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FORAKER REPLIES TO THE PRESIDENT

Sharp Clash at Gridiron Dinner Over Brownsville Discussion.

MEMBERS SURPRISED AT STORY PRINTED

Mr. Roosevelt, in Earnest Speech Defending His Administration, Comments on Senate's Course, and Mr. Foraker Replies to the Point.

(By WALTER EDWARD HARRIS) WASHINGTON, D. C., January 28.—Little was talked in Washington to-day save the scrimmage between President Roosevelt and Senator Foraker at the dinner of the Gridiron Club Saturday night. Surprise that the debate between the President of the United States and a distinguished member of his own party, who is nearly the leading member of the United States Senate, should have been made public was manifested everywhere, of course, for it has long been the custom of the Gridiron Club, "Ladies always present, reporters never."

Clash a Violent One.

But the printed report of the encounter between President Roosevelt and his distinguished opponent did not exaggerate the violence of the clash. A member of the club to-day said that the members were on "pins and needles" all the time, fearing that some of the remarks which were said or done which would be disgraceful, and which could not be kept concealed from the public.

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RIVERHEAD, L. I., January 28.—Dr. James W. Simpson, a prominent dentist, was placed on trial here to-day for the murder of his father-in-law, Martley W. Horner, a wealthy contractor, of Northport, who was shot to death at his home December 27, 1905. It is said that the prosecution will call the defendant's wife and his mother-in-law to testify, as to had blood that is alleged to have existed between the dentist and Horner prior to the shooting. Simpson has maintained from the day he was arrested, and a year ago, that although he held the gun from which the fatal shots were fired, the shooting of his father-in-law was accidental.

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LONG ISLAND PHYSICIAN WHO WAS MURDERED



BELL SUSPECTED OF THE MURDER OF DR. C.W. TOWNSEND

NEW YORK, January 28.—Suspected of knowing something about the death of Dr. Charles W. Townsend, of Staten Island, who was mysteriously murdered at his home Friday night, the police have arrested John Bell, a former street car conductor, at his home in Brooklyn. The suspicions of the police were directed toward Bell by the discovery that his wife died about a year ago from an operation. Dr. Townsend was attending the woman, and had charge of the operation, being assisted by other physicians. Bell is reported to have blamed Dr. Townsend for his wife's death. He was taken to police headquarters for identification. He declared that Dr. Townsend was no friend of his, but that he had nothing whatever to do with the murder of the doctor. It is probable that Bell will be taken before Mrs. Townsend for identification. Inspector Schmittberger said to-day that his detectives say they can produce two witnesses who claim to have seen Bell in the vicinity of the Townsend home and in other parts of New Brighton on Friday night and Saturday morning.

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THREE HUNDRED MEN ARE KILLED

Fire Damp Explodes in Mine With Appalling Loss of Life.

FAMILIES OF MEN AT MOUTH OF SHAFT

Heartrending Scenes Among Them as They Await Rescue of Bodies—Disaster Occurs 2,500 Feet Under Ground. Rescue Work Will Take a Week.

SAARBRUECK, RHEINISH PRUSSIA, January 28.—A fire-damp explosion occurred this morning in the Bilsdack shaft of the Reden mine at Saint-Johann-Ob-Saar, opposite this town. Up to 2 o'clock this afternoon the bodies of 361 miners had been taken out of the mine; seventeen men dangerously injured had been rescued and half a hundred miners were missing. There were about 600 men working in the shaft when the explosion occurred, but half of them were not in the galleries, which were wrecked. The rescue corps is working desperately in efforts to reach the entombed men, and it is hoped that some of them will be found alive. The Reden mine is owned by the Prussian Government.

Later an outbreak of fire in the Reden mine drove out the rescuers. It is considered probable that thirty to forty men are still in the pit. The number of dead is now estimated at two hundred.

The disaster occurred 2,300 feet under ground, and is one and one-quarter miles from the floor of the shaft. It is the greatest mining catastrophe ever known in the Saar region.

Swallows Gold Plate and Dies

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Score of Them Injured in Big Buffalo Fire and Three Still Missing.

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STEILMAN SHOTS MAN AT HIS DOOR

Cousins, with Whom He Had Been Drinking, Persisted in Going to Steilman's House.

AN OLD GRUDGE BEHIND IT

While Men Had Been Drinking Together, This is Their Second Quarrel.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) DANVILLE, VA., January 28.—John Cousins, a white man about thirty-five years of age, was shot and instantly killed here to-night by George L. Steilman, a carpenter, of this city. The shooting took place at the home of Steilman, and he declares that Cousins had fired at him twice with a pistol, and was attempting to enter his home when he killed him. The wife of Steilman was an eyewitness to the killing. After the shooting Steilman surrendered to the police. He says that about six months ago he met Cousins at Gatewood, N. C., and was only barely acquainted with him. At Gatewood the two men had a quarrel, and Steilman alleges that Cousins attacked him with a knife and threatened to kill him some day. This afternoon for the first time since his incident the two men met on the suburbs of the city, began drinking together. Later in the afternoon Steilman declares that when he started to go home Cousins insisted on going with him.

STATEMENT MADE BY COMMITTEE

Received No Impression of Intention to Disparage Work of High School Teachers.

From statements by members of the Council Committee on Finance, it appears improbable that any additional hearing will be given by the committee to the High School teachers, who desire an increase of salary. The committee will meet to-night to take up the petitions of various charitable institutions and hear their representatives as to the need of aid from the city. At this meeting also representatives of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues will be given a hearing on the armory matter. The meeting will be a long one with much oratory.

FARMER, HUNTING, SHOTS HIS SON

Barb on Wire Fence Pulls Trigger—Child Almost Instantly Killed.

BRISTOL, TENN., January 28.—While hunting this afternoon, George H. Disler, a farmer residing four miles west of Bristol in Washington county, Va., accidentally shot and killed his twelve-year-old son, Jefferson Disler. The father climbed a wire fence, and in leaping to the ground the hammer of his gun caught on a wire. A heavy charge of shot struck the boy in the breast, tearing a large hole. Death resulted two hours later.

GROOM FALLS DEAD AS HE DRINKS WATER

Returns from West a Widower, Dies on Honeymoon.

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NOW NEED THREE FOR THAW TRIAL

Two Jurors Accepted and Panel May Be Completed To-Day.

KEEP CROWD OUT BY JUDGE'S ORDER

Interest in Case Almost Without Precedent, But Few Will Be Admitted to Court-Room. Entire Family in Court. Defense Expected to Spring Surprise.

NEW YORK, January 28.—The jury which is to try Harry K. Thaw for the killing of Stanford White is nearly completed. When court adjourned this evening there were nine men in the jury box, one having been added during the morning session and one just before adjournment. The taking of testimony may be begun Wednesday afternoon. Fifty talesmen were examined to-day, and so rapidly were the remaining members of the special panel disposed of at the morning session that at noon orders were hurried from the court for the summoning of an additional man, who are to report before Justice Fitzgerald to-morrow morning. This will make a total of 300 men thus far summoned.

Many Are Excused.

Of the original panel there remained to-night 28, and it was not considered necessary to make up the trial of twelve.

Question of Doubt.

In according the latter Mr. Jerome dwelt for some time upon the question of reasonable doubt, questioning the talesman searchingly as to his ideas of the difference between a reasonable doubt and a possible doubt. Mr. Haas seemed to incline to the idea that a conviction for murder in the first degree should be voted only when such doubt as one might feel in regard to some vital issue in his own life had been removed by the evidence. This seemed to satisfy the district attorney. Mr. Newton became juror No. 8, and Mr. Haas No. 9.

Entire Family Present.

All of the defendant's family were in court to-day. Mr. Harry Thaw and his companion, Miss Mary MacKenzie, were the first to arrive. Then came Mrs. William Thaw, mother of the prisoner, accompanied by her two daughters, the Countess of Yarmouth and Mrs. George L. Carnegie. Edward Joseph, the brother of Mr. Carnegie, was also present. The family sat closely grouped just back of the prisoner. As usual, they seldom spoke to each other. Mrs. William Thaw had a melancholic howl and a smile for the prisoner in the courtroom, and the latter was quick to return the smile. Thaw seemed delighted when he saw all of his family in court, and appeared to be in high spirits throughout the day.

Receives Wife and Friend.

During the long recess, Mrs. Harry Thaw and Miss MacKenzie were allowed to visit the defendant in the prisoner's room. They remained with Thaw until the jury had taken its place. Mrs. William Thaw, the Countess of Yarmouth, and Mrs. Carnegie, after they had lunched in the clerk's room, resumed their chairs in the courtroom and chatted together during the hour preceding the opening of the afternoon session. Joseph Thaw joined the family party during the recess.

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Miss MacKenzie to-day declared there was absolutely no difference in the report that there had been differences in the Thaw family, and said it was especially untrue that any dissension had arisen over her presence in the courtroom.

Her Dark Blue Dress.

Young Mrs. Thaw wore again the dark blue dress which was now become familiar to those in the court, and again her features were hidden beneath a closely drawn white veil.

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