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GAS CO. FIGHT HAS CLEAR WAY THROUGH HOUSE NOW

Prohibition Bills Not Ready for Consideration, Say the Temperance Workers.

Opportune Time to Combat Monopoly, Say the Advocates of Reform.

No excuse can be advanced by the House Committee on the District of Columbia for longer delaying consideration of the bill for the reduction of the price of gas in this city.

Samuel W. Smith, chairman of the committee, has said the committee could not take it up now because it had to dispose of the bills for prohibition in the District.

Sims of Tennessee, author of one of the prohibition bills, and a member of the District Committee, said today: "The prohibition people are not ready for the committee to take up the question of prohibition. Not only do they not want hearings on the question at this time, but if an attempt were made to set a time for the hearing in the near future, I, as author of one of the bills, should object to such a proceeding."

"The temperance advocates have not decided exactly what they want to ask from Congress on the line of prohibition, and they are not yet ready to present their case."

This frank statement from Mr. Sims shatters absolutely the excuse that has been advanced for not taking up the gas question. The people of the District, the citizens' associations, and the outraged consumers of gas are clamoring for something to be done by the committee. The prohibitionists are making no such demands on their question at present.

Why, then, does the chairman of the committee defer consideration of the gas question, saying the prohibition matter is so pressing as to demand attention to the degree of excluding the gas legislation?

It is a peculiar situation. Delay in legislation is what the Gas Monopoly wants.

Immediate action is what the people want.

Who is to be the deciding element, the Gas Monopoly or the people?

OLD STATION SOLD TO GOVERNMENT; BRINGS \$1,500,000

By deed of conveyance received by the Secretary of War today, the United States Government has purchased from the Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington Railway Company the passenger station building at the corner of Sixth and B streets northwest, known as the Pennsylvania depot, together with all its appurtenances.

In consideration, the Government is to pay the railroad company \$1,500,000. This action is in accordance with the act of Congress of February 23, 1903, providing for the sale of the station in the District of Columbia and the railroad company to construct lines of elevated and depressed railroad tracks to and through the city of Washington.

MURDERER IS GUARDED FROM ANGRY CITIZENS

CHRISTIANBURG, Va., Jan. 22.—The police officers of Christianburg are taking every precaution today to prevent enraged citizens from lynching Frank Cawthon, who was arrested last night, charged with the murder of Mrs. Ada Cawthon. The prisoner is locked up in jail and is closely guarded as a result of threats made by angry citizens.

Cawthon, who is twenty-one years of age, had paid court to Mrs. Jones before her marriage, eighteen months ago. He brooded over his love affair, and finally decided to kill his old sweetheart. He went to her home during the absence of her husband yesterday and shot her. Mrs. Jones died almost instantly.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

The center of the Northern low pressure area has reached the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and temperatures have fallen considerably with rapidly rising pressure in the upper air region, the central valley and the Plains States. In the Atlantic and Gulf States the temperatures continued to rise, and they are this morning from 6 to 24 degrees above the seasonal average.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have brisk to moderately high southwest to west winds, with clearing weather, to the Grand Banks.

TEMPERATURE.
9 a. m. 48
12 m. 57
3 p. m. 58
6 p. m. 56

SUN TABLE.
Sun rises 7:12
Sun sets 5:11

Woman Slays Escort Then Kills Herself; Panic in Restaurant

Stylishly Dressed Woman Fires Five Bullets Into New York Newspaper Man and Shoots Self With Another Revolver.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Frank Brady, a well-known advertising man, was shot and instantly killed in the restaurant of Macey's department store at Thirty-fourth street and Broadway, at noon today by May Roberts Clarke, of 214 West 133d street.

The woman immediately fired three shots from a second revolver into her own head and neck and died a few minutes after being taken to the New York Hospital. A third revolver fully loaded was found in her handbag.

Both Brady and the woman frequented the restaurant in which the tragedy occurred, although the latter was not known to the employees. For a week or more she had not been seen with Brady and it was not until she entered the restaurant today, when she entered alone.

When the tragedy occurred the restaurant, which is one of the largest in the city, was crowded with women shoppers and a few men. The shooting caused the wildest excitement, women running shrieking in terror from the place.

It was shortly after noon when Brady entered the restaurant alone and went to the table. He had ordered his lunch and was waiting for it to be served when the woman entered. She was about thirty-five years old, very attractive and stylishly dressed in a purple street gown, with a big picture hat. She had a fur muff and bag.

She went to a table alone, and it was not until she was seated that she caught sight of Brady, who was seated toward her. She immediately arose and walked up behind him. When within a few paces she drew a revolver from her muff and fired five shots into the man's back. He fell dead without uttering a cry.

Dropping the smoking revolver she drew another fully loaded from her handbag and fired three shots at herself. All three inflicted desperate wounds, and she fell to the floor unconscious. Half an hour elapsed before the management of the place restored order.

No motive for the tragedy is apparent at present.

BOARD OF TRADE FAVORS INCOMING OF THE JAPANESE

National Board Wants District Citizens Not Less Harshness for Chinese.

The National Board of Trade, at its session today, put itself on record as opposed to class legislation against the Japanese nation, and expressed the opinion that Japan should enjoy all the privileges granted by this country to other nations.

The attitude of the board was embodied in a resolution on the general question of immigration, and read as follows: "Resolved, That the National Board of Trade is strongly opposed to any and all legislation intended to discriminate against Japan or her citizens, but on the contrary it is believed that every effort should be made to cultivate and promote the most intimate commercial relations between the two countries, and that all privileges now enjoyed by the most favored nations should continue to be extended to the Japanese."

The resolution also disapproved of harshness in the administration of the exclusion laws against the Chinese.

Swamped by Reports.

When the delegates reassembled at the New Willard Hotel today, they had before them such a great volume of committee reports that consideration of many of them was postponed until the final session tomorrow.

Among the reports submitted to the convention today was one providing for uniform bills of lading in two forms, one negotiable and the other non-negotiable.

The first difference of opinion among the delegates arose when the committee on rivers and harbors presented a resolution asking that Congress appropriate \$500,000 each year for the development of transportation by water.

Mr. Wood, of Philadelphia, protested that Congress was tired of this annual demand for \$500,000, and he suggested that the outlay for river and harbor improvements be left to the discretion of Congress.

Mr. Gibson, of the New York board of trade, introduced a resolution providing that a department of public works be created by the Government, with a secretary as the executive head.

The Gibson resolution aroused wide discussion among the delegates and was referred to a special committee to report at the next annual meeting.

With a view to avoiding at least one future which contributed to the recent financial crisis the board adopted a resolution favoring the passage of a law authorizing collectors of customs duties and internal revenues to accept in payment of duties and revenues, in time of money stringency or other events, certified checks on national banks.

The subsidy of the American merchant marine came in for considerable discussion. William H. Douglas, president of the Produce Exchange of New York, urged the passage of a ship subsidy law.

The committee on immigration, in addition to its attitude on Oriental subjects, suggested that immigration be encouraged and that printed information, in the various European languages, be kept at the various ports of entry.

The delegates adjourned at 1 o'clock in order that they might attend the reception which will be given tonight arranged for them at the White House.

MOTHER OF DR. BRISTOL TO BE BURIED IN ILLINOIS

Funeral services for Mrs. Bristol, mother of the Rev. Frank M. Bristol, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, were held at 1 o'clock this afternoon from the home of her son, 230 C street northwest, Alfred H. Ames, an elder of the church, was in charge of the services, assisted by the Rev. J. W. R. Sunwit, presiding elder of the Washington district. Later in the afternoon the body was taken to Kan-kakee, Ill., for burial.

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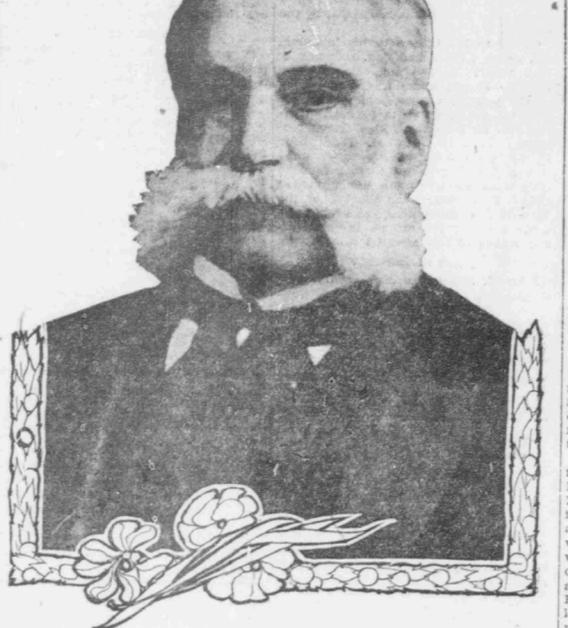
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Prominently Associated in Financial Circles More Than Half Century.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Morris K. Jessup, former president of the Chamber of Commerce, died early today at his home, 392 Madison avenue. He had been ill for two weeks, suffering from a chronic affection of the heart.

Mr. Jessup was seventy-eight years old, and had been married fifty-four years. He had no children.

Mr. Jessup was born at West Port, Conn., June 21, 1829. He was a descendant of an old English family. He married Maria VanAntwerp, a daughter of the Rev. Thomas DeWitt, April 26, 1854.

He entered business in 1843 with Rogers, Ketchum & Grossenor, of Paterson, N. J., and left them in 1852 to enter business under the firm name of Clark & Jessup. He was successively a member of several well-known banking houses until he retired from active business in 1884.

The Sterling is one of the colliers emptied at Rio.

President Penna of Brazil, accompanied by a host of officials, preceded the fleet to Fort Villegagnon, at the mouth of the harbor, where they will review the fleet as it passes out. Fifteen Brazilian warships will escort the American fleet for some distance down the coast.

Farewell Reception.

According to the dispatches received here, the officers of the fleet combined yesterday in giving a farewell reception on board the Minnesota, flagship of Rear Admiral Thomas. This was a slight return for the many courtesies extended the Americans by the government and people of Brazil.

The reception was probably the most brilliant social function of the season in Brazil, there being 8,000 invited guests, including high government officials, members of the diplomatic corps of the American colony, Brazilian officers and officers of the French and German war vessels.

The ships were strikingly decorated with the flags of the two nations, with flower wreaths on the big guns protruding from the turrets, and little electric lights concealed everywhere.

"Iron Man" Gains Dances All Night; Is at Work Early

In the makeup of John Wesley Gaines, of Tennessee, long-distance talker of the House of Representatives, there is no such thing as laziness.

He sends the slugard to the ant and denounces by his conduct the ways of sloth. He proved all this today.

Last night Mr. Gaines was at the Southern Relief ball. Amid the strains of violins that sobbed of romance and hearts and love, he spoke glittering generalities and dazzling compliments to the fair womanhood of the South.

His damask hair, unprofaned by a hint of brown or black, moved with the delicacy of a benediction among the dancers, and, when he bowed, his soft masses touched like a new poem on snow the lily hand of some radiant belle.

He arrived early and stayed late. Cupid had the Mars of legislative debate in subjection and led him from beauty to beauty for many hours. Gaines did not get to bed until this morning.

But he scorned a long and resting slumber. He was no wearied macaroni, no exhausted dandy who needs must sleep away the day.

At 7 o'clock he was eating his breakfast. At 9 o'clock he adorned a Government department by going there on some errand that required the oratorical presence of a bureau chief.

At 9:29 he was in his office on Capitol Hill, touching with tender skill some minor matters of State before the House should convene.

Therefore, it is established that he is not a lazy man. He can dance all night and work all day. O woman! where is thy victory? O Cupid! where is thy stus?

COMMISSIONER WEST BETTER.

Commissioner Harry L. West, who underwent a minor operation several days ago at Providence Hospital, was reported greatly improved today. It is believed he will leave the hospital within the next week.

J. H. Small & Sons, Florists, Washington and New York—Adv.

When You Want It as You Want It—It's the way we do your printing. Globe Printing Co., 14th & E sts., n.w.—Adv.

CONSTOCK ON STAND FOR THAW

Important Witness Tells of Defendant's Anti-Vice Efforts.

Codicil of Will Read, Giving to Unfortunate Girls.

White's Slayer to Take Stand in Own Behalf.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Shortly before noon, Anthony Constock, head of the society for Prevention of Vice, was called as a witness for the Thaw defense, and he proved the stellar attraction of the morning session.

He swore that Thaw called at his office in February, 1904, by appointment. He told Constock that a well-known New Yorker was in the habit of ruining young girls by drugging them in his apartments, at 12 Twenty-second street, witness not designating either east or west. He next saw Thaw in November of that year after first having received a letter from him, dated in Paris, France. Constock had a copy of this letter, which he identified. It came, witness swore, by registered mail. Thaw also sent him another letter in November.

At the second interview on November 7, 1904, he produced certain papers which he showed Thaw, and they discussed Stanford White and other friends of the dead architect, who met at the "den on Twenty-second street."

Substance of Interview.

Witness said Thaw was positive White had in his room on Madison Square Garden a collection of obscene pictures and that the tenant adjoining the Twenty-second street house had heard young girls scream. He asked Constock to detail good men to watch these places, and he agreed to do so.

Constock declared Thaw mentioned the names of certain girls who had been victimized, and later furnished him with a list. He also asked him to see the district attorney and have the men who frequented these places punished.

Constock told him to go to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and get their aid and by the aid of a search warrant read the premises and get the needed evidence. Constock says he also promised to bring the matter to District Attorney Jerome's attention.

Thaw to Take Stand.

It was reported about criminal court building this morning that before many days elapse Thaw will be called to the witness stand by Littleton to tell in his own fashion the incidents leading to the killing of Stanford White.

Thaw, it is expected, will admit that, since he shot White, a realization has come to him that prior to that eventful time he was swayed by strange impulses and governed by fancies. Since the tragedy, however, he will tell, he has been a new man mentally, and the jury will be able to judge for themselves whether or not he is now sane.

Insanity prior to the shooting of White is admitted, and will continue to be admitted by the defense. Since the tragedy, however, a commission appointed by court has adjudged Thaw a sane man and continual observation of the young Pittsburger during the time he has been in the Tombs resulted in the decision.

The alienists who will testify for the defense, it is understood, will be called until it has been established as clearly as possible that Thaw was insane prior to the tragedy.

These same alienists will render opinions on the evidence tending to show insanity and at the same time testify to Thaw's sanity at the present time. The theory that a great shock completely restored a state of insanity to normality will be proved a fact.

Opinion's on Evelyn's Testimony.

Evelyn Thaw's testimony yesterday to the effect that Thaw did not appear irrational just prior to the time he killed White, is regarded on hasty judgment as a blow to the defense. To those who know, however, it is clear Attorney Littleton was well satisfied.

This fact, aside, it is obvious that the young woman was in a delicate position, for to admit that she had noticed and feared Thaw's irrational conduct would be to admit that she married a man whom she knew to be mentally incompetent.

She had ample time to observe his conduct while she was under his protection and before she became his wife. Attorney Littleton did not expect to add to the evidence of insanity by the testimony of Mrs. Thaw, as is plainly indicated by his line of direct examination. As the trial progresses it becomes impressive as a battle of superior shrewdness, master generalship, and legal jockeying than was the first ordeal of Thaw and his wife.

Littleton maintains great secrecy about his intentions for the immediate future and to many, the surprises he will spring will not be as great surprises as is now thought by the defense. It is reported that Evelyn Thaw is constantly shadowed by detectives, who report her every act to members of the Thaw family. This report is regarded as enlightening on the growing coolness

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