

JEROME PLAYS TRUMP CARD

AIMS FOR VERDICT OF MURDER

The District Attorney Abandons His Tentative Plan of Sending Henry Thaw to a Madhouse, and Will Endeavor to Secure a Straightout Conviction for Murder in the First Degree. Success in Getting Mrs. White's Brother on the Stand in the Face of Strong Opposition From the Defense—He Declines Conviction He Had With Thaw to Show That the Defendant Was Not Insane—The End of the Long Trial is Now in Sight and Plans for the Final Stages Were Arranged Yesterday.

JEROME'S STRONGEST CARD.

Mr. Jerome played to-day probably the strongest card he holds—evidence which came to his knowledge but a few days ago, and which undoubtedly caused him to abandon the idea of sending White's slayer to a madhouse, and to try for a straightout conviction under the criminal statutes. The evidence came from Mrs. Stanford White's brother, James C. Smith, who told a remarkably succinct story of the events on Madison Square Garden the night White was killed, and of a long conversation he had with Thaw just prior to the shooting. It seems that Thaw sat for some time with Smith during the fatal first performance of "Mille Champagne" and discussed with him a variety of topics in a manner, Mr. Smith declared, such as any sane man would talk. Mr. Smith, during the conversation in detail, omitting nothing, he asserted, with the brother-in-law of the man who was so soon to be a victim of his pistol. Thaw discussed the play, Wall Street, common acquaintances, plans for the summer and many other things, including a "brunette" whom Thaw declared he was anxious to have Smith meet. Thaw said he and his wife were going abroad later in the summer.

NO HINT OF TRAGEDY.

There was no hint anywhere in the repeated conversation of Thaw's intent to inflict bodily harm upon any one. Mr. Smith did say, however, that Thaw, not having any money, had named about the garden and continually looked in the direction of the spot where he subsequently killed Stanford White.

Attorney Delmas, for the defense, bitterly fought the introduction of this evidence, but after a long to-day, renewing his argument began yesterday. He declared that Mr. Smith was properly a witness in chief and should not be allowed to testify in rebuttal. Mr. Jerome replied that he had known only for a few days the real value of the evidence, and that the conversation with Thaw—and he appealed to the discretion of the court to allow the testimony to go in.

INDICTED FOR LAND FRAUDS.

Federal Grand Jury of New York Returns Indictments Against Certain New Yorkers.

New York, March 12.—Several indictments were reported to-day by the federal grand jury, which has been investigating important alleged violations of the Federal statutes. It was rumored that among the indictments were a number dealing with the recent taking of title to valuable coal lands in the Big Horn basin of Wyoming by certain persons residing in the suburbs of New York. These persons assigned their rights in the lands to the Owl Creek Mining Company and the Northwestern Coal Company, both said to be subsidiary corporations of the Burlington Railroad, which is now building a branch line into the Big Horn basin in order that it may get the coal haul of that section.

POLICEMAN ON STAND.

There was another policeman on the stand to-day who saw Thaw the night of the tragedy and who declared the defendant at that time acted in a rational manner. Mr. Jerome also summoned to the stand Dr. Carson Hunt, two physicians to whom Evelyn Nesbit is said to have gone with, "Jack" Barrimore, the actor. Mr. Delmas objected and Dr. Flint was not allowed to testify. It was said later that Dr. Flint had been served with a new subpoena—by the defense, which would be introduced in rebuttal to answer the questions he was not permitted to answer to-day.

KILLED IN SALOON BRAWL

Former Professional Baseball Player Shot by Bartender—Slayer Claims Self-Defense. St. Louis, March 12.—Patrick J. Hynes, who two seasons ago, pitched for the St. Louis American League team and who was signed with Milwaukee for the coming season, was shot in the head and killed to-day in the saloon of Harry V. Grover, Louis V. Richardson, the bar tender, was arrested charged with the killing. Richardson declared he fired in self-defense and W. O. Stanbury, held by the police as a witness, corroborated the story. Both the trouble arose over Hynes having ordered some beer and refusing to pay for it. Hynes threw a pretzel bowl at Richardson and then brandished a mop whereupon Richardson fired. The bullet passed the whirpool rapidly. Motorman Everett Ramsdell was killed. Dr. and Mrs. M. B. Nery, of Sioux City, Iowa, and Miss Nery were struck on the back and badly bruised, and S. C. Lindsay and wife, of Pittsburg, were injured, the former having his hands mashed. The injured were taken to the Prospect House.

THE CLOSING PLANS.

It was after this conflict of closing stages of the case was reached. Mr. Jerome said he would introduce as witnesses to-morrow Abraham Hummel and his photographer. Then if his plans carried, he would conclude the State's case with the testimony of three experts. Dr. Austin Flint, Carlos F. MacDonald and Wm. Mahon. It was agreed that after the case was heard, the State would sur-rebuttal each side shall have one clear day for the summing up. Then the jury will be sequestered and the consideration of the evidence by the jury.

ANGRY PEOPLE SEEK NEGRO

ATTEMPTED CRIMINAL ASSAULT

Miss Pittman, Music Teacher in Marion County, Fiercely Assaulted by Negro Brute—Woman Put up a Game Fight and Frightens Negro Away—A Suspect Arrested at Dillon and Deputies Take Him Through the Country to Fayetteville. The Governor of South Carolina Orders Sheriff to the Scene—Miss Pittman Able to Pass Upon the Suspects Brought Before Her.

A SUSPECT CAPTURED.

A suspect was captured at Dillon early this morning, but it is not thought likely he is the guilty man. He appears to be a weak-minded negro. The circumstances against him are that he has not given a satisfactory account of himself for the past twenty-four hours, and that he knew more about the case than he would tell. He is thought by some to be the negro who eluded capture at Latta last night. This negro attempted to board a train and when some white men attempted to arrest him he got away. This capture was reported to the Governor this morning, who immediately communicated with the sheriff's office at Marion and ordered that official to the scene.

SHERIFF ON SCENE.

The Sheriff went at once to Dillon, but has not been heard from since. The Dillon suspect left that place in charge of two deputies yesterday for the Marion jail, but was carried on to Fayetteville instead, the purpose being to finally land him at Raleigh. Miss Pittman has not seen him. Miss Pittman was in a terrible nervous state all yesterday, but she is much improved to-day, and was able to look at several suspects carried before her. As each was presented to her she promptly declared he was not the man.

VICTIM OF BLACK DEMON.

North Carolina Lady, a School Teacher, Outraged at Mallory—Lustful Wretch Taken to Raleigh for Safe-Keeping. Special to The Observer. Fayetteville, March 12.—A lady named Miss Pittman, of Rowland, N. C., was outraged last night at Mallory, a small station on the Coast Line between Latta and Clo, S. C., where she was teaching school, by a negro named Nathan Mallory, who was brought here to-day by officers from South Carolina to be placed in jail for safe-keeping after instructions from Governor Glenn. Sheriff Watson and the South Carolina officers carried the negro to Raleigh through the county as the best guard against mob violence. This last action was more necessary, as it is confidently believed here that a crowd is coming to Fayetteville from South Carolina and the neighborhood of Rowland to-night, thinking the negro is in jail here to lynch him.

TRAGEDY OVER DISPUTED TREE.

Tennessee Farmer Shoots and Kills His Brother—Men Lived on Adjoining Farms. Knoxville, Tenn., March 12.—Joe Hill, aged 50 years, shot and instantly killed his brother, Dock Hill, aged 40, near Chestnut Hill, Jefferson county, to-day. The men lived on adjoining farms which had been left him several years ago by their father. They have been at odds for a long time over a disputed boundary line. To-day they had trouble over the cutting of a tree on disputed territory. Dock Hill fired three charges from a shotgun at his brother, but at such long range that no harm was done. Joe Hill at once went to his home, secured a rifle and returning to the scene shot his brother through the forehead. At last reports Joe Hill had not been arrested, although he had not left the scene.

ICICLE DROPS ON CAR.

The Motorman Killed and Several Passengers Injured—Chunk of Ice Fell From Niagara Gorge. Niagara Falls, N. Y., March 12.—A huge icicle dropped from the cliffs of the Niagara gorge onto a trolley car of the gorge road this afternoon as it was passing the whirlpool rapids. Motorman Everett Ramsdell was killed. Dr. and Mrs. M. B. Nery, of Sioux City, Iowa, and Miss Nery were struck on the back and badly bruised, and S. C. Lindsay and wife, of Pittsburg, were injured, the former having his hands mashed. The injured were taken to the Prospect House.

To Extend a Virginia Railroad.

Roanoke, Va., March 12.—The stockholders of the Big Stone Railway Company met here to-day in the offices of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company for the purpose of securing address and response. Because of the failure of the arrival of many members, the committee reports which were to have been made this afternoon were postponed until to-morrow.

Southern Ice Exchange Meets.

Atlanta, Ga., March 12.—The annual meeting of the Southern Ice Exchange began a three days session here to-day with delegates present from all sections of the South. The morning session was devoted to welcoming address and responses. Because of the failure of the arrival of many members, the committee reports which were to have been made this afternoon were postponed until to-morrow.

Convention of Life-Savers.

Norfolk, Va., March 12.—June 12, 18 and 14 have been fixed as the dates, and Norfolk as the place, of the next meeting of the Atlantic Coast & Gulf Life-Savers. The arrangements for the convention are in the hands of a committee from the life-savers of this, the seventh district.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE.

ACCESSIBLE TO NEGRO SOLDIERS

Evidence at Hearing of Brownsville Affair to the Effect that Ammunition for the Army Rifles is Not Guarded as Closely as the Soldiers Would Have the Investigating Committee Believe—Residents of Brownsville Had Made Threats Against Negroes—Bullets Might Have Been Fired From Mauer Rifles, According to Army Officers. The Time Required for Cleaning a Rifle.

SOLDIERS LOSE THEM.

On cross-examination by Senator Warner the witness said that it was not difficult for a soldier to obtain a few extra cartridges nor was it unusual for soldiers to lose one or two from their allowance. He said that the inspecting officers could not always be exact in counting the ammunition. When soldiers lose ammunition the cartridges are charged against them, but the witness said that they were only tried for negligence when they became chronic losers. At target practice he said the men were supplied with 10 or 20 cartridges, according to the amount of shooting to be done, but he thought if they were disposed to do so they could take a few extra ones. At this point a recess was taken until 1 o'clock.

45 MINUTES TO CLEAN.

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Editor of The Atlanta Georgian Knocked Down by J. H. Crutchfield—The Attack Without Warning and from Behind—Crutchfield Later Arrested. Atlanta, March 12.—Col. John Temple Graves, editor of The Atlanta Georgian, was assaulted on a prominent corner here to-day, being struck from behind without warning by J. H. Crutchfield. Colonel Graves was knocked to the pavement and taken to a hospital. Crutchfield, who was on his first in the attack, is a muscular man, towering above Colonel Graves by many inches. A friend of Colonel Graves immediately attacked Crutchfield, who fled and escaped.

INTEREST IN JAP CRUISER.

The Teukuga, Which is Coming to Hampton Roads, Was Built in Two Hills by Japanese Workmen. Washington, March 12.—A goodly number of American naval officers will watch with interest the entry into Hampton Roads of the big Japanese armored cruiser Teukuga. Their interest is explained by two facts, first, that the ship was built in America, and second, that the Japanese cruiser is perfect in every detail. Second, that the Teukuga was under commission and on the high seas within two years from the date her keel was laid down in Japan. No such speed of construction of this has ever been attained in American shipyards, at least where naval work involved, and the best British record, namely in the case of the Dreadnought, is only slightly better than that made by the Japanese shipwrights in the building of the Teukuga.

THE JAMESTOWN STAMPS.

A Five Cent Blue Stamp, to Bear the Head of Pocahontas, Added. Washington, March 12.—The Postmaster General to-day decided to add a five cent stamp to the ones and two already determined upon to constitute the memorial series for the Jamestown Ter-Centennial Exposition. The five cent stamp will bear a likeness of the head of Pocahontas, printed in blue. Eight million stamps are to be used of this denomination, to supply the demand for foreign postage. The head of Captain John Smith, in green, is to decorate the one cent stamp, of which 10,000,000 are being printed, while a descriptive scene, "The Founding of Jamestown," representing the first landing on that island, is pictured in red on the two cent stamps, of which 14,000,000 are to be issued.

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FORMAL SERVICES OVER DOWIE

Little Band of the Faithful Pay Tribute, While Thousands of Restoration Hosts Ridicule and Scorn—Dispute Over His Last Hours—Body to Rest in a Hermetically Sealed Vault.

Chicago, March 12.—Funeral services were held last night for John Alexander Dowie by the little band of the faithful who stood by him while thousands of the once great restoration host ridiculed and scorned. Refusing to accept conciliatory measures offered by Gladstone Dowie in the form of a share in the last rites over his father's body, Deacon J. W. Cutler asked six assistants to be chosen, chosen by Dowie as the ecclesiastical rulers of his church in Zion City, held formal services, which, they said, were the only possible ceremonies under the Christian Catholic Apostolic church in Zion.

BODIES HURLED INTO SPACE.

The entire after part of the Iona was blown to pieces. The bodies of the victims were hurled through the air by a succession of explosions and the panic-stricken workmen at the arsenal fled from the vicinity of the dry dock for the life boats. The French submarine boat Lutin, in which 16 men met death.

WITH AWFUL SUDDENNESS.

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American Audit Company Still Checking Up—Florida Concern Says Discrepancy Could Not Have Secured Goods But For Black's Personal Visit. Observer Bureau. Columbia, S. C., March 12. When the dispensary commission met this afternoon the claims on file for black purchase, as represented by the American Audit Company, is not yet finished checking up. It will be ready with a report about Thursday. There was no sworn testimony to-day, but representations of whiskey houses asked to make statements and were allowed to do so.

WATER STOPS EXPLOSION.

It is declared that for 30 minutes the authorities were unable to discover the keys with which to open the locks to flood the dry dock and submerge the ship, but when they did finally open the locks the water rushed in onto the Iona and the explosion came to an end.

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FRENCH SHIP BLOWS UP

DEATH LIST MAY REACH EIGHTY

Magazines on the French Battleship Explode, Hurting Officers and Bluejackets Into Space and Destroying the Vessel's Accidents Said to Have Been Caused by a Torpedo—The Warship Splink and Span For a Cruise, Having Only Slightly Undergone Inspection—Shells and Powder Exploding, Causing Work of Destruction—Sailors Fully Mangled by Flying Fragments and Many of the Victims Blown to Pieces.

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