By George McManus

CAPTAIN HANSON ACQUIT-TED ON CHARGE OF STEAL-ING \$4,000 IS TODAY A FREE MAN ONCE MORE.

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the company.

CROSS EXAAMINATION Capt. Hanson was given a thorough cross-examination by Mr. Gonzales and some of the questions asked him he

would not say anyof his crew might have taken the money. The conversation with Mr. Nicholls in which he had voiced his suspicion of Moorehouse he said had been a confidential one. His Lordship pointed out that nothing was confidential in court. Hanson also said that he had an income which averaged \$250 per month from selling papers magazines, drugs, stationery, etc., in addition to his wages from the Cold Storage.

Accused remembered distinctly leaving on his first trip on April 21. had cashed checks at Queen Charlotte City and Skidegate and, at all times, had a check on his cash. Supplies had also been ught and the expense for these as well as the cashing of checks he declared accounted for the fact that his cash appeared to be \$565 short.

Asked to explain why he had not paid his grocery bills for January, February and March until April 20 when he paid \$100 to one grocer, \$32 to another and purchased \$30 worth of liquor, accused said he had been saving up to start a chicken ranch but he was unable to obtain the chickens so, before leaving on the first trip of the season, he paid off his debts with \$350 which had been saved. The suggestion that payment had been made out of the \$4,000 given him by the Cold Storage was branded by Hanson as a "perfect lie."

out to the fishermen, Hanson said the in all ways checked up. It was just as packing was suddenly stopped, he was company had issued instructions against reasonable to assume that a stranger short and, realizing the seriousness of been made. The jury had as much this practice but it had never been realized that it constituted bootlegging On the first trip out, they had taken out liquor to give to the fishermen a party which was to be held at Skide gate.

NOT A LOAN

Questioned as to his borrowing June 11 of \$500 from Moorehouse, Hanson said that he had not borrowed the money but, being left in charge of the ship's stores while Moorehouse was busy with the engine following a breakdown, had taken \$500 from the storekeeper's cash box to place in safe keep-

Hanson then recounted the events on the night of July 22 when he had counted hs money with a view to returning it to the Cold Storage. This was at his home and his wife expressed enxiety at his keeping so much money in the house and asked that he find another place to keep it than in the trunk where he had been accustomed to placing it. He had therefore, thrown it under the sofa in the front room.

Hanson refuted the statement of Berney, the fireman, that he had a package under his coat when he went from the plant to his home on the morning he should testify as he had.

lieving that Darton would be at lunch. the loss had been made.

Various other happenings of the day Hanson left the stand where he had been for two and three-quarter hours. MRS. HANSON'S EVIDENCE

Mrs. Hanson gave evidence corroborative of her husband's with respect to the family's financial affairs, Hanson's movements and telephone conversations. Her husband had handled the money of the house for three years since her serious illness when it had been impossible for her to do so.

The taking of Mrs. Hanson's evidence completed the case for the defence. In addressing the jury, Mr. Patmore asked it to get right down to the argument of facts. He discounted the suspicion said to have arisen through the delay of Capt. Hanson in making his returns. In such a delay Capt. Hanson was but following the example of the company's loose methods in connection with the fish buyers. Hanson had known of no necessity for hurry in the matter. Various transactions proved clearly that Hanson was no bookkeeper.

Mr. Patmore asked the jury to measure consistency of the evidence with the innocence or guilt of accused. If the evidence seemed consistent with innocence it was the duty of the jury to acquit, otherwise, convict. As for the evidence of the fireman, Berney, he might have meant to tell the truth but his memory might have been bad. It was quite easy to assume that Berney might have forgotten and that it was when Capt. Hanson was coming to the wharf that the bulge was seen in his coat and not, as Berney said, when he was passing through the boiler room on his way to the wharf.

PROBABILITIES

Asking the jury to consider the probability of Hanson acting as he did if he was really guilty, Mr. Patmore contended that it was unreasonable to so decide. He believed that Hanson's statement that he had bone back to the house for five dollars was correct and, if that were the case, his whole story was probably the truth. In any case, he had hardly been lost sight of that

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that Hanson had said it was no use system might have been imperfect. going to tell the truth, it was quite for the theft. Mr. Gonzales dismissed his words might be misunderstood. It side one. It was an impossibility and a throw which would mean the gain time but suddenly changed his mind of only a few thousand dollars. Cir- Concluding, Mr. Gonzales asked the jury cumstances, at first deemed suspicious, to use its commonsense in considering had been satisfactorily explained and its verdict. all that remained to condemn the man was the fact that he had had charge

you will find a verdict in his favor.

MR. GONZALES Hanson also gave explanations as to up to the jury to decide . ether Han- age Co. with respect to the way no breakfast he had coffee in the galley were not suspicious. The evidence of an issue in the case. money in, Mr. Gonzales submitted, were jury on the matter of doubt.

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whole day. After reporting the loss he that Hanson had been spending some of whether or not he had taken the stand As for the buying of liquor to take had been cross-examined, grilled and the company's money and that, when himself. It he had not gone in the had committed the theft and thrown his position, went to the boat on the the cash box overboard as it was to morning in question, took the bills out had to believe that of any other witbelieve that Hanson had so done. There and threw overboard the cash box still was plenty of opportunity and many containing the silver to anchor it, and ated by the testimony of Mrs. Hanson. people knew where the money was kept. walked out in the manner described by As for Sergeant Hannah's testimony Berney. The fact that the company's holding anything back and that he was Mr. Gonzales declared, was no excuse possible that, Hanson being a foreigner, the possibility of the job being an outwas not likely, Mr. Patmore submitted, absurd. Sergeant Hannah was clear that Hanson a trusted employee, hold- enough about the remarks of accused ing a good position and living frugally after the box had been reported to be to pay for his little home and other found and Mr. Gonzales suggested that expenses, would stake his all on such accused was about to confess at that

HIS LORDSHIP'S CHARGE

The charge of Mr. Justice D. A. Mcof the money and that key to the cash Donald to the jury was most impartial box was in his possession. "I submit," Despite the fact that His Lordship read concluded Mr. Patmore, "that if you the law and reviewed the evidence at measure the evidence in its consistency some length, his remarks were devoid with innocence or guilt of the accused, of any suggestion as to his own opinion in the matter of guilt or innocence of the accused. His Lordship asked the Mr. Gonzales referred to the fact that jury to dismiss certain irrelevant por-April 20, after he had come in tions of evidence so as to concentrate of July 23. He had known Berney for possession of \$4,000 from the Cold to its decision of guilt or innocence of body concerned and as public servants about a year and he did not know why Storage., Hanson had paid off his gro- the accused. It was not for the court cery bills and purchased liquor. It was or jury to offer advice to the Cold Stor- and not stubborn and arrive at a ve why he had not taken the money up to son had used his own or the company's conducted its business even, if it did the office on the morning of July 23. money. As to Hanson's movements on seem that a good deal of money and he had been busy loading oil from the July 23, Mr. Gonzales asked the jury to responsibility was placed in the hands Zibassa to the Fredelia, later having had examine his actions and decide if they of one man. That was, however, not

and at noon he had not taken it up be- Berney, the fireman, was positive that The evidence, His Lordship explained, WINTER SCHEDULE he had seen the bulge in Hanson's coat was circumstantial as was the evidence By two o'clock, the time he was sure as he passed through the boiler room in the most of criminal cases coming Darton would be back, the discovery of on his way outside. Visser and Duncan before the courts. It was the duty of said they had paid little attention to the jury to use its common sense in Hanson when he had passed him. drawing inferences from such circumwere described with some detail before Hanson's excuses for not turning the stantial evidence. He instructed the

> In view of the shortages that were suggested that the jury might dismiss last week-end voyage to this port bein various ways apparent, Mr. Gonzales as irrelevant the incident of the bor- fore the winter steamship schedule suggested that it was a fair deduction rowing of \$500 by accused from Moore- comes into effect. The vessel will sail

house on June 11. There seemed to be nothing out of the ordinary in that. There was no importance in the question of whether or not accused had gone back to his house on the morning in question to get \$5 other than that it might be taken as a point of credibility in deciding whether accused was elling the truth. If accused was believed in that statement, he might be believed in other things. As for the evidence of Berney, the fireman, His Lordship said that he seemed to be quite consistent. He did not attach nuch importance to the phone converations between Sergeant Hannah, acsused and Mrs. Hanson.

ACCUSED'S OWN TESTIMONY

His Lordship remarked that it had been entirely in the choice of accused witness box no comment could have right to believe accused's evidence as it ness. That evidence had been corrobor-

The defence was not required to prove who stole the money, His Lordship remarked in closing. As Mr. Patmore had suggested if the evidence seemed consistent with innocence then it was the drawn around accused from which he could not escape, it would be its dur

REPORTED DISAGREEMENT

The jury retired at 5:45 to consider ts verdict and, after supper, returned come to a verdict.

"I can understand that this case may cause you a good deal of worry. stated His Lordship, "but in view the expense that would be caused the people by another trial and in order to prevent if possible the ordeal that another trial would be to the cused. I would ask you to make further consideration and return here tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. I will help you as far as may be possible and I would ask you, for the sake of everywhich you are, to try and be generous diet if at all possible."

The jury was taken in charge by overnight in the Prince Rupert Hotel.

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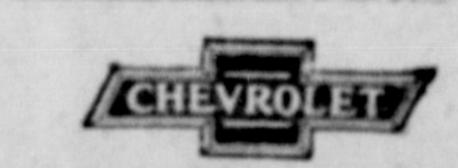
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