

RECORD MADE IN CHOOSING JURY FOR SEYLER TRIAL

Opening of Pier Mystery Case Is Made Occasion for Holiday.

CROWDS ATTRACTED TO MAYS LANDING

Evidence Against Alleged Slayer of Jane Adams Is Largely Circumstantial.

MAYS LANDING, N. J., May 23.—The jury that is to try William T. Seyler, accused of murdering Jane Adams on the Million-dollar pier in Atlantic City on February 4 last, was chosen today in the record time of one hour and ten minutes.

The State then began its case showing that the brother of the prisoner and the sister of the victim are the chief instruments chosen to prove Seyler's guilt.

Brought by special train, auto, and horse vehicles of every type, hundreds of persons came here today from Atlantic City and the surrounding country to attend the trial. The day was made a holiday, most of the visitors bringing their luncheons as if for a picnic.

Sheriff Johnson had ruled that no favoritism be shown, the first-comers securing the coveted places. All requests for cards of admission were turned down.

The prisoner began the day with a conference with his attorney, Edmund C. Gaskill, and his parents.

In the crowd of officials, witnesses and curious visitors about the court room today were Seyler's young wife and Mrs. Charles Adams, mother of the girl whose body was washed ashore nearly four months ago. Since Seyler and his brother were brought back from Petersburg, Va., after a search, soon after the tragedy, the defendant's wife has never wavered in her defense of the accused man.

Among the witnesses for the prosecution are Detective Malzed and Miller, who traced the Seylers to Petersburg while the woods about Atlantic City were being beaten and who trapped the men in bed.

Judge E. A. Higbee is presiding at the trial.

The Alleged Crime. The crime with which William Seyler is charged is the murder of Jane Adams, who, it is alleged, left her home in Atlantic City on the evening of February 4, in company with the Seyler brothers and her sister, Alice, and who was not seen until February 13, when her frozen body was found floating in the surf by small boys, who called on Horace Munroe and William Hammell, trolley employees, to help them carry it to the board walk.

On the evening of February 4 Orvis Seyler, William's brother, went to the Adams home, in Missouri avenue, and got Jane and Alice. William met them on the board walk. The quartet went to the Million-dollar Pier and watched the moving pictures for a while. Then they danced. Later William and Jane walked far out on the pier. When they got ready to leave, Orvis and Alice called to the others and started away.

At the Adams home Orvis and Alice waited some time for William and Jane, but they did not appear, and the young couple parted.

Warrants Sworn Out. The next morning, when Mrs. Adams found that her eldest daughter had not returned home, she took Alice to task. Learning her daughter had been out with the Seylers, Mrs. Adams went to the Seyler home, a short distance away. Getting no satisfaction from the Seyler brothers, she went to the police station and swore out a warrant for their arrest. But when the officer went to serve the warrant the Seyler boys had left for parts unknown.

For days the double search went on. In every direction the police were looking for the Seylers. The ocean was watched for the body of Jane Adams, for it was the general opinion that she either had fallen from the pier or had been thrown from it, and that in time the sea would give her up.

In the meantime the Seylers had gone straight to Petersburg, Va., their old home. They arrived there on the evening of February 6, and went to work in a matting mill. There they were found and arrested by Detectives Malzed and Miller, of Atlantic City, on February 16. They waived extradition and arrived in Atlantic City on the following day, just a few hours after Jane Adams' funeral.

The evidence at the coroner's inquest was conflicting. William Seyler at first denied to the detectives that he was with the girl on the pier. Then he said she must have committed suicide. Orvis Seyler followed his brother's lead in contradicting himself. Both men made statements to the public which have been withheld from the public.

The most important witnesses at the trial will be Orvis Seyler, Alice Adams, and a wireless telegraph operator, Thomas Aptelby, who has said he saw the Seyler brothers and the Adams sisters on the pier on the night of February 4.

William Seyler is married and lived with his parents. Jane Adams was a quiet girl, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams. The Seylers were not welcome at the Adams home, and their meetings with the girls were usually secret.

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LORIMER UNDECIDED AS TO HIS COURSE

May Defend Himself in Speech or Demand Investigation.

Senator William Lorimer of Illinois, who arrived here last night, is in a quandary as to what course to pursue in the Senate with respect to the bribery prosecutions in Illinois in which his name has been involved.

Senator Lorimer is said to be undecided as to whether he will demand an investigation by the Senate or not. It is said he would prefer to defend himself from the attacks made on the methods of his election in a speech. On the other hand, he does not want to be put in the position of having an investigation of his election forced on him by the Senate.

Reports are current that some of the Democratic Senators are bent on making trouble for Lorimer, and are prepared to demand an investigation. These reports have perturbed the Illinois Senator and his friends. If on inquiry it is found that others are going to demand an investigation, Senator Lorimer will not only make a speech in his own defense, but in addition will ask that an investigation be had.

Senator Lorimer was busy on the way from Chicago, and has been busy in his rooms at the Raleigh, getting up a speech to deliver to the Senate. In this speech he is expected to give an account of information concerning Illinois politics. On his arrival, Senator Lorimer refused to comment on the allegations which have been made in Illinois.

Should there be an investigation, it doubtless will be made by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, of which Senator Burrows is the head. Senator Burrows has so far refused to talk.

KING WOULD RETAIN BRYCE IN AMERICA

Story That He Wants to Be Relieved Is Called "Silly."

LONDON, May 23. In response to inquiries today regarding the report in the United States that Ambassador Bryce had asked to be relieved from his Washington post, the foreign office denied that any such request had been received.

The government is desirous that Mr. Bryce remain, as he is considered the most successful ambassador that England ever sent to America. King George is particularly anxious that Mr. Bryce continue at Washington, at least during the early stages of his reign.

Denied at Embassy. At the British embassy today, the report that Ambassador James Bryce has asked to be relieved from further duty here was characterized as a "silly repetition of a rumor already printed four or five times."

The ambassador himself refused absolutely to confirm or deny the report, but from other sources at the embassy the strong impression was gained that it had no foundation in fact. Unlike the American diplomatic service, whose members tender their resignation at each change of administration, the British diplomatic service is permanent, just like that of the civil service employees.

Ambassador Bryce today denied that he had in contemplation the writing of a third volume of the "American Commonwealth," saying that that work had been completed twenty years ago.

Since the death of King Edward, the ambassador has cancelled many of his engagements to make public addresses at colleges or elsewhere. For that reason he will not speak before the world's Sunday school convention tomorrow afternoon, as has been scheduled.

TO OPERATE ROAD. AUSTIN, Tex., May 23.—Announcement was made today by Roy Taylor, private secretary of R. H. Baker, former president of the Trinity and Brazos railroad, that the latter has purchased the Texas Central railroad, and will immediately begin the organization of a syndicate of Texas financiers to take over and operate the road as an independent enterprise.

Watch for a city at Randle Highlands. Advt.

WOULD GIVE MILLION FOR HIS GOOD NAME. TRINIDAD, Col., May 23.—"I am worth over \$1,000,000, and I would give every penny of it to have this case wiped off the records of the court," said John Tarabina, the richest Italian in southern Colorado. "I have always had the reputation of being honest, and money is no object to me as long as I can maintain this reputation."

Tarabina is on trial in the Federal court on a charge of perjury. One of his servants took up a quarter section of land under the timber and stone act, and in helping her to get a patent Tarabina is alleged to have seen the land and there was timber on it. There is not a tree on the tract, but a valuable vein of coal lies under the surface.

ESTRADA AWAITING MOVE BY UNCLE SAM. MADRID'S OPPONENT COURTING INTERVENTION, ASSERTS POLITICAL ADVISER.

Insurgents Capture Defenses at Rava and Battle Is in Progress.

BLUEFIELDS, May 23.—Final intervention by the United States to put a stop to the civil war in Nicaragua was admitted today by one of the leading political advisers of Provisional President Estrada to be the sole object in Estrada's prolongation of the war.

"Estrada realizes that he can never crush the government army or overthrow President Madriz," this politician, who would not permit the use of his name for fear that he would be accused of disloyalty to Estrada, declared today. "But he believes that he is strong enough to keep up the hostilities until the entire country will demand that the United States step in, pending the selection of a new President, unidentified actively with either the Zelaya, Madriz, or Estrada factions."

May Prolong Struggle. "Even should Estrada be successful in the fighting now raging about Bluefields, his position will be little improved, for he will still be unable to accomplish anything in the western part of the country, where the government forces are in control.

"He has enough men, however, to prolong the struggle indefinitely, and it is safe to say that the insurgents will never stop fighting until Madriz voluntarily relinquishes the presidency or the United States forces an arbitration of the dispute."

Battle in Progress. The insurgents have captured the outer defenses of the government army at Rama and a fierce battle is now raging with the forces of Madriz entirely on the defensive.

Couriers who arrived today from the front say that this is the third day of the battle. The Madriz army is handicapped by lack of ammunition, the insurgents having captured their supply train. The government forces are almost without food and are fighting on half rations.

Desperate hand-to-hand conflicts are going on in the trenches. The insurgents' loss thus far is light.

CASTRILLO ELATED OVER LAND VICTORY. SENOR CASTRILLO, General Estrada's representative in Washington, expressed the keenest gratification this morning over the reports he had received of the victory of Gen. Luis Mena's army over the Madriz forces.

"This means," he said, "that Estrada will soon overcome the Madriz forces and that the latter will have to surrender. We now have them cut off from their supplies and they cannot last much longer."

Senor Castriello said he had had no direct report of a naval battle in which the Madriz boat, the Venus, is said to have sunk one of the rebel gunboats. At the Bureau of Navigation of the Navy Department it was said this morning that no advices or orders had been received from the Paducah, the American kumboat which is lying off Bluefields.

BRIDGE ENGINEER TO RESIGN PLACE. W. J. DOUGLAS GOING TO NEW YORK TO WORK UPON SUBWAY.

In order to associate himself with William Barclay Parsons, of New York, engineer in charge of the construction of the New York subway, W. J. Douglas, engineer of bridges of the District, has obtained a six months' leave of absence. At the end of that time Mr. Douglas probably will resign, and will locate permanently in New York. Mr. Douglas left for his new post today.

It is understood that Mr. Douglas will be succeeded by T. C. J. Bailey, engineer in charge of street extensions, who formerly held the position of assistant engineer of bridges.

The notice of Mr. Douglas's intention to sever his connection with the service of the District government was received with regret by his superiors in the Engineer Department.

As engineer of bridges he had supervision of the construction of the Connecticut Avenue and Anacostia bridges, as well as of a number of smaller bridges in Rock Creek Park.

Mr. Douglas was a member of the committee which recommended the improvement of Rock Creek valley and was a member also of the wharf committee, whose recommendations concerning the improvement of the harbor are now before Congress.

Mr. Douglas entered the service of the District as assistant engineer August 13, 1888, and was promoted to Engineer of Bridges May 1, 1901.

AFFAIRS OF ALASKA AGAIN TO BE AIRED. CHARGES ARISING FROM REMOVAL OF OFFICIALS TO BE INVESTIGATED.

A controversy that threatens to throw as much light on Alaskan affairs as the hearing in the Ballinger-Pinchot dispute was scheduled to come up before a subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee beginning today. It grows out of the summary removal of District Attorney John J. Boyce and Marshal Daniel A. Sutherland, of the Juneau district in Alaska.

Boyce and Sutherland have come on to Washington to make a fight against the confirmation of the men appointed to succeed them. They have been in Washington some days. Their successors are John Rustgard, who has been named district attorney, and Herbert L. Faulkner, who has been named marshal.

Confirmations Held Up. It will be charged before the subcommittee that Rustgard and Faulkner are unfit for the offices to which they have been appointed because they have been named through the alleged machinations of the Guggenheim-Morgan agents in the Territory, the same influences which are alleged to have secured unjustly the removal of Sutherland and Boyce.

The subcommittee is composed of Senators Nelson, Borah, and Overman. The confirmations were held up on complaint of Senator Borah. He is insistent that the facts be probed to the bottom. It is not at all unlikely that before the investigation is concluded, some of the prominent Alaskan officials will be called as witnesses. Delegate Wickersham is friendly to Sutherland and Boyce, and believes they are unfairly removed. He will probably be called on for testimony. Governor Walter Clark, who was instrumental in the removal of Sutherland and Boyce, will probably be called on to give his version of the matter.

Outcome of Trial. Boyce and Sutherland were removed about a month ago on charges which they were not permitted to see. They were discharged on recommendation of Louis Shackelford, the Republican national committeeman for Alaska. Shackelford is said to be legal adviser for some of the Guggenheim interests.

The substance of the story Sutherland and Boyce will tell relates to the trial of one Ed Hasey, who killed two men and wounded three others in a fight over a railroad right of way. Hasey is alleged to have been employed by the Guggenheim interests. He was convicted and got the remarkable sentence of eighteen months in prison.

Back of him, it is charged, stood men high up in the councils of the Guggenheim interests.

TAFT NO CANDIDATE FOR SENATORSHIP. PRESIDENT'S BROTHER WILL NOT MAKE RACE—WILL SPEND SUMMER ABROAD.

It can be announced on the highest authority that Charles P. Taft, brother of the President, will not be a candidate for the United States Senate to succeed Senator Dick of Ohio.

Mr. Taft is in Washington today, and by his closest friends it was said that he has given up all idea of going into the fight. It is probable that he will spend the greater part of the summer in Europe, and it was pointed out that Europe is not a good vantage ground from which to conduct a fight for the Ohio Senatorship.

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