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FATAL CRASH ON WATER IN STORM

Ferry Boat Muscatong Collides With Tug

SEVERAL MEN MISSING

Five Men of the Tug Are Believed to Have Been Drowned—Four Others Were Rescued by a Farmer on a Barge Who Bravely Came to Their Help.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, April 1.—In a blinding snow storm and a heavy fog early today, the Lackawanna Railway ferry boat Muscatong crashed into the tugboat John D. Daily just outside of the Lackawanna slip in Hoboken.

Members of the crew of the tugboat are missing, the number probably drowned varying in conflicting reports from one to five.

The remaining four were rescued through the bravery of a farmer who was on a barge being towed by another tugboat.

The police report names the following as among the missing: Healy, William, captain of the tugboat.

Cronin, John, the Daily's engineer.

Chaupuy, John. Luston, James. Burns, Joe, all of the Daily.

QUEEN DOWAGER AT POINT OF DEATH

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Madrid, April 1.—The illness of the Dowager Queen Cristina is causing much anxiety. The last sacraments of the church have been administered to her, and her condition is extremely critical today. The queen has been suffering from grippe, and her physicians refuse to make any prediction as to her recovery.

The dowager queen had planned to meet King Edward at Cartagena when the English monarch visits King Alfonso, but her illness will prevent this.

COL. CALVIN COWLES DIED TODAY

(Special to The Evening Times.) Charlotte, N. C., April 1.—Col. Calvin Cowles of Statesville, for twenty years assayer at the United States mint in Charlotte, died this morning at the age of 86 years.

The deceased leaves a wife and several children, including Col. Calvin Cowles of the United States army. The burial will be at Charlotte tomorrow.

A DISAPPOINTMENT FOR HORACE'S FATHER.

New York, April 1.—H. N. Marvin, father of the little boy who was kidnapped March 4 near Dover, Del., in company with several detectives, has been watching a woman and a little boy believed to be the lost lad. Although the child was almost a counterpart of the missing Horace, one glance was enough to tell the father that it was not his baby.

A detective discovered the boy on University Place with the woman and followed them to the hotel. Just before taking the train for Dover last night Dr. Marvin said that he had almost given up hope of ever seeing his boy again. He said that he was receiving many ransom letters daily, most of them from New York.

PINED FOR RUNNING A GAMBLING JOINT.

Norfolk, Va., April 1.—W. J. Rawles, whose poker rooms and alleged gambling joint was raided here Sunday, was today fined \$1,000 and given six months' jail. He appealed.

WRECK, FIRE AND DEATH ON RAIL

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Port Worth, Tex., April 1.—In a collision between two freight trains on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad, at Bethel Switch, six miles south of here, six men are reported killed. Thirty freight cars were burned. Aid has been sent from the city.

BANG! BANG! HIS WIFE IS A WIDOW

And Another Widow Loses Her Married Lover

SHOT THROUGH WINDOW

A Saturday night Tragedy Near Winchester in Which One Man Barred Out Sends Death Through a Window to the Man Who is Admitted Murderer in Jail.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Winchester, Va., April 1.—Isaac B. Ritter, a young farmer of Frederick county, was killed late Saturday night three miles from Winchester by Otho Nathaniel Hillyard, who is in the Winchester jail, charged with murder. The scene of the shooting was at the home of Mrs. Alex Carlisle, a widow, to whom, it is stated, both Ritter and Hillyard had for some time been attentive. Hillyard was the more successful, and jealous on the part of Ritter is believed to be at the bottom of the tragedy.

Hillyard was arrested early Sunday morning. He asserts he killed Ritter in self-defense. He said that for three years Ritter and himself had been at odds; that Ritter had repeatedly threatened to kill him and that on numerous occasions Ritter had shot at him.

Ritter went to Mrs. Carlisle's home Saturday night and demanded admittance, declaring he had to "fix" Hillyard, who was in the kitchen. The door was bolted in his face and angered, he became abusive, and cursed Hillyard, daring the latter to come outside.

Two Reports and Then Silence. Finally Hillyard seized a double-barreled shotgun and fired both barrels through the window at Ritter, who was plainly visible in the moonlight. The first shot took effect in the left side just over the heart, while the other barrel tore through the man's groin. Ritter fell with a groan, and died almost instantly. His body was allowed to lay on the ground in a pool of blood until yesterday afternoon, when it was brought to an undertaking establishment in Winchester.

Prosecuting Attorney John M. Stock, stated yesterday that Hillyard would be given a preliminary hearing today. The man who did the shooting is thirty years old and unmarried. Ritter who was about 28 years old, leaves a widow and one child.

Hillyard served in Company K, Forty-ninth United States Volunteers, during the Spanish-American war and was in the Philippines.

A coroner's jury yesterday afternoon held Hillyard for the shooting.

MOB MAKES A SIEVE OF DARK ASSAULTER

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Durant, I. T., April 1.—Jim Williams, a negro charged with an attack on Little Mizner, a white girl, near Colbert, I. T., Saturday, was lynched here last night by a mob of one thousand men. Williams was hanged to an oil derrick and his body riddled with bullets. Deputy United States marshal and local officers pleaded with the mob and threatened them with their revolvers, but to no avail. The girl identified Williams.

YOUNG J. D. TEACHES AS SLEUTH WATCHES

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, April 1.—Many of the Rockefeller Bible class members are asking each other who played detective while studying the good book? It has just been learned that there had been a detective at the class sessions. In fact, it is said since the day that Ian McLaren preached in the church the son of the head of the Standard Oil Company had been kept carefully in sight by an employe of one of the largest private detective agencies. At the great meeting in the church when the Scotch clergyman preached, the crowd was very great and there was much curiosity to see young Mr. Rockefeller. It was suggested to him then, that it would be better if there were at all times some one near him who could be of use in an hour of danger. It is said the young man at first resisted this idea, but was made to see that some crank might take into his head to do him harm, and he finally yielded to the wishes of those nearest to him and since then a detective has been by his side.

ARDENT LETTERS TO JUSTIFY HER DEED

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, April 1.—The love letters of United States Senator Arthur Brown of Utah, to the beautiful Annie Bradley, who avenged his seduction of her by killing him in Washington, D. C., will be introduced in evidence at her trial to prove justification according to an announcement made today.

These letters will prove the most sensational and most interesting matter at the trial which takes place next Monday. The letters are ardent in character and refer to the wrong done to Mrs. Bradley and their children by Brown.

In these letters Brown acknowledges the paterfamilias of the children Mrs. Bradley is now in the county jail in Washington, awaiting trial. The letters include one of Christmas greetings from her to the man she killed.



MR. AND MRS. JAMES H. SMITH.

The recent death at Tokio, of James H. Smith, better known as "Silent Smith," created a profound sensation in New York social and financial circles, in both of which Mr. Smith was a prominent figure. At the left of the picture is a snapshot Mr. Smith taken a few months before his marriage. At the right is a photograph of Mrs. James Henry Smith, formerly Mrs. William Rhin-lauder Stewart, and at the bottom is a picture of Anthony J. Drexel's yacht Margarita, which carried the James Henry Smith party from England to the Far East.

THE PIT'S STAIN UPON HIS ROBES

Seduced from Duty by a Woman's Witchery

AN UNFAITHFUL DIVINE

Rev. Solon H. Bryan, Alleged to Have Succumbed to the Charms of a Girl He Was Preparing for Missionary Work Suspended and Reported to Conference for Trial.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Millen, Ga., April 1.—Because it is alleged he succumbed to the charms of Miss Ellen Newby, a pretty young milliner whom he says he is preparing for foreign missionary work, Rev. Solon H. Bryan, pastor of the Methodist church here, and one of the most prominent ministers in Georgia, has been suspended and reported to conference for trial on a charge of immorality.

Mrs. Bryan suspected that a warmer bond than foreign missions bound Miss Newby and her husband and she reproved the latter. Mr. Bryan stormed at his wife so loudly that neighbors overheard. Presiding Elder Lovett came here Saturday and held a preliminary trial and Bryan was suspended. Angered by the outcome of a trial, Mr. Bryan went home and whipped his wife, so neighbors say. These neighbors had Bryan arrested for wife beating and he was placed in jail.

About ten o'clock Saturday night, Mrs. Bryan went to the jail, gave bond for her husband and took him home. She says she did not want the father of her baby in jail. Mrs. Bryan has a small fortune and is very prominent.

LO! THE ICY GRIN OF OLD WINTER

Budding Fruit

RAIN, SNOW AND SLEET

Richmond, Va., April 1.—After a week of balmy summer weather, during which the thermometer reached a maximum of 94 degrees, Easter descended upon Richmond heralded by rain, snow and sleet. The thermometer has fallen until the freezing point has been reached.

It is feared that the fruit crop in this section will be seriously damaged. The rain preceded the snow, so that it is not sticking to the ground, but the fall of snow has been continuous since before noon. The annual Easter parade of hats and gowns did not take place.

The fruit trees had budded during the warm days, and there is but little doubt that the embryo fruit will freeze in the bud during tonight.

Pear Fruit's Total Ruin. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Hagerstown, Md., April 1.—Many thousand of peach, plum and apricot (Continued on Page Two.)

FIRES OF REVOLT BLAZE BROADER

Correspondents Contradict the Official Advises

NUMBER OF CONFLICTS

Bucharest, April 1.—Official advisers state that there has been no fresh revolt in the last twenty-four hours and that the situation has improved throughout the country. Troops are pursuing some isolated bands of insurgents. A large number of leaders have been arrested.

At Rasvad a conflict occurred in which eleven peasants were killed. The sanguinary affair at Baleschi has exercised a deterrent influence in the western district.

The columns of Puzsini and Pegeni are in full revolt, and troops have been dispatched thither. Disturbances are reported from Putna in Moldavia and many cases of plundering, incendiarism, and armed conflicts in Wallachia.

A number of peasants have been killed or wounded by troops at Langa and Patulele. St. Petersburg, April 1.—Kishineff correspondents telegraph that contrary to the official advises the disturbances in Roumania are extending. The whole province of Krajova is said to be in the hands of the insurgents.

THAW PLANS HIS SUNDAY DINNER

Free, He Will Eat It With His Wife

THAT IS NOW HIS HOPE

The Lunacy Commission Has Adjourned Until Tomorrow—Evelyn and Thaw's Counsel Share the Optimistic Spirit of the Prisoner, Who Feels His Case is Won.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, April 1.—Harry expects to be free within a week. He even talked to me about being free next Sunday, and planned how we could dine together.

This statement made by Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, after a meeting with her husband in the Tombs to show that Harry Thaw is confident that he already has shown the commission that he is sane and that the commission will so decide his case before sending it back to the court, where he will be permanently acquitted.

There was no session of the lunacy commission today, the commission having adjourned until tomorrow. The trial jury had been ordered to report today, so there was a brief session of court long enough again to excuse the jury. The process of sending the jury home from time to time will continue until the lunacy commission reports its finding.

Thaw's lawyers are as confident as himself that the showing he made before the commission was such as to convince any three unprejudiced men that he is sane and fully competent to confer with his counsel, and that the commission will so decide. As a result of this the defence will call no alienists to testify, despite the fact that District Attorney Jerome will call three of his alienists to testify.

"The defence will offer no witnesses before the commission," said Daniel O'Reilly. "No alienists will be called to testify to the present mental condition of the defendant, although the district attorney has the promise of the commission to hear his witnesses on three points. Drs. Gregory, Ellgrin and White, who were witnesses for the defence, will not be called.

"It is probable that Dr. Hamilton may be excluded entirely, not because he declines to waive his professional privilege, but because what he would tell, would be too remote to determine the present condition of the defendant. The last time Dr. Hamilton had an opportunity to make an observation of scientific value was in July, 1906. All the indications are that the trial will be determined before the end of the week."

Statement by Mrs. Thaw. "Mr. Thaw is in the best of spirits," said Mrs. Thaw, "and he could not be otherwise, because of the way he passed the examination before the commission. He has every confidence that the commission will declare him sane, which, of course, he is.

"As to the story that he has been engaged in Wall street speculation, there is absolutely nothing in it whatever. He has not been in the market for ever so long."

When the commission resumes its hearing tomorrow it is known Mr. Jerome will insist on the legal rights to call not only Dr. Hamilton, but as many other experts in insanity as he deems necessary to sustain his contention that Thaw is an incurable paranoiac, and that he will cite an opinion, expressed only a few months ago by Dr. Hamilton on his return from Europe that Thaw was "crazier than Caligula," the assassinator of President McKinley.

If Dr. Hamilton is permitted to tell all he knows about the mental history of the Thaw family and is followed by other experts to testify as to their opinion of the defendant's present condition gained from observation, the defence will be compelled to rebut this evidence, and if they are forced into that position the inquiry will drag along for weeks. The three points to which the defence expects Jerome's alienists will be limited are the writings of Thaw, and especially the J. Donaldson Lyon letters, the evidence in the trial, and all the letters and all other exhibits. On Saturday he refused to separate part of the facts he knew from the others and declared that in justice to himself he must found his opinion on every aspect of the case.

Trial Adjourned to Thursday. Pending the report of the lunacy commission, the Harry K. Thaw trial was adjourned today until Thursday at 10:30 a. m.

Justice Fitzgerald was informed by members of the commission that they (Continued on Page Seven.)

HE HAS RISEN TO THE OCCASION

And Furnished a Succession of Surprises

STEERS HIS BARK WELL

A Special Writer Sums Up the Indications Which Thaw Has Given That Show Him to be Normal in Intellect—Open Door of Matewan Swinging Shut.

(By CHARLES SUMMERVILLE.) (New York, April 1.—Harry K. Thaw has shown the public the unexpected repeatedly after the startling affair of the Madison Square roof garden wherein Stanford White met death.

Hampered through his youth, irresponsible through his early manhood the public expected when he committed the mad act of killing Stanford White that he would suddenly throw himself back on the brains and strength and influence of the counsel that his family's great wealth brought around him and depend upon them, if possible to save his life and if possible to save him from a madhouse, too. It was expected that this young millionaire when the full sense of the danger of dying in the death chair was waved before his eyes would cringingly accept a madhouse as a refuge.

The first big surprise that the public was given was when this young millionaire discharged the first firm of lawyers that had been brought to his side—a firm of famous lawyers. They advised him that no matter what his motives had been for slaying White, he had little hope of finding a jury who would give him his freedom and exonerate him.

No Investigate His. Thaw, the public saw, was at least no cringing wreck of a man, who would, like a child, do something wrong and then beg for leniency and mercy in the matter of punishment. He asserted then that the wrong he had suffered at the hands of Stanford White were such that when the jury heard them it would believe that he was not responsible for his actions when, coming upon White on the Madison Square roof, he killed him.

He would listen to no lawyer who would not promise to make the fight for life and exoneration on the lines that, in killing White he did what any man, to a certain extent crazed by wrongs might have done and might be pardoned for. And the fight for his life has been conducted on these lines.

Thus it will be seen that the irresponsible millionaire of wilful past elected to become the captain of his ship when it struck troubled waters. And so far it must be admitted that he has steered it well.

To be sure, the first day of his defense found Gleason, the man of his first choice, unable apparently to cope with Jerome in criminal practice, and it looked as if Thaw were a bad director in general of his affairs. But he was quick as anybody to see the advantage to be derived by the appointment of Delmas as the leader of his fight. He promptly did this.

It was an indication that whatever his mental condition had been he had no illogical obstinacy in regard to the conduct of his case.

Mentally Alert Throughout. He has, moreover, been mentally alert to every bit of the testimony so far as I, who have observed him daily could determine. It was plain that he knew what Jerome was scoring against him. It was plain that he well knew the position into which he was thrown when the youthful son of his victim as testifying before the jury and it was plain from his emotions when his wife was being fiercely cross-examined, by Jerome and when his aged mother was called in and told her story that he was alive to all the emotions that a normal man might feel.

In the early days of the jury choosing, Thaw almost invariably spoke the final word on whether the talesmen should be accepted to serve and now, when the crucial time has arrived, Thaw has not wavered or shifted before what it was plain he would do if the plan that he originally made which looked for the complete escape from punishment for (Continued on Page Seven.)