

JURY WRANGLE IN CRICKMORE'S TRIAL GOES ON

Third Venire of 75 Ordered to Report Monday for Challenges.

Selection of a jury to try Victor Crickmore, who is charged with first degree murder in connection with the death of John Penny, truck driver, is to be resumed at 9:30 a.m. Monday in Criminal Court.

Two venires, one of 40 and the other of 35 persons, have been exhausted in an effort to complete a jury, and another venire of 75 is to be ordered to appear Monday.

When court adjourned yesterday there were 10 talemen in the box, five of whom were women. The defense has used nine peremptory challenges and the state eight. Other prospective jurors were dismissed "for cause" after they said they had formed opinions in the case from reading newspaper accounts of the Williams-Peats trial several weeks ago.

Defense Attorney Clyde C. Karre is expected to file two motions before the end of this week attacking the validity of the new venire to be called Monday.

Charges Venires Illegal

The first two venires were illegal, he charged, because names were not selected equally from the three jury commissioners' districts, and because the commissioners did not empty out the names of persons put in the jury drawing box last year. He is expected to attack the new venire on the same counts, it was said.

The state succeeded in having Crickmore's three children, Thomas Victor Crickmore, 8; Paul Joseph Crickmore, 6, and Gwendolyn Faye Crickmore, 4, sent out of the courtroom yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Karre's motion that the widow of Mr. Penny also be sent from the courtroom because "she was playing on the sympathies of the jury" was overruled by Special Judge Earl E. McFerren.

The defense counsel then moved that the case be declared a mistrial, since the defendant was not allowed the privilege of having his witnesses in the courtroom, namely the three Crickmore children. This was overruled.

POLICE ARREST MAN WANTED IN KOKOMO

Manuel Smith, 29, 1130 N. Illinois St., today was held for Kokomo authorities after his arrest yesterday on a fugitive charge.

Charles A. O'Neill, Kokomo police chief, informed the department here that Smith was wanted on an embezzlement charge.

SEARCH FOR CRATER STARTED IN DESERT

By United Press
WARNER'S HOT SPRINGS, Cal., Aug. 28.—Two policemen and 15 newspaper men went into the desert country today and moved toward the rugged Cuyamaca Mountains in search of a wanderer believed to be Judge Joseph Crater of New York, missing since 1930.

Capt. C. W. Allen, with "Lucky Blackie" Blackiet, grizzled desert prospector, whose tale of talking to the wanderer started the search. "I believe Blackiet knows where this man is now," said Capt. Allen, "and I believe he was Judge Crater. As he told Blackiet he was. The whole story tallies with another we heard in this section concerning Judge Crater five years ago."

STRIKE FIGURES SHOW DECLINE

100,000 Men in Walkouts,
Labor Department of
U. S. Reports.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—Labor Department officials estimated today that approximately 100,000 workers now are on strike throughout the country.

It was emphasized, however, that "labor trouble this year is not as serious as it was last." Through mid-August, reports to the department indicated there had been 173

strikes so far in 1936. Last year the total was 201.

Only one major and seemingly hopeless dispute is now facing labor mediators. This is the argument between workers and employers of the Radio Corporation of America.

"Both the New York State and the United States Departments of Labor have repeatedly tendered their services for arbitration," one official said, "but they have been turned down."

The total number of laborers who go on strike during 1936 will probably be about 1,000,000, one authority estimated. This, it was said, is an "average" figure—below post-depression records but well above the number of walk-outs during some prosperous years.

It was pointed out that the number of strikers is small when compared to the number of working men and women in the country. The last census showed a total of 48,829,920 workers.

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