

HARVARD STUDENTS FACE DEATH AT SEA

Hurricane Drives Their Craft Far from Course.

SERIOUS END OF A LARK

Saved with Difficulty by Revenue Cutter Mohawk.

Five College Men, comprising the crew of the fishing schooner Fame, of Boston, were in a serious plight when succor arrived. Vessel dark and disabled—Food and water almost exhausted.

New York, Jan. 6.—With little food, and but a few gallons of water left, and being lashed about for eight days at the mercy of gales, the two-masted fishing schooner Fame, of Boston, manned by Capt. Joshua Nickerson, of Orleans, Mass., and a crew composed of five Harvard students, who had enlisted to get some real experience at sea, was discovered in distress in close proximity to the beach early this morning by the life-savers of Navesink Highlands.

Her sails were gone, and the vessel, being unable to beat against the northwest gale, was bearing for the coast. A telephone message was sent to the revenue cutter Mohawk, at quarantine, which went to the Fame's assistance, and, after standing by all night, towed her into quarantine at daylight.

The tug Reliance brought her to a safe berth in the East River, back of the Fulton Market, and the Fame had barely been made fast when four of the five college men appeared at the gangway, suit cases in hand, and appearing pretty badly tumbled. They asked where they could get a train for Boston.

Started for Home. Then they started in the direction of the subway. Those in the party were John Alden, Langdon Alden, Harold Davidson, and Bradford Babcock.

Raymond O. Brackett, said to be the only graduate student, and who acted as mate on the trip, remained behind with Capt. Nickerson, and accompanied the ship when a vessel started to tow it to Boston late this afternoon.

The men said they were all taking practice work along with their university courses in the ship works of W. W. Crowell, on the coast, Boston, when they got the opportunity to man the Fame.

The fishing vessel is owned by the Eastern Fishing Company, of Boston, and put into Halifax shortly after Christmas with the captain and crew down with smallpox. Quarantine officers removed the crew and disinfected the ship.

Thought Cruise a Lark. Capt. Nickerson and the college boys, who, previous to this, had had no experience at sea except aboard yachts and private craft, were sent to Halifax to bring the Fame to Boston.

Ordinarily the crew of the vessel numbered twenty-five men, but signs were fair and the skeleton company felt perfectly confident. Capt. Nickerson is fifty-eight years old, and one of the most experienced skippers along the New England coast.

He put his crew, whose ages average about nineteen, through their paces and had every sail set at midnight, December 23, one night out of Halifax, when the atmosphere freshened up and a seventy-mile northeasterly gale struck the craft.

All hands were turned out in a hurry, but the crew was not husky enough to reef the mainsail, and she was picked up by the terrific blow and driven to sea at an alarming clip. Capt. Nickerson clung to the wheel, and, finding that his men were not able to cope with the situation, and fearing that the heavy sea might wash some of them overboard, ordered them to go below, where they huddled until daylight.

Mainsail Carried Off. They peeped out just in time to see the mainsail carried away. Previous to that the jibs had gone, and an hour later there was not an inch of canvas intact except the foresail. The little vessel was hove to throughout the 30th and 31st and New Year's Day. There wasn't enough oil left to fill the lamps, and everything was darkness inside and out. To make matters worse, the food supply began to run low.

The schooner was driven 200 miles across the Gulf Stream. When the gales finally abated, early on the morning of January 2, the Fame found herself 20 miles north by northeast off Barnegat and bearing north by northwest. She managed to keep to the direction of the Jersey shore, but Capt. Nickerson was far from comfortable and ran an American flag to the main peak, as an appeal for assistance to any passer-by. Highlands were reached at 2 o'clock this morning, and when the Mohawk came alongside, several hours later, in a choppy sea, and asked the fishing skipper if he could last until morning, or wanted them to make an attempt to take the crew off. Capt. Nickerson shouted through his megaphone out of the darkness:

"We've got no food and no sails, but think we can last until daylight."

Saved at Last. Capt. B. L. Reid, of the revenue cutter, was not taking any chances and for that reason stood by. With the first streaks of dawn Reid sent his crew were bustling about with preparations to take the Fame to port. Through the gray mist could be discerned the outlines of the life-saving crew at Navesink, patrolling the beach with their boat and keeping an eye on the Fame. The life-savers had not slept, either.

As the revenue cutter and the Fame came together, it looked, owing to the swell, as if there would be difficulty making the two fast. This was accomplished after an hour's work. The Mohawk, off quarantine, turned over her charge to the tug.

Capt. Nickerson and Mate Brackett were reticent and would not talk much about the cruise. Capt. Nickerson said that the crew had behaved splendidly and was found lacking in number only.

Cypress Shingles No. 1, \$5.00 per 1,000, Frank Libbey & Co., 6th & New York ave.

RENT STRIKERS FAIL.

Those Who Defy Law Will Be Dispossessed Wednesday.

New York, Jan. 6.—Those tenants of tenements on the East Side who have been striking for a reduction of rent have got themselves into a peck of trouble, and unless they settle with their landlords tomorrow or come to an amicable arrangement, they will be evicted on Wednesday; that is, if the marshals can do the work that is laid out for them to do.

The strike against rent was organized by a committee of Socialists. The landlords, who have been suffering because of being unable to collect their rents, took the matter to court, and to-day, when Judge Sanders went to the new Second District Court, in Madison street, near Clinton, he found the courtroom packed, and likewise the halls, stairways, and sidewalk in front of the courthouse. It is estimated that at least 2,000 persons were standing in front of the building. The police reserves were summoned, and they succeeded in clearing an entrance to the court and preserving order.

Upstairs, in the other courtroom, Judge Roesch had a trying experience in obtaining order. His courtroom was crowded with an excited, shouting mob. The court officers tried to push them in the court back, but could not move them, and two women in the back of the room created more trouble by fainting, and were with difficulty taken out to fresh air.

During the morning and afternoon compromises were effected with the owners and lessees of several tenements.

TRIP ENDS IN WEDDING.

Girl Starts on Visit to Sister, but Gets Married on Way.

Special to The Washington Herald. Cumberland, Md., Jan. 6.—On Monday, December 8, Miss Janet Wilson, of Lonaconing, left on a visit to the home of her sister, Mrs. Nathaniel Todd, at San Coulee, Mont. She, however, was to figure in a romance before she reached her destination, for at Great Falls she was met by Jerome W. Thompson, of Spokane, and they were married.

Mrs. Todd was to have met her sister at Great Falls, and she became very much agitated when she failed to appear. Later she was given a note, telling her of the marriage and that the couple were spending on their way to Spokane.

While the sister had been in the same hotel at Great Falls, Mrs. Todd had been unaware of it. Mr. Thompson is traveling car agent for the Great Northern Railway. Mrs. Thompson is a daughter of the late Moses Wilson, of Lonaconing.

WEDS LONDON BARMAID.

Illinois Banker's Son Marries Pretty Dolly Powell.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—According to a cable dispatch received from London, Paul Patten, son of C. H. Patten, a banker at Palatine, Ill., was married on Saturday in St. Paul's Church, Covent Garden, to Dolly Powell, one of the barmaids at a well-known Bohemian restaurant in the Strand.

Mrs. Patten has been a well-known character in London for many years. Despite her former occupation she is almost an authority on Shakespeare, and is also well read in the works of Herbert Spencer and other authors. She is several years older than Patten. He has been abroad since the early part of last summer.

DIAMOND HOUSES IN TROUBLE

Four Large Fifth Avenue Dealers Are Temporarily Embarrassed.

Concerns Closely Associated—Their Liabilities About \$4,500,000 with Assets of \$6,250,000.

New York, Jan. 6.—The diamond jewelry trade was startled to-day when it became known that four of the largest diamond dealers on Fifth avenue were temporarily embarrassed and that their affairs had fallen in the hands of trustees for liquidation.

The firms are The Joseph Frankel's Sons Company, Joseph Frankel's Sons, Gattie, Ettinger & Hammel, all of 575 Fifth avenue, and E. M. Gattie & Co., of 420 Fifth avenue. These are all corporations. The names of the liquidating trustees are James G. Cannon, vice president of the Fourth National Bank; John C. Van Cleef, vice president of the National Park Bank; and Louis Kahn, of L. & M. Kahn & Co., diamond merchants.

The four concerns are very closely associated, and it was deemed for the best interest of all concerned that their affairs should be put in the hands of the same trustees.

Stroock & Stroock are the attorneys for the Messrs. Frankel. They said that the concern was absolutely solvent, that the embarrassment is only temporary, due to the existing financial conditions, and primarily to the inability of customers to meet their obligations to the several companies.

Kendall & Herzog represent the Gattie companies. William Nelson Cromwell, of Sullivan & Cromwell, of counsel for the liquidating trustees, issued a statement, saying that the gross liabilities were about \$4,500,000 and the gross assets were valued at over \$6,250,000.

MRS. SURRATT INNOCENT.

J. P. Brophy Says She Did Not Plot Against Lincoln.

New York, Jan. 6.—John P. Brophy, formerly a professor in Gonzaga College, Washington, and now a clerk in the Supreme Court, gave an address before the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick at Delmonico's to-night on the assassination of President Lincoln, with special reference to the accusation brought against Mrs. Mary E. Surratt, and her subsequent execution.

He declared he knew positively she was innocent.

Million Come in Steerage.

New York, Jan. 6.—According to a report made to-day by William C. Moore, the landing agent of the Department of Commerce and Labor, at Ellis Island, there were 9,981 first cabin passengers, 25,499 second class passengers, and 1,066,386 steerage brought into New York during the year 1907.

Wide Boards, \$2.00 per 100 Feet, Frank Libbey & Co., 6th & New York ave.

THE PLANT INDUSTRY.



SEES JAPANESE WAR

Lieut. Col. E. F. Glenn Alarms Ladies of the D. A. R.

SAYS THE ARMY IS TOO SMALL

After Praising the Ability of Mrs. Donald McLean, Officer Describes Our Helplessness in Case of Clash with Asiatics—He Tells Nervous Women.

New York, Jan. 6.—Lieut. Col. Edwin F. Glenn, speaking to the New York City Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which met this afternoon at Sherry's, told some plain facts about the army, and conditions which are driving officers out of it.

Mrs. Donald McLean, president general of the organization, heard some nice things said about her, and responded in kind when Lieut. Col. Glenn was introduced. He assured the audience that the daughters were not the only ones who loved Mrs. McLean.

"The United States army loves her as well," he said, "and if we had our way, she should be Secretary of War. Personally, I should nominate her for a still higher position, knowing that no matter how strenuous were its duties, she could easily fill them. Unfortunately, however, an unwritten law stands in the way."

Having dealt thus with the subject of love, he turned his attention to the other two things, which "greater than all things are," and spoke of war.

Acquired Bunch of Trouble.

By means of the "opera bouffe" war of 1898, he said, we had acquired a bunch of trouble in the shape of the Philippines, Cuba, and Porto Rico. In his opinion the time had not yet come even to think of giving up the control of Cuba; first, because as far as his experience went, no people of Cuban or Spanish blood seemed to be able to respect personal liberty or the property rights of others; second, because the island was directly in the pathway of the United States to Panama, and third, because a large proportion of the property owners in Cuba are Americans.

"In the twin harbors midway between the Bering Sea and Seattle," he continued, "one of which is known as the Dutch Harbor, we haven't a single gun, ship, or fortification of any kind. Should there be a war, we could not hold the Philippines against Japan. In Hawaii, which is the key to the Pacific, we have only a small battalion of 200 men. Japan has several regiments there, ostensibly unarmed."

We Rank Third. "It is inevitable that some one nation shall in the near future hold the mastery of the Pacific. England has the best chance, because she is mistress of the seas. Japan stands next in the order of probability, and the United States third."

Observing that some of the Daughters stirred nervously, Col. Glenn hastened to assure them that what he had said was not intended as a war scare. He wanted to make them understand that the army had a pretty big contract to keep Old Glory floating in all the places where its folds should be unfurled to the breeze, and that when the army was spread over the necessary area the coating was not by any means as thick as it might be.

Having restored calm, he proceeded to unfold some things about the army which he asserted, were threatening its integrity and its very life.

"Our men," he said, "need four years in a temperate climate to recuperate from a period of two years in the tropical service. But how can this be accomplished with one regiment in Alaska, and only fourteen at home, to relieve the fifteen stationed in the Philippines and the West Indies?"

Women Cannot Live There.

Conditions of living in the Philippines, he said, were such that it was practically impossible for a refined American woman to live there.

"We, of the army," he continued, "think that our country's attention should

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CRUISER FAILS TO MEET TEST.

North Carolina Unable to Make Speed of 25 Knots Required.

Rockland, Me., Jan. 6.—Although no official information was given out by the navy trial board, it is understood that the new armored cruiser North Carolina failed to make the required twenty-two knots on any of her fourteen dashes over the measured mile course off here to-day.

It was found that to make the required speed 119 revolutions a minute by her propellers were necessary. During the test to-day the engines did not do better than 117. It is believed she will make the twenty-two knots an hour in her twenty-four-hour endurance test, which follows a four-hour run to-morrow.

THREE KILLED IN RIOT.

Troops Needed to Quell Political Fight in Italian Province.

Rome, Jan. 6.—A political riot occurred to-day at Ruvo, in the province of Bari. Revolvers were freely used, and three persons were killed and several wounded. It required repeated charges by the troops who were summoned to quell the disturbance.

CROKER LIKES BRYAN.

Writes from Abroad that He is Glad Nebraska Has a Chance.

New York, Jan. 6.—William Hoag, president of the Commercial Travelers' Anti-Trust League, which is booming Bryan, has received the following letter from Richard Croker:

"Your kind letter received and always glad to hear from you. I am going to Egypt to-morrow, to be gone three months. It has been a very wet season here, and I am glad to get off. I thank you for your good wishes, and trust you may have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year."

"Glad our old friend Bryan has a chance."

SON MARRIED BY A PRIEST.

Father Kemper Will Officiate at Unusual Wedding in New Jersey.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 6.—An unusual wedding will be solemnized to-morrow morning at the rectory of St. John's Catholic Church, New Brunswick, when Father Joseph Kemper, the pastor, will officiate at the marriage of his son, Joseph Kemper, of this city, and Miss Anna Cook, also of this city.

Father Kemper began to study for the priesthood immediately after the death of his wife, in 1882, and was ordained in 1892 at Pittsburgh.

LITTLE GIRL RIPPER'S VICTIM.

Four-year-old Child Slain in a Suburb of Berlin.

Berlin, Jan. 6.—Another mysterious "Ripper" crime was committed last night in Charlottenburg, a suburb. A four-year-old girl was the victim. She was stabbed exactly as were the children slain last July.

It is feared the crime marks a resumption of last summer's frightful series which drove all Berlin to the verge of hysteria.

Accident on Battle Ship Nebraska.

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 6.—Reports have been received here to-night of an accident to-day on the battle ship Nebraska, which lost two lives. It is said some men in charge of a crane lost control of it and it crashed through a group of sailors, carrying two overboard to death.

Florida and Carolina Resorts.

Best reached by Seaboard Air Line Ry. Three daily trains. Office, 141 E. Pa. ave.

GRAFTER DROPS DEAD

Loneragan, of San Francisco, Stricken by Remorse.

"BLOOD MONEY" HIS DOWNFALL

When Trapped in the Acceptance of Bribes, He Made a Full Confession, Accepted His Fate as a Just One, and Wished He Was Back on Bakery Wagon—Broken in Health.

San Francisco, Jan. 6.—Former Supervisor Thomas F. Lonergan dropped dead at his home here this morning. He was one of the members of the board of supervisors who confessed to having received bribes from the United Railroads, the telephone company, and other corporations.

LONERAGAN'S REMORSE.

"Now the jig is up, and I'm in a mighty bad way. I've lost my reputation, I've ruined my family, my health is shattered, and I haven't long to live."

"It's the old story of blood money, and, God knows, as I'm telling you this, I wish I were back in the bakery wagon."

The following is a synopsis of the confession of Lonergan, as published in the San Francisco Examiner:

"Never since I have been in public office have I asked a man seeking a public favor for a dollar. . . . But I have accepted bribes volunteered by many of the public-service corporations of this city and county. . . . God knows I have paid dearly for accepting those bribes, and now, when I look over the happenings of the last few weeks, I wish I had taken the advice of my heart-broken wife and remained on the seat of Foley's bakery wagon."

Meant to Be Square.

"I meant to be square when I was elected, but one day we seemed to be selected simultaneously that the fight trust wanted a permit. While nobody ever said a word about money, we all seemed to realize that we were to be paid for our vote. . . . Well, the matter finally came up before the board, and it was unanimously passed. A couple of days later 'Big Jim' Gallagher came to me and handed me \$500. That was my downfall."

"Maybe a month passed and everybody seemed to think an opposition telephone would be a good thing. . . . Halsey made me promise to come down and see him in his office. . . . Well, after I looked at . . . the switchboards and all the complicated stuff that they had in the sub-offices, I quite agreed with Halsey that an opposition system wouldn't be a very good thing for the city. . . . 'Now, Lonergan,' he said, 'when we were alone, I want your vote, and I don't want it for nothing. I will give you \$5,000 if you will vote against the Home Company's franchise, and next year I will give you an additional \$2,500. That will make \$7,500 in all for your trouble, and really do the city a good turn.'"

Took \$5,000 Bribe.

"I agreed to his terms at once, and he handed me the \$5,000 in bills. . . . 'I had a lot of paper money in my house down south of Market street at that time. And, like an act of God, the fire came along while I was in San Jose attending a convention with 'Abe' Ruef. When I got back my house was gone, and so was most of my money. It was a hard blow, and it seemed like fate.'"

Those Receiving Dividend Checks Should deposit same in banking depts. of Union Trust Co., 15th and H sts., where they will earn interest. New banking house, every facility; government control.

JAPAN RESTRICTS EMIGRATION.

Will No Longer Allow Undesirable Citizens to Leave for America.

London, Jan. 7.—The Tokyo correspondent of the Telegraph says that Japan has issued stricter administrative instructions, with the object of completely prohibiting undesirable emigration.

Mr. O'Brien, the American Ambassador, in an interview, said he was gratified, and that his negotiations with the government were proceeding in the most cordial manner. He ascribed the non-success of Japan's past restrictive measures to the failure of subordinate officials to comply with their instructions. He believed that stricter measures would lead to a satisfactory result.

The question would be very simple if emigration to Canada and Mexico were simultaneously restricted, thereby preventing the transmigration of Japanese into the United States from those countries. He believed that suitable remedies would be taken.

MOUNT ROYAL SIGHTED.

Steamer Resembling Long Overdue Liner Is Sighted.

London, Jan. 6.—The steamer Vivina, at Liverpool, reports that on January 3 she sighted about 250 miles west of Fastnet a steamer nearly resembling the long-overdue Mount Royal, which sailed from Antwerp December 7 for St. Johns.

The vessel was stationary and did not appear to be in distress. She signaled that she wished to be reported, but falling darkness prevented her name signals being clearly seen.

The agents of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, the owner of the Mount Royal, are convinced that the steamer was the Mount Royal, and are sending the Lake Manitoba to assist her.

REV. JAMES CROWEL DEAD.

Prominent in the Presbyterian Church for Sixty Years.

Philadelphia, Jan. 6.—Rev. Dr. James M. Crowell, for nearly sixty years prominent in the Presbyterian Church, is dead at his home here.

He was eighty-one years old. Dr. Crowell was president of the board of education of the Presbyterian Church and secretary of missions of the American Sunday-School Union. For a number of years he was a member of the board of trustees of Princeton University. He was a graduate of Princeton and one of the two survivors of the class of '48.

BREAK STRENGTH RECORD.

Midshipman Stevens Makes 1,481 Kilos Against Chambers' 1,430.

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 6.—For the third time inside of two years the record for the strength test at the Naval Academy has been broken. The new record was established by James C. Stevens, of Sumnerfield, Ohio, who made 1,481 kilos, against the former record of 1,430, made by Midshipman Charles F. Chambers, of Steubenville, Ohio.

Midshipman Archibald H. Douglas, captain of last season's football team, held the record until a year ago, when Chambers established a new one.

Douglas has not been in the best of shape physically since he broke his leg three years ago, but he expects to try for the record again before his graduation in June next.

CATCH GENTLEMEN BURGLARS

Two Men in Evening Dress Arrested with Aid of a Woman.

New Rochelle, Jan. 6.—Two silk hat burglars were arrested at New Rochelle late last night, and owe their capture to the quick action of a New Rochelle society woman, who telephoned their description to the police a few minutes after they had left her bedroom. The police consider the "catch" a most important one because it is thought that the crooks have been reaping a harvest in various towns throughout Westchester County.

The prisoners under arrest, who wore high hats, dress suits, kid gloves, patent leather shoes, and carried gold-headed canes, gave their names as James Havland, thirty-five years old, and Ralph Taylor, eighteen years of age, both of 102 East 10th street, Manhattan.

When the police searched their rooms it is said they found ten trunks filled with plunder which it is believed was stolen from some of the most fashionable houses in Westchester County.

The capture of the burglars was brought about by Mrs. William Hooker Atwood, of 11 Woodland avenue, New Rochelle, who was awakened late last night by two men who entered her bedroom. The prisoners apparently thought that Mrs. Atwood was asleep, and while they rifled her dresser of diamonds and jewelry she was closely watching them. As soon as they departed, Mrs. Atwood telephoned to the New Rochelle police and gave such a good description of them that they were quickly apprehended.

It is the belief of the police that the prisoners are the robbers who entered the home of Dr. Lyons, on Bank street, New Rochelle, Friday night, and, after choking Mrs. Lyons into insensibility, made their escape with \$4,000 worth of booty.

REVISE CUBAN PENAL CODE.

Committee Appointed by Gov. Magoon for Important Task.

Havana, Jan. 6.—Gov. Magoon has appointed a commission to revise the penal code and the law of criminal procedure, which is considered a most important work for the country.

The indications are that the strike of laborers on the sugar estates at Ciego de Avila, Puerto Principe, is about over. Two hundred men are affected. Government officials say they are not apprehensive of the trouble spreading.

Ask Pardon for Powers.

Georgetown, Ky., Jan. 6.—Citizens of Georgetown, irrespective of party, are preparing an address to the people of Kentucky calling upon them to petition Gov. Willson to pardon Caleb Powers. This address will be accompanied by petitions which will be sent into every county in Kentucky.

Clear Ceiling (Beaded) \$2.00 per 1,000.

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NINE THAW JURORS ON THE FIRST DAY

Justice Dowling Decides on Night Sessions.

SUBJECT TO CHALLENGE

Veniremen Still Have an Ordeal to Pass Through.

Members of Thaw Family Early on Scene to Witness Opening of Second Trial for the Murder of Stanford White—Women Spectators Not Permitted in Courtroom—Trial to Be a Short One This Time.

JURORS SO FAR SELECTED.

No. 1—Charles E. Grunwald, ship broker, 817 East 19th street.
No. 2—John R. Hatchett, cigars, 17 West Eighty-third street.
No. 3—George R. Rosenwood, importer, 136 West Seventy-sixth street.
No. 4—Phoeb S. Sanford, assistant bank manager, 31 West 16th street.
No. 5—James E. Cowser, hotel keeper, 21 West Eleventh street.
No. 6—William E. Brower, decorator, 134 Claremont avenue.
No. 7—Arthur S. Naethling, baker, 125 Serpentine street.
No. 8—Blaise Bowler, vice president, 38 East Eighty-fifth street.
No. 9—George B. Dickinson, upholstery goods, 26 West 13th street.

New York, Jan. 6.—There were many indications when the work of getting a jury for the second trial of Harry K. Thaw for the murder of Stanford White began to-day that an effort will be made to make the trial move more rapidly than the first, which occupied almost three months.

There will be night sessions until the jury box is filled and maybe night sessions while the testimony is being taken, if the lawyers do not try to hasten matters. Justice Dowling, who is presiding at this trial in the Supreme Court, criminal branch, showed to-day that he is averse to any unnecessary delay or long arguments and speeches, which characterized the first trial.

When the first day's session ended at 10 o'clock to-night, nine jurors, who may be called provisional jurors, for they may yet be peremptorily challenged by either side, had been selected. The proceeding of postponing the peremptory challenges is a departure from the usual custom in criminal cases in this county, but it was adopted after a consultation between District Attorney Jerome and Martin W. Littleton, counsel for Thaw, and approved by Justice Dowling.

As each side has thirty-one peremptory challenges, it is possible for the jury box to be filled and emptied five times, and the job of getting a jury started all over again. As explained by District Attorney Jerome to the court in the course of the last trial and in other trials, many communications, some of them anonymous, but meriting investigation, were sent to both sides regarding jurors who had been sworn.