

# TOWN TOPICS GUILTY; DEUEL VERY ILL

## SCYTHIAN CASE GOES INTO THE HANDS OF JURY

Judge Makes no Reference to Story that Cardiff Set Boat on Fire. NOT AN ISSUE OF TRIAL. Only Point for the Jury Was Whether Parker Collected Too Much.

After hearing the charge of Judge Wheeler in the United States Circuit Court, the jury this afternoon retired to consider its verdict in the case of the London and Liverpool and Globe Insurance Company against Mr. Charles T. Parker. The company sued to recover a rebate of \$7,000 from the \$21,000 which the company paid as its share of the loss occasioned by the burning of the yacht Scythian, owned by Mrs. Parker, who, as Miss Susan Day, was a famous yachtswoman.

During the trial of the case Capt. Cardiff testified that he had set fire to the yacht at the request of Dr. Parker, on the promise that he was to receive \$10,000. Because this was brought out on cross-examination by Dr. Parker's own lawyer, the physician was not allowed to deny it under oath.

Attacks the Parkers. Before Judge Wheeler delivered his charge he made a scathing reference to the former boatwain, Herbert W. Nickerson, with which the latter bought a half interest in a fishing sloop. It was strange, he said, that this man was not made until after, as Nickerson had claimed, an offer of \$2,000 to \$4,000, from Capt. Cardiff. And it was singular, Mr. Cardom said, that the mortgage on the fishing sloop had never been recorded.

"The mortgage was non-existent," Nickerson might have said his boat at any time. Why this interest in Nickerson? I'll tell you, Nickerson was a valuable man to the Parkers. They had to take care of him.

While the lawyer was speaking Mrs. Parker moved forward to the very edge of her chair, clenched her fist and engaged her knees. She was quietly restrained by one of her counsel. Dr. Parker, who sat beside her, was at times hardly less interested from time to time in the scathing remarks.

The Judge's Charge. After Mr. Cardom finished his argument Judge Wheeler delivered the charge to the jury. The judge said that the only issue was did the defendant obtain some money from the plaintiff, which, under the law, she is not entitled to keep? If she has such money, the plaintiff is entitled to recover. If not there is no case. If the settlement was made on a compromise basis, that ought to end the case. Then there should be a verdict for the defendant, Mrs. Parker.

If the settlement was actually based on the inventories, then the jury must consider the merit of the claims—of the inventory of the plaintiff, Mrs. Parker, and the inventory of the defendant, Mrs. Parker, which was worth \$10,000 worth of articles which were supposed to be burned. The jury must find for the insurance company the value of such articles. But no attest could be made for the articles, for which Mrs. Parker says no claim was made, and were actually burned. The claims cannot be revised.

In mention of the burning of the ship as charged by Capt. Cardiff was made in the charge.

Hill Ordered South. THIRACA, N. Y., JAN. 25.—W. E. Hill, Chairman of the Grievance Committee of the State Bar Association, announced that at the request of David B. Hill, who has been ordered south for his political views, because of ill-health, the investigation by the Grievance Committee of Mr. Hill's relations to the Equitable Life Insurance Society will be postponed until his return some time in August.

Irving's Will Probated. LONDON, JAN. 25.—The probate of the late Sir Henry Irving's will was granted today. It divides his property equally between two sons and Mrs. Bertha B. Arka, a woman counsel, who has been named a beneficiary, and who has written on this topic in American as well as English papers.

## WALDO VISITS CHINATOWN AND SEES THE TONGS

Police Deputy Inspects District and Meets Its Rival Leaders. COMES AWAY PUZZLED. Tom Lee Tells of the Virtuous On Leongs; Mock Duck Denies It.

Rhinelandner Waldo, First Deputy Commissioner of Police, made a morning call in Chinatown today and interviewed the leaders of the two warring tongs. It was a satisfactory excursion, the Commissioner said afterward, for he had heard both sides of the dispute that has split the Chinese colony asunder.

Deputy Waldo went slumming under the guidance of Capt. Tracey, of the Elizabeth street station, and Detective Andrew McDonald. He took a keen and spirited interest in all he saw, asking many questions of his guides and of the Chinamen he met. Mr. Waldo drove to the Elizabeth street station in a light wagon, turned the blade of his gold shield on the captain and stated his mission.

Capt. Tracey put on his gladdest uniform and gladdest buttons. He walked on one side and Detective McDonald on the other side of the rear of the Rhinelandner. Followed by an admiring crowd of Italian children and an organ grinder, the trio marched with military stride to the official fastness of the On Leong Tong, at No. 18, Mott street. There the investigators found Tom Lee, head of the order, and his secretary, Jim Gum.

Tom Lee reluctantly withdrew his eyes from the portrait of a large Chinese girl he was studying in the Police Gazette and turned to meet the Deputy Commissioner.

"Chained to meet you, sir," said Mr. Waldo.

"Happy meet you," returned the venerable Tom Lee.

"Me sloppy, too," chimed in Jim Gum, heady with a corner of the room with his forehead.

"I believe you are the leader of the On Leong Tong," said the Deputy Commissioner, smiling pleasantly.

Tom Lee responded in virtuous tones, and his spokesman, who had been talking to the Commissioner, stepped forward and introduced the Deputy Commissioner to the On Leong Tong, which was organized many years ago to establish laundry taxes for Chinatown.

Arriving at No. 18 Bowery, Mock Duck was not found, but Wong Get, his partner in the visit sent for him. While waiting for Mock Duck, Mr. Waldo crossed inquired of Wong Get, who replied to every question with the non-committal phrase:

## TWO ATHLETIC STARS WHO WILL BE AT COLUMBIA GAMES TO-NIGHT.



## ROOSEVELT SENT BACK FADS AND FANCIES.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—In view of the testimony of Col. Mann, of Town Topics in the libel suit against Norman Haggood, that the President had received free a copy of Fads and Fancies, the following letter was made public at the White House to-day: "The White House, Washington, Nov. 1, 1905. "Sir: The President directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter running as follows: "Col. Mann's compliments to the President, and requests the honor of acceptance of the work, Fads and Fancies, for representation in which the President was pleased to give a photograph to Mrs. Hampton some three years ago, and which is but just completed. The volume is sent to-day by Adams Express. "October the 20th, Nineteen Hundred and Five. "And to say that, as Mrs. Hampton has already publicly stated, the President did not give any photograph to her, for publication in the work in question, and that he knew nothing of the book, of the fact that Mrs. Hampton wished the photograph for use therein. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES THE PRESIDENT CANNOT ACCEPT THE BOOK, AND IT IS ACCORDINGLY RETURNED TO YOU HEREBY. "Yours truly, WILLIAM LOEB, Jr., Secretary to the President. "COL. WILLIAM D'A. MANN, Editor Town Topics, 62 Fifth Avenue, N. Y."

STOLE TO GET A TROUSSEAU FOR WEDDING. Plea of Young Woman Arrested in Store as Shoplifter.

Tearfully confessing that she was stealing underwear and ornaments for her wedding trousseau, and that her friend was helping her, Lottie Vedder, twenty-six years old and pretty, was treated with Florence King, a dashy brunette, in a Sixth avenue department store late this afternoon by Harry Blades, the store detective. Tucked in their shirt waists under their coats and in their muffs they carried two suit valises, two cut glass perfume bottles, boxes of face powder, bottles of toilet water, and more than a dozen pieces of lingerie.

LAWYER GETS NEW TRIAL. Appellate Division Says Verdict for Damages Was Illegal.

A decision was handed down to-day by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court reversing an order of the lower courts denying a new trial to Vincent W. Woytack, a lawyer, charged with conspiracy in procuring false street names.

Two Babies Burned. PHILADELPHIA, JAN. 25.—Two babies, Robert and Isabelle Wells, aged three and two years, respectively, who were sleeping in a cradle in a room in the Philadelphia Hotel, were burned to death today.

## JEROME TO TAKE TOWN TOPICS CASE TO GRAND JURY

Indictments Expected from Revelations Made at Haggood Trial—Rumor that Justice Deuel Will Resign from Bench.

It took a jury less than seven minutes to find Norman Haggood not guilty of criminal libel to-day. The verdict means the jury believed Haggood was justified and spoke the truth when he wrote in Collier's that Justice Joseph M. Deuel, of Special Sessions Court, was an editor and part owner of Town Topics, "a paper which made a business of printing scandal about those who were not cowardly enough to pay for silence."

There are excellent reasons for believing that to-day's verdict fore-shadows prosecution for blackmail against persons connected with Town Topics and the other publications in which Col. William d'Alton Mann and Justice Deuel have for years been interested. Among a mass of rumors about the courts to-day these two stand out most prominently.

That the District Attorney, who prosecuted Haggood, will ask the February Grand Jury to indict at least three persons for blackmail, basing his request upon the facts brought out in the trial which ended to-day.

When the jurors brought their verdict to Justice Fitzgerald, Justice Deuel, who caused Haggood's indictment for criminal libel, was in bed at his home, crushed and prostrated. He had to leave court yesterday afternoon, and early to-day he broke down entirely. He may never again resume his judicial functions.

District Attorney Jerome exhibited almost as much pleasure as the lawyers for Haggood when the foreman of the jury declared "Not guilty." He made an attempt to disguise his feelings, although a half hour before he had occupied the somewhat contradictory position of asking the jury to find Haggood guilty. In his closing argument he urged the conviction of Haggood, and early to-day he asked the editor had failed to object to Deuel with the blackmailing which went on for years at the Town Topics office.

A leading lawyer of the New York bar said this when he heard the verdict: "Jerome missed the golden opportunity of his life in this case. When Col. Mann left the stand, after those amazing admissions of his, Jerome should have moved for the dismissal of the indictment then and taken all the witnesses straight to the Grand Jury room in order that no time might have been lost in securing indictments."

A member of the jury told an Evening World reporter that the twelve men could just as easily have reached a verdict without leaving their seats. Their minds were practically made up to one conclusion after Justice Deuel himself had testified.

In summing up Mr. Jerome admitted that the man last letters in which they said they were out of work, had no money and had decided to commit suicide.

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LATE WINNERS AT FAIR GROUNDS. Fifth—Southern Cross 5-1. Goldsmith 1-1 place, Invincible. Sixth—Los Angeline 10-1, Consuelo II. 1-1 place, Dolindo. AT CITY PARK. Fifth—Pat Bulger 7-10, Auroceiver 8-5 place, Lyman Hay. Sixth—Twin Brady 5-1, Tiohimingo 4-1 place, Brush Up. Seventh—Tregon 5-1, Elliott 2-5 place, Orient.

FIGHT OFFICIALS HELD FOR TRIAL. Magistrate Crane this afternoon held the referee, the two timekeepers, the ticket seller and the two alleged pugilists who were figuring in a "stag social" of the Colma Athletic Club at Nos. 158-160 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street the other night when the police dropped in. The six men must give bond for \$200 each for trial on the charge of violating section 458 of the Penal Code, which calls it a misdemeanor for any one to charge admission to sparring exhibitions.

## VAUGHN WINS TEN MILE AT ORMOND

Cedrino Second in Auto Race for the Middle-Weight Championship.

ORMOND, Fla., Jan. 25.—Racing in the great automobile tournament on the beach here was continued to-day. The ten-mile middle-weight championship was won by Vaughn in 7 minutes. Cedrino was second in 7m. 50s. Vaughn is driving the cars which Henry was expected to run before he was disqualified.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 25.—Leo Livingston and W. A. Sewell, steersmen, both of Baltimore, were found dead today in a room in a boarding house, No. 233 Spruce street. The gas was turned on.

The men left letters in which they said they were out of work, had no money and had decided to commit suicide.

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SENATE FAVORS THE STATEHOOD BILL. WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The Senate Committee on Territories has agreed to report favorably the Statehood bill as passed by the House. Some minor amendments have been made to the bill.

MORE BOXERS DISCHARGED. Magistrate Moss Couldn't Hold Longmire A. C. Officials.

Mike Newman, the referee of the Longmire Athletic Club, and the two boxers who were arrested last night were discharged this morning by Magistrate Moss, who decided that the boxers were legal, as in order to witness them one must be a member of the organization. The fee charged was not an admission but dues, as specifically stated on the application blanks.

Aeronaut Sponsor Dead. LONDON, JAN. 25.—Stanley Spencer, the aeronaut, died at Notts this afternoon, while on his way home from India.

SHONTS STILL GETS BIG PAY FROM RAILROAD. Panama Board Head Admits Clover Leaf Gives Him \$12,000 a Year.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Theodore P. Shonts, Chairman of the Isthmian Canal Commission, to-day testified before the Senate Committee on Inter-oceanic Canal, that he is drawing \$12,000 a year from the Clover Leaf Railroad.

He receives \$30,000 from the Government. His railroad connection. The Senate Committee resumed its hearing on the Panama Canal to-day and heard Mr. Shonts behind closed doors.

The admission by Mr. Shonts was a surprise, as it was the general impression that he had ceased to receive salary from the Clover Leaf.