

Semi-Weekly Founded 1908 Weekly Founded, 1844

The



Citizen.

Wayne County Organ of the REPUBLICAN PARTY

66th YEAR.

HONESDALE, WAYNE CO., PA., WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1909.

NO. 38

HAINS JURY OUT.

Judge's Charge Regarded as Favorable to Captain.

HIS SANITY THE MAIN QUESTION

Father, Mother and Brothers of Accused Army Officer Confident That He Will Be Set Free.

Flushing, N. Y., May 11.—After little more than an hour of final summing up by the prosecution and a charge from Justice Garretson which was regarded as favorable to the accused, the jury in the trial of Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., retired today to consider their verdict on the indictment charging the army officer with murder in the first degree in killing William E. Annis at the Bayside Yacht club.

The crowd in and around the courthouse was the greatest that has been seen at any stage of the trial, and excitement and expectation as to the verdict led to the making of hundreds of wagers and prophecies.

General Peter C. Hains and his wife, parents of the accused, as well as his brothers, Major John P. Hains and Thornton Hains, bore themselves cheerfully, though the mother of Captain Hains was almost prostrated by emotion. All confidently predicted that the verdict would be "not guilty, and they said they had made arrangements to take the army officer to their home tonight.

It was generally conceded that the pivotal question for the jury to decide is the question whether Captain Hains was sane when he shot Annis. Both sides have contended that he is sane at the present time.

Before the jury retired Mrs. Helen Annis, in deep mourning, appeared with her mother and sister. They remained in court a few minutes of late.

In his address to the jury former District Attorney George A. Gregg bitterly denounced the insanity defense, declaring that it was conceived and manufactured by the defendant's lawyers as a last resort. He asked the jurors to discard the testimony of the insanity experts on both sides and to decide for themselves on the strength of the lay testimony. Instead of being an "act of God," he branded the shooting as a "cowardly murder, committed with deliberation and premeditation."

Mr. Gregg said that the prosecution simply asked that justice be done and that the jury keep itself free from influence by irrelevant matter in the case. "We are all prone to sympathy," he said, "and we all may feel sorry for this defendant and his family, but if this man is guilty of this crime beyond a reasonable doubt your duty is clear."

NAVAL STORES MEN GUILTY.

Convicted in Savannah of Conspiring to Control the Trade.

Savannah, Ga., May 11.—The five defendants accused of conspiring to control the prices of naval stores were found guilty by the jury in the federal court here.

Assistant District Attorney Akerman asserted that the defense had admitted that Savannah fixes the price of naval stores and that enormous profits had been made by the alleged raising of rosin grades.

Judge Adams' line of defense was a surprise. He asserted that all acts about which the evidence had been introduced took place either in New York or Florida and that the government could not claim any act had been committed in Georgia. He declared the prosecution was not bona fide, but was the result of personal and business vindictiveness. He attacked the government's special agent, J. F. Martin, saying he had no moral, ethical or legal right to "orphan" letters obtained in New Orleans, and continued:

"I do not mean to say that Senator Talliaferro was a party to stealing the letters. He was not there. But the fact remains that the letter eventually got into his hands."

General Meldrim attacked the "conspiracy" charge, asserting no human eye had ever seen the five defendants together.

LITTLE REPUBLICS MAKE UP.

Colombia and Venezuela Resume Long Broken Relations.

Washington, May 11.—Diplomatic relations between the government of Colombia and Venezuela have been resumed after a break of several years. Senator Cobo, the newly appointed diplomatic representative of Colombia, has just arrived at Caracas, according to a dispatch. The Colombian representative will take up with Venezuela the negotiation of a new treaty in regard to navigation, frontiers and transit commerce.

WOMAN MISSIONARY'S STORY.

Mrs. Trowbridge Tells of Murder of Six Pastors Near Adana.

New York, May 11.—A letter from Mrs. Stephen Van R. Trowbridge of Brooklyn, a missionary of the American board who was at Adana with her husband at the time of the disturbances there, gives additional details of the street fighting in the mission quarter. She says:

"On Wednesday morning two of the missionaries, Mr. Lawson Chambers and Mr. Gibbons, left the mission building to look about the city. We heard no more of them until midnight, when the English consul found them at the hotel, having been taken there for safety. They had found themselves in the midst of a fighting mob in the market and were rescued by some one who saw that they were foreigners.

"About noon firing began about this section of the city, a number of Armenian men and boys shooting into the air and into the streets from roof tops. The son of a Moslem khoja was killed, and his body was dragged through the streets by the Moslems to excite their people. Shooting continued all day, and fires broke out in many parts of the city.

"Hovazian Effendi, who graduated last year from Marsh Theological seminary, was killed in front of the school door by the mob before the soldiers arrived. He had in his arms the station record books, all of which were destroyed.

"The conditions in the city are horrible. Six hundred refugees in our Protestant church had nothing to eat for three days. The government is now sending them bread and a rich Greek is distributing rice. The Adana soldiers have served for four days without sufficient food or rest for one day, and they are becoming exhausted.

"Six pastors from Hadjin, Sis, Zerbakan and two other places were killed in a Circassian village near Adana on their way to a conference.

"One French padre in the Jesuit school close by went up to take a look around and received a bullet in his shoulder. We did not dare move outside. Plunderers did great havoc looting and setting buildings on fire."

TURKEY GIVES FIGURES.

Says 1,924 Moslems and 1,455 Armenians Were Killed at Adana.

Constantinople, May 11.—A telegram received here from the vail of Adana with regard to the recent massacres there states that 1,924 Moslems were killed and 533 wounded, while only 1,455 Armenians were slain and 382 wounded. These figures, it is alleged, comprise the casualties throughout the entire vilayet.

This statement by the vail is considered here an obvious and monstrous misrepresentation, with the object of throwing the responsibility on the Armenians to justify the numerous arrests of Christians, which, it is reported, still continue.

Mohammed V. ended his "coronation day" by plowing a furrow in the lawn at Dolmabahatche palace, symbolically at least, by holding the plow handles for a fraction of a minute while two horses dragged it a few yards. In carrying out the ancient test Mohammed V. showed himself to be sound of body and fit to bear the physical burdens of the empire.

RUSSIA'S CABINET STAYS.

Czar Comes to an Agreement With Premier Stolypin.

St. Petersburg, May 11.—A solution of the cabinet crisis whereby Premier Stolypin and his colleagues in the cabinet retain their posts was arranged at a conference between the premier and the emperor.

M. Stolypin returned to St. Petersburg from Tsarskoe-Selo, bringing an imperial rescript expressing the confidence of the monarch in the ministers and his gratitude for their services and explaining the motives leading to the rejection of the naval staff bill.

The crisis was solved in a manner peculiarly Russian. The emperor refused to sign the bill providing for a naval staff because he considered it an invasion of his prerogative, and he declined also to accept the resignations of the cabinet, ordering the ministers to remain at their posts. The latter after reiterating their representations of the impossibility of rendering useful services under these conditions decided that their duty, according to Russian precedents, was to continue in their present offices.

Under the new conditions the ministry cannot be considered stable, it being pointed out that the prerogative of the duma is merely to vote money, and a dissolution is expected at no distant date. Failing to secure the acceptance of his resignation, M. Stolypin presented a request to the emperor for an extension of his vacation, from which he only recently returned, to escape the embarrassment of facing the duma.

Weather Probabilities. Fair; moderate to brisk northwesterly winds.

KIDNAPER'S STORY

Boyle Accuses Relative of the Whitla Boy.

SAYS FORKER TOOK LAD TO HIM

All His Allegations, However, Are Flatly Denied—Pair, Under Heavy Sentences, Landed at Pittsburg Prison.

Pittsburg, May 11.—James H. Boyle, under a life sentence, and his wife, Helen Boyle, under a sentence of twenty-five years for the kidnaping of Willie Whitla of Sharon, were brought here by Sheriff Chess from Mercer, Pa., and lodged in the Western penitentiary.

That the threats of a double suicide made by Mrs. Boyle were not mere idle words was shown when a razor which had been secreted in his necktie was taken from Boyle, and it was found that Mrs. Boyle had taken what she says was "enough morphine to kill two people."

Mrs. Boyle got the poison from a woman in a cell adjoining hers who is addicted to morphine and has been supplied with it during her imprisonment. Mrs. Boyle was rendered partially unconscious and was made very sick. As a further precaution, Sheriff Chess took from Mrs. Boyle three hatpins and removed all the glasses she had in her cell.

Carrying out his threat to expose "a wealthy relative of the Whitla family" as the alleged principal in the kidnaping of the Whitla boy, Boyle gave out the following signed statement:

"The complete history of the kidnaping of Willie Whitla and what led up to it.

"On the morning of —, between the hours of —, Dan Reebble, Jr., was found dead on the sidewalk in front of the Messer block, in Youngstown, and over the prostrate form was Harry Forker of Sharon, Pa., holding in his right hand a package of letters that was gathered from the sidewalk near the dead body of Mr. Reebble.

"As he was about to depart he was intercepted by the writer and a man now dead, Dan Shay, a saloon keeper, of Youngstown, O.

"In Mr. Forker's hurry to leave the scene he failed to find two envelopes that contained four letters. The same were picked up by Mr. Shay and given to the writer.

"The letters were written by a lady, two from a party in New York state and the others from Cleveland, O. At a later date Mr. Forker was apprised of the fact that the writer held these letters in his possession.

"A letter was immediately sent to the writer by Mr. Forker stating that he, Mr. Forker, would like to have a personal talk with the writer, which meeting took place a day or so after. Mr. Forker acknowledged he would pay a sum of money for the possession of said letters.

"The amount, not being considered sufficient, was refused, and from that day on and up until March, 1908, the writer on the pretext of exposing the letters and the coincidence of Mr. Forker being discovered bonding over the prostrate form of Mr. Reebble received at different times amounts of money from Mr. Forker to remain silent.

"About six months ago I met Mr. Forker and informed him that unless I received \$5,000 I would hold the secret no longer.

"He then informed me that it was impossible for him to get that amount of money, but some time in April, 1909, he was to come in possession of a certain amount of money and would then turn some over to me.

"On my leaving Sharon on March 12, 1909, I proceeded to Cleveland, O., and on the same evening I addressed to Forker a letter, which read as follows: Mr. Harry Forker:

"Dear Sir—I have decided not to wait any longer in regard to the money proposition, and if I don't hear from you soon there will be some exposing. Sincerely yours, J. J. BAILEY, Cleveland, O.

"On March 16, 1909, I received the following answer:

"Friend Bailey—You knew the circumstances and the promise I made you when you left here, but if you are really desperately in need of money as you profess to be I will outline a little plan which with your co-operation can be very successfully carried out—viz, the abduction of J. P. Whitla's son. I can arrange to have my boy brought to Warren, O., due there at 11:15 with escort.

"I went to Warren and remained in the vicinity of the depot.

"About ten minutes later boy and escort arrived. I brought the boy to Niles, O., from there to Ashtabula and then to Cleveland. On March 22 I received a letter from Mr. Forker stating that some one had informed Mr. Whitla that they had recognized his boy on March 18 in Niles, O., and that James Boyle of Sharon was with him; also that Mr. Whitla was afraid to divulge the information for fear the boy might come to some harm and telling me to be careful and be on the alert and that when I received the money to immediately surrender these Youngstown letters, to send same to him, Forker, at Sharon, and on Tuesday, April 23, to return half of the ransom money to him (Mr. Forker) and he would turn over the same to the party who took Willie Whitla to Warren.

"Upon learning that my name was mentioned in connection with the case, I made it a point to meet Mr. Whitla in Cleveland, showed him the letter that passed between Mr. Forker and myself; also the Youngstown letters, and Mr. Whitla promised that if I would substantiate the truth of the Youngstown letters he would see there would be no prosecution.

"I then surrendered through Mr. Whitla all the letters that were in my possession, and the world knows the result.

"This unfortunate woman was duped from start to finish in regard to the boy, and I was duped from the moment I left the letters go into Mr. Whitla's possession. This story is as true as there is a God above us."

"When Harry Forker was seen at Sharon and asked regarding the statement issued by Boyle he said:

"I know absolutely nothing of this case. There is nothing to it. I only know Boyle as I know other members of his family, as residents of Sharon. I have never had any dealings with him. I do not know the woman who is said to be his wife.

"I can conceive of no reason why Boyle should make such a statement, unless it be to get even with the Whitla family for his prosecution following the abduction. Boyle never showed me any letters. Boyle did not see me in Cleveland. The whole story is a willful, malicious and slanderous lie."

J. F. Whitla, father of the kidnaped boy, who is alleged in James Boyle's statement to have accepted the letters Boyle said he had and which he said belonged to Harry Forker, denies absolutely that any such deal with Boyle occurred.

Mr. Whitla denied that he had seen Boyle or talked with him in Cleveland prior to his son's return and the arrest of Boyle.

"The whole statement," said he, "is a willful and malicious lie."

ARMY BALLOON BLOWN UP.

Big Gas Bag Explodes as Dirigible is About to Land.

Jackson, Neb., May 11.—Army balloon No. 12 arrived here from Fort Omaha after a flight of seven hours. In making a landing the gas bag exploded a few feet above the ground and was destroyed, but neither Captain Chandler nor Lieutenant Ware, who made the flight, was seriously injured.

Lieutenant Ware declared that aside from the destruction of the gas bag the flight was a success. Captain Chandler believes that while at a high altitude the gas bag became charged with static electricity and that on reaching the ground contact with the earth caused an arc to form, thus producing an electric spark, which set fire to the bag.

The ascension at Fort Omaha was supervised by Captain Chandler, assisted by a detachment of trained signal corps men. The balloon started north as soon as it was well into the air and soon crossed the Missouri river. It followed the general course of the river for nearly a hundred miles, the flight following a northerly direction.

A fair breeze carried the bag at a thirty mile gait the first hour. Then the wind died down, and the balloon was becalmed for an hour and a half. The wind then sprang up and carried the bag at a rapid rate to the northwest.

BASEBALL SCORES.

Results of Games Played in National, American and Eastern Leagues.

NATIONAL LEAGUE. At Boston—New York, 2; Boston, 1. Batteries—Raymond and Schiel; White and Bowerman.

At Brooklyn—Brooklyn, 4; Philadelphia, 2. Batteries—Bell and Bergen; Covalenski and Dooin.

At Pittsburg—Chicago-Pittsburg game postponed by cold weather.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS. W. L. P. C. W. L. P. C. Pittsburg, 13 7 360 Brooklyn, 8 10 444 Phila, 10 7 388 Cincinnati, 10 13 425 Boston, 10 8 356 New York 7 10 412 Chicago, 12 10 348 St. Louis, 9 14 393

AMERICAN LEAGUE. At Chicago—Chicago, 1; Washington, 0 (11 innings). Batteries—White and Sullivan; Johnson and Street.

At St. Louis—Philadelphia, 5; St. Louis, 1. Batteries—Plank and Thomas; Waddell and Stephens.

At Cleveland—Cleveland-Boston game postponed by rain.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS. W. L. P. C. W. L. P. C. Detroit, 14 6 727 Chicago, 10 10 500 New York 11 7 511 Cleveland, 9 10 474 Boston, 10 8 356 Wash'ton, 5 12 294 Phila, 9 8 329 St. Louis, 5 13 278

EASTERN LEAGUE. All games postponed by rain and cold weather.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS. W. L. P. C. W. L. P. C. Rochester, 5 2 714 Montreal, 6 6 500 Jersey C's 4 4 367 Newark, 4 5 444 Toronto, 6 5 346 Buffalo, 5 7 417 Providence 5 5 309 Baltimore, 3 8 272

LOCAL MATTER

—On Thursday, Sheriff Braman sold at sheriff's sale the personal property of the Ariel Knitting Mill Company, of Ariel. It was purchased by W. F. Heinle, Henry Meyer & Son, of Callicoon, and J. W. Sandcock, of Ariel.

—Frank Watterson, of Hawley, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff N. B. Spencer on Saturday. Detective Spencer went to Hawley after his man, and, after a lively chase, captured him there. It appears that during his residence in Honesdale, where he worked in a glass cutting shop, Watterson boarded at the Flynn hotel on South Main street. A short time ago he left town leaving a board bill amounting to thirty dollars unpaid. Proprietor Flynn had a warrant issued and Watterson was arrested and given a hearing before Justice of the Peace W. H. Ham. The matter was subsequently amicably adjusted between the parties.

—Mrs. Susan Hirt, of White Mills, was arrested by officer N. B. Spencer on Friday last and brought to Honesdale the same evening, for a hearing before Justice of the Peace, R. A. Smith, on a charge of cruelty to animals. On Wednesday Mrs. Hirt's husband went to Victor Mizler's place—the Half-Way House—and traded horses, receiving in exchange a horse and two and a half dollars "boot money." When he returned to his home that evening his wife claimed that he had the worst of the deal and so she took the animal back to Mizler's place. The latter was not at home when she arrived there and Mrs. Hirt left the money in the house, and tied the horse to a post near the roadway. The animal was without food or shelter for a number of hours, and Detective Spencer being notified arrested Mrs. Hirt, who was fined \$10 by Justice Smith and costs, the total amounting to \$25.

—Last Sunday was Mothers' Day. All over the civilized world from Honesdale around the world and back, including Japan, Turkey and hundreds of other countries men and women, girls and boys were seen wearing white carnations in honor and out of respect of mother. While no concerted effort was made in this place to honor the memory of mother, still the day was generally observed. To observe that great day all one had to do was to get a white carnation and wear it. This is one of the occasions when every one can join in the celebration. Every one has a mother either dead or living. If one's mother is dead the carnation will do tribute to her motherhood and if living one should wear the carnation as a tribute to her worth. It is better to do honor to the living rather than wait until death compels people to appreciate what they have lost. One man in Honesdale said that he was wearing a flower on his coat because his mother, who is over 80 years old, had raised it from the seed, and that she was a good mother, and that when she was gone he would have lost the best friend in the world. It is very true.

—The annual meeting of the Wayne County Pennsylvania society of New York City, was held at the Hotel Manhattan, Madison Avenue and 42d street, New York, on last evening. President, William F. Dorflinger; first vice-president, George F. James; second vice-president, Samuel L. Blumenthal; third vice-president, William H. Fitzze; secretary, Charles S. Penwarden; treasurer, A. E. Richardson; historian, Dr. Peter J. Gibbons; director, William W. Starbuck.

—On Thursday evening Judge George S. Purdy's new six-cylinder car arrived in town. Howard Erk, his chauffeur, brought the auto from New York.

—In honor of the one hundredth anniversary of the organization of the Auditor General's Department in its present form, a dinner was given Wednesday evening at the Harrisburg Country Club at the State Capitol. The guests of the evening included Governor Edwin S. Stuart and three of Auditor General Young's predecessors, Amos H. Mylin, of Lancaster; Levi G. McCauley, of West Chester, and Hon. E. B. Hardenbergh, of Honesdale. General Young presided and all the members of the department staff were present. Speeches were delivered by the guests of honor and by Deputy Auditor General Thomas A. Crichton.

—Erie brakeman Charles Dennis, of the Delaware Division, had the misfortune to strike his head against the window of a caboose while in Honesdale on Friday last, resulting in contusions of his left eye and face, which necessitated treatment at the Port Jervis Hospital.

—The Scranton Financial Review quotes Wayne county bank stocks at the following figures: Farmers'

MONTHLY MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL

Matters of Interest to our Townsfolk —Treasury in Good Condition— Four and a-Half Mills Next Borough Tax Levy.

The regular meeting of the town council was held last Thursday evening. Those present were: Charles McCarty, George Genung, Martin Canfield, George Penwarden, Thos. Canivan, and Wyman Kimble. The treasurer reported \$2380.75 on hand.

Street commissioner Weldner reported cross-walks damaged by the steam roller coming in contact with them. Councilman Genung was appointed a committee to look after the building of a cross walk at 11th and Main street, to the Lyric theatre, and to relay the cross walks at a distance of sixty-two feet to approach of bridge.

Mr. Spencer and Mr. Penwarden, of the Business Men's Association, came before the council and extended an invitation to the members to attend the banquet at Heumann's Hotel Tuesday evening. The council accepted with thanks.

Mr. Canivan reported furnishing new lock for tool room of the fire company.

A motion was made and carried to notify Miss Jennie McLaughlin to lay a sidewalk with curb in front of her property on Terrace street.

Paul McGranaghan notified the council that water was flooding his cellar, and Mr. Murray was appointed a committee to ascertain the cause of the trouble.

On motion directed that the retaining wall on Wood avenue be rebuilt, and Mr. Canfield was appointed a committee to take charge of the matter.

G. W. Genung and Wyman Kimble were instructed to look into the gong question, with a view to the improvement of the service.

On motion ordered that one-half of the bills presented to the council for stone, be paid, and an order was drawn for the same, amounting to \$27.88.

A resolution was carried that the bill for twenty tons of extra coal used last winter for school purposes, be sent to the school board.

The secretary was instructed to purchase 150 dog-tags for the coming year at the same price paid last year.

The council levied a tax of 3 1/2 mills for current expenses for the year ending March 1, 1910, and an extra tax of one mill for payment of the bonded indebtedness of the borough.

The secretary was instructed to notify the Consolidated Light, Heat and Power company to blow the gong at station every morning at 6 o'clock. A number of bills were ordered paid.

The secretary was instructed to purchase for the fire department 1 1/2 dozen copper expansion couplings to be used on hose that may burst.

The council then adjourned.

"THE IRONMASTER."

"The Ironmaster," which will be played by the Gardner-Vincent Stock company at the Lyric Theatre on May 10, 11, and 12, is a strong drama of French society life. It was originally played in the United States by the famous English artists, Mr. and Mrs. Kendall.

It tells the story of a woman who married in pique after being jilted by her cousin. On the night of her marriage she repulses her husband, known as "The Ironmaster," owing to his iron will. He then determines to cure her of her proud and haughty manner and after a duel in the last act all ends happily.

The play abounds in stirring scenes and situations.

Mr. Gardner will be seen as Philip Derblay, the "Ironmaster," Miss Vincent has ample opportunities to display her emotional ability as Claire de Beaulieu, Miss Caines as the vindictive Anna Von Barwigwill no doubt will win new laurels, Mr. Le Saint as Duc de Bligny has a part which fits him like a glove. Miss Hackett, Miss Cosgriff, Munn, Wyman, La Rue, Rogers and the local boys, Leo Osborne and Mr. Jones, are well cast.

The play calls for beautiful stage settings and handsome gowns.

—The Susquehanna Ledger, in giving an account of the contention between our former school superintendent, D. L. Hower, and one of the patrons of his school, speaks of it as having occurred "at Media, near Honesdale." Which is a little tough on Media.

—A marriage license has been granted to David L. Hahn, of Seelyville, and Margaretta Barthelmus, of Honesdale.

—"The Iron Master" now being played at the Lyric by the Gardner-Vincent Stock company, is magnificently staged and is a play that is well worth witnessing.