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HOLD WRONG WOMAN

Mrs. Trautman's Accuser In- sane or Mistaken.

WOMAN HAS DOUBLE, POLICE SAY.

New York Physician's Wife Arrested on Street and Put in Cell on Charge of Theft in Innocent, Says T. M. C. A. Secretary.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The charges of sorcery thrust against Mrs. Jeanne Trautman, wife of Dr. Alexander Trautman, a well known surgeon of 329 Lexington avenue, were exploded when the story told by Peter J. Hogan, her accuser, was flatly contradicted out of his own mouth, according to a new witness in the case.

This witness is M. W. Ludden, secretary of the west side branch of the Young Men's Christian association. He declared that Hogan had been to the Y. M. C. A., of which he is a member, last Sunday night, the day after he said he had been robbed by Mrs. Trautman, and stated he had lost his money in the association library that same evening.

"It was Sunday night at 10:30 o'clock that this man Hogan came up to the desk of my office here," said Mr. Ludden. "He placed the tips of his fingers on the edge of the desk, rocked a little on his toes and leaning over toward me, said in a whisper: 'I've lost some bills—\$13 or \$14—in the library upstairs. I was up there writing tonight, and I would like some one to go up there with me and look for the money.'

"The man seemed a bit queer, but I knew he was a member of the association and so I told him that the library had been locked up, but if he was sure he lost it in the library I would send the night watchman up with him to look for it.

"Yes, I'm sure I lost it there," said Hogan.

"So I sent for the night watchman, Frederick Spring, and with the latter Hogan went up to the library and searched for some time. Then he came down, saying he had not found his money. I told him that I would make a note of his loss and put it up on the bulletin board.

"How much was it?" I asked him. "Fourteen or fifteen dollars," he answered. I didn't notice the discrepancy of his first and second statement as to the amount until afterward.

"Of course afterward I had an idea that the Hogan mentioned in the newspapers in connection with the Trautman case might be our Hogan, but I was not sure. I think now he is a bit queer.

"I realize fully the importance of this incident, and I am fully prepared to tell this in court under oath if necessary. It looks as if a thoroughly respectable woman had been subjected to the grossest indignity, and I would be only too glad to help her."

Hogan is a regular member of the Young Men's Christian association in the apartment house building on the streets and a common thief, preferred against her by Hogan, but declares that she will make such an example of her accuser that innocent and respectable women can walk the streets in safety in future. She said: "Respectable women walking along the streets of New York have absolutely no protection from arrest and subsequent humiliation in cases of this kind, provided the police accept the word of irresponsible persons, as they did in my case."

Hogan's story as told in the police court was that he had been robbed in a hallway in Fifth avenue by Mrs. Trautman, whom he had met on the street.

Another factor in the unique case of Mrs. Trautman is supplied by Police Captain Schlottman, who said: "We think that Mrs. Trautman has a double among the women who infest the part of the city. In fact, I feel so confident that in this may be the explanation for the whole matter that I am now making a thorough search for such a woman.

CAPTAIN WENDEL ARRESTED.

First New York Battery Commander, Accused of Graft.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Captain Lou Wendell, commander of the First battery, New York national guard, and a well known man about town, was arrested here on a warrant charging him with accepting a bribe in connection with his conduct of affairs of the battery in its armory in Sixty-sixth street in this city.

The warrant for Captain Wendell was issued by Magistrate Crane in the Tombs court and charged him specifically with violating section 48 of the penal code. This section forbids an officer of the county or state from receiving any emolument or fee for work done in office except as provided by law.

Charges under this head have been under investigation for more than a week in a secret hearing conducted by Magistrate Crane in his chambers. Abraham Levy, who represented Captain Wendell, notified the magistrate early in the hearing that if it was decided to issue a warrant he would surrender his client in court so it could be served on him.

While the hearing was under way before Magistrate Crane, Wendell applied to General Roe, commanding the state national guard, and asked that a special military inquiry be made of the charges laid against him. General Roe brought the matter to the attention of the governor and later announced that the inquiry Wendell asked for would be made.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN JAIL.

Visitor to Elmira Prison Gave Woman Poison and Killed Himself.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Dec. 27.—The Elmira county jail was the scene of a double tragedy last night. A woman named Bessie Wells occupied a cell in the women's dormitory, awaiting sentence on Jan. 3 for abducting a young girl and harboring her for immoral purposes.

A man named Frank Delaney, possessing a power of attorney from the woman and who is said to have been her lover, called at the jail and, stating that he wished to obtain the woman's signature to some papers, was shown to her cell by a guard who stood close by while he conversed with her.

Suddenly Delaney passed a bottle of carbolic acid through the bars and pressed a second one to his own lips. The guard sprang upon the man, but was not quick enough. Both died before a physician could be called. Delaney was twenty-five years old and was a railroad man. He comes from a respected family.

APPOINTMENTS BY GLYNN.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Comptroller M. E. Glynn has announced the following appointments: Second deputy, Willis C. Merriman, reappointed; private secretary, Harry C. Gott of Albany; transfer tax appraiser for Albany, Charles M. Freid; chief stock tax clerk, William F. Kearney of Albany; court and press fund examiner, Henry Kahn of Cooper; Kings county tax appraiser, Thomas F. Wogan, in place of Hector McNeill. Harry C. Gott, appointed private secretary, has for many years been on the editorial staff of the Albany Times-Union, Mr. Glynn's newspaper.

REPORT ON JAPS IN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—A report on Japanese conditions in the Hawaiian Islands will be made to President Roosevelt by Frank P. Sargeant, commissioner of immigration and naturalization, as a result of his recent visit to the islands. Commissioner Sargeant has expressed the opinion that there are fewer Japanese in the Hawaiian Islands now than there were two years ago, a greater number having come to America in that period than arrived in Hawaii.

JURY EXONERATED LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The coroner's jury returned a verdict of "unavoidable accident" in its inquest over the body of Samuel West, the fourteen-year-old colored boy who was run over and killed by Joseph Leiter's automobile here. Mr. Leiter directed that the boy's body be turned over to an undertaker, and the funeral expenses will be met by him. Mr. Leiter also will make a pecuniary allowance for the family of the dead boy.

BURTON HARRISON TO WED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Surprise was caused among society folk when cable messages from France announced the coming marriage at Cannes of Francis Burton Harrison, the millionaire congressman elect. Mr. Harrison's bride will be Mrs. Mabel Louise Judson Cox, former wife of Dr. Rowland Cox, Jr., of this city. Until these announcements were received it was not known that Dr. Rowland Cox, Jr., and his beautiful wife were divorced.

KONGO ATROCITIES.

Protest Against Leopold's Rule in West Africa.

ASK ROOT TO URGE NEEDED REFORMS

J. Pierpont Morgan, Lyman Abbott and Many Others Send Petition to Washington Regarding Cruelty and Injustice to Natives.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—An open letter from J. Pierpont Morgan, Dr. Lyman Abbott and others addressed to Secretary Root urging him to use the moral support of the United States in the direction of correcting abuses said to exist in the Kongo region was received at the state department and will be taken into consideration along with other similar communications on the subject at once.

Secretary Root, in speaking of the matter and of the recent statement in the Belgian parliament that the purpose of Belgium in annexing the Kongo Free State was in order to enable that country to deal with the subject in a more effective way, said that all this country could do was to decourtesy and politely urge Belgium to greater activity.

The memorial reads as follows: "Over a year has passed since the report of the commissioners chosen by the chief executive and virtual owner of the Kongo to investigate conditions in that state was published. In spite of their natural desire to give all possible credit to their sovereign the commissioners felt constrained to report the existence of measures and practices of flagrant inhumanity. Among these measures and practices are the following:

"First.—The exaction of a labor tax so oppressive that many natives on whom it falls have little if any freedom.

"Second.—Appropriation of land to such an extent that the natives are practically prisoners within their own territory.

"Third.—The employment under the authority of the government as sentries of cruel, brutish blacks chosen from hostile tribes, who murder and pillage the people for whose protection the government is avowedly established.

"Fourth.—The abuse of the natives by white representatives of officially recognized companies.

"Fifth.—The blinding of little children to years of labor at uncertain wages by contracts they do not understand and even more serious maltreatment of children supposedly under the immediate care of the government.

"Sixth.—Great injustice in the administration of the courts, so that the natives dread the name of Boma, the place where the judicial system is centralized.

"Seventh.—The sending out of punitive expeditions not for the purpose of establishing peace and order, but for the purpose of terrifying the natives into paying a tax which as administrators even the commissioners regard as inhuman.

"It is to be remembered that these are not charges brought against the Kongo government, but findings of the commission appointed by King Leopold to investigate and report on the facts.

"There is no evidence that the Kongo government is undertaking seriously to remedy these evils.

"Inasmuch as the United States gave its moral support to the establishment of the Kongo government it is justified in giving its moral support to any undertaking to secure conditions in the Kongo that will not disgrace civilization.

TOY BOY AT NEW ORLEANS.

Feature at Fair Grounds Won by Tebboggan, at 4 to 1.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—In the first race at the Fair grounds Toy Boy, making his second appearance here, won his second victory.

Although the bookmakers did not lay such long odds against him as at his initial appearance, the betting offered was so good that several thousands are said to have been won by the new-comer's friends.

In the third event the stewards resented the running of Big Bow and indefinitely suspended his rider, Jockey Keyes. Big Bow appeared to get a poor start. Summaries: First Race.—Toy Boy, first; Spider Web, second; Buren Arnold, third.

Second Race.—Buck, first; Alencon, second; Halbert, third.

Third Race.—Debar, first; Holloway, second; Nutwood, third.

Fourth Race.—Toboggan, first; Meadowbreeze, second; De Oro, third.

Fifth Race.—Morris, first; Sir Toddlington, second; Gold Circle, third.

Sixth Race.—Henry Watterson, first; Abe Meyer, second; Gold Coin, third.

Seventh Race.—Bansopal, at 4 to 1, winning, Sir Russell and St. Francis, both heavily favored by the public, were unable to lead at the wire.

Claimed He Was Forced to Rob. BOSTON, Dec. 27.—That he was forced into robbery at the point of a revolver was the novel defense offered by Frederick Sackett during his trial with two others on the charge of breaking into the office of the Estabrook Coal company. The alleged robbery was captured after a pistol duel with the police. Sackett testified that he met the other defendants, George W. Everson and Alfred G. Morse, while he was under the influence of liquor and that when they went into the coal office Everson threatened to kill him unless he followed their instructions. Everson claimed that Sackett entered into the plan of robbery willingly.

Prominent Woman Buried Dead. TOLEDO, O., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Rosa L. Segur of Toledo, a pioneer woman and a devoted wife, died at Toledo, Tex., where she had been sojourning for the benefit of her health. Mrs. Segur was seventy-three years of age and was closely identified with the suffrage movement ever since its inception in America. She was a close friend of Susan B. Anthony and had held many places of honor in the national and state suffrage associations. The body will be brought to Toledo for burial.

Consul at Zanzibar Accused. WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Frederick McWaters of New York, United States consul at Zanzibar, who was ordered home under suspension to explain charges of misconduct preferred against him by the British officials of Zanzibar and who also was reported to have obtained money under false pretenses from a bank in Nice, France, has been located in this country, and the state department has been advised that he will reach Washington within a day or two.

To Dethrone King Peter. BELGRADE, Serbia, Dec. 27.—The national assembly finally has accepted the loan and armament bills, which were sent for signature to King Peter. The debate on these measures was attended by disorderly scenes on the part of members of the assembly, arising from the opening expression of sentiments against the present Kara-georgevitch dynasty, which gave rise to reports in German and Austrian quarters of a movement to dethrone King Peter.

Oldest Man of Middletown Dead. MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 27.—Charles A. Newell, born at Whitteyville in 1814, is dead here of his incident to old age. He was said to be the oldest man resident of the town and on Nov. 25 last celebrated, with his wife, the seventy-fourth anniversary of their wedding. Besides his wife two daughters survive him.

Miss Harrie Sentenced to Hard Labor. SOMERVILLE, N. J., Dec. 27.—Miss Florence Harrie, who on Nov. 5 was found guilty of manslaughter for having killed Alexander Dipolo on June 3 last, was sentenced by Justice Garretton to five years at hard labor in the state prison and to stand committed until the costs of her conviction were satisfied.

DISASTER IN CHILE

Half the Town of Arica Destroyed by Earthquake.

OTHER PLACES SUFFER FROM SHOCKS

Tacna Province Visited by Severe Quakes at Time That Destruction Occurred at Santiago and Valparaiso.

SANTIAGO, Dec. 27.—Half of the town of Arica, in the province of Tacna, has been destroyed by an earthquake, and other towns in the neighborhood have suffered more or less severely.

The seaport of Iquique, 120 miles south of Arica, was not damaged, but with the recollection of the August disaster fresh in their minds the people in the earthquake zone are greatly alarmed.

Tacna is the northernmost province of Chile and borders on Peru. It is mainly a rainless desert, crossed by scanty and intermittent streams. Earthquakes are frequent.

Arica is on the seacoast and was formerly a much more important place than now. The population, once estimated at 30,000, is now about 3,000.

In August of this year, when a disastrous earthquake visited Santiago and Valparaiso, severe and numerous shocks were experienced in Tacna province.

Mexican Exile Attempts Suicide. DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 27.—Felipe Juaragu, aged twenty-five years, son of wealthy parents in Durango, Mexico, who was expelled from that country for connection with a revolutionary movement, attempted to commit suicide here and fired three bullets into his chest. He is in a serious condition at a hospital, with fair chances of recovery. Juaragu after his expulsion from Mexico joined in the publication of a Mexican paper in St. Louis in the interests of a revolutionary party. He left a farewell letter written in Spanish, in which he declared that he "succumbed to the ecstasies of love."

Sad End to Lady Leng's Trip. NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Lady Leng has arrived here en route for Scotland with the body of her late husband, Sir John Leng, who died in California while on a trip around the world with his wife and Miss Leng. Sir John Leng celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday last April. For sixteen years he represented Dundee in the British parliament, and he was one of Gladstone's most enthusiastic supporters. Last year owing to age he retired from parliament. For fifty-five years he was editor and proprietor of the Dundee Advertiser.

Two Miners Fall Five Hundred Feet. BENNESMER, Mich., Dec. 27.—Elias Lehtanen and Joseph Bardsosson were instantly killed in the Colby iron mine here by falling 500 feet to the bottom of the shaft when a "skip" on which they were riding to the surface was dumped by striking on a projecting beam. Two other miners in the skip saved their lives by catching hold of the rope and clinging to it. One of these, Mike Senvard, was seriously injured before his plight was discovered, but the other one came out of the experience unharmed.

Two Women Burned to Death. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 27.—Two women lost their lives in this state as the result of being burned. Julia Stilleto, a servant employed at the home of W. J. Nichols in Bridgeport, attempted to light an alcohol stove when an explosion set fire to her clothes, and she died soon afterward of her injuries. In Waterbury, Mrs. Julia Scadden set fire to her nightgown early in the day while carrying a candle and was terribly burned all over her body. She died in the hospital a few hours later.

Will Strike or Resign. EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 27.—The Mexican Central conductors are voting on a union strike. They now get from \$110 to \$125 a month, gold. The increase asked amounts to about 15 per cent. They are voting now to determine whether they will refuse to work if the increase is finally refused, or they may simply resign. A strike is a serious matter in Mexico, and they may not attempt it. But the result will be the same.

Sypher Had a Technical Shortage. WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The navy department received the findings of the court martial in the case of Assistant Paymaster William C. Sypher, charged with irregularities in his accounts. The court found him guilty of a technical shortage of over \$1,300 and recommended a sentence of a reduction of several numbers in grade.

Prize Ship Ashore on Midway. MIDWAY ISLAND, North Pacific Ocean, Dec. 27.—The bark Carillon of San Francisco, Captain Henrichs, from Newcastle, N. S. W., for Honolulu struck the south reef off Midway island at 2 o'clock in the morning. All the members of the crew were saved, but there is no hope of saving the vessel.

Murder or Suicide? JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 27.—The dead bodies of George Patterson, a cab driver, and Alice Clark, a boarding house keeper, were found late at night in different rooms of the boarding house. The indications were either suicide or murder. No cause can be ascertained.

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