

SIX JURORS SWORE TO TRY HARRY THAW FOR MURDER

GUILTY IS VERDICT OF MESKIL JURY TRIAL OF SLAYER OF PATRICK LYONS ENDS ACCUSED MAN CREATES SENSATION IN COURT Prisoner Testifies in Own Behalf and Introduces New Name in Case, Which the Prosecution Says is Myth

"We, the jury, find the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree." A hush fell on the great crowd of men and women thronging Judge B. N. Smith's department of the superior court yesterday afternoon as W. G. Benedict, foreman of the jury which for almost three days has been listening to the evidence in the trial of Daniel F. Meskil, charged with the killing of Patrick H. Lyons on November 20 last, read the verdict which will in all probability send the convicted man to the gallows.

The last day of the trial occupied practically the entire session of the court and was filled with sensational events, the defendant himself taking the witness stand in his own defense and later interrupting an impassioned argument of the district attorney with an accusation against the veracity of a witness, an interruption which coming at a time when the feelings of every person in the room were wrought to the highest pitch almost caused a stampede among the crowd gathered on the north side of the chamber.

A new name was introduced in the testimony yesterday, when Meskil, under examination, declared he and Robe were accompanied on the night of the killing of Patrick Lyons by a man named Jack Shields. The man, the prosecution declared, is a myth, the creature of Meskil's imagination, brought into being during the long hours spent in his lonely cell at the county jail.

Meskil says Mind Was Blank As predicted, Meskil also declared he lost consciousness at the time of the accident on Central avenue, when himself and companion were thrown from a buggy in which they were fleeing after the failure to hold up a grocery. His mind, he said, became a blank at that time, and he remembered nothing more until he reached the rooming house at which he was staying at Sixth and Wall streets.

Another personage, who is also claimed by the prosecution to be a non-existent being, was introduced into Meskil's testimony in connection with this accident, and it was while testifying concerning this man that Meskil made a claim which he was not receiving just treatment in his trial.

Meskil said that while suffering from the effects of the accident on Central avenue he was assisted in his rooming house by a stranger. "Who was he?" asked Mr. Fredericks. "That's what I'd like to know; I'd like to have him subpoenaed," the prisoner declared, not without cause, in view of the fact that he was a legal defendant and I can't subpoena witnesses," he continued, a statement which greatly puzzled the attorneys.

For half an hour before the opening of court Meskil and his attorney, S. M. Smyser, were closeted in Judge Smith's chambers in earnest consultation, and it was not until the trial resumed that Meskil was laboring under great strain. As he entered the court room he assumed the same cool demeanor which has marked him while in public since the afternoon of his arrest.

NEW OCEAN LINER TO HAVE DRESSMAKING AND TAILOR SHOPS In Addition to Providing for Sartorial Needs Ocean Flyer Will Have Well Equipped Diamond Store

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Although it would seem that the extent of luxury of transatlantic travel had already been reached, this is not the case, according to the descriptions of the liner Europa, which is now being built at Belfast.

ARMED MAN ROBS CAR IN LONELY SPOT MASKED MAN GETS BUT THIRTY CENTS Highwayman Followed to Heart of City, but Escapes from Officers at First and Broadway

Car No. 220 of the San Pedro street line of the Los Angeles railway, on its way to the east side barn, was held up in Elysian park shortly after 1 o'clock this morning and the conductor and motor-man robbed at the point of a pistol. The robber was masked and stopped the car at the park entrance. There were no passengers on the car and the robber secured 20 cents for his trouble.

MOYER AND PETTIBONE COME TO CALIFORNIA President of Western Federation of Miners and Member of That Organization Acquitted at Boise, to Visit Here

Special to The Herald. LAS VEGAS, Nev., Jan. 8.—Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, and George A. Pettibone, a member of the organization, who were acquitted recently at Boise, where he was accused of murdering former Governor Steunenberg, will pass some time in Southern California.

1000 WOMEN PLEDGE THEMSELVES NOT TO WEAR BIRDS ON HATS CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—Pledges not to wear the plumage of any birds other than crows were signed yesterday by women representing thirteen organizations in the Federation of Women's club, the occasion being a meeting of the seventh district of that body.

To Inspect Engineering Work WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Col. Smith S. Leach, corps of engineers, principal assistant to Gen. Mackenzie, chief of engineers, has left for Seattle under orders to make a thorough inspection of the engineering works along the coast avenue, where they tried to rob a grocery, Shields remaining in the buggy holding the horse while his companions were endeavoring to enter the store.

Two Italians Killed SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 8.—A special from Sprague, Wash., says that two Italian workmen, names unknown, were killed this morning at camp No. 4, Burns & Jordan contractors, south of here, by a dynamite explosion. Three other men were injured.

SAVE TWO WOMEN FROM FIERY DEATH WIFE AND MOTHER-IN-LAW RESCUED BY HUSBAND MILO BAKER'S MANSION IS DESTROYED BY FIRE Superintendent of Iron Works Proves Himself a Hero—Suffers Painful Injuries—Valuable Paintings Saved

The handsome three-story residence of Milo A. Baker of the Baker Iron works, at 1346 Westlake boulevard, was destroyed by fire last night, entailing a loss of \$12,000.

The fire started on a rear porch on the first floor, and is supposed to have been caused by crossed electric wires. So rapidly did the flames spread that Mr. and Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Katherine Mabry, Mrs. Baker's mother, had a narrow escape. As it was Mr. Baker who was badly burned about the feet and legs in rescuing his wife and mother-in-law.

Rushes to Rescue on First Floor Mr. Baker was in a room on the first floor and ran at once to the second floor. He plunged through the smoke and fire to the room of his wife, and carried her to the front stairway and out of doors. As soon as she was safe he returned and carried Mrs. Mabry out of the blazing house.

BRAVE CHAUFFEUR CAPTURES MANIAC Frenzied Madman Breaks Out of Hospital, Routs Police and Finally is Overpowered by Auto Driver

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—A frenzied maniac, swinging an iron bar, which he had wrenched from the bed in his cell, battered down the outer wall of the detention hospital last night, scattered a wire of six policemen, put to flight the patrol wagon which brought them, raced down the street and was finally subdued only after a tremendous struggle at the corner of McAllister and Octavia streets.

Policyholders Adjourn NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—The meeting of the policy holders of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance society was adjourned until February 18 by Judge Ward in the United States circuit court, today, so that all policyholders may become familiar with the proposed changes in the administration of the company, to be considered at this meeting.

Commissions Issued SACRAMENTO, Jan. 8.—Three National guard commissions were issued today by the adjutant general's office to the newly elected officers of company B, Seventh infantry, San Diego. Those receiving the commissions are Captain Herbert R. Fay, First Lieutenant H. J. Schlegel and Second Lieutenant John M. Loop.

Sailor Loses His Life SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—James Riley, a sailor on the steam lumber carrier Johan Paulsen, was drowned some time last night in the channel at the foot of Third street. His body was found this morning near the vessel by shipwreckers.

Ambassador Chosen to Represent Japan



BARON TAKAHIRA AND HIS WIFE

TAKAHIRA S I TO BE AOKI'S SUCCESSOR JAPAN'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO U. S. SELECTED

Mikado's Foreign Office Cables American State Department Asking if the Change Will Be Satisfactory

By Associated Press. TOKIO, Jan. 8.—In connection with the successor to Viscount Aoki as Japanese ambassador at Washington, the Associated Press has been informed that the Japanese embassy at Washington was instructed a week ago to formally notify the state department of the selection of Baron Takahira, at present Japanese ambassador to Italy, and to ask if he would be acceptable.

FRENCH PRESS CONTINUES TO PREDICT WAR WITH JAPAN

By Associated Press. PARIS, Jan. 8.—The sensational section of the French press continues to dwell upon the probabilities of a clash between Japan and the United States.

GERMANY HOLDS BELIEF THAT WAR IS NOT PROBABLE

By Associated Press. BERLIN, Jan. 8.—A semi-official communication denying that there is inequity in Germany regarding relations between Japan and the United States is published today in several German newspapers.

RIO DE JANEIRO PREPARES WELCOME FOR BATTLESHIPS

By Associated Press. RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 8.—The program for the entertainment of the officers of the American battleship fleet under Rear Admiral Evans has been practically completed. The fleet is expected to arrive January 11 and will remain here ten days.

BRYAN SEES VICTORY FOR DEMOCRACY COUNTRY RIPE FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT

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HOUSE ROBBED WHILE FAMILY ATTENDS THEATER

The residence of A. B. Nelson at 409 West Twenty-first street was entered by burglars last night during the absence of the family and property and jewelry to the amount of \$100 stolen.

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS FORECAST For Los Angeles and Vicinity: Increasing cloudiness Thursday; light north wind, changing to south. Maximum temperature yesterday, 73 degrees; minimum, 45 degrees.

LOCAL Verdict of guilty returned in the Meskil murder case. Jury out thirty minutes.

ALLEGED REVOLUTIONIST RELEASED FROM CUSTODY Friends tender him ovation. Crowds flock to open air meetings held on streets by ministers and business men.

EASTERN Six jurors are accepted and sworn to try Harry Thaw for the murder of Stanford White.

COAST Last remnants of Schmitz administration are swept out of office in San Francisco.

FOREIGN Baron Takahira has been appointed to succeed Viscount Aoki as Japan's representative at Washington.

IRISH GOVERNMENT DECIDES TO INVESTIGATE THEFT OF KING EDWARD'S REGALIA FROM DUBLIN CASTLE.

AMERICAN-JAPANESE WAR SCARES. German newspapers express belief that trouble between United States and Japan will be settled.

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EXPERTS TO TESTIFY FOR PRISONER DEFENSE'S ONLY HOPE IS TO PROVE HIM INSANE

SUBPOENAS THE PROSECUTION'S ALIENISTS Attorney Littleton is Making Hard Fight to Force Jerome to Prove Defendant Was Not Crazy When He Shot White

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—The work of securing a jury to try Harry K. Thaw a second time for killing Stanford White, was half completed when court adjourned, shortly before 6 o'clock tonight. The original venire of 500 special service jurors had been exhausted at that hour and the customary night sitting was not held.

Two hundred additional talemens have been ordered to report tomorrow. The oath of service was administered to three men, making six in all who have been finally accepted. Three provisional jurors were also in the box at the close of the day's session, but they are still subject to peremptory challenge.

Arbitrary Challenges Used Another series of these arbitrary removals reduced the chairs when court assembled, and they were still vacant when it adjourned. The defense has now used eleven of its thirty challenges, and the prosecution eight.

The sworn jurors, in their respective positions, are: 1—Charles E. Gremmels, ship broker, foreman. 2—Arthur Naething, baker. 3—George W. Cary, dry goods. 4—George W. Rupperecht, salesman. 5—John H. Holbert, mineral waters. 6—David L. Arowsmith, manager. The provisional jurors are William McAde, salesman; George M. Metz, drugs, and James S. Davidson, clerk.

Defense Springs Surprise Thaw's attorneys today furnished the first big surprise of this trial by admitting that several of the experts who were retained by the district attorney for the first trial, and who declared, when Mr. Jerome made a plea for a lunacy commission, that in their opinion Thaw was so insane as not to know the nature of the proceedings against him and entirely incapable of intelligently advising with his counsel, are now under subpoena by the defense.

This move, it is said, is intended by the defense to block the prosecution's putting the doctors on the stand, and it is taken by some as showing a determination of not having Thaw convicted, even with danger of a stay in the asylum for the criminal insane at Matteawan as the alternative.

GOVERNOR'S CRUELTY TO NATIVES RELATED Former Official of German East Africa Declared to Have Flogged Blacks—Is Suing for Libel

By Associated Press. COLOGNE, Jan. 8.—The hearing of the suit of Dr. Carl Peters, formerly governor of German East Africa, against the editor and the Berlin correspondent of the Cologne Gazette for libel was resumed today. Several witnesses repeated their evidence given at former trials relative to the flogging of natives and the general immorality of the European camp.

GRAND JURY INDICTS FRESNO ELECTION BOARD Commissioners Charged with Refusing to Canvass the Vote on An nexation Proposition

By Associated Press. FRESNO, Jan. 8.—The grand jury today returned indictments against D. M. Long, Scott Blair and George F. Robinson, members of the commission appointed to preside over the election to determine whether or not a portion of Fresno county should be added to Kings county.

The indictments were returned under a section of the penal code providing that a public officer who willfully neglects to do his duty is subject to a fine of not more than \$500 or five years' imprisonment, or both. The indictments accuse the commissioners of refusing to canvass the vote at the recent election, which was won by Fresno county.

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