

Cole Fires Queries at Witnesses

Slayer of Pawnbroker Makes Learned Argument to Judge Leslie on Objection. Questions His Captor

The man known as Otto Cole, who is acting as his own attorney in his trial in district court for the alleged murder of Harry Hahn, 414 South Tenth street, March 28, went calmly through a strenuous afternoon yesterday until nearly the closing hour.

Cole declares he shot Hahn in self-defense. No other trial here in recent years has drawn such a crowd. Every seat was taken and every available spot of standing room was occupied.

Cole Takes Witness. When the direct examination of Bolker was completed, Cole, the defendant, shot his first question at him swiftly.

Victim's Brother Called. Cole showed no emotion when earlier in the afternoon, he cross-examined William Hahn, a brother of the victim of the shooting.

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Letter to Governor Stephens From State Prosecutor Says Testimony Was Perjured. San Francisco, April 18.—Another step in the campaign to free Thomas J. Mooney and Warren K. Billings from state prison, where they are serving life sentences for a bomb explosion here, was taken today when District Attorney Brady addressed a letter to Governor Stephens asking that the men be pardoned.

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Man of Mystery Conducts Own Case in Murder Trial



This is the mysterious man who is breaking all local precedent by pleading his own case in his trial in district court for the murder of Harry Hahn. He gave the name of "Otto Cole," which he admits is not his real one. The sketch, by an artist for The Bee, was made in the court room yesterday.

Below is sketch of County Attorney Abel V. Shotwell, heading the prosecution of Otto Cole.

Road Worries of Phelps County Are Taken Up in Probe

Investigating Committee Gets to Bottom of Claim That State Was Extravagant.

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Russ Treaty Endangers Genoa Meet

Political... See Confer... ward Dis... result of Russo-German Pact.

Germans Are Debarred

Paris, April 18.—(By A. P.)—A high official of the government declared this afternoon there was no possibility of continuing the discussions at Genoa unless the Russo-German treaty was cancelled. Even if it were annulled, he declared, the moral effect would remain of two of the parties to the Genoa conference maneuvering on the side to forestall the conference's work.

Prophets Predict Disaster. Genoa, April 18.—(By A. P.)—The consternation caused by the German-Russian coup included in the treaty at Rapallo supplanting the Brest-Litovsk pact showed no signs of abating as the economic conference delegates continued their deliberations today.

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No Coupons Are Necessary for Trip-to-France Contest

Good Will Editor Suggests That Towns Enter but One Candidate, Thus Making it Entirely Possible for Every Nominee to Win Tour Abroad—Keen Interest Shown.

Omaha Bee Good Will Nominations. Miss Ester Brandon, 1111 North Lincoln avenue, Hastings, Neb.; candidate of Hastings.

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What Will the Harvest Be?



Republican Senators for Bonus

Finance Committee Urged by Conference to Report Bill "Within Reasonable Time."

Mellon Continues Fight

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Omaha Bee Special Wire. Washington, April 18.—By a 3 to 1 vote the caucus of republican senators today went on record as favoring soldier bonus legislation at this session of congress and requested the finance committee to report a bill to the senate "within a reasonable time."

May Meet Thursday. Consideration of the bonus bill is expected to be begun by the senate finance committee Thursday. A meeting of the committee scheduled for tomorrow has been postponed because of the absence of Senator McCumber, who has been in his home state during the past few days. Senator McCumber is expected back tomorrow night.

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The Weather. Forecast. Fair Wednesday; not much change in temperature.

Hourly Temperatures table with columns for time and temperature for various cities like Denver, Salt Lake, etc.

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