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WITNESS WEEPS; BLAMES HIMSELF

Weaver Persuaded Hains Brothers to Go to Bayside That Day.

DEFENSE SCORES TWO IMPORTANT POINTS

Thornton Hains Returns to Long Island Jail, Declaring Evidence Already Introduced Clearly Establishes His Innocence of Any Complicity. Meets Mother.

FLUSHING, N. Y., December 28.—The defense scored two material points in the evidence in the trial to-day of Thornton J. Hains, which, the defendant's counsel assert, disprove the charge that the author was a principal with his brother, Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., in the killing of William E. Annis at the Bayside Yacht Club, in Little Neck Bay. An exhaustive cross-examination of the two witnesses for the defense left the main points of their testimony unshaken, and Thornton Hains returned to the Long Island jail to-night declaring that the evidence proved his innocence.

Testimony that Thornton Hains did not go to Bayside to kill Annis, but to look at property, was testified to by Charles R. Weaver, sales agent for the Hains Concrete Mixer Company, who further declared that it was at his insistent invitations that the Hains brothers on August 16th postponed a trip to Sandy Hook and went to Bayside to inspect real estate there. Weaver almost sobbed on the stand when he said that he felt responsible for sending the Hains brothers on the journey that ended in the death of Annis.

The mental condition of Captain Hains previous to the shooting was testified to by Mr. Weaver who asserted that from the actions of the army captain he believed him to be irrational.

Another Eye-Witness.

The second material point brought out by the defense to-day was drawn from John Tierney, a garbage collector, who said he was an eye-witness to the tragedy. Tierney declared that Captain Hains had ceased firing before his brother ran down to the float and that the defendant did not draw his revolver until Charles Roberts, a club member, advanced toward Captain Hains with the captain's revolver in his hand.

Tierney said Thornton Hains did not point his revolver at any one on the float, but called for an officer to arrest his brother. He did not see Mrs. Annis on the float. A severe cross-examination did not make Tierney waver in the essentials of his direct testimony.

Counsel on Stand.

Joseph A. Shay, of counsel for Hains, was called to the stand when court opened. He told of his interview with Martin Skura, the Bayside cabman who drove the Hains brothers to the yacht club. Shay said that Skura told him in the presence of Young, associate counsel for the defense, that the name of Annis was never mentioned during the trip to the yacht club, and that no one asked him to follow close behind the stage in which Mrs. Annis was driving.

Mr. Shay said that neither he nor Mr. Young represented themselves to Skura as newspaper men. The witness further declared that he was near Thornton Hains the night of the coroner's inquest, and that the defendant had no conversation with Policeman Fallon, who testified that Hains said to him that he wished he "could go down into hell and get Annis and kill him again."

Charles R. Weaver, who knew the Hains brothers and their wives, was called and was asked to relate conversations he had had with Captain Hains. Prosecutor White objected to any conversations that the witness had had with Mr. Hains. Mr. McIntyre informed Justice Crane that he desired to incorporate in a hypothetical question to be put to the experts certain conditions testified to by the witness. Mr. White objected to the interrogation, declaring that the question of Captain Hains's sanity was irrelevant. Justice Crane said that there were two questions involved, one of law and one of evidence. He ruled that as a question of law the defendant could not hide behind the acts of an insane man, and that if he aided the insane man to commit the shooting, the defendant was just as guilty as if he had done the shooting. As a question of evidence, Justice Crane held that the matter of Captain Hains's sanity was admissible, as bearing on the attitude of his brother at the time of the shooting. The evidence being admitted, Mr. Weaver continued his testimony.

Sanity of Captain Hains.

Mr. Weaver said Captain Hains and his wife were very affectionate before the departure of the captain for the Philippines. Then Captain Hains showed no irrational signs, said the witness.

"What was said by Captain Hains when you saw him in August at Thornton's house?"

"He said his wife had been a good woman, but Annis had betrayed her."

"What was his appearance?"

"He looked wretched, as if he had gone to pieces. He looked down at the floor and twisted his hair. Sometimes he arose and whistled and sang, then sat down again and became silent. It's a hard thing to describe, but it was all unnatural."

Mr. Weaver said he took Captain Hains to Boston for a trip for his health. All during the trip, the witness said, Captain Hains paid no attention to what was going on.

Recess was then taken.

Meets Mother in Court.

Before court convened for the afternoon session, Mrs. General Hains, accompanied by her husband and her son, Major John Hains, entered the court-room. Thornton Hains arose and went to meet his mother as she

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HARPER WAS SENSITIVE

Objected to Reputation as "Money Getter" and Was Misunderstood.

CHICAGO, ILL., December 28.—The sensitiveness of William R. Harper, president of the University of Chicago from the foundation of the school until his death, as to his reputation as a "money getter" for the university, is illustrated in a letter which will be published in the Chicago Tribune to-morrow. This letter was written some time before Mr. Harper's demise to James Keeley, managing editor of the Tribune, and has been preserved in Mr. Keeley's private correspondence.

It is now published as supplementary to the statement of John D. Rockefeller that Mr. Harper never discussed with him specifically matters of finance connected with the university. "When I left my work in New Haven to come to Chicago," reads the letter, "I was laying greatest emphasis on the scholarly side. Up to that time I had given myself largely to scholarly work. On coming to Chicago I had to turn aside for the next ten or twelve years to secure money for the university, and in doing this I was compelled to throw myself into that side of the work.

"The consequence is, that Chicago and the Northwest think of me as a money getter, and that is the reputation I have everywhere—a reputation which is hardly fair, in view of my antipathy for this kind of work and my love for the other. The thing that troubles me is that I seem to stand in the West for something that I do not really represent, and the thing which I represent is not appreciated or understood, or even known, by the great majority of the people who are familiar with the working of the university."

DECREASE IN CLERGY

Episcopal Church in United States So Reports for First Time.

BOSTON, MASS., December 28.—For the first time probably in its history, the Episcopal Church in the United States reports a decrease in the number of its clergy, due in part to an unusually large list of depositions from the priesthood and to an abnormally high death rate during the past year. The annual statistics show a total of 5,411 clergy, a decrease of 13 from 1907. There were 135 deaths, an increase of 30, and 41 depositions, an increase of 15.

The increase in depositions is ascribed to the action of 16 or more of the clergy, who, resenting what they termed the "open pulpit" canon, adopted by the last General Convention, entered the Roman Catholic Church.

The defections occurred largely in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Illinois.

The list of candidates for holy orders shows a decrease of 17, but the number of postulants is greater by 31. The number of lay readers increased by 119. The total number of communicants is 898,756, an increase of 24,260, or 3 per cent. over that of last year. The total contributions were $17,952,508.

HALTED AT ALTAR

Groom Is Proclaimed a Married Man and the Ceremony Is Stopped.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ASBURY PARK, N. Y., December 28.—"Does any one know any reason why these two should not be made man and wife? If so, speak out, and if not, forever hold thy peace," spake Rev. J. C. Scarborough, pastor of St. Thomas's Presbyterian Mission, as John Whittaker and Nettie Higgins, a comely girl, stood before him.

The silence was broken by Mrs. Mary Griffin, a widow, with whom Whittaker had boarded, who cried: "I know a good reason; that man is already married, and I have proof here," and she produced two letters from Suffolk, Va., sent to Whittaker by a woman who signed her name as "Mrs. Whittaker, your loving wife," and asking when he would return to her.

Whittaker raved, declared the letters were forged, and Parson Scarborough wanted to proceed, but the would-be bride stoutly refused to take the vows, and says she is glad she didn't.

Mrs. Griffin said she found the letters in the room which Whittaker formerly occupied. He has taken legal action to recover the "near bride's" wedding outfit, which he furnished.

WILL NOT ACCEPT

Austria's Suggestions for Settlement With Turkey Are Strongly Opposed.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 28.—Count Pallavicini, the Austrian ambassador to Turkey, to-day had interviews with the Grand Vizier and Tewfik Pasha, the Minister of Foreign Affairs. He found them both totally opposed to the acceptance of Austria's suggestions for a settlement of the Bosnia and Herzegovina question.

The count was informed, however, that the Ottoman ambassador at Vienna had been instructed to open negotiations with Baron von Aehrenthal, the Austro-Hungarian minister, and the opinion was expressed that, with the good-will of both sides, a satisfactory agreement would eventually be reached.

It is understood that the Porte will shortly invite Bulgaria to send delegates to resume negotiations for a settlement of the Turko-Bulgarian questions.

TO CONFER WITH TAFT

President-Elect and His Premier Will Hold Conference in Augusta.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 28.—Senator P. C. Knox, of Pennsylvania, who will head the Taft Cabinet as Secretary of State, expects to leave here January 4th or 5th for Augusta, Ga., for a conference of several days' duration with President-elect Taft.

Mr. Taft is desirous of consulting with Mr. Knox before definitely making any other Cabinet selections, and he requested the Senator from the Keystone State to come to Augusta at the time the tender of the portfolio to him was made.

Definite announcement of the selection of George W. Wickersham, of New York, to be Attorney-General is expected to follow close upon Mr. Knox's arrival at Augusta.

PROMINENT EDUCATORS

Many From the South Are Attending the Meeting in Atlanta.

ATLANTA, GA., December 28.—Many delegates arrived in this city to-day to attend the nineteenth annual session of the Southern Educational Association, which opens to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Between 400 and 500 of the most prominent educators in the Southern States are expected to be present.

The program that has been outlined is broad in the general scope, including discussion on almost every problem of concern to Southern education.

PASSED DERELICT

Dismantled Schooner Off Virginia Coast Is Probably Destroyed Now.

NEW YORK, December 28.—Both the steamers Segurancа, from Cuba, and Admiral Schley, from Port Antonio, Jamaica, which arrived here to-day, reported passing the derelict schooner Warner Moore, which was abandoned in a waterlogged condition on Christmas Day not far out at sea off the Virginia coast.

Both captains expected that the menace that the Warner Moore was to navigation by this time probably would have disappeared, for the United States derelict destroyer Seneca was standing by, and soon was to begin her work upon the derelict.

TO GIVE MESSAGE TO ENTIRE SOUTH

Occasion of the Taft Visit to Atlanta Will Be Utilized.

PLANNING HIS TRIP TO PANAMA ISTHMUS

Mrs. Taft Will Accompany Him. Special Train Will Be at the Disposal of Himself and Six Civil Engineers—Will Iron Out the Kinks.

AUGUSTA, GA., December 28.—Atlanta is to possess President-Elect Taft from 1 o'clock Friday, January 15th, to 3 o'clock on the next day. The big feature of the visit is to be a banquet Friday night, at which Mr. Taft will be the chief speaker. About 100 representative Southerners will attend the dinner, that every section of the South may be represented.

The Taft visit is to be made the occasion of an elaborate celebration, when it is hoped to give Mr. Taft an opportunity to deliver a message to the entire South under appropriate conditions. These arrangements were made here to-day upon the visit to Judge Taft of President Asa G. Candler, of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce; David Woodward, its vice-president; Walter G. Cooper, secretary, and Charles E. Caverly.

Mr. Taft said to-day that his stay on the Isthmus of Panama would be limited to one week. While there he will be the guest of Colonel Goethals, at his residence at Culebra. Mrs. Taft will accompany her husband on the trip, and with him will also go six civil engineers.

Stay on Isthmus.

A special train will be at the disposal of Mr. Taft and party while on the Isthmus. He expects to spend much of his time at the site of the Gatun dam, as the personal work of the engineers with him is to ascertain the adequacy of the natural foundations for this structure. Minor tangles of administration which may be found to exist will be ironed out by Mr. Taft, who will also make it a point to give impetus to the general work on the ditch.

The departure will be made from Charleston and the landing at New Orleans. From the Crescent City Mr. Taft will go direct to Cincinnati, where he is to be the guest at a banquet on February 19th, given by the promoters of the Taft Citizens' Clubs. His next engagement is at Philadelphia, February 22d.

Mr. Taft was photographed to-day for the medallion to be used at the inauguration.

Frank H. Hitchcock is expected here to-morrow. Upon inquiry to-night Mr. Taft said that former Land Commissioner Ballinger, of Seattle, had been mentioned to him for a Cabinet place, but that no decision had been reached.

Mr. Hitchcock Coming.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 28.—Frank H. Hitchcock, chairman of the Republican National Committee, called at the White House to-day, and this afternoon left for Augusta, Ga., for a conference with President-elect Taft. He said he probably would be in Augusta three or four days.

PAPER FAMINE

Likely to Result From Longer Continuance of the Dry Spell.

GLEN'S FALLS, N. Y., December 28.—That a famine in the news print paper market is likely to result from a much longer continuance of the present dry spell in paper-making territory is indicated in statements made to-day by the officials of the International Paper Company. Many mills which have been compelled to run on short time in several departments, owing to the low water, will be forced to shut down entirely within four weeks unless rain falls, the officials say.

Such a shutdown, owing to the fact that the company has not reserve supply of paper, would, it is said, cut off shipments to a number of big dailies.

NOT QUITE READY

Authorities and Theatres Will Fight It Out in Court Later.

NEW YORK, December 28.—The lawyers for the city and those engaged by the moving picture interests were not ready to proceed with arguments in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn to-day for and against making permanent the temporary injunction secured by the latter against the closing of their places of business by order of Mayor McClellan, and the hearing was adjourned until to-morrow.

In a majority of the cases of actors arrested last Sunday in vaudeville houses for alleged violation of the Sunday laws, the prisoners were dismissed to-day by police magistrates.

PROTESTED INNOCENCE

But Williams Was Glad It Would Soon Be Over With.

PERRY, GA., December 28.—Fletcher Williams was hanged here this morning for the murder of James Miller, of Houston county.

Williams would eat nothing, and on leaving the jail in company with Sheriff Cooper and a deputy from Houston county, said: "I am d—d glad this thing will soon be over with, but they are hanging an innocent man when they hang me."

BATTLESHIPS SIGHTED

Passed Aden, Arabia, Yesterday and Are Bound for the Suez.

ADEN, ARABIA, December 28.—The sixteen battleships, composing the American battleship fleet, under command of Rear-Admiral Sperry, which is cruising around the world, passed this port to-day bound for Suez. The fleet left Colombo, Ceylon, December 20th.

Horse Overshoes.

PITTSBURG, PA., December 28.—Mrs. George Westinghouse, wife of the electrical king, has interested horself, and, incidentally, some of her husband's money, in the formation of a concern to manufacture overshoes for horses.

Always a lover of horseflesh, Mrs. Westinghouse hopes to better the animals' condition by making something which will prevent them slipping and falling on wet or icy pavements.

ARE LINING UP

Three Senatorial Candidates in Ohio Are Now on the Scene of Action.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 28.—With the arrival of Senator J. B. Foraker this evening, the three leading candidates for the United States senatorship are here. It was announced today that Senator Dick would come tomorrow. The belief obtains among observers of the contest that there is little chance for a dark horse to be selected. The arrival of former Lieutenant-Governor Harding started rumors that the Taft supporters might go to him rather than see the prize won by Burton if the latter seemed to gain strength.

State Oil Inspector Phipp, a leading Taft supporter, called on Mr. Burton to-day by request. As a result of their conversation, it became known that the question of State patronage is to figure in the outcome. As Mr. Burton is friendly with three State Senators from Cleveland, his home, through them he wields an influence, which, if used, could be made to bring to his support the recess appointees of Governor Harris, who are to come before the Senate at its coming session for confirmation. Mr. Phipps is one of these recess appointees, but is not making any effort to retain his place. The question of his attitude on the United States senatorship, therefore, will not be changed by an intimation that his confirmation may be held up in the Senate. He so informed Mr. Burton to-day.

Twenty members of the Legislature were here to-day, and were in conference with the senatorial candidates.

WORLD'S RICHEST WOMEN

Mrs. Hetty Green Comes First and Mrs. Russell Sage Next.

LONDON, December 28.—A list of the ten richest women in the world has been published here. Mrs. Hetty Green leads with a fortune estimated at $90,000,000.

Mrs. Russell Sage comes next with an estimated fortune of $85,000,000.

Frau Bertha von Bohlen, daughter of Krupp, the German gun manufacturer, comes third with $80,000,000.

Mrs. Frederick Cortland Penfield, of Philadelphia, is fourth with $60,000,000.

Mme. Creel, of Mexico, is said to have an income of $5,000,000 a year.

The Marchioness of Graham, by the death of her father, the Duke of Hamilton, came into the possession of an income of nearly $500,000 a year.

The Baroness von Eckhardstein, the daughter of Sir Blundell Maple, has recently come into the second portion of her father's fortune, making her yearly income $550,000.

The Duchess of Roxburghe, who was Miss May Goelet, is credited with possessing a fortune of $25,000,000.

The Countess Szechenyi, who was Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, is placed on the list with $12,000,000.

Mrs. S. G. Archer, daughter of the late Harry Barnato, is estimated to be worth $10,000,000.

LOTTERY A FAILURE

Suitor Chose Bride by Chance, Now Won't Marry Her.

DENVER, December 28.—Because Annie Dugan, eighteen years old, made use of an ancient plan to determine which of three suitors should become her husband, Andrew Yotsow, upon whom her choice fell, refuses to take her.

For some time Yotsow has been paying court to Miss Dugan. But she would not give him an answer, until finally, several weeks ago, she told him that she was going to have a birthday party and if a certain thing happened she could be his wife.

All their friends were there. There was much giggling as Annie drew forth three candles, lighted them and placed them on a board.

The candles burned and the girls giggled and thred of the boys all looked glum. Finally, one after another of the candles burned out and only one remained. Then Annie announced that under each candle was the name of a certain young man, and she would marry the one whose name was under the candle that burned the longest. Andy's candle had survived them all.

Yotsow did not see the joke and declared that he did not want to be herded together with a lot of other suitors. When the wedding ceremonies were arranged he did not appear. Now Annie has sued him and will try to force the wedding.

CRUISERS ARRIVE

The Des Moines and North Carolina Are Now at Willemstad.

WILLEMSTAD, ISLAND OF CURACAO, December 28.—The United States cruiser Des Moines came into this port to-day. The Des Moines was in communication with another war vessel about five miles outside the harbor. The second warship is believed to have been the cruiser North Carolina, and after the two separated she proceeded West.

Reliable information has reached here that General Celestino Castro, the former President's brother, who was stationed in Caracas in command of Venezuelan troops, and who was reported to have gone over to the side of President Gomez, has crossed the Colombian frontier, and is expected to reach Cucuta, Colombia, very soon. Several others among the Castro adherents have also taken their departure from the country.

TO HELP MORSE

Mayor Calls Mass-Meeting of Residents of His Native City.

BATH, ME., December 28.—Ways and means for securing a new trial for Charles W. Morse, of New York, will be considered by citizens of Bath, Mr. Morse's birthplace, at a mass-meeting to be held here to-morrow.

The meeting, which has been called by Mayor George E. Hughes, also will discuss the question of securing the release of Mr. Morse on bail. Morse was recently convicted in the Federal court in New York of misapplication of bank funds.

MOTION OVERRULED

Leader in Race Riot at Springfield Must Go to Jail.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., December 28.—Motion for a new trial in the case of Abraham Raymer, alleged leader of the race riot mobs on the nights of August 14th and 15th, to-day was overruled in the Sangamon Circuit Court, and Raymer was sentenced to thirty days in jail and to pay a fine of $25 and costs on conviction of petit larceny in the stealing of the sword of Major Duncan, of the Eighth Infantry, Illinois National Guard, when Duncan's house was looted and burned on the night of August 14th.

WEATHER.

Partly cloudy.

ILLNESS HALTS REELFOOT TRIAL

One Defendant, About to Go on the Witness Stand, Suddenly Attacked.

PROSECUTION CLOSES; DEFENSE HAS ALIBIS

Members of the Families of Each of the Eight Defendants Will Testify That They Were All at Home and in Bed at Time of the Tragedy.

UNION CITY, TENN., December 28.—The sudden illness of Arthur Cloar, one of the eight alleged night riders on trial for the murder of Captain Rankin, caused a suspension of the trial this afternoon. The State had completed its testimony, and had rested. The defense put Bud Morris and Sam Applewhite, both defendants, on the stand. Both men denied any connection with the night riders, and gave a circumstantial account of their whereabouts on the night of the murder of Captain Rankin. The defense laid the foundation for a complete alibi, and purposes to put all the defendants on the stand and corroborate their testimony by members of their families.

When the defense called Arthur Cloar to the stand it was announced that he was ill; and on the testimony of a physician court adjourned until morning. The indisposition of the witness was pronounced temporary, and the defense promised to be ready to resume in the morning.

Walter Holt, a fisherman from near Samburg, told to-day of Tid Burton's receiving a letter from the night riders telling Burton to attend a meeting that night or they would hang him. The night riders paid Holt a visit on the night of May 23d. Holt said he recognized Garrett Johnson as the leader.

Corroborates Testimony.

Will Rogers, from near Clayton, was introduced to corroborate the story told by Fehringer, detailing the route taken by him in assembling the band for the Walnut Log raid. He passed Fehringer in the road, going in the direction of Frederick Pinion's home, about 5 o'clock in the afternoon before the murder.

Field Burton, of Martin, Tenn., was the last witness introduced by the State. He was at Walnut Log the night of the murder, and was told by the night riders to stay in bed. After they had gone he went with Ed. Powell and P. C. Ward to the scene of the crime and stayed the rest of the night. The defense asked that the court withdraw all of the evidence from the jury pertaining to other raids than the killing of Captain Rankin, asserting that such evidence was incompetent because they were separate and distinct offenses. Attorney-General Caldwell, after a lengthy argument, insisted that the evidence was competent.

Judge Jones expressed his doubt on the matter and stated that he would render his decision later.

Trying to Prove Alibis.

The defense began its attempts to prove an alibi for the eight men on trial by the introduction of Bud Morris, one of the accused men. Morris, as stated by Fehringer, was the captain of the Samburg branch of the night riders, and had been identified on other raids by several witnesses. He stated that he had never been a member and knew nothing whatever of the night rider society or band, and also denied having any conversation with Tom Cloar on the subject.

On the night of the murder of Captain Rankin he claimed he was at home after 8 o'clock with the exception of a few minutes, when he was feeding his mules. He slept that night with his uncle, Will Wayster, and was seen by several neighbors who came to his home for various reasons. The next morning he went to Troy to sell cotton, leaving home at about 8 o'clock.

PERFECT SCORE

Forty-Sixth Company, Coast Artillery, Makes 100 Per Cent. of Hits.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 28.—The Forty-Sixth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, in target practice at Fort Strong, Mass., on October 13th last made 100 per cent. of hits, according to a report received by the Chief of Artillery.

The Chief of Coast Artillery has recommended commendation of Captain Yost and the members of the Forty-sixth Company.

MADE RICH HAUL

Thieves Get $30,000 in Jewery and $5,000 Cash From Store.

NEW YORK, December 28.—The robbery of $30,000 worth of jewelry and $5,000 in cash from a safe in the jewelry store of Oscar C. Jackie, at No. 866 Third Avenue, this city, was discovered to-day, having taken place last night. The robbers, who got safely away with their booty, forced their way into the cellar, sawed a hole up through the floor into the store, and pried off the dial of the combination.

VESSEL CAPTURED

British Steamer Tai On Is Taken by Two Chinese Cruisers.

HONG KONG, December 28.—The British steamer Tai On was captured yesterday by two Chinese cruisers near Kum Chuk, west of the river.

The reason for the capture is believed to lie in the fact that the steamer several months ago ran down a junk and drowned a theatrical company which was on board. Further developments from the capture is expected.

SON KILLS HIMSELF

Because Night Riders Had Visited and Whipped His Father.

HOPKINSVILLE, KY., December 28.—Brooding over the fancied disgrace to his family because his father had been whipped by night riders, Roy Rogers, the twenty-year-old son of Presley Rogers, a prominent planter, committed suicide to-day. The mother, on returning from a visit, found the boy dead with a revolver by his side.

HIS OWN BURGLAR

Station Agent Robbed His Office and Telegraphed for Detectives.

NEW YORK, December 28.—"Send two detectives here at once. Burglars just broken into station and stole $30."

This was the telegram received at the chief detective's office in the Erie Railroad station at Jersey City late on Saturday night, and Detective Harvey Flynn hurried out to Hillsdale, on the New Jersey and New York Railroad, from whence the telegram came. Night Station Agent Albert Hartwick, twenty years old, was waiting for the special train bearing the detective, and he appeared extremely nervous as he led the sleuth into the station office.

"How did the burglar get in here?" asked Flynn.

"Why, he broke in the door," said Hartwick.

"But the lock is on the inside and the only thing broken," said the detective, looking Hartwick in the eye. "You stole the money and then broke the lock," continued the sleuth, and the agent confessed.

He then went to his home, nearby, and handed over $29 of the missing money. Justice Schweitzer, of Hackensack, committed Hartwick to jail.

THOUGHT FLASHLIGHT A FIRE

Alarm Turned in When Night Picture of a Christmas Tree Is Taken.

NEW YORK, December 28.—Because Geoby Gel, of 400 West Thirteenth Street, wanted a picture of the pretty Christmas tree he rigged up for his three children, there was an alarm of fire at Thirteenth Street and Eighth Avenue last night, and some excitement in the neighborhood.

Mr. Gel had engaged Henry Romer, a photographer, of 485 Ninth Avenue, to come around to his rooms on the second floor of 400 West Thirteenth Street, last night and take a picture of the Christmas tree. Romer, after getting his apparatus in shape, took a flashlight photograph of the tree. The flash was seen by a boy passing on Thirteenth Street. He did not know what it was and he rushed up to Patrolman Topler, of the Charles Street Station, and told him there had been an explosion in the corner house and that the house was on fire.

The policeman turned in an alarm from the box at Fourteenth Street and Eighth Avenue, which brought out the engines, hook and ladder trucks, and a big crowd. When the firemen came out of the house they said it was a very pretty Christmas tree.

FLY PREVENTS MURDER

Insect Falls Into Poisoned Milk Intended for Boarding House.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., December 28.—Because a fly was instantly killed when it fell into a five-gallon can of poisoned milk, an attempt to kill all the roomers in a boarding house at No. 420 East First Street, this city, was frustrated to-day. Two men are held in the city jail on suspicion of having carefully arranged to poison the twenty guests. Evidence has been found against them, but both deny firmly that they were implicated in the plot.

The prisoners, who gave their names as W. H. H. Morris and Charles Johnson, are both negroes. They refuse to tell the police what they have been doing for a living while in the city. Johnson, the police say, lived in No. 125 Rose Street, and there a quantity of poison salts of vitriol, similar to that found in the milk, was discovered. The owner of the boarding house, Mrs. Fannie Martin, said the two prisoners had visited her place several times and had been ordered away. On leaving the last time they said they would have revenge.

GERMANY IS READY

Will Be Among First to Take Advantage of Special Tariff Arrangement.

WASHINGTON, December 28.—There are indications that Germany will be among the first of the European countries to seek advantage of an arrangement with America to secure minimum tariff under the terms of the new tariff act which is expected to be passed at the special session of Congress, to follow close upon the adjournment of the present regular session, March 4th next.

Count Von Bernstorff, the newly arrived German Ambassador, who will arrange with Secretary Root to-day for his presentation to President Roosevelt as ambassador from Germany, succeeding the late Baron Speck von Sternburg, is believed to have been thoroughly equipped by consultation with the German foreign office and customary official before his departure from Germany to undertake this task. Indications are that the new tariff act will be framed to take effect immediately upon its approval by the President.

TO NAME RECEIVERS

Seminole Securities Company in Court on Application of Stockholder.

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 28.—To-day at Cheraw Judge Watts, of the Circuit Court, after hearing argument by both sides, announced that he would appoint receivers for the Seminole Securities Company, the decision being on an application by J. C. Klugh, a stockholder of the company, for a receivership.

It was alleged that the company had acted illegally in purchasing the stock of the Southern Life Insurance Company of North Carolina, and that the price paid for the insurance company stock was unduly high, and that excessive commissions were paid to the agent who engineered the transaction.

Judge Watts fixed the receivers' bond at $50,000. As yet no receivers have been named.

The Seminole Company is capitalized at $300,000.

NO COMPROMISE

Tobacco Men in Mass-Meeting in Hartford Insist on Tariff.

HARTFORD, CONN., December 28.—No compromise in their fight to maintain the existing duty on tobacco was the position taken by several hundred growers of tobacco, who assembled in mass-meeting at the Capitol to-day. The object of the gathering was to discuss with the Senators and Congressmen from this State the proposed tariff revision on tobacco.

Resolutions were unanimously adopted calling upon "our Representatives and Senators to use every legitimate means in their power to maintain the present rate of duty on all tobacco imported into this country and to defeat any means looking to the free introduction of the Philippine tobacco."

NINE MEN KILLED

Collision Between Work Train and Freight on the Great Northern.

GREAT FALLS, MONT., December 28.—As the result of a collision to-day between a freight train and a work train on the Great Northern Railroad nine workmen were killed and a number of others injured.

THOUSANDS DEAD IN LOWER ITALY

Earthquake Shock Is the Most Destructive in History of Country.

GREAT TIDAL WAVE DESTROYS VESSELS

All Wire Communication With Three Provinces Cut Off, and Torpedo Boat Is Being Used Along Coast of Stricken Country to Carry Dispatches.

ROME, December 28.—The three provinces of Cosenza, Katanzaro and Reggio di Calabria, comprising the Department of Calabria, which forms the southwestern extremity of Italy, or "the toe of the boot," were devastated to-day by an earthquake, the far-reaching effects of which were felt almost throughout the entire country. The town of Messina, in Sicily, was partially destroyed, and Catania was inundated.

In Messina hundreds of houses have fallen and many persons have been killed. Owing, however, to the fact that telegraphic and telephonic communications were almost completely destroyed, it is impossible to obtain even an approximate idea of the vast damage done.

Fate Is Unknown.

The fate of the entire regions within the zone of the earthquake is unknown, but reports received here up to a late hour to-night indicate that there has been the greatest destruction to life and property, more terrible than Italy has experienced in many years. The uncertainty of the situation for many thousands has filled all Italians with the deepest distress, for they still have fear that the day may come when that part of the country, which seems to have been most blessed by nature, will be destroyed by the blind forces of that same nature which, nearly nineteen centuries ago, overwhelmed Pompeii and Herculaneum.

All reports show that the present catastrophe embraces a larger area than the earthquake in 1905. The tidal wave which followed the earth shocks on the eastern coast of Sicily sank vessels and inundated the lower part of Catania.

It is known that a number of people were killed at that place, but the rushing waters carried everything before them and caused such an indescribable confusion that it will be impossible for some time to estimate the damage and the lives lost.

Without Communication.

For a period the town of Messina and the whole province of Reggio were completely isolated through interruptions to the telegraph and telephone and landslides that obstructed the railways. Absolutely nothing was heard from Reggio throughout the day, while the first news from Messina came in the form of a dispatch, which a torpedo boat, flying at full speed along the coast of the peninsula, carried from point to point, always finding the wires down, until it reached Nicotera, where the telegraph lines were found to be intact.

From this point the dispatch was sent. It briefly stated that the situation was desperate, and after summarizing the immensity of the catastrophe, ended with the announcement that Captain Passino, commander of the local station of torpedo boats, was buried under the debris after with other officials performed heroic work in trying to save others.

The Italian government has proceeded energetically to relieve the far-spread distress, concentrating at the points of greatest need troops and engineers.

Members of the Red Cross were dispatched to various places, and camps with provisions were immediately prepared, all available railway lines and warships being used for their transport.

Messina Suffers Most.

The city of Messina has suffered probably more than any other place, the latest information coming indirectly from that quarter, stating that two-thirds of the town was destroyed and several thousand persons killed. The steamers Washington and Montebello, which were in that harbor, later proceeded to Catania, loaded with injured who were so stupefied by terror that they seemed unable to realize what had happened, simply saying that it looked as if the end of the world had come. Five steamers left Catania for Messina to assist in removing the injured from that place, who are reported to number thousands.

At Catania, the panic-stricken people, fearing new shocks, absolutely refused to re-enter their houses, and are camping on the squares which are free from water, and the surrounding country.

The tidal wave sank 500 boats there, and did great damage to a large number of vessels and steamers, including the Austrian steamer Buda.

Great Tidal Wave.

Not only did Catania suffer from the effects of a tidal wave, but a similar body of water inundated the handsome streets of Messina which flank the harbor, covering them with a thick layer of mud, which rendered more difficult the succoring of the wounded, many of whom could be seen lying under the wreckage. It is reported that the villages of Faro and Ganzierri, adjoining Messina, have disappeared.

The effects of the earthquake were aggravated by fire through an explosion of gas, the flames of which swept along several of the streets, adding terror upon terror. In Calabria, the region around Monteleone was most affected. The village of Stefanaconi was practically destroyed. Only five persons were killed, but many were injured.

Bishop Again a Hero.

Mgr. Morabito, the Bishop of Mileto, who distinguished himself in the earthquake of 1905, did valiant work again to-day. He rushed into places where the ruin was greatest, and brought aid and encouragement to all. Thousands of people abandoned their homes, ex-