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## ARS.BROKAW'SWI **READY MATCH FOR CLEVER LAWYERS**

usband's Counsel Unable to Trap Her Into Expected Damaging Admissions

ROVES TO HIM THAT SHE"HAS BRAINS LEFT"

ociety Women Prom Gotnam Motor Over to Hear Famous Trial at Mineola

t and cool head of Mary Blair Broiw, who seeks a decree of separaon with alimony of \$60,000 a year om her millionaire husband, W. ould Brokaw, flashed again and ain today, through the persistent dding of her cross-examination. "At the times you say your husband tyre, counsel for the defense Not when he wasn't drinking."

rned the witness adroitly.
"Did he say he would or "In Paris he said he could and

e South he sàid he would."
"Well he **'didn't**, did he?" asked Mr. cintyre as a clincher. "I think," said the witness sweetly,

you find I still have a few left." Meaning of "Paralyzed." At another time there was a ques-

on of what Mrs. Brokaw meant by paralyzed," an adjective she applied Mr. Brokaw's condition on a night hen she telephoned for his secre-ary to take care of him. Mrs. Brokaw nplified her definition into "a con-tion of helpless intoxication," and Ir. McIntyre immediately wished to now how the witness had qualified a judge in the symptoms of drunk

"My varied experience after marmade me an expert," she re-

The worst weather an Atlantic coast ortheaster can show did not daunt Many women, curious today. chly robed in furs, motored over to lineola, L. L. through the slush and ain and crowded the little court com. The testimony didn't disap-

Wherein Somebody Lies. Mr. Brokaw gave out a statement part as follows:

I have been grossly misrepresent d by Mrs. Brokaw and by members

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COULD NOT AGREE ON A

Final Rupture Came Just

as Rector was About to

Christen Little Fellow

WAITED NINE YEARS

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 .- Parted at

he altar after they had lived together

ime they have raised five children,

divorce. The cause of their separa-

ion was the naming of their nine-

year-old son, Andrew Barr. This pe-

uliary family jangle came to light

Newark, when Mrs. Barr made appli-

eation for alimony and separate main-

Mr. Barr wanted him named Andrew

H. Barr is well known in Summit.

where the Barrs have lived for ten

been in business all his life as treas-

urer and principal stockholder of the

Barr, Thaw & Frazer Stone company.

had been deferred from time to time,

her little boy christened on Easter

it was a good time to get Andrew of-

sicially named.

Meredith Barr?"

enance, but not for divorce.

NAME FOR THEIR CHILD

### STEERAGE IS MORE FIT FOR PIGS THAN CIVILIZED BEINGS

Conditions Found by Immigrant Agents Repulsive And Unspeakable; Women Subjected to All Kind of Indignities.

on steerage conditions based on in- were dressing, they always stopped formation obtained by special agents to watch her, and frequently hit and f the immigration commissions travling as steerage passengers on differ- handled her ent trans-Atlantic steamers was made public today through presentation to ard entered our compartment, but not the senate with recommendations for noticing me, approached a Polish girl legislations to better conditions. Con- who was apparently the one occuditions found on many of these vessels re described as appalling.

The general report of the commission contains the reports of individual soon was insulting her. The agents giving their experiences on poard steamships where they posed as steerage passengers. A woman agent, who was herself miserably insulted and compelled to withstand repulsive privations, sald:

"During these twelve days in the reatened to blow out your brains, did steerage, I lived in a disorder and in u believe him?" asked John F. Me-surroundings that offended every sense. Only the fresh breeze from the age. sea overcame the sickening oders, the vile language of the men, the screams quainted to marry during the passage of the women defending themselves. the crying of children, wretched because of their surroundings, and practically every sound that reached the ears irritated beyond endurance. There was no sight but which the eye did not prefer to close to.

Everything Offensive. "Everything was dirty, sticky and disagreeable to the touch. Every impression was offensive. Worse than this was the general air of immorality. For fifteen hours each day I witnessed all around me this improper, ndecent and forced mingling of men and women.

The woman agent had told of the mingling of the crew with the women of the steerage and said that the same onditions were true of the association of the men steerage passengers with

the women. Agents of the immigration commistion say that on many of the steamships, men stewards and members of are recognized to the ,degree now the crew as well as male steerage passengers, crowd into the compartments set aside for the women and constantly pass through the passageways of such compartments so that no woman in the steerage has a moment's privacy.

Crew Offer Insults. "Members of the crew," says one

oman agent, "never failed to deal a

MERRY BASEBALL WAR

THREATENS TO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 .- A report from an upper berth, If a woman

"One night, the chief steerage stew-She spoke in Polish, saying pant. 'M' hed eaches, please go on and let me alone.' But 'he continued and weakened by sea stekness, defended herself as best she could, but soon was struggling to get out of the man's arms. Just then other passengers entered and he released her. Such was the man who was our highest protector and court of appeal.

Several of the crew told me that many men marry girls from the steer-When I instructed that they could scarcely become well enough ac the answer was that the acquaintance had already gone so far that marriage was imperative."

Repulsed Advances.

writer tells of repelling advances on the part of the crew and stewards with a hard unexpected blow in the offender's face. She says:

"The manner in which the sailors stewards, firemen and others mingled with the women passengers was thoroughly revolting. Their language and the topics of their conversation were vile. Their comments about the women, and made in their presence were coarse.

Concerning other conditions in the old type steerage, which still exists on many of the steamships, the agents of the commission as just as severe. In the introduction to the report, it

The universal human need of space, air, food, steep and privacy, made compulsory by law. Beyond trat the persons carried are looked upon as so much freight, with mere transportation as their only due."

The sleeping quarters are described as being in many cases fifthy, inadequate and all that is had,

Good condutions are described connection with the investigation o some steamships and it is declared oman passenger a blow when she that competition was the most force was found standing on the frame- ful influence that led to the develop

## TALKS MISSIONS SPEAKS IN BOWERY. SEES BREAD LINE

President Taft After Doing Christmas Shopping Put in Busy Day

ATTENDS CELEBRATION OF DIAMOND JUBILEE

Applauds Missionary Work of Methodists in Dark Continent

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 -With smiling reference to the "attack of the Methodist church on President Taft addressed an immense gathering at Carnegie hall conight at the diamond jubilee of the Methodist Episcopal church, called to celebrate the completion of a compaign started in January last wherely \$220,167 has been raised to further the mission work of the church in Africa.

After stating that it seemed to him that the American people acquired t world feeling from the time we undertook to free Cuba, the president sald

"The mission is a sucleus and ar epitome of the civilization that is expected to widen out in that neighborhood. I have heard missions crit they would not contribute to foreign missions at all; that we had wicked people enough at home and we might just as well leave the foreign natives and savages to pursue their own happy lives in forests and look after our own who need a great deal of minis-

The missionaries in China, the missionaries in Africa, are the fore-runners of our civilization and without them we should have so hope of conquering the love and the admiration and respect of the millions of people that we hope to bring under the in-fluences of the Christian civilization.

"It is curious to see how the Al-mighty works His ways. Our interest in Africa for many years was in the We are, all of us, were responsible.

New England got out of it a little earlier than the others, but we were all responsible for the encouragement of that trade and now we have living with us, ten million descendents of the negroes that were taken by force from that dark continent. And yet I think no one would say that the descendents of those people brought here are not to be congratulated on the fact that they have been able to the proximity to civilization, so that they are a hundred years in ad-

After speaking in Carnegie President Taft motored through a driving rain storm to the bowery mission, where he made an address to a typical bowery audience. He after-wards inspected the bread line" room where each night hundreds of the un employed are given food.

## RAYNER DEMANDS THAT ZELAYA BE TAKEN INTO **DUT IF WARD IS CHOSEN**

Advocates Extraordinary Johnson of Americans Warns Nationals that he Ruler

#### CITES HIS RECORD

is Not Wanted

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 .- The Amer ican league simply will not stand for or twenty-three years, during which John M. Ward being elected president of the National league to succeed neither Mr. nor Mrs. Frank H. Barr. John A. Heydler according to Ban of Summit, N. J., will agree to a Johnson, the American league president, who arrived in New York today. If he is elected, says Johnson,

As outlining his position in the matat the hearing in Chancery court, ter on the eye of the National league meeting. Johnson gave out a letter dated Chicago, November 39, which he has sent to August Herrmann, at Cincinnati, chairman of the National Andrew is the baby of the family commission, who was instrumental in ending the war between the National Meredith Barr, Andrew being his and American leagues in 1903. The father's named and Meredith the married name of his sister. Frank letter says:

"When information was brought to me from an authentic source that John M. Ward was seriously considyears, and in Hoboken, where he has ered for the presidency of the National league, it occassioned me much Since the signing of the surprise. peace pact and the creation of the The date of Andrew's christening national agreement, organized baseball has moved along in a broad, but when his eldest daughter, Mrs. straight channel with moderate fric-Alice Mary Weeks, was going to have

"The chief snag encountered was Sunday last spring, Mrs. Barr thought our effort to recover Player George Davis after he had been awarded to According to Mr. Barr, the first the Chicago American League club at word he got of the proposed christen- the Cincinnati peace conference. Mr. ing of his son was when he met the Ward, acting as attorney for Player minister on the street. He hurried Davis, drew up the original contract home to join the ramily party and with the Chicago club. It was a three proceeded with them to the church, year agreement, iron-bound and riv-Mr. and Mrs. Weeks and their little sted. At a subsequent date Davis son George, and Mr. and Mrs. Barr signed another contract with the New

York league club. and Andrew lined up before the altar. 'The New York club sought to re-Just as the rector was about to begin. Barr leaned over and whispered in his tain Davis, regardless of the Cincinnati award and in fact did play him in one game, despite a vigorous protest from the American league. The minister looked nonplussed, "I Chicago club was finally obliged to go don't know about the middle name," in the courts to enforce its contract, and John M. Ward represented the

Step Against Nicaraguan

#### CITES PRECEEDENTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.-Vigor ously denouncing President Zelaya for having "murdered" Cannon and Grow officers of the revolutionary arms Senator Rayner of Maryland advocated the passage of his resolution author izing the president of the United States to apprehend and try the pres ident of Nicaragua for his crimigainst the two American citizens. What I am concerned in now,

said Senator Rayner, "is not the querevolutionists, or in case of their sucess their recognition either as the de facto or the de jure government, but in the speedy apprehension and punishment of Zelaya. This desper-ado is everything that the secretar: of state says about him, and a greadeal more. If the country knew wha s known in official circles in reference to his general depravity, it would regard the secretary's communication is exceedingly temperate, as it shows upon its face the restraint which he was laboring in dealing with such a character.

This government is a cowardly government if it does not make an example of Zelaya before the eye of the civilized world. This case will not admit of any trifling or concess If two American citizenscare not who they were or what they were, citizens in high standing as the have been reputed to be, or soldiers of fortune-have been murdered by Zelaya, then he must be made to pay the penalty of his crime. No matter how it was done, no trial by courtmartial can justify it. These men, as I have shown, were prisoners of war and they were not subject to trial by ourt-martial.

Senator Rayner asserted that Zelaya's only anxiety would be lest he lose "the money he had stolen;" that he would rather lose his head than his money. The senator declared that if Zelaya could not obtain a fair trial in Nicaragua in the event of insurgent success in that country, he might well be brought to the United States and tried for murder in this

## GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY WANTS MORE PROOF

Will Make no Decision in Cook-Peary Controversy Without More Data

WASHINGTON, Dec 13 .- The national geographic somety will have to receive more proofs of Dr. Cook's claims to the discovery of the North pole before it can render any decision as to his right to make such

This statement was made tonight by Prof. James H. Core, the comissioner appointed by the geographic society to go to New York to gather more evidence as to the truth or falsity of Dr. Cook's story of discovery.

Although Professor Gore was unable to examine the data that was sen to Copenhagen, he interviewed and-cross examined Captain Bradies. Cock's backer, and also Captain Loose and George H. Dunkle, the two men who declared in affidavits that they drew up the astronomical data used by Dr. Cook in describing his disk

orthward. Professor Gore declined to discushis report to the geographic society, which will be made to that organization within a few days.



WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Forecast for North Carolina: Fair Tuesday, older in the east portion; Wednes-



#### KING LEOPOLD AT DEATHS DOOR FACES END BRAVELY

Has Slight Chance of Life Trrough Operation Which He Urges Surgeons to Perform. Is Pathetic Figure Dying Almost Alone, Hated by Half the World

BRUSSELS, Dec. 13.-Leopoid II, personal life whispered by every tonking of the Belgians, tonight is ma- gue, Leopoid lay tonight in king a desperate fight with death and the odds are strongly against the aged monarch. As a last resort the surcon's knife will be tried tomorrow If the operation is successful, King Leopold may live. If it fails the end n inevitable. All will depend upon the king's strength and vitality, which are fast ebbing. Bheumatism has already conquered the aged and wasted frame. Dropsy has developed and an obstruction of the intestine, which must be removed, has greatly aggra

cated his condition. The general opinion is that the king will not survive the operation. Some say he may die at any moment. The king himself is rather optimistic, and

oday exclaimed to his physician: "Operate, and the sooner the bet ter." But he added with a wan, wistful smile, "Perhaps, doctor, the long journey is at hand,'

Pathetic Figure. King Leopold is still as lucid of

intellect as ever. This masterful mind, vance of their relatives in Africa. And which conceived and carried out the whole world into bitter indictment hall and discussion, calmly directed wha pathetic enough. Separated from his led fainting from the room. two eldest daughters by a tragic skeln of events, with scandals of his own Albert, followed.

NAMES JUDGE LURTON

Paims," a little pavillion of six rooms, close to the great empty Lacken castle, surrounded by his faithful daughter. Princess Clementine, Prince Albert and the royal house The castle is empty, for the king sold at lthe furniture, dismissed the servants and withdrew to the pa-

The day was a picture of anxisty, hope and despoir, and as his strength failed, the king whispered to his chaplain and the aged and devoted priest with tears wetting his cheeks, approached the bed and heard his confession and administered communion and extreme unction. Settles His Affairs.

During the morning, the king assisted by a notary and solicitors set-tled his private affairs. He discussed points in his will with perfect com-In the afternoon he farewell of the court officials. fount Cultremont, marshal of ourt, his majesty said:

You have served me well for more than twenty years. I am grateful, yet they came here through gree 1 gigantic Congo project and roused the Before I die I want to tell you so and give you my thanks.

seems to be the final chapter in his Clementine, whom he kissed several spectacular career. The picture was times, telling her not to ery. She was pathetic enough. Separated from his led fulnting from the room.

Other relatives, including Prince

## OFFICER CONVICTED OF SERIES OF PETTY THEFTS

President Nominates Tennesseean and Democrat for High Office

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 -The commutation of Judge Horace H. Lurtice of the Supreme court of the United States in succession of the late Justice Peckham, was sent to the senite today by President Taft.

Judge Lurton is a Tennessee man and was appointed judge of the sixth military academy, and was sentenced ircuit by President Cleveland March by Judge Hand, in the Circuit court, 27, 1893. He was a democrat in pol- to two years and six months in the ics at that time.

President Taft was himself a judgeof the sixth circuit at the time he was appointed governor of the Philippines in 1898, and it was his association with Judge Lurton that gave him such a high opinion of the legal qualifications of the Tennessee jurist.

#### PLEASES PARKER. NEW YORK, Dec. 13 .-- Alton B.

Parker, who was mentioned from time a time as likely to receive the Supreme court appointment which now toes to Horace H. Lurton, said to-"I know Judge Lurton, both socially

and professionally, and in my judg-ment, one better equipped for service in that greatest of all courtsthe Supreme court of the United States-could not be found. The ountry is to be congratulated."

SEVEN DEAD IN FIRE.

(Bulletin.)

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 13 -more atreets about midnight tonight, tirement pension,

## FOR THE SUPREME COURT

Was Commissary at West Point and has Been Commended for Valor

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.-Captain Thomas Franklin, U. S. A., twice commended by General Chaffee and General Otis for distinguished service in China and at Mantla, pleaded guilty today to a long series of petty embezzlements from the mess fund of the West Point endets as commissary and treasurer of the United States Federal prison at Atlanta, Ga. His dered women, is certainly one, counsel gave notice that they would They declare that the chain of

apply for a writ of error and review. checks of the cadets which he deposited in the sub-treasury in this city and the final link. This clothing it is drew against for mess supplies. The declared, was worn by Hunter on the total amount of his defaications ran to day of the crimes, and a walking cane \$5,650 of which \$4,831 was represented by false vouchers, presented for declared to have been carried by Hunapproval to the superintendent of the United States military academy. At hir first arraignment in last June he clan at the Savannah hospital that pleaded not guilty and subsequently demurred. The demurrers were overruled and trial set for today. The day charged the crimes to her hus-statute of limitations in the courts band, and that she was being held by martial bars offenses committed only a negro man when the blows were two years back as against three years struck that caused her death. in the Federal courts, and for this Rev. J. S. Wilder, pastor of

Captain T. S. Ansel urged for the a white man had struck the blows.

Today and tonight the police offiprisoner that his client had risen from the rank by merit and that his irregularities were chargeable to his Hunter who has been a prisoner al efforts to raise a large family on an Saturday. He stoutly denies any guilt officer's pay.

The sentence, besides the penalty it

## OFF WITH THE OLD ON WITH THE NEW IN **JUST TWO MINUTES**

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

Atlanta Woman Divorces Husband And Immediately Takes Another

HAS HAD SOMEWHAT SENSATIONAL CAREER

Married Pather's Chaffeur Under Compulsion as She Alleges 14 Months Ago

minutes after Mrs. Silvery Speet Thomas, daughter of W. A. Speer, well known in financial circles, was: tranted a total divorce from her father's chauffeur, Lussell J. Thomas, in the Superior court today, a marriage license was issued to Marshall C. Mo-Kenzie and Miss Silvie Speer,

Miss Speer's divorce was secured on allegations that she was forced to marry the chauffeur because the man had made threats of violence against her father unless the daughter conented to clope with him.

Immediately after the parties involved left the court house, they were driven to the Speer residence, on Peachtree road, where the wedding ceremony was performed in the pres-

ence of a large party of friends. Another chapter in the Speer case also was concluded roday when a verdict was rendered in the Superior court in favor of W. A. Speer, who was sued by his chauffeur, Thomas, for \$190,000 for alienation of his wife's affections.

Recalls Elope The elopement of beautiful Bilvey

The elopement of beautiful Silvey Speer with her father's handsome chauffeur fourteen months ago, created a sensation. After being married in Atlanta, they left for Charlotte, N. C., where they were arrested as they registered at a prominent hotel.

Mr. Speer bromant the bride back to Atlanta, but the young himband made so much trouble that the mother took her daughter to New York Here the bride was kept hidden to escape reporters and to evade a writ of hareporters and to evads a writ of ha-beas corpus sought by the husband. Finally Mrs. Speed sailed with her

daughter for Europe.

Thomas asserted that if he could see his bride alone she would declare that she preferred him to her parents. This her parents refused to They charged that she was drugged by Thomas the day of the wedding and while in this condition, was forced under threats to consent to marriage.

# OF SAVANNAH WOMEN

Husband of One of Them Now Believed to be Guilty and Others are Sought

WIFE'S STATEMENT

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 15 .- Developments topight in the aftermath of the triple murder of last Friday afternoon gave birth to the startling theory that not a single murderer but two or possibly three were engaged in the commission of the terrible crimes. County officers tonight declare that of these J. C. Hunter, husband of Mrs. Maggie Hunter, whose death today added a third to the number of mur-

They declare that the chain of evidence is complete, asserting that some As commissary and treasurer, Cap-tain Franklin had charge of the pay spattered with blood, which was found late today and belongs to Hunter is found in the house of the murders is ter on the same day.

It was declared tonight by a physistatements made during a moment of consciousness by Mrs. Hunter early toband, and that she was being held by

Rev. J. S. Wilder, pastor of a Bapreason Judge Hand and not Major tist church here, stated that Mrs. General Wood heard the case Hunter after recognizing him declared Hunter after recognizing him declared

> cers continued their questioning of Mayor Tideman tonight asked that

no extra editions of the newspapers bo (Bulletin.)—Seven persons are dead sets, automatically cashiers Captain issued carrying the developments in and several others injured as a result Franklin from the army and deprives of a tenement fire at Third and Syca-his family of any prospects of a revealment in the press, the edition was

"You have the name right-Andrew

(Continued on Page 7.) - player in the proceedings.