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WOULD BAR DETAILS

Roosevelt Favors Closing of Mails to Yellow Journals.

THAW CASE IN OTTAWA PARLIAMENT

Dr. Charles C. Wagner of State Hospital For the Insane Testifies That Slayer of White Was Crazy at Time of Tragedy.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—It has been learned here that President Roosevelt has officially asked Postmaster General Cortelyou whether it is feasible to bar from the mails the papers that publish the full disgusting particulars of the Thaw case and requesting that if it can be done that the mails be closed to them as soon as possible.

President Roosevelt has received a number of protests from persons who think that the newspapers printing the full details of the Thaw case should be prohibited transmission through the mails.

The recent discussion of the question in Canada, notably in the Canadian parliament, and the statement of the postmaster general at Ottawa, who was reported to have said that no newspaper publishing such evidence as that given in the Thaw case last Thursday would be guilty of a misdemeanor under the Canadian law, also was brought to the attention of the president.

Answering a hypothetical question covering every detail of the testimony up to this time in the Thaw trial, including Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw's narration of her life history to the defendant, Dr. Charles C. Wagner, superintendent of the State Hospital For the Insane at Binghamton, N. Y., declared on the witness stand that in his opinion Harry K. Thaw did not know that the act was wrong when he shot and killed Stanford White on the roof of Madison Square Garden.

Dr. Wagner stepped aside for later cross examination by District Attorney Jerome, and as court adjourned it was announced that the defense would next proceed with the testimony of other witnesses.

The taking of Dr. Wagner's opinion of a hypothetical question, the man under consideration being the author of the letters which have been introduced as emanating from Harry Thaw during the period of his estrangement with Evelyn Nesbit after their return from Europe in 1903, followed a day of almost continuous legal sparring between Delphin M. Delmas for the defense and Mr. Jerome for the prosecution.

Mr. Jerome effectually blocked the completion for the time being of the direct testimony of Mrs. Evelyn Thaw by insisting that before she should go further competent testimony as to Thaw's unsoundness of mind should be placed before the jury.

TELLS OF AFFRAY.

Negro Sergeant in Senate on Brownsville "Shooting Up."

SAYS FUSILLADE CAME FROM TOWN

Washington, Feb. 12.—The "shooting up" of the town of Brownsville, Tex., was in the form of an attack upon the garrison at Fort Brown, according to the testimony given by Mingo Sanders, former first sergeant of Company B of the Twenty-fifth infantry, before the senate committee on military affairs.

Sanders' story created something of a stir in the committee, as he said that while running from his quarters to Company B barracks after being awakened by the firing on the night of Aug. 13 the shooting was going on, and it came from the town and was toward the hospital on the military reservation. He said bullets were whizzing over his head. This is the first direct testimony given by any of the discharged negro soldiers that the firing came from the town.

Sanders has served for twenty-five years, six months and twenty-three days, including the campaign in Cuba and three years in the Philippines. He said he had never been court-martialed, never reprimanded or found fault with to his knowledge. At Brownsville he had a house to the left of company quarters and directly in front of the hospital.

His story of the incidents of the night of Aug. 13 was like others until he told of his experiences in trying to get to the barracks after being awakened by the shooting. He said he started on a run to B quarters, and just after leaving his house the firing was renewed. It came from the town, he said, and bullets were flying thick and fast over his head.

Continuing his testimony, Sanders told of finding his own company in confusion and of his efforts to straighten it out. He said he found some of the men down on their knees and that others were yelling to put out the lantern, so that it would not furnish a target for persons to shoot at.

Denial From the Vatican. ROME, Feb. 12.—The Vatican authorities deny the statement made by the semi-official Temps of Paris to the effect that the declaration of the French episcopate regarding contracts for the churches was not compiled at the Paris meeting, but in Rome, between the bishops who were delegates from that meeting and the pope.

The Hague Conference. LONDON, Feb. 12.—Professor de Martens, who is here to canvas the sentiment of the powers relative to the programme of the coming session of The Hague conference on June 15 next, held a lengthy conference with Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary. He will also see Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and Whitehall Reid, the American ambassador, with whom Professor Martens will discuss the intention of the United States in relation to The Hague tribunal.

Held "Red Legs" Band at Bay. LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Feb. 12.—Mrs. Clara Parquette, a Kansas pioneer, who died of apoplexy here, aged eighty-five years, in the border war days held Colonel Jenkinson and his band of "Red Legs" at bay at Shawnee, Kan., for five hours, giving her husband, a strong antislavery advocate, time to escape.

SCORED THREE KNOCKDOWNS.

Money Melody of Boston Downed Lewis of New York.

VALLEY FALLS, R. I., Feb. 12.—William (Money) Melody of Boston welterweight champion of the world, last night for the second time within a year proved his superiority over Willie Lewis of New York. Lewis' seconds threw up the sponge in the fourth round.

The bout was held at the Valley Falls Athletic club and was scheduled to go for fifteen rounds for the welterweight championship. When the money weighed Lewis was four pounds above the stipulated weight of 142 pounds and as a result the championship issue was withdrawn, so that if Lewis had been able to win he would not have acquired the title of welterweight champion.

A great crowd assembled to witness the contest, special trains being run from Boston and Providence. The third round found Lewis in a pitiable condition. In this round Melody scored three knockdowns, Lewis taking the count each time.

When the fourth round began Melody, who up to this time had fought cautiously, threw science to the winds and went for his opponent in savage fashion. Lewis could not even raise his hands and was the target for all of Melody's punches. It was at this point that Lewis' seconds, realizing that their man had no chance whatever, throwing the sponge into the ring, thus forfeiting the battle to the champion.

TENNIS AT TUXEDO. George H. Brook Defeats Payne Whitney For Gold Racket. TUXEDO PARK, N. Y., Feb. 12.—George H. Brook of the Philadelphia Racket club by defeating Payne Whitney of the New York Tennis and Racket club reached the final round on the courts of the Tuxedo Tennis and Racket club for the gold racket and will now meet George L. Wrenn, the champion lawn tennis player of the New York Tennis and Racket club.

George L. Wrenn won from his brother by default in the semifinal round. Brook in his match with Whitney showed some of his old time rackets, winning 25 of his 45 aces on service. If he wins in the final match he will challenge Mackey, holder of the title of 1906, on Feb. 17.

Peter Sterling at New Orleans. NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 12.—Interest in the winter races here was accentuated by a large number of carnival visitors. Peter Sterling, after lagging behind Goldmate, the favorite, and Beau Brummel to the stretch, tired them out and won the feature event of the day, with Goldmate second and Beau Brummel a poor third. Thirty-five bookmakers did a big business in the betting ring.

Livius Outran His Field. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 12.—At Ascot, Livius in the fourth race ran a fine race and moved up gradually until the turn for home and under Koerner's mastery riding came on and out-gamed his field. Judge Nelson, the favorite, could do no better than third.

Goldswain Knocked Out Daily. LONDON, Feb. 12.—In a twenty round boxing contest for the lightweight championship of England, and a purse of \$1,500 at the National Sporting club last night Jack Goldswain of London knocked out Pat Daley, an American, in the fifth round.

THE JAP QUESTION.

Conference at White House Leaves Issue Unsettled.

MAYOR SCHMITZ MAKES STATEMENT

Nothing Definite Yet Decided in Regard to Japanese School Question in California—Subject to President's Call.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—When the White House conference was concluded Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco made the statement that, although the president, Secretary of State Root and the Californians had still further discussed the Japanese school question, nothing definite had been accomplished and that there would be another meeting, subject to the call of the president.

It has been agreed that the whole matter will be considered at a cabinet meeting today. Mayor Schmitz declined to say whether the question of excluding the Japanese coolies by congressional legislation formed a part of their proposition which was submitted to the president in writing.

Mayor Schmitz and other members of the San Francisco delegation have received hundreds of telegrams urging them to advocate a treaty excluding the Japanese laborer and legislation by congress to carry the provisions of this treaty into effect.

The mayor has admitted to members of the California delegation in congress that while he is very anxious to reach a satisfactory agreement with President Roosevelt and stands willing to make any concessions that will be for the good of the whole country, yet he hesitates in making any agreement that will not meet with the approval of the people of California.

It can be authoritatively stated that the president has appealed to Mayor Schmitz and his associates to bring the anti-Japanese agitation to an end by rescinding the school board's order for the establishment of oriental schools.

Under the California law the question of separate schools was left to the discretion of the school authorities, and before the earthquake disaster the Japanese were admitted to the white schools.

When asked the direct question whether the proposition submitted by the San Francisco delegation called for the exclusion of Japanese coolie labor from this country Mayor Schmitz replied: "We are not making a treaty and have not discussed with the president the question of excluding the Japanese from this country by treaty. We heard the president's views and presented our side of the questions at issue."

APPEALS TO HUGHES FOR LIFE.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 12.—John F. Cowan, attorney for Frank Furlong, the young man sentenced to die in the week beginning March 4 for the murder of his aunt, Margaret Keeler, in New York city, has appealed to Governor Hughes for the commutation of the sentence to life imprisonment.

Furlong is asserted to have been subject to epilepsy. The husband of the murdered woman sent a letter to the governor favoring the appeal.

Violent Shock at Charlottesville. CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Feb. 12.—An earthquake of considerable violence was felt throughout this section at 8:25 o'clock in the morning. In Charlottesville the dishes were rattled at the breakfast tables. The shock was recorded at the University of Virginia.

Earthquake Shocks in Virginia. RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 12.—A distinct earthquake shock was felt in the region of the James river division of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad between Rock Castle and Columbia, about sixty-five miles west of Richmond. No damage is reported.

Nicaraguan Minister Goes to Wash. WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The marriage of Luis Corea, the Nicaraguan minister, to Miss India Bell Vedder Fleming of this city will occur at the home of the bride's parents, Colonel and Mrs. Robert I. Fleming, Wednesday, Feb. 27.

To Merge With Pennsylvania. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad company was held here, and by an unanimous vote the merger of the road with the Pennsylvania railroad was ratified.

Will Try to Go "Farthest South." LONDON, Feb. 12.—A new British expedition in search of the south pole will leave England next October under the command of E. H. Shackleton, who was third lieutenant on the "Discovery expedition" to the antarctic.

Coliseum Annex Destroyed. CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—The Coliseum annex was destroyed by fire last night. The loss to the building and exhibitors of the Chicago hardware show, which begins on Thursday, is \$75,000. Five firemen were injured.

Family Burned to Death. ALLENTOWN, Pa., Feb. 12.—Edwin W. Heidnauer, a baker, and his four children were burned to death last night in the fire which destroyed their home.

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