

Q. Was anything said about changing the arrangements?

A. Yes, he said, "We had no idea this funeral was to be this size," that, "we had the body prepared in the smaller chapel, but when the people commenced to come in, then we had to change and bring the body into the larger chapel."

Q. But first they had made preparations for the use of the small chapel.

A. Yes.

Q. Then, due to the size of the crowd, they had to—

A. They had to change it.

Q. —change it over to the larger chapel. How many of her friends did you see in attendance there?

A. Oh, I wouldn't know.

Q. That you recognized.

A. Oh, there were a dozen I would say that I knew, but as I say, I was so incensed I didn't look around to see who was there.

Q. Did you later have any kind of a talk with Pennock or Fisher?

A. I did.

Q. Tell the committee what that conversation was and with whom you had the conversation.

A. Well, after the services the—Dr. Fisher came out into this room where I was, and a lady went up to him and told him that what he had told, what he had said in the other room, was not true, that Mrs. Redenbaugh had not died of malnutrition. I didn't know at the time who the lady was. So when she finished talking I said to Mr. Fisher, "I want to verify what this lady has said to you, that what you said was not true, that I'm a neighbor and I don't think that it was called upon anyway to say what you did."

Q. What did he say to that?

A. He didn't say anything.

Q. Well, look around the room now and see if you see this lady that had that conversation that you didn't know at that time.

A. Well, I know it was Mrs. Redenbaugh who—

Q. The lady sitting over here?

A. Yes.

Q. The lady who testified here just before lunch?

A. Yes.

MR. WHIPPLE: Thank you, Mrs. Mordaunt, that's all.

THE WITNESS: I also met Mr. Pennock outside.

MR. WHIPPLE: Oh, I beg your pardon. Tell us about that.

THE WITNESS: He was standing on the sidewalk talking to some of these people, and I couldn't help but to say to him that I thought he made a very fine address but it wasn't called for at a funeral of my friend, that it was a good Communistic talk.

MR. WHIPPLE: What did he say to that?

THE WITNESS: He didn't answer.

MR. WHIPPLE: He didn't answer. That's all. Thank you very much, Mrs. Mordaunt.

(Witness Excused)

MRS. J. R. HAMILTON, produced as a witness, after being first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. WHIPPLE:

Q. Will you state your name, please?

A. Mrs. John R. Hamilton.

Q. Where do you live, Mrs. Hamilton?

A. 6214 Roosevelt Way, Seattle.

Q. Did you know Marie Redenbaugh during her lifetime?

A. About twenty-three years.

Q. Were you—would you put yourself in a class of being a friend of hers?

A. I do.

Q. Were you a close personal friend of hers?

A. I sure was.

Q. Did you visit her intimately during that period of time?

A. I did.

Q. Did you visit in her home, and did she visit in your home?

A. She did. She was in our home about once a week for dinner.

Q. What was the condition of her health during the last, oh, two or three years of her life?

A. Well, she wasn't any too well at times, but she never complained very much.

Q. What was the nature—did she ever divulge to you the nature of her illness or her trouble?

A. Well, she just said she had a bad heart. Outside of that, why—and her stomach, sometimes she couldn't eat everything.

Q. The newspaper record of her death, and the cause of her death, was read in the record this morning, in which it was charged that she virtually was starved to death.

A. Well, that's untrue.

Q. Ma'm?

A. That's untrue.

Q. That she didn't have the proper medical attention and that she suffered for lack of care.

A. Well, no, that isn't true.

Q. Do you know of your own knowledge whether that was true or not?

A. That was untrue.

Q. What sort of care had she had over the period that you knew her?

A. Well, she had the very best. She had everything she wanted. She bought everything that she liked to eat.

Q. Did you ever eat at her house?

A. I did.

Q. Did you ever observe the type of food that she had?

A. She had just as good or better than lots of people.

Q. You observed the manner in which she dressed, I presume?

A. Yes, she dressed—

Q. Did she ever lack for clothing?

A. No, she didn't.

Q. Do you know of anything on earth, Mrs. Hamilton, that that lady lacked for her own comfort?

A. I don't know of any one thing.

Q. During the last years of her life.

A. She went to shows when she wanted to, she went—if she wanted to eat downtown, she did; she went to good places to eat; so I know of nothing that she didn't have.

Q. Did you ever know of any time that she lacked for funds to buy anything that she wanted?

A. She never told me, if she did. If she did, it was just a temporary—the end of the month before her check came.

Q. You do know that she was receiving a pension from the State of Washington.

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know about any training of any kind that she might have had in her younger years?

A. Well, I knew she was a trained nurse, a registered nurse.

Q. A registered nurse.

A. Yes.

Q. And she understood the nature of her own illness?

A. She did.

Q. And the things that it was necessary for her to do?

A. Yes.

Q. And it's your testimony that she had all of the groceries that she wanted to eat. What about medicine, was she able to get—

A. She got all the medicine she wanted, but she wouldn't take it. She didn't take very much medicine, but she could have had it.

Q. She could have had it.

A. Yes.

Q. Now, if I remember correctly—strike that. When was the last time she ever ate a meal with you before she passed away?

A. On the Fourth of July. She spent the day with us.

Q. Well, that was just four days preceding her death.

A. Yes.

Q. Did you have any understanding with her on that occasion about another visit or another meeting—

A. She called me up on the morning that she had gone to the market, and she had just come back from the market, and she said she was coming up. She said, "I bought your Christmas present." And I thought she was joking. And she said, "I'm going to bring it up," but she said, "I'm tired and I will rest a while and come up later on in the evening." And I said, "All right, come up and have dinner with us." And she said, "All right." Well, she didn't come, but I didn't think anything of it because lots of times she would do that and then maybe go someplace else or be just too tired to come. And so I didn't hear any more from her until they found her body.

Q. How long was it after she called you until she passed away?

A. Well, that I—that was on Saturday forenoon that she had come back from the market. And it was Monday evening when they found her.

Q. I see. Now, did you have occasion to attend a so-called funeral service over at the Butterworth Funeral Home?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. Did you go there in company with anyone?

A. Yes, with my husband.

Q. Did you go there before the meeting had started, or after it had commenced?

A. Well, before it started. We were there early.

Q. Are you familiar with the fact that they have more than one meeting place in the funeral parlors there?

A. Yes.

Q. Which of the meeting places was first prepared for this body, or the the funeral?

A. Well, I was told the small one; but we didn't go in there. We waited in the lobby for a while, until they had decided then on this larger room.

Q. Was that information imparted to you by an attendant there at the funeral home?

A. Yes.

Q. You had to wait until they transferred the body from the small room over into the large one.

A. Yes.

Q. And that was the room in which subsequently this—

A. The services were held.

Q. —were held. Now, how large a group were in attendance there?

A. Well, I should say a hundred, a hundred and fifty.

Q. Was there—were those people Mrs. Redenbaugh's friends?

A. Well, some of them, but not all of them, for I heard them—

Q. What percentage of them would you say were her friends?

A. About, maybe twenty-five.

Q. Who were the—who were the other people?

A. Well, from what they said, I heard different ones say that they had never met Mrs. Redenbaugh, but that they knew about her from being in the Pension.

Q. That is, you heard from different ones in attendance there?

A. Yes, in attendance.

Q. That made the statement that they never had met her didn't know her, but that they had heard about her in the—

A. From the Pension—going to the Pension Union.

Q. Meetings. And from that you made your own conclusions as to who the rest of the persons were.

A. Yes.

Q. Well, you heard the statement read into the record this morning, the "New World" account of her death, I presume?

A. I did.

Q. Now was there one single word of truth in that statement other than the fact that she died and later was buried out here at Washelli Cemetery?

A. Not one.

Q. Did you hear any part of the so-called services that took place there that day?

A. I did.

Q. Who were the speakers?

A. Mr. Pennock and Mr. Fisher,—Dr. Fisher.

Q. Had you ever seen this Dr. Fisher before?

A. No, I didn't.

Q. Had you ever seen this Mr. Pennock before?

A. No.

Q. Then at that time you didn't know either of those two gentlemen. Did you hear Mr. Pennock offer a prayer of any kind there on that occasion?

A. I don't remember of Mr. Pennock having any prayer. Mr. Fisher said some kind of prayer.

Q. What, to the best of your recollection, was it?

A. Well, I don't just recall what—

Q. What he said?

A. What he said.

Q. Do you remember anything about the—any of the remarks Mr. Pennock made on that occasion?

A. Yes, he made the remark that we were sending lots of supplies and food and money overseas to help people over there, and we weren't taking care of our people in this country, and if we didn't—if they didn't do it pretty soon there'd have to be some action taken.

Q. If they didn't do it pretty soon, there'd have to be some action taken. Now did he say what that action would be?

A. Well, I don't know what he meant by it.

Q. Was a change of our form of government mentioned?

A. Well, he said that there would have to be some change in the way things were handled.

Q. Now, you heard that newspaper article refer to the fact that she had been trapped behind a radiator. Was there any truth in that?

A. No, there was not.

Q. Did—were you among those persons who came in at the time her body was found?

A. No, I wasn't.

Q. I see. I didn't know whether that was true. But you learned that that was not true.

A. Yes.

Q. Now, Mrs. Hamilton, was there anything sacred about that so-called funeral service at all?

A. Not that I could see or hear anything of it.

Q. How did it impress you?

A. Just like what they call a political rally. It wasn't really a good political rally.

Q. Was that being done there over the body of this deceased elderly lady there—

A. It was.

Q. —in your presence, and in the presence of all these other persons.

MR. WHIPPLE: That's all, Mrs. Hamilton.

(Witness Excused)

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DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. WHIPPLE:

Q. Will you state your name, please?

A. John R. Hamilton.

Q. Where do you live, Mr. Hamilton?

A. 6214 Roosevelt Way.

Q. What relation, if any, are you to the person who just testified?

A. Husband.

Q. Where do you work, Mr. Hamilton?

A. County Assessor's office.

Q. Here in King County?

A. King County.

Q. Did you know Marie Redenbaugh— Now will you talk over in that microphone there so we will get this— Did you know Marie Redenbaugh during her lifetime?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. How long did you know Marie Redenbaugh before she passed away?

A. Well, I've known her ever since I was a child.

Q. Well, would you give us—would you care to give us some indication of the years, as to the length of time you've known her?

A. Oh, about sixty.

Q. About sixty years. Now, Mr. Hamilton, did you ever have occasion to visit her in her apartment there in Mrs. Crosetto's home?

A. Yes, I have.

Q. Did you visit her frequently?

A. Well, I didn't visit near as frequent as the wife did.

Q. Did you have occasion to observe her as she would visit you people over in your home?

A. Yes.

Q. Now, over these years, Mr. Hamilton, do you know of any work that she was peculiarly fitted to do, or had been trained to do?

A. Well, she was a trained nurse in—for children, as I understood it.

Q. She was a trained nurse.

A. Yes.

Q. Now, there has been some testimony, that is—strike that. There has been a newspaper article read in the record this morning, laying the blame of this woman's death on the Legislature for not giving her funds enough to sustain herself, to buy medicine and food and so forth and so on. I would like for you to state whether there was any truth in that article, or not.

A. That was a malicious falsehood.

Q. That was a malicious falsehood. Now, why do you say that was a malicious falsehood?