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MR. BARKER IS GUILTY

The Members of the Jury Bring a Verdict in Keeping with the Charge of the Court.

A QUESTION OF INTENT

The Jurors Told That They Must Set All Else Aside in Rendering a Verdict—The Story of the Alleged Outrage No Justification in the Eyes of the Law for an Attempt at Murder—A Possible Seven Years Imprisonment Stands Before the Prisoner—Rev. Mr. Keller Denies Mrs. Barker's Testimony.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, New York, June 21.—The jury before which Thomas G. Barker, of Arlington, N. J., was tried for shooting with intent to kill the Rev. John Keller, of the same town, took one ballot this afternoon and returned with a verdict of guilty. Under the charge of the court they could do little else. The jurors were told they must set aside all else and decide only if Barker, with intent, fired at Keller. That was the law and they must obey it. Notice of appeal was given by Barker's counsel.

Barker tonight found himself once more an inmate of the county jail. He must remain there until \$10,000 bail is furnished. Before him stands a possible seven years' imprisonment and a fine of as much as \$2,000.

Mrs. Barker was not in the court room to hear the verdict. She was in another part of the court house, and when told of the verdict, sobbed bitterly. Mr. Keller was also absent and showed no emotion when told of the verdict. Barker had expected an acquittal. He based his hopes upon the strong plea of his counsel when he dwelt upon the unwritten law that a man has a right to kill where the sanctity of his home is assailed. Whatever the effect of this line of pleading had upon the jury it was swept away by the cold charge of the court, "the story of the alleged outrage or the outrage itself, if true, was no justification of the defendant's assault."

Why Evidence Was Admitted.

The court explained he admitted evidence that Barker had been told of an alleged assault, not because it had anything to do with the case, but because it was for the jury to determine if the story had anything to do with making the defendant criminally irresponsible. If they believed the defendant was guilty at the time of the shooting they must convict.

In his closing Prosecutor Erwin asked the jurors if the woman's course was the natural one. He said her story was improbable because Mrs. Barker would, in the natural course, have told her husband of the assault at once, and failing that, would have made a confidant of a woman and not of an other man.

The jury's only ballot was unanimous for guilt and a unit for the highest degree charged.

Barker will probably be sentenced on Thursday next, and then his counsel will file his papers in an appeal to the Supreme court.

At the close of the trial the Rev. Mr. Keller, through his attorney, gave the following statement to the Associated Press:

"I have learned of the publication in several papers of the statement of Mrs. Barker as to an alleged outrage by me upon her. It is false. I never outraged Mrs. Barker. I now understand the rules of evidence, however, would not permit my denial under oath on the trial just concluded."

(Signed) "John Keller,
June 21, 1901."

Barker, in an interview tonight, said: "I did not expect such a verdict. It seemed to me there was a reasonable doubt. I believe that no twelve men would convict me after hearing my wife's story. I believe that the Supreme court will give me a new trial and that then my wife's story will be told."

MONROE ESCAPES.

Mrs. Starrings Friend Could Not Be Convicted of Taking Jewels.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, New York, June 21.—After an hour's deliberation, the jury in the case of Lewis Francis Mortimer Monroe, of New York, accused of the theft of jewels, whose value was placed at \$9,000, from Mrs. Olivia C. Starrings, of 1455 Massachusetts avenue, returned a verdict of not guilty, and the defendant was set at liberty.

Mrs. Monroe, whose devotion to her husband has attracted attention throughout the trial, was the first to congratulate him on his acquittal. The two left the court house together. Mrs. Starrings, who made the accusations under which Monroe was tried, was not in attendance at the court during the day, having left the city for Old Point Comfort.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, New York, June 21.—Arrived: Belgravia, Genoa and Naples; Columbia, Hamburg, Clearedt Umbria; Liverpool; Hohenzollern, Naples and Genoa; Ethiopia; Glasgow; Rotterdam via Boulogne; Bulgaria; Hamburg; Holland; Arredor; La Lorraine, east, New York; Southampton, Salina, West Biomorphic (from Hamburg), New York via Cherbourg; Queenstown—Arrived: Campania, New York for Liverpool (and proceeded).

Trainmen Will Meet.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, New York, June 21.—The announcement today that the representatives of the brotherhood of trainmen, locomotive engineers and brakemen, will hold a meeting Sunday in this city to discuss the strike of the trackmen on the Canada road and the condition of the road-bed.

HARRY ALLEN BAXTER RELEASED FROM JAIL

Miss Mabel Wills Married to the Man Who Tried to Kill Her Father.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, Philadelphia, June 21.—Harry Allen Baxter, of Great Neck, L. I., who was assaulted on Wednesday at Mt. Holly, N. J., by former Judge B. L. Wills, father of Miss Mabel Wills, to whom the world was paying attention, was released today from the Mt. Holly jail, where he had been committed on the charge of attempting to shoot Judge Wills, and was quietly married to night to Miss Wills, in Camden, across the Delaware river from this city. Baxter had been a guest at the Wills house. The father at first did not object to his visits, but difference in the family arose, which culminated in Baxter threatening to shoot the judge, followed by the latter thrashing the young man. Mrs. Wills and the daughter took sides with Baxter and vainly tried to secure his release from prison.

Today Baxter succeeded in securing his freedom upon the payment of \$10,000 cash security, and tonight came to Camden. He was met there by Miss Wills, and together with her mother, her 11-year-old brother and Miss Wills' two attorneys, they went to the home of the Rev. William V. Van Horn, Methodist minister, and were united in marriage. The couple immediately left for New York, and will make their home at Great Neck.

FRIGHTFUL TORNADO

A Family of Seven Wiped Out—Two Members of Another Family Killed—Many Injured.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, Omaha, Neb., June 21.—Special dispatches from Naper, Neb., coming via Stuart, Neb., because of interrupted communication, tell of the frightful work of a tornado which visited that vicinity last night.

All of the house hospital appropriation bills on first and second reading were advanced, after which the senate took a recess for an hour and a half, so that other bills from the house can be reported to the senate and read first time. The senate is well up in its work.

When the senate reconvened, the bills that passed the house at this morning's sessions were reported from that body. They were immediately referred to committees and reported out and read first time. The general appropriation bill was again reported out and will be read the second time on Monday night.

The senate then adjourned until Monday night.

In the House.

The following appropriation bills passed finally: Purchase of land for state institution for feeble minded, at Polk, \$38,000; West Penn hospital, \$100,000; Titusville hospital, \$10,000; Avery college, Allegheny City, \$5,000; protection of game or song and of insectivorous birds, \$12,000; monument on Brandywine battlefield, \$5,000; German Protestant home, Philadelphia, \$1,000; Florence Crittenton Home, Eric, \$1,000.

Mr. Voorhees, Philadelphia, moved to reconsider the Shatt constitutional convention bill, which failed yesterday on final passage. The motion was adopted by a vote of 75 to 43, after which the bill was laid aside for the present.

The entire list of house postponed bills was dropped from the calendar, and none of them can be considered at this session. The most important bills requiring immediate action are a pension statement of their electiveness; to prevent the employment of incompetent persons as miners in the bituminous coal mines; prohibiting employment of children under 12 years in and around coal mines, and increasing the salary of the chief of the bureau of industrial statistics from \$2,500 to \$3,500, and authorizing him to appoint an additional clerk.

A Senate bill, establishing in cities of the first and second class a house of detention, passed second reading, after which the house adjourned until Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

STRIKE AT THE READING SHOPS

Over 1,000 Men Quit Work—Machinists Still at Work—An Effort to Call Them Out.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, Reading, June 21.—Over 1,600 men quit work at the shops of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad today. The machinists are still at work. It is expected that an effort will be made to call them out at once. At a meeting held two weeks ago the delegates representing the men employed by the company from Tamauqua to Philadelphia, drafted grievances, which were addressed to President Baer. This letter, it was claimed, was delivered to Mr. Baer's office in Philadelphia, and a reply was requested by 10 o'clock today. The reply not having been received at the hour named a strike was ordered.

It is to be extended over the entire system as soon as possible. No copy of the grievances has been sent out, but, it is said, they are practically the same as those here gathered will at last bring to triumph the principles we advocate and indoctrinate those who have taken upon public privilege and ground instead because of wealth gained from monopoly.

The resolutions were read by Chairman Bowen and were unanimously adopted. Among other things, they say:

"We believe that the only immediate hope to reform in our municipality and our state is to be obtained through the Democratic party and that conciliatory and aggressive action on the part of those here gathered will at last bring to triumph the principles we advocate and indoctrinate those who have taken upon public privilege and ground instead because of wealth gained from monopoly."

This resulted in charges affecting his integrity as member of the cabinet, and rather than compromise his associates by the controversy, he tendered his resignation, and began libel suits against his detractors.

Feeling ran high over the affair, and it is probably due to this that the fatality occurred.

Mr. Hoshi leaves a wife and one son, the latter nine years old. He was 48 years of age, and besides his prominence in politics was a student and a man of literary accomplishments.

The assassin of Hoshi Toru is a man about 50 years of age, occupying a good social and public position. He declared the blow was struck in the interests of the country.

New Horse Disease.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, New York, June 21.—According to Superintendents of the Japanese society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, a new disease, similar to the grip, has appeared among the horses here and is rapidly killing them. The disease was first discovered last Saturday and from the reports submitted by the leading veterinary surgeons fully 10,000 horses are now suffering from it here.

Northfield Victim's Body.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, New York, June 21.—The body of a man was found near the dock of the National Storage Company, at Communipaw, today. From papers found near the body it is known that it is that of B. Stevens, of New York, S. I., who has been missing since the ferry boat Northfield accident.

DOINGS OF THE LAWMAKERS

An Effort to Reconsider the Shatt Bill Which Failed on Final Passage.

APPROPRIATION BILLS

A Number Are Passed Finally in the House—The Entire List of House Postponed Bills Are Dropped from the Calendar and Cannot Be Considered at This Session—Mining Bills Among the Number. House of Detention Bill Passes Second Reading in Lower Branch.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, Harrisburg, June 21.—The session of the senate this morning was for the receiving of reports from committees and the consideration of bills on first and second reading only. Among the bills reported from the house was the general appropriation carrying more than \$15,000,000 for the expenses of the executive, judicial and legislative branches of the state government. It was referred to the appropriate committee, reported out favorably and voted on for the first time and recommended to the committee for amendments. Less than five minutes were consumed in passing the bill through these stages, and the swiftness with which it was done created some amusement.

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THE QUAKER CITY

THE SITUATION AT MATTEWAN IS GRAVE

It Is Believed That the Present Calm Precedes a Storm of Unusual Violence.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, Mattewan, W. Va., June 21.—The situation throughout the Thirteen Mattewan and Dingess coal fields today is still a grave one. Things had been bad before yesterday, when the shooting occurred, but the crisis is yet to come. Things seem to be quiet about the mine all day, even the idle men standing about having but little to say even to each other, but, today's quietness has been but the calm before the storm. Word of last evening's trouble spread rapidly, and on early morning trains several union agents arrived. They went promptly to work, and early this afternoon it was announced that they had the mob under control, but only to plan for concerted action of all the union miners in Mingo, who number nearly 2,000. They are gathering here this evening from throughout the section, and tomorrow, probably in the morning, the strikers will hold a meeting. One of the leaders said this afternoon that if the non-union men could not be persuaded to quit work, they would be compelled to. That this time they would meet force with force. This causes a great deal of apprehension.

The Mattington mines and a few others were running today with a half force of non-union men. The guards have been quadrupled and are standing all about the mines, watching and keeping in order. In all other respects, Superintendent Lambert is acting as though nothing had happened. Sheriff Hatfield is still on hand, waiting for any emergency that may arise. On next Monday morning the operators will

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

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Keller Is Guilty of Shooting Rev. Mr. Keller, Wanamaker Renews His Offer to Buy Franchise.

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