# THE THAW JURY DISAGREED

Seven Wanted Conviction in First Degree, Five for Acquittal.

RETRIAL SOON AS POSSIBLE

#### Over 30 Homicide Cases Must Be Disposed of Before Case Can be Tried Again.

After having struggled for nearly two days to reach a verdict, the Thaw jury reported a disagreement Friday afternoon and was immediately discharged. The final ballot stood seven for conviction of murder in the first degree and five for acquittal on the ground of insanity.

Thaw was at once taken back to the Tombs. Application that he be released on bail will immediately be made very soon, but it is regarded as almost certain that this application wil be denied

District Attorney Jerome announced immediately after the jury's discharge that Thaw would be tried again, though not for several months. On the final ballot the jury's who

voted for conviction were Foreman Deming B. Smith, George Pfaff, Charles H. Fecke, Harry C. Brearly, Charles D. Newton, Joseph H. Bolton and Bernard Gerstman. The five who hung out for acquittal were Oscar A. Pink, Henry C. Harney, Malcolm F. Fraser, John . Dennee and Wilbur F. Steele.

The scene in the court when the the scene in the court when the jury aprovinced its disagreement, though accompanied by all the formal-ity usual on such occasions, lost much of the dramatic quality it would oth-erwise have possessed, for the reason that Thaw and all the members of the family were aware that no agreement had been reached, counsel for each side having been told of this by Justice Fitzgerald before they entered the courtroom

the courtroom. It is said that all the Thaw lawyers except Daniel O'Reilly have been thrown over and would be thrown over by the Thaw family. Lawyer O'Reilly said that as far as he knew he was the only one of the lot who had been retained for further proceed-ings. It was said that both Thaw and his mother were dissatisfied with the conduct of the last stages of the trial. The comments on the closing speech of Mr. Delmas did not please Mrs. William Thaw. It is said that all the Thaw lawyers the vas the only one of the lot who had been retained for further proceed-ings. It was said that both Thaw and trial. The comments on the closing speech of Mr. Delmas did not please Mrs. William Thaw. It is the only one of the lots who trial. The comments on the closing trial. The comments on the closing Mrs. William Thaw.

Mrs. William Thaw. Attorney Gleason said: "The dis-agreement of the jury was disappoint-ing, of course. It was unfortunate, the ing, of course. It was unfortunate, the insistence upon the unwritten law characterized as 'demetia Americana.' If instead of this counsel had dwelt upon the statutory insanity of Mr. Thaw, which was plainly proven, Mr. Thaw might have been acquitted." District Attorney Jerome said: "There are 34 homicide cases in my office and 14 or 15 murderers in the Tombs, and they must all have their day in court. The Thaw case must

day in court. The Thaw case must take its turn."

### TAFT IN PUERTO RICO

arriven at San Juan, Puerto Rico, April 14, on the government yacht Mayflower. Governor Beekman Winthrop and Secretary of Puerto Rico Regis Post went aboard to greet the Secretary. Toft was secretary

the Secretary. Secretary Taft was escorted by a battalion of marines to the city en-trance, where Lieutenant Colonel Bailey of the Puerto Rican regiment and staff awaited him. Mr. Taft is the sixth Cabinet officer to visit the island since it was occu-by the Americans. Messrs. Alger, Payne, Moody, Root and Metcalf preceding him. preceding him

announcement that the Maynal for the gathering of thousands and soon the streets surrounding the naval station were filled with eager spectators. Secretary Taft's recep-tion by the Peurto Ricans was cor-

BIG FLEET ASSEMBLING

## A POLITICAL SENSATION

John Temple Graves Makes His Pro posal That Mr. Bryan Name Roosevelt.

A sensational feature of the banque given at Chattanooga, Tenn., April 10 by the Bryan Anniversary club, at which William J. Bryan was the guest of honor, was the letter and subse-quent speech of John Temple Graves, editor of the Atlanta "Georgian," who in his letter refused to speak because In his letter refused to speak occurse the toastmaster asked him not to talk about his suggestion that Bryan should nominate Roosevelt for re-election. Later, Mr. Graves was induced to go to banquet hall and deliver his speech.

Mr. Graves, in his letter said: "I am profoundly convinced that in this period of tremendous economic crisis the only man who can carry to successful conclusion the reforms stituted in behalf of the people is the stituted in behalf of the people is the man who is already entrenched in the power and prestige of dauntless cour-age, and is a conspicuous success in the executive office. "Of course, this is only an individu-

"Of course, this is only an individu-al conviction submitted to the judg-ment of my party. I do not need to say that if Mr. Bryan shall be nomi-nated in the wisdom of the Democratic party as our next candidate for President, I shall give him my whole-based and subjective anthresisetic hearted and unqualifiedly enthusiastic

support." Later, Mr. Graves was persuaded to take his place at the banquet table and make his speech.

Bryan Not Ready Just Yet.

Bryan Not Ready Just Yet. In beginning his address, Mr. Bry-an paid his respects to Mr. Graves and what he had said. He compli-mented Mr. Graves in the highest manner for his honesty and his bold-ness, and said if there was any place in the world where absolute freedom of speech should prevail it ought to be in a Democratic rathering. He add-He add in a Democratic gathering. He add ed that when he had heard that Mr Graves had retired from the hall be-cause there might be doubt about the wisdom of what he had to say, he had sent for the Georgia editor to return and insisted that the speech should and insisted that the speech should be delivered. Turning directly to the subject of Mr. Graves' recommenda-tion, Mr. Bryan said: "As at present advised I shall not present the name of Theodore Roose-

act of his life. He then went on to say that if any Republican was to be selected by the Democrats to head their National ticket the man should be Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin.

TRAIN WRECKERS KILL THREE

Break Switch Lock and Smashup and Fire Follow. Three killed and one probably fatally infured is the result of what is be-lieved to be the work of train wreckers at Chenevville, La. on the Texas & Pacific Railroad, when a westbound passenger train plunged into an open switch while running at high speed.

TAFT IN PUERTO RICOswitch while running at high speed.Thousands Greet the Secretary of<br/>War at Naval Station.<br/>Secretary of War Taft and his party<br/>arrived at San Juan, Puerto Rico,<br/>April 14 on the spacement weightswitch while running at high speed.<br/>The wreckage caught fire and the<br/>mail car. bagsage and express car and<br/>two passenger conches were burned.<br/>The dead: Engineer John J. Cov-<br/>ington. Fireman Michael Kass, one<br/>unidentified man.April 14 on the spacement weightExpress Messenger William Keeght

### WILL TEST RATE LAW

## Reading Company Claims It Is Not

Constitutional. The Philadelphia & Reading Rail-road Company will institute legal proceedings to test the constitutionality of the 2-cent fare law. Just how the issue is to be raised.

Just how the issue is to be raised, the law not going into effect until Sentember it is not explained. It is understood that the point to be made is that, under an existing charter granted under the constitutional amendment of 1857, the Reading is not explore the local prior which aims not subject to legislation which aims to abridge or change the rights pre-viously possessed.

Eight Burned to Death.



Oil Octopus Convicted on 1462 Counts of Indictment.

FINES AMOUNT TO \$29,240,000

#### Standard Lawyers Chestfallen, bu Will Carry Case to United States Sppreme Court.

The Standard Oil Company of In diana was found guilty by a jury in the United States District Court of receiving rebates from the Chicago & Alton Railroad.

jury declared the trust wa The not guilty on 441 counts of the in-dictment, but that it was liable on 1,462 counts. The maximum fine is \$20,000 on each count and the mini-mum \$1,000. Therefore the maxi-mum gross fines may aggregate \$29,-240.000

The jury devoted two hours of the time intervening between the retire-ment from the court and the return to render a verdict, to eating a course dinner. The jurors has been listen-ing to the evidence for six weeks and evidently arrived at a conclusion before the final arguments before the final arguments

Judge Landis returned from dinner

Judge Landis returned from dinner attired in full dress suit. He open-ed court, sent for the jury and re-ceived the verdict. Immediately upon its reading attorneys for the oil company moved for a new trial. United States District Attorney Sims declares the full penalty in each case will not be disproportionate. He says that if a common criminal is sentenced to a year for the theft of an article worth a few dollars, then the imposition of \$29,240,000 in fines against a corporation worth \$200,000,. Aid Russians. Dr. Kennard, commissioner of the Society of Friends, who was sent to investigate the Russian famine, writing from Samara, in the heart of the famine district, appeals to the United States and Great Britain to promptly send help. He says: "There are 20,000,000 people distrib-nted in the southeastern provinces of against a corporation worth \$200,000,-000, a large portion of which wealth was amassed by collecting relates, will be reasonable, and according to the practice of the courts in cases of

The high-priced lawyers for the oil company were crestfallen over the oil defeat. They express a determina-tion to carry the case to the United States Supreme Court, rather than permit their clients to pay the great fine. uted in the southeastern provinces of Russia who without aid cannot live to see another harvest." In Samara alone, the commissioner adds, thou-sands are dying and 750,000 are starving. Of the latter only 372,700

are geting relief, a dole of one meal in 24 hours. He appeals to the An-glo-Saxons for \$2,500,000 to save "20,000,000 of human beings who are FOUNDERS DAY IN PITTSBURG Dedication of Enlarged Carnegie Lib-

rary and Institute.

dying lingering deaths from starva-Carnegie Library and Institute tion. at Pittsburgh which has been enlarged was reopened and the event celebrated as Founder's Day on the Sneak Thief Reaches Into Teller's 11th with eleborate ceremonies. Many distinguished men from Europe as well as Canada and the United States present.

A sneakthief stole \$1,700 from the paying-teller's cage of the State Na-tional bank at St. Louis, April 9, and escaped undetected. The thief forced open the wire netting in front of the Mr. Carnegie, the founder of the great institute, received a remark-able reception when he arose to delivcage, er his address.

Carnegie's address was in his Mr. Mr. Carnegies address was in his usual vehn, a statement of his objects in founding the institute, and his hope that it would prove to be of great value to the people of Pitts-burgh, for whose benefit it was Hague Peace Conference. June 15, has been fixed for the op-ening of the second peace conference at The Hague. The function will oc-cur in the Knights hall, a brick building resembling a chapel and forming a part of the Binnenhof, a medieval pile of buildings in the center of the city, surrounding the palace built for Count William II., of Holland, in 1259. ded.

His Excellency, Theodor von Ioeller, the German minister of state, Moeller, the German minister of state, then delivered an address on "The Popular Feature of the Carnegie In-stitute," and was followed by Baron D'Estournelles de Constant, of France, on "The Organization of Peace." Secretary S. H. Church, of the board of trustees, gave a review of the work of the last 18 months at the institute, after which President Frew made an address and announced the winners in the art contest, which the winners in the art contest, which losed the exercises of the afternoon

Trainmen Found Not Guilty. A jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Frank Galnour, guilty in the case of Frank Galmour, engineer of a Baltimore & Ohio pas-senger train, who was charged with involuntary manslaughter in failing to give proper signals to the crew of a freight train at Woodville, Ind., causing a collision resulting in 61 deaths. Conductor Porter of Galm-our's train and Engineer Burke and Conductor Moste of the freight train, who were also indicted, were dis-missed.

### PIG IRON OUTPUT SOLD

## JEROME MAKES HIS PLEA More Revelations Made by Harrisburg

CAPITOL PLANS COPIED

Investigators.

Philadelphia. He testified that he had

been found since.

FINDS MILLION STARVING

Aid Russians.

ROBS CROWDED BANK

Cage and Gets \$1,700.

package

reached inside and drew forth ckage of bills. The theft was

ackage of bills. The theft was mitted during the noon hour rush.

Hague Peace Conference.

Direct evidence that Joseph M. Huston confiscated the plans of Henry Ives Cobbs, the noted New York archi-tect, for the \$13,000,000 capitol at Harrisburg, was given to the investi-gation commission April 9th by Charles, W. Guhle, a draftsman, of Philadelphia. He testified that he had District Attorney Presents the State's Side of Thaw Case.

SANITY ONLY POINT AT ISSUE

Judge Declares That Irresistible Impulse to Kill Has No Place in Law.

Philadelphia. He testined that he had been employed by Huston in 1902 and the first work he did was to copy the Cobbs plans. So fearful was Huston that some one would learn of the Cobbs plans being in his possession that every night he had them locked in a correct drawer of his drafting Mr. Jerome's address to the jury occupied about three hours and in a secret drawer of his drafting quarter. In its course, he pursued the Mr. Cobbs was a competitor for the methods with which everybody who methods with which everybody who has heard him on an occasion of im-portance is familiar. He never soar-ed to the fiorid heights of eloquence whereon Mr. Delmas balanced him-self for the better part of two days. The figures of speech that he used were few and simple, but every word that he uttered appeared to carry with it the conviction that it was spoken sincerely and he held the Mr. Coops was a competitor for the capitol work and, as such, submitted to the capitol commission a set of plans for the building. These origi-nal drawings, it was brought out, had been secured by Huston and copied been secured by Huston and copied with a few alterations. How Huston procured the drawings or what be-came of them after he had copied them, was not developed. The hearing was also enlivened by the testimony of past and present State officials regarding the disap-pearance of the schedule of 1992, unthat he uttered appeared to o with it the conviction that it spoken sincerely and he held

der which the contract for filing cases was awarded to the Pennsylvania Construction Company, of Marietta, Pa., of which Congressman H. Burd Cassel is the head. The commission has been unable to find our trace of the contract or to find any trace of the contract or the schedule under which it was awarded. The schedule mysteriously disappeared from the office of Audi-tor General Hardenbergh and has not hear found ginge Such a moment arrived when Mr. Jerome conjured up a vision of the spirit of Stanford White begging Evelyn Thaw, since his own lips were sealed and the law forbade him any champion, to say a word in his be-

Other occasions like this When he assailed the picture that Mr. Delmas had drawn of Thaw as the champion of virtue, the modern Saint George slaying the dragon that prey-ed on human virtue. Sanity Only Point at Issue. Dr. Kennard Appeals for \$2,500,000 to

The district attorney tore the "dementia Americana" defense of Mr Delmas to tatters. He strove to show being to the set of the shower of show that there was only one point at is-sue and that was whether Thaw was sane or insane when he fired the shots that killed White and he solem-nly warned the jurors that they were under orthe to decide the issue on the under oath to decide the issue on that and on that alone.

that and on that alone. He ridicaled the brainstorm theory and dubbed the California lawyer "Dr. Delmas,' a title he conferred on him by virtue of his 'discovery of "dementia Americana."

The district attorney attacked Evelyn Thaw's story with every re-source at his command. He admitted that the Hummel affidavit was not entitled to any consideration, unless t was supported by corroborative widence. He said that he now had Hummel where he had wanted him for years, that he had convicted him of felony, that he had convicted nim of felony, that he hoped soon to land him in prison and that he would keep him there as long as he could. But he contended that the corrobor-ative evidence showed that the mater-ial for the affidavit was furnished by Evelyn Neshti for the purpose of at-Evelyn Nesbit for the purpose of at-

tacking Thaw. After marshaling all the facts of the case in review he declared that it was really the simplest case in the world.

world. "It is a common, cheap, sordid Tenderloin murder," he said, "and if the principals in it had been poor and obscure persons instead of a man of genius and a millionaire, the brain-storm would never have been heard of."

Again he characterized the brainstorm of the "paranoia of the lionaire." District Attorney Jerome ended his

Summing up for the prosecution at 3:40 and after a short recess, Justice Fitzgerald delivered his charge. The Judge's Charge.

The Judge's charge, lasting about an hour, was a concise outline of the law and gave to the jury the alterlaw and gave to the jury the alter-native of rendering any one of the following four verdicts: Murder in the first degree; murder in the second de-gree; manshaughter in the first de-gree; not guilty on the ground of in-

gree; not guilty on the grees in the statute governing the plea of The statute governing the plea of insanity was defined clearly, much stress being laid on the fact that an irresistible impulse to kill has no irresistible impulse to kill has no

LAW CANNOT CURE ALL ILLS

Legislative Work Not Swift Enough to Keep Pace with Individual Crookedness.

At the "Appomatox Day" banquet of the Hamilton club at Chicago, Congressman F. W. Cushman of Washington state said in his speech.

"I regret to say that there are signs, social, economic and political, signs, social, economic and pointeal, appearing upon our national horizon today that might indicate that the only thing on earth that will ever approach the suddenness of our rise may be the swiftness of our down-fall. There are too many people whose sole desire is to cut a dash-who would rather ride in a mortgaged who would rather ride in a mortgaged

who would rather ride in a mortgaged automobile on borrowed gasoline than walk in the paths of honorable ob-scurity in virtuous unostentation. If one-half of the people who are operated on for appendicitis would instead have their vanity and their selfishness cut out they would be so selfishness cut out, they would be so vastly improved thereby that they

that he uttered appeared to carry with it the conviction that it was spoken sincerely and he held the crowded court room from beginning to end to an attention that never faltered for a moment. There were times in the course of the district attorney's speech when everybody in the court room sat up straight and grasped the arms of his chair or the back of the chair in from of him. Such a moment arrived when Mr. Jerome conjured up a vision of the ought not to require a federal injunc tion to restrain labor leaders from murder and violence. The cause and the cure for these evils can be found

the cure for these evils can be found in the hearts of men, and not on the pages of the statute book. "Let me say that the law-making machinery of this government cannot by any human ingenuity be enlarged or accelerated so that it can move as quickly or in as many directions as unrestrained individual crookedness."

#### RAILROADS RETALIATE

#### Reduce Fast Train Time in West as Result of Wave of State Regulation.

Western railroads have definitely decided upon a date for lengthening decided upon a date for lengthening the schedules of their fast trains, and on June 9 all trains will be slowed down. This announcement comes from Union Pacific headquarters in Omaha and is the result of a con-ference between general passenger agents of the Union Pacific, Rock Island, Northwestern, Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Chicago, Burl-ington & Quincy railroads. Other roads are expected to sub-

Other roads are expected to subscribe to the agreement, said to have been made necessary by the cutting of rates by Western Legislatures.

#### The Boston Wool Market.

The wool market is unusually dull, on account of the depletion of supplies, but prices are firm. It is stated that leading manufacturers have suffi that leading manufacturers have sum-cent supplies. Tight money and the high rates for borrowing also work to the restriction of business. The mar-ket is dull also for pulled wools, with small lots of fine and combing sell-tion streading. Dervice render sellsmall lots of fine and combing sell-ing steadily. Foreign grades are firm. Leading domestic quotations range as follows: Ohio and Pennsyl-vania XX and above, 34 to 34½c; X, 22 to 55c; No. 1, 39 to 40c; No. 2, 38 to 39c; fine unwashed, 26 to 27c; unmerchantable, 26c; half blood, un-washed, 33 to 34c; three-eighth blood, unwashed, 33½ to 33%4c.

## CURRENT NEWS ITEMS.

The decision of New York court of appeals declaring void and unconsti-tutional the present legislative appor-tionment has created a sensation.

The interstate commerce co'a is-sion has held that express compatiles cannot give "franks" to railroad officials.

The United States supreme court decided that the Isle of Pines be-longs to Cuba and is not a part of the United States.

The Judge also informed the jury that an illusion, unless the illusion if true might result in the injury of the for kidnaping.

president of the Russian condition of national defense, and a second cousin of Emperor Nicholas, was frustrated today. While the grand duke was re-turning from Tsarskoe-Selo by train four men fired into his coach, then escaped. The grand duke escaped units for the grand duke escaped uninjured. New British Head in Egypt. Lord Cromer, British agent and consul general in Egypt, who has been the power behind the throne in that country ever since Great Britain es-tablished a virtual protectorate, has

Attempt on Grand Duke's Life.

Another attempt on the life of Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholaievitch, president of the Russian council of

Gorst has been appointed to succeed him. War Ended. s in Central

## Greatest Naval Display Will Soon Be

Seen at Jamestown.

the the battleship division of the not been learned, all children of Atlantic fleet sailed from the naval station at Guantanamo, Cuba, April 11 for Hampton Roads to participate in the ceremonics incident to the opening of the Jamestown exposition. The division consists of 14 modern battleships and will be joined by two there at Hampton Roads as well as others at Hampton Roads, as well as by a number of warships of other

When assembled in Hampton Roads there will be an aggregate of 36 warthere will be an aggregate of ab war-ships of various types, constituting the most powerful fleet ever assemb-led in the waters of the United States. Admiral Evans' division is due to reach Hampton Roads on April

Decause her parents refused per-mission to 13-year-old Stella Burns, of Yellow Pine, Ala., to receive at-tentions of a young man the girl comjumping from the mitted county bridge into Dog river.

Thinks State Rights Endangered. Assemblyman Burke introduced in

the Wisconsin legislature a joint resolution requesting the governors of the various states to call a conference in Indianapolis in November, 1907, to discuss and formulate plans for uniformity of legislation. The resolution declares that the rights of the states are endangered by the federal government, particularly as to legis-lation affecting transportation and communication.

Eight persons were burned to death nera Gunter, Tex. The dead

Having completed an elaborate pro-gram of exercises and target prac-tice the battleship division of the not been learned, all children of

#### Five Hundred People Homeless.

Between 500 and 600 people were rendered homeless by a fire which the town of Westwego, on the ssippi river, opposite New Orl-In all 42 buildings were de-d. The loss is estimated at Mississippi river stroyed. \$50,000

#### Sue Judge Hargis for \$90,000.

Suit was filed at Jackson Breathitt county, Ky. by the heirs of Dr. Cox, demanding \$90,000 damages from Judge James Hargis, Edward Calla-han, Asbury Spicer, John Smith and John Abner, for alleged responsibility for the assassination of Dr. Cox.

#### Want Roosevelt to Make Way for Bryan.

In the Missouri house a resolution indorsing President Roosevelt on his stand against unprincipled manipula-tion of wealth, was introduced, and tabled after it had been amended so as to read that it was the sense of the Republican members that Roose-velt should run for president again. A resolution lauding W. J. Bryan and declaring that President Roosevelt should retire to make way for Bryan was adopted. stand against unprincipled manipula

Product for Remainder of Year In An Central West Is Taken.

missed

Pig iron production of the Central West has been sold for the remainder of the year, contracts aggregating 230,000 tons having been entered into during the week. There are few in-stances in the history of the industry when the output has been disposed of

of the total amount Charles P. Snyder & Co. sold 300,000 tons to in-terests in the Pittsburgh district, the price being \$21. The remainder disposed of by the Bessemer A was Asso viation to the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company at the same price

#### Bomb in the Mails.

St. Louis, April 11.--A mail pack-age, apparently containing dynamite, exploded while being stamped in the St. Louis postoffice. The explosion blew away a finger and thumb of John G. Bayer, the cierk, who was stamping the package. All trace of the contents and all the address ex-cepting the words "Independence, No." were destroyed were destroyed. Mo.."

#### Bank's Funds Squandered.

That more than \$200,000 paid into That Inde that gov/dent Securities and Banking Company, of Boston, was squandered by the directors of the company and that less than \$5,000 re-mains, is the allegation of the receiv-ers of the company, who filed a report is the supreme sudded court sense of in the supreme judicial court.

> Driven insane by wrong over imag-inary financial troubles, Robert N. Crow, member of a wealthy family, attempted suicide in a box at the Grand opera house, Pittsburgh.

America is recorded in the following cablegram received at the state de-partment at Washington from Ameri-can Consul Olivares, dated at Managua, the Nicaraguan capital, today

resigned because of illness.

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"Amapala has been surrendered by Bonilla and the war is ended." ing.

Sir El

#### Minnesota for Third Term

The Minnesota House of Repres tatives with a rising vote which, the speaker speaker announced, was "nearly unanimous," passed concurrent reso-lutions indorsing President Roosevelt for a tkird term

#### Fire Causes \$2,000,000 Damage

The mercantile suburb of Harbin, known as Fudoadam, in which many large warehouses were situate been destroyed by fire. The area covers almost a square mil loss is estimated at \$2,000,000. warehouses were situated, has The burned square mile. The

Moore-Heart-Sill bill, which prohibits speculation in futures, and which was passed by both legislative branches several weeks ago, was signed by Acting Governor Moore. \$1.000.

### Twelve Workingmen Killed.

Numerous fights occurred among the workingmen in the district about Lodz, April 9. The men were actuated by political motives and the fighting resulted in the killing of 12 and the wounding of 14 persons.

#### Bomb Explosion Hurts Many

Another bomb explosion occurre Barcelona, Spain, and several cas It appears that five persons were ser-iously injured by last night's bomb explosion at 26 Boqueria street.

true might result in the highly of the man suffering it, could not be accept-ed as an excuse. The jury retired at 5:17 p. m. Six hours later they failed to reach a ver-dict and shortly after 11 p. m. were locked up for the night in the jury-room of the Criminal Courts Build-

## CUBA FREE JULY 4, 1908

Taft Plans Reversion of Control on That Date.

It appears that July 4, 1908, will be the day when the control of Cuban affairs is given back to the Cuban people. In view of divergence of desire of the Liberals and Conservatives regarding the election a compromise which will result in the turning over of the centrol of Cuban affairs on the of the control of Cuban affairs on the American holiday is probable.

The Illinois House of Representa-tives passed a bill increasing the sal-ary of members of the Legislature to The present compensation is

#### Abandoned Town.

Puerto Cortez, one of the princi-pal ports of Honduras, is now in the hands of the Nicaraguans. There was no fighting, Honduran troops having abandoned the 'town before the Nicaraguans arrived

#### Fifteen Burned to Death.

Lisbon, Portugal-A fire broke out in an apartment house near the central market house occupied families. Fifteen persons to the bodies were ter-Fifteen persons lost their ribly charred.

The Belgian ministry will resign because the chamber of deputies adopted a motion in favor of fixing the labor hours of miners.

At Cleveland, Elizabeth C. Hacken berg has asked common pleas court to appoint a receiver for the Iroquois Portland Cement Company, a \$500,-000 corporation

Ten thousand tons of steel rails, or 20,000,000 pounds, have been ordered by the Chicago City Railway Company for use in reconstructing its lines.

Ambassador Tower, at a dinner ten dered him by the Manhattan club o dered him by the Mannatan club of New York, said there was little like-lihood of a tariff war with Germany if report of commission recently sent to Berlin to investigate trade con-ditions is favorably acted upon.

#### Gets 99 Years for Murder.

Fred W. Troy, a traveling photo grapher, who shot and killed his wife and mortally wounded Ralph Guin in Joplin, Mo., New Year's day, pleaded guilty to second degree murder and was sentenced to 99 years in the penitentiary.

#### Mrs. Myers Will Not Hang.

The sentences of death imposed up-n Mrs. Aggie Myers of Kansas City on Mrs. and Frank Hottman of Higginsville, Mo., who were convicted of having murdered the woman's husband, Clarence Myers, in 1904, were com-mutted by Gov. Folk to imprisonment for life.

The American National Red Cross cabled through the State department, \$5,000 to the Russian Red Cross for the relief of the famine sufferers of that country.