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GEROME HAS THE BES OF SPARRING

Objections Block Testimony for the Prisoner.

THE WILL BROUGHT IN

Mrs. Thaw's Note Referring to White As a Backguard Produced and Read to the Jury—Witness Strikes a Hard Row of Stumps.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 11.—Answering a hypothetical question covering every detail of the testimony up to this time in the Thaw trial, including Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw's narration of her life history to the defendant, Dr. Charles G. Wagner, superintendent of the State Hospital for the insane, at Binghamton, N. Y., declared on the witness stand late today that in his opinion Harry K. Thaw did not know that the act was wrong when he shot and killed Stanford White.

and we are trying to prove it by a series of tests before and after this occurrence.

Justice Fitzgerald sustained the objection.

Mr. Thaw, did you in any conversation with your husband state to him that after your marriage May McKen-

Mr. Jerome again objected on the broad ground that some alienist should first show that Harry was of unound mind at the time of the occurrence covered by the question of counsel, and that the stories told him might have affected his mind in the way desired to indicate.

The objection was sustained.

What effect upon Thaw did the presence of Stanford White have? asked Mr. Delmas.

Again Mr. Jerome objected and was sustained.

Objections at Every Point.

"Upon your return from Europe in 1904, on a North German Lloyd steamer," Mr. Thaw present on the stand.

"Yes sir."

"When on the steamer do you remember whether Mr. Thaw told you anything about a certain young girl and what happened to her at the hands of Stanford White?"

The court sustained another objection by Mr. Jerome and the witness.

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CRUSHED BY CARS

Richard Wilcox Dies of His Injuries.

Passenger Coaches Ran Down on Him While He Was Oiling Locomotive in the Seaboard Yards at Hamlet.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Hamlet, N. C., Feb. 11.—Yesterday morning at two o'clock Richard Wilcox, whose home was at Lumberton, was run over by some runaway cars and sustained injuries from which he died 12 hours later.

The shifting crew had just placed the coaches for train No. 40. The shifting engine was standing in front of the passenger station, and Wilcox was standing on the front part of the engine oiling the release brakes when the passenger coaches, which had been left standing some distance away, began moving and bore down upon the unfortunate young man before he was aware that anything was wrong. His right leg was crushed off and his left one crushed almost into pulp.

He was attended by the physicians of Hamlet, but there was nothing that could be done to save him. He had only been at work eight days. This is the second man from Lumberton killed in the yards here this year.

Barred at Kingsdale.

Lumberton, N. C., Feb. 11.—The remainder of the night was spent at Kingsdale, where he met death Saturday night while in the discharge of his duty as a watchman at the Kingsdale yard.

He was about 21 years old and was a son of Mr. Isaiah Wilcox of this county.

FOR A NEW COURT HOUSE

Initial Order Taken by Commissioners of Robeson County.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Lumberton, N. C., Feb. 11.—The Board of County Commissioners was in session today and it is a source of delight that an order was made looking to the building of a new court house.

The action of the commissioners is prompted by a consideration of the condition of the court house, safety of records, sanitary condition and further consideration of reports of recent grand juries in respect to it. The order that was made today will be call to the attention of Robeson's Representatives in the present Legislature to make arrangements for authorizing the issuance of bonds for this purpose.

"LEE COUNTY" SPECIAL

Five Hundred Citizens Coming to See the Job Well Done.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Stanford, N. C., Feb. 11.—The "Lee County" special will leave here tomorrow at 9:30 a. m., carrying about five hundred representative citizens of the town and surrounding country to be present at the meeting of the House Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns, which will make a report on the bill to establish Lee county.

Mr. M. McKenzie, representing a cannery company of Baltimore, is here soliciting subscriptions for a proposed cannery factory to be established at this place.

\$18,000,000 MORTGAGE

Recorded by Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company.

Eighteen million dollars is the amount of a mortgage recorded in the office of the register of deeds of Wake county by the Seaboard Air Line. The mortgage is given to the Morton Trust Company and James L. Burke, trustee of the mortgage. The fact is set forth that the mortgage is given for the acquisition of new equipment.

A mortgage of this kind is required by law to be recorded in every county through which the line of road extends. It will cost something like \$400 in registration fees in North Carolina alone.

BIG ITEM FOR A DEEP WATER-WAY

Committee Adopts Simmons' Amendment.

TAR HEELS REJOICING

Project Contemplates Expenditure of \$780,000 for a Twelve Foot Channel Connecting Pamlico Sound With the Atlantic Ocean.

By THOMAS J. FENCE.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 11.—There was much rejoicing on the part of the North Carolina delegation today when the fact was ascertained that Senator Simmons had succeeded in having the Senate Committee on Commerce incorporate in the River and Harbor bill an amendment appropriating \$780,000 for the construction of a twelve foot channel between Pamlico Sound and the ocean, thus giving deep water to the numerous sound rivers in the State. That the Senate will accept the amendment for this big appropriation is not doubted, but there is reason to believe that it will be opposed in conference by the House.

The Senate conferees have assured Senator Simmons that they will insist on the retention of this amendment in the bill, and if they hold out to the end the senior Senator believes they will, the State will get the benefit of this important appropriation.

The importance of Senator Simmons' victory can be judged when the fact is recalled that the House only gave all the Tar Heel rivers and harbor interests appropriations to the amount of \$530,000.

It is doubtful whether the senior Senator could have accomplished this result had it not been for the fact that he is a member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, which passes on the River and Harbor bill.

The appropriation which Senator Simmons successfully advocated today will construct the third section of the proposed inland waterway so persistently advocated by Representative Small.

While urging the importance of the appropriation from this standpoint, Senator Simmons also emphasized the fact that it would give the State a deep waterway for a distance of three miles deep water to the ocean. The bulk of the appropriation, if granted by Congress, will be used in making a four mile cut to depth of twelve feet at Adams Creek, which connects the ocean and the sound.

The Committee on Commerce had the project under consideration for more than an hour today.

Senator Overman was before the committee during the session and called the acceptance of his amendment appropriating \$400,000 for the improvement of the upper Cape Fear river, Wilmington and Fayetteville.

The appropriation calls for the construction of a lock and dam. Senator Overman spoke at length of the importance of this project and the fact that there are strong influences in Congress opposed to it.

The Committee on Commerce adopted Senator Simmons' amendment providing for a thirty-foot survey of Beaufort Harbor. The present project is for a twenty-foot depth.

A distinct event in the social life of the capital this winter was the reception given this afternoon at the Highlands by Mrs. Simmons and Mrs. McKinstry, the wife of the Senator from Washington.

Official and social life was well represented, and practically all of the North Carolina colony here extended their compliments to the charming hostess of the Senator.

Mrs. B. Andrews, of Raleigh, was among those in the receiving line, and Mrs. Gudger served. The reception was one of the most delightful affairs of the winter.

Today's arrivals included Clement Manly, of Winston, J. Westcott Robertson, of Guilford, and J. O. Ellington, of Fayetteville.

The President sent to the Senate today the nomination of C. M. McCall to be postmaster at Marion.

Overman Also Scores.

Senator Overman also scored today in a legislative matter. Some time ago the Senator secured the passage of the bill appropriating fifteen thousand dollars for the erection of a monument to General Nathaniel Greene, at Guilford battle ground. The speaker has refused to permit consideration of the measure in the House and there the matter stood. While the military appropriation bill was under consideration in the Senate today Senator Overman offered his bill as an amendment to that measure. It was first ruled out on a point of order, but Senator Overman rallied his friends, and on the final vote the amendment was incorporated in the appropriation bill.

Senator Simmons' deep channel amendment the only danger to the Greene monument proposition is that it may be killed in conference.

There was some talk tonight of the effect that the advocates of the Gulf to the Lake scheme in the Senate, who are not recognized in the River and Harbor bill, will talk the measure to death in the final days of the session. There are many disgruntled Senators and members who don't like the division of the pork, but the barrel is such a large one it is not believed it can be defeated.

A frenzied financier says the open season for suckers is never closed.

When a man tries to please his wife's relatives he attempts the impossible.

WANTS TO CENSOR THE NEWSPAPERS

Another Rooseveltian Idea Put Forward.

POSER FOR CORTELYOU

If He Should Exclude Papers From the Mail He Would Not Know Where to Begin or Where to Stop—The Contract a Biz One.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 11.—President Roosevelt's suggestion that papers printing the details of the Thaw trial be debarred from the mails is recognized as one of merit, but the feeling in Congressional circles is that no action should be taken which can be construed as censoring the press.

Only two New York papers printed the full details of the testimony complained of. Where the postoffice inspector would draw the line as to the printing of court news is the question that is puzzling Mr. Cortelyou, to whom the matter has been referred. It was stated today that an inspector of the country with a daily paper receiving an account of the Thaw trial, and that there would be daily contests in the courts and elsewhere, as to whether the papers had complied with postal regulations in printing certain details.

Roosevelt's Letter to Cortelyou.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The following statement was given out at the White House today:

"The President has communicated with Postmaster General Cortelyou to know whether it is feasible to bar from the mails the papers that give the full, disgusting details of the Thaw case. He does not know whether it is feasible, but if he wishes it done."

Postmaster General Cortelyou has received the letter from the President, but he declines to discuss the matter to indicate what, if any, action will be taken.

President Roosevelt has received a number of protests from persons who think that newspapers printing the full details of the Thaw case should be prohibited transmission through the mails. One of these was a long telegraph protest from a newspaper, the name of which, however, was not given out at the White House.

The recent discussion of the question in the Senate has caused a number of tax-payers to feel that the short-coming of the bond is not collected out of the bond. It will almost bankrupt the county.

There is only another sample of Republican misrule in the State. The good, honest people who have been voting the Republican ticket are beginning to see the fruits of the Republican rule, and are so expressing themselves. The tax-payers need to be relieved from the crowd that is now handling the county finances.

PREFER COUNTRY LIFE

Mechanicville People Do Not Want Their Settlement Incorporated.

(Special to News and Observer.)

High Point, N. C., Feb. 11.—A large majority of the people residing in Mechanicville, the suburb north of High Point, comprising a population of about 1,500, have decreed that they will not separate from the present order of things, which would mean the establishment of that place under a separate incorporation.

Notwithstanding the fact that a charter has been applied for, it is felt that such action will amount to nothing. Today petitions are being circulated in Mechanicville requesting that many signatures are being placed against incorporation.

Superintendent George H. Crowell, of the High Point Graded Schools, is in receipt of a most flattering letter from Dr. M. C. S. Noble, of the Department of Pedagogy in the University of North Carolina, in which commendatory terms are employed regarding the conduct of the schools here and expressive of opinion favoring on a recent visit to High Point.

Among other things, Dr. Noble says: "The course of study is most carefully planned, and the good order prevailing, the bright, cheerful and studious manner of the pupils and the enthusiastic work of the teachers all combine to give your city a public school system of which it may well be proud."

Rally day was yesterday observed in Green Street Baptist church, the object being to discharge a debt of \$800, which has been hanging over that church. The disposition of the people is demonstrated to more active and energetic church work and undertakings.

The Ledger office, of this city, was swamped with rates for the kind that is generally applied to a quitter of the union last Saturday, and Manager Barbee "shut down" long enough to kill some 15 or 20 with the aid of a dog and trap, some of them being as large as grey squirrels.

While applying brake to a running car yesterday afternoon, Charley Gank, a brakeman on a Southern freight train fell to the track and the car passed over his body, forcing his head into the ground and inflicting painful but not serious wounds. The attachments under the car caught and bruised his body in several places.

Yours, P. J. SINCLAIR. High Point, N. C., Feb. 11.

REPUBLICAN RULE STANDS FOR RUIN

Finances of Sampson County Swamped.

OFFICIALS INDICTED

True Bills Found Against Former Sheriff and Treasurer and the Present and Former Boards of County Commissioners.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Clinton, N. C., Feb. 11.—The grand jury, which has been investigating the financial condition of Sampson county for the past week, returned true bills of indictment against the following:

One bill against A. W. Aman, former Republican sheriff of Sampson county, for embezzling State funds.

One bill against V. J. McArthur, A. T. Herring and George Highsmith, the former board of county commissioners, for turning over the tax books to A. W. Aman without settlement for the previous year.

One bill against V. J. McArthur, A. T. Herring and George Highsmith, the former board, for failure to require A. W. Aman to give school fund bonds.

One bill against J. R. Peterson, W. J. Faircloth and C. E. Jackson, the present board of county commissioners, for failure to require E. W. Turner, the present treasurer of Sampson county, to give school fund bonds.

The former sheriff, A. W. Aman, made an assignment January 26, 1907, and has not been seen here since. The general opinion is that he is in New York. The financial condition of this county is something terrible. The shortage will be in the neighborhood of forty-five thousand dollars. There is some uncollected taxes to be taken from this amount. The net shortage will be at least twenty-five thousand dollars, if not thirty-five thousand dollars.

The bondsmen will meet here tomorrow and pay the amount due for the school fund. It will be a question of law as to whether the school fund will be collected, as there is no bond covering this fund. The bond is a general bond, covering the entire county funds, and not a separate school fund bond, as required by law. The school shortage is fourteen thousand dollars.

The Democrats charged these things against the Republican party in the last campaign, but it was bitterly denied by the politicians. The present board of commissioners have taken no steps to find out the condition, but seem very indifferent about the matter. This will come hard on the tax-payers if the shortage is not collected out of the bond. It will almost bankrupt the county.

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ESTATE WOUND UP

Property Amounting to a Quarter Million.

Lodges of Odd Fellows to Be Installed at Hillsboro and Mebane.

Freeman Jones Had Life Insured.

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Late yesterday afternoon a negro brakeman on the yard crew of the Southern Railway, who had been having his life crushed out. He made an effort to climb the ladder on the side of a car, while in motion, and fell to the ground. He was killed.

Freeman Jones, colored, who was hanged on Friday last, had insured for a small amount and today the claim was forwarded to the home office for settlement. The policy was issued by the Virginia Life Insurance Company. The death certificate was made out this morning and forwarded to the home office.

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New Odd Fellows Lodges.

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