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Thaw's Folks Deny That They Want Him Shut Up Forever

Prisoner's Mother Has Col. Bartlett Make Strong Statement in Her Behalf

HABEAS CORPUS CASE

Postponed Today, With Asylum Authorities Fighting Against Harry's Release

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, May 4.—Harry K. Thaw's fight to obtain his release from Matteawan, where he was sent as insane after his acquittal of the murder of Stanford White, was postponed today before Judge Morschauer in Poughkeepsie on a habeas corpus proceeding to test his sanity.

With his mother and wife to aid, Thaw, by his attorney, will bitterly fight District Attorney Jerome's intention to have his action for freedom tried in New York county, and is eager to leave the Poughkeepsie jurist as sole arbitrator of the question as to whether he had been restored to his right mind.

Reports that Thaw's mother and family were opposing his effort to gain freedom from Matteawan have been denied by Col. Franklin Bartlett, attorney for Mrs. Mary Copey Thaw, who gave out a statement: "I am authorized by Mrs. William Thaw," said Colonel Bartlett, "to say that the wild stories to the effect that the members of the Thaw family are opposed to her son's movement for release are without foundation. I have here her letter in her own handwriting, asking me to make this statement:

"While it is not necessary for the members of the Thaw family to take any active part in the matter, all are in full sympathy with him."

"At no time has Mrs. William Thaw been reconciled to her son's detention in Matteawan asylum, but the order of the court was so swiftly carried out that there was no opportunity for remonstrance against committing the acquitted man to an asylum for the criminal insane.

"It has been Mrs. Thaw's long-cherished desire that her son should accompany her to Europe, and for this she has all the more patiently endured until the present time.

"In her letter to me inclosing the statement that I have made she says: "It will not do to allow the impression to gain ground, as it surely would if not contradicted, that his family, notably myself, are opposed to what he is doing."

"There is not a particle of doubt in my mind that he should be released, though I am not his attorney in the habeas corpus proceedings. But the courts here have declared him innocent of the crime of which he was accused; innocent because of insanity on the night he killed White. I saw him and talked with him last Thursday, and I was impressed with the fact that he is perfectly sane."

Will Evelyn Show Up? Whether Evelyn Thaw will appear in the proceedings to have her husband released is not known. It is known, however, that she has been subpoenaed. When the Thaw family gave her \$75,000 and settled an allowance of \$15,000 a year on her, she agreed she would hold herself in readiness to testify for her husband whenever he took steps to get out of Matteawan. Her action for the annulment of her marriage is still pending, however, and her friends fear that if it is proved Thaw is sane now and is discharged from custody, he will step in and make a hard fight against having his marriage annulled. The ground on which the annulment is sought is that he was insane when the ceremony was performed. Thaw, it is known, is still deeply in love with his wife.

Thaw's fight to be found sane now will place him in a peculiar position. His wife maintains he has been insane practically from birth, and that he was insane when he married her. A jury found him insane when he killed Stanford White. The jury in (Continued on Page Seven.)

POLITICAL PROGRAM FOR COMING WEEK IN THE VARIOUS STATES.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, May 4.—Six republican state conventions, some of which will likely assume considerable importance as showing the direction of the political wind, will be held during the coming week. The first of these will be the New Jersey convention, to be held in Trenton on Tuesday, when four delegates at large and twenty district delegates will be selected. It is expected that Gov. Fort, who has been prominently mentioned as Taft's running mate in the presidential race, will be chosen to head the Jersey delegation. A delegation favorable to Taft will almost certainly be elected, and there is a possibility that the convention may endorse the war secretary, although many of the party leaders favor an uncommitted delegation.

On Tuesday and Wednesday the republican state convention of Connecticut will be in session at Hartford, and it now appears likely that it will send a delegation instructed for Taft to Chicago. The strenuous efforts made by the Hughes boomers in New York's neighboring state have not met with the success anticipated. Stamford, which is nearest to New York of Connecticut cities and where Gov. Hughes was supposed to have been strongest, endorsed Secretary Taft at a caucus, and similar action has been taken in many other cities. Both Senator Buckley and Senator Brandegee, Connecticut's representatives in the upper house of congress, are opposed to Taft, and will probably use their influence to prevent his endorsement. It is unlikely, however, that their influence will be sufficient to thwart the object of the Taft adherents, which is to tie up the Connecticut delegation hard and fast for their candidate.

What promises to be the most interesting convention of the week will be that of Kentucky, to be held in Louisville on Wednesday. The republican state committee of the Blue Grass State has not gone on record as favoring any candidate and a free-for-all fight has been waged between the supporters of the various presidential aspirants. The contest is chiefly between the Taft and Fairbanks forces. Hon. W. O. Bradley, Kentucky's republican senator-elect, is leading the fight for Vice-President Fairbanks and has been stumping the state for the Indiana man. A majority of the district conventions will be held on Tuesday, the day preceding the state convention.

Alabama will have another republican state convention to be held in Birmingham Wednesday. State Chairman J. A. Thompson's wing of the party, which claims to be the official, legal and bona fide republican party of Alabama, will meet on that date to endorse the administration of President Roosevelt and the presidential candidacy of Secretary Taft; and to select a delegation favorable to the latter. It is probable that three delegations will contest for seats in the national convention as Alabama's representatives, but the adherents of the Thompson faction declare that their delegation is certain to be seated.

On Thursday the republicans of Wyoming and Utah will hold their state conventions, the former in Lander and the latter in Salt Lake City. Both conventions will probably endorse Secretary Taft.

Primaries will be held in California on Tuesday, at which delegates to state conventions, which in turn will select delegates to the national convention will be selected. The war in both the republican and democratic parties against the "organization" has been carried on in a vigorous manner and there is likely to be a big vote at the primaries for political reform. The arrival of the Pacific fleet at San Francisco has been postponed for one day, so as not to interfere with the patriotic duties of the voters.

In democratic circles, principal interest will attach to the state conventions to be held next week in Massachusetts and Ohio, the former in Boston on Thursday and the latter in Columbus on Tuesday and Wednesday. The Ohio democratic central committee has gone on record as favoring Bryan. In Massachusetts a split is evident, and it is highly probable that there will be two delegations-at-large, to Denver, one favoring Bryan and the other opposed to his nomination. George Fred Williams is leading the Bryan hosts in the battle for supremacy, while William A. Gaston and Charles S. Hamlin are at the head of the "safe and sane" wing of the party.

Rand Loses Money and Young Man Kinney Too

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Los Angeles, Cal., May 4.—Joel Kinney, son of the late Francis Sherwood Kinney, of the Kinney Tobacco Company, was located recently after having been absent from him 15 years. As soon as he was found he was lost again (nd E. C. Rand, of the New York district attorney's office, has been compelled to return without the young man for whom he came and is minus \$500 he gave to get Kinney into his custody.

Young Kinney, according to Rand, quarreled with his father 15 years ago and was sent on a trip around the world in a chartered sailing vessel, accompanied by detectives whose duty it was to see that he did not return to New York. Through District Attorney Jerome's office young Kinney was traced to Los Angeles and Mr. Rand was sent for him.

"I was approached by two well-known Los Angeles men," said Mr. Rand, "shortly after I arrived. They offered to bring young Kinney to me, but demanded a sum of money for their services. Detectives had failed and, after beating them down to \$500, I decided to take their offer. They brought the young man and I paid the money. Then they wanted to go to the bank, they said, and

FIRST PLACE OR NOT ANY FOR HIM

Gov. Johnson Worries to Make Second Position on Democrat Ticket at Denver

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Given Out at Washington Headquarters Says He Is in Race for Top Job

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, May 4.—Gov. John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, is not in any place or nothing on the national democratic ticket that will be named by the Denver convention in July. The following statement was given out at Johnson headquarters in St. Paul: "Gov. Johnson is in the race for the presidential nomination. The republican boomers more and more realize that democratic sentiment is steadily increasing toward him. If by any chance the party does not give him first place, he will not make any other concessions except the vice-presidential nomination."

SMITH'S REPORT HITS NEW YORK

Gotham Cotton Exchange Unfavorably Compared With One in New Orleans

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, May 4.—The report of Commissioner of Corporations Herbert Knox Smith on the cotton exchanges was made public yesterday.

It contains criticisms of the regulations of the New York cotton exchange and a comparison of the regulations of this exchange with the New Orleans exchange, whose method of fixing grades, it is asserted, is more equitable, fairer, and in the interest of the buyer as well as the seller of cotton.

"The fixed differences produced by the New York revision committee," says Mr. Smith, "are an attempt substantially to render future transactions a 'sure thing' for a limited class of speculative experts. The system amounts to an attempt absolutely to fix prices—an economic absurdity."

"It is sufficient to point out," continued Mr. Smith, "that this fixed difference system, applied thus arbitrarily by a small body of men furnished in this case (the revision of November, 1906) a condition where these men had the power thus to reap enormous profits at the expense of others."

Mr. Smith believes the New Orleans system, the commercial difference, should be adopted in New York, where it was once in vogue.

NO STRIKE ON TROLLEY ROADS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Cleveland, O., May 4.—The threatened strike of employees of the new municipal traction company is to be settled by arbitration. At least, a walkout has been delayed and the union, though making no concessions so far, has agreed to name its arbitrators today. President Dupont of the traction company has already selected a committee to act for the company. The agreement to arbitrate was reached after a long conference yesterday, at which no progress was made.

BUSINESS MUCH BETTER

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Philadelphia, May 4.—In an interview made public James McCrea, president of the Pennsylvania road, spoke in an optimistic way concerning the business conditions of today, having his statements not only upon the ready sale and over-subscription of the \$40,000,000 worth of Pennsylvania bonds, but upon the outlook generally.

WHAT IS MATTER WITH CLEVELAND?

Favorite Physician of Ex-President With Him All the Time Now, They Say

ALL FOUR CHILDREN

Prepared for Immediate Removal From Princeton Home to Lakewood Hotel

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Lakewood, N. J., May 4.—There is much mystery concerning former President Cleveland's sickness, and his physicians positively refuse to give any information as to his condition. Reports are conflicting and, despite an optimistic statement given out by Mrs. Cleveland that the former president "continues to improve," it was learned today on good authority that his condition was not as hopeful as might be expected. Dr. Joseph D. Bryant, of New York, Mr. Cleveland's friend of many years, still remains with him all day without leaving the hotel, and this fact alone would seem to indicate that the patient is not as well as he has been. On previous visits to Lakewood during Mr. Cleveland's sickness Dr. Bryant has remained only a few hours, but he has been here now since Friday afternoon.

The Lakewood hotel, where the ex-president is lying sick in a suite on the second floor of the east wing, is a winter resort. It closed for the season several days ago. This fact is aiding those who are caring for Mr. Cleveland in keeping reporters away from the hotel. Assistant Manager William Becker, who is in charge, at first allowed inquirers to enter the hotel, but today he ordered the big gates of the driveways locked and stationed a man at each to head off all who wished to approach. A telephone girl at the hotel and another attendant have been discharged for talking.

That a collapse may occur at any time is manifested by the preparations which have been made to bring the Cleveland children here from Princeton at short notice.

Everything Goes Except Shrine. (By Cable to The Times.) Manila, P. I., May 4.—Antipolo, in the province of Morong, has been destroyed by fire. Four hundred were killed and hundreds of people are homeless. The famous shrine was saved. The fire was caused by lightning. Antipolo has 2,500 inhabitants.

The National steamer Commodore went aground off the port of Frontera. The crew escaped. It is stated by arrivals here from Talapeneque that the noted Carmen Springs at that place have ceased to flow as a result of the earthquake shocks and that the baths have had to be abandoned. This place is a noted health resort.

Anti-Bailey Leader Says Senator's Rebuked, Anyhow

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Tyler, Texas, May 4.—Tom Johnson, of the anti-Bailey ticket for delegates-at-large to the national democratic convention, has given out the following statement: "The returns so far received indicate the Bailey ticket succeeds. When it is remembered Bailey said the attack was on his political and personal integrity, the vote is a fearful rebuke to him, even if he wins by 25,000, as is claimed. The result is a victory for our cause. With only 30 days in which to campaign, consulted for want of time and speakers to concentrate our forces in populated sections of north and central Texas and without money to bear the legitimate expenses, our campaign has been a remarkable one. At the outset no one believed we could win. Our forces were disorganized; we had to get out an army from those who had followed in his. We had to fight a well-organized political machine, and at the last moment Bailey, who had always been a prohibitionist, traded with the whiskey interests and announced to them that he would be against state prohibition in the coming fight on that question. Many of those who voted for him apologized for his record. Some thought we ought not to discredit one of our senators; others that there was danger to the party in the agitation. If those he taken from his votes, a majority of those voting are opposed to his methods.

"The fight will not cease until the principle is established that the senator cannot be the attorney and adviser of Standard Oil and the devotee of Wall street and 'treasoned finance.' The principle is essential to all democratic government."

"We trust the country will not believe Texas has fallen a willing victim to those interests which have debauched some sections of the country, although they will certainly understand the spectacle of a trust attorney and the friend and intimate of criminal wealth assisting in untying the national grid for Bryan and democracy in this hour of national struggle against these unwholesome commercial combinations which threaten the freedom of trade and the people."

JOHNSON WILL VISIT RICHMOND.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, May 4.—Gov. John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, will accept the invitation of the American Cotton Manufacturers' association to speak at Richmond at the annual meeting, May 21. A telegram to this effect was received here from Frederick B. Lynch, Chicago manager for Gov. Johnson.

New York's Firebugs Must Keep on the job

CALEB POWERS AND JEM HOWARD

May Be Liberated By Gov. Will-

son--Both Convicted in Goebel Cases

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Frankfort, Ky., May 4.—Excitement is at fever heat because of assertions of friends of Gov. Willson that he intends, probably today, to release Caleb Powers and Jem Howard, convicted of the murder of Gov. Goebel.

There is talk on the part of some of Goebel's old friends that if Powers and Howard are pardoned they will take the law into their own hands and punish the men they believe responsible for Goebel's death.

Caleb Powers was secretary of state under Gov. William S. Taylor at the time of Gov. Goebel's assassination eight years ago. Jem Howard was the leader of the mountaineers alleged to have taken the initiative in Goebel's death.

Gov. Willson has spent the past week studying the case and it is stated positively that he will make his decision known before he goes to Washington on May 11 to the conference of governors. In his search of the court records he called on Commonwealth Attorney Robert Franklin to assist him. A conference was held which extended late into the night. Franklin has been in charge of the prosecution of Powers and Howard during the trials held the past eight years. Those who have talked with him concerning the cases say they got the impression that he was not satisfied with the results.

HEALTH RESORT IN GRIP OF AN UNHEALTHY GALE.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Mexico City, May 4.—A terrific gale has been sweeping the lower Gulf waters the last three days, doing much damage to shipping. Several fishing boats are missing and it is feared the boats and their crews are lost.

The National steamer Commodore went aground off the port of Frontera. The crew escaped. It is stated by arrivals here from Talapeneque that the noted Carmen Springs at that place have ceased to flow as a result of the earthquake shocks and that the baths have had to be abandoned. This place is a noted health resort.

Latest Incendiary Blaze Today Means Thirty-Five More Afflicted Families

SUNDAY'S DEATH LIST

Swelled By Noon Reports to Six--Many Excited Leaps From Windows

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, May 4.—Thirty-five families were made homeless, three firemen were seriously injured and three tenement houses were destroyed in a second incendiary fire early today in Brooklyn, following close upon the heels of the firebug blaze that resulted in six deaths and the fatal injury of three others at No. 17 Humboldt street, Williamsburg, yesterday.

The latest incendiary blaze started evidently in the home of Samuel Green, on the ground floor of the four-story tenement at No. 971 Flushing avenue. The flames spread to the houses on either side and tenants had narrow escapes. William Brock, a member of the salvage corps, was chopping on the third floor when the stairway fell and then dropped to the floor below. He was seriously injured and burned.

List of Dead and Injured. These are the dead and probably fatally injured in the incendiary fire at 17 Humboldt street, which is being investigated by the fire marshal and coroner. The dead: MRS. DORA ABRAMS, aged 62, burned to death in her apartments on the fourth floor.

SADIE ABRAMS, 22, daughter of Mrs. Abrams, burned to death. CARRIE ABRAMS, 20, daughter of Mrs. Abrams, burned to death. ANN ABRAMS, 16, telephone operator, daughter of Mrs. Abrams, thrown from fourth story window, fracturing skull and receiving internal injuries. Died in St. Catherine's hospital.

CHARLES ABRAMS, 23, son of Mrs. Abrams, jumped from the fourth story window and was instantly killed. MRS. JENNIE COHEN, mother of Assemblyman Samuel Gluck, burned to death in her apartments on the third floor.

The injured: Mrs. Amelia Hirschorn, 32, burned on face and body. Taken to St. Catherine's, probably will die. Anna Hirschorn, 19, jumped from second story window, received dislocation of right shoulder, contusion of back and burns on head and face. Taken to Eastern district hospital and probably will die.

Fannie Hirschorn, 13, burned on head and face. Taken to St. Catherine's hospital.

As far as the police are able to learn, the fire started in the cellar and quickly made its way through the halls to the roof. When the tenants tried to get to the street by means of the stairs they found all escape cut off, and this fact leads the police to believe a fire was started on every floor.

Charles Abrams picked up his sister Anna and hurled her from the sill. She landed on the stone pavement, fracturing her skull. The young man quickly followed, striking his head on the iron railing in front of the house with such force that he was killed instantly.

By this time the excitement was intense. A large crowd of men and women gathered in front of the house and begged the firemen to rescue the inmates. The occupants threw their children out of the windows and then leaped after them. Others were afraid to jump. Among them were the aged Mrs. Abrams, her daughters Sadie and Carrie, and Mrs. Cohen. They were found in their apartments burned to death.

AT LEAST SCORE OF VICTIMS.

Supposed To Be In Ruins of Burned Fort Wayne Hotel.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Fort Wayne, Ind., May 4.—Although the ruins of the new Avelline hotel which burned to the ground yesterday morning, have not been searched, it is estimated by Chief of Police Anshenkueck that the bodies of at least 20 guests and employees are buried under the smoking timbers and brick.

Eleven bodies have already been taken from the burned building. Thirteen persons are seriously, some mortally, burned, and the estimated death list of 21 will probably be swelled before night. There were 78 guests in the hotel Saturday night. As the register was destroyed, the names and addresses of (Continued on Page Two.)