

MORE STEPHENSON CASE TESTIMONY

Defendant Flayed by Attorney in Opening Statement to Jury.

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magnetic, sympathetic, cultured attractive man of the world. He was an impassioned orator. Something about him enabled to attract and to dominate better men and good women.

"The evidence will show that there was another side of him, and that side shows him a violator of the law, to be a drunkard...." Here the defense leaped to his feet. He said:

"The defendant objects to any statement about whether he is a drunkard, or whether he came to Indiana and rose to great affluence and political power, as Judge Cox said while ago. The State can show those things in their main case. It will not be admissible.

"I can't control your statement of your theories," Judge Sparks told Cox. "If you make it in good faith, but I can control the admission of evidence."

"Eph Inman, bulwark of the defense, rose to his feet.

"We have reached a very important point in this case. Your Honor," he said.

"Do you want the jury out of the room?" asked Judge Sparks.

"Yes," said Inman.

"I think you had better leave that out of our statement," said Judge Sparks.

"All right, your honor," said Cox, "but our evidence will show that this palatial house of Stephenson had a double character." Holmes again objected, but was overruled.

"Overruled," said Judge Sparks.

"Such evidence may explain why Miss Oberholzer went 'here."

"The typical Doctor Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," the impassioned attorney declared.

"The evidence will show that in his growing power he gathered unto himself as fit companions to his base self, the defendants Klinek and Gentry, his body guards, and strong arm men.

"The evidence will show gentle-

men, that Stephenson installed himself, more than a year ago, in a palatial home in Irvington; that this house, it was not a home, had a double character like its master.

"It will appear from the evidence, gentlemen of the jury, that on the night of the Sabbath of March the 15th of this year, the defendants, all of them, with minds inflamed to lustful passion by strong drink, planned in that house, the entrapment and soul destruction of Madge Oberholzer.

State to Give More

"I said to you that Madge Oberholzer would be the principal witness for the State, and her story, as far as her memory how they may, is of itself sufficient warrant to demand the black brand 'Guilty' on the foreheads of these defendants, but the State will give you more, far more than her story. She will be supported and corroborated by creditable witnesses, unassailable facts, and by inescapable inferences until there can rest in no one's mind the reasonable doubt of the guilt of these defendants."

Continuing his assertion as to what the State, through the deathbed statement of Madge Oberholzer would show, Cox said: "Her statement will show that she was taken to the Washington Hotel where railroad tickets were procured and it will be corroborated by an employee of the Washington Hotel.

"She tells you she was taken to the Union Station, and it will be shown to you, that Stephenson and Gentry sat on either side of her with guns in their hand.

"She will tell you that she was taken to the drawing room of a Monon pullman car, and the porter of that car will tell you that both of these men, Stephenson and Gentry, brought her into that car."

Spoke to Porter

"She will tell you that this man Stephenson said to the porter, 'You don't seem to like us very well.'

"This man, Gentry," Cox pointed his finger at Gentry, "remained in that compartment all the time until Hammond was reached. She will tell you that they threw her in the lower berth and undressed her. She will tell you that they took her off the train at Hammond and took her to a hotel room.

"Shorty" Named

Ernest De Fries, "Shorty" De Fries they call him, now and since last spring a fugitive from justice—the evidence will show that Shorty was the man who drove Stephenson's car back to Indianapolis.

Pointing a scathing finger at Stephenson, Cox continued:

"We will show that these friends, shut up in that drawing room with Madge Oberholzer, wounded her from her cheeks to her ankles until her very blood flowed.

"That this man, Gentry, Gentry, refined woman," "Gentry, Gentry, I need her wounds with white hazel in the hotel room at Hammond the next morning, because of the shame and disgrace of it.

"They took her to Indianapolis, kept her in Stephenson's garage, begging for help, and Tuesday morning about 11 o'clock, when this man, this man, Klinek," said Cox, advancing to the defendant table and pointing at the huge Klinek, who towers over six feet in height, "took her home in Stephenson's automobile and carried her into the house."

Klinek did not bat an eye. During the entire discourse, Stephenson paled than usual, made a busy presence of taking notes, keeping his head lowered. On the occasions when Gentry's name was mentioned the latter sat up straight and rigid, evidently exceedingly uncomfortable. Gentry's gaze, however, met that of the attorney squarely, at such times.

Women Crane Necks

The women spectators craned their necks to view the defendants. The courtroom kept filling slowly as the morning progressed, until by noon it was crowded.

"This story will be corroborated by people from the Indiana hotels where this man Stephenson wrote on the register, 'W. D. Morgan and wife, Franklin, Ind.,' and this man Gentry wrote, 'Earl Gentry, Indianapolis.'

"There is one thing I have not said that I want to say now," said Cox, throwing all notes aside and striding to the front of the jury box. "The evidence will prove incontrovertibly, that part of these marks inflicted on Madge Oberholzer by these flies, by teeth, gentlemen, became infected and caused bloodpoison in their victim.

"It will show that parts of the body of Madge Oberholzer were lacerated, bruised in such a condition to leave an imprint; that these two defendants, Stephenson and Gentry, also tell you many other things you want to know. 'Mother's Friend' is sold by all druggists—everywhere."

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