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ABOVE COMPREHENSION OF ATTORNEY JEROME

Is Real Goodness of Mrs. Thaw, According to Her Husband.

HER TESTIMONY ABSOLUTE TRUTH

Wonderful How She Prevailed Against Methods of Prosecution.

HARRY THAW MAKES PUBLIC HIS SECOND STATEMENT SINCE THE KILLING OF STANFORD WHITE—PROCEEDINGS YESTERDAY ENTIRELY OF A TECHNICAL NATURE.

By Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 28.—The statement which Harry Thaw said yesterday he was preparing, the first sentences of which were read over his shoulder and published this morning, were given out this afternoon. This is Mr. Thaw's second statement since Aug. 10. The statement says:

"With chances of a million to one against her after the catastrophe of 1901, it is wonderful that Mrs. Thaw prevailed in the cross examination against the prosecution, backed by black legs. Her testimony is absolute truth. Our evidence was conversations. Cross examination has proved exact facts under oath.

"Mr. Jerome, finding his informants in certain lines were falsifiers, concluded by more usual methods, which is to his credit, however, from some of his questions and some of his unprofessional remarks in court it appeared clearly that the natural and real goodness of the witness was above his comprehension."

The proceedings of the trial to-day was entirely on technical lines on continuation of the cross examination of Dr. Britton Evans. Attorney Jerome questioned him for many hours as to the meaning of extracts from eight letters written by Thaw with relation to the sanity or insanity of the writer. Jerome asked the expert if the letters were written by an insane person. Witness replied: "Yes, but not in the sense that the person might always remain insane." This was the essence of the day's work.

SHIPBUILDING OF THE WORLD

Over Eighteen Hundred Vessels Added to Commercial Fleet.

Special to The Journal.

Washington, Feb. 28.—During the last year 1,836 merchant vessels were added to the world's commercial fleets and 119 war ships to its fighting strength. In commerce the additions were: Austria 25, Belgium 6, British Colonies 57, China 4, Denmark 18, France 48, Germany 205, Greece 10, Holland 89, Italy 30, Japan 107, Norway 69, Sweeden 23, Portugal 1, Russia 5, Spain 8, United States 242, Great Britain 886 and other countries 3. The total tonnage of this merchant service was 2,219,763, England's contribution being 1,828,343 tons, Germany's 318,230, and that of the United States 441,087 tons. For purposes of defense Austria built 10 warships, China 1, Spain 1, Great Britain 23 and the United States 6, including one for Hayti. The total displacement was 362,972 tons, of which England claimed 85,700 Russia 85,443 tons. England's launching in tonnage and number surpass all earlier records.

BAD WRECK ON THE BALTIMORE & OHIO

By Associated Press.

Connellsville, Pa., Feb. 28.—A Baltimore and Ohio passenger train, running forty miles and hour, left the rails six miles east of here, killing the engineer and injuring many passengers. The wreckage took fire and the entire train was consumed.

To Map Cuba.

Fort Riley, Kans., Feb. 28.—A detachment of 315 engineers and sappers left here today for Cuba. They will be engaged for a considerable time surveying the coast line and making a complete typographical map of the island.

TO AVENGE WRONGS OF THEIR SISTER

Strother Brothers Testify in Their Own Behalf at Culpepper, Va.

Philip "Shot to Kill" When Bywaters Attempted to Desert Wife.

PATHETIC SCENE IN COURT WHEN JAMES STROTHER TOLD OF PROMISE TO MOTHER ON HER DEATH BED TO "PROTECT AND DEFEND HONOR OF HIS SISTER."

By Associated Press.

Culpepper, Va., Feb. 28.—To avenge the wrongs to his sister, Philip Strother, one of the defendants on trial for the murder of his brother-in-law, William Bywaters, today stated on the witness stand that, while he did not anticipate trouble, he "shot to kill" when Bywaters attempted to desert his "bride of one hour."

The knowledge of his sister's betrayal, Jas. A. Strother, the other, testified, caused him to become "like a crazy man," and when Bywaters attempted to leave the house he determined to bring her betrayer "to a reckoning."

Four other witnesses, two brothers, a sister and an uncle of Mrs. Bywaters, also testified at today's session.

There was a pathetic scene in the court room when James A. Strother told of the promise he made to his mother on her death bed to "protect and defend the honor of his sister, Viola," the witness breaking down and sobbing.

BRIEF HEARING IN ALTON CASE

No New Developments Yesterday, and Commission Adjourns.

By Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 28.—The hearing of the Interstate Commerce Commission today was brief and developed nothing new, being mainly confined to questioning Auditor Hilliard, of the Chicago and Alton road, concerning capitalization, old betterments and issues of stocks and bonds, and of Controller Mahl, of the Union Pacific, on the practices for raising money. The commission adjourned without a fixed date to meet at Washington at the call of the commission, when the question of compelling Harriman and Otto Kahn to answer questions will be determined.

BIG LOCOMOTIVE WILL BE TESTED

Special to The Journal.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 28.—The largest passenger engine in the world has just been completed at the Pittsburg plant of the American Locomotive Company. It is of the Pacific type and will be tested on the Pennsylvania lines west. If it comes up to anticipation a number of others of the same type will be built. This engine has six drivers, each 80 inches in diameter. The weight on drivers is 170,000, while the entire engine will weigh about 240,000 pounds. There are other engines that weigh as much as this one, but none have been built of that weight with the high drivers. Speed is the one thing sought, and if the engine proves the success expected, it is to be placed on regular runs of the Pennsylvania Special and other "flyers."

EQUIPPING THE NEW BATTLESHIP

Special to The Journal.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 28.—The new battleship Virginia, flagship of Rear Admiral Charles M. Thomas, commander of the Second Division of the Atlantic Fleet, has arrived in the navy yard here for the first time since she went into commission. She will be installed with twenty one-inch submerged torpedo tubes and will be the first American battleship to be fitted with tubes of the type. Later on the new battleships of the Atlantic fleet will be similarly equipped.

GOVERMENT TO AID EXPOSITION

Bill Providing Assistance for Big Seattle Show Is Passed.

GENERAL DEBATE ON SHIP SUBSIDY BILL, UNDER FIVE MINUTE RULE, CARRIED ON IN HOUSE—COMMITTEE TO REPORT ON CODIFICATION OF LAWS.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—The senate today passed the bill extending government aid to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition to be held in 1909 at Seattle, and for several hours debated the denatured alcohol bill without conclusion.

By receding from its position retiring paymaster's clerks an agreement was reached between the two houses on the conference report on the army appropriation bill.

In the House.

Washington, Feb. 28.—With general debate on the ship subsidy bill in the house closed, the discussion continued under the five minute rule until the six o'clock recess. The leaders on both sides took part in the debate.

A joint resolution was adopted creating a commission of five senators and five representatives to review and report to the sixtieth congress the work of the commission codifying the laws of the United States.

Postmasters Nominated.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The president today sent to the senate the nominations of the following to be postmasters: Georgia, N. T. Jones, Pelham; South Carolina, W. H. Reedish, Branchville; M. Cauthen, Kershaw.

SAW THAW SHOOT STANFORD WHITE

Daniel Cannon Imparted This Information to Attorney Sheppard Yesterday.

With the statement that he had very important matters to impart to United States District Attorney Sheppard, Daniel Cannon, a former clerk in the Pensacola postoffice, yesterday morning walked into the office of that official and requested a private interview, which was granted.

Cannon is a well dressed man of more than ordinary intelligence and after becoming a resident of this city secured a position as clerk in the postoffice, which he held until recently in a very satisfactory manner.

In the interview which followed the man told the district attorney that he had witnessed the shooting of Stanford White by Harry K. Thaw in New York. He also said that he was not more than eight or ten feet distant when the shot was fired. One of the important statements for the defense to be made by Cannon was that two days before Thaw killed White he heard the latter make the statement that he intended killing Thaw. This statement, he said, was made in the presence of another party.

He requested that if the district attorney thought this evidence was desired in the trial that he communicate with the proper parties at once and acquaint them of the fact, so that they can summon him as a witness if they desire.

DEAD AS RESULT OF OPIUM POISONING

By Associated Press.

St. Louis, Feb. 28.—At Woodlawn, a suburb, in the home of Emil Koeppen, were found today the dead bodies of Frank Koeppen, aged nine and Selma Giersback, the housekeeper, and beside them, unconscious, lay Bentley Koeppen, aged eight and Robert Koeppen, aged six. The latter will probably die. Physicians believe the tragedy a result of opium poisoning, but the cause is unknown.

PRIMARIES CALLED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE COUNCIL IS POWERLESS TO ACT

Cannot Remedy Conditions Regarding the Registration Books.

The City Council cannot remedy conditions as to the opening of the registration books of the city so that parties can register and participate in the white democratic primaries. This was learned yesterday morning when the special committee, composed of Mayor Bliss, and Aldermen Cahn and Muldon, was informed by the city attorney that no action could be taken by the council that would in any way improve the situation.

It was thought by some of the councilmen that the main trouble lies in the fact that no registration officer had been named by the council, and the intention was to have special meetings of the council, amend the ordinance and appoint an officer at once.

The election laws however, specify the date on which the books shall open and close and the dates fixed are such that the first primary will have passed before the books can be opened, and it is also impossible to change the date of the primary, as the law also specifies that it shall be held at least sixty days before the June election.

Under these conditions the committee was powerless to take any further action and no meetings of the council will be called.

HOSE CARTS ARE FITTED WITH LADDERS

Each One Now Carries Two Ladders as Portion of Equipment.

Under the supervision of Chief Bicker of the fire department the hose carts of companies Nos. 3 and 4 have been fitted with ladders, which will hereafter form a portion of the equipment of each of the companies, with the exception of the one stationed on Garden street, which always responds to the same alarms as the hook and ladder truck.

The work of equipping the wagons with ladders was completed yesterday, and now when a fire occurs and either of the trucks reaches the scene in advance of the hook and ladder truck there will be no delay waiting for the arrival of the latter in order to procure ladders.

Each of the trucks is now equipped with a twenty-foot extension ladder and a twelve-foot roof ladder, which are usually all that are necessary in the residence portion of the city. The ladders are fitted along the side of the wagons and increase the weight but slightly.

It is expected that shortly the hook and ladder truck will be provided with a three horse hitch, in order that three horses may be attached to the truck, and when this is done the equipment of the department will be better than every before known.

MILL MEN TO ASK FOR A NON-SUIT

Stories of Aliens and Promises of Agent Costello Admitted in Evidence.

By Associated Press.

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 28.—In the case of the government against certain mill owners of Charlotte, in the federal circuit court, charged with violation of the immigrant labor laws, Judge Boyd to-day admitted the stories of aliens and the promises of Immigrant Agent Costello as evidence tending to show the offense of violating the law, but not against the defendants Smith and Sargent, from which ruling defense decided upon a motion for a non suit when the government rests its case.

Meeting Held Last Night and Final Action Taken in Matter.

FIRST PRIMARY TO BE HELD APRIL 2

With the Second Following Thirty Days Later, on May 2.

TO BECOME QUALIFIED TO PARTICIPATE IN PRIMARIES IT IS NECESSARY TO PAY POLL TAXES FOR 1905 AND 1906 AT LEAST TEN DAYS BEFORE THE FIRST PRIMARY.

Final action in issuing a call for the first and second primaries to nominate candidates to be voted for in the election of June 4, was taken last night by the City Democratic Executive Committee, when it adopted the call prepared and submitted by the subcommittee at the recent meeting.

Owing to the heavy rain two of the members were absent from the committee meeting, and those answering the call were Chairman Jones, Dr. Warren E. Anderson and Secretary Ed. Gale Quina. After waiting for some time to see if other members would appear the meeting was called to order and the minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Candidates Heard.

Chairman Jones stated the object of the meeting to be to further consider the call for the first and second white democratic primaries, and invited the candidates who were present to discuss the call if they had any objections to its provisions.

A number of candidates spoke, their principal objection being that it did not provide for the opening of registration books before the primaries. Some of them stated that there are a large number of young men of the city who could qualify, having just become of age and other parties are now residents of the city who were not here to qualify when the registration books of the county were open before the general election.

Chairman Jones explained that the committee had no power to rectify this matter, owing to the fact that the election law provided that the books shall not be opened until sixty days before the election of June 4, and that they shall not close until about seven days before that date. The date for opening of the books is therefore several days after the first primary, and as the committee had to be governed by the law relating to the same, it could not make any provision that would allow the registration of parties who were not qualified in the general election.

The candidates all expressed themselves as being satisfied with the provisions of the call except as to the qualifications of voters, and after the explanation by Chairman Jones they all seemed satisfied.

Adoption of Call.

With the exception of a slight amendment which was offered by Dr. Anderson and adopted, the call was adopted as submitted at the first meeting. This amendment is that the candidates can make application to have their names placed upon the ballot and pay the amount of the assessment to Secretary Ed. Gale Quina, thus saving them the trouble of finding the chairman and treasurer.

Poll Taxes Must Be Paid.

Those who desire to participate in the primaries must qualify by paying their poll taxes for the years 1905 and 1906 ten days before the first primary, which is set for April 2, and unless they do so they will be unable to vote.

DEATH PENALTY FOR TOM HARRIS

Man Who Murdered Mrs. Morgan Will Suffer Extreme Penalty March 29.

By Associated Press.

Gaffney, S. C., Feb. 28.—The jury in the case of Tom Harris, charged with killing Mrs. Morgan, returned a verdict of guilty without recommendation to mercy of the court and Harris was sentenced to be hanged March 29.

MORTON RE-ELECTED AS HEAD OF THE EQUITABLE

By Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 28.—Paul Morton was re-elected president of the Equitable Life Insurance Society at the annual meeting to-day. The annual report shows that eighty per cent of all disbursements went to the policy holders and twenty to conduct the business.

Reading With a Moral.

Four Shot Down in Cold Blood By Wealthy Illinois Farmer

By Associated Press.

Bloomington, Ills., Feb. 28.—While waiting trial on the charge of criminal assault on fourteen year old Cora Eisman, Thomas Baldwin, aged sixty-eight, a rich farmer of Colfax, shot and killed Charles Kennedy and wife and fired Sam Eisman and her daughter Cora.

It is alleged that Baldwin settled with the girl's father for a sum of money but subsequently was arrested, for which he blamed Kennedy and Mrs. Eisman.

Baldwin narrowly escaped lynching. He surrendered and is in jail at Bloomington.

Texas Legislature Hands a Hot Roast to Senator Bailey

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 28.—The aftermath of the premature ending of the legislative investigation of charges against United States Senator Bailey came in the house today when several representatives denounced, in heated speeches, the language that Bailey used on the floor of the house last evening in addressing the members who voted against him. Bailey's assertions were characterized as lies, his language as indecent and abusive, and his manner as an insult to the house. Representative Sam Johnson, one of the minority, denounced Bailey as a "wilful, malicious and premediated liar."

Favor Nominations of Public Officials by Direct Vote

By Associated Press.

Flint, Mich., Feb. 28.—The democratic state convention this afternoon placed in nomination for justices of the supreme court George H. Stone, of Ithica and John R. Carr, of Cassopolis. The resolutions favor non partisan judiciary elections, direct popular nominations for United States senators, congressmen and all state and municipal officers; the initiative and referendum and it is demanded that the legislature enact law empowering municipalities to own and operate all public utilities.

Declares Conspiracy Exists To Implicate the Miners

By Associated Press.

Wallace, Idaho, Feb. 28.—While giving elaborate details of a confession signed at the instance of detectives and penitentiary officials in court today Severn Adams declared that a deliberate conspiracy existed between them to implicate leaders of the western Federation of miners in the assassination of ex-Governor Steunenbeug, built on false evidence secured by threats and bribes.

ABOLISHED THE DEATH PENALTY

Action of Porto Rican Assembly Saves Lives of Several Condemned Men.

By Associated Press.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Feb. 28.—The legislative assembly to-day adopted a bill providing for the abolishment of the death penalty, saving the lives of several awaiting execution.

HOLD ARMS CONSIGNED TO FIGHTING REPUBLICS

By Associated Press.

New Orleans, Feb. 28.—Fire arms consigned to both the Honduran and Nicaraugan governments are being held by the federal authorities awaiting instruction from the treasury department as to whether or not they are contraband war.

RAILWAY SHOPS FOR MACON, GA.

By Associated Press.

Macon, Feb. 28.—At a meeting of the directors of the Central of Georgia railway to-day it was decided to erect and equip shops and effect other improvements to property here at a cost of not less than one million dollars.

DYNAMITE KILLS ENTIRE FAMILY

By Associated Press.

Carmi, Ill., Feb. 28.—Dynamite secured to remove stumps from a field exploded today, killing Rev. J. B. Little, his father, his wife and baby, and two children were fatally injured. The residence was totally destroyed.

Broker Sully Ill.

New York, Feb. 28.—Daniel Sully, the broker, is seriously ill with pneumonia. Physicians are administering oxygen.