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Thaw Pleased at The Choice of Southern Man to Place on Jury

At Opening of Trial Today the 100 New Talesmen Were Present. Tenth Man is From New Orleans.

Prisoner Seems Glad Southern Man is to be Juror. All of Family Attend Trial To-day. About the Rumors.

New York, Jan. 29.—Despite the great care and deliberation being shown by District Attorney Jerome and C. W. Hartridge, leading counsel for Thaw, in the selection of jurors, the progress made has been gratifying, in the opinion of both sides. But for the personal direction of the prisoner in challenging talesmen the jury would have been completed yesterday.

An interested spectator in the court yesterday was Jack Bafrymore, an actor. In a certain contingency he will be a witness for the prosecution.

James D. Dennoe, a travelling freight agent was the tenth juror secured. He is married and came to this city from New Orleans.

He declares that he has formed no opinion. Thaw seems especially pleased to have a Southern man on the jury.

When the talesman said he was from Louisiana the defendant immediately engaged his counsel in conversation.

Jerome noted this, but interposed no objection to the Louisiana man.

100 New Talesmen. One hundred new talesmen were present when the Thaw trial was resumed. It was agreed that the old panel of which 25 remained should first be exhausted before calling upon the newly summoned talesmen.

All the members of the Thaw family were again present. Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw and May McKenzie entered the court room with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Carnegie.

As stated the prisoner's wife and mother were thrown side by side again and it seemed as though this arrangement was designed in advance further to discredit the stories as to the dissensions in the family.

The Thaws often met in one of the anti-rooms of the court and consult with the counsel for the defendant. This accounts for the fact that they sometimes do not greet each other when taking their places in the court room.

Another Delay. The excuse of two jurors in the Thaw case leaves four vacant chairs in the jury box and has recently delayed the beginning of the taking of testimony.

The reasons for the step are not made public. They are said to have been of a business nature.

Many Called, Few Chosen. When the morning session of the Thaw trial ended there remained but two vacant seats in the jury box. Out of 18 talesmen originally of the panel of 200 men who were examined this morning only one proved acceptable.

The defendant's attorneys set a new high record for the right of peremptory challenges during the morning session, bringing this privilege to bear five times in excusing from service talesmen who did not impress them satisfactorily.

Tragedies at Durham

Eight-Year Old Boy Shot by Young Companion Yesterday, Died Today. Death of an Aged Lady. Other News.

Durham, N. C., Jan. 29.—An accidental shooting several miles from the city yesterday resulted in the death of Allie Barbee, a small eight-year-old boy. The gun was fired by his cousin and companion, Marvin Barbee.

The relatives of the youth are living, and the shooting occurred at the home of Mr. George Barbee. They were playing with the gun when Marvin pulled the trigger and sent a ball crashing through the brain of his cousin.

The boy was brought to the city where an operation was performed. Death followed shortly afterwards this morning.

Mrs. Mary Langley, aged 67 years, died this morning from the result of being badly burned several days ago. She resided with her son, Robert Langley who survives her.

When the accident occurred she was standing near the fire-place and her clothing caught on fire. At the time she thought that she would recover. She suffered intense pain until she died.

CHURCH AND STATE.

First Ray of Hope For Adjustment of Differences Between State and the Church.

Paris, France, January 29.—The proposition which the French bishops, with the approval of the Pope, have submitted to the government, seems to offer the first real prospect of an adjustment of the conflict between the Church and the State.

A model contract which the bishops have submitted provides for the virtual lease of churches in perpetuity to parish priests by the mayors.

FOR A REFORMATORY.

Public Meeting to be Held Tomorrow Night in the Interest of the Reformatory Question.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 29.—A public meeting of the committees, having in charge the reformatory legislation, will be held in the senate chamber tomorrow night. It is expected that a large number of the friends of the movement will be present to discuss the measure.

CHILDREN IN MILLS.

Senator Beveridge Says More Children Under 12 Work in Southern Mills.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—Continuing his speech on child labor, Senator Beveridge presented a number of affidavits, setting forth conditions in the Southern cotton mills, and asserting that many under 12 were working in these mills.

Free Seed Distribution.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—The House committee of the whole reversed the ruling of the chair on the question of free seeds for Congressional distribution and adopted the amendment as contained in the agricultural appropriation bill of last year, continuing the free distribution of seeds.

Steamer Launched.

Quincy, Mass., Jan. 29.—The steamer Ocmulgee, of the fleet to ply between Brunswick, Ga., and New York, was successfully launched at Fore River by the ship building company.

Many Questions For Railroads

Joint Committee on Railroads and Public Service Corporations of House and Senate Forward Many Questions.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 29.—The joint committee on railroads and public service corporations of the Senate and House of Representatives forwarded today to the Southern, the Seaboard Air Line and Atlantic Coast Line railroad companies 27 questions they desire the railroad companies to answer within three days.

Especially notable among the questions are: Value of tangible property in and out of State; itemized salaries of officials receiving \$2,000 a year and more; itemized accounts of private car expenses; list of persons who received free transportation during 1906, exclusive of operatives but including attorneys; special trains operated without revenue; proportion of inter and intra-State business; number of through and local trains in North Carolina; produce before the committee the books of the company with proper person to swear to same; give terminal expenses in detail for North Carolina; give attorneys fees in North Carolina other than regular attorneys; give amounts paid in connection with legislatures and paid in any way for newspapers; amount of money raised in five years by sale of stocks and bonds outside of regular earnings; detailed statement of money spent for five years in North Carolina for maintenance of ways, shops and how much for 1906; amounts charged to cross ties since 1900 and amounts actually spent; questions as to distinguishing between inter and intra-State expenses in operating trains; mortgage bonds outstanding and present value; common and preferred stock and value; questions as to the tax assessment and net earnings.

The Atlantic Coast Line is asked as to the issuance of additional stock to holders of original Wilmington and Weldon stock and the value of all such distributions to these stockholders, together with reasons for them.

The House of Representatives has just passed the bill for the appropriation of \$20,000 additional for the State representation at the Jamestown Exposition. So that there is nothing left but for the bills to be enrolled for ratification before it will be in full force and effect. This will be done within the next day or two.

Curator H. H. Brimley of the State museum has just returned from Norfolk and the exposition grounds, where he was making preliminary arrangements for the State exhibit, which, aside from the North Carolina building, will require over 15,000 square feet of space in the various buildings. He is much gratified at the outlook both for the State exhibit and the exposition in general.

"The Young Folks History of North Carolina" by Prof. D. H. Hill of the A. & M. College has been adopted as the text book on civics, this being by W. J. Peele, of Raleigh. The board recommends for supplementary reading R. D. W. Connor's new book, "Stories of the Old North State" and "Child's History of North Carolina," by W. C. Allen, of Waynesville. Mr. Connor is connected with the State Department of Education.

The bill introduced in the House by Koonce, of Onslow, to relieve the people from unreasonable restrictions in fire insurance policies prescribes that it shall be unlawful to include in such policies the co-insurance clause or any restriction that would prevent the insured in case of loss by fire from recovering the full amount of the insurance for which premiums were paid. The penalty is \$25.

The first of what are known as the principal railroad bills pending in the general assembly was tabled in the Senate by a vote of nineteen to sixteen. It was Senator Graham's bill to define the rights of passengers entering and leaving trains in that they should enter at the rear of the coaches and leave through doors next toward the locomotives. An amendment by Graham that the bill go into effect April first did not eliminate the disfavor of the majority of the Senate.

14 MEN ADRIFT. Fishermen Drifting On Ice Floe In Gulf.

Riga, January 29.—Fourteen fishermen are adrift on an ice floe in the Gulf of Riga. The men were fishing when the ice broke and they were blown out to sea.

PLANNING REVOLUTION. Secret Political Meeting Surprised And Battle Followed.

Willemsstad, Island of Curacao, Jan. 29.—According to advices from Caracas Governor Mata, at the head of a body of armed troops, surprised a secret political meeting in the yard of the Vice President Gomez at Caracas, Venezuela, during the night of January 27th, and in the fighting which followed Governor Mata and several others were killed and a large number, including the commander of the troops were wounded.

Two Companies Chartered. Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 29.—A charter was issued today to the Lassiter L. and Company, of Greensboro, at a capital of \$25,000 by W. L. Grissom and others.

Also one to the Asheville Realty and Insurance Company at a capital of \$25,000, by J. M. Gudger and others.

Rockingham Postmaster. Washington, Jan. 29.—The President sent to the Senate the following nominations: Postmasters, North Carolina—Estelle Cameron, Rockingham; Virginia—O. L. James, Abingdon.

Conditions Of Banks. Washington, D. C., January 29.—The comptroller of currency issued a call for a statement of the condition of national banks at the close of business January 26.

Pay Advanced. Fall River, Mass., January 29.—The New York, New Haven and Hartford has advanced the pay of captains, pilots and mates of the Fall River Line Steamers.

—Mrs. S. J. Herron is dangerously ill at the home of Mrs. Clark, No. 206 West Sixth street.



Fluctuations Cotton Market

Representative Livingston Urges Favorable Action on Resolution Providing for Investigation. More About Exchange.

Washington, D. C., January 29.—Representative Livingston, of Georgia, appeared before the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and urged favorable action on his resolution, providing for an investigation by the Department of Commerce and Labor of the fluctuations in the cotton market, with the particular object of ascertaining whether such fluctuations have resulted from the character of the contracts of the alleged sales and deliveries made on the New York Cotton Exchange.

Extensive dealings in futures was denounced by Livingston, who said that cotton growers and cotton spinners of the United States are absolutely at the mercy of the speculators.

He mentioned 30 classifications of cotton which formerly existed and called attention to the fact that 11 of these classes have been dropped recently.

Livingston spoke of his attempt to have cotton manipulators barred from the mails and said he was threatened with a libel suit because of his action, but advised the representatives of the cotton operators that he would furnish \$500 to assist in the prosecution of the suit against himself and had heard no more of the threat.

FOUR KILLED IN WRECK. In Collision Between Express and A Freight Four Are Killed and Several Severely Injured.

Shelburne Falls, Mass., in a collision between an express and an extra freight train at South River four employees were killed and several were injured.

7,000 MEN STRIKE. Employees Of Naptha Works Strike.

Baku, Transcaucasia, Jan. 29.—7,000 employees of the Four Naptha Works here have struck.

The demands include a bonus for 1906, when the general strike was being planned.

New Canal Officers. Washington, Jan. 29.—The plan for the reorganization of the Elsthimer Canal Commission was considered by the Senate committee on inter-oceanic canals. It was backed by Senator Morgan and provided for the creation of the post director general, to be filled by the chief engineer in charge of the construction. The canal commission, in addition to the director general, is to consist of the heads of the various department under the chief engineer.

The Block System. Washington, Jan. 29.—The Senate agreed to a resolution, presented by Senator Clay of Georgia, calling on the interstate commerce commission for the result of the investigation of the block signal system on railroads.

The Talkative Senate. Washington, Jan. 29.—Senator Hale took the Senate to task because of its disposition to talk instead of pass appropriation bills. He said he would move for night sessions if the necessary business was further delayed.

Barre in Collision. Norfolk, Jan. 29.—The ocean barge John A. Briggs passed in the gapes with her bow staved in evidently from a collision.

One of Mr. Fife's associates in business said he was worth \$350,000, the larger part of it coming from the rise in Goldfield stocks.

TO VOTE ON BOND ISSUE.

Election Will be Held in Gastonia for Bond Issue—Position for Postoffice Building Offered.

Gastonia, Jan. 29.—The citizens of Gastonia met last evening in the city hall to consider the matter of asking the legislature to pass an act permitting the town to issue bonds for street and other improvements.

For some time a citizens' executive committee has been in existence with Messrs. A. M. Smyre as president and J. Lee Robinson as secretary. In response to a petition signed by a large number of the business men of Gastonia, they called this meeting. Mr. Robinson called the body to order and Mayor J. K. Dixon was elected chairman who appointed Messrs. Hugh Long and Jas. W. Atkins secretaries. A large and thoroughly representative assembly gathered and the business from beginning to end was conducted in a way which showed that the matters under discussion had been well considered and that all were in agreement as to the necessity of providing for the needs of the town. In fact, so large and enthusiastic a body of citizens has not assembled here for some time. After some discussion of what must be done by way of providing increased facilities for the schools of the town, improving the streets, and extending the light, water and sewerage systems, a resolution was offered requesting the legislature to authorize the citizens to hold an election for the purpose of voting on a bond issue, not to exceed \$100,000, to provide for needed improvements. These bonds to be voted upon in such amounts as may be required. The chairman asked all who favored the resolution to rise and all present, so far as your correspondent saw rose to their feet. Esquires G. W. Wilson, Hugh Long and W. T. Love were appointed a committee to present this matter to the legislature in proper form to express the wishes of the people.

After this matter was disposed of Mayor Dixon asked the sense of the meeting as to what offer should be made to the Federal government with regard to a site for a post office. The post office officials desire a price on the property commonly known as city park, apparently the most available site. It was the unanimous opinion of those present that \$10,000 would be a proper sum to ask for a suitable building be erected. This is much less than the market value of the property if it were sold to individuals as sites for business houses.

Cause of Mr. Fife's Death. Coroner's Inquest This Morning at St. Louis Decides that Fatty Degeneration of the Heart is Responsible.

St. Louis, Mo., January 29.—The coroner's inquest over the body of W. P. Fife, the Denver mining broker who dropped dead at the St. James Hotel Sunday, developed the fact that death was caused by fatty degeneration of the heart.

The remains are held at an undertaker's establishment pending word from relatives concerning the final disposition of the body.

The dispatch seems to indicate that Mrs. Fife and Dr. W. P. Fife, Jr., of Denver, have not yet reached St. Louis, though they had wired that they desired to attend the inquest.

One of Mr. Fife's associates in business said he was worth \$350,000, the larger part of it coming from the rise in Goldfield stocks.

Drummer in Lock-up Charge is Abducting Greenville, S. C., Girl

TOBACCO PRICES KEEP UP.

Petersburg, Va., January 29.—The sales of loose tobacco at the several warehouses for the past week have been quite large and the prices have kept up well. The "weed" is beginning to come to market in large quantities and the buyers are bidding with more spirit.

The highest price obtained the past week was \$27 per 100 lb. The sales for the week were 356,715 lb. Total sales to date, 2,974,435 lb.

Lynchburg, Va., January 29.—Sales of tobacco the past week continued quite heavy and were very largely of the common and medium grades. The color and size of the leaf were fairly good but the quality and texture were considerably off. The trade during the week was not so active week, and prices on all grades were rather lower.

Indications are that it would be best for the planters to check up for bringing their tobacco to market for a time.

The Misses Link will entertain Thursday night at their home on South Tryon street in honor of their guest, Miss Halliday of Greensboro.

Anti-Jug Bill Passed Today

Bill to Put Catawba and Lincoln Counties Under Law Passed. A Great Number of Bills Were Introduced To-day.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 29.—The House and Senate each passed a great many local bills this morning. Perhaps as many as 50 were passed in the House. Among the important bills introduced in the House this morning, was one by Manning to require insurance companies to deposit with the proper authorities cash equivalent as security equivalent to 30 per cent of their gross earnings, and also \$2,000 on receiving their State license.

Manning, by request, to adjust and settle the estate of Governor Swain and the obligation of the State University to the said estate.

Of the important bills passed by the House was one to require a certificate of good character for applicants to practice law.

A bill was introduced allowing extra pensions to veterans who have lost both arms or both legs, was amended so as to apply to those who have lost either one arm or one leg. The House re-referred the Laughinghouse bill to the fisheries committee. The bill passed its second reading yesterday but created considerable discussion. Its being sent back to the committee today is a victory for the opposition of the bill.

In the Senate. A bill was introduced by Mr. Holt, to provide fireproof buildings for the State library and hall of history.

By Breese, to erect on the present site of the Supreme Court and Agricultural building a building for a State museum, agricultural building, hall for records, etc. This bill carries with it an appropriation of \$250,000 and is in opposition to the bill now pending for an enlargement of the State capital building.

A bill was passed to amend the charter of the town of Burlington. Also one to put Lincoln and Catawba counties under the anti-jug law.

A bill to require all schools having an attendance of as many as 50 students to provide a night watchman was held up at the request of Senator Pharr for further investigation.

Serious Revolt Broken Out

Several Hundred Natives of Island of West Indies in Arms. Many Dutch Officials and Adherents Have Been Killed.

Amsterdam, Holland, Jan. 29.—A serious revolt has broken out in the province of Kediri, on the island of Java, Dutch East Indies, according to a despatch from Batavia.

It is stated that 300 natives have taken up arms and that many Dutch officials and their adherents have been killed or wounded.

The vice-governor of the province is said to be among the wounded and the chief of police is reported to have been killed.

Troops have been despatched to the scene.

Peter Helton, the old R. F. D. carrier, No. 6, is recovering from a very severe attack of cold and expects to be able to pay his daily visits to his genial customers in a day or two.

Pretty Miss May Foster Came in with John M. Dempster Last Night and Both Took Rooms at Central.

Arrest This Morning on Information of Detective Rager, of Whom Dempster Made a Confident.

A young traveling man by the name of John M. Dempster, who represents a New York shoe firm was locked up at the police station this morning on a charge of abducting Miss May Foster, a 16-year-old school girl of Greenville, S. C. The manner of escape from friends at Greenville, the journey to this city, and subsequent happenings, together with the betrayal of Dempster by a supposed friend, who, in reality declares that he is a police officer and railroad detective at Greenville, gives the story a touch of romanticism and a flavor of fiction-reading.

Story of the Arrest. The party of three, Miss Foster, Dempster and J. C. Rager came in last night from Greenville and registered at the Central, being assigned rooms Nos. 27 and 28, the girl registering under the name of "Annie Evans, Greensboro, N. C." In the early hours of the morning Rager, who claims to be the depot policeman and a railroad detective of Greenville, across from his bed, telling Dempster that he was going to see the station agent at the railroad. He was gone a few minutes, came back with a policeman who arrested Dempster and took him to the station. The girl was also taken and placed at the Charlotte hotel to await further instructions. The police department at Greenville was notified at once and orders hastened back to hold the couple at all hazards.

Take Train For Charlotte. Dempster declares that when he came to the depot at Greenville last night, Rager was there awaiting a train to come to Charlotte. The two got together and talked some until the train came and the party got on. Dempster and the girl bought tickets from station to station, Rager having a ticket straight through. In the conversation along the way Dempster alleges that they both agreed that the girl was doing wrong in leaving home, and should be cared for or induced to go back to Greenville. Rager made himself very friendly and seemed to be deeply interested in the welfare of the couple. Not until three o'clock this morning did Dempster ascertain that he had placed confidence in the wrong man and that the intimacy meant his own undoing.

Dempster's Story of the Affair. Dempster declares that he left Greenville with the girl with the intention of both returning her and a friend of his with whom she had been associating for several weeks. He strongly denies any intentional wrong, asserting that the girl came to him yesterday in Greenville and told him that she would have to leave, as her family were about to become acquainted with her mode of living. In order to save her from this humiliation, to which she was about to be subjected, and also to save the reputation of his friend, who was also deeply involved in the trouble, he undertook to take the girl away. He is well known here, having represented O. P. Heath and company on the road some years ago. In his manner there is a striking resemblance that creates a sympathetic credence of his story.

The Girl's Story. May Foster declares that Dempster is in no way responsible for her leaving Greenville and is not guilty of the grave charge of abduction. She says she wanted to leave home and when she came to the depot at Greenville last night, Dempster volunteered to care for her until they arrived in Charlotte.

"Aren't you afraid to meet your father?" she was asked.

"No, I am not scared of any body I ever saw," was the prompt reply. In stature May Foster is small, stoutly built, with eyes and facial features that are rather striking. She claims that she is a senior in one of the colleges at Greenville; that she has two sisters on the faculty of the institution, and one brother in the ministry—her standing high in the social scale of her home city.

Girl's Brother Here. A highly pathetic and dramatic scene was enacted at the station in the afternoon at two o'clock when the girl sat chatting to a bunch of officers and reporters. "Oh, there comes my brother with an officer," she cried, as she looked out of the window and saw the two approaching. "Shut the door and don't let them in," she urged, confused and trembling.

Her brother, Mr. R. M. Foster and Officer J. W. Head entered the door and stopped in Chief Irwin's office. Presently the door opened and the two stepped into the room where the girl sat.

"Howdy do," she nodded to her brother, with a feigned boldness. The brother half broken-hearted, merely motioned his head without saying a word.

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