

LAWYERS SUED EHRMANN SOON

Wade's Widow Says She Never Authorized Ten Thousand Dollar Damage Suit Against Him.

ACTION WAS FILED BEFORE WADE WAS LAID IN HIS GRAVE

Indications Now Are That Murder Case Will Reach Jury About Wednesday—Recess Until Next Tuesday.

By Staff Correspondent.
ROCKVILLE, Ind., Oct. 17.—The last two witnesses in the state's rebuttal of the testimony offered by the attorneys for Emil E. Ehrmann, who is on trial for the killing of Edward Wade, a teamster, during the strike at the Ehrmann factory in 1913, were Cleo Gertrude Wade and Mrs. Henry Wade, the daughter and wife of the slain man. They were placed on the witness stand shortly after 4 o'clock to refute the statements made by John Deagan, a witness for the defense, who testified that the billy exhibited by the defense was the identical one which Wade owned.

The little Wade girl could scarcely be seen over the back of the high chair used by the witnesses. She answered the questions put to her in a clear, childlike way. Albert J. Kelly, one of the defense's attorneys, took up the examination. He asked:

"How old are you, Cleo?"
"I am eleven years old."

"You are the daughter of Edward Wade, the man that was killed by Mr. Ehrmann?"

"Yes, sir."

"Do you remember of your father having a billy at his home, Cleo?"

"Yes, sir."

"Now I want you to tell these gentlemen what that billy was like."

"It had a leather strap which passed through the end of it and it was made of wood about the color of this table."

(Here she pointed to a table in front of her at which the court stenographer sat.)

Attorney Kelly then handed her the billy which the defense had marked as an exhibit and asked: "Did you ever see this billy at your home?"

The little girl answered, "No, sir."

She then was excused without cross-examination.

Mrs. Wade Called.

Mrs. Wade was then called to the stand. She said that she was 29 years old and had been married to Mr. Wade at Oakland, Ill. She has lived in Terre Haute for six years, she said. She then was asked:

"What was your husband's occupation?"

"He was a teamster."

"On the day your husband was killed what time did he come home?"

"About 15 minutes after five."

"Tell what he did when he came home."

"He came into the room where I was sitting and sat on the arm of my chair. He put his arms around me and kissed me. The little girl and I walked with him to the alley gate and he kissed us good bye. He stayed only about six minutes."

The attorneys for the defense objected to this answer on the grounds that it was immaterial and was only introduced to prejudice the minds of the jurors. The court sustained the objection and ruled the matter out of the records. Attorney Kelly then asked:

"Mrs. Wade, was there a billy about your home?"

"Yes."

"Describe it."

"Well, it belonged to his brother Roy. It was about 8 inches long and was made of wood. The leather strap passed through the end of the billy."

Says Wade Had No Billy.

Mr. Kelly then handed her the defense's exhibit and asked: "Is this the billy?"

In reply, Mrs. Wade said: "No."

"Did your husband ever own or carry a billy?"

"No."

Canson Hamil then took the witness on cross examination. He asked:

"Mrs. Wade, have you any other interest in this case except that Mr. Wade was your husband?"

"No."

Mrs. Wade's Suit.

"Isn't it true that the day following the shooting that Walker & Blankenbaker filed a suit against the defendant for \$10,000?"

"But not with my consent."

"It was filed before your husband was buried, wasn't it?"

"Yes, but unknown to me. I told them not to file it."

"Weren't you appointed administratrix of your husband's estate before your husband was buried?"

"No, I think it was afterward."

"Do you know Phil Reinbold, president of the Central Labor union?"

"Yes."

"Were not Phil Reinbold and Richard Werneke at your home shortly after the shooting and showed you a billy?"

"They came and talked to me but I don't remember of them showing me a billy."

"Where they at your house more than once?"

"Yes."

"I didn't tell them that this billy which is now marked defendant's exhibit three was the one owned by your husband?"

"No. My husband never owned a billy of his own nor carried one." She then was dismissed and Richard A. Werneke, prosecutor of Vigo county, announced the state rested its case.

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Faithful Dogs Help Refugees in Flight From Belgium



LOSSES OF MILLIONS REVEALED BY INQUIRY

Financial Transactions of Rock Island Railroad Bared By Government Hearing.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—The Interstate commerce commission today continued its inquiry into the financial affairs of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railway. Several witnesses were on hand waiting to testify when the hearing began. They included L. M. Schumacher, George F. Bogg, George G. McMurry, D. G. Ried, J. N. Wallace and B. F. Yoakum, of New York. With the completion today of their testimony it was expected the hearing would be adjourned for ten days.

Testimony already given has developed what appeared to be a loss of \$7,500,000 in one bond transaction, losses involving many millions in acquiring the Frisco lines and the Chicago & Alton road and a loss of \$750,000 on the stocks and bonds of the Dering Coal company.

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DISSOLUTION DECREE OF NEW HAVEN FILED

Disintegration of Great Railroad Monopoly Prescribed in Detail—Big Holdings Cut Off.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—The disintegration of the great railway, trolley and steamship transportation monopoly built up in New England during the past 12 years by the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad company is prescribed in detail by the decree entered today in the federal court by Attorney-General Gregory in the government's dissolution suit.

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Accepted By Company.

Whether there will be linked under one management in the future the affairs of the New Haven road and the fleet of Sound steamships operated by the New England Steamship company is to be determined latter by the court after the Interstate commerce commission passes upon the application of the New Haven for authority to retain stock in the steamship company.

In certain steamship companies, however, the New Haven railroad must surrender its controlling influence.

The filing of the decree today closes the civil proceedings in connection with the government's investigation of the New Haven road. The criminal end of the investigation is yet under way. To the government's dissolution decree the railroad company consented.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—The British tramp steamer *Induna*, 700 tons, last reported as "detained" at the Marshall Islands, was sunk by the Germans before the islands were occupied by the Japanese, according to unofficial information received here today.

POSSES TRAIL LEADER IN FATAL JAIL BREAK

One Guard and One Convict Killed, and Blood Hounds Take Up Trail of Fugitive.

FOLSOM, Cal., Oct. 17.—Posses searched the country surrounding Folsom state prison today for Frank Creeks who escaped last night in a break for liberty which cost his cellmate, Harold Flash, and J. B. Drury, a sergeant of the guard, their lives, and resulted in serious injury to two prison guards. Warden John Smith, in charge of the pursuit, is using bloodhounds, and as they were put on a warm trail the officials believe the fugitive would soon be captured. Creeks, if he can shake off the dogs, may be able to give his pursuers a difficult chase. He is armed, and it is thought that he will fight to the last.

Creeks, a life-terminer, and Flash, who was serving a twenty-year term for robbery, were the only prisoners concerned in the outbreak.

They had obtained a knife, a dumbbell and a piece of metal with which to unlock the door of their cell. Gaining the yard, they crouched behind a door leading into the main corridor of the prison and awaited the approach of Sergeant Drury and Guard Kerr.

When the two, bearing four guns for the guards inside, entered they left the outer door unlocked. As the inner door swung to the convicts leaped upon them. Drury fell with three knife wounds in his head and three in his body. Kerr was struck with the dumbbell, but he was able to stagger back through the outer door and attempt to close it.

The keys, however, had fallen with the sergeant and the door could not be locked. Waiting but a moment to snatch the guns and the keys from the body of the sergeant, the two convicts started for the outer yard. Kerr held the door until the muzzle of one of the guns was thrust into his stomach and then retreated. The convicts rushed out and immediately Kerr opened fire. At the first shot Flash fell with a bullet through the back of his head. Almost at the same moment Guard Kerr, stationed at one corner of the yard, emptied his gun at Creeks, who, however, had wounded the guard in the leg. Before another guard could interfere with his progress, Creeks escaped.

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