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THORN GUILTY OF MURDER

A Verdict of First Degree is Returned by the Jury.

HE CONFESSES THE CRIME

Jury Stands 1 to 11 on First Ballot.

The Accusations Made Against Mrs. Nack by the Defense Did Not Have the Desired Effect Upon a Jury. Motion for a New Trial is Denied Speculation as to Mrs. Nack's Fate.

New York, Nov. 30.—When Martin Thorn was led back to his cell after the conviction he admitted that the verdict was just, and he and not Mrs. Nack killed Guldensuppe. This acknowledgment of guilt was made while Thorn's cell in the jail was being prepared for him. During the trial Thorn has been under charge of Police Captain Methven, of Flushing. Captain Methven had him under his watchful eye, when the jail officials searched the cell Thorn is to occupy for a day or two. While this was being done Thorn talked with the police captain. He said:

"I am glad it is over and the verdict given. I am convicted, and I am contented. It was I who killed Guldensuppe, and I cut up his body. Every word that Mrs. Nack said upon the stand was substantially correct. When I was on the stand I lied when telling the story as I did, but I lied to clear myself. It is no use carrying it any further. I am guilty and am convicted. It is what I expected and what I suppose people think I deserve, and perhaps I do."

WILL NOW DENY IT.

New York, Nov. 30.—The Herald will tomorrow print Martin Thorn's denial of the report that he had confessed.

New York, Nov. 30.—Martin Thorn was today convicted of murder in the first degree in killing William Guldensuppe, his predecessor in the affections of Mrs. Augusta Nack, at Woodside, L. I., on June 25. At the request of Thorn's counsel, the passage of the death sentence was deferred until next Friday morning. Thorn heard the jurymen polled on their verdict, and listened to each of them sealing his fate with a nervously uttered "yes." Thorn gazed at each one of them and appeared to be less impressed with the solemnity of the occasion than any one in the jury box. His face never changed color during the trying ordeal, but, with lips firmly compressed and jaws hard set, he faced the judge, jury and court room full of spectators, with well-feigned stoicism.

About three weeks ago Thorn's first trial on the charge of murder was begun in the Queens county court at Long Island city, but owing to the illness of a juror it had to be abandoned after three days. A second trial opened a week ago last Monday, and counting out three days on which the court did not sit, the trial consumed only six days.

Mrs. Nack's testimony during the mistrial made it compulsory for Thorn's lawyers to change their line of defense in the second trial, and they immediately adopted the only plausible defense that could be conceived under such trying circumstances. They made a direct charge against Mrs. Nack and insisted that her alleged confession was a lie and that she herself was the instigator and perpetrator of the murder, Thorn being ignorant of the killing until after Guldensuppe had been shot by Mrs. Nack. The woman was not produced during the second trial but Thorn went on the stand and substantiated all the assertions made by his lawyers as to the midwife's guilt. His story, if anything, was more dramatically told than that of Mrs. Nack, but as the verdict shows it did not have the desired effect upon the jurymen.

When court opened this morning Lawyer Howe began summing up in behalf of Thorn. He made an earnest appeal to the jury for his client, and it was thought by many who had the privilege of hearing him that his efforts would leave a very great impression on the jurors. Mr. Youngs followed, and held the attention of the jurors throughout his speech, which lasted almost an hour. Judge Maddox's charge was carefully prepared and well delivered. It was acknowledged by the lawyers for the prisoner to be extremely lucid, fair and impartial. The jury remained in deliberation just three hours, when they sent word to the judge that they were ready to render a verdict. The fact of their remaining out so long gave hope to the defense, but as each one of them took his seat in the jury box, his facial expression told very distinctly the result of the three hours' conference.

THE OMINOUS WORDS.

"Guilty of the charge preferred," were the ominous words which fell from the lips of the foreman of the jury, and although this verdict was not an unexpected one, it hit the defendant's counsel very hard, as they had built up the hope for a disagreement or a verdict in the minor degree. Thorn's lawyers moved for a new trial on the ground that the verdict was not in accordance with the weight of evidence, but the motion was overruled.

Just what will become of Mrs. Nack has not been made known by the Queens county authorities, but it is generally thought that the people will accept a plea from her which will not call for capital punishment.

No women were admitted to the court room today. After discussion on a technical point, a recess was taken to permit the jurors to go to Woodside cottage, the scene of the murder. They went by special trolley car. The inspection occupied but eight minutes. No one was permitted upon the premises during the time the jurors were in the cottage.

When the party had returned Mr. Howe began to sum up for the defense. He made much of Mrs. Nack's alleged perfidy to the man she professed to love and commented on the fact that having had Mrs. Nack on the witness stand in the trial which was terminated by the illness of a juror, the prosecution did not see fit to again take her evidence.

Gotha was characterized by counsel as a Judas, ready to betray his master or his friend for any paltry sum. Mr. Howe said that the jury must have seen that it was impossible for one person to do the cutting up of the body as it was accomplished. Mrs. Nack's knowledge of anatomy, acquired in her profession, stood her in good stead when she was cutting up the corpse of her former lover, Guldensuppe.

Mr. Howe insisted that Thorn should be acquitted.

District Attorney Youngs followed with his final address and Judge Maddox charged the jury. He explained the law governing evidence and defined the difference between murder and manslaughter.

The jury retired from the court room at 2.25 o'clock. They returned with their verdict at 5.30.

Mr. Howe's motion for a new trial was promptly denied. The jury stood 11 to 1 for conviction on the first six ballots and agreed on the seventh.

MONEY FOR MRS. RUIZ

Spain Offers to Pay $25,000 for the Dentist's Death--Third of What Was Asked.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 30.—Spain offers to settle the claim of Mrs. Ruiz, widow of the Philadelphia dentist who died in a Cuban prison, for $25,000. It is understood that the State department will advise Mrs. Ruiz to accept this amount as a compromise for the $75,000 which she at first asked for, or rather the $40,000 which the State department thought was the sum which she ought to receive.

Spain, it is understood, does not admit that any indemnity is really due, refusing to concede the claim that Dr. Ruiz was not properly imprisoned or that he was murdered by the prison keepers, but is willing to give Mrs. Ruiz $25,000 in order to end the matter and remove any possibility of friction with the United States.

In other words, it is said to be another act of grace, like the pardon of the Competitor filibusters, prompted by friendliness toward the United States.

SITUATION BECOMES ROSY.

From a Spanish Standpoint the Affairs at Cuba Are Peaceful.

Washington, Nov. 30.—The Spanish minister makes public the following dispatch from Dr. Congosto, the Spanish consul at Philadelphia, but who is now in Cuba on a mission for his government:

"The terms in which home rule is conceded has produced an effect which can not be improved upon. The commission of the home rule and Reformist parties has thanked the governor general and assured him of their adhesion to the institutions.

"The same has been done by the chamber of commerce and other corporations, who have telegraphed to Madrid that the sincerity of the government has raised public spirit. Every one expects immediate good results in favor of pacification."

MR. DAY DECLINES.

Does Not Care to Accept the Attorney Generalship.

Washington, Nov. 30.—When asked tonight whether there was any truth in the often printed reports that he had been tendered the attorney generalship, Assistant Secretary Day, of the state department, said: "The president some time ago was kind enough to tender to me the position of attorney general in the event of a vacancy in that office, which, after consideration, I have been reluctantly compelled to decline for reasons entirely personal."

There is every reason to believe that Judge Day will continue work in his present position in the state department.

SMALL DEALERS TO HIT BACK.

Will Get Even With Boston Merchants for Loss of Trade.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 30.—This week has been set apart as "Merchant's week," and from today until next Saturday an army of shoppers from within a radius of fifty miles is expected. Notwithstanding that business men are the promoters of the innovation, the idea is not popular with all of them.

It is asserted that the business men of near-by towns, whose trade suffers, will seek to get square by throwing a large part of their custom to New York.

Lack of Evidence Against Collins.

New York, Nov. 30.—Sylvester C. Collins, who was charged with robbing the postoffice at Tatemy, Pa., and who has been confined in the Ludlow street jail for a week, was discharged by United States Commissioner Shields today, owing to lack of evidence. Collins was arrested by central office detectives and turned over to the federal authorities and was identified by postoffice inspectors as an old offender.

Suffocated in the Nahant.

Escanaba, Mich., Nov. 30.—Fireman Jacob Biesner and Deck Hand Harold Miller, of the steamer Nahant, were suffocated in the fire which burned the boat almost to the water's edge and destroyed the ore dock to which it was moored, late last night. The total loss will be about $500,000, which includes 28 ore cars and 5,000 tones of ore.

Cornell's Trainer.

Ithaca, N. Y., Nov. 30.—The Cornell athletic council has engaged G. A. Conners, of the Chicago Athletic club as general athletic trainer.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Nov. 30.—Cleared: Paris, Southampton; Westernland, Antwerp. Sailed: Saxe, Bremen. Arrived: Southwark, Antwerp.

PREPARING FOR COMING CONGRESS

The Members Are Unusually Slow in Putting in Appearance.

FEW OF THE LEADERS ARE PRESENT

In the Matter of Currency the Democrats and Their Free Silver Allies Will Oppose Everything Advocated by the Majority--Mr. Cameron's Opinion on Appropriations.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Members of congress are unusually slow in putting in their appearance here for the regular session, which convenes next Monday. Few of the leaders of either house are here yet. With the exception of the pronounced and radical pro and anti-Cuban congressmen, the members of both houses as a rule seem to be holding their judgments in abeyance until they ascertain from official sources exactly what the situation is. In the matter of currency it seems already established that the Democrats and their free silver allies will oppose stubbornly anything the majority is likely to propose and the fact that the opposition in the senate seems insurmountable inclines many of the Republican members of the house to the opinion that it would be wisdom not to attempt any legislation whatever.

This is the opinion of Chairman Cannon, of the appropriation committee, who arrived today. He said so long as the senate is anti-Republican, as at present, all efforts to get currency reform legislation will be so much waste of time and energy.

Mr. Cannon further said:

"I believe in a liberal but not an extravagant policy in making appropriations, and until our revenues increase, I shall oppose entering upon new enterprises requiring the expenditure of government funds."

He thinks that by the beginning of the next fiscal year the Dingley tariff bill would afford revenue sufficient to meet the legitimate demands of the government. He believes the coming session would be a comparatively brief one, as there is little to do beyond passing appropriation bills. He added that the appropriations committee will report the legislative and pension appropriation bills to the house before the Christmas holidays.

TWENTY DEAD IN A GALE.

Many Wrecks Are Reported All Along the English Coast.

London, Nov. 30.—Twenty bodies have been washed ashore, as the result of the terrible gale raging on the coast. Many wrecks have been reported. The sea wall at Scarborough has been washed away, and the passenger and mail services across the channel have been mostly suspended.

An unknown vessel was wrecked on Boumer Rocks, at Berwick-on-Tweed. All her crew were drowned. The British steamer Esparto foundered off Royal Sovereign Lightship, in the English channel, after having been in collision with the French steamer Noel. The Noel was beached at Dungeness in a sinking condition. No lives were lost.

The British ship Larnica, Captain Burgess, from St. John, N. B., for Fleetwood-on-the-Wyre, was driven ashore. Her position is dangerous, but the crew was saved.

The storm is traversing various parts of the continent.

SCATTERED COIN IN THE GUTTER.

Ruse of a Woman Suspected of Passing Counterfeits.

New York, Nov. 30.—Mrs. Josephine De Gardo was held in $2,500 bail by Commissioner Shields today, on the charge of passing counterfeit coin. When she discovered on Saturday that she was being shadowed, she scattered bright coins into the gutter. Her attire was searched at the station house by the matron and $946 in good United States currency was found in one curiously contrived pocket, and $56 in gold and good paper money in another. No counterfeit money was found upon her.

It is believed the woman passes the counterfeits in this city for a gang which makes them in New Jersey.

BODY WEIGHED OVER 600 POUNDS.

Stairway Torn Out to Lower an Immense Corpse.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 30.—The burial here today of the body of Mrs. Theresa Cardoza, who weighed over 600 pounds, was attended with many difficulties because of her enormous size. To get the corpse out of the house the undertakers had to break down the stairs.

The remains were borne to the grave in a casket bound with iron. As it was far too large for any hearse, a heavy express wagon was brought into use to head the funeral procession. Mrs. Cardoza was married twice and leaves five children.

Purtell Outclassed.

Birmingham, Eng., Nov. 30.—At the Birmingham Athletic club this evening Arthur Akers, of Birmingham, met Paddy Purtell, of Kansas City, for a purse of £250 ($1,250) in a 20-round go. The fight was soon over, Purtell being completely outclassed and Akers winning in ninety seconds.

Mrs. Johnston Cremated.

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 30.—Mrs. Mary A. Johnston was burned to death this afternoon. Her dress caught fire from a hot coal while she was raking the kitchen fire and her clothing was entirely burned from her body. She died two hours later.

Naval Officer Resigns.

Harrisburg, Nov. 30.—Adjutant General Stewart received and accepted today the resignation of Francis Shunk Brown, of Philadelphia, commander of the First battalion, State Naval militia.

Attempted to Shoot His Wife.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 30.—W. J. Burian, attempted to shoot his wife and then committed suicide today during a fit of jealousy. The woman was not seriously injured.

Penniless Couple Suicide.

Lowell, Mass., Nov. 30.—Frank A. Keith and Maggie Godfrey committed suicide by inhaling gas in a room in this city today. They were penniless.

TRIED TO SUICIDE.

W. B. Donley, Five Months Married, Shoots Himself.

Wilkes-Barre, Nov. 30.—William B. Donley, a young carpenter, who formerly lived at Luzerne, was arrested Monday on complaint of his father-in-law, N. P. Belding, for threatening to kill his wife. When placed in the lockup, Donley said he tried to suicide by shooting himself in the breast on Tuesday last and showed a bullet wound on the left breast to prove his allegation.

Dr. Geist was sent for and probed for the bullet in the afternoon, and found it in the flesh over the heart. The bullet is a 32-calibre one, and was removed with difficulty.

Donley said he did it because of domestic trouble. He said he was married but five months ago. He married Miss Anna May Belding and for a time their life was happy. Then they removed to her father's home on Railroad street, this city, when trouble began. He was out of work and became despondent and discouraged.

PERUVIAN'S BOLD.

American's Must Make an Example of Copper-Skins to Keep Piece.

Washington, Nov. 30.—The state department has been notified that the Peruvian authorities are threatening the interests of Victor MacCord, the American engineer who was arrested and confined in that country during a revolution and in whose behalf our government has preferred a claim for indemnity.

MacCord's attorney writes that if the claim is not insisted upon and promptly paid the Peruvians will be emboldened to murder or maltreat Americans at will, as feeling in the case is very strong.

DEADLY WOOD ALCOHOL

Seven Men Killed and Seventeen More at Point of Death from Drinking the Stuff.

Maplesville, Ala., Nov. 30.—Seven men are dead and seventeen more are not expected to live, from the result of drinking a mixture of wood alcohol and cheap whiskey.

The drink was bought in Selma, by Bill Anderson and another farmer, and brought here by them and retailed to farmers and laborers on the Mobile and Ohio extension, which is in progress of construction through this place. A great number of farmers and railroad hands purchased some of the mixture, and immediately after drinking the concoction were taken violently ill. No physician was at hand, and many of them died before attention could be given them. The alcohol was labelled "for oil finc paint."

The affair has created a great sensation. Anderson and his partner are among the dead.

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

George Slosson Keeps Ahead of His Opponent.

New York, Nov. 30.—George F. Slosson and George Sutton played the second game in the billiard tournament at Madison Square Garden concert hall this afternoon. Slosson won by the score of 500 to 288.

At the close of the first ten innings the score stood: Slosson, 49; Sutton, 58. A run of 24 was made by Slosson in the thirty-third inning. Sutton ran up to 29, reducing Slosson's lead to 47. In the forty-seventh Slosson ran up to 98, doing most of the playing outside the balk line and bringing the cushions into play. Sutton made a desperate effort to cut down Slosson's lead, which was growing dangerously near the one hundred mark, and though his audacious drives and at times clever nurses captured the house, he could not maintain the good work. Another long run of 29 in the fifty-third carried Slosson over the hundred mark, the score standing 341 to 230 in Slosson's favor.

As the game progressed Slosson's superior skill was visible, and Sutton seemed to lose nerve with defeat staring at him. In the sixty-ninth he braced up for 24, and in the seventy-second he made a grand rally and made a run all over the table for 53, a "skyrocket" ending it.

The score:

Slosson—0, 2, 4, 3, 5, 19, 0, 1, 11, 13, 1, 5, 10, 11, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 7, 5, 14, 1, 7, 0, 2, 50, 2, 0, 24, 7, 11, 22, 0, 5, 2, 9, 3, 0, 22, 2, 11, 28, 16, 6, 7, 0, 0, 20, 2, 11, 34, 1, 2, 23, 28, 6, 24, 1, 5, 0, 1, 3, 10, 3, 0, 5, 1, 0, 2, 4—500.

Sutton—1, 9, 23, 3, 0, 17, 2, 5, 2, 0, 7, 11, 2, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 14, 5, 13, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 1, 0, 0, 3, 1, 0, 29, 0, 0, 5, 11, 0, 10, 7, 1, 2, 11, 1, 2, 17, 1, 0, 0, 13, 0, 0, 8, 15, 1, 1, 7, 1, 20, 1, 1, 3, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 5, 0, 1, 53, 7, 7—288.

Average—Slosson, 8 2-3; Sutton, 5 9-47.

High runs—Slosson, 53; Sutton, 53.

Time—3 hours, 40 minutes.

Ives-Daly.

Frank C. Ives tonight defeated Maurice Daly in the third game of the tournament by the score of 500 to 256.

Daly got the first applause when he gathered in nine easily in the first inning. Ives fell down after five buttons had been passed to his credit, and Daly got seven. Ives led with a run of 20 in the third. In the eleventh inning Ives made a run of 19, which made his score 67, while Daly's stood at 37. But in the next inning Daly, by running up 22 points, made a tie. In the fifteenth inning Ives scored 42, scored 27 in the next and later made a run of 21. Daly then showed brilliant work, and in one inning scored 39.

In the thirtieth inning Ives played a nice little game of hide and seek with the net work of chalk lines and gathered in a cluster of 26. Then there was another scatter, and the "sky rocket" play took the place of delicate, hair-splitting touches. But the balls were rolling right, and Ives kept on until he had reached 64. In the thirty-third Ives rolled up 28 more, and in the thirty-fourth Daly added 24 to his score. Ives following with 30. The score:

Ives—1, 5, 23, 8, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 15, 2, 42, 24, 27, 1, 5, 21, 7, 22, 19, 27, 38, 15, 27, 6, 1, 7, 7, 64, 0, 5, 28, 8, 20, 11, 3—500.

Daly—9, 7, 4, 4, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 10, 2, 22, 0, 1, 1, 9, 1, 28, 6, 7, 2, 11, 1, 8, 1, 16, 12, 19, 17, 2, 2, 10, 3, 24, 2, 30—256.

High runs—Ives, 64; Daly, 39.

Averages—Ives, 13 19-27; Daly, 7 4-55.

Referee—Edward McLaughlin.

Time—4 hours.

The afternoon game tomorrow will be between Schaefer and Sutton and Slosson and Daly will play in the evening.

LIZZIE DE KALB TAKES AN AIRING

She Visits the Scene of the Murder of Mrs. Kaiser.

THE ALLEGED CONFESSION NOT OUT

An Important Witness in the Case Against Kaiser Drives to Gulf Mills--Clemmer States That Lizzie Cannot Harm Him if She Tells the Truth.

Norristown, Pa., Nov. 30.—There were no sensational developments today in the Clemmer-DeKalb-Kaiser murder story.

The alleged confession of Miss Lizzie DeKalb, which District Attorney Strasburg said he would give out for publication within twenty-four hours, had not yet materialized. Counsel for Miss DeKalb said this afternoon that the latter had told the district attorney all she knew about the murder. He said that his client would probably be held as an accessory.

At 2.15 this afternoon Miss DeKalb was taken from the jail for a drive over the scene of the murder, along the old Gulf Mills road. She was accompanied by District Attorney Strasburg, ex-District Attorney Holland, her counsel, Mr. Jenkins and Chief of Police Rodenbaugh. No stop was made until the place where Mrs. Kaiser's watch was found was reached. The party here halted for a few seconds. The next stop was made near where the murder of Mrs. Kaiser is supposed to have been committed. Miss DeKalb showed no trace of nervousness during the trip along the route where the foul crime was perpetrated. The party drove on to Gulf Mills and returned to Bridgeport, on the opposite side of the river from Norristown, via the river road, the route supposed to have been taken by Clemmer and Miss DeKalb on the night the murder was committed.

ALL ARE MUM.

None of the parties would discuss the trip, but it is supposed that it was taken in order to give Miss DeKalb an opportunity to corroborate the facts of the confession which she is said to have made to the district attorney, and to detail the enactments of the tragedy.

Extradition papers were drawn up today and placed in the hands of Chief Rodenbaugh tonight. The chief will go to Harrisburg tomorrow morning and secure the signature of Governor Hastings, and will then go direct to Newark, where the papers will be served on Clemmer.

Word was received from Newark today to the effect that William Ledane, a personal friend of Clemmer's, had made the statement that Clemmer had told him in confidence facts which, when repeated in court and backed up by witnesses, will prove beyond a doubt that Clemmer was a long distance from the scene of the murder on the night it occurred. Ledane is working day and night gathering facts in behalf of Clemmer.

When the latter was told today that Miss DeKalb had made a confession, he said: "If she tells the truth I have nothing to fear. She cannot say anything that will any way injure my case."

TORE UP WIFE'S TOMBSTONE.

Farmer Carey Wished no Interference from His Sisters.

Smyrna, Del., Nov. 30.—The trustees of the Odd Fellows' cemetery tonight swore out a warrant for the arrest of Nathaniel Carey, a farmer living near here, who on Thanksgiving day tore up the stone over the grave of his first wife and threw it into the road. Carey says in explaining his conduct that he did not wish his wife's sisters to interfere, and that he would place what stone he thought proper over the grave.

On the slab, which had been erected by the woman's relatives, were the words: "Our Sister."

Anti-Gambling Amendment.

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 30.—Ex-Senator Edwards has applied to the Supreme court for a hearing on another application in connection with the anti-gambling amendment to the constitution adopted on September 28. The court fixed Friday morning. The application will take the form of a certiorari to have the state canvassing board receive its action in declaring the anti-gambling amendment carried. The point is made that the amendment did not have the required constitutional majority.

Washington's Institute.

Tuskegee, Ala., Nov. 30.—The new agricultural building at Tuskegee was formally opened today in connection with Booker T. Washington's normal and industrial institute. Hon. James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, was the chief speaker. Governor Johnston made a practical address, dealing with the need of having educated farmers, white and black, to adequately develop the state, and then Secretary Wilson made the address of the day.

British Steamer Stranded.

Delaware Breakwater, Del., Nov. 30.—The British steamer Glenorchil, from Hull, stranded on the new breakwater while passing in the capes last night. She is hard aground with ten feet of water in her hold. Two wrecking tugs attached an anchor to her today to prevent her from being driven further on the rocks. An attempt will be made at high tide tomorrow morning to release her.

Tommy Ryan Wins.

Chicago, Nov. 30.—Tommy Ryan, of Syracuse, was given the decision tonight over Billy Stift, of Chicago, in the sixth round of what was to have been a twelve-round bout. Ryan had all the best of the fight from the start, forced the fighting all the way through, and had Stift in bad shape when the police interfered.

Captain Carter to Be Court Martialed.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Secretary Alger has ordered the trial by court martial of Captain Oberlin M. Carter, the engineer officer, accused of irregularities, in the execution of river and harbor projects in Georgia.

Base Ball for Charity.

San Francisco, Nov. 30.—The All-Americans and Baltimores played at Recreation park today for charity, the former team winning by a score of 6 to 2. The batteries were Rhines and Smith, Pond and Donahue.

SHOT A WOMAN.

Constable Davis, of Wilkes-Barre, is Very Handy With a Gun.

Wilkes-Barre, Nov. 30.—Constable William Davis and Daniel Curtis went to a Hungarian boarding house in Duryea tonight to arrest Josef Hantz and George Huson, charged with fighting. The officers were resisted and when they attempted to force their way into the house the inmates attacked them with axes. Davis received a blow on the side of the head.

He immediately pulled his revolver and fired into the crowd. The bullet struck Mrs. Putak, a sister-in-law of the proprietor of the boarding house. The bullet entered her breast. It is not known whether the wound will result fatally or not. The constables finally took their men into custody and brought them to the Wilkes-Barre jail tonight.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Terrible Fate of Caroline Norris and Her Grandson.

Cumberland, Md., Nov. 30.—Mrs. Caroline Norris and her grandson, Samuel, were burned to death in their home, a log cabin, near Piney Plain, Allegheny county. The section is an isolated one and the news of the crime which is supposed to have occurred last Wednesday, has just reached here.

The bodies were found lying across a stove and terribly burned. It is thought that the house was entered by tramps who tortured the couple to get money. It is believed that three tramps now in jail at Martinsburg for robbery, perpetrated the crime.

WELLINGTON SUES THE AMERICAN

Charge That He Has Been Criminally Libelled--He Also Files Civil Suit Claiming $40,000.

Baltimore, Nov. 30.—United States Senator George L. Wellington, of this state, today appeared before the grand jury and charged that he had been criminally libelled by the Baltimore American, giving color to the charges that he was using patronage to influence the election of a United States senator to succeed Arthur P. Gorman. The grand jury presented General Felix Agnus, the publisher and editor of the American, for indictment. Later in the day Senator Wellington filed suit against General Agnus personally for $100,000 damages.

The article upon which Senator Wellington's actions are based was published in the American on Friday, Nov. 26, together with an editorial from the Post, of Washington, of the previous day. In the latter Senator Wellington was severely criticised for his general conduct as senator of the United States and charged with openly offering to purchase votes for a senatorial aspirant through the dispensation of patronage.

Senator Wellington recently espoused the cause of Governor Lloyd Lowndes, who is seeking election to the seat in the United States senate now occupied by Senator Gorman, whose successor will be chosen by the legislature, which meets on Jan. 5, 1898, at Annapolis.

EXPEDITION POSTPONED.

The German Government Will Send No Warship to Hayti.

Berlin, Nov. 30.—The German government has abandoned its intention of sending the warship Gefion to Port-au-Prince, Hayti, to enforce the demands for the payment of an indemnity to Herr Emil Lueders for alleged false imprisonment. The Gefion, instead, will be sent to reinforce the German fleet in the Chinese waters.

Baron von Bulow, the German minister for foreign affairs, today gave the United States ambassador, Mr. Andrew D. White, a wholly satisfactory explanation of Germany's intentions towards Hayti.

Chilly Day at Pimlico.

Baltimore, Nov. 30.—It was decidedly chilly at Pimlico today, both for the public and the bookmakers. The talent had a good day of it and were on the many good things with a rush. The track was in much better condition than for the past few days and the racing was good.

First race, furlongs—Gus Metal won, Chiromeo second, Duchesse Annette third; time, 1.18½.

Second race, 7 furlongs—Miss Tenney won, Landsale second, Sun Up third; time, 1.29½.

Third race, mile—Premier won, Lobengula second, Brome third; time, 1.40½.

Fourth race, 6 furlongs—Warrenton won, Sanger second, Sensational third; time, 1.16½.

Fifth race, one mile—Swan won, South Africa second, James Monroe third; time, 1.41.

Sixth race, Green Spring Valley steeplechase, full course—Ben Bolt won, Undine second, Sixty third; time, 7.07.

Traffic Rates to Be Advanced.

New York, Nov. 30.—The Evening Post says: As a result of recent conference, matters are now shaping among the soft coal carriers to advance traffic rates on that commodity about 30 per cent. The new agreement is still unsettled but will probably be arranged before contracts for next season's shipments are made.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today:

Fair; Warmer.

1 General—Thorn Confesses to Murder After Conviction.
Personal of the New Austrian Cabinet.
Preparations for the Meeting of Congress.
2 State—European Crooks Try to Swindle Wealthy Americans.
3 Local—Second Day of the Van Horn Murder Trial.
4 Editorial.
New Books and Magazines.
5 Local—A Commodious Store Building.
Story—"The Patience of Job."
6 Local—Criminal Court Doings.
World of Sport.
7 Local—Reception for Hon. William Connell.
First Symphony Concert of the Season.
8 Local—West Side and Suburban.
9 Lackawanna County News.
10 Whitney's Weekly News Budget.
The Markets.

NEW AUSTRIAN CABINET

List of the Council of Ministers to Be Gazetted.

PORTFOLIO ASSIGNMENTS

Baron Frankenthurn's Selections.

Observations Made by a Journal Printed on the Ground--The Political Situation Is Serious--The Rightists and the Leftists Are United in Opposing Each Other. The Resignation of Dr. Abrahamovics Is Demanded.

Vienna, Nov. 30.—The new Austrian cabinet, of which Baron von Gautsch von Frankenthurn is president of the council of ministers, has been completed and will be gazetted tomorrow.

The assignment of portfolios is as follows:

BARON VON GAUTSCH, premier and minister of the interior.
COUNT WOLERSHEIMB, minister of national defence.
DR. VON WITTEK, minister of railways.
COUNT VON BAILLET LATOUR, minister of public instruction.
HERR BOZHMBAWECK, minister of finance.
HERR KORBER, minister of commerce.
DR. J. VON RUBER, minister of justice.
COUNT BYLANDTHROHT, minister of agriculture.

Vienna, Nov. 30.—The Neue Free Presse today, referring to the political situation in Austria-Hungary, says: "The Rightists have formed a union to oppose the new government. While willing to vote for the provisional compromise (Austro-Hungary compact) bill, they decline to entertain any proposal for the repeal of the language ordinances. The Leftist groups are united in opposition to the Rightists. They demand a repeal of the language ordinances, the withdrawal of the amended standing orders and insist on the resignation of Dr. Abrahamovics, the president of the lower house of the Reichsrath."

Vienna, Dec. 1.—During the riots at Prague, Monday, when the windows of the German theatre and German club were smashed and the disorders were so furious that the rioters were charged by the military and dispersed at the point of the bayonet, a hundred persons were wounded and fifty arrested.

ABANDONED ON THE SEA.

British Schooner Elite Wrecked and Her Crew Missing.

New York, Nov. 30.—Floating helplessly on the Atlantic, with both masts gone, and abandoned by her crew, the British schooner Elite was found last Thursday by the Holland American Line steamship Veendam. From her appearance she had then been waterlogged at least a week. Fire was applied to the wreck.

The Elite was from Goole, on the Humber river, and was bound for St. John's. She last touched at Cadiz, on Oct. 10. Nothing has been heard of the men who manned her.

Several vessels arriving at this port today showed signs of severe encounter with the elements. The Norwegian steamship Talisman from Demerara, was caught in a succession of fierce gales, in which she lost part of her deck fittings. The ship Mary L. Cushing, 120 days from Honolulu, lost two of her boats in the recent storm.

FRIGHTENED TO DEATH.

A Missionary's Wife at Nicaragua Dies from Fright.

New York, Nov. 30.—Horatio C. Jaynes, a missionary who arrived here today on the Atlas liner Alene from Port Limon, says that his wife was scared to death by the intrusion of a native anxious to see the new baby, into her bedroom at San Carlos, Nicaragua. The native meant no harm but the entrance was so sudden that Mrs. Jaynes was frightened so that she died from the shock.

Mr. Jaynes is connected with the Central American independent mission of Philadelphia. He brought the baby to his home in that city.

SCARED BY THE LODGE'S GOAT.

Nervous Candidate for Membership Jumped from a Window.

Central Village, Conn., Nov. 30.—The terrors of initiation into the order of the Knights of Columbus proved too much for Thomas McCormick, of Stonington. He became so frightened by the first stages of the ceremony that he jumped from a third-story window to escape what was to follow.

Falling heavily on the ground below he was badly bruised, his collar bone was broken and it is feared that he has sustained serious internal injuries.

The Herald's Weather Forecast.

New York, Dec. 1.—In the middle states and New England, today, fair weather and slightly higher temperature will prevail, with fresh variable winds, mostly southerly and southwesterly and with cloudiness, followed by light snow in the western and northern districts, possibly extending to the Hudson valley. On Thursday, in both of these sections, partly cloudy to fair, slightly colder weather and fresh to brisk southwesterly and westerly winds will prevail, preceded by snow or rain in the northern districts, the winds possibly becoming high off the coasts.