' sentence for vagrancy, following the theft of the first two Oakland cars which, McKenna testified, he stole under orders from Katleman and Neal.

Mr. Horrigan said that he told McKenna he would require \$15 to file an appeal and get him released. McKenna, he stated, telephoned from the jail office to Maurice Katleman and then asked Mr. Horrigan to go to the Katleman store in the Securities building, Sixteenth and Farnam streets, for the money.

Went for Money.

The attorney went there. "What did Mr. Katleman say when you told him McKenna asked you to come to him for the money?" asked the county attorney.

"He seemed reluctant to give it," said Mr. Horrigan.

"Did you have to urge him to give the money?"

"Well, he said he thought it was foolish to let him have it but he'd take a chance."

The defense also had its inning, when W. H. Brown of Auburn, Neb., the proprietor of the Frontier hotel in Nebraska City, testified that McKenna and Jones registered there at the time, when they say, they took the second Oakland car to Nebraska City after stealing it in Omaha at the alleged behest of Katleman and Neal. Both Jones and McKenna have testified that Maurice Katleman came to see them at the Frontier hotel on the morning of Sunday, September 29, 1918. They had arrived there with the car at 4 o'clock that morning.

Mr. Brown testified yesterday that a man called at the hotel between 9 and 10 o'clock that morning and asked to be directed to the room occupied by McKenna and Jones.

Describes the Man.

"He was a large man, about 250 pounds in weight, 40 to 45 years old, with a light moustache and slick, shiny hair," said Mr. Brown.

Attorney Baker, asking Maurice Katleman to rise.

"Is this the man?" he asked.

"No, sir. He looked nothing like that man," was the answer.

Mr. Brown admitted on cross-examination by the county attorney that he has known "Red" Neal all his life and that he saw him in Nebraska City once or twice a month for years. Neal was found guilty three weeks ago after a trial in this same court on the same charge as that on which Katleman is now being tried.

Mr. Brown's testimony bore out the theory of the defense that McKenna and Jones had disposed of their stolen cars to someone else and are seeking to put the blame on Katleman.

Attorney Baker for Katleman, in the course of a searching examination of Love C. Jones' career, brought out the admission that he was once owner of half interest in the Wick & Moore saloon, 912 Dodge street, notorious resort for years. He said he bought the half interest in 1912 but remained in the business only about five weeks.

Following that he said he worked as a waiter and cook in restaurants in Omaha and also on Union Pacific railroad dining cars at various times. He stated that he has one-eight Indian blood.

British Soldier Seeks Relatives Who Lived Here

J. J. Morton, a British soldier, has asked Omaha police to trace relatives who formerly lived in Omaha. The letter was written in London, England, and is dated February 2, 1919.

Morton states that his sister, Mrs. W. F. Frattner, and her daughter, Belle, lived at 1720 North Twenty-fifth street. Belle Frattner was employed at the W. R. Bennet company, now the Burgess-Nash department store. Police have not yet found them.

Says Husband, Earning \$200 a Month, Won't Support Her

Helena G. Walker has filed suit in district court asking a divorce from Harvey D. Walker to whom she was married 29 years ago in Lockport, N. Y. She charges that he has not supported her, although she alleges he earns \$200 a month. She also alleges cruelty.

Red Cross Drive for Old Clothing Is Nearing End

National Organization Collects Wearing Apparel, Shoes and Other Necessities of Life of Which Peoples of the War Stricken Countries Are Deprived.

Everyone who has a pair of old shoes gathering dust in the closet or a dress or suit which hasn't been worn for weeks, or a new outfit of spring clothes to replace the garments of winter, or a pile of underwear with holes in it or worn spots—the kind that is "on its last legs," or anyone who has little boys or girls that "grow so fast they never get a chance to wear their clothes out"—the American Red Cross calls you into service to run an errand.

Take your old clothes or your shoes or your underwear or the things your children didn't get a chance to wear out, carry them down to the nearest Red Cross station and let them be drafted into service to cover the underfed, underdressed bodies of the refugees overseas. There is very little, if any, material sacrifice involved. It merely means a little time, a little effort. And the good that will result is inconceivable to the well-fed, well-dressed American public.

The plea for old clothes is one that touches the heart of every person in this country. It cannot help but do so when the things which we will never use again—the discarded, the worthless—can be the means of saving the lives of people who have already suffered hardships which baffle the comprehension.

The vital thing now is to crystallize that feeling, that sympathy—into the actual gathering up of the clothes and taking them to Red Cross headquarters.

This is the errand that the American Red Cross assigns to everyone who has a pair of old shoes, or a dress or a suit, or underwear with holes in it, or children's outgrown dresses. The need for these garments in Europe is very great indeed. Thousands upon thousands of refugees are in rags.

You can get the location of the nearest station or substation by calling Red Cross headquarters.

New Tax on Telegrams to Become Effective April 1

Beginning on April 1 the new war tax on telegrams will be effective. The old tax has been a charge of 5 cents on each individual message, regardless of the amount of the toll; the new schedule provides that a 5-cent charge shall be made on all messages where the tolls do not amount to more than 50 cents, and a 10-cent tax will be charged on messages where the tolls are more than 50 cents each.

League of Nations Will Be Mentioned in Treaty

London, March 27.—Any doubt that the covenant of the league of nations will be mentioned in the peace treaty was removed by an authoritative statement from a responsible British source today. It was said that some reference to the league must be contained in the treaty if only because the treaty will require the Germans to cede their colonies to the league's mandates.

Colts, Coughs and Grippe

Commonly the first symptom of a cold is a chilly feeling, accompanied by sneezing or a tickling in the throat. The most frequent causes are getting wet or cold feet, or going from hot rooms suddenly into cold ones, catching cold from contact with other persons in crowded street cars or assemblies.

Frequency there is an inner cause, namely, the stagnation of the blood, caused by constipation or biliousness. No one ever takes cold unless constipated or exhausted, and having what we call mal-nutrition, which is attended with impoverished blood and exhaustion of nerve force. There is a continual absorption of poisons into the system, unless the entire intestinal tract is kept clear and clean as possible. For this there is nothing better than Castor Oil, or a vegetable extract of May-apple, aloes, jalap, rolled into sugar-coated pills, and sold in every drug store as Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. It is the common practice of every doctor in the land to give a good purgative in any case where he cannot be sure of what will develop. The first thing to do as every one should know is to "clean house!" For the cough there is nothing better than the old Golden Medical Discovery, a botanical extract which Dr. Pierce put on the market fifty years ago. This contains no alcohol but does contain wild cherry bark, cohosh, Oregon grape root, and other botanical extracts which are not only good for the system, but check the cough, and this is the very best alternative and tonic I know of to take for the gripe, as it offers a scientific method of treating the blood by improving the nutritive functions of the patient. The "Medical Discovery" accomplishes this by first restoring the enfeebled digestive organs, so that food—the natural tissue builder—will be digested and taken up and assimilated by the system. There is nothing better for diseases of the stomach, lungs and blood than this old remedy which every druggist keeps in liquid or tablet form.

New Apparel for Spring and Easter

A visit to our large Bargain Basement will conclusively prove the fact that apparel and necessities for Spring can be economically and advantageously purchased here. New stocks and new assortments are now ready for your approval.

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Women's and Misses' Apparel for Spring and Summer

Showing Fashion's Latest Approved Styles

The Basement Ready-to-Wear Section is a most interesting place for the woman who wants to combine style and economy. Latest styles, good workmanship and quality are prominent features of these sections.

A Delightful Showing of Moderately Priced Suits

We are now showing hundreds of Women's and Misses' Stylish Suits; copies of higher priced models; all wool materials, good linings, good workmanship.

New Box Backs. Fancy Braided Suits. New Long and Narrow Skirts, as well as staple styles.

We have styles to satisfy most any suit customer that wishes a good suit at a low price.

14.85 19.00 22.50 to \$25

Lovely Dresses for Spring

Our Basement Dress Section is filled with the very latest style Dresses, and every woman will be interested upon seeing the attractive assortment. Materials of—

Taffeta, Silk, Satin, Jersey Cloth, Serge, Crepe de Chine and Georgette.

The Dresses shown are copies of high priced models, all well made and in quite a price range.

\$10 12.95 13.85 to \$25

Smart Coats and Capes for Spring

You'll be surprised at the splendid assortment of good, up-to-date styles. A splendid opportunity to make a saving.

Coats 6.95 to \$25 Capes 8.95 to \$25



A special sale of Women's and Misses' Suits, all good styles; made to sell at from \$15 to \$19, at, only, each, 10.00

A very special lot of Women's and Misses' Spring Coats, grouped at the small price of only, each, 6.00

An Unusual Sale Friday of Silk and Cotton Blouses

Hundreds of Splendid Jap Silk Blouses, all the wanted colors, many different styles; real values 2.50 and 3.00. Very special, 1.95 at each

Crepe de Chine and Georgette Blouses, all new up-to-date, clean, crisp, pretty Spring Blouses; the real value, 3.95; very special 2.85 at

Two very splendid lots of Cotton Blouses, worth more than the asked prices, many different styles, each at 97c to 1.95

New Spring Skirts

Hundreds of splendid, new, right-up-to-date styles. All-Wool Serge, Fancy Plaid and Stripes, Silk Poplin, Satins, etc. If you want a good Skirt at a low price, come to the Basement Skirt Section.

3.95, 4.95 and 5.95

A Sale Friday of Show Room Sample Chiffon and Velvet Bags

A Lot of About 300, Choice

All Popular Colors At 1.19 Various Sizes

Beautiful silk and brocaded linings. Large mirror and purse.

Entire show room samples at a price that makes an important saving opportunity for those who take advantage of the offering. The lot consists of large Shopping Bags in velvet and chiffon, Beaded Bags, large Mirror Top Bags in colors of brown, tan, black. A low price while the small quantity lasts.

800 Pairs Women's Slippers

Special for Friday and Saturday Per Pair 2.95

All on one big table—patent colt, mat kid, vic kid leather, low or high heel, complete run of sizes, from 2 1/2 to 8, values from 4.00 to 4.50, at 2.95

Boys' and Young Men's Shoes

Heavy box calf, button and blucher style, strictly leather insoles and counter, wide, roomy toe, every size wanted, 1 to 5 1/2, at 2.95; same shoe in youths', 9 to 13 1/2, 2.75

Men's Shoes, 2.95

Just now you will be looking for everyday wearing Shoes that will stand hard wear. Special for Friday—Men's Heavy Calf Shoes, blucher cut, full soles, leather heels and insoles, 4.00 values, sizes in this lot from 6 to 10 2.95

Men's Romeo House Slippers

Vici kid, McKay sewed sole, plain toe, low heel, sizes 6 to 11, 1.95

Women's Rubbers

On sale Friday only, 500 pairs of Women's Storm or Low Cut Rubbers, low or high heel; regular 1.00 grade; sizes 2 1/2 to 8, 45c

An Extraordinary Sale of New Spring Wall Paper

We have chosen these lines and marked them very special for Friday. A mighty good opportunity to buy the latest designs in Wall Paper at a big saving.

Plain 30-inch Oatmeal Papers, all new shades, with artistic cut-out borders to match; special, 12 1/2c

A large assortment of new designs in papers that are suitable for parlor, living room, dining room, library or hall, shown with a pleasing decoration; worth to 35c; special, 16c

New Bedroom Papers in delightful colorings and designs; each have a border to match; in two lots; 11c and 14c

Twenty patterns of new papers in this shipment; nice for any room in the house; border to match; special, 5 1/2c

A large display of patterns in both light and dark effects, with cut-out borders to match. These papers are 11c

Heavy Gilt Papers in rich color effects and handsome patterns. These papers are worth to 35c; special, 12 1/2c

300 New Trimmed Hats

At 4.95

Small and large shapes, trimmed with flowers, feathers and ostrich, in big variety of colors. Special, each 4.95

Wonderful assortment of Children's Hats

Children's Hats in many different styles and all colors, for children 2 to 12 years. 1.25 to 2.95

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36-inch Dress Wrapper and Shirting Percale; new Spring styles; per yard, 35c

36-inch Shirting Madras; will launder perfectly; extra value, at, per yard, 39c

Mill Remnants, 27-inch Dress Poplin and 27-inch Mercerized Repp; plain shades; also embroidered effects; yard, 25c

500 pieces fine Zephyr Dress Gingham; plaids, checks, stripes and plain shades; special, per yard, 35c

Silk finished Dress Foulard; new Spring printings; wanted popular shades; lustrous finish; special, per yard, 35c

Fancy Printed Velour Flannel, in a variety of neat checks and striped effects, for house dresses, kimono, etc.; exceptional values, at, yard, 19c

36-inch Linen Finished Suits; heavy quality; long lengths; yd., 19c

Mill Remnants, 36-inch Percale, in a big assortment of shirting styles; also blue grounds, in long, serviceable lengths; special, per 25c

Black Satin, highly yarn mercerized; heavy quality, for undershirts, linings, etc.; 26 inches wide; special, yard, 25c

Ladies' Union Suits of fine cotton, lace trimmed, tight knee style; sizes 4 to 9, at, each, 50c

Women's Cotton Vests, sleeveless, fancy lace yoke, plain tape; all sizes; 25c

Women's Cotton Union Suits, color pink, sleeveless and cuff; knee style, 75c

Women's Cotton Pants, in tight knee and lace trimmed style; all sizes, 50c

Infants' Sample Shirts, in wool and part wool, up to 7 1/2 values; 35c

Children's Knit Waists; good strong elastic, taped, at, each, 29c

Women's Bodice Vests with top strap, in pink and white; all sizes 35c and 39c

Women's Silk Lisle Hosiery, in Black, White, Brown and colors, with double soles and garter tops; pair, 65c

Men's Cotton Socks; colored, in seamless style; pair, 15c

Children's Cotton Hosiery, color black; all sizes, pair, 21c

Birdseye or Diaper Cloth, 24 inches wide; the soft and non-irritant quality, in 5 or 10-yard lengths; special, yard, 19c

Table Cloths—Made of a heavy quality mercerized Damask; 70 inches square; wears and 'bunders like linen; in the Pekin stripe only. Friday, special, 1.98

Toweling—The unbleached kind; linen wett toweling, soft and absorbent 17c

Bed Spreads—Hemmed ends, crocheted kind, in the summer weight; regulation size. For Friday 1.75

Wash Cloths—These are made of a heavy quality Turkish toweling, with crocheted edge in colors of Pink, Blue or Yellow. Friday only, each, 10c

44-Inch Fine French Voile, in all the wanted new shades for Spring. Made of two-ply yarn; worth 60c, special, yard, 39c

150 Dozen Bleached Pillow Cases, made of remnants of sheeting, size 40x36; while this lot lasts, each, 18 1/2c

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Spading Forks

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Rubber Hose

We are Omaha's selling agents for the Electric Hose & Rubber Company's line, the best and largest manufacturers of rubber hose in the U. S.

4-ply, 1/2-inch Black Delmarvin Hose, 50-ft. length, 7.50

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A good serviceable Garden Rake, each, 50c

Best quality Steel Bow Rakes, for lawn or garden, each, 98c

4-ply, 3/4-inch to Full size Garden Hoe, riveted blade, each, 49c

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Vegetable and Flower Seed; a 10c package, in large variety; all fresh stock just received; pkg., 5c

Grass Seed; very best quality white clover seed, per pound, 75c

Blue Grass Seed; very best quality and fresh stock; lb., 40c

Large Package Transmississippi Lawn Mixture; pkg., 40c

Small package, each, 25c

Shovels and Spades

A high grade Shovel, round or square point and spades with long or short handles, 1.65