

County's Delegation Not Advocating Two And a Half Mile Limit

In Letter to the Mayor Messrs. Pharr, Dowd and Grier Say They are Prepared to Advocate One Mile Additional.

Mr. Preston Willing to Advocate 2 1-2 Miles of "Built-up" Suburbs. Special Charter Committee in Session.

The views of Mecklenburg's representatives in the Legislature were learned by the charter committee at a session held yesterday afternoon. In a letter to Mayor McNinch the county's delegation defined their views, and the letter was given to the committee.

Mayor McNinch in reviewing their letter, expressed the hope that the two and a half mile extension. Members of the delegation before going to Raleigh considered the question of extension carefully and drove around the suburbs and into the country a number of times to look over the ground and familiarize themselves with conditions.

The charter committee appointed a committee consisting of Judge A. Burwell, City Attorney Hugh W. Harris and Mr. D. B. Smith to draft an outline of a new charter.

The central charter committee consists of Judge Armistead Burwell, City Attorney Hugh W. Harris and Mr. Jas. A. Bell, of the Charlotte bar, and Aldermen I. W. Faison, W. W. Ward, W. L. Long and M. F. Kirby. The committee was organized by the election of Alderman Faison permanent chairman, and Mr. D. B. Smith permanent secretary.

The following letter from the Mecklenburg delegation at Raleigh to the Mayor under date of January 17th was read:

Dear Sir: Yours of the 11th inst. asking us to inform you whether or not we were prepared to advocate an extension of the city limits two and one-half miles, circular or otherwise, further asking us to inform you just what extension we would advocate in case we could not agree to advocate the two and one-half miles extension, was duly received. For reasons mentioned in the letter written to you by Mr. Pharr we have been delayed in taking up the matter earlier.

Referring to your inquiries we beg to say the members of Mecklenburg have not all been able to come to a unanimous agreement, as will appear hereafter. Messrs. Pharr, Grier and Dowd have agreed, however, and are prepared to advocate an extension of the city limits for one mile in every direction from the present limits. For reasons stated to the board of aldermen on Saturday, January 5th by Messrs. Dowd and Pharr, they together with Mr. Grier, are not prepared to advocate the extension of two and one-half miles from the square.

Mr. Preston, for the reasons stated by him to the board of aldermen, is prepared to advocate an extension of the city limits which will embrace all the built-up sections embraced within the two and one-half mile limit. He is not now prepared to advocate a more limited extension, but in case the board of aldermen, after further consideration of the matter, should decide to reverse its former decision and recommend a more limited extension, Mr. Preston, while continuing his private views as the same, will probably not feel inclined to oppose it.

Very respectfully, H. N. PHARR, W. C. DOWD, W. A. GRIER, E. R. PRESTON.

The Mayor's Letter. Mayor McNinch wrote the following letter to the charter committee, partly commenting upon the letter from the delegation and it was read as follows: To the Honorable Members of the Greater Charlotte Charter Extension Committee:

I hand you herewith a letter received from our Senator and Representatives with reference to the extension of our city limits. This letter was written in response to my request for definite information in regard to their proposed course of action in this matter, which is of such vital importance to our community. I desired this information, believing that it is necessary so that you can shape your action intelligently.

Advise you to have in mind in your efforts the larger territory of two and one-half miles rather than the smaller limits of two miles, as suggested by some of our Representatives. I advise this, if for no other reason, than that the only formal expressions in regard to this matter, by both official and semi-official bodies, have been in favor of the two and one-half mile limit, and, in addition, I verily believe that nine-tenths of the citizens within the proposed municipality heartily favor the greater extension. Still further, I venture the assertion that not one hundred citizens would at the ballot box cast a vote against the two and one-half mile proposition and in favor of the two mile extension. And, as I understand the situation, nearly all of those who were at first opposed to any extension now desire the two and one-half mile limit in preference to any less, but desire the township lines more than all other plans.

Personally, I have no interest in this matter except as a citizen, and an official who loves his city, desiring the present confined limits to have justice. My original idea of extension was to include the township, by boroughs, etc. But this I gave up freely the moment the committee of ten appointed from the committee of one hundred, made its report. I thought then, and still believe, that it is best for all of us to bow our wills to that report, especially so since the aldermen on two separate occasions sanctioned that report. Surely out of a supposed population of forty thousand citizens in the proposed city, a few hundred should acquiesce and go hand in hand with the large majority.

In this proposed extension I have felt and still feel that the main question was one of equitable tax assessment and that this could and would be almost guaranteed by providing a board of tax assessors sufficiently large in number and representative in character so as to safeguard all interests, having an equal care for the unimproved, non-productive values as well as for the manufacturing interests.

I fully recognize the importance of the manufacturing interests to our community, knowing that in a large measure our prosperity is based on their success and that we owe them much cooperation and should guard that their interests are properly cared for. This should be done not only in justice to those now with us, but also to encourage other manufacturing enterprises to be established in our community.

I feel most keenly on this subject of extension, and of the involved question of taxation, and I trust you will pardon the length of this letter and permit me to state with some detail my views on this tax matter. In my opinion, our small city has Continued on page 5

Hold-up in S. C. Senate

Senator Blease Declared he Would Hold Floor Until Midnight Unless Debate was Postponed. Against Dispensary.

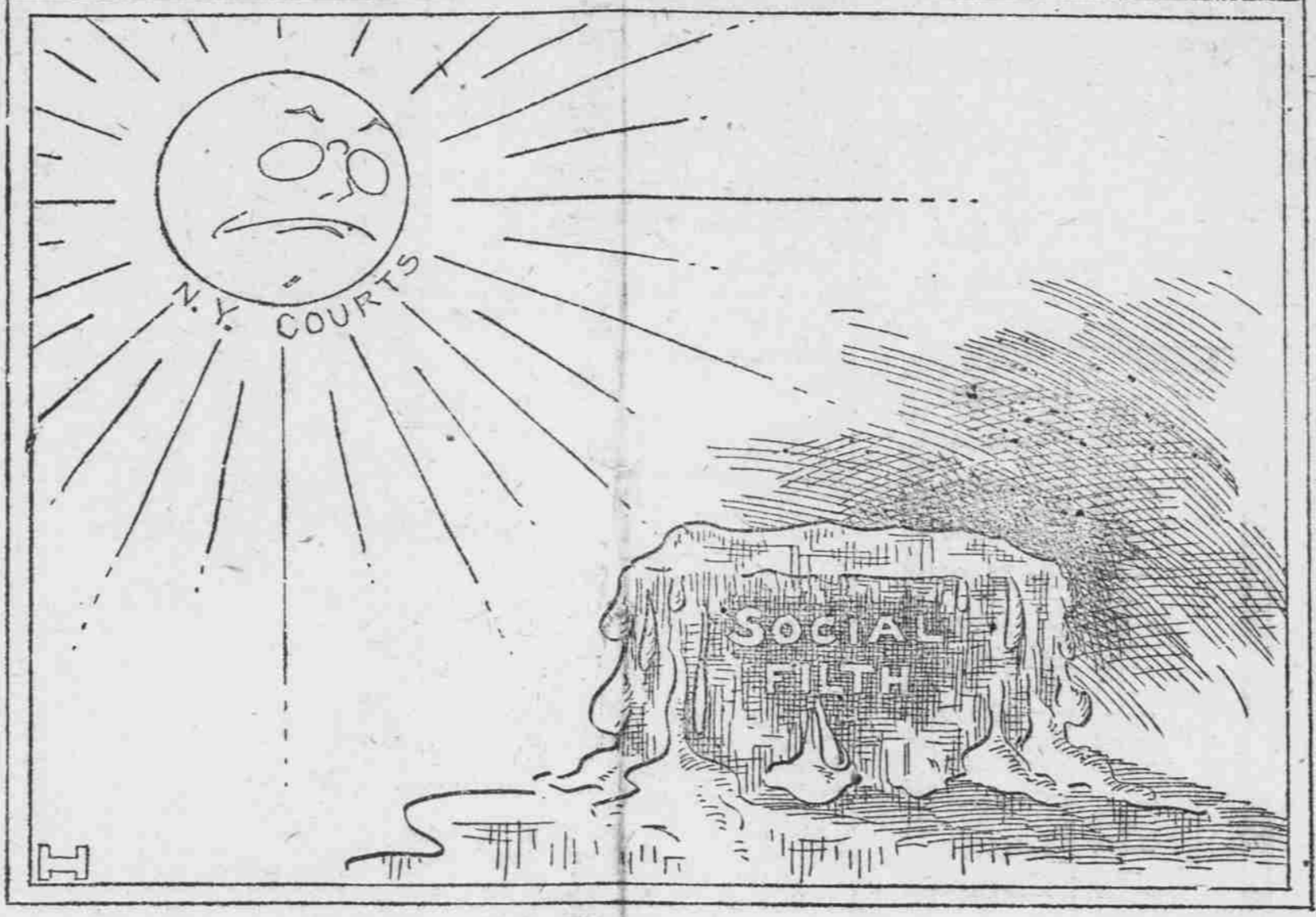
Special to The News. Columbia, S. C., Jan. 24.—The Senate today had a regular hold-up in a parliamentary way. The Senate had practically adopted the resolution of Senator Smith, declaring against the State dispensary and calling on the Judiciary committee for a bill. Senator Williams had an amendment adopted, by which the Senate declared against the State dispensary and in favor of local option.

Senator Talbert voted against the Williams amendment because he was against the State dispensary, but was also opposed to local option and favored State productions. After the Senate had voted for the Smith and Williams resolutions, the question was should these resolutions be given its final second reading.

Mr. Cole-Blease at this juncture secured the floor and asked to adjourn the debate until tomorrow. He announced with firmness that unless this be done he would hold the floor until midnight. Senator Smith declined to agree to adjourn the debate. Senator Blease said he was in for an all-day speech.

Mr. Rayson then moved to adjourn the debate and he and Mr. Wells, who had previously been heard felt that they could vote to adjourn the debate, so the work of the Senate could go on. Except on the vote to adjourn the debate every vote taken in the Senate today was against the State dispensary.

COWBOY KILLED SIX. Arizona Cowboy Killed Six Mexicans in Combat and Escaped. Douglass, Ariz., Jan. 24.—In a single handed combat near Montezuma, Mexico, Bert Zoley, an Arizona cowboy, shot and killed six Mexicans.



THE THAW CASE.

Senator Alger Died Suddenly

No Premonitory Symptoms Told of Approaching Death. Senator Died at His Home, after Talk with His Wife.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 24.—Senator Alger died suddenly at his home here this morning. There were practically no premonitory symptoms that the end was near.

The senator had a pleasant chat with Mrs. Alger in her room, then went down stairs. A few minutes later the senator suffered a recurrence of the heart trouble from which he had suffered a long time and death came quickly. He had not been feeling well for several days.

The Senate adopted an appropriate resolution out of respect to the senator. Adjourned 12:17. ELKINS—FOX.

Marriage Took Place To-day—Two Bridesmaids From Salisbury. Philadelphia, Jan. 24.—In St. Paul's church at Cheltenham, Miss Natalia Crozer Fox and George W. Elkins, Jr., were married. The bridesmaids included Miss May Boyden and Miss Jeanne Boyden, of Salisbury, N. C.; Miss Constance Johnson and Miss Mildred Grebel, of New York.

The Strothers Case. Richmond, Va., January 24.—The case of Philip J. and James A. Strothers for the killing of William F. Bywaters was before the Culpeper grand jury. Mrs. Bywaters was too ill to appear.

Mr. Clarkson is Chairman

State Prohibition Forces Met To-day in Raleigh. Mr. Heriot Clarkson, of Charlotte, Elected Chairman.

By Bell Telephone. Raleigh, N. C., January 24.—The State temperance forces met here today. Hon. A. M. Scales, of Greensboro, was elected temporary chairman. In accepting the chair, he urged that the course to pursue was to try to secure better enforcement of the present temperance laws, rather than making any extended efforts for State prohibition, at this time.

Mr. Heriot Clarkson, of Charlotte, was made permanent chairman. He was placed in nomination by Mr. Joseph Daniel, of Raleigh, who paid a high tribute to Mr. Clarkson's character and fitness for the place. Mr. Clarkson, in accepting the chairmanship, made a brief speech, expressing practically the same sentiment as those expressed by Mr. Scales.

Fire in Theatre. By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 24.—The Academy of Music was gutted by fire this morning. No lives were lost. Members of the Y. M. C. A. campaign committees lunched at the Association yesterday and further perfected their plans.

To Take Testimony. By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 24.—The Senate committee on military affairs decided to begin taking testimony on Brownsville, Feb. 4, in Washington.

Boy Shot by His Brother

George Noles Fatally Injured by Accidental Discharge of a Rifle in the Hands of Oscar Noles This Morning.

George Noles, the twelve-year-old son of Mrs. S. C. Noles, who lives at No. 706 East Seventh street, was accidentally shot and fatally injured this morning by his brother, Oscar, aged 14 years. The bullet from a 22-calibre rifle entered his head just above the right eye, penetrating the skull and brain and lodging in the back skull, so that it could be felt.

Mrs. Noles left home this morning at an early hour to work at M. S. Burch & Co's. tailoring establishment, leaving the two boys at home. About nine o'clock the rifle was taken down, and Oscar was trying to displace a lodged bullet when George was looking down the barrel. In some way the gun was discharged, the bullet entering George's head in the manner above stated.

He was picked up from the floor upon which he immediately fell and placed on the bed by his brother, whose cries summoned an old negro woman living near. She bore the sad intelligence to the mother who was completely overcome.

Drs. Hawley, Walker and Wright were in the house shortly after the accident happened and administered narcotics to give the suffering boy alleviation. They held out no hope for his recovery.

Doings of The Legislature

Number of Important Bills Introduced To-day in Legislature. Justice Bill Goes Over Till Tomorrow.

By Bell Telephone. Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 24.—In the House this morning Mr. Winborne introduced a bill to amend the constitution, by deferring the operation of the Grandfather clause from 1908 until 1918.

This amendment, if carried into effect, would give children an additional ten years, in which to learn to read and write, before being debarred by the constitution from voting. Mr. Justice's bill, to enlarge the powers of the attorney general and to investigate corporations and to make solicitors of the state assistant to the attorney general, and place them on salaries, occupied a considerable portion of the discussion this morning. The bill passed its second reading, but Mr. Dowd of Mecklenburg, made objection to the third reading, and it went over until tomorrow.

Mr. Dowd was one of the principal opponents of the bill on the floor, maintaining that he saw no reason for the bringing of the matter of salaries for solicitors, into the bill. He offered an amendment, eliminating the salary clause, but it was lost.

In the Senate. In the Senate this morning among the notable bills introduced was one by Holt, to define trusts and punish such combinations. By Drewry, of Wake, to regulate the running of automobiles on the public roads of the state.

By Odell, to limit the poll tax.

A Reformatory Is Needed

Rev. A. R. Shaw Says it is Better From a Financial Point of View, and Advocates One for Negroes if Necessary.

"Does the State of North Carolina need a reformatory?" was asked Rev. A. R. Shaw, pastor of the Tenth Avenue Presbyterian church yesterday and he replied:

"How frequently have we observed judges of our courts in painful perplexity as to the disposition to make of boys and girls convicted of crime. As is well known the boys of this class outnumber the girls.

"When convicted, where shall the boys be sent? To the chain-gang to the jail? To the penitentiary? This question might be considered in a two-fold light: financial and moral. I claim that from a financial point of view it is better to establish a reformatory in which the boys can be required to support themselves than to pursue a course which tends to develop criminals and which results in costly prosecutions for flagrant violations of the law. I also insist that from a moral point of view it is wiser to send these boys to a reformatory in which the environments and regulations point to a better life, than to shut them up in jail or penitentiary in which they must associate with older and more hardened criminals.

"If a reformatory for the white people calls for a reformatory for the negroes, establish the two. Let us not have criminals if it is possible to have good citizens. We must take care of the boys."

Opening of Selwyn is Postponed to Feb. 5

Owing to the failure of the railroads to deliver freight into Charlotte the formal opening and reception of the Selwyn Hotel has been postponed one week, from January the twenty-ninth to February the fifth. Manager Lightfoot regrets very much the delay, especially in view of making all arrangements and advertising for the former date, but states that the reception will take place on the latter date regardless of circumstances.

The reception will be held on the evening of the fifth and the building opened for public inspection on the afternoon and evening of the sixth, between the hours of four and ten o'clock, and beginning on the seventh guests will be received. The ball, which will be an invitation affair, will be given on the night of the fifth, and this promises to be an event of no little pleasure.

The privilege of conducting the cigar stand, which is located near the center of the lobby, has been purchased by the Consolidated Cigar Stores Company. A complete line of cigars, tobacco, cigarettes, souvenirs and other things will be handled.

BAN ON BUCKET SHOPS. South Carolina Senate Deals Bucket Shops Death Blow.

Special to The News. Columbia, S. C., Jan. 24.—By a two to one vote the Senate today passed Senator Carlisle's bill, outlawing the bucket shops in this State. The bill makes a misdemeanor "the keeping of any room or place where contracts are made for the future delivery of any stocks, bonds, cotton, grain, meat or any other animal, mineral or vegetable product of any kind without the seller being the owner and without any intention on the part of either the seller to deliver or the buyer receiving the same"

Trial of Harry K. Thaw is Being Reported to Ends of Civilized World

Alarm at "Thirty-Six" Gives Fire Horses a Run

"Clang-clang-clang . . . clang-clang-clang-clang-clang!" "Thirty-six!" exclaimed everybody. "Fire's close to the square."

As men rushed to doors and windows they saw a couple of blue-coats on Independence Square wildly waving their arms driving pedestrians to shelter, for the clanging-gong of the engines and trucks was to be heard and the road had to be cleared quickly.

It was merely a travesty on a fire after all. It was such a dismal failure in the way of a burning house that the fire horses snorted in disgust. All the same the splendid grays and the splendid whites bent their necks to the run and flung their fine manes to the nipping breeze created by their own speed, just as if the new Selwyn or the Central or the Buford was ablaze.

When they reached the square one third of an oil stove, flaming like a torch, was chucked up on the street from a little colored tailor shop in the basement of the Central. Then a second one-third and then a third one-third of a burning oil stove spluttered up, followed by several hunks of burning rags and a scorched curtain.

It looked like the bottomless pit had a mild case of sea-sickness. The grays and the whites, hardly warmed up after so short a spin, were turning their heads towards the fire houses, when suddenly the form of Prof. Alexander Graham emerged from the cavern whence the oil stove flew up. "I had a second-hand coat in there that carried no insurance, but it's safe," he said, as he reached out to shake the first hand he could get hold of.

\$600 an Acre in N. Charlotte

Real Estate Deal of \$18,000 Which Means much for Future of That Section. Big Plant May be Erected.

The great value of real estate in Charlotte and vicinity is illustrated by one of the most interesting deals that has taken place here in quite a while. According to a rumor which has been prevalent for some days, Drs. George W. Graham and Cahries L. Alexander have sold 30 acres of land, which they jointly owned and which adjoined the lands of the Highland Park Manufacturing Company in North Charlotte for \$18,000. This is \$600 an acre and shows how this section of the city is coming to the front. The property is only a part of that owned by Messrs. Graham and Alexander, and which will be remembered as the old farm.

It is understood that the purchaser is Mr. J. W. Conway, manager of the Charlotte office of the General Fire Extinguisher Company.

It is further understood that the property was purchased for the General Fire Extinguisher Company. The property, being situated within a few hundred yards of the present site of the General Fire Extinguisher Company in North Charlotte, it is said will be used for the erection of a warehouse whose dimensions will probably be 400x200 feet. It will also be used for a pipe yard, it is understood.

The present yards of the company are located south of the city and cover several acres of ground. In connection with the purchase there is a rumor that the Atlanta branch will be the distributing point of the South. The office at Atlanta is smaller than the one here and it is said that its business can be conducted in Charlotte just as well and as cheap to the company as it can be conducted there.

It is known that some time ago the removal of the Atlanta office to Charlotte was considered and again that the removal of the Charlotte office to that city was also considered. No decision was reached and for a year or more the matter remained unsettled. However, should the Atlanta office not be removed here the General Fire Extinguisher Company is certainly preparing to enlarge its business in this city and on a very extensive scale.

North Charlotte is experiencing the healthy growth felt in every other part of the city. Very close to the property just changing hands the Southern Railway is constructing its extensive freight yards, the tracks of which will accommodate nearly 2,000 cars. Somewhat further out, near the Highland Park Mills, work will soon begin on the new passenger and freight depot, for the convenience of business in that part of the city, one of the largest manufacturing sections of Charlotte. It will cost alone \$3,800. This depot will be situated between the Mecklenburg and the Highland Park Mills. The Atlantic Waste Company is another large plant in this vicinity.

No Case in Many Years has Attracted Such Wide-Spread Attention. Elaborate Plans Made for Reporting Detail.

Great Collection of Reporters and Newspaper Artists on Hand. Two Jurors Drawn. Jury May be Kept Close.

By Associated Press. New York, Jan. 24.—With two jurors selected in the trial of Harry K. Thaw, it looks as if the box will be filled in less than a week. Yesterday developed features out of the ordinary. The first of these was the order of Justice Fitzgerald that the jury be kept in seclusion until the members have reached a verdict.

To lock up a jury at the beginning of a trial is unusual. It was done at the second Molliniaux trial. The World interested. The second development was the appearance in court, on behalf of the prosecution of three alienists, whose duty apparently was to watch the trial and to oppose the possible introduction, by the defense, of emotional insanity plea.

The plans of the defense are still hidden. That interest in the trial is widespread was indicated by the collection of reporters and newspaper artists, such as never came together before in a court room.

The case is being reported to the ends of the civilized world. The eminence of the victim, the wealth of the prisoner, the dramatic circumstances of the crime, and the light it sheds, not only on Broadway life, but the doings of the fast set in every capital, have caused special arrangements to be made for the press.

From the centre of the criminal courts building two great cables come down to the table where are corps of telegraphers. Some wires run straight to newspaper offices in the city, others connect with newspapers in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

Stories written in the court may be placed on the wire connected with the Atlantic cable. Thaw's Strong Council. None of the confusion of yesterday attended the opening of the trial today.

Mrs. Evelyn Thaw, with features obscured by a white veil, entered the court room a half hour before the session opened, followed closely by May McKenzia.

Thaw's imposing array of counsel—numbering six, reached the court shortly after 10:30, at which time Thaw was in the prisoner's pen waiting to make entrance. Only Two Chosen. Twelve talesmen were examined at the morning session of the trial of Thaw, charged with the murder of Stanford White, without an additional juror being secured, and when the recess was ordered the two jurymen sworn in yesterday were the only occupants of the box.

No Smiles for Thaw. Thaw was called to the bar at 10:45 o'clock. As he walked briskly by his relatives to his place at the lawyers table, the smiles and bows which had marked his appearance yesterday were missing. His wife nodded to him.

Thaw greeted each of his counsel. Josiah C. Thaw, brother of the accused, was in court for the first time. The absence of Thaw's mother from the court was explained by the attorney for the defense who said the strain had proven too much for her.

She was on the verge of a collapse when she returned to her hotel yesterday. The Countess of Yarmouth is said to be suffering from a slight cold. Their Excuses. Some talesmen were excused because of the prejudice which they declared could not be shaken, others were peremptorily challenged by the defense.

Some said it would require the removal of every possible doubt before they would convict in the case involving capital punishment. Already 31 talesmen have been examined. WM. WHITELY MURDERED. Founder of First Big Department Store Murdered by Boy. By Associated Press. London, Jan. 24.—Wm. Whitely, founder of the first big department store, was shot and killed by a young man who afterwards attempted to commit suicide.

Ormond, Fla., January 24.—The 10-mile handicap was won by Blakely in a 70 horse power gasoline car in 8 minutes, 44 seconds.