

Minnesota. District Court (Saint Louis County)  
Indictment Records.

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Case no. 5707: John Burr

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INDICTMENT RECORD.

5707

The District Court for the County of St. Louis and State of Minnesota.

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA,

vs.

John Burr

ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

John Burr is  
ACCUSED by the Grand Jury of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, by  
this indictment of the crime of Riot committed as follows, to-wit:  
the said John Burr, John Doe, Richard Roe, and divers other per-  
-sonnated "as follows:" the said

on the day of  
A.D. 1920,  
in the County of St. Louis and State of Minnesota, going to the number  
of three and more, whose true names are to the Grand Jury unknown,  
known, having assembled on the fifteenth day of June, A.D. 1920,  
at the City of Duluth, County of St. Louis and State of Minnesota,  
for the purpose of obstructing one Oscar Olsen, a public police  
officer of the said City of Duluth, State of Minnesota, and divers  
other public police officers of said city and state, whose true  
names are to this Grand Jury unknown, in the performance of  
certain of their duties, to-wit: the duty of securing, guarding and  
retaining in their custody certain persons, to-wit: one Isaac  
McGhee, one Elmer Jackson and one Eli Clayton, which said persons  
were then and there in the custody of the said police officers,  
and then and there confined in certain property of the City of  
Duluth, to-wit: in that certain building situated on East Super-  
ior Street, in the said city, county and state, and commonly known  
as the Police Headquarters or the City of Duluth, a more particu-  
lar description of which said property is to this Grand Jury unknown  
and the duty of protecting from damage and destruction the said  
property and building, and the said persons being then and there  
assembled for the further purpose of disturbing and destroying said  
property and of breaking into said building, and of killing there-  
from and from said custody, and of assaulting and killing the said  
Isaac McGhee, Elmer Jackson and Eli Clayton and the said John Doe,  
Richard Roe, and said divers other persons to the number of three  
and more being then and there engaged in disturbing the public  
peace by using force and violence to certain other persons and  
property by then and there striking and hitting the said Oscar  
Olsen and the said other public police officers with bricks,  
stones, sticks, streams of water, and divers other weapons, a  
more particular description of which said weapons is to this  
Grand Jury unknown, and by directing and throwing against, and  
striking with bricks, stones, sticks, timbers, rails and streams  
of water the said building, and by battering down and removing  
divers doors or said building with rails, timbers, poles, hammers, and  
divers other instruments to the Grand Jury unknown, and killing the  
taking from the said building and by assaulting and killing the  
said Isaac McGhee, Elmer Jackson and Eli Clayton, the said John  
Burr did wrongfully, unlawfully, wilfully, feloniously and riot-  
ously participate in said disturbance of the public peace by  
being then and there present, and by then and there instigating,  
promoting and aiding the said disturbance of the public peace.

ENDORSEMENTS.

THE DISTRICT COURT,

For the County of St. Louis and State  
of Minnesota.

ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

vs.

John Burr

INDICTMENT

"A TRUE BILL"

W. J. McCabe

Foreman of the Grand Jury.

Presented to the Court in  
open Court by the Foreman of  
the Grand Jury, in the presence  
of the Grand Jury and filed  
with the Clerk this 14th

day of July 1920

J. P. Johnson

Clerk

By W. P. Weston

Deputy

Warren E. Greene  
County Attorney

OR WORD EXCEPT V

Contrary to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided,  
and against the peace and dignity of the State of Minnesota.

Dated at Duluth, in the said County of St. Louis and State of Minnesota,  
on the 29th day of June A.D. 1920

Witnesses Examined before the Grand Jury:

Constant Walker

John Murphy

A. G. Fiskett

James McAuliffe

A. J. Carson,

Paul Albinson

W. J. McCabe,  
Foreman of Grand Jury.

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS

DISTRICT COURT ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

I HEREBY CERTIFY That I have compared the foregoing with the original indictment, and also the endorsements, thereon found by the Grand  
Jury of said County on the 29th day of June 1920, against John Burr  
and presented to the Court in open Court by the Foreman of the Grand Jury, and filed on the 14th  
day of July 1920, and that the same is a true and correct copy thereof.

J. P. JOHNSON,

Clerk

By M. M. Farnie, Deputy