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Thaw's Eccentric Bridge Whist Playing May Figure in The Trial

Reckless Manner in which Defendant Played May be Used to Show State of his Mind. Jerome's Plans Forecast.

Will Probably Put on at Least Three Alienists to Controvert Testimony of Experts as to Introduction of Thaw.

New York, Feb. 13.—The defense in Thaw's case assumes it has laid the foundation for the introduction of testimony heretofore excluded, including Thaw's will and codicil, said to provide a fund for the prosecution of his murderer should he die a violent death.

The defense counts largely on the will to show the effect on Thaw's mind of the stories told him regarding the relations of White and Evelyn Thaw.

Jerome's Future Course. What Jerome's case in the rebuttal will be hard to say, but it seems probable that he will put on at least three alienists in an attempt to controvert the testimony of Thaw's experts.

Dr. Franklin Shields formerly of San Francisco, has been selected to assist Delmas in his cross-examination of the experts for the prosecution.

The latest story is that Thaw played on an average of three nights a week at one club and never for less than one dollar a point, meaning that with luck against him he stood to lose \$1,000 a night.

The opening of the Thaw trial was delayed, owing to the illness of the wife of Juror Bolton.

He asked permission to visit his home in the Bronx, in company with officers and was taken there.

Court adjourned till 2.

Mrs. Thaw to Testify. The illness of the juror's wife causes some apprehension that it may seriously interfere with the trial.

On motion of Jerome, after a conference with Justice Fitzgerald, the morning session was abandoned. Thaw was not brought into court. He had a long chat with his wife in the prisoners' pen.

It was announced that Dr. Evans would go on the stand this afternoon, to be followed by Mrs. Harry Thaw.

Dr. Evans on Stand. It was reported that Juror Bolton intended reporting to the court the condition of his wife critical and that he believed it to be his duty to be with her, but he returned and the trial resumed.

SHORTAGE HALF MILLION. Shortage of Savings Bank of New Britain May Be Half Million—Treasury is Missing.

New Britain, Conn., February 13.—It is learned that the shortage at the Savings Bank of New Britain, through alleged speculation of the missing treasurer, William F. Walker, may amount to a half million of dollars.

Brownsville Some More. Washington, Feb. 13.—Corporal Madison, former corporal of Co. C, 25th Infantry, testifying before the Senate committee on military affairs in the Brownsville investigation, said an order was issued by Maj. Penrose to break open the gunlocks if the guns could not be secured any other way.

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ALL TRAINS STOP 5 MINUTES.

Official Order Directs Honor to Memory of President Walters.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 13.—As a mark of respect to the memory of Alfred Walters, late president of the Seaboard, it was directed in an official order that all trains on all lines of the system come to a full stop, wherever they may be, at the funeral hour in New York tomorrow and remain standing for a period of five minutes.

Aimed at Immigration Frauds. Washington, Feb. 13.—Exclusion of foreigners who use their passports to secure admission to the United States to the detriment of labor conditions in this country is provided for by an amendment to the immigration bill agreed upon by the conferees of the Senate and House today and reported to Congress.

BRIDE CHEWED UP TICKETS.

So Husband-Elect Had to Buy Others.

Winsted, Conn., Feb. 13.—While on their way to Millerton, N. Y., the Greatna Green for Connecticut couples, yesterday, Homer Logan, twenty-one, of Winsted, and Miss Annie Marline, eighteen, of Torrington, were handed a message at Canaan which read: "We are on to the whole affair." The message bore the signature of a Winsted newspaper.

When it came time for Conductor Sturges to take up the tickets he discovered that the bride had chewed up both. The passengers laughed when the conductor stopped to collect the past-boards. He smiled and blushed while the bridegroom dug down in his pocket after the price of two more car-fares.

Train Hits A Funeral Party.

New York, February 13.—Two women were killed and two men badly injured at a railroad crossing in Long Island City yesterday when a Long Island Railroad train struck and demolished a funeral coach containing three persons, besides the driver. Mrs. Nellie Terwilliger and Miss Sarah Halliday, of Jersey City, were instantly killed and Elliott Terwilliger, husband of one of the women, and James Healy of Brooklyn, driver of the coach were seriously injured. Edward Elliott, the engineer of the train was arrested.

Would Put Stop to Land Frauds

The President Sends a Message to Congress, Calling Attention to the Need of Legislation Affecting Public Land.

Washington, D. C., February 13.—The President sent to Congress a message, calling attention to what he terms "the urgent need of legislation affecting the different phases of the public land situation."

He advocates the conservation of coal and other fuel resources on lands still belonging to the government, saying that henceforth the nation should retain its title to the fuel resources, urges the government control of western public land pastures, and asks for an appropriation of a half million, in addition to the present estimates, to aid in detecting and preventing all land frauds.

He contends for a system of government leasing of mineral lands, on conditions beneficial to the public and for treating these fuel lands as public utilities. President Roosevelt points out that it would have been better if some of the eastern coal lands had been left under the government control and suggests a provision in the west "against a recurrence of the conditions we deplore in the east."

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Passenger Rate Bill Discussed

House Discussed at length the Manning Bill, to Reduce Passenger Rates. A Great Number of Other Bills Take up.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 13.—The House spent two hours this morning discussing the Manning bill, to reduce passenger rates. The bill was prepared by the House committee on public service corporations. It purports to place a passenger rate of two cents for the Southern and A. C. L. railways and two and a half cents for the Seaboard Railway. The bill proposes to determine the rate by the amount of business done by the railroads per mile, and on this basis the above rates are named. The consideration of the bill will be taken up again tonight at 8 o'clock. The general feeling in the House seems to be favorable to the bill, although there is some opposition.

The Koonce bill, repealing the London libel law, exempting newspapers from damages where retraction was made the next day, was reported favorably from the committee. The bill was brought up yesterday. Representative Julian, of Rowan, asked that the bill be re-referred to the judiciary committee. Douglas opposed this, and this led Dowd, of Mecklenburg, to make a heated speech in favor of Julian's demand to re-commit the bill. The bill was finally re-committed to the judiciary committee No. 1.

Mr. Laughinghouse introduced a resolution, calling for a special report of the corporation commission on the adjustment between the commission and the Southern of the suits for penalties incurred by breaking the Selma connection. He charged the Southern with the expenses of the suit, incurred by the State.

Representative Dilling introduced a bill, to regulate child labor and the hours of labor in the factories. The Bickett lobby bill came up and was discussed in the Senate today. Action on the bill was deferred until Thursday.

A bill passed to authorize Winton to vote on dispensary or prohibition. The joint resolution, appropriating \$5,000 for the representation of the negroes at the Jamestown Exposition, passed its second reading. The bill, appropriating \$500,000 for the mental defectives, passed its final reading.

A bill passed to restore to the citizens of Johnson county the right to make and sell cider and wine.

The Dowd bill, to allow minors to withdraw deposits from savings banks was discussed and re-referred to the committee.

A bill passed to confer police powers on conductors of trams and station masters, to arrest persons for drunkenness, etc.

The bill, by Pharr, of Mecklenburg, to make it a misdemeanor for a person connected with trains or street cars, to be found intoxicated, passed.

Some men outlive their usefulness and some others are born without any.

There would be a heap of virtue in the world if there was more fun in it.

Many Corpses, Clothed in Thick Encasement of Ice, Drift Ashore. Fate of Many Unknown. Probably 150 Lost.

The Few Survivors Relate Blood-Curdlng Stories of Their Fearful Experiences. VIVID ACCOUNT OF DISASTROUS WRECK.

Block Island, N. J., Feb. 13.—Up to 8 o'clock this morning 51 bodies, victims of the Larchmont, sunk in the collision in Rock Island sound, had been gathered in by the coast patrol and vessels.

The list of survivors still stands at 19 this morning. Of the dead 11 were identified by daybreak. Purser Young maintains there were 150 to 200 passengers leaving Providence.

Every corpse that came ashore was encased in ice several inches thick. Only two women were among the survivors.

Oliver Janvier told of the most trying of all the horrible experiences. He came ashore in a boat with nine. He was nearly dead himself. He waded ashore in water waist deep.

One of the two women surviving was Mrs. Feldman of New York, and was rescued with her husband from the after portion of the deck house. That the woman should have survived the horrible experience on the frail support was a miracle. She was one of the 16 carried off on a piece of wreckage.

One other woman was swept off and one by the men lost their grip and dropped off as the portion of the deck drifted helplessly, out by the aid of her husband Mrs. Feldman clung on. Feldman at one time was a sailor.

Ninety-Five Persons Missing. Up to 10 o'clock the names of 125 persons, who were on board the Larchmont, were known. Of these 19 are known to have survived; 11 are among dead, having been identified and 95 are missing.

Of the identified dead, seven were members of the crew and four were passengers; of the missing 12 are members of the crew and 83 passengers.

The Associated Press communicated with Captain McVey and Purser Young of the Larchmont. From them it is learned that a conservative estimate of the loss of life was 150. McVey and Young were suffering severely.

In addition to three bodies picked up during the night, one was recovered this morning.

The Last Report. The number of known dead is 12 missing 97, members of the crew missing 11.

The boat room floors were lined with dead, each one frozen stiff. In the living and sleeping rooms the suffering survivors rested on cots and beds, racked with pain in their frozen limbs and shuddering with the recollections of the horror of their experiences, many were denied the merciful unconsciousness of sleep.

It is feared none of these survivors will escape unscathed. Frost penetrated too deeply to be overcome by medical treatment and the surgeons knife will be the only salvation of some of the unfortunates.

No Sub-Treasury for the Southeastern States is The Decision

THE LIE IN TEXAS.

HOT TIMES IN INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES AGAINST SENATOR BAILEY.

Austin, Texas, February 13.—Declaring that "all this prattle is a lie" and urging that the committee interpose and "stop these insults," United States Senator Joseph W. Bailey brought to a climax, yesterday afternoon, an exciting session of the legislative committee appointed to investigate charges filed against him by Representative Cooke.

This was in reply to a request of Representative Cooke that additional witnesses be summoned by which he hoped to prove that Senator Bailey had borrowed \$7,000 of J. D. Suggs, of Iron county.

When it was suggested that the committee leave at once for St. Louis, where additional testimony is to be taken, Senator Bailey protested that he should not be compelled to "go over the country as the principal in an investigation of this nature."

It also developed yesterday that the testimony to appear in The Record committee is averse to allowing testimony to appear in The Record being censored by a majority of the committee, assisted by Senator Bailey.

JUROR'S MIND A BLANK.

For Five Days C. R. Jones Oblivious to His Surroundings.

Lewiston, Me., Feb. 13.—With his mind a complete blank for five days, R. Jones, of Sabattus, who has been serving on one of the traverse juries in the Supreme Judicial Court in Auburn, has proven a puzzle to Maine physicians. Last Tuesday he drove to the city, put his team in one of the stables and started for the court house, where he was to hear an important case. While walking in Court street his mind suddenly became a blank and later he was found wandering aimlessly about the city. Recognized by friends, he was taken to his home and several physicians called.

He remained in coma until Saturday when he suddenly awoke as from a peaceful slumber and is now perfectly well and in full possession of his mental faculties.

During this long state of insensibility he took no nourishment, and at long intervals the physicians say, he had no heart-beat.

Ex-Governor Higgins Dead.

Orlean, New York, Feb. 13.—Frank Wayland Higgins, former Governor of New York, died at his home here last night at 8:40. Mr. Higgins suffered for years from heart trouble. After he entered upon his work as Governor, Mr. Higgins was warned by Dr. E. C. Janeway, of New York city of a serious organic difficulty in the heart, but no effort was relaxed, which Mr. Higgins believed essential to the discharge of the trust reposed in him by the people of his state.

When the only official duty which remained for him to perform was to assist in the inauguration of his successor as governor, he resisted the importunities of his family to spare himself, and went to Albany to take part in the ceremonies. This over-exerted him and undoubtedly shortened his days.

Michigan Republicans Meet.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 13.—Republicans from all parts of Michigan rounded up here today for the annual meeting of the State League of Republican Clubs and the State nominating convention, the latter to be held tomorrow. The members of the league got together this afternoon at the Lincoln club rooms for the election of officers and the transaction of other business. Public interest centers chiefly in the fifteenth annual Lincoln banquet to be held at the Auditorium tonight. The principal speaker at the banquet will be Judge William J. Calhoun, of Chicago, a former member of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Lehigh Express Derailed.

Easton, Pa., February 13.—Two cars of the Black Diamond Express on the Lehigh Valley Railroad were derailed on the bridge crossing the Delaware river here yesterday afternoon. Both cars, a day coach, and a sleeper, were damaged, and the latter slipped to the top of the stone pier and came close to going into the river.

Several persons were injured. The most seriously injured are: H. C. Seaton, superintendent of the Bethlehem, Pa., Silk Company hand and head cut by glass and jumping through door.

Charles Cuzzins, of the Mill Supply Company, Allentown, Pa., cut by broken glass.

ALUS HIS WIFE'S MURDERER.

Keeler Joins in Furlong's Plea to Hughes for Clemency.

Albany, Feb. 13.—An attorney for Frank Furlong, the young man sentenced to die in the week beginning March 4 for the murder of his aunt, Margaret Keeler, in New York City, appealed to Governor Hughes today for commutation of the sentence to life imprisonment. The husband of the murdered woman sent a letter to the governor favoring the appeal. Mr. Hughes reserved decision.

When any one has done you a favor how small it looks the day after.

The Fact That Representatives from These States Could not Agree on the Location is Responsible for Decision.

Vote of Committee against the Plan was Close. Shows Statement as to Abolition of Certain Sub-treasuries.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—By a vote of six to five the House committee on ways and means decided against the plan to establish a new sub-treasury in the Southeastern States.

The vote was not a strict party vote, and the committee expressed sympathy with Secretary Shaw that in the interest of economy several of the present sub-treasuries might be abolished.

The failure of the delegation from the Southern States to agree upon a location for the proposed new sub-treasury is generally believed to be responsible for the adverse action by the committee.

DIES OF A BROKEN HEART.

Wife Deserted for Another Woman Fails to Survive the Blow.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 13.—A coroner's jury returned a verdict today that Mrs. Herbert Mortimer Wilson, of Bridgeport, Conn., and Boston, died of a broken heart. Her husband had deserted her, it is said, for a trained nurse.

The Wilsons came from Boston to Southern Pines, N. C., a month ago, Wilson being ill. It was there he met the nurse.

The couple had stopped at a hotel in Portsmouth on the way home when they quarrelled. Wilson threatened to send for the other woman, then disappeared.

The wife became ill and was taken to a hospital. She pined away and died.

The couple have been married five years. The wife was thirty-five years old and her husband thirty.

"HELLO" GIRLS SEE THINGS.

A Raccoon, a Mink and a Red-Headed Snake, All Real.

Washington, D. C., February 13.—The "hello girls" in the Twelfth Street Exchange were panic-stricken today by the unexpected visit of a raccoon, a real mink and a red-headed snake, who ordinarily live next door in a furnished-room house for animals.

The coon and the mink had been absent from mess hall at the animal store for about a week, but today and last night were the first time they visited the hello girls. The telephone operators all know that it was a mink because it looked like a fur coat one of them owns. They were a little doubtful about the coon until shown one.

The coon and the mink played hide-and-seek in the ventilating shaft, and when they were not circulating around the red-headed snake kept its head out of the heating register.

CURB ON ELECTION FRAUDS.

Bill Forbid Head of State's Ticket Spending More Than \$10,000.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 13.—A contract practice bill, limiting the amounts which may be expended by candidates for State offices, was introduced by Assemblyman Phillips today. The limitations are: For governor, \$10,000; for any other elective officer, other than judicial, \$6,000; Representative in Congress or Presidential elector, \$4,000; State senator, \$1,500; member of assembly, \$500.

A Lady Labor Leader.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 13.—Conspicuous among the scores of noted women who have gathered in Chicago for the annual convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association is Miss Mary R. MacArthur, who is one of the foremost women labor leaders, in Great Britain. Miss MacArthur is only 26 years old, but is secretary of the Women's Trades Union League, with 135,000 members, all of whom look to her for advice in their industrial troubles.

HUMAN HEART PICKED UP.

Brutal Evidence of Tragedy Suspended From A Car Truck.

Washington, Feb. 13.—A human heart was found hanging to the trucks of a passenger coach of the Pennsylvania Railroad's express trains from New York by a car inspector this morning. Attached to the heart was a liver, and neither had been in the least mutilated. They looked as though they had been torn from a body only a few hours previously.

Minds of too many men are filled with useless knowledge. The more a man wants to borrow the harder he shakes your hand. Efforts of a homely girl who tries to look pretty are very often vain.