

FATE OF WILCOX WITH THE JURY

Closing Argument Marked by Sensational Interruption-Local Feeling Running High

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The State rests with the presentation of a very strong case of circumstances in the defense, Mrs. Aydtell, tells why she had the opportunity, who else had made a threat about it, who else could be guilty?

Mr. Ward said that Miss Crosey was the best witness he had seen on the stand since he had been practicing law. After describing scenes of the fatal evening leading up to when Nell was called to the door, the speaker said:

Now what became of this girl after she left those steps? Thirty-seven days after Jim Wilcox called on Nell Crosey she was taken from the river 75 feet from its bank. Who put her there? Only one man in this court house can tell and Jim Wilcox is the man.

The defense holds that the evidence is not sufficient to convict; that Wilcox was a creature of unfortunate circumstances; that his indifference was in sympathy with nature and he could not help it; that he has been hounded down by sentiment, money, influence, detection and newspapers; and that his conduct which has caused so much feeling is not compatible with guilt.

When Wilcox was brought into court and had sat down, one of his sisters placed her hand on his shoulder and spoke to him tenderly. Some of the negroes are being crowded out of the court house.

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Mullen's Case Opened by Postmaster General

Promises of No Further Transgression—Pleasant Incident in the House. Senator Simmons Expresses Views

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said it would be a pleasure to return it with "a description of how, when and where it was obtained." This Senator Hawley said he would do tomorrow.

The Baltimore News printed the following interview this afternoon: "Senator Simmons of North Carolina believes the Democrats will elect a majority of the next House of Representatives and that they will enter the Presidential campaign with chances in favor of the election of their candidate.

Mr. Bryan is a strong and honest man. But I have no idea he will be the Democratic candidate for President in 1904."

Mr. Simmons recently expressed himself in favor of the nomination of Senator-elect Gorman of Maryland for President in 1904.

Mr. Hawley of Connecticut in supporting the bill expressed his astonishment that some Senators should persist in misrepresenting the measure, in misunderstanding the constitution and in splitting hairs over inconsequential matters.

Mr. Money of Mississippi opposed the bill which he said was an indication of the hysteria resulting from the assassination of Mr. McKinley.

The Real Head of the Tammany Organization

Documentary Evidence That He Lives at Wantage, England

New York, March 20.—Documentary evidence that the real head of the Tammany organization lives at Wantage, England, and that his name is Richard Croker is contained in a number of letters that have been received in this city in the last few weeks in which Mr. Croker has told his friends among the district leaders and other big men of Tammany Hall how he thinks that the organization should be conducted and how they should act toward Lewis Nixon.

Mr. Nixon said today that he did not think that it was a matter of great importance that Mr. Croker had written to some of his old friends. Then he made this formal announcement containing the intimation that he has pow-

er if he chooses to throw all of the Croker men out of the organization.

"So Mr. Croker has actually written to some of his old friends and asked them to visit the club. And this furnishes material enough for three columns of padded protest. Probably the progress we are making in getting Democrats together has alarmed some of the opposition. The idea that an understanding with Mr. Hill was arrived at by Mr. Croker before leaving is absurd.

"I know that Mr. Croker has retired from political leadership but I do not feel it necessary for me to criticize such of his friends as are loyal to the organization so show to others that I believe in the truthfulness and sincerity of his statements to me.

Demands of the United Mine Workers Convention

An Eight Hour Work Day is the Most Important and May Precipitate a Strike

Shamokin, Pa., March 20.—The United Mine Workers Convention this afternoon amid great enthusiasm adopted resolutions embodying their demands, the one for the eight hour work day being the most important and alone sufficient to precipitate a strike if the coal carrying companies refuse to grant it.

The resolutions in brief insist upon: An eight hour day; recognition of the mining committee in the adjustment of disputes which arise thus avoiding numerous contentions which result in local strikes; opposition to working with the men who refuse to become members of the organization; providing for the organization of all skilled mechanics in conformity with the decision rendered by the American Federation of Labor; providing for the selection of six members of the organization, two from each district to act in conjunction with the Lithuanian Polish club in the erection of a monument as a memorial to the victims of the Lattimer riot, monument not to cost more than \$3,000; condemning the action of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company in changing condition of employment at Plymouth which changes resulted in the reduction of wages in violation of contract; in favor of colliery locals whenever practicable; providing for the systematic examination of workmen's cards; demanding the reinstatement of firemen who were discharged by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western at the Woodward, Avondale and Pettobone collieries, who refused to comply with the order of the company requiring them to work upon what is called "the swing shift" system; opposition to the contract system in force at some of the collieries and limiting to two the number of laborers that may be employed by any one contractor; regulating the bureau of mines and mining to print not less than 25,000 copies of the mining laws in the English language for distribution among the mine workers. Condemning the system of blacklisting employees who are discharged by the companies.

11 WIVES ABANDONED

With Several More States Yet to Be Heard From

Austin, Texas, March 20.—Sheriff H. C. Wiser, of Buchanan county, Mo., was here today and obtained a requisition warrant from Gov. Sayers for the return of Christian C. Nelson, alias Nelson Foster to Buchanan county to stand trial for bigamy committed September 25, 1901. Nelson is under arrest at San Antonio.

The Governor today received telegrams from sheriffs in Arkansas, Iowa and Missouri, asking him to hold Nelson, but Sheriff Wiser was the first to reach here with an application for the

LOYALTY TO COUNTRY

A Young German Gets Good Slice from Grandfather

Cincinnati, March 20.—"I bequeath to my grandson, Otto Schmahl, the sum of \$12,000 because he was brave and loyal to his country in time of trouble."

The above is a provision in the will of Max Schmahl, a millionaire sugar king in Germany. Otto Schmahl, the beneficiary, who is mentioned in the will, resides with his parents in a modest little home in this city. Upon the declaration of war with Spain young Schmahl enlisted in the United States army. He participated in numerous skirmishes to the great satisfaction of his grandfather.

Bryan Bestows Bitter Invective on Cleveland

Declares There is Not a Single Issue Upon Which the Cleveland Democracy is Prepared to Fight

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—Because ex-President Cleveland said in a recently published letter his belief that the Democracy was recovering from its recent "dreadful dreams" Mr. Bryan proceeds to bestow bitter invective in large chunks upon him in today's Commoner. He says the only "dreadful dream" Cleveland has had was the repudiation of his administration by an indignant Democracy. He charges that Cleveland made the White House "the rendezvous of cunning, predatory wealth and of delivering his administration to the control of corporations and syndicates." He says:

political confidence as we do the embezzlement of public money he would be receiving the limit of the law, but instead of seeking forgiveness for the wrongs done by him to his party he nurses his resentment and waits impatiently for the party to apologize to him for not allowing him to lead it, bodily, into the Republican camp.

"What excuse can there be for a Cleveland party? The Republican party can serve every person that a Cleveland Democracy could serve. There is not a single issue upon which the Cleveland Democracy is prepared to make a fight; and its assumption of control in the party would be regarded as a treaty of peace with the Republicans on every important question. If Mr. Cleveland thinks the Democratic party is ready to return to the mire into which he led it and in which he left it, let him announce his candidacy on any platform and he cannot secure the delegation from a single State in the Union.

The Bill to Repeal War Revenue Taxes

Every Provision Except the Taxation of Bucket Shops Likely to Be Repealed

Washington, March 20.—Soon after the Senate convened today, Mr. Aldrich, chairman of the Committee on Finance, reported the bill to repeal war revenue taxes.

He made known the amendments to the bill suggested by the committee. There are many changes in the language of the bill, but except in one instance the intention of the House bill of repealing the entire act is respected. The exception is the provision in the existing law providing for the taxation of "bucket shops" which provision is left intact and the tax continued in effect.

Senator Aldrich said before presenting the report that he expected to call it up within a day or two and ask the Senate to act. It is understood that there will be no effort on either side of the Senate to amend the bill and it is not expected that there will be any prolonged debate upon it.

to be guarded by secret service officials. In his opinion if President McKinley had had a proper military guard he would not have been assassinated.

Mr. Mallory doubted whether a military or any other sort of guard could have prevented President McKinley's assassination at Buffalo. He believed that a competent guard of civilians was better and more in line with our institutions than a military guard.

Mr. Money of Mississippi opposed the bill which he said was an indication of the hysteria resulting from the assassination of Mr. McKinley. He objected to the bill because it established the inequality of men before the law. Equality before the law, he said, was the foundation stone of all free Republics, and a contrary doctrine would be simply to liquify the foundations and let the superstructure fall.