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BEACH CASE WILL GO TO JURY TODAY

PROSECUTION PRACTICALLY FINISHES EVIDENCE, MOSTLY CIRCUMSTANTIAL.

EIGHT WITNESSES ARE HEARD

None Is Able to Tell How Assault Occurred—Mrs. Beach Will Testify Today That a Negro Assaulted Her

Aiken, S. C., Feb. 4.—The prosecution in the case of Frederick O. Beach today practically finished the construction of its circumstantial case by which it purposes to show that the New York millionaire assaulted his wife and inflicted a cut on her throat. All but one or two of the State's witnesses were examined.

Not one of the eight witnesses whose testimony consumed the first day of the trial could tell just how the assault occurred. Four members of the Wyman family, living directly across the street, told of hearing a series of screams from different parts of the Beach premises about 9:30 o'clock on the night of February 27th.

MAY PROBE ELECTION ANYWAY

Author of Principal Charges Against West Virginia Senators Withdraws Allegations—Committee Will Proceed

Washington, Feb. 4.—Despite the fact that the author of the principal charges of corruption in the election of Senators Watson and Chilton, of West Virginia, today withdrew his allegations, the Senate Elections Committee may proceed to an investigation.

This was because both Senators today submitted to the committee a statement in their defense, instead of presenting it to the Senate. The committee holds that if it considers the explanation of the two Senators it must also hear any statements on the other side, while if they make their statements to the Senate, it can decide whether to order further consideration.

After considering the case today the committee recessed until Saturday to await the action of the two Senators, who expressed themselves as undecided on what course to pursue.

L. G. Shock, a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates, who had made a statement that he had been paid \$1,000 and offered more to vote for Watson and Chilton, today presented to the committee a statement that his declaration was an effort to advance the candidacy of John McGraw, a rival of Senator Watson.

Both West Virginia Senators presented the committee with a complete denial of the charges which they branded as absurd.

Senatorship in House Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 4.—A sensation was created in the House of Delegates today when a telegram purporting to have been sent by L. J. Shock, to United States Senator Clarence Watson, was read on the floor.

ALL QUIET ALONG TCHATALJA LINES

Turks Remain on Defensive and Make No Attempt at a Sortie.

London, Feb. 4.—The Turks remain on the defensive at the Tchatalja lines and Adrianople. The Adrianople fortress replies only feebly to the Bulgarian bombardment and apparently no attempt has been made in the way of a sortie.

The Turkish newspaper Tanin asserts that Adrianople has sufficient provisions for four months, and other Turkish reports declare that the fortress certainly will be able to hold out for several weeks.

Official quarters in Constantinople breathe a spirit of great confidence in the new regime and declare that the winter weather precludes serious operations along the Tchatalja lines for the present.

Meanwhile diplomacy has made no step forward since the resumption of hostilities and the Porte has made no further communication either to the powers or the allies.

Should it turn out that Adrianople can resist for any considerable time, diplomatic negotiations are likely to remain at a standstill, although in the European capitals a settlement by diplomacy rather than by arms is still hoped for.

There is no confirmation of the reported occupation of Scutari by the Montenegrins.

SUBWAY CONTRACTS HELD UP

Counsel for Hearst Secures Injunction Against New York Public Service Commission—Objections to Plan

New York, Feb. 4.—Thirty minutes before the Public Service Commission was to have met this afternoon to sign the operating contracts for New York's new \$300,000,000 subway, an injunction was served, prohibiting the commission from taking action.

The injunction was obtained on the petition of John J. Hopper, formerly candidate for Governor of New York on the Independence League ticket. It is returnable February 8th.

George S. Coleman, attorney for the Public Service Commission, later applied to the appellate division of the Supreme Court for an order to vacate the injunction.

The proposed contracts for the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company and the New York Municipal Railway Company agree to divide the cost of construction with the city and to equip the new lines in return for the privilege of operating them for 48 years.

In 1905 all subway lines are to become the property of the city. One advantage of the plan, according to its advocates, is that it would enable all the city's subway lines to be operated as one with a five cent fare and free transfers.

Its opponents argue that plan fails to give the city its due share of supervision or of the profits of subway transportation. In return for the investment of \$600,000,000 in the new subways the Interborough is to receive \$56,338,960 a year, representing its annual profits on the lines now under operation and 6 per cent to cover interest and sinking fund on the bonds it will have to issue for its share of the new construction and equipment.

JANITOR TELLS A STARTLING STORY

John Farrell, Recently Discharged, Confesses to Bomb Outrages.

New York, Feb. 4.—John Paul Farrell, a discharged apartment house janitor, confessed today that he had killed Mrs. Bernard Herrera Sunday night by means of a bomb he had made, and that by similar means he had caused the death of Mrs. Helen Taylor a year ago and attempted the life of Judge Otto A. Rosalsky, of the Court of General Sessions last March.

Farrell was held tonight on a charge of murder of Mrs. Herrera. Although the police are convinced the man is mentally unbalanced, Deputy Commissioner Dougherty tonight said detectives he had sent out in numbers to investigate the case have learned enough to lead them to believe Farrell's startling story is true in the essential, though not in many details.

Every time Farrell had a grievance he seems to have settled the business with a bomb. The trouble with Mrs. Herrera, he said, was that she "freed" him from his job as janitor and hired a negro in his place. He wanted to get Judge Rosalsky out of the way because the jurist had sentenced Joseph Harvey, a "pal", to serve 39 years in Sing Sing for stealing \$16 worth of jewelry.

Farrell wanted to kill the Taylor woman—sometimes known as Grace Walker—more than he wanted to kill his father. In his early story Farrell said she was his daughter and he slew her because she had gone wrong. Later he recanted this and said she was an intimate friend, but gave no reason for killing her.

Having disposed of the bomb mysteries, Farrell confessed, the police assert, to having perpetrated a series of robberies in Brooklyn and the robbery of the Johnson home. Harvey and Farrell's accomplices, as John McDermott, alias "Liverpool Jack", Farrell's picture is in the rogue's gallery in Jersey City, according to information brought to Dougherty.

Farrell's desire to confess to so many crimes led Mr. Dougherty to doubt his sanity. He immediately set to work verifying the story. While detectives were busy at this the janitor kept the stenographers busy talking down fresh details of his protracted story.

FIREMEN FAVOR A STRIKE

Vote in Ballot Now Being Taken Will Be Completed by Saturday Night. Willing to Meet the Railroads Half Way.

New York, Feb. 4.—All the votes in the strike ballot now being counted by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemakers on 54 Eastern railroads will have been received by Saturday night, according to a statement tonight by T. Shea, assistant to President W. S. Carter, of the brotherhood. Mr. Carter is expected here Sunday, when the result of the ballot probably will be in hand.

That the firemen still hope for an amicable settlement was made plain by Mr. Shea, who said that as soon as the result of the strike ballot was known the firemen's committee would request a conference with the managers and again offer to arbitrate under the Erdman Act.

"Our demands are fair and reasonable," Shea said, "and while we are sure of this we are willing to meet the managers half way in an equitable settlement."

The railway managers in a statement tonight say that chief among the propositions which the railroads have offered to arbitrate is a demand for two firemen on all freight engines of more than 200 pounds weight on the drivers. On this point, the statement concedes there are cases deserving relief. To settle this demand the managers propose that each case be referred back to the local officers and men for decision and where they are unable to reach a judgment to refer the matter to a permanent committee of appeal for all of the 54 railroads.

Proceedings in Senate and House Told in Paragraphs Washington, Feb. 4.—Day in Congress convened at noon.

Fortification Appropriation bill, carrying \$5,215,250, was reported. Washington women workers objected before the Senate committee to a Labor table eight-hour bill for women workers. Efforts to have former Senator Bailey's farewell address printed as public document defeated by Senator Smoot's objection.

GOVERNOR NAMES RATE COMMISSION

Council, Justice and Broughton to Confer With Railroad Officials.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 4.—A message from Governor Craig to the General Assembly today reported the appointment of Senator W. B. Council, Representative E. J. Justice and N. B. Broughton as the commission under the joint resolution to confer with railroad officials as to the possibility of eliminating inter-State freight rate discriminations against North Carolina shipping points amicably and report back to the Legislature by February 25th.

It is not known yet whether Mr. Broughton will accept the appointment.

The Senate has passed the joint resolution from the House to increase the number of judges, judicial districts and solicitors from 16 to 20 and tabled a motion to reconsider, as did the House, in order that the matter cannot be re-opened or referred from during this session.

The legislative fight over the allotment of space in the splendid new \$100,000 dollar fire-proof State building to be completed February 15th, began today with the introduction of a joint resolution by Dillinger for three Senators and five Representatives to investigate and report as to whether the allotments of State department quarters as made by the State Building Commission and making room for the departments of education and insurance especially possible by leaving the Supreme Court in the present old quarters and cutting down the space allotted to the Historical Commission, as is referred to elsewhere in this correspondence.

The House Committee on Constitutional Amendments has decided to propose an amendment to the joint resolution, the ratification of which is pending, for the appointment of a commission of five Senators, eight Representatives and five commissioners, named by the Governor, to constitute a commission to take in hand bills to amend the constitution and formulate proposed amendments to be reported to an adjourned or special Legislature next Fall.

The amendment suggested by Representative Page and just adopted by the committee provides that the House at once and the joint resolution which has already passed both houses amended before ratification.

REPEAL OF CANAL ACT.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The repeal of the Panama canal free tolls provision, proposed in an amendment by Senator Root to the recently passed canal administration law, is to be taken up Friday at a meeting of the Senate committee on Inter-Oceanic Canals.

The belief is held among military experts here that no serious operations are to be expected at the Tchatalja lines for the present. The condition of the southern portion of the zone between the lines of the belligerents is such as to render the movement of men impossible. It is little better than a morass. Only on the higher ground in the northern region can the armies come into contact, and it seems improbable that either side will indulge in any attack in force.

Constantinople, Feb. 4.—The Bulgarians, according to reports received tonight, are retiring from the burning village of Tchatalja, especially on the left wing. This is regarded as a strategic movement, possibly with the idea of drawing the Turks into the offensive.

The total area infested with the boll weevil in 1912 was 278,800 square miles as compared with 271,500 in 1911. Texas with 11,050 square miles, led all other States in the area of infested territory gained during the year. Alabama came second with 9,100 square miles; Florida third with 2,200 square miles, and Mississippi fourth, with 370 square miles.

OUTLINES

The Republicans won their fight yesterday to secure an executive session of the Senate, but the Democrats forced an early adjournment. An injunction was secured against the New York Public Service Commission yesterday, restraining them from signing operating contracts for the city's new \$300,000,000 subway. The prosecution practically completed its case yesterday against Frederick O. Beach, charged with an assault on his wife, and the case is expected to go to the jury some time today. Notwithstanding the fact that the principal charges of corruption brought against the two West Virginia Senators have been withdrawn, the Senate Elections Committee will investigate their election.

BATTLESHIP CAUCUS

No-Battleship Democrats Prepare to Wage Hot Fight Washington, Feb. 4.—With "no battleships" as their slogan, members of the House opposed to a big navy today got a sufficient number of signatures to a petition for a democratic caucus on the question of how many battleships shall be authorized this year. The caucus will be held before Friday, when the House Naval Affairs Committee is scheduled to vote on the new construction section of the Naval Appropriation bill.

Signers of the petition hope to have a caucus and the majority to vote against any appropriation for battleships on the ground that economy demands such a stand by the Democrats. It has been generally conceded that the Naval Affairs Committee would report a provision for two battleships.

Sentiment among the Democrats is divided, but only a small number can be found to predict that the caucus will commit itself to a "no-battleship" programme.

BOLL WEEVIL SPREADING

Mild Winter Enables Pest to Make Gain of 7,300 Square Miles Washington, Feb. 4.—Despite the check in the movement of the cotton boll weevil during the last year, on account of the unusual climatic conditions of the Winter of 1911-12, the insect has made a net gain of 7,300 square miles, according to a report made to the Department of Agriculture by W. D. Hunter and W. D. Pierce, in charge of the Southern field crop insect investigations.

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Games to Begin at 2 P. M. Windy City Fans Will Have Time to Get Home for Dinner Chicago, Feb. 4.—National League baseball games in this city will begin at 2 o'clock in the afternoon during the coming season instead of 3 o'clock as has been the practice.