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HER ORDEAL ENDED

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw Under Jerome's Fire Five Days.

DELMAS AT OUTSET BARS HUMMEL

Witness Upon Whom Roof Garden Tragedy Centered Finally Released From Stand With Story Uncontested by State.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—District Attorney Jerome finished his long cross examination of Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw at the trial of her husband on the charge of having murdered Stanford White.



Beyond the fact that the girl went to the lawyer's office and that he dictated to a stenographer while she was there the district attorney was powerless to bring out anything more because of the continued objection of Mr. Delmas.

Mr. Hummel was excused temporarily. Abraham Snyder, who was a clerk in Hummel's office, next was called. He said he knew Evelyn Nesbit.

Mr. Jerome's next question proved to be the last of his cross examination. It was, "Did Thaw recollect having seen White after these outbursts?"

That is all, concluded Mr. Jerome, "except that I may at some future time ask the witness to explain phrases in Thaw's letters which we have just recited."

Mr. Jerome had finished his cross examination, which had lasted through nearly five court days, the direct and recross examinations began, but were of the briefest character, and just prior to adjournment it was announced that the defendant's wife had finally been excused.

The district attorney will next begin his cross examination of Dr. Britton D. Evans, one of the alibiists for the defense. He will immediately follow this up by cross examining Dr. Charles Wagner, and then Drs. Deemar and Higgins will be called in rapid order. The trial at last seems to be entering upon its final stages.

LARCHMONT INQUIRY. Bridgeton Man Testifies That Thirty-Six Were Left to Perish. PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 27.—There were thirty-five panic-stricken people on the deck of the steamer Larchmont when she sank, although the lifeboats had been put off and Captain McVey was nowhere to be seen, according to stories told by four survivors of the Joy liner to the investigating board of United States steamship inspectors of Providence.

Another read, "She has a son, but I must say he is a pie face mutt." Then Mr. Jerome read this: "My room here is neither large nor small. There is a white virtuous bed. I took a nap, and the last thing I remember was I wondered how far I am from Rector's. Rector's is really not a proper place for an innocent young person, but I always had a weakness for it."

The district attorney turned to another page and read: "I hereby swear never to read another. But the one nice thing about Janice Meredith is that she is not really an angel—one of those persons too good for this world."

"When one comes to think it over it is good to have lived. A girl who has always been good and never had any scandal about her is fortunate in more ways than one. On the other hand, no one of them will ever be anything. By anything I mean just that. They will perhaps be good wives and mothers; but whether it is ambition or foolishness, I want to be a good mother first."

THE OUSTING OF FISH

E. H. Harriman Makes Bitter Attack on Ex-President.

ACCUSED OF FEATHERING OWN NEST

Interstate Commerce Inquiry at New York Brings Great Financier's Secrets Before Public—Serious Charges Made.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Edward H. Harriman in testifying before the interstate commerce commission made a bitter attack upon Stuyvesant Fish in explaining the ousting of Mr. Fish from the presidency of the Illinois Central railroad. Mr. Harriman said that the fact of Mr. Fish's retirement having come after the purchase by the Union Pacific of a large block of Illinois Central stock was only a coincidence.

In 1903, Mr. Harriman said, he had been approached by members of the Illinois Central directorate, who told him that Mr. Fish was using his official position as the Illinois Central's head solely to serve his own interests.

"At that time," said Mr. Harriman, "I smoothed the matter, but Mr. Fish persisted in his course, and his retirement became necessary. At one time Mr. Fish deposited in the Trust Company of the Republic, of which he was trustee, the sum of \$500,000 of the Illinois Central funds and then went to Europe. An effort was made by the directors to withdraw the funds that had been deposited, and they were frankly told that if the sum was withdrawn in a lump the trust company would go into bankruptcy."

"Mr. Fish also loaned to himself without the knowledge of his board of directors \$1,200,000 belonging to the Illinois Central railroad. I myself loaned to Mr. Fish a similar sum in order that he might take up the Illinois Central loan."

Mr. Fish later loaned money of the Illinois Central to the Commonwealth Trust company, which was a successor to the Trust Company of the Republic, in order to patch up the financial statement which the trust company was to issue. It was evident that Mr. Fish looked upon the Illinois Central as his personal property. He committed the railroad to the building of the Indianapolis and St. Louis railway without the consent of his board of directors."

The attack made by Mr. Harriman upon Stuyvesant Fish was wholly gratuitous. F. B. Kellogg, of counsel for the commission said that he had no desire to elicit the details of the financial statement which the trust company was to issue, but Mr. Harriman, backed up by his attorney, John G. Milburn, insisted upon giving a complete account of the incident. After he had concluded the recital Mr. Harriman was asked by Commissioner Prouty if he did not think it right in view of the charges that he had made against Mr. Fish to give to the commission a full account of all the private financial deals in which he had been interested in order that the commission might determine that he had not been following in the footsteps of Mr. Fish and being using his official authority in his own personal interest.

Mr. Harriman had again declined to answer when an attempt was made to find out from him how much of the Atchison and Illinois Central stocks which the Union Pacific purchased had been owned by him or by H. C. Frick, H. B. Rogers or James Stillman.

"I have made no charges against Mr. Fish," was Mr. Harriman's reply. "I have only stated facts. There is nothing similar about the two cases. No direct interest of the Union Pacific has ever used the funds of that company for his own gain. In refusing to answer I stand upon a question of principle."

Grand Trunk Train Derailed. TORONTO, Feb. 27.—Grand Trunk train No. 5, which left Toronto at 1 p. m., was derailed at a sharp curve near Trainers Cut, Charles Rankin of Stratford, John O'Donoghue, former mayor of Stratford, Ont., and his two-year-old son of H. C. Walker of Peterboro, Ont., were killed and sixteen injured. The train was running at the rate of forty miles an hour when the accident occurred. The engine kept on the rails, but every car on the train took the plunge down a thirty foot embankment, rolling over and over and piling up in the swamp beside the road bed.

Gordon in Hunter's Place. ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 27.—Daniel F. Gordon of Albany, one of the examiners of the state insurance department, has been detailed by the superintendent to take charge temporarily of the New York city office and its examining force until a chief examiner can be appointed. Mr. Gordon will be in charge from Feb. 28, on which date Deputy Superintendent Robert H. Hunter retires.

Victory For Perkins. ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 27.—By a divided court voting 4 to 3 the court of appeals has sustained the judgments of the court below to the effect that George W. Perkins, as vice president of the New York Life Insurance company, was not guilty of larceny in the use of funds of the company for contribution to the Republican campaign fund in 1904.

Says Jap May Wed His Daughter. HONOLULU, Feb. 27.—Nothing that has happened for a long time in Hawaii has created the same widespread interest as Governor Carter's announcement in an interview that he had been willing that his daughter should marry a Japanese. It is the subject of discussion everywhere.

DIED TO SAVE LITTLE ONES.

Miss Maxwell and Sixteen Perish in Hoeheliga School Blaze.

MONTREAL, Feb. 27.—Principal Maxwell and sixteen children perished in a fire which broke out at the Hoeheliga school of the Protestant school commission here.

The school is one of the smaller under the board's control and was located in a brick two-story building in the east end of the city and attended by about 200 children, whose parents are mechanics living in the neighborhood. The fire started from the furnace and was first noticed by some men working across the street. The teachers were notified, and the work of getting the children out of the building began.

Contrary to custom, the kindergarten department was located on the second floor, and it was here that the loss of life occurred. The children were started out by the fire and fled into the street, but many of them were unable to get down the stairs. Huddled together on the stairway at first, they retreated back to the rooms from which they had come.

When the firemen arrived an extension ladder was placed in position, and a large number of children were rescued in this way. Assisting in the work was Miss Maxwell. The fire by this time was making its way upward, and the smoke was growing so dense that even the experienced firemen could not stand it. Captain Carson endeavored to get Miss Maxwell to go down the ladder, but she refused and, evading the attempt to detain her, rushed back into the back part of the building in search of other of the little ones.

When the firemen were finally able to make their way to the back portion of the building she was found lying on the floor, with a little one beside her. All those who perished died from asphyxiation.

There is much indignation over the fact that the building was unprovided with fire escapes.

LADY CAROLINE II.

Isabelle Broke His Leg in Third Event at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 27.—Isabelle broke his leg while running in the third race in the presence of thousands of spectators at the Fair grounds. The accident occurred as the field passed the sixteenth pole. Attempts to move the injured horse failed, and he was shot and killed as he lay on the track.

Lady Caroline II., at 8 to 1, furnished a sensation in the first race when she passed the favorite and won by a nose. It was her first victory. Summaries: First Race.—Lady Caroline II., first; Greuze, second; Boleole, third. Second Race.—Excitement, first; Kleinwood, second; Marvel P., third. Third Race.—Sir Toldington, first; Western, second; Gentian, third. Fourth Race.—Granada, first; High Note, second; Pasadena, third. Fifth Race.—St. Valentine, first; Tinker, second; Lady Elbion, third. Sixth Race.—Gauze, first; Mafalda, second; Tichimingo, third. Seventh Race.—By-Bye II., first; Schroeder's Midway, second; Paragon, third.

Frawley's Boxing Bill. ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 27.—Senator Frawley, chief exponent in the legislature of many sports and pastimes, has introduced a boxing bill amending the anti-prize fight law. The section of the law prohibiting prize fights is subjected to the following change: "Provided that sparring exhibitions with gloves of not less than eight ounces each in weight may be held by the Metropolitan Association of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States or any domestic athletic union of the United States."

Revenue Was a Surprise. HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Feb. 27.—Ralph and Shendadoh were the only favorites to win at Oakland. Revenue, the winner of the feature race on the card, was the surprise of the day, as he was practically neglected in the betting. Off in front, he was never headed and won as his rider pleased. The victory of Chieftain over Dan McKenna was due to Cherry's superior ride.

Van Ness at Frisco. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—The weather was fine and the attendance good at Oakland. The Hattaso hand cap over the futurity course was won in a hand drive by Van Ness, admirably handled by L. Williams.

Philadelphia Celebrities Won. HAMILTON, Bermuda, Feb. 27.—The first of the series of cricket matches between a Philadelphia team and local teams was played here. The Philadelphia team won by a score of 131 to 88.

Alibi For Adams' Defense. WALLACE, Ida., Feb. 27.—Attorneys for Steve Adams, charged with the murder of Fred Tyler, are laying the foundation for their theory that the defendant was in Spokane when Tyler was killed on Marble creek, and there was considerable testimony from some of the early settlers in that region. They told of the coming of the "claim jumpers" and described the topography of the country.

Fatal Explosion at Nanticoke. WILKESBARE, Pa., Feb. 27.—In an explosion of gas in the Anchilose colliery at Nanticoke, William Evans was instantly killed and seven other workmen were severely burned. Thomas F. Evans and Moses Griffith two of the injured, are not expected to recover.

Aldrich Bill Passed. WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The senate has passed the Aldrich currency bill by a vote of 43 to 14.

STEVENS QUILTS JOB

Panama Canal to Be Built by Government.

ALL CONTRACT BIDS TURNED DOWN

President Roosevelt Has Accepted Resignation of Chief Engineer, but Is Unaware of His Reasons For Leaving the Work.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The question of constructing the Panama canal by private contract has been definitely settled in the negative, according to an announcement made by President Roosevelt.

Official circles received quite a shock when announcements were made almost simultaneously that all the bids for digging the Panama canal had been rejected and that John F. Stevens, chief engineer of the canal commission, had resigned.

Neither of these developments had been looked for, as it was confidently expected that the revised bid of the Panama Construction company, with which Mr. Oliver and John B. McDonaid are identified, would be accepted. It was reported some time ago that Mr. Stevens threatened to resign if the government did not dig the canal itself, but in view of the rejection of the bids his resignation came as a great surprise.

President Roosevelt has accepted the resignation of Mr. Stevens. The president is unaware of the specific reasons which have been influential in prompting Mr. Stevens' resignation. It surprised him very much, for as late as the middle of December, when he was here, Mr. Stevens made no mention of his wish to retire in the near future. It has been known, however, that Mr. Stevens has been stung very much by criticisms aimed at him in connection with canal work. The salary question also is understood to have had an important bearing on his retirement. It is understood that Mr. Stevens is leaving the government service to accept a position in connection with a great engineering enterprise in this country at an annual salary more than double that he now receives from the government.

It has been decided to give up the private contract plan entirely, and the government will construct the big waterway across the isthmus. There have been many deliberations upon the bids made for the construction of the canal. Once it was announced that the firm of Oliver & Bangs would most likely get the contract, as their bid was much the lowest. Objection was made to Bangs, however. Then it was announced that Mr. Oliver would get other partners, and perhaps his bid would be accepted. Mr. Oliver associated with himself a number of prominent persons.

A president held a consultation with Secretaries Root and Taft, and after it was held it was announced that no bids would be accepted for canal construction, but that the government would construct the canal itself. The nominations of the isthmian canal commissioners sent to the senate recently by the president to remedy a mistake may not be confirmed, after all.

The senate committee on interoceanic canals was to have met yesterday to report the nominations. It was to have been the last meeting before the adjournment of congress. But four members appeared—Senators Kittredge, Millard, Atkey and Dryden—less than a quorum. No action was taken on the nominations, and congress will probably adjourn without acting on them.

"Unwritten Law" Their Defense. CULPEPER, Va., Feb. 27.—Commonwealth Attorney J. A. C. Keith has concluded the case of the state against James and Philip Strother, charged with the murder of William F. Bywaters, their brother-in-law, and the defense began the presentation of the evidence which they claim will establish a complete justification under the plea of the "unwritten law." The defense will begin by putting Mrs. Viola Bywaters, sister of the defendants, on the stand to tell the story of her relations with Bywaters leading up to the tragedy on the night of Dec. 15 last, her wedding night, when her brothers shot and killed him at the family home, Rotherwood, four miles from Culpeper.

Typhoid Epidemic on Warship. WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The secretary of the navy received a dispatch from Rear Admiral Evans, commanding the Atlantic fleet, stating that the battleship Connecticut would sail immediately from Guantanamo for the north with a typhoid epidemic aboard, there being sixty-five cases. It has been decided to have the Connecticut go to the New York navy yard, and the patients will be placed in the naval hospital in Brooklyn.

Pennsylvania Bars Steel Ties. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27.—General Manager Atterbury of the Pennsylvania Railroad company has ordered the removal of all steel cross-ties now in use on the line of the Pennsylvania railroad. This order is the result of the recommendation of the special committee appointed by the general manager to investigate the wreck of the Chicago special near Mineral point, when many persons were injured.

Violate Sunday Labor Law. BOSTON, Feb. 27.—Hebrews who observe Saturday as the Sabbath violate the law by employing workmen on Sunday, even though the shop door is closed to the public, according to a decision of the full bench of the supreme court. The decision was in the case of Joseph Kirsch, a tailor, who had his help at work on Sunday.

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