

WILL CALL MORSE

Tombs Prisoner Must Testify at Ice Trust Trial.

"BRAINS BEHIND CORPORATION"

Deputy Attorney General Says Convicted Magnate Used the Company's Officers as His Dummies and Puppets.

New York, Oct. 25.—When the trial of the American Ice company on charges of creating a monopoly in the ice business in violation of the Donnelly antitrust law was continued before Justice Wheeler in the criminal branch of the supreme court the prosecution began a line of questioning intended to show the relation which Charles W. Morse held to the company at its beginning.

The questions concerning Morse were led up to by the introduction in evidence of many bills of sale of independent companies to the American Ice company. One of these dated Dec. 24, 1898, recorded the delivery by Charles W. Morse and William H. Geishenen of several New York city ice companies to the corporation. The price was \$556,000. The customers who had formerly bought ice of these independent ice companies numbered about 2,000.

Another transaction involved a dozen independents in New York whose property was valued at \$2,775,000. These companies supplied 10,000 customers. These latter sales were made as having been made by I. O. Blake, by the Crystal Ice company and by that concern, which the prosecution maintains was an agent of the American Ice company, to the latter company.

A. C. Sprague, the clerk of the Knickerbocker Steam Towing company of Bath, Me., to whom \$15,000,000 was given for some purpose unrevealed in the books of the American Ice company, came in for a share of attention.

Sprague is dead, and the minutes of the meeting of the board of directors at which the transaction was considered have been lost. Mr. Osborne introduced in evidence documents which showed that Sprague purchased many properties and turned them over to the American Ice company.

John R. Bennett, secretary of the ice company, was asked, "Is it not a fact that with your knowledge and approval Charles W. Morse took charge of the assets of the American Ice company?"

Mr. Bennett replied that in view of the large field of the American Ice company's business he couldn't answer accurately. He was asked if Morse hadn't taken under his control a part of the corporation's assets. Mr. Bennett said that he couldn't answer in the absence of the records, which are lost.

In reply to Mr. Stanchfield's renewed objection Deputy Attorney General Osborne said: "I intend to show that Morse was the intellect and brains behind the corporation and that he used others as dummies and puppets. It is not material that his name was not recorded in the minutes of the corporation. If we can prove that he performed all the executive acts, then any statement or act of his is material."

"I can prove that Morse attended every meeting of the board of directors and performed substantially all the acts of president or general manager. Morse told them what to do and they did what he told them."

Morse will be called to testify tomorrow, and the deputy attorney general says he will have to testify as to the acts hidden by the theft of the company's minute books.

BANK CASHIER KILLS HIMSELF

Shoots Himself in Vault After Handing Depositor Some Money.

Flushing, N. Y., Oct. 25.—Henry C. Carpenter, cashier of the Queens County Savings bank here, went into the bank vault and, placing the muzzle of a revolver in his mouth, fired a shot into his brain and dropped dead. He had just previously handed over a large sum to a woman depositor.

Both the bank officials and the family of the dead man were unable to ascribe a motive for the deed. According to President Franklin, the state bank examiner two weeks ago found the affairs of the institution in a flourishing condition and everything correct. The bank's deposits amount to \$2,200,000, and the surplus is \$150,000. President Franklin said that the cashier's accounts were correct.

Weather Probabilities.

Fair; warmer; moderate variable winds.

GAYNOR SUES THE WORLD.

Asks \$100,000 Damages For Alleged Libel in Brisbane Article.

New York, Oct. 25.—William J. Gaynor, Democratic candidate for mayor, has begun suit against the New York World for \$100,000 damages for alleged libel.

The complaint is based on an article written by Arthur Brisbane, in which the writer describes the proceedings involving the appointment by Judge Morschauser of Poughkeepsie of Rudolph Block as an aqueduct commissioner. Block was then under contract as an editor to William Randolph Hearst.

CZAR'S VISIT TO ITALY ENDS.

He Talked With King Victor Emmanuel on the Balkan Question.

Racoonig, Oct. 25.—The czar has left here on his homeward journey, and a semi-official communique is given out by M. Isvolsky, Russian minister of foreign affairs, and Signor Tittoni, the Italian foreign minister, as to his meeting with King Victor Emmanuel. It was called forth by speculation as to the object of the czar's visit and its effect on the affairs of Europe.

The communique says the meeting of Emperor Nicholas and King Victor Emmanuel was marked by great cordiality. This was shown particularly by the toasts at the banquet, which emphasized not only the personal sentiments uniting the sovereigns, but also the complete identity of the interests and views of the two governments.

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Market Reports.

BUTTER—Steady to firm; receipts, 5,007 packages; creamery, specials, 24a27c; extras, 24a31c; thirds to firsts, 24a26c; state dairy, common to finest, 24a21c; process, firsts to specials, 24a25c; western, factory, seconds to firsts, 24a25c; imitation creamery, 24a27c.

CHEESE—Firm; receipts, 1,435 boxes; state, new, full cream, special, 16 1/2a17 1/2c; September, fancy, 16 1/2c; October, best, 15 1/2c; common to good, 12 1/2a13 1/2c; skims, full to specials, 6a10c.

POTATOES—Steady; Maine, per sack, \$1.25a1.75; state and western, \$1.50a1.75; Jersey, \$1.50a1.87; sweets, Jersey, No. 1, per basket, 60a50c; southern, per bbl., \$1a1.50.

EGGS—Strong; receipts, 7,759 cases; state, Pennsylvania and nearby, hennery, white, 42a46c; gathered, white, 38a40c; hennery, brown and mixed, fancy, 34a37c; gathered, brown, fair to prime, 32a35c; western, extra firsts, 28a29 1/2c; firsts, 28a27 1/2c; second, 24a25 1/2c; refrigerator special marks, fancy, 25 1/2a26c; firsts, 24 1/2a25c.

LIVE POULTRY—Weak; prices unsettled.

DRESSED POULTRY—Weak; broilers, nearby, fancy, squab, per pair, 40a50c; 3 lbs. to pair, per lb., 20a25c; western, dry picked, milk fed, 2c; corn fed, 17c; scalded, 15a16c; roasting chickens, nearby, fancy, 21a22c; western, milk fed, fancy, 19c; corn fed, fancy, 18c; mixed weight chickens, nearby, fan y, 16a20c; western, milk fed, 15 1/2c; western, dry picked, corn fed, average best, 13 1/2a14c; scalded, average best, 12a14c; Michigan, scalded, average best, 14 1/2c; Ohio scalded, average best, 14 1/2c; poor, 11a12c; fowls, dry picked, boxes, 46 lbs. and over to doze, 10 1/2c; 28 to 45 lbs. to doze, 14 1/2c; local, dry picked, average best, 15c; scalded, average best, 14c; old roosters, 11c; spring ducks, nearby, 19a20c; western, 10a14c; aquabs, white, per doz., \$2.50a3.

PIGS—Country dressed pigs, 10 1/2a12c.

M'CARREN'S FUNERAL.

New York's Mayor and Tammany Leader Murphy Among Mourners.

New York, Oct. 25.—The funeral today of State Senator Patrick H. McCarren was the biggest and most impressive ever seen here. So great was the throng that 300 policemen, mounted and on foot, were required to keep the crowd from blocking the streets near the home of the senator's mother in Bergen street and at the Church of St. Vincent de Paul.

Leader Charles F. Murphy and former Justice William J. Gaynor were among the mourners, and the pallbearers included Mayor McClellan, Comptroller Metz, City Chamberlain James J. Martin, Senator Thomas F. Grady, Senator John Raines, former Mayor Hugh J. Grant, Supreme Court Justices Almet F. Jenks and Luke D. Stapleton, Anthony N. Brady and former Senator William H. Reynolds.

In the funeral procession were delegations from the New York state legislature, Kings county Democratic general committee, Tammany Hall general committee, Seymour club, Benevolent Order of Elks, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Knights of Columbus and Foresters of America.

The Rev. Thomas E. Carroll, pastor of the church, was the celebrant of the requiem mass; the Rev. John T. Woods, deacon; the Rev. Francis Ludeke, subdeacon, and the Rev. John Flynn, master of ceremonies. The Rev. Edward McCarty of St. Augustine's church delivered the eulogy.

\$75,000 FOR BIG FIGHT.

James J. Jeffries Receives Offer From Club in San Francisco.

New York, Oct. 25.—Sid Hester, a San Francisco fight promoter, has made a bid for the proposed Jeffries-Johnson battle that will receive serious attention. Hester, who runs the Mission Athletic club in the earthquake city, telegraphed Jeffries that he would hang up a guaranteed purse of \$75,000, or the men could take 70 per cent of the gross receipts, also 50 per cent of the moving picture privilege for a bout of from twenty to a hundred rounds.

Hester also stated that the pugilists could select the date and that he would post \$25,000 the day articles are signed, the balance, \$50,000, to be posted one month before the battle. When Jeffries read the telegram he said:

"The Mission club is one of the most substantial in the country, and anything Hester says he'll do can be relied upon. At present it is simply a question of getting Johnson to sign articles. Then we can consider the bids."

ELECTION FRAUD TRIAL.

New Jersey Primary Officers Accused of Ballot Box Stuffing.

Jersey City, N. J., Oct. 25.—The first of a batch of primary election officers indicted by the Hudson county grand jury for conspiracy in connection with alleged ballot box stuffing frauds at the Republican primaries on April 28, 1908, for the election of delegates to the state and congressional conventions at which delegates to the national convention were chosen was placed on trial in the court of quarter sessions here before County Judges John A. Blair and Robert Carey and a struck jury.

In opening for the state Assistant Prosecutor McCarthy told the story of the primary election with a total of 690 votes counted, although a tally kept by New Idea watchers showed that only 469 men had voted, and the capture by the opposition at the conclusion of the count of the ballot box which contained a piece of cardboard manipulated by a string behind which ballots were alleged to be started.

HELD FOR ALLEGED GRAFTING

Contractors, Architects and County Officials Accused.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Oct. 25.—County Commissioners Smith, Jones and McAvoy, Architects McCormick and French, Contractors Frank Carlucci and Oreste Formigli and Inspectors Michael Lynch and Charles Norris were all held under \$2,000 bail here on charges of conspiracy to defraud the county by grafting in the erection of the \$2,000,000 courthouse.

The cases will now go before the grand jury, which is expected to return indictments against all of the accused.

Accused of Looting a Bank.

Denver, Oct. 25.—C. H. Boles, president of the Bank of Sulphur Springs, was held here on the charge of looting the bank of \$20,000. Mr. Boles has been in charge of the bank only a month.

Aurel Batonyi's Father Dead.

Newport, R. I., Oct. 25.—Aurel Batonyi got word by cable of the death in Budapest of his father, Leopold Batonyi, who leaves a fortune of between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000.

SLAYER TELLS ALL

Mueller Killed Anna Luther In Woods Near Islip.

SHE PROTESTED LOVE FOR HIM

He Told Her That, Though He Had Married Her, He Had a Wife Living and Must Return Home and Leave Her.

New York, Oct. 25.—"She told me she loved me, and she kissed me. As she put up her face to kiss me again I snot her dead."

With these words Otto Mueller, the piano maker, telling how he murdered pretty Anna Luther in the woods near Islip, N. Y., completed the most unemotional confession of a murder that the police have ever heard.

From the time of his arrest in Astoria, where he lived with his wife and two children under the name of Fred Gebhardt, the assassin, while admitting that he committed bigamy when



OTTO MUELLER.

[From photo taken before he shaved off his moustache when arrest was imminent.]

he married Anna Luther, absolutely denied all knowledge of his young bride's death.

Finally he broke down, and the confession began to pour from his trembling lips, while even the detectives gasped at the brutal enormity of the recital.

"I married her in February," he said, "and took her to Europe. Before we ever got back I was planning to get rid of her, but I didn't mean to kill her then."

"But she hung on so close that I finally decided to fix her for good. On April 9 I took her down to Long Island, telling her I wanted to show her some land I owned. We went to Bay Shore and then walked into the woods. "Late in the afternoon, when we were in a lonely place, I told her that I was already married and had a wife and a child, whom I loved. I told her I must go back to them and that I hoped she wouldn't make any fuss. She began to cry, saying she loved me, too, and begged me not to quit her. All this time I was getting my gun out, and I had it behind my back ready."

"She kept screaming and begging and running about. Then she put up her face and kissed me. As she tried to kiss me again I shot her in the right side of the head, and she fell over and died. Then I ran away, and I didn't worry any more about it until last week, when they found her skeleton and began to look for whoever had done it."

"I never thought it worth while to go back and bury her, because I thought everything was settled. I wrote some letters to her friends in Newark and to her family in the old country telling them that she was in poor health and that I had taken her to Florida. I knew that would keep them quiet for awhile."

"Months went by and I heard nothing, and I quit bothering my head with Anna. That is all except that I didn't marry her for her money. I thought I was going to care for her, but I got to longing for my other wife, and then I decided to get rid of her."

This astounding confession was made to Coroner William Savage of Suffolk county in the presence of Police Captain Coughlan and his detectives. For more than an hour the stolid looking prisoner had dodged and twisted and wriggled under their investigation, sliding out of one contradiction into another.

Finally he mentioned the name of Bradley. He thought Anna Luther might have gone away with a man named Bradley. Then the questioners knew they had him, for a letter in Mueller's handwriting mentioning a purely imaginary person named Bradley had been put in their hands by the German consul general to whom

it was sent. Coroner Savage drew the letter from his pocket.

At the sight of it Mueller's heavy jaw dropped, his pasty white face went a shade whiter, and he began to shiver. The others waited. He thought a minute and said:

"Oh, well, what's the use, anyway? You have me, and I might as well tell it all. I killed her."

Heavily ironed, Mueller was taken to the old jail at Riverhead. The inquest over his victim—a proceeding which may be productive of fresh sensations—is to take place this evening at Islip.

TAFT ON THE MISSISSIPPI.

President Starts a Four Day River Journey With 176 Congressmen.

St. Louis, Oct. 25.—President Taft started his 1,200 mile trip down the Mississippi river to the tooting of whistles and the cheers of thousands. The trip is to last four days.

Fifteen big Mississippi river steamboats swung out behind the little United States lighthouse tender Oleander, on which the president was quartered. Included in the escort are the vice president of the United States, two cabinet members, twenty United States senators, four representatives of foreign nations, the speaker of the house of representatives, with 176 of his fellow congressmen, and hundreds of prominent business men of the middle west.

There will be no racing, as there was when President Roosevelt went down the river, and any engineer who blows his whistle more than once will be guilty of high treason.

Some idea of the size of this excursion may be gleaned from the stuff packed in the fleet's larders. There were 26,000 pounds of fresh meat, 280 dozen chickens, 1,800 turkeys, 125 gallons of oysters, 2,500 pounds of fish, 380 bushels of potatoes, 1,920 dozen of eggs, 2,400 pounds of butter, 55,000 cigars and wines and liquors unestimated.

MRS. ISMAN GETS DIVORCE.

Neither Party Represented in Court. Grounds For Action Kept Secret.

Philadelphia, Oct. 25.—Mrs. Irene Frizelle Isman wife of Felix Isman, the millionaire real estate operator, got a divorce in the common plea court here. Great secrecy has been maintained, and not even the ground for the action is positively known, though it is said to be "cruel and barbarous treatment."

When the clerk called the case of Isman versus Isman not only was neither of the parties present, but the attorneys saw no necessity for being on hand.

"I have nothing whatever to say about the case," was Isman's only utterance concerning it.

The papers in the case being impounded, they could not be examined. Judge Kinsey read the testimony in chambers and decided that it warranted the decree sought.

Mrs. Isman, who was an actress before her marriage, a few years ago, is an attractive blonde.

JERSEY'S ANTIFOREIGN CRY.

Natives Charge Foreigners With Violating a Bird Game Law.

Dover, N. J., Oct. 25.—According to game experts in this part of the state, New Jersey's law, which permits hunting all but rabbits on and after Oct. 15, is a bad law. The birds that are included in the open list are not fit for shooting, but many of the hunters fail to draw the line and do not hesitate to bag them.

The older game birds are just through molting at this season of the year, and the younger ones are not fully enough developed. The hunters who are guilty of shooting rabbits before the season opens for that game are largely foreigners. The natives claim that no game should be unprotected by law, while it is possible to shoot other game, for the foreigners make no distinction. They also claim that the small number of game wardens makes it impossible to detect violations.

WOMAN ATTACKS HUSBAND.

Homicidal Mania Said to Be Due to Religious Brooding.

Millville, N. J., Oct. 25.—A sudden attack of homicidal mania brought on by brooding over religion drove Mrs. George Thompson to attack her husband here with a carving knife.

Before he could wrest the weapon from her she had inflicted serious wounds. The woman was arrested.

SHIPYARD FOR HALIFAX.

British Firms Said to Be Interested in a \$10,000,000 Enterprise.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 25.—Application is to be made to incorporate a \$10,000,000 shipbuilding plant for Halifax. Swan & Hunter and the Wigham-Richardson company, the Tyneside shipbuilders, will put the enterprise through.

MRS. ASTOR SUES

N. Y. Social Leader Seeks Divorce from John Jacob.

COURT APPOINTS A REFEREE.

Wife of Multimillionaire Returns From Europe Incognito and Brings Separation Suit—Husband on Yachting Trip.

New York, Oct. 25.—Mrs. John Jacob Astor, the beautiful and queenly leader of the Four Hundred, is suing her distinguished husband for limited divorce.

The proceedings have been conducted quietly and with dispatch. The case is now in the hands of the referee, C. H. Young, who was appointed by the supreme court.

Mrs. Astor returned from Europe on Oct. 15. She traveled incognito. Mr. Astor is now on his yacht *Nourmahal* in Cuban waters, having sailed three days before his wife's arrival home.

Mrs. Astor did not go to her city mansion on Fifth avenue nor to her beautiful country seat at Rhinebeck. She went to the home of her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Guinness, and left there to visit friends in the country.

Mr. Astor's attorney in the suit is Lewis Cass Ledyard, who is recognized as a master in the conduct of cases requiring the highest diplomacy.

Mrs. Astor is represented by John H. Cadwallader, former president of the New York Bar association.

Mrs. John Jacob Astor, who succeeded the late Mrs. William Astor as



JOHN JACOB ASTOR.

recognized leader of New York society, has won besides social triumphs of England and America an enviable reputation for her wise charities and philanthropic efforts. With a firm though gentle hand she has upheld the standards of society in accordance with her own high ideals. Her son, William Vincent Astor, is now seventeen years old, and her little daughter, Alice, is seven.

A Philadelphian by birth, she was Miss Alva Lowie Willing, a daughter of Edward S. Willing and a descendant of the Willings and Bartons, who were prominent in early American history.

She was married to John Jacob Astor Feb. 17, 1801. She is of exceptional beauty. Tall, regal and willowy, her movements are marked by unusual grace. Her manner is gentle and charming.

She has made it a custom to spend a part of each year abroad and has achieved as much fame as a hostess there as here. Her last large affair in London was in June of last year, when she gave a dinner and ball, attended by the most distinguished personages in England.

John Jacob Astor, the great-grandson of the first famous man of that name, was born at Rhinebeck in 1804. He graduated from Harvard in the class of 1828, three years before his marriage.

Appointed to the staff of Governor Levi P. Morton with the rank of colonel, he received in 1898 the commission of lieutenant colonel of United States volunteers and served with General Breckenridge at Chickamauga park and General Shafter in the campaign in Cuba. At his own expense he organized and equipped a mountain battery which served throughout the Philippine operations. His fortune is estimated at \$85,000,000.

Gladstone's Son to Rule in Africa.

London, Oct. 26.—Herbert Gladstone, secretary of state for home affairs, has been offered the post of governor general of United South Africa.