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## LAWYER'S ILLNESS CAUSES A HALT IN TRIAL OF T. J. HAINS

### Prisoner's Chief Counsel Stricken During Morning Session—Brother of Prisoners on Stand to Prove Captain's Alleged Insanity.

#### "Will Could Have Done No Wrong," the Widow of Annis Declares.

Mrs. Annis this afternoon gave out the following statement: "My confidence in Will is not shaken in the least, despite the story of his wrongdoing that I heard related by the Hains servants and Major Hains on the witness stand today. I believe he was true to me; no one can make me believe any different. "I do not want to say too much now, because I do not want to appear in the light of attempting to prejudice the jury. Maybe the stories are true, but I cannot and will not believe them. "About Mrs. Claudia Hains I have nothing to say. How can I when I am positive that Will's relations with her were entirely proper and that there was nothing wrong between them? My attitude toward her is clearly defined when I declare that I always had implicit confidence in my husband and his absolute fidelity, and no one can breathe a word against his memory that I can be made to believe. Will was at all times a good husband and a kind father, and one so good as he could not have been guilty of the things they charge. "I have given my word to Mr. Darrin not to discuss the case, but I think that it is my right now that I defend the memory of my husband and the father of my children to this extent."

Mrs. William E. Annis, widow of murdered William E. Annis, sat like a figure carved from black marble in the old Town Hall at Flushing to-day, listening while witnesses for the defense in the trial of Thornton Jenkins Hains bedaubed the name of her dead husband with vile scandals.

It was a strange position—sitting an attentive, slightly contemptuous listener, while two negroes, a coal-black one and a light-yellow one, told the grimy details of Annis's alleged intrigue with Claudia Libbie Hains at Fort Hamilton, an intrigue, according to the claims of the defense, which drove Capt. Peter Hains crazy and led him to shoot Annis to death last August at the Bayside Yacht Club.

Mrs. Annis was smiling unconcernedly when she left the court-house. To a reporter who asked her for an expression of opinion regarding the testimony she gave a woman's answer—it wasn't true because she didn't believe it.

Major John Hains was on the stand telling of his brother's so-called insanity when Lawyer John F. McIntyre's sudden illness caused an adjournment of proceedings until to-morrow. He, his father, old Gen. Hains and his aged mother will be to-morrow's chief witnesses. Then will come a recess over New Year's and Saturday. Thornton Hains, the prisoner at the bar, who has been rather lost sight of the last two days in a weight of testimony dealing with Peter Hains, will take the chair to explain away, if he can, his share in the shooting of Annis.

Minnie Bohne, the black cook who served Capt. Peter Hains's family while he was in the Philippines, and who, on his return, told him the story that helped to drive him to alleged insanity and from that to murder, sat in the witness chair—a big ebony figure in her black gloves, her black furs, her black hat and her black skin—in the morning session opened.

Justice Crane announced as soon as he mounted the bench that he would no longer exclude witnesses for the State who had already testified, thus letting in a lot of members of the Bayside Yacht Club.

**Finds Sne's Mistaken.**  
The Justice, who apparently didn't care deeply for the class of evidence which the defense was now offering, said he would not permit Chief Counsel John F. McIntyre to go over any points already touched on in the preliminary examination of the negroes or to ask any leading questions. Something settled by this, Mr. McIntyre started in by causing Minnie, the cook, to say that she had been mistaken last evening when she swore that it was on Friday night, May 29, that she first revealed to Capt. Hains what she says had been working on in his household in his absence. The testimony of yesterday was probably

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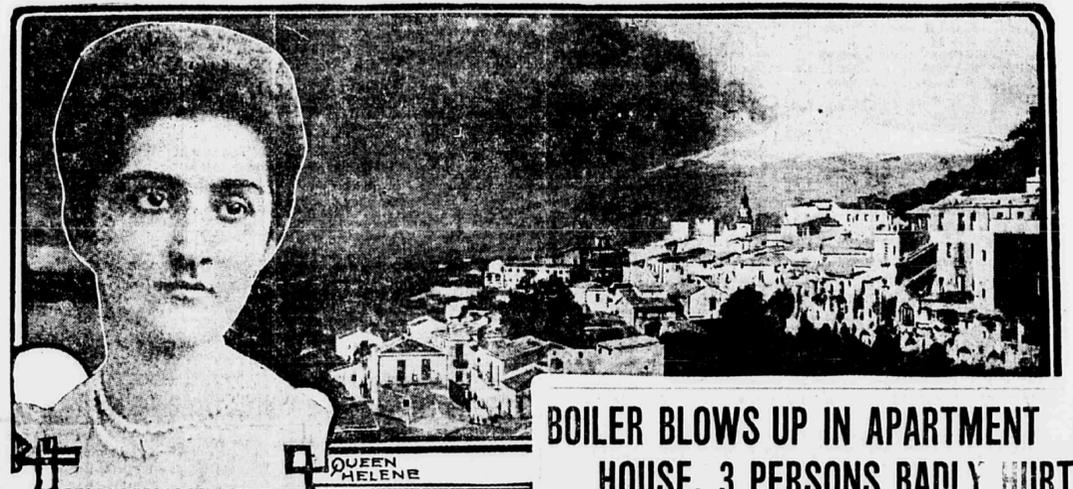
### ROUSING NEW YEAR'S SALE.

To-day and to-morrow, men's suits at King's, 212 Broadway, opp. City Hall, men's blue suits, silk lined overcoats and Tuxedo suits at great bargains. \$10 boys imported black Thibet suit, and \$20 for good all wool overcoat, worth \$30. Tuxedo suits at \$14 and \$16. Elegant worsted suits and fancy patterns at \$7.50, value \$15. Fine overcoats for men \$25, silk lined other bargains at King's, 212 Broadway, opp. City Hall, 9 a. m.

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# NEW SHOCKS TERRIFY ITALY'S RUINED CITIES

## Queen Who Aids Earthquake Sufferers; Cathedral in the City of Catania



Queen Helene is shown in a portrait, looking towards the camera. Below her is a photograph of the Cathedral in Catania, a large, ornate building with a prominent dome and spires. The caption reads "QUEEN HELENE" and "CATHEDRAL IN CATANIA".

### DOLLY BUTTMAN WINS AT SAVANNAH

Rain Affects Attendance but More Horses Are Arriving Every Day.

### FIRE HORSES BOLT INTO A MEAT SHOP

Dash Through a Plate Glass Window and Are Cut by Broken Glass.

### DR. BULL'S CONDITION

Dr. Gerardus H. W. Bull, who is attending Dr. William T. Bull at the Hotel Plaza, reported this morning that the physician had passed a very comfortable night and was resting easily.

### Last Two Days of Big Sale.

\$10 Men's Winter Overcoats \$4.95

### THE HUB CLOTHING CORNER.

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## BOILER BLOWS UP IN APARTMENT HOUSE, 3 PERSONS BADLY HURT

### Big Shaft Travels Through Hall and Bursts Into Room Where Janitor and Two Children Are Sitting—Panic Among Tenants in Brooklyn Home.

Frederick Muntze, janitor of the fashionable apartment house at No. 101 Quiney street, Brooklyn, and his two little girls—Elizabeth, five years old, and Mabel, four years old—were dangerously hurt this afternoon by the explosion of a boiler in the cellar of the building. A two hundred pound fragment of iron was hurled into the janitor's apartment, wrecking it and piling Muntze and his children under a heap of debris. Elizabeth's skull was fractured and Mabel was internally injured. The janitor was also internally injured. The children were taken to the Cumberland Street Hospital and their father to the Swedish Hospital.

## STABS AGED MOTHER TO DEATH THEN TRIES TO END OWN LIFE

### Arthur Trotter, Believed to Be Insane, Caught as He Leaps From Second Story Window of Home and Is Taken to Bellevue.

Mrs. Anna Trotter, aged seventy years, of No. 23 West Eighteenth street, was murdered this afternoon by her son Arthur, who then jumped from a second-story window. His fall was broken by a shed, and before he could escape he was placed under arrest by Detectives Andrew Broome and John Sullivan, of the West Twentieth street police station.

Added Panic in Messina, Palermo and Pizzo—Syracuse and Island of Ustica Also Shaken, While Fears Are Felt for Aeolian Group.

### 115,000 DEAD, OFFICIAL COUNT; KING AND QUEEN SEE HORRORS.

### Messina and Reggio Like Pompeii and 35 Other Cities and Towns Wiped Out—National Board Begins Work of Relieving Thousands of Sufferers.

Every hour adds to the number killed in the earthquake in Italy. The total is now estimated all the way from 100,000 to 200,000. There have been new shocks at Palermo, Pizzo, Messina, Syracuse and the Island of Ustica, and it is feared the Aeolian Islands, a populous group north of Sicily, have also met disaster. Thirty-five cities and towns have been wiped out, and desolation spreads over an area of 4,400 square miles. Only meagre details have been received from Reggio, which has been destroyed. Fire is still raging in Messina. In addition to great suffering there is lack of food in that city. The fate of thousands of outlying towns and villages is not known, it being impossible to reach those places. Fifty thousand injured are being taken to Naples alone. Other thousands will be cared for in various cities. Many of the survivors are half demented by the horrors they have experienced. The King and Queen of Italy are at Messina doing heroic work rescuing victims from the ruins and aiding the sufferers. A national board of relief has been formed in Rome, and all nations are sending generous help, the American Red Cross Society being prominent. Pope Pius has begun the distribution of church funds for the sufferers, the bishops and clergy in the stricken zone acting as agents. Gov. Hughes has appealed for contributions, as have the Governors of several other States. Washington has received word that American Consul Cheney and his wife were killed in Messina. It is feared many other Americans shared the same fate. Relief work has been started on a comprehensive scale, but the lack of transit facilities is a serious bar. Robbers, it is feared, have carried off millions in treasure at Messina. The property loss will run into the hundreds of thousands. Ten thousand troops have been detailed to bury the dead, as a pestilence now menaces the country.

ROME, Dec. 30.—New earthquake shocks at Messina, Palermo, Syracuse and Pizzo and violent quakes on the Island of Ustica, forty miles off the north coast of Sicily, have created further panic at those places. The rumblings of the Volcanoes Stromboli and Mount Etna give added terror.

In addition cable communication with the Aeolian Islands, twenty-five miles north of Sicily, is interrupted. It is evident that the line is broken, and it is feared that the islands also have been devastated. The largest of the group is the Island of Lipari, and the capital town has a population of 12,000.

### CALAMITY STILL GROWING.

The details of one of the most appalling disasters recorded in the history of the world are being unfolded in the despatches coming in to-day from Calabria and Sicily. It is a story of indescribable horror and calamity. The earthquake of Monday morning wrought havoc and destruction that cannot be estimated. Italy is crushed by a visitation described as the greatest disaster in the memory of man, yet the full measure of the catastrophe has not yet been taken.

The calamity grows with the receipt of every fresh despatch from the south. Calabria is dotted with small towns and villages, and new localities are reporting almost hourly casualty lists that run from the hundreds into the thousands.

It is still impossible to reach any accurate estimate of the dead, but the total number is placed anywhere between 100,000 and 150,000. In some quarters, it is declared, that the final numbers will be as high as 200,000 persons. One-half of the population of Calabria and Western Sicily apparently has perished.

### DEMENTED SURVIVORS WANDER NAKED.

Thousands of wounded persons, men, women and children, are dying to-day in the ruins. It is utterly impossible to succor them all. They cannot be reached before death puts an end to their misery. Numberless wounded of the survivors who have made their way to other