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SEYLER INNOCENT

Jury Finds Accused Man Not Guilty.

SPENDS TODAY AT HIS HOME.

Murder Trial Ends In Acquittal of Suspected Man—Brother, Detained as Witness, Also Freed—Defendant's Story.

Atlantic City, N. J., May 26.—Having escaped from the shadow of the electric chair, William Seyler passed today quietly, surrounded by members of his family.

Some of his friends, who from the beginning had not believed him guilty of the cruel murder of Miss Jane Adams, called at his house to congratulate him.

When the jury in the murder case brought in its verdict of not guilty in the old courthouse at May's Landing Seyler shook hands with the jurymen and thanked them fervently. He was at once ordered discharged from custody and left for Atlantic City. His wife had come home on an earlier train and did not hear the verdict. His brother Orvis, detained as a witness, was also released from custody.

In telling his story of the night of the tragedy while testifying in his own behalf Seyler was calm and collected. Vigorous cross examination failed to shake him.

"I knew Jane Adams in her lifetime," said Seyler. "I am twenty-eight years old. I remember the night of Feb. 4. I had not been working that day. About 7 o'clock I went after some coal. The Adams family lived a short distance from me, and we frequently visited each other. Coming back with the coal, I passed the Adams house with Orvis and Tommy Adams. When I reached the house a child ran out and said to Orvis, 'Alice wants you.' Orvis stopped, and I went directly home. I had an engagement with a man after 7 o'clock. Before I went out I asked my wife for 50 cents, but she didn't give it to me, so I went to Young's saloon and borrowed the money.

"Orvis and I afterward went out together, passing up Atlantic avenue. We met Freddie Adams and his young sister, who said to Orvis that Alice wanted him. We continued up the avenue toward the Reading depot. When we reached Missouri avenue we accidentally met Jane and Alice, who spoke to Orvis. I walked to the curb and waited for him. Orvis called to me, 'Let's go to the moving pictures.' I replied that we hadn't time, but he coaxed me to go. Orvis suggested that we go to the \$1,000,000 pier.

"I did not want to go, but finally consented. Orvis suggested having a drink, but the girls refused. We shared the expense of going on the pier. I paid 25 cents, all I had, and Orvis 35 cents. The lights on the pier were not all turned on. Orvis, Jane and Alice walked ahead, and I followed. We went out to the dark end of the pier. I said, 'Come on, Orvis; let's go in, it's cold.' I did not have an overcoat. Orvis asked me to stay with Jane while he walked around with Alice. The next time I saw him was at my mother's house.

"After he left I said to Jane, 'Come on, let's go in.' We were near the wave motor. She said no. She was standing ten feet from the motor. I did not tell the police I saw her fall overboard, but I said that was where she stood when I last saw her. I could not point out the exact place, and the police did not fix the place by ten feet.

"When I left Jane I started in toward the hall. Jane called then three times for Alice in a natural way. I turned around to look back, but I could not see her, so I returned to the motor. She was not there. I did not see her fall over the pier, I swear by Almighty God.

"I walked around the building to find the rest, but did not see them. I thought Jane had rejoined the others and went in on the pier through the marine hall. The lights were not all lit then, and there were not many people.

"I did not have any quarrel with Jane that night. I did not jump overboard to get off the pier. I went to the Hotel Chelsea to the engine room to see if I could get a job there. The engineer could not tell me about it. After I left there I went directly home. I went out later with father, first to Young's saloon, then to his home. I next saw Orvis right after 10 o'clock, when he came home. We went out together. At that time I did not know Jane was missing."

Fast German Cruiser. Kiel, May 26.—The German navy's newest 19,000 ton cruiser Von der Tann has developed a speed of 23 knots in a trial run in the mouth of the Elbe.

MAY LOSE UNION CARD.

President's Standing in Steam Shovelers' Union In Jeopardy.



PRESIDENT TAFT PHOTO BY AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Cleveland, O., May 26.—President Taft, a member of the Steam Shovelers' union, will not get away with a whole skin after violation of one of the strictest rules of his union by attending the Cleveland-St. Louis ball game if officers of the Cleveland Federation of Labor can help it.

Secretary Roberts of the Cleveland Building Trades denounced Mr. Taft in a letter to T. V. O'Connor, president of the Longshoremen's union, urging him to discipline the president. The steam shovelers are under the jurisdiction of the Longshoremen's union.

Roberts wrote a similar letter to the secretary of the Steam Shovelers' union in Chicago.

FIGHTING FOR BABIES.

At Ninety Julia Ward Howe Still Continues Labors.

Boston, May 26.—The venerable Mrs. Julia Ward Howe appeared in the interest of the infant population before the milk investigating committee of



JULIA WARD HOWE.

the legislature. Mrs. Howe will be ninety-one years of age tomorrow. She entered the room on the arm of her daughter and was escorted to a seat by Attorney A. D. Hill, who is representing the milk consumers.

Mrs. Howe addressed the committee, saying that there is no substitute whatever for milk as a food for children. "The object of this investigation," she said, "interests and concerns many and especially infants, for it seems to be actually a question of life and death. I desire that the producers shall have a fair price for their milk and that the trouble will be settled in justice to all."

Vendict Against Sing Sing's Warden. White Plains, N. Y., May 26.—A jury in the supreme court brought in a verdict of \$50 against Warden Jesse B. Frost of Sing Sing prison in a suit brought by Richard C. Hiller, formerly a guard at the prison. Hiller alleged that the warden caused him to be searched on the pretense that he had received a letter from a convict in the prison which he was to carry out of the prison, contrary to the rules. Hiller sued for \$25,000.

FLIGHT DELAYED.

Aerial Voyage Down Hudson Will Begin Late.

HAS ABANDONED EARLY START

Aviator Curtiss Picks Out Landing Place Near Poughkeepsie—May Stay There Tonight—Aeroplane Ready on Island.

Albany, N. Y., May 26.—Glenn H. Curtiss, the aviator, says he will not start on his aeroplane flight to New York before late this afternoon and probably not until later. His flying machine has been put together in a tent on Van Rensselaer island, in the Hudson river just below the city. When Curtiss left New York he planned to start on his aerial flight for the \$10,000 prize early this morning.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 26.—Glenn H. Curtiss, the aviator, arrived here from New York yesterday and passed the ensuing three hours in an automobile inspecting the country for seven miles up and down the river looking for a suitable midway landing place in his contemplated aeroplane flight from Albany to New York. After looking over a number of places which he declared were not suitable in any way Mr. Curtiss said he was discouraged and was about to give up when George Collingwood of this city persuaded him to visit the Gill farm, three miles below Poughkeepsie. Here Mr. Curtiss was shown a flat, treeless meadow of ten acres, which he said, was ideal for his purpose. He selected it at once. The meadow is a short distance from the river on the east bank.

After looking the property over Mr. Curtiss remarked: "But I wonder if the owner will let me land."

As he was speaking Mr. Gill, who controls the property, came up and was introduced to Mr. Curtiss. When he heard what the aviator desired Mr. Gill said:

"Can he land here? My heavens yes. There'll be nobody happier than myself to see him come down in that field."

Mr. Curtiss and his wife were met on their arrival here by John von Benschoten, who provided two automobile cabs for the use of the party. Mr. Collingwood and H. N. Bain went with Mr. Curtiss to Hyde Park and back to the grounds of the Hudson River State hospital and College Hill park with out any ground coming in sight that Mr. Curtiss thought would do for him to land his machine on.

"I want at least half a mile of clear running," Mr. Curtiss said. "I will go forty miles an hour when I strike the land. A thousand feet will do for me to start in."

On his return from Hyde Park Mr. Curtiss looked over the dock front, but could find nothing that was suitable. He then continued on down to the Gill place, where he came to a decision at once.

Flags and big strips of sheeting will be put up on the river front to locate the landing on the Gill farm. But the aviator was advised by Mr. Collingwood to take his bearings from the big yellow buildings at Wilton, opposite, which are the first to be seen on that bank after leaving Poughkeepsie and when he glimpses them to turn to the eastward, which will bring him to the long level slope of the Gill meadow.

A POLITE PICKPOCKET.

Returns Wallet With Card of Thanks After Removing Money.

New York, May 26.—When Kiyosuke Iwai, a Japanese merchant, had boarded the White Star liner Majestic he thrust his hand into his coat pocket for his wallet, which contained his ticket. Then he turned pale and reeled against the railing. The purser caught him as he was about to fall.

"I'm robbed," Mr. Iwai ejaculated. "I had a wallet in this pocket, and in the wallet was a London draft for £50, some \$50 in cash and my ticket." The purser was sympathetic, and other passengers crowded around the Japanese.

"Say, is there a Japanese here who owns this wallet?" asked a messenger who rushed aboard.

The merchant recognized the wallet. He opened it hastily and found therein the London draft and his steamship ticket. The cash was gone, and in its place was a note, evidently written by the courteous pickpocket who had dipped into Mr. Iwai's pocket on a Twenty-third street cross-town car. The note read, "Many thanks."

Shot Dead From Ambush.

Jackson, Ky., May 26.—Alexander Combs, member of a well known Breathitt county family, was shot and killed from ambush while floating down the Kentucky river on a raft.

TRIAL NEARS END.

Sugar Frauds Prosecution Case Almost Complete.

MAY NOT CALL W. B. THOMAS

Oliver Spitzer Tells How He Was Drawn Into False Weighing—Wants to "Hold His Job"—Explains His Desire to Confess.

New York, May 26.—Before the United States district court adjourns this afternoon it is expected that the government will complete the case of the prosecution in the sugar frauds case.

It is now believed improbable that Washington B. Thomas, the new president of the American Sugar Refining company, will be called to the witness stand. Since Oliver Spitzer, the pardoned sugar frauds convict and former dock superintendent, made his confession Mr. Thomas has attended the trial and watched the proceedings with evident anxious interest.

Charles R. Heike, secretary of the sugar trust, now on trial with five subordinates on the charge of having swindled the government out of millions of dollars by the fraudulent weighing of imported sugar, will take the stand in his own defense.

Simultaneously with the announcement that the prosecution will close today came the report yesterday that the federal grand jury may hand down today other indictments against more men "higher up" in the trust.

Spitzer, explaining the manner in which he drifted into crime, denied that "men higher up" had instructed him to make false reports on the weight of sugar. He intimated that he was merely moved by a mean desire to do something to hold his job.

"I was just a big fool, about the biggest kind of a fool," he said. "There was no man higher up as far as I was concerned. If any of the big bugs in the sugar company knew what was going on they were too slick to say so to us and much too smooth and too wise ever to order us to do any cheating. We did what we did because we wanted to hold our jobs."

Concerning his desire to confess he said:

"I came from Atlanta without any hope of a pardon. I left my effects in Atlanta. I came here to unburden myself of the great wrongs I had done all these years. I wanted to confess all my sins before this court and tell what I knew. I wanted to stand among my fellow men once more and tell all I should have told before.

"I wanted to go back to my family. I wanted to be shiriven of all that entered me those sleepless nights in Atlanta prison, where I suffered so much. I couldn't stand it any longer.

"I told Captain Flynn of the secret service in Atlanta that I couldn't stand the torture; that I must tell the truth, and I wouldn't have been behind those bars if I had taken the advice of my lawyers, Mr. Mackeller and Mr. Cochrane. They told me to confess if I had anything to confess after my conviction last February. They told me to confess before it was too late."

DELANEY JOINS JOHNSON.

Jeffries' Old Manager Enters Negro Champion's Camp.

San Francisco, May 26.—Joy reigns in the Johnson camp as a result of the announcement that Billy Delaney, veteran maker of heavyweight champions, is to coach the negro for his fight with Jeffries. Johnson himself is highly elated. He figures that Delaney is the best man in the business to prepare him for the crucial battle of his career. This belief is based on the fact that not only can Delaney give him the fruits of forty years of ring experience, but that the veteran, who developed Jeffries, knows more about the retired champion than anybody else and will be able to give Johnson many pointers about Jeffries' style of fighting.

Another Morgan Rumor.

New York, May 26.—Another foolish rumor circulated in the financial district was that J. P. Morgan, while traveling abroad, had suffered a stroke of apoplexy and was in a very precarious condition. A statement given out at Mr. Morgan's office asserted that the financier had been heard from and that he was enjoying very good health.

Gives Jews One Month.

Moscow, May 26.—Official publication was made of a list of 191 Jewish merchants of the First guild whose families are legally entitled to live in Moscow. The other Jewish residents in the city are in the same announcement given one month in which to produce proofs of their right to remain outside the pale.

JOEL COOK.

Congressman Stricken as He Was About to Start For Washington.



Philadelphia, May 26.—Congressman Joel Cook of this city is critically ill, and fears for his recovery are entertained. He was stricken with heart trouble on Monday last just as he was about to return to Washington. Mr. Cook, who has been prominently identified with the commercial interests of Philadelphia, is sixty-eight years old.

BASEBALL SCORES.

Results of Games Played in National and American Leagues.

NATIONAL LEAGUE. At Pittsburg—New York, 4; Pittsburg, 3. Batteries—Ames and Meyers; Moore, Leever and Gibson.

At St. Louis—Brooklyn, 7; St. Louis, 5. Batteries—Rucker and Bergen; Sallee, Bachman and Phelps.

At Cincinnati—Boston, 4; Cincinnati, 3. Batteries—Parsons, Brown and Graham; Fromme, Rowan and McLean.

At Chicago—Chicago, 6; Philadelphia, 1. Batteries—Cole and Archer; Sparks, Maroney, Sheltier and Dooin.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Table with columns W, L, P.C. for National League teams: Chicago (18, 11, .621), Pittsburg (16, 11, .593), New York (18, 14, .563), Cincinnati (16, 13, .552), St. Louis (16, 17, .485), Philadelphia (13, 15, .464), Boston (12, 19, .387), Brooklyn (12, 21, .364).

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

At New York—New York, 5; Chicago, 0. Batteries—Ford and Sweeney; Olmstead and Block.

At Philadelphia—Philadelphia, 3; St. Louis, 1. Batteries—Coombs and Thomas; Powell, Peltz, Stephens and Killifer.

At Washington (game called at the end of the seventh inning on account of rain)—Washington, 2; Detroit, 0. Batteries—Groome and Street; Summers, Stange and Schmidt.

At Boston—Boston-Cleveland game postponed on account of rain.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Table with columns W, L, P.C. for American League teams: Philadelphia (21, 7, .750), New York (19, 8, .704), Boston (16, 13, .552), Detroit (17, 15, .531), Cleveland (13, 15, .464), Washington (14, 18, .438), Chicago (9, 17, .346), St. Louis (6, 22, .214).

FISH TRUST INDICTED.

San Francisco Producers Are Charged With Boosting Prices.

San Francisco, May 26.—The Western Fish company and twenty individual fish dealers were indicted for violating the Cartwright law. Bail was fixed at \$1,000 for each. These indictments mark the close of a week's investigation of the methods of the fish trust, which has kept up the price of fish, although there is a limitless supply not more than ten miles from the city.

It was shown that as much as fourteen tons of good fish was sold daily to glue and fertilizing companies at \$5 a ton, while the remainder of the catch was disposed of to consumers at from 15 to 18 cents a pound.

KILLED BY CAT AND FLY.

Insect's Poison Got into Slight Scratch on His Hand.

Jersey City, N. J., May 26.—Edward H. Pratt, president of the Pratt Roof Protection company, died at Christ hospital of blood poisoning at the age of forty-five.

While patting his cat in his office on the night of May 18 the animal scratched his right hand, causing a slight break in the skin. On the following day Mr. Pratt killed a fly on a window pane, and some of the insect's blood entered the partly healed scratch. Septic poisoning developed.

STATE ROAD LAW IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

At the election in February several townships in different counties voted in favor of substituting a work tax for a cash road tax, in accordance with a provision of the road law passed in 1909.

A test case on the question of the constitutionality of the law has just been decided in Center county. According to the decision handed down by Judge Orvis of that county all road tax must be paid in cash, and electors of a borough or township do not have the right to vote on the question of paying a portion of their road tax in labor instead of cash. His opinion was prompted by an appeal from a township where a majority of the voters favored working out part of their road taxes.

Judge Orvis cited as reasons that there was nothing in the text relating to the provision for taxpayers to vote on the question of a work tax or a cash tax, and that there was nothing in the provision as to what per cent. of the tax should be paid in cash and what per cent. worked out. That it was in conflict with the special law of 1905 and the general law of 1887 and hence would cause no end of confusion if it were constitutional.

The ruling affects part of an amendment adopted by the Legislature in 1909 to the general road law. It gave to voters of townships and boroughs the right to decide by ballot whether or not 75 per cent. of their road tax should be paid in labor on the roads or streets. It is this section which Judge Orvis holds as unconstitutional. The decision, of course, affects all boroughs and townships in the State.

AN UNSOLICITED TESTIMONY.

This certifies that I am personally acquainted with H. C. Jackson who seeks the nomination and election for Representative of Wayne Co. on the Republican ticket. I believe him to be honest in business, upright in character; faithful to any trust committed to his care. Republicans will make no mistake to nominate him; Prohibitionists to endorse; and the voters of Wayne county will do themselves a credit to elect him.

JOS. M. COLEMAN. Pastor M. E. Church. Damascus, Pa., May 24, 1910.

HYMENEAL.

GUNTHER—DEAN—Miss Rebecca, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Dean of Prospect street, was united in marriage to George Gunther, in Pittston, on Wednesday, May 25, 1910. Rev. McDermott, of that place, performed the ceremony.

SMITH—ROGERS—Miss Estelle K. Rogers was united in marriage to Howard C. Smith, of Indian Orchard, at the home of the bride on Ladywood Lane, on Wednesday evening, May 25, 1910. Rev. A. L. Whitaker performed the ceremony. After the wedding, a supper was served to members of both families and a few guests. The couple will reside on Forest street.

HIGH SCHOOL DOINGS.

The regular G. A. R. exercises in the public school will be held on Friday afternoon, beginning at 1:30. The public is invited.

The school board in control of the Honesdale High school, require that all students from other High schools will take an examination before entering or receiving credit for work done. The common school diploma excuses one from entrance examination. The following is the schedule examinations for the spring term.

Monday, a. m., June 6. German 1. Literature, Latin, Algebra C.

Monday p. m. Physics, Physiology, Rhetoric, Geology.

Tuesday a. m. Geometry.

English 1.

Tuesday p. m. German 2, English 2.

Algebra B.

Wednesday a. m. Virgil, Botany, Algebra A.

Wednesday p. m. Bookkeeping, Caesar, Civics.

Thursday a. m. Chemistry, Physical Geography.

Thursday p. m. English History.

Students desiring to take an examination other than what is scheduled, may make arrangements to do so by conferring with the Principal.

Dippel Gets Dalmores.

Berlin, May 24.—During his recent visit here Andreas Dippel engaged the tenor Dalmores for four years at \$50,000 per year. He will sing next season in Chicago, Philadelphia and New York.