# CONFESSION OF KLINGENBERG

State of Washington, County of Chehalis, ss.

John Klingenberg, being duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

I was working on board a schooner as donkey-driver, and Billy Gohl, he sent a friends of his down to me in the evening and he told me that he had to go down to Indian Creek. I said, "Why?" Well, he said, Charles Hatberg had been told that there was a detective by the name of Miller. Charles Hatberg had told him about that "cow" that Billy Gohl shot here the summer before last. When I come up to the Union office, Billy Gohl took me inside, and he gave me a gun and he told me, "We have got to go." I said to Billy Gohl, "Ain't that possible—ain't that possible to smooth that off in a little decent way?" "No," he says, "there's no other way to do it; I'm staring right into the penitentiary. Now," he says, "you take this gun," and I took it. I shoved it in my pocket, and that night we didn't went down. We walked up the road, and we met John Hoffman, and Billy Gohl told him to wait tomorrow night. They lay in a sloop down the bay. He says we could take all the sails and we could pull the sloop off, and we would be able to sell it, or you could take the sloop down there, and get some paint for to paint it. Well that night I went home. Next night I met Billy Gohl and John Hoffman, and they took me down in a launch, and Billy Gohl wanted John Hoffman to leave the little launch. Well, we took the launch along with us, and we come outside of the bay, and Billy Gohl fired four shots into the back of John Hoffman. He told me to lash him to this anchor, while the man was hollering. He hollered: "Bill, oh Bill. Still, I couldn't do nothing to the man. The man was hollering, and I was afraid to touch him. I was shivering all over, and Billy Gohl he put a shot through the man's head, and I had to give him a hand and tie the man to the anchor, to save myself. Well, we got down to Indian Creek that night, and we went over to Charlie Hatberg, who was standing on the beach. As the gasoline launch got stuck in the middle of the slough, in the mud, Billy Gohl told me, "You take him." I says "Haven't you got a boat? Come out here and feten us." I couldn't answer the man his question. Charlie Hatberg, he comes out to the launch, and he sees me. I only had on shoes, same way as I left the ship, and he offered to ride me in on his back, but I wouldn't accept it, account that Charlie Hatberg wanted to shoot me once, him and his friend We went up to the cabin, and Billy Gohl went to sleep, and Charlie Hatberg told me I could sleep in the other bed. The whole night I couldn't sleep. I was going out and in, thinking of the thing that Billy Gohl had been and done. Next morning we got the launch in, and Billy Gohl sent Charlie Hatberg in the launch. The engine wouldn't work, and Billy Gohl proposed we had to pull out. I were walking up and down the cabin when Billy Gohl come to me, come from outside. He says to me, "You take him. If you don't take him, I take him." I know the meaning by that. He come out in the stream. Charlie Hatberg had a revolver in his pocket. Then Billy Gohl gave me a sign to shoot, and I done so, because I know if I had not done it, Billy Gohl would have shot the pair of us. We tied the man to an anchor which Billy Gohl and Charlie Hatberg had stole from the gasoline launch Logger, and throwed him in. (Billy Gohl wanted Hatberg to turn, so as to shoot him in the back. I did not want to act so coward.) We pulled the launch in. When we got in to the beach, Billy Gohl told me, "If you did not take him, I would have done" and we walked along the track, and Billie Gohl told me murder stories the whole way along the track. I told Billy Gohl I could never have done that, shot that man in the back, as he done last night. "Well," he told me, "the —— — deserve it." I say, "I could never have done it if it hadn't been for you. Billy Gohl told me, "We had to do this. I am staring right into the penitentiary." Christmas eve I come up to the Union hall to pay Billy Gohl some money, and Billy Gohl asked me to come down on the other side, and we would do some hunting. We crossed the bridge. When we come away down the track, Billy Gohl stopped and says: "Say," he says to me, "Did you told anybody you were going with me?" I told him, "Yes." I could see in the man that he was trying to put me out of business, because I knowed too much. We reached that place, and slept in Gus Anderson's cabin that night. All the time I had my eyes on Billy Gohl. A friend of mine what lives over there told me he would like to go over to Aberdeen, and we all went. During that night, Billy Gohl wanted me to come down the bay where the gasoline launch was laying, but I didn't went. That night Billy Gohl and another man by the name of Valdimar Nelson. Billy Gohl went up to the "Eagle," and I suppose he had a drink. Coming out, he was overanxious for to get me alone, and had some good idea in my head that Billy Gohl wanted to try to get me into to a place where he could put lead into me. Billy Gohl went, and I went aboard my ship, the A. J. West. Billy Gohl came aboard the A. J. West, sees me, and I had and old battery that was no good. I asked him was that any good? He told me no. He says he had some good thing on the string. "Well," I say, "What is it?" He said, "The crew from the schooner Resolute got paid off today and I am going down, and you are coming along. I am going to see an old mate, an old — — —, he cashed about $200 pay day, and if he are alone on board, I am going to have him. I say, "You better not," I said, "I have been in that schooner and the captain is always on board nights." Billy Gohl took me in and treated me, and we walked slowly down to the place. When we come to the place, Billy couldn't get over the fence into the shipyard, and we walked through the gate, and bid the watchman, "Good evening." When we come to the ship, Billy Gohl told me to stay here, and I would do the work. I was standing and I see Billy Gohl going over to the compass, and we took the compass along, and walked down, and come down to the fence, and jumped the fence, and took it to the Union hall. I went down to Indian Creek last summer. I found it ain't very healthy—and picked up all kinds of timber for Charlie Hatberg to build another cabin. Charlie Hatberg told me I would have that cabin if only I picked up planks enough so he could build the cabin. Charlie Hatberg came down some time after, and he condemned all the lumber that I had been picking up. One day I were up in the woods, and I come back. Charlie Hatberg had been breaking down another man's cabin belonging to August Anderson, and he told me to get a skiff and give him a hand, as I did, to get this lumber home. I were walking with him four weeks after that, and he promised me that little cabin, but Charlie Hatberg was run short of money, and I didn't have much myself. Charlie Hatberg wanted me to go and shoot a cow. He told me the cows were wild. I says, "You couldn't tell me that." I say that those all tame cattle. Well, he say to me, "You are nothing but a coward anyway." Well, everything went along anyway for a short time. Charley Hatberg wanted me to take the skiff and go to Hoquiam and go on board the schooner and get a sack of potatoes. I told him, "No." Next day I went to Billy Gohl, and Billy Gohl he took me up to the Finn store and we had groceries which Billy Gohl paid for. A few days after that Billy Gohl came down in a launch, together with an old gentleman by the name of Kendal, and wanted us to come out duck-hunting. We went for two days, but we didn't get nothing. We went down to Damon's Point and throwed out an anchor, and went up in the woods, but we didn't see nothing. Coming back, it was high water, and we were going to leave. I was standing forward, and Charlie Hatberg was standing aft. Billy Gohl say, "Let go that stern line." As I say to Charlie Hatberg, "Let go," and I hauled up that anchor, Charlie Hatberg took his gun. He say, "You — — —, I have a good mind to fix you," and he showed me the muzzle of the gun. I turned my back to it, and hauled up the anchor. I told Billy Gohl to let me know when I could get the next boat. Billy Gohl say, "I will ship you in the first one." Two days after I shipped in the schooner Mowema and were away for two months. When I come back I had a sprained ankle, and could hardly walk. One day I went down to Charles Hatberg. When I come down there I bid him "Good day," and I say, "I see you got the other cabin finished." I come inside, sat down, and I could see I wasn't welcome, and I said to Charlie Hatberg, "I am going to have a look at this cabin of mine, that little cabin belong to me," and his great friend, John Hoffman, say, "This cabin belongs to me, and I paid $20 for this cabin, and put two new logs underneath." John Hoffman went over to the little cabin He grabbed a Winchester, and say to me, "If you want this cabin you have to fight for it," and I say to him, "That cabin belong to me." I have been picking lumbers up for this cabin and Charlie Hatberg have promised me this." I turned round to Charlie Hatberg. As I looked at him he was slinging a big six-shooter that he had been stole down in G street in Aberdeen, and I say to him, "Is that right, what John he say?" Well, "It's quite right," he say. "If you want this cabin you have to fight." I say, "I ain't come down here for fight." He said, "Well, whenever you are good and ready you can come down, and I will stand you off any time." I say to Charlie Hatberg, "Next time I am coming down here, we go to fight," and I walked away along the track. As I come down to Nooshkah river, I had to lay down account of my ankle hurting, and not allowing me to go farther. I opened a bottle of whiskey that I had in my pocket, and took a drink. When I got up, I managed to reach the street car. I took the street car, and went home to the cabin where I were living in Billy Gohl's place.

(Q.) Where did you put the body of John Hoffman?

(A.) In the bay. The man was shot through the back three or four times. I could take any one to the place. If I hadn't shot Hatberg, he would have shot me, because I knew too much about this deal of Billy Gohl's.

(Q.) Will you go with us to show us where Hoffman was put in?

(A.) I will. I know exactly where it was.

JOHN KLINGENBERG.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of April, A. D. 1910.

(Seal.) CHARLES W. HODGDON, Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at Hoquiam, Washington.

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# UMPIRE WILL HAVE FULL SWAY

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The revised playing rules of baseball amended by the joint rules committee of the National and American leagues in Pittsburg last January were given out recently. The most striking feature of the revised rules is the importance given to the powers and duties of the umpires. This season more than ever before in the history of the game the umpire will be the reigning power on the diamond.

The new rules establish a double umpire system for all games, with an umpire in chief behind the bat to judge balls and strikes and certain decisions at third base and a field umpire to judge base decisions. The umpire in chief will have full charge of the game and will alone have authority to declare a game forfeited. The field umpire has full authority in removing and fining players. The two officials must work in harmony, and in case a point is raised on a decision based on a point of rules one umpire may ask for information from the other, but one umpire will not interfere with another's decision unless asked to by his associate.

The players are prohibited from disputing the accuracy of the umpire's judgment, and not even the captain of a team can call the umpire's attention to what he believes to be a violation of the rules.

Hereafter when a player is ejected from the game for violation of the rules he will not be allowed to loiter about the grounds or grand stand, but is decisively banished to the clubhouse and must stay there or leave the grounds, and if he doesn't the umpire is given the power to forfeit the game. The umpire can also fine a player $5 for discoloring the ball, for refusing to be seated on the bench one minute after ordered to do so, if he violates the coaching rules, and if the captain fails to notify the official of a change in lineup.

The revised rules give the umpire absolute power over the players on the bench and to do away with all the rowdyism which has started at this quarter in the past. The umpire is given power to fine substitute players for yelling disapproval from the bench $10, and if the unsolicited conversation continues he is given power to clear the bench and send the whole crew of substitutes to the clubhouse and have them come out only as they are needed.

The new code provides for several changes in relation to ground rules. In case of an overflow crowd if the captains of the teams cannot agree on ground rules the umpire will have full authority to make special rules. If a thrown ball goes into the spectators or through a fence surrounding the field or into the players' bench the runner will be entitled to two bases. The umpire must be certain that both teams have agreed to special ground rules before the game commences. The umpire before each game shall call the two captains together and lay down the law to them and must give them to understand that the rules are to be strictly and impartially enforced. The umpire must announce the batteries before the game and also announce any change in the lineup.

Under the amended rules if a fielder stops or catches a batted ball with his cap, glove or any part of his uniform the runner or runners on the bases will be entitled to three bases. If a thrown or pitched ball strikes the umpire on foul ground the ball shall be considered in play and the base runner shall be entitled to all the bases he can make. A base runner will be declared out if he passes a preceding base runner before such runner has been legally put out.

A new rule gives the base runner the privilege of turning either to the right or left after touching first base, where heretofore he was compelled to turn to the right. If, however, after running over first base he should attempt to go to second before returning to first base he shall forfeit exemption from liability to be put out. Additions have also been made to the rule governing when a base runner may return to his base without liability of being declared out. In case the umpire declares an illegally batted ball he may go back; also if the umpire is struck by a fair hit ball before touching a fielder, in which case no base shall be run unless necessitated by the batsman becoming a base runner, and no run shall be scored unless all the bases are occupied. The runner may return to his base also if the umpire declares the batsman or another base runner out for interference.

A few slight changes are made in the scoring rules. A player will get an assist when he handles the ball in aiding in a run-out, even though he completes the play by making a put-out. Wild pitches and passed balls are exempt from the error column, as prior to the year 1909. In the event of a double or triple steal, where either runner is thrown out, the other or others shall not be credited with a stolen base.


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