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Slayer of Stanford White Declares Aged Gate-keeper at Matteawan Is Victim of Circumstances—New York Authorities Confident They Will Finally Get Their Man.

Sherbrooke, Que., Aug. 22.—"Gentleman Roger" Thompson, the New York chauffeur held under the Dominion Immigration laws as having aided Harry K. Thaw, legally a lunatic, to cross the Canadian frontier, announced from his cell tonight that he was "up against it," and that if the Thaw family did not come to his rescue he would perhaps, in justice to himself, be forced to tell all he knew about Thaw's escape from Matteawan and thus complicate the proceedings under which Thaw's lawyers hope to obtain his release on a writ of habeas corpus on Wednesday next.

"Sure I'm Roger Thompson," he said. "I need money and help now and it is up to the Thaws, I was framed up in getting in this case and they ought to stand by me now. I haven't a cent and if I were admitted to bail, I could not raise the money. The other four fellows mixed up in the game made their get away. But I stuck to Thaw to the finish; I'm the goat."

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He's Sane. Dr. Joseph E. Noel, the jail physician, who has visited Thaw daily, said this afternoon that he regarded him sane. It was said that the doctor had been watching Thaw's actions at the request of the Dominion immigration authorities.

Whether he submitted his findings to them formally, he declined to say. During his career in the profession, Thaw was reminded of the prediction in which his escape from Matteawan had placed Howard Barnum, the old gatekeeper, past whom Thaw fled to freedom.

Barnum Innocent. "That's too bad," said Thaw. "Barnum did not know a thing I was to do. He was a victim of circumstances. He is innocent and the charge against him should never have been made."

Thaw telegraphed instructions to-night to William Vanamee, his attorney at Newburgh, to assist Barnum in any court proceedings at Thaw's expense. New York state officers were waiting here for Thaw's release on habeas corpus and his seizure then by the immigration authorities, admitted tonight that they were at sea as to where he would be deported in that event.

"It doesn't make much difference," said Frank Kennedy, deputy attorney general from New York. "We have ar-

BRYAN STRONG FOR MONEY MEASURE

AT LEAST THAT IS WHAT HE SAYS IN LETTER TO THE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

BARNUM IS INNOCENT OPPOSES AMENDMENTS

Urges Party Members to "Stand by the President"—Although He Is Against Interlocking Directorates, He Thinks Alterations in the Bill Would Be Most Unwise.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Supporters of the administration currency bill scored an important victory in the house democratic caucus today when they brought to their aid an unqualified endorsement of the measure from Secretary Bryan and defeated proposed "insurgent" amendments that would have prohibited interlocking directorates in national or state banks incorporated under the proposed new law.

Secretary Bryan in a letter addressed to Chairman Carter Glass of the currency committee approved the bill as it stands, declaring President Wilson had recognized fundamental rights of popular control in its provisions. He asserted that the plank of the democratic platform against interlocking directorates was aimed chiefly at trusts and he urged the democrats to "stand by the president" and not to lead down the currency bill with any amendments that might endanger its early passage.

Portified with the backing of one of the makers of the Baltimore platform, Representative Glass and Underwood met the demand for an amendment to prohibit interlocking directorates with a counter proposal that the democrats of the house take up general legislation against interlocking directorates at the next session. A resolution by Representative Underwood, adopted by a vote of 139 to 69, referred the entire subject to the democratic members of the judiciary committee of the house and directed them to bring in a bill at the next session of congress that would prevent interlocking directorates of all kinds.

Administration leaders tonight said the large vote that supported the Underwood motion and the hearty approval that greeted Secretary Bryan's endorsement of the bill assured the approval of the complete Glass bill with but little change.

There remains several important amendments to be considered, but it was declared that the only important modification would be a change to make it clear that agricultural paper will be given the same credit as commercial or industrial paper.

The amendment over which the fight waged throughout the day had been offered by Representative Neely of Kansas, one of the so-called insurgent members of the banking and currency committee. It was not until near the close of the session that Chairman Wilson did not want such an amendment incorporated in the bill, brought forth the Bryan letter. He also produced a letter addressed to him by Samuel Untermyer, who was counsel for the Fido money trust committee, saying he did not believe the interlocking directorates provision should be in the currency bill.

Objecting members who had questioned Mr. Glass' interpretation of the president's attitude gave way before the vigorous assertions of Secretary Bryan and a vote quickly settled the question.

The Letter. In his letter Secretary Bryan declared that for many years he had advocated a law preventing the duplicating of directorates.

"While the principle applies to banks as well as to trusts, although I think in a less degree," the secretary wrote, "the plan has been considered mainly as a means of dealing with the trust evil. The competition cannot be effectively prevented where the same men act as directors of competing companies. I am as much in favor of the remedy now as I was when I began to advocate it in fact more so, because recent disclosures have given further proof of the employment of this means of eliminating competition; but I do not think it wise to make it a part of the pending currency bill. In attempting to secure remedial legislation care must be taken not to overload a good measure with amendments, however good those amend-

THE STAR BOARDER MISSING



FIRE AND EXPLOSION CAUSE HEAVY LOSS

COLD STORAGE PLANT OF MISSOULA MERCANTILE COMPANY BADLY DAMAGED.

While most of her people were asleep and without attracting the attention of but half a hundred of those who were awake, Missoula suffered a \$25,000 loss by fire last night when a blaze from an unknown origin burned for two hours in the cold storage plant of the Missoula Mercantile company located at the west end of the Northern Pacific yards, where the Bitter Root track leaves the main line.

The fire is a mystery, made doubly unusual because of an explosion that preceded it and which blew a section of the east wall near the north end of the building out even with the ceiling for a distance of about 20 feet. It could not be determined last night if the fire caused the explosion or if the explosion caused the fire. The eruption took place between the top of the sugar bin in the northeast corner of the building and the roof. It was a place hard to reach so that it would have been almost impossible for a charge of explosives to have been planted there by a human. Besides, the plant was securely locked and the watchman, Del Griswell, was on duty and was so close to the building and near the corner where the explosion took place that he had a narrow escape with his life, falling bricks from the wall having struck him on the head and body. One man on the fore-head had to be sewed up and received a number of stitches. Griswell was hurried to the Sisters' hospital and at an early hour this morning was resting well and not believed to be seriously injured.

A Dangerous Situation.

The first intimation of anything being wrong came with the explosion that made a loud report and shook up the windows of the houses for several blocks around. The fire department was summoned immediately and after running out the hose carried by the auto truck, used another line. There is a big ammonia plant in the building and knowing that there would be a terrible explosion if the flames reached the tanks Chief Loftness and his men worked heroically to get to the blaze with three lines of water. The insulation of the cold storage rooms is of layers of felt between layers of lumber. This felt, once on fire, resulted in a terrible suffocating smudge that was almost impossible for the firemen to face. But somehow they managed the fight so that the blaze was soon smothered, only a few little shoots of red having gotten through the roof to endanger the new grain elevator that has just been finished alongside the cold storage plant. It was 1 a. m. before the fire was entirely soaked out and in the process much damage was done the stock held by the plant, especially in the basement.

Estimated Damage.

Asked concerning the damage, Tyler B. Thompson, manager of the Missoula Mercantile company's grocery department, stated that it was very hard to make a close estimate. There are about 700 sacks of sugar in one bin over which the fire sated and this in itself is considerable of a loss. The

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WILLIAM T. JEROME TO ASSIST YORK STATE

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 22.—William Travers Jerome, former district attorney of New York county, was appointed to represent the state in procuring the return of Harry K. Thaw to the jurisdiction of New York. He was selected because of his familiarity with the Thaw case, gained in the two murder trials and as special counsel in several of Thaw's attempts to establish his sanity.

It is not the present intention to send Mr. Jerome to Canada but to employ his services in procuring the extradition of Thaw from any state to which he may be deported from Canada. Attorney General Carmody said tonight he had reason to believe Vermont would be the state to which the fugitive would be returned and that the date would be next Wednesday.

Earlier in the day a similar announcement was made by Acting Governor Glynn and was embodied in a telegram to Governor Fletcher of Vermont, requesting his good offices in effecting an extrajudicial return of Thaw to New York.

Neither Mr. Glynn or Mr. Carmody would discuss the source of their information, but it is known that the attorney general was in telephone communication with his deputy in Canada.

Both gubernatorial candidates received communications from federal authorities respecting the Thaw extradition. Secretary of State Bryan telegraphed to Mr. Sulzer and wrote to Mr. Glynn, apprising them that he

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Helena, Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Every part of Montana will be benefited, it is claimed, by the reduced rates ordered by the state railroad commission today to take effect within 20 days on shipments of fruit and vegetables within the state. Growers will be able to market produce that in past seasons has rotted on the ground and consumers should be given the benefit of the reductions.

On carload shipments of vegetables from the Bitter Root over the Northern Pacific the average reduction is 25 per cent; on green fruit the reduction is about 5 per cent and the average reduction on apples from Bitter Root points is 16 per cent, carload rates. Apples from Carbon county points are reduced on the average 28 per cent; from Columbus and Park City, 6 per cent. Rates on vegetables from Carbon county points are reduced on an average of 22 per cent from Columbus and Park City, 24 per cent; from Miles City and Forsyth, 25 per cent.

AN ALL-DAY BATTLE.

Laredo, Texas, Aug. 22.—Five hundred federal and 300 constitutionalists fought a 12-hour battle near Camaron, Mexico, 45 miles south of the border today and when fighting was temporarily suspended at nightfall neither side had gained a decisive advantage. The federalists used machine guns with telling effect on the constitutionalist cavalry.

HUERTA READY TO BACK DOWN

INTIMATIONS ARE MADE THAT HE WILL RECONSIDER AMERICAN PROPOSALS.

HIS MONEY ABOUT GONE

Lack of Funds and Threatened Mutiny of His Army Are Driving Mexican President to Terms—Wilson Determined to Chase Him From Office—Message to Congress May Not Come.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The Huerta administration in Mexico may reconsider its rejection of the American proposals to restore peace in Mexico and arrange a new basis for negotiations with the United States before next Tuesday. Strong intimations to this effect reached official Washington tonight along with the information that the financial condition of the Huerta administration was such that a crisis was imminent.

Should the Huerta government decide to enter into a new basis of discussion, withdrawing its contentions as expressed in the Huerta note replying to the proposals communicated by John Lind, President Wilson in all probability will not read his message to congress on Tuesday as he intended to do. The president will make an effort today to prevent the house from adjourning until Tuesday. It had been supposed that he would read the message on Monday and would ask the leaders in congress to arrange a joint session. Failure to send any word to the leaders was interpreted in official circles as meaning that the United States had practically given the Huerta government until Tuesday to make up its mind finally what it would do.

Want Huerta Eliminated.

It is positively reiterated that the United States will continue to insist on the resignation of Provisional President Huerta or an announcement of his intention to do so, as well as his elimination from the presidential race in the subsequent election.

President Wilson spent the day in studying the notes exchanged by Mr. Lind and Huerta and preparing his message.

The message may be modified by dispatches received Tuesday and there also is the possibility that the president may find it expedient to postpone delivery of the document.

Europe at Work.

European diplomatic pressure, it is known here, is quietly at work in Mexico City in an effort to convince Huerta officials that the policy of the United States is being approved abroad. It is learned also from authoritative sources that the Huerta government is facing a mutinous army, dissatisfied because to pay has been forthcoming for weeks.

AT CHEYENNE.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Aug. 22.—Secretary of War Garrison, General Wood and their party arrived here tonight. After an inspection of Fort D. A. Russell and the Tule mountain maneuver grounds they will attend the Frontier day celebration tomorrow and dine with Governor Carey. Early Sunday they will depart for Denver.

FIGHT ON WOOL IS STUBBORN ALL DAY

WARREN, PENROSE AND LA FOLLETTE TALK AGAINST SCHEDULE "K."

TARIFF FOR POLITICS

Wyoming Senator Characterizes Measure as Vote-Getter—Democratic Leaders Smile Complacently at Division Among Republicans—'We Have the Votes,' They Say.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Stubborn opposition to free raw wool and the radical reductions in woolen manufactures proposed in the democratic tariff bill was conducted by republicans of the senate all day today and will be resumed tomorrow.

Senators Warren of Wyoming and Penrose of Pennsylvania addressed the senate for six hours, the former characterizing the proposed bill as "a tariff for politics only instead of for revenue only" and the latter asserting that the woolen schedule as prepared by the majority was "distinctly against America and for Europe."

In the midst of the day's discussion Senator La Follette of Wisconsin introduced the third minority substitute for the woolen schedule, the others having been proposed by Senators Penrose and Smoot. The wide divergence of minority views on the subject of wool demonstrated in this tribinate of measures was pleasing to democratic leaders, who confidently asserted that they did not need to talk because "we have the votes."

Though an effort will be made by Chairman Simmons of the Finance committee to get a vote on the woolen schedule by tomorrow night, the vote may be postponed until next week, Senators Smoot and La Follette planning to debate the measure at length.

La Follette's Amendment. Senator La Follette's proposal was distinguished chiefly by its rate of 15 per cent ad valorem on first-grade raw wool, a rate originally suggested by democrats of the house ways and means committee before President Wilson insisted upon free raw wool.

The La Follette measure also proposed that second-grade raw wools be free and would provide ad valorem rates of specific rates, though contrary to arrangements of the tariff board and the views of his republican colleagues, Senators Root and Penrose.

"From the British standpoint," said Senator Penrose of the democratic woolen schedule, "this bill is almost too good to be believed. It actually carries many rates of duty much lower and more favorable to British interests than the New York importers representing the foreign manufacturers dared to ask for."

His own amendment, Senator Penrose believed to be in accordance with the desire of a great majority of the American people for protection, while making considerable reductions from the existing law. "These are real substantial reductions," he said, "but it is believed the rates proposed will save wool growing and manufacturing from serious injury."

Producers Will Lose.

Senator Warren in a lengthy analysis of the wool situation declared that under the proposed law, immense sums would be lost to the producers of raw wool without benefit to the consumer. Senator Lippitt of Rhode Island criticized the action of the finance committee majority in reducing the house rate of 15 per cent on combed wool or tops to 5 per cent a rate which leaders today said they had reason to believe would be changed to 10 per cent when the bill reached a vote. The Rhode Island senator asserted the domestic cost of converting raw wool into combed tops was nearly twice as much as the foreign cost.

ADMIRAL'S INJURIES FATAL.

Pola, Austria, Aug. 22.—Admiral Count von Wellerburg of the Austrian navy died today as the result of injuries received yesterday by the bursting of the breech block of a gun which was being tested.

VICTIM OF BURLESON'S GUILLE WILL TAKE MATTER TO COURTS

San Francisco, Aug. 22.—A fight, the outcome of which will be watched with interest by civil service employes throughout the country, will be made by Harry G. Hall, present postal inspector of the San Francisco division, against his appointment to the field inspectorship at Denver.

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