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GOFF HIMSELF TAKES UP INQUIRY INTO STORY THAT ROBIN COULD FREE HYDE

Calls Keeper Who Said Bank-Wrecker Told Sister Ex-Chamberlain Was Innocent.

WHAT CELL LOOKS LIKE.

Quarters "De Luxe" Are 12 Feet Square With No Carpets or Rugs.

Stories that keepers and "trustees" in the Tombs prison had overheard Joseph G. Robin make statements that would prove the innocence of former City Chamberlain Charles H. Hyde will be investigated to-morrow morning by Supreme Court Justice Goff, before whom Hyde was convicted and by whom he will be sentenced.

Assistant District Attorney John Kirkland Clark to-day summoned to his office all the Tombs keepers who had ever had dealings with Robin and cross-examined them at length regarding the conversations they had overheard. Several of them received subpoenas to appear before Justice Goff. It is probable they will later be sent before the John Doe Grand Jury.

The stories that keepers and "trustees" in the Tombs had overheard Robin tell his sister, Dr. Louise Rabonovitch, that Hyde was innocent appeared in an alleged interview with Deputy Commissioner of Corrections Wright, who was quoted as adding that he was working for the freedom of the convicted former City Chamberlain.

Mr. Wright has denied that he said keepers and "trustees" could tell stories that would free Hyde, but the District Attorney's office took up an investigation of the newspaper interview and the subpoenas followed.

JUSTICE TO MAKE A RIGID INQUIRY.

Justice Goff has refused to be interviewed as to the Hyde case, but the fact that, following a conference between himself and District Attorney Whitman the Tombs keepers were summoned to appear before him to-morrow morning shows that he intends making a rigid investigation into the alleged interview and into the statement that Robin has been overheard to exonerate Hyde.

The John Doe grand jury, which had been excused until next Monday, was yesterday hastily summoned to appear for to-morrow morning, and it was reported at the Criminal Courts Building that the Hyde matter would be one of the matters Justice Goff will instruct the inquirers to investigate.

Here is an exact description of the "chambre de luxe" in the Tombs occupied by Hyde:

It is on the second floor of a small house situated in the center of the courtyard of the Tombs. The house was originally intended for the use of the warden. From it Warden Flynn and Van Der Carr went to their deaths. It was unsanitary, the physicians said.

Hyde occupied the second floor. He is not permitted to leave it. If he escaped from his cell he would find himself in a big courtyard from which only three men have been known to gain their liberty since the Tombs was rebuilt.

The second floor of the little house

400 GIRLS DASH IN PANIC FROM FIRE IN A FACTORY.

Blaze, Caused by a Carelessly Tossed Cigarette, Is Soon Put Out.

Four hundred girls employed on the fifth and sixth stories of the building at Nos. 462-464 Broadway, fled in panic this afternoon when a small fire was discovered on the sixth floor.

The girls are employed by Morris Levy & Co., clothing manufacturers, and Gutman Bros., underwear manufacturers. The fire was started by a carelessly tossed cigarette and was extinguished with trifling loss. More than one hundred of the girls clambered down the big fire escapes on the Grand street side of the big building, while the others took to the stairs and elevators.

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GREECE MUST SIGN THE ARMISTICE OR FIGHT ALONE

Other Balkan Nations Decide to Settle Agreement With the Turks To-Day.

PARIS, Dec. 2.—The armistice will be signed to-day at Bosphorus, on the Chatalja lines, with or without Greece being a party to it, according to information obtained from authoritative quarters here. Greece will be left to continue the war alone against Turkey if she so desires.

It is said that the other envoys are weary by the delays interposed by Greece and that they have decided to settle the matter to-day.

PARIS, Dec. 2.—The French Government took the lead to-day in warning the Balkan alliance that their petty quarrels over peace negotiations must not become an open breach. M. Raymond Poincaré, the Foreign Minister, formally notified the Greek Government, through Athos Romanos, the Greek minister to France, that the bickering between Greece and Bulgaria must be settled.

ATHENS, Dec. 2.—There was a meeting of the Greek Cabinet to-day, headed about with great secrecy. King George and his advisers were closeted for several hours, and at the close of the conference two messages were despatched to M. Grynaris, Greek minister to Turkey, who is representing this Government in the peace negotiations. The contents of the messages were not made known.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Adrianople was the obstacle which threatened to wreck the parleys between the plenipotentiaries of Turkey and of the Balkan Allies when they first opened at Baghiche on the Chatalja lines and Adrianople appeared again at the end of the negotiations as the most serious hindrance to the attainment of an agreement.

During the first session of the delegates the Turks absolutely refused to consider the surrender of the strongly-held of Adrianople and when the Bulgarians subsequently yielded to them on this point the Greek delegates shrank back and demanded time in which to submit the question to their Government at Athens.

Greece apparently anticipates that in case Turkey ultimately retains her northern fortress Bulgaria will more actively dispute the Hellenic claims to the possession of Salonica.

VIENNA, Dec. 2.—Information reached here to-day that by hurried and secret troop mobilization Austria has massed 100,000 soldiers around Semlin, a town in Hungary just across the Save River from Belgrade, the Serbian capital.

WANTS \$50,000,000 BANKED BY TREASURY TO RELIEVE MONEY MARKET.

Congressman Levy Puts Bill in the House Ordering Immediate Deposits by Government.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—A resolution to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to deposit in national banks \$50,000,000 to relieve the "snarp" and active demand for money was introduced to-day by Representative Levy of New York, who declared it was prompted by the apparent lack of ready money in banking circles throughout the country.

WOMAN DIES AT 115.

(Special to The Evening World.)
PATERSON, Dec. 2.—Mrs. Eliza Thompson, colored, of No. 12 Lawrence Street, said to be the oldest woman in the country, died in the General Hospital here today. She was 115 years old. Her husband died two years ago at the age of 109 years.

She is survived by twenty-one children and more than a half hundred grandchildren.

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RAYMOND BELMONT FIRED BY ERLANGER FOR CO-RESPONDENT STOLEN FROM BRIDE, PRISONER IN A FLAT ACTRESS TESTIFIES

Showgirl Wife of Millionaire's Son Declares He Has Been Kidnapped.

DEPRIVED OF CLOTHES. "LIAR! BLACKMAILER!"

He Can't Come to Her, She Declares, Because Friends Won't Let Him.

Information reached Mrs. Ethel Loraine Belmont, to-day, that her twenty-four-year-old husband, Raymond, one of the two sons of August Belmont, is being held in restraint in a flat in the Tenderloin near Fifth avenue. Raymond, according to the information in Mrs. Belmont's possession, was kidnapped last Thursday morning, by five young men, one of whom was his brother, Morgan. He was thrown into an automobile, taken to the flat and stripped of his shoes and clothing. He has been there ever since. Young Mrs. Belmont now threatens to go on the stage as Mrs. Raymond Belmont—providing she can find a manager who will pay her \$1,000 a week.

It appears that not only August Belmont, but Morgan Belmont and nearly all young Raymond Belmont's friends opposed his marriage to Ethel Loraine. Raymond Belmont had known the girl for three years. Her real name is Ethel Linde.

At various times during the acquaintance between Raymond Belmont and Ethel Linde, friends of the Belmont family tried to stop the affair and there were several temporary separations, as a result of such efforts.

KEPT WEDDING SECRET FROM HIS CHUMS.

Persons acquainted with the facts say Ethel Loraine never ran after young Belmont or sought to entice him. He was genuinely smitten and appears to be in that condition up to this time. It was a frantic telegram from young Belmont that brought the young woman hurrying back from California, a short time ago.

As soon as Miss Loraine reached New York, Belmont proposed marriage, according to the stories current in the set in which they moved. However, he kept the matter from his brother and his young men chums and they knew nothing of the marriage ceremony in Jersey City, until a day or two after it had happened.

Raymond Belmont and his bride engaged an apartment in the Hotel Gosford at No. 236 West Fifty-fifth street. The young action of the Belmont family, who had been living on an allowance from his father, considerably overdrawn from his father, and at 2 o'clock in the morning of Thursday Raymond was convinced all the world was bright and gay and happy. He was happy and his friends pretended to be happy.

A-HA! HIBT! RAYMOND IS KIDNAPPED!

At about this time Morgan Belmont succeeded in getting Raymond out of the apartment without the knowledge of Raymond's wife. The four friends of young Belmont followed precipitately. There was an automobile close by and into the car bundled the five and young Raymond. Mrs. Raymond Belmont has not seen her husband since.

When Raymond awakened the next day and found himself stripped to his underwear in a strange flat he wanted to go to the Gosford and his bride. Five husky youths opposed him. They told him he might as well make up his mind he wasn't going back.

The ladder of the flat, according to the news that has leaked out, is plentifully supplied. One of Raymond Belmont's friends is always with him, and the five that rushed him from the Gosford spend their evenings in his company.

August Belmont, it is said, has not seen his son nor communicated with him since the Jersey City marriage.

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Actress Who Swears Erlanger Broke "Life Salary" Contract

"Life Contract" Broken to Please Miss Snowden, Edith St. Clair Charges.

"LIAR! BLACKMAILER!"

Also "Silly," "Bum Comedian" Entertain Big Crowd at Court Matinee.

"I told Mr. Erlanger that the reason he wouldn't give me any more work and refused to pay me was because Elphye Snowden objected and had told him not to give me further employment."

Thus Miss Edith St. Clair, a mutual comedy actress, who is suing Klaw & Erlanger to recover \$2,000 on a contract, explained on the witness stand in the Supreme Court this afternoon the severance of her business relations with the theatrical firm. Miss Snowden is the actress who was named as co-respondent when Mrs. Erlanger obtained a divorce, in White Plains, last year.

Miss St. Clair claims she entered into a contract with Erlanger in 1903 whereby she was to receive \$75 a week for the remainder of her life. This was stipulated in 1903 by a written agreement, by which she was to get \$2,000 in ten annual instalments. The defense contends this contract was obtained under duress and asserts that Max D. Steiner, counsel for Miss St. Clair threatened to reveal a "nasty scandal" which might have wrecked Erlanger's home.

SAYS SNOWDEN GIRL TOLD ERLANGER TO DISCHARGE HER.

Miss St. Clair testified that she went on the stage in 1904 and described how she had visited Mr. Erlanger's office after one of the defendants had seen her in the Harlem Opera House. Everything went along well, and in 1905, Erlanger placed her with "Miss Innocence," a Ziegfeld show.

"Mr. Erlanger paid me my salary every week," said the witness. "When I closed with Miss Innocence I waited for a week but didn't receive my salary from Mr. Erlanger. When I saw him he told me that he couldn't pay me any more and that I was no longer to work for him."

"I told Mr. Erlanger it was because Elphye Snowden told him not to give me any more employment. He said that while he wouldn't place me with one of his companies he was willing to aid me and suggested that I get up an act and go into vaudeville. He promised me the necessary backing, but I refused and left the office in anger."

Miss St. Clair then told how she went to see a lawyer, and later that the settlement agreement was drawn.

The arranging and other developments at yesterday's session of the trial before Justice Pendleton drew a great and disorderly crowd to court today. Epithets applied by counsel, snubs and retorts made between counsel and a general frequent his of revelations of incidents of naughty import caused several hundred persons to lay siege to the doors. Most of them stood in the hall, unable to hear or see any of the proceedings.

The jam was so dense that the four court officers could not get anyone in or out. They appealed to Capt. Tierney of the Elizabeth street station, and a squad of policemen cleared the halls.

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But the witness was ordered to answer. He said he was at Atlantic City and at Young's Hotel in the summer of 1908.

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U. S. GRAND JURY TAKES STEPS TO BREAK GRIP OF NEW HAVEN ROAD



THAWS WERE POOR PAY, EVELYN COMPLAINS ON THE WITNESS STAND

Didn't Pay Silversmiths' Bill Because Harry Ordered the Stuff, She Says.

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, looking plump and rosy and wearing a huge black and white plaid coat and black velvet hat, was a witness in Justice Lynch's part of the City Court to-day in an action brought against her by Gorham & Co. to recover \$2,941 which the silversmiths declare is due for goods delivered to Mrs. Thaw in 1905. She says the goods were sold to her husband, Harry K. Thaw.

The courtroom was jammed with spectators, witnesses and litigants looking in when they learned that the young woman was to take the witness stand.

A ruling by the Court admitted questions relative to Erlanger's domestic relations, which had caused a mistrial when the case was before Justice Goff a few months ago. Attorney Edmond Mooney won his point over the strenuous objections of W. T. Jerome, counsel for Erlanger.

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ROOSEVELT CHANGES MIND ABOUT FUSION, PRENDERGAST HINTS

Comptroller Lets the Cat Out of the Bag After Luncheon With Colonel.

Col. Roosevelt has changed his mind about the feasibility of the Progressive and Republican fusion in local and State politics at least. He's for fusion, just like Comptroller Prendergast.

The Comptroller allowed this fact to be drawn by inference from statements he made to-day after having been out to lunch with Col. Roosevelt at the latter's invitation. The Comptroller, who, as is well known, has been strong for fusion between the Progressive wing and regular Republicanism in local and State politics, seemed to be readily happy.

"I cannot reveal everything that transpired in my visit with the Colonel," he said when asked for particulars, "but I can say that the outlook for fusion in the next Mayoralty campaign was never brighter."

Just what arguments Prendergast used to win over the head of the Bull Moose party from his determined stand against fusion, voiced in his recent speech, the Comptroller would not say. He would not even admit that there had been an argument. He was just happy.

Mrs. Thaw?
"Oh, yes, certainly. I got many of them, almost daily. I got one of one sort or the other."

The lawyer then asked where she was living at present.

"I'm residing in an apartment, but please do not ask me about it, for you wouldn't bring down on me more?"

"No, very well, I won't," interrupted the lawyer.

"Thanks, you are good, and I'm going to help you all I can," replied the witness, smilingly her prettiest.

"Well, Mr. Thaw didn't pay this bill, did he?"

"Evidently he didn't," she answered.

U. S. GRAND JURY TAKES STEPS TO BREAK GRIP OF NEW HAVEN ROAD

Sweeping Decision of the Federal Supreme Court Followed by Inquiry Into Methods of Railroad Combine in New England.

RAILROAD OFFICIALS ARE CALLED TO TESTIFY

Proceedings Here the Result of a Threat by the Governor of Rhode Island Against the Roads.

Following close upon the Supreme Court's sweeping decision favoring the Southern Pacific from the Union Pacific system, and laying broader grounds for railroad prosecutions under the Sherman act, the December term of the Federal Grand Jury, sworn in before Judge Hough to-day, began an investigation into the alleged agreement between the New York, New Haven and Hartford and Grand Trunk Railroads to conserve a monopoly of transportation in New England.

To-day's investigation, which was cloaked with the greatest secrecy, follows the announced intention of the Governor of Rhode Island to seek Federal intervention in the matter of the understanding between the two railroads concerning the cornering of traffic and the more recent introduction into Congress of a resolution demanding that such an investigation should be made. It was reported in the Federal Building to-day that subpoenas had been served upon all of the high officials of both railroad systems.

ESTIMATE BOARD VOTES FOR PIERS 1,000 FEET LONG

Report of the Terminal Committee Indorsed To-Day at an Executive Session.

Piers to accommodate vessels from 1,000 to 1,200 feet in length in the North River were assented this afternoon when the Board of Estimate, in executive session in the office of the Mayor, endorsed the report of the Terminal Committee of the board. The report will be formally adopted without a dissenting vote, it is believed, at the public meeting of the board to be held on Thursday.

The report favors the immediate starting of improvement in the river front between West Forty-sixth street and West Fifty-third street, which will provide, by cutting inland, for piers 1,000 feet in length without any possible interference with the channel. These piers are to be constructed that they can be extended to 1,200 feet, or to a greater length if the steamship companies continue to extend the length of their boats. However, it is believed that the limit of length in steamship construction has already been reached.

The board also decided upon pier improvements from Thirtieth street south. The piers in this district will be lengthened as far as the regulations of the War Department permit, and those that are short are to be extended so that all piers in the lower river district will be uniform.

OFF TO RESCUE CREW.

Revenue Cutter Starts for Wrecked Barge With Men Aboard.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The Revenue cutter Onondaga reported to the Treasury Department that the barge Charnock with several men aboard was grounded one mile west of Cape Charles, Md., and in a dangerous position. The Onondaga is hastening to her aid.

Though in swearing in the December panel in his courtroom to-day Judge Hough, addressing George E. Wood, the foreman, declared that he knew of no special matter to come under the province of that body, hardly had the jury retired when Assistant United States Attorney Gen. Jesse C. Adkins, assigned to the investigation of the New England road, followed them into the jury room. Four witnesses are believed to have been examined.

VICE-PRESIDENT FITZ HUGH AN EARLY WITNESS.

E. H. Fitz Hugh, Vice-President of the Grand Jury, was one of the first witnesses to enter the jury room. After him followed Vice-President Thomas E. Byrnes of the New York, New Haven & Hartford and Alexander H. Cochran, a director of the latter system.

Mr. Byrnes and Mr. Cochran, the two New Haven officials, are known to have been under subpoena to testify before the November Term of the Federal Grand Jury at the time Attorney-General Wickham withdrew the matter of the alleged railroad combination from the consideration of that body upon President Roosevelt's promise, as known to have been under subpoena to testify before the succeeding Grand Jury all of the books and records of the New Haven road.

ONLY A FEW WITNESSES TO BE CALLED.

Washington report has it that only such witnesses to whom it will be necessary to grant immunity will be summoned to testify before the Grand Jury on the Grand Trunk-New Haven deal.

Assistant Attorney-General Adkins is being assisted in sitting out the charge of combination in restraint of open transportation competition by Henry A. Cuyler of District Attorney-General Denham of the Department of Justice.

NEW HAVEN ROAD OWNS SWELL HOTELS AND STIRS TROUBLE.

(Special to The Evening World.)
BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 2.—Under the name "Ricker Hotel Company," the New York, New Haven & Hartford monopoly has expanded from the mere running of trains and steamboats to the ownership and operation of two swell Maine hotels, it was learned to-day by a representative of the Evening World.

This new bay window on the 800,000,000 House of Mellen is reliably reported to have caused a serious rift in the New Haven board of directors, some of the J. P. Morgan-William Rockefeller marionettes having actually shown spirit and objected to the com-