

THAW JURY FINALLY CHOSEN

Eight Days Consumed, and Over Talesmen Called.

ACCUSED MAN IS CONFIDENT

Will Take the Stand in His Defense and Expect to be Acquitted. Names of Jurors.

After eight days' work, during which nearly 600 talesmen were examined, and five jurors had been excused after being sworn and taking their seats, these 12 men have been selected to try Harry K. Thaw, accused of the murder of Standford White.

Deming B. Smith, aged 50, 252 West One Hundred and Eleventh street; retired manufacturer.

George Pfaff, aged 45, 122 Centre street; dealer in machinists' supplies.

Charles H. Fecke, aged 40, 601 West One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street; manager second cabin department, Cunard line.

Oscar A. Pink, aged 46, married; grain and hay salesman; 447 West One Hundred and Forty-fifth street.

Henry C. Harney, aged 60, Brook avenue and East One Hundred and Thirty-second street; piano dealer.

Harry C. Brearley, aged 54, advertising, 19 East Sixteenth street; business address, 17 State street.

Malcolm S. Fraser, aged 40, 142 West One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street; underwear salesman at 350 Broadway.

Charles D. Newton, aged 60, 267 West One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street; married; retired manufacturer.

Wilbur F. Steele, aged 60, married, manufacturer of gas plants, 529 West One Hundred and Fifty-first street.

John S. Dennee, aged 45, 217 East Thirty-third street; railroad agent.

Joseph B. Bolten, aged 53, 1187 Boston road, clerk.

Bernard Gerstman, aged 30, 49 East Eighty-eighth street; manager.

The jury was completed on Friday and the court adjourned till Monday.

Harry Kendall Thaw, through his chief counsel, Clifford W. Harridge, is said to have made the following statement:

"I expect to go free. I am perfectly satisfied with the jury selected. I believe that I shall receive a fair trial, and I know that I shall be acquitted.

"I shall certainly take the witness stand in my own defense."

WANT TO FIND BOTH POLES

Two Polar Exploration Trips Planned in France.

France does not intend to be behind other nations in polar exploration. It has already been announced that Dr. Charcot proposes to lead an expedition to the Antarctic regions. Now there is talk of an Arctic expedition being fitted out next summer.

This expedition will be under the presidency of the Prince of Monaco, the ministers of marine and public instruction, and Vice Admiral Gervais. A sum of 55,000 francs has already been promised.

A special vessel, in course of construction, will be ready in May. The expedition will be under the command of M. Bernard, a former naval officer, and will explore the southern portion of the Sea of Barentz.

Three of Family Are Asphyxiated. Jacob Kunz of Newark, N. J., and his daughters, Caroline, aged 6 years, and Barbara, aged 20 months, are dead and his daughter Jennie, aged 9 years, is in a precarious condition as the result of asphyxiation. Kunz and his three daughters were asleep in the same bed, while Mrs. Kunz, who was not affected, was asleep in an adjoining room.

YOUNG HERO CIVES LIFE IN VAIN

Boy Drowns Trying to Save Companion From Death.

A drowning in a deep pond at a suburb of Baltimore, revealed a youthful hero in the person of Carl Nowick, 14 years old, who gave up his life in an effort to save that of his chum, Albert Schmidt, who had broken through thin ice while skating.

Nowick made his way to the place where Schmidt was struggling in the water, but in his effort to drag his friend to safety the ice under him gave way and both boys were drowned. The bodies were recovered.

RAILROAD HERO KILLED.

A southbound Southern Pacific train was partly wrecked, north of Dunnington, Col., probably by a broken rail. Express messenger Charles F. Farley was killed. Several passengers were bruised. Farley was the hero of two holdups, and three wrecks. He distinguished himself recently in a holdup in Oregon, when the robbers dynamited the express car, by sticking to his post and holding the robbers off with a shotgun.

REFUSED TO SEE CARRIE.

Carric Nation, attended by two friends, called at the executive offices of the White House January 29. She was denied admission, and then began to harangue the crowd which had gathered regarding the treatment offered her. After speaking about a minute she voluntarily retired.

A reduction of from 15 to 25 per cent in passenger fares went into effect on the Boston & Maine railroad February 1. On the Fitchburg division the rate is now two cents a mile.

OUR INTERNAL COMMERCE

Report of Commerce and Labor Department Shows It Exceeds Previous Years.

The movement of internal commerce during the last year exceeded that for any preceding one in the history of the country, according to a statement issued by the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor.

Live stock receipts at the seven primary markets aggregated 40,727,658 head, exceeding those for the previous year by more than 150,000. Shipments of packing house products from Chicago except canned meats and dressed hogs show gains as compared with those of either of the two immediately preceding years.

The total grain receipts at 15 interior primary markets were 798,521,585 bushels, an increase of 250,000 bushels over 1905.

The receipts of grain at six Atlantic and gulf ports aggregated 214,846,998 bushels, an increase of 14,000,000 bushels.

Shipments of anthracite coal from Eastern producing districts aggregated 55,647,296 tons a perceptible decrease.

The total freight shipments from all ports on the Great Lakes, exclusive of exports to Canada, aggregate 75,610,690 net tons, an increase of almost 8,000,000 tons.

SEES NO CAUSE FOR WAR

Baron Kaneko Who Visited the United States Expresses His Views.

Baron Kantaro Kaneko, a special ambassador detailed by the Japanese government, to visit America and study economic and political conditions there, has been interviewed on the San Francisco school question. He said:

"Before this injustice Japan resets peaceful and quiet. Not a single soul has ever thought that the San Francisco affair would endanger the friendship of both nations. The affair, disagreeable and regrettable as it is, has served the unique purpose of demonstrating to the world how deep-rooted is the friendship between Japan and America. The latest cordiality Japan entertains for her tutor is shown by the fact that, suffering under the severest strain, Japan does not forget what she owes to America in her modern progress, but unflinchingly trusts in support of her rights to the justice which guides American sentiments."

CLEVELAND GETS FINE JOB.

Will be Head of Association of Life Insurance Presidents.

The recently organized Association of Life Insurance Presidents is to have an exalted head, none other than Grover Cleveland, former President of the United States, and at the present time one of the trustees of Thomas F. Ryan's "majority stock" of the Equitable Life Insurance Society, which that financier acquired by purchase from James Hazen Hyde, following the insurance revelations.

Mr. Cleveland is also to be chief counsel of the recently organized association, and for this latter work he will receive one-half of the salary he drew while President of the United States, \$25,000 a year.

TOWN DESTROYED BY SNOW.

The Casho and 20 houses in the village of Boregas, a well-known spa near Lourdes, France, have been destroyed by an avalanche of snow. Several persons are believed to be buried in the ruins.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Sixteen cases of the bubonic plague have appeared at Brisbane, Australia, in a new form, and seven of them have resulted fatally.

After entering into contentions, plea to six counts charging relating the Ann Arbor railroad was fined \$15,000 by Federal Judge R. W. Taylor, at Toledo, O.

A train of 20 cars of Pennsylvania coal is being rushed westward on passenger train schedule for Reno, Nev., to break the fuel famine existing there.

The Indiana Senate passed the Bland bill, which provides for a two-cent fare, with no excess charge allowed for failure to purchase tickets.

The Senate bill fixing the passenger rate on railroads in Alabama at two and a half cents a mile passed the lower House of the legislature, and now goes to the governor, who will sign it.

Judge Holland, in the District Court at Philadelphia, fined the Camden Iron Works Company of Camden, N. J., \$3,000 for accepting rebates on a shipment of iron pipe to Winnipeg, Manitoba. The pipe was shipped over the Philadelphia & Reading and the Baltimore & Ohio railroads.

MEXICAN JAIL DYNAMITED

Imprisoned Revolutionists Escape Through the Breach.

Twenty-three Mexican revolutionists under sentence of imprisonment for from five to eight years were released from jail at Monterey, Mexico, by sympathizers.

The jail was dynamited, at night, tearing away a part of the wall, and through the opening the prisoners escaped.

MINE EXPLOSION KILLS FIVE

Four Others Are Seriously Injured When Powder Blows Up.

By an explosion of powder in the Johnson City and Big Muddy coal mine at Johnson City, Ill., five men were killed and 11 hurt.

The dead are Romeo Forhenbaker, Francis Mayher, Jesse M. Davis, Felix Toney and Bert Lowry.

The most seriously injured are Thomas Mitchell, Oscar Sine, George Patterson and Albert Swift.

CONTRACTS DECLARED VOID

City of Philadelphia Gets Decision in Filtration Case.

MILLIONS INVOLVED IN CASE

Several Contracts Are Upheld—McNichols Have Brought Suits to Recover Money on Nullified Contracts.

Judge Beitler handed down a lengthy decision in the suits of the city of Philadelphia against the firm of D. J. McNichol & Co., to recover \$5,000,000 which it was alleged had been fraudulently received by the firm on contracts for the construction of the city's filtration plant.

The members of the firm at the time the original contracts were awarded were Mrs. McNichol, wife of State Senator James P. McNichol, who at that time was a member of select councils; Israel W. Durham, John M. Mack and D. J. McNichol. Sixteen contracts were involved in the suits, amounting to about \$10,000,000.

It was alleged by the city that members of the contracting firm conspired with former directors of public works and others to defraud the city out of the amount sued for.

Judge Beitler declares null and void five contracts aggregating \$2,745,462 which were awarded at the time Senator McNichol was a member of councils, which bodies ratified the contracts. He decides that they were obtained illegally, sustaining the contention of the city that Mrs. McNichol and D. J. McNichol were never more than figureheads in the firm.

The court instructs the contractors to make an accounting to the city of the actual cost of material and work done on the five contracts and to refund to the city any profit. The contractors have declared that they made no profit on them.

Five other contracts, amounting to \$1,200,000, were sustained, and six were not ruled on, having been already nullified by the city. The court says that these contracts which were awarded to the McNichols after Senator McNichol's death were not nullified by the city, but have been illegally obtained.

The McNichols have instituted proceedings against the city to recover money they are alleged to have lost by reason of the city having nullified the contracts.

ALGER FORTUNE INTACT.

His Will Gives All but \$20,000 to Widow and Children.

At Detroit, Mich., the will of the late Senator Alger leaves all of his estate except \$20,000, to his widow and five children, R. A. Alger, Jr., Capt. A. F. Alger, Mrs. Caroline A. Sheldon of Detroit, Mrs. Fay A. Bailey of Chicago, and Mrs. Francis A. Pike of Chicago.

To the three local institutions are left \$5,500—the Home for the Friendless, \$2,000; Woman's Hospital, \$2,000, and Thompson Home for Aged Ladies, \$1,000. To James C. McCaul, associated for many years with the Senator in Alger Smith & Co., one of the executors of the will, is left \$5,000, while \$10,000 is left to the senator's brother, Charles M. Alger of Hannibal, Mo. Mrs. Alger is given one-third of all the real and personal property and the residue equally divided among the children.

SWETTENHAM STEPS OUT

Jamaican Governor Resigns; Successor to Be Named Soon.

There is reason to believe that the resignation of Sir Alexander Swettenham as governor of Jamaica has been accepted, though the officials of the foreign office refuse all information on the subject.

This official reticence is attributed to a desire to complete the arrangements for a successor to the post before announcing Swettenham's retirement. It is expected that the latter will leave the island as soon as details can be completed for handing over the affairs of his office.

USING AUSTRALIAN COAL

Harriman System of Railroads Importing Their Fuel.

The Harriman railroads are buying coal in Australia and shipping it to the United States for use in the locomotives of the lines of the system. The shortage of freight cars and locomotives on the Harriman system is such that the railroad saves money by getting Australian coal. Out in Wyoming the great coal camps of the Union Pacific are almost at a standstill.

Several steamers are en route from Australia now with bituminous coal for the Harriman system, and the importation will continue until the coal famine is over.

YOUNG THOMPSON ACQUITTED.

Chester Thompson, 18 years old, on trial for the murder of Judge George Meade Emery, in Seattle, Wash., on July 7, 1906, was found "not guilty by reason of insanity."

The defendant is a nephew of the late Maurice Thompson, the novelist, and son of Will H. Thompson, the poet.

Mining Fatalities.

The consolidated annual returns to the State department of mines for the year 1906 show that 557 mine workers were killed in the anthracite region and 464 in the bituminous regions of Pennsylvania during that period.

Earth Shocks in Illinois.

Word from Highland and Greenville, Ill., reports severe earthquake shocks. The vibrations seemed to be from east to west and continued about five seconds. In many homes dishes were shaken from shelves.

WILL CLOSE GLASS PLANTS

Window Glass Producers Will Curtail Production.

Independent window glass manufacturers in session at the Hotel Schenley, Pittsburgh, agreed to close down their plants until September as soon as they have completed contracts now on hand. About 85 per cent of the independent manufacturers in the country, about 1,500 pots, were represented at the meeting, and the conclusion reached was practically unanimous.

The meeting was called at the instance of the National Brokerage Company, the selling agency of the United States Window Glass Manufacturers' association. The brokerage company does the selling for the entire association and distributes orders, in proportion to the number of pots operated by each plant.

Some of the plants will be in position to close down on February 15, while others will continue in operation until the latter part of March, to fill contracts. Customarily the plants do not close down for the summer until June.

The position taken by the manufacturers was due to overproduction and the fact that a large amount of glass is being held in storage.

RAILROADS ACCEPT CUT.

Waive Hearing When Compromise on Prices for Mails is Offered.

A compromise of the proposed reduction in railway mail pay was agreed upon between representatives of various railroads which have mail contracts and the House committee on postoffices and postroads.

The postoffice will provide for a five per cent reduction on all contracts over routes averaging 48,000 pounds per day; a 10 per cent reduction on all routes averaging from 48,000 to 80,000 pounds per day and a flat rate of \$18 per ton per mile per year on all routes averaging more than 80,000 pounds per day.

Through Congressman Hedge the railroad men agreed to accept this cut, provided that the flat rate on routes over 80,000 pounds a day be increased to \$20 a ton. The committee agreed to increase the rate from \$18 to \$19, and this was accepted upon waiver of their right to a hearing.

At least \$3,000,000 will be saved by the cut.

STEEL TRUST'S BIG EARNING

Report Shows Largest Business Since Company Was Formed.

The directors of the United States Steel Corporation declared a quarterly dividend of one-half of one per cent on the common stock and one and three-fourths per cent quarterly on the preferred. These dividends are unchanged from the last previous quarter. The preferred dividend is payable February 28, the books closing February 6 and re-opening March 30, the books closing March 15 and re-opening April 10.

The net earnings for the quarter ended December 31, 1906, were \$11,744,961, an increase of \$6,528,992 over the earnings of the corresponding quarter in 1905. The net earnings for the year 1906 were \$156,619,111 as compared with \$119,850,282 in 1905. The earnings for the quarter and for the year exceed all previous records of the corporation.

SIX KILLED IN WRECK

Freight Crashes Into Rear End of Stationary Express.

Six trainmen dead and a passenger injured is the result of a wreck on the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine Railroad three quarters of a mile west of West Deerfield, Mass.

The dead: George Busano, Troy, N. Y., conductor; George W. Barrington, Troy, N. Y., baggage man; M. A. Fitzpatrick, Rotterdam Junction, N. Y., engineer; George Messana, Troy, N. Y., conductor; Chauncey Colta, Mechanicsville, N. Y., engineer; Rial N. Dennison, Jr., Mechanicsville, N. Y., fireman.

CAPITAL NEWS NOTES.

Major General John C. Weston will succeed Major General Wood in command of the forces in the Philippines on July 1.

Western Pennsylvania congressmen have abandoned the idea of asking for further appropriations for the Ohio river in the house.

Representative Murray of Louisiana introduced a bill prohibiting railroads from requiring employees to work more than eight hours in 24 excepting in emergencies, when the time may be extended to 12 hours.

Federal Marshals Mays and Horn, Deputy Collector W. T. Short and Special Deputy H. T. Farrots have accomplished the capture of about 20 moonshiners who were at work among their stills in the mountains of Breathitt county, Ky.

Representative Graham of Allegheny, introduced a bill changing the method of paying examiners. Now they get fees for each examination running from \$20 up into the hundreds. The bill proposes to pay examiners by the day.

MRS. SAGE GIVES A MILLION

Fund Will Provide New Department for Troy Polytechnic Institute.

At the annual meeting of the Alumni association of the Rensselaer Polytechnic institute, at Troy, held at the St. Regis hotel, New York City, an announcement was made of the gift by Mrs. Russell Sage of \$1,000,000 to that institution. Mr. Sage was a trustee of the institution for more than 10 years, and his nephew, the late Russell Sage II, was graduated from the school in 1859.

ACCUSED OF MANY CRIMES

Standard Oil Company Arraigned by Commerce Commission.

REPORT MADE TO CONGRESS

Every Conceivable Form of Crookedness is Charged Against the Giant Corporation.

The most terrific arraignment of the Standard Oil Co. yet made by either private or public investigator was that filed with Congress January 23 by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Every conceivable corporate crime, from discrimination and false pretenses to bribery, corruption of the press and debauchery of public officials, is contained in the catalogue of charges.

Some of these methods are outlined by the commission as follows: The Standard has sold different grades of oil at different prices from the same barrel.

It has paid employes of independent oil companies for information as to the business of those competitors, and has paid employes of industrial companies to secure the adoption of its oil in preference to that of its competitors.

It has followed every barrel of independent oil to destination. Its agents are instructed to secure customers at any sacrifice.

It has tampered with the oil inspectors in different states. The laws of several states concerning the inspection of oil are singularly defective and this has been turned to profit by the Standard.

The Standard buys advertising space in many newspapers, which it fills not with advertisements, but with reading matter prepared by agents kept for that purpose and paid for at advertising rates as ordinary news. The assumption is that this literature furnishes many of the ideas touching the great benefits conferred upon the public by the Standard Oil Co.

The Standard has repeatedly, after becoming the owner of a competing company, continued to operate it under the old name, carrying the idea to the public that the company was still independent and competing with the Standard.

It has used such purchased or independently organized companies to kill off competitors by such companies reducing prices.

The operation of such fake independent concerns has been one of its most effective means of destroying competition.

The Standard has habitually reduced the price against its competitors in a particular locality, while maintaining its prices at other places. When competition was destroyed it restored or advanced former prices.

The commission's only knowledge of the competitive methods of the Standard Oil Co., says the report, was obtained from evidence taken under oath.

TWENTY-NINE LIVES LOST

Steamer Strikes Rock in a Blinding Snow Storm.

The steamship Clavering, which sailed from Middlesborough, England for Yokohama and other Japanese ports, went on the rocks in the North sea at the mouth of Tees bay during a blinding snowstorm.

Lifboats from Hartlepool rescued 24 of the crew, including Capt. Scott. The bodies of nine seamen, who died of exposure during the night, were thrown overboard, making the total number of deaths 29. The vessel is breaking up.

Rogers Settles for \$1,500,000.

The suit of the receivers of the Bay State Gas Company of Delaware against Henry H. Rogers, in connection with the ownership of stock of the Boston Gas Company, was settled by an agreement to pay the receiver \$1,500,000.

Senator Knox's Son Marries.

Read Knox, son of the Pittsburgh Senator, and Miss Bessie McCook, daughter of the late John Anson McCook, also of Pittsburgh, were married at the rectory of Christ Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Va., the church in which George Washington worshipped, and of which he was a vestryman, by Rev. William Morton, the rector. It was a runaway marriage in the sense that the young people did not take any members of their families into their confidence. They were accompanied to Alexandria by Dr. and Mrs. Frank Schulz of Washington, their friends.

Japan Expanding Her Navy.

During the year 1907 the following warships will be launched at Japanese yards: At Kure the battleship Okl, of 15,900 tons, the armored cruiser Iwaki, of 14,000 tons, and the second-class cruiser Megami, of 2,400 tons. From the yard at Yokosuka there will be launched the armored cruiser Kurama, 14,000 tons, at Sasebo and Kobe the cruisers Tone and Oho, of 3,000 tons each, and at Uraga the torpedo-destroyer Kirusuki, of 280 tons.

Looses Life Saving Valuables.

Re-entering his burning-home to save a deed and other valuable papers, Robert Fletcher, aged 50 years, station master for the Pennsylvania railroad at Northumberland, Pa., was overcome by smoke and his body burned to a crisp. A widow and several children survive.

The Wheeler-Simon bill to abolish capital punishment passed the Kansas senate and now goes to the governor for his signature.

MANY MINERS MEET DEATH

Volunteers Quickly Organize Rescue Work While Women and Children Clamor Around Pit.

Nearly 100 men were entombed by an explosion which wrecked the Stewart Colliery Company's mine, seven miles from Thurmond, W. Va.

There were about 80 men working in the mine when the explosion occurred and there is no hope whatever of taking any out alive. So great is the heat and smoke from the fire raging in the mine that it has been impossible to reach the bottom of the shaft in the mine cage.

From the best count obtainable, 113 men went into the mine in the morning and during the day 33 came out, leaving 80 in the mine.

The explosion according to reports received was caused by dust in the mine. Every effort is being made to get to the men who are entombed in the mine, but there is little hope that any of them are alive.

A heroic attempt to enter the mine was made during the evening by three men and when they started down in the bucket found it impossible to descend more than 60 feet. Attention was then turned to building brattices in order to allow rescuers to descend.

The majority of the miners are Americans.

TO STOP CONTRIBUTIONS

Bill Introduced Would Prevent Corporations Aiding Political Parties.

A bill to prevent corporations contributing to political campaigns was introduced in the Pennsylvania House by Representative Sipes, Democrat, from Fulton county. The bill is modeled after the law in New York after the exposure of the insurance scandals and is very stringent in its provisions.

The bill directs that no corporation, joint-stock or limited partnership companies or associations doing business in this state, except a corporation or association organized for political purposes only, shall directly or indirectly pay or offer any money or property for or in aid of any political party or candidate for political office.

Any officer, director, stockholder, attorney or agent of any corporation who violates any of the provisions of the act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not more than one year and a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

WILL STOP BIG LOTTERY.

Government Takes Steps to End Operations of the "Honduras" Concern.

As a result of a conference at the department of justice it was decided to take steps designed to put an end to the operations of the Honduras National Lottery Company in this country.

Assistant Attorney General Cooley announced that indictments would at once be returned against agents and employes of the company in Boston, Mass., Mobile, Ala., and Wilmington, Del., as a result of recent raids in these three cities in which a large number of the lottery tickets were seized and agents of the company arrested.