

ESTABLISHED 1888

Reporters Fight For Admission to Trial of Thaw, Begun Today

Scenes of Disorder Mark Opening of Noted Trial of Harry K. Thaw. Near 150 Struggling Reporters Barred.

Telegraph Office Established in Court Room. Mother, Wife and Sister of Thaw Present at Opening.

By Associated Press. New York, Jan. 23.—The trial of Harry K. Thaw, for killing Stanford White, has begun in the criminal branch of the Supreme court.

Great preparation has been made for covering the trial. A telegraph office has been erected temporarily on the main floor.

Of Thaw's family in court there will be his mother, wife, two sisters, Mrs. George Carnegie and Countess Yarmouth and brother Edward.

Scenes approaching absolute disorder attended the opening of the trial. Most of the clashes were between reporters and the police, there being perhaps 200 of the former, only 50 of whom were admitted.

Mrs. William Thaw, the mother, dressed in black and veiled, appeared at 10 o'clock, followed by a party of relatives.

Next came May McKenzie, the actress, to whose home Evelyn Thaw fled the night of the tragedy.

Mrs. Evelyn Thaw was dressed all in gray and veiled. The Countess of Yarmouth wore modest brown cloth.

There was a stir in court when the two attorneys, Dr. McDonald and Austin Flint, appeared in court. They conferred with District Attorney Jerome.

Talismen Accepted. When the roll was completed, District Attorney Jerome moved that the trial proceed.

"Harry K. Thaw to the bar," shouted the clerk.

The prisoner appeared from the jury room. He walked somewhat nervously at first, but when he caught sight of his mother and wife, and the members of his family, his face lighted into a smile.

During the examination of the first witness, Mr. Jerome referred to the "unwritten law" and as to insanity as the excuse for the crime.

The first challenge of the defense, Deming B. Smith, a retired manufacturer of umbrellas was second, accepted and sworn.

So far the defense has not indicated its probable course, but has objected to questions regarding insanity and the "unwritten law."

The young prisoner sat silent during the proceedings, his face quite pallid.

Frank P. Hill, painter, the fourth witness was accepted and sworn.

When the fifth witness, W. P. Aldrich, was examined, Mr. Jerome for the first time brought up sympathy or emotion.

THE DISPENSARY ISSUE. It Will Have Right of Way Next Tuesday—Probable Outcome.

Special to The News. Columbia, S. C., Jan. 23.—The pitched battle over the dispensary in the House was arranged today by adopting the motion to make the bills of the two factions special order for next Tuesday at noon, with precedence over everything till disposed of.

The new investigating committee will have reported by then. The House is anti-dispensary, but the Senate is likely pro-dispensary.

MR. WILSON ELECTED. Solicitor J. S. Wilson Elected Judge of the Third Circuit.

Special to The News. Columbia, S. C., January 23.—Solicitor John S. Wilson, of Manning, was today elected judge of the third circuit to succeed Judge R. O. Purdy, who recently resigned.

Mr. Wilson defeated representative T. B. Frazer, of Sumter, at present chairman of the House judiciary committee.

Mr. Wilson, has for many years, been the solicitor of the 3rd circuit.

Injunction Against Railway. By Associated Press. St. Paul, Jan. 23.—The temporary injunction issued against the issue by the Great Northern of \$60,000,000 worth of bonds without the approval of the railroad and warehouse commission is pending litigation.

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BIG FIRE AT HAMLET.

Property to the Amount of \$75,000 Destroyed Late Yesterday Afternoon Freight Depot, Distilling Plant and Box Cars Burned.

Special to The News. Hamlet, N. C., January 23.—This place was visited by a very disastrous fire late yesterday afternoon. The Seaboard freight depot and all of its contents and the entire plant of the Carolina Distilling Company, seven or eight negro cottages and about 20 loaded box cars were totally destroyed by the flames. The fire burned for about 3 hours and with the poor fire fighting apparatus it required the most tireless efforts of the citizens to finally conquer the flames. The whole town was threatened and many times it looked as if everything would be swept away in spite of all that could be done.

The Carolina Distilling Company's plant was the first building to catch on fire and it caught from a fire in the woods in the edge of the town. The loss to the distilling company is about \$15,000; loss to the railroad is about \$50,000, and other losses will run the amount up to at least \$75,000.

THE AUTO RACES.

L. H. Perriman Wins Twenty Mile Race—His Time—Other Races By Associated Press.

Ormond, Fla., January 23.—The 20 mile touring car event was won by L. H. Perriman, in a 50-horse power gasoline car in 22 minutes and 32 4-5 seconds.

Jamestown Appropriation. By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., January 23.—The Senate committee on appropriations adopted as a rider on the House urgent deficiency bill \$1,000,000 appropriation for the Jamestown Exposition company.

The committee included \$65,000 for the construction of piers for the exposition.

M. E. Church Exhibits. By Associated Press. Norfolk, Va., January 23.—The committee from the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South has invited the Methodist Episcopal church to join the Southern church with its exhibit at Jamestown.

Disastrous Fire of Last Night Followed by Two Others. Loss From all is Near \$332,000 Several Persons Injured.

By Associated Press. Richmond, Va., Jan. 23.—The fire in the Williams building, early today, which destroyed the Light Infantry Blues armory and equipment, the Southern and Adams express offices and a branch of the Sarburg Tobacco Company, entailing a loss of some \$200,000, was followed by two others, one in the lumber plant of Whitehurst & Owen and in the building occupied by the Johnson Publishing Company, and the Southern Paper Company.

At one time a terrible conflagration was threatened.

The loss on all the fires, exclusive of that in the B. F. Johnson building, is \$235,000, insurance \$117,000.

Three buildings were totally destroyed. The loss from the three fires is \$332,000; insurance \$193,000.

Assistant Chief Shaw fell from a ladder and received a fractured hip, Francis Hines and Boswell were cut. Fireman Haake was caught under a falling wall and was badly injured.

MANY MINERS KILLED. Report Has It That 20 Miners Perished in Big Explosion.

By Associated Press. Trinidad, Col., Jan. 23.—Twenty miners are reported killed in the explosion of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company mine at Primero.

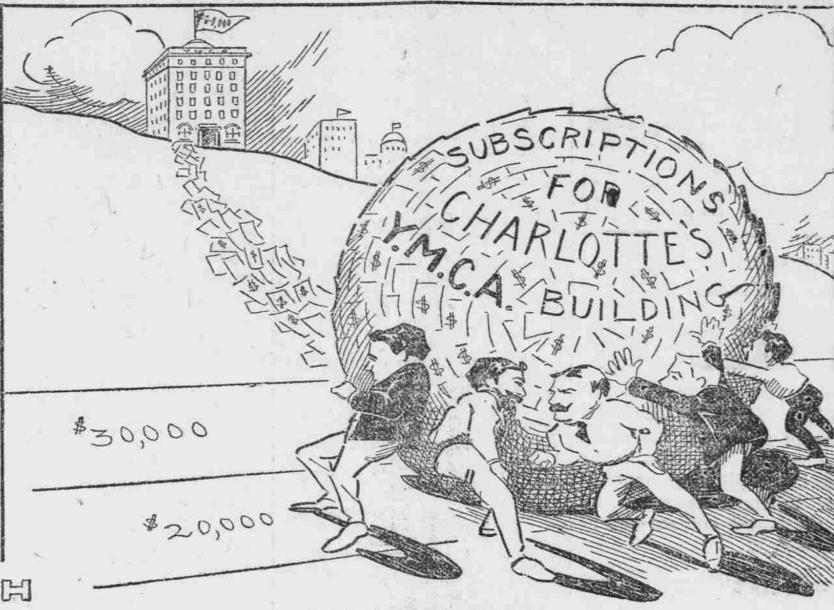
Maj. Gordon Dead. By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 23.—Maj. Frank B. Gordon, late of the Third United States Volunteers, died suddenly of pneumonia. He was the youngest son of Gen. John B. Gordon, of Atlanta, Ga.

Negroes Wish to Enlist. By Associated Press. Kansas City, Jan. 23.—The recruiting officers received orders to enlist negroes for service in the Philippines. The officers say negroes are anxious to join the army in spite of the Brownsville affair.

National Shooting Association. By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—Representative Legare accompanied on a visit to the President, Mayor John Rhett and John D. Cappelman, of Charleston, members of the delegation who tomorrow will invite the President to the meeting of the National Shooting Association in Charleston.

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KEEP THE BALL ROLLING!

The Wages of Matrimony

Through the Medium of a Matrimonial Bureau Couple Met; the Knot was Tied, Them Comes Alimony Suit.

Special to The News. Greenville, S. C., Jan. 23.—The abrupt termination of a romantic marriage came here today in the sessions court, when the suit for alimony, which was brought against Dr. E. H. Newton by his wife, was heard before Judge Gary.

Dr. and Mrs. Newton, have been married a year. Dr. Newton is from Virginia and Mrs. Newton is from Portage, Wis.

They became acquainted through the medium of a matrimonial paper and Mrs. Newton who was a Mrs. Blanche Pugh, offered, according to the doctor, to give him \$3,000 cash on the day the knot was tied.

Dr. Newton was a struggling young physician and was anxious to secure sufficient capital to develop several patents, so the young woman's proposition was accepted.

Dr. Newton went to Portage, the marriage was performed, and the bride returned with the groom to Greenville.

Here they set up housekeeping and presently along came alleged sister of Mrs. Newton, then a horse, a nephew, and a friend of the alleged sister. But no money came the doctor's way, so he alleged in his rebuttal to his wife's complaint.

Mrs. Newton's complaint alleged desertion, cruelty, non-support, infidelity, etc.

The suit today is for \$5,000 alimony and seeks a permanent injunction against the payment by a local bank of a sum of money which is on deposit there to the credit of Dr. Newton.

A Later Story. The suit of Newton vs. Newton, for \$5,000 alimony has been settled out of court, the property being divided according to the settlement reached between the attorneys.

The parties have separated.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

Commissioner Varner Says it is the Only Solution of the Child Labor Problem—Other Important Matters. Special to The News.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 23.—The executive committee of the North Carolina Bar Association held a lengthy conference here last night for the selection of a time and place for the next annual convention during the coming summer but failed to settle the matter. There will be another meeting later in the spring when it is expected that Toxaway, in the Sapphire Country, or Waynesville, will be selected, the meeting to be early in July.

The legislative committee of the North Carolina Firemen's Association is here for the purpose of getting through the General Assembly a bill allowing the association two per cent on the premium paid in the state for a fund to benefit injured firemen and their families.

The recommendations of Commissioner of Labor H. B. Varner, to the General Assembly, just submitted, include a general compulsory education law as a solution of the child labor problem in the state. The commissioner declares, too, that there is no more child labor in North Carolina or other Southern states than there is in the Northern or Western states, the number of manufactories considered. He recommends that a uniform day's work be 10 hours instead of 11 hours as at present. And that children be not allowed to work at night. He asks an increase of appropriation for the department from \$3,500 to \$5,000.

DEATH OF R. C. LOVE. One of Gastonia's Most Prominent Citizens Passes Away—Was in Georgia.

By Bell Telephone. Gastonia, N. C., Jan. 23.—A message just received here from Brunswick, Ga., conveys the intelligence that Mr. R. C. Love, of this place, died there at 7 o'clock this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Love had gone to Brunswick several days ago to visit their daughter, Mrs. Charles Pate.

The news of Mr. Love's death has saddened our entire town. He was one of Gastonia's leading citizens, a prominent business man and interested in a number of cotton mills. He was a pioneer in the cotton milling business in this section.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Mr. Love is survived by a wife and six children. The children are: Mrs. Pate, of Brunswick; Mrs. W. W. Glenn and Messrs. John F. Love and R. E. Love, of Gastonia, and Edgar Love, of Lincoln and Prof. Lee Love, of Harvard University.

Mr. Love was 64 years of age.

MR. TIBBITT'S TONIGHT. "The Battle to the Strong" Will be Delivered at the Academy.

"The Battle of the Strong," the address of Mr. George F. Tibbitts, of Washington, will be the attraction at the Academy of Music tonight. Mr. Tibbitts will illustrate his remarks with 175 stereopticon views, which are pronounced to be exceedingly fine.

The meeting will be free to all men and women (children will not be expected, as the meeting is intended for grown people and will not greatly interest children and also because of the limited seating capacity of the Academy of Music, an only 1,500 can be accommodated. The meeting will, without doubt, be the greatest service ever held under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association of Charlotte.

President's Action Approved. By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., January 23.—Mr. Sims, of Tennessee, introduced a resolution to the effect that the action of the President in discharging the members of the 25th infantry was within the scope of his authority and is approved.

Opposes Salary Increase. By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., January 23.—Senator Berry of Arkansas, in the Senate opposed the Congressional salary increase.

Senator Tillman on Increase. Senator Tillman, in supporting the increase called attention to the fact that he was just re-elected but said he would vote for it because he thought it was right, and not because he wanted more money. Senator Daniel said he thought the welfare of the country demanded an increase.

Stronger Ban On Railways. Representative Williams Introduces Bill Relative to Railways, Etc., Even More Stringent in its Provisions.

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 23.—In the lower House of the general assembly today, Williams, of Duplin, introduced a bill to prohibit railroads, or other public service corporations, from paying stockholders more than 6 per cent on the actual value of the corporation's property and requiring the company to retain in its treasury an amount equal to 10 per cent, on the property value, and at the end of the year all net earnings over the 6 per cent dividend and the 10 per cent reserve being required to be paid into the State treasury.

The bill also gives the Corporation Commission power to fix the salaries of officers and investigate and regulate in detail the management of the public service corporations.

THIEF TAKES MONEY. Leaves Watch and Pistol—Capt. Means Thanked.

Special to The News. Rock Hill, S. C., Jan. 23.—Some people have begun to plant early vegetables in their gardens and a few have planted Irish potatoes.

Mr. L. C. Harrison and daughter, Mab, spent several days with Mrs. M. H. Sandifer going then to Charlotte where Mr. Harrison has entered into his new position.

While in the city last week Col. Conrad of Charleston was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ferrell.

Mr. Filo Lucas, and Miss Minnie Starnes, both of this city, were married at the Methodist parsonage on Sunday afternoon at 6 o'clock. Dr. Watson Duncan performed the ceremony.

A thief entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Means while they were away from home last Thursday and took \$15 in cash. A revolver and gold watch that was lying near the money were left untouched.

Capt. L. Y. Moore, the popular conductor on the "swing" between Charlotte and Chester, has been given a better run, that between Columbia and Greer. He will be succeeded on the "swing" by Baggage Master Mr. Husbands.

Houses are going up all the time in our city, and still the cry is for more. Mr. W. M. Mitchell is putting up two nice ones on W. Main St.

Governor Depicts the Glories of the State at Y. M. C. A. Banquet

HARMON FOR PRESIDENT.

He is the Choice of Gen. Julian S. Carr, of Durham.

Gen. Julian S. Carr, of Carr, of Durham, and Col. Carrington, of Michigan, returning from Bessemer City, were in the city today.

Gen. Carr was speaking of the Bryan tour through North Carolina, when Col. Carrington said: "Why don't you Southern people turn in and furnish a President of the United States?"

"I would like to see the President come from the South," answered Gen. Carr, "and if that is not possible I would like to have the country turn to Ohio and settle upon Judson Harmon, Mr. Cleveland's attorney-general. I think he would satisfy everybody."

Real Estate Transfers. Mr. C. O. Brown has sold to Mr. Thomas H. R. Sick a tract of suburban property, the consideration being \$1,700.

Mr. W. P. Beam today sold a lot on East 5th street extension to Mr. C. O. Brown for \$1,200.

Mr. H. J. Brown has bought 36 acres of land in Dewese township from Mr. William Worsham for \$740.

Mr. Samuel P. Powell has sold a tract of 10 acres in Paw Creek township to Mr. W. A. Powell, the purchase price being \$324.

Mr. C. O. Brown has purchased from Mr. A. M. McDonald a tract of suburban property for \$400.

Mr. J. A. Yarbrough purchased through J. E. Murphy & Co. six houses and lots fronting on Poplar street and the railroad from Mr. Baxter Ross. Consideration \$3,500.

Mr. Joe R. Brice, of Atlanta, Ga., purchased through J. E. Murphy & Co. one lot on South McDowell street from Mr. Walter Davidson. Consideration \$200.

Mr. W. Frank Dowd, of the Board of Trustees, Outlines a Plan to Secure a Building Fund of \$80,000.

President Robt. Glasgow, Jr., was Toastmaster, Mr. Tibbitts of Washington One of Speakers. About 200 Guests.

"There is no more important work to be done in North Carolina than that which the Young Men's Christian Association is capable of doing," declared Gov. Robert B. Glenn last night at the banquet of the Young Men's Christian Association, given at the Central Hotel in honor of himself and Mr. Geo. F. Tibbitts, of Washington, D. C.

There were more than 200 guests present and the banquet hall was decorated with plants, cannas and carnations, and brilliantly lighted. Mr. Robert Glasgow, president of the Association, was toastmaster. The banquet, in a sense, inaugurated the movement for a new home for the local Y. M. C. A. A site at the corner of South Tryon and Second streets is already the property of the Association. W. F. Dowd, of the board of directors, announced that in addition to the \$22,000 which will be in bank from the sale of the old building, the directors and trustees have pledged \$20,000, provided Charlotte will raise \$40,000 by February 9, which would make a building fund of \$80,000. Mr. Glasgow introduced Mr. Dowd, who said:

"It was promised that there would be no funds asked here tonight. We shall live up to that promise. But there was nothing said about talking about money. The board of directors and the board of trustees of the Association have pledged the Association the sum of \$40,000, in addition to the \$22,000 which will be in bank from the sale of the old building, will make \$62,000 the Association will have as a building fund. But remember that this promise on the part of the two boards will expire at 10 o'clock on the night of February 9th."

Mr. Dowd then read a list of those who have already subscribed to the fund, first giving those who are members of the boards of directors and trustees, and then those who are of the citizens of Charlotte. The names of those in the first list are: C. W. Tillet, \$1,000; F. C. Abbott, \$1,000; George Stephens, \$1,000; W. F. Dowd, \$2,500; B. D. Heath, \$2,500; J. A. Durham, \$3,333.33; other directors, \$3,500. Total, \$15,833. Yet to be taken up by the board, \$4,167, of the \$20,000 pledged by the boards of directors and trustees.

Friends of the movement have promised: W. E. Holt, \$500; S. W. Cramer, \$1,000; George Howell, \$1,000; J. H. Wear, \$1,000; D. A. Tompkins, \$1,000; S. S. McNehee, \$1,500. Total, \$4,000. This leaves \$4,000 yet to be secured from the citizens of Charlotte.

In introducing Mr. Tibbitts, Toastmaster Glasgow said: "An English lord said to his boy that he did not want any one to enter the estate through the gate. It happened that at one time when the lad was passing the gate, Wellington, in company with some of his captains approached, and wishing to save time by going through rather than around the estate, asked the boy to open the gate. He refused, and the boy's eyes fell, but his hand did not search the latch.

"Arthur Wellesley turned away and said: 'If I had an army of men with such a spirit as this I could free Europe before many days.'

"Is there one among us who does not instinctively feel that this spirit of resolve is the corner stone of England's greatness? Is there one among us who does not feel that this spirit of uncompromising, almost sullen loyalty to duty, has made it possible for some proud poet to sing, 'Britannia needs no bulwarks, no towers against the steep; Godless, my thought is this. We stand upon the threshold of a new era. Behind us there is a successful past, but for the future we have caught a larger vision which we believe beckons us even to a more extended field of usefulness. In order to make this possible it will take men. Not men, who carried away by the ecstasy of the moment, make a spasmodic resolve which is destined to be temporary, because it is burned up with the fire of its own intensity. Not men, who, when the pressure and stress of personal misadventure falls upon them, fail to stand the test and thus refuse to do a father's bidding. But men (and I wish to say this gently and reverently) of the type of one whom we all knew and loved; who like a full-blooded horse did not know what it was to pant for breath, but fell dead, all harnessed up for the onward march of another day.

"We need men of creative force Continued on page 2

Bales Ginned are 12,167,873

The Report Shows Slightly More Than 400,000 Bales Since Last Accounting of Two Weeks Ago.

The ginners' report, issued this afternoon, gives 12,167,873 as the number of bales ginned so far this season, which is slightly more than 400,000 bales in excess of the report of two weeks ago. The figure is construed as being bearish on the effect upon the market. There is, however, even in the downward tendency of the market, nothing to indicate that it is decidedly leaning to the bears.

The following figures will give the corresponding increase in the number of bales ginned in similar periods:

Table with 2 columns: Year and Bales Ginned. 1904: 12,767,600; 1905: 9,989,637; 1906: 12,167,873

The reports indicate that more than 1,000,000 bales have been ginned within the past two weeks in the government estimate the report inclines to uphold the estimate of 12,546,000. As the season does not end until the middle of March, and therefore there is a period of nearly two months in which to gin the 350,000 bales necessary to reach the government figures. And then, too, the ginners' report is based on an approximate average of 520 pounds per bale, the government's estimate being on a 500-pound per bale estimate.

The report by states is as follows:

Table with 3 columns: State, Amt., Gov. Alabama: 1,215,673; Arkansas: 1,252,000; Florida: 60,423; Georgia: 1,602,713; Indian Territory: 405,000; Louisiana: 337,737; Mississippi: 1,484,000; Missouri: 43,000; North Carolina: 588,315; Oklahoma: 380,000; South Carolina: 887,192; Tennessee: 252,501; Texas: 3,944,000; Virginia: 13,621

Sea Island Cotton. Washington, January 23.—Sea Island cotton ginned to January 16, 1907, distributed by states is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: State and Bales. Florida: 23,686 bales; Georgia: 24,775 bales; South Carolina: 7,761 bales. Number of Gineries 28,525.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The Census report shows 12,167,873 bales of cotton counting round bales as half bales, ginned from the growth of 1906 to Jan. 16, 1907. The number of active gineries this year is 28,525.