

ROOSEVELT SAYS FLEET IS TO PROTECT PEACE AGAINST AGGRESSION

WOMAN SHOT; LOVER LIES IN MORGUE

GRIM TRAGEDY ENDS REDONDO LOVE AFFAIR

WIDOW VICTIM OF FORMER CAR CONDUCTOR, WHO SLAYS SELF

Wife Is Said to Have Once Tried to Horsewhip Him, and Is Witness in Corwell Case—Victim May Die

REDONDO, Jan. 15.—George Gill of Los Angeles, formerly a Pacific Electric street railway conductor, shot himself through the heart this afternoon after seriously wounding Mrs. May Walker, a handsome widow 25 years old.

Gill had a wife living in Los Angeles from whom he had been separated for more than a year. They formerly lived on North Madison avenue in Pasadena, and it was while residing there that Mrs. Gill is reported to have attempted to horsewhip her husband when she found him in the home of Mrs. Walker at Redondo, about a year ago.

Gill is declared to have been on friendly terms with Mrs. Walker since that time, and has been separated from his wife, who, with their 7-year-old son, is now living in Los Angeles.

Gill came to Redondo last night and went to the home of Mrs. Walker and insisted that he must see her, but she feared to see him and had given orders that he was not to be admitted. Gill finally left.

Fearing that he would return and that he might possibly harm her, Mrs. Walker left her mother's home, intending to go to a neighbor's.

Horsewhip Him, and Is Witness

Gill saw her leave and followed her, finally catching up with her. A quarrel ensued.

As the woman finally turned to leave him Gill drew a revolver and shot her in the back, inflicting a wound that will probably prove fatal.

She sank to the ground and Gill stood over her. Thinking that the bullet had proved fatal he turned the smoking pistol on himself and put the next bullet through his own heart, killing himself instantly.

Mr. and Mrs. Gill's matrimonial venture proved to be anything but ideal, and for five years of their married life, previous to the trouble with the Walker woman, there were frequent periods of separation, but Mrs. Gill would not heed the advice of her attorney to ask for a legal separation or divorce, because of their son.

Trouble Culminates

The trouble finally culminated when the fact of Gill's attention to Mrs. Walker became known through the medium of a private detective agency employed by Mrs. Gill.

Mrs. Gill had her husband arrested soon after the Redondo episode for failure to provide for his child, and there is alleged to have been some talk of his fighting the case on the claim that the child was not his own, but he offered no such defense, showing only that he had contributed a considerable part of his salary to his wife and making the counter claim that she was too extravagant in her wearing apparel.

Mrs. Gill, soon after the separation, went into the real estate business and is in the limelight at the present time as one of the witnesses for the defense of Mrs. Estelle Corwell, on trial for the murder of George T. Bennett.

LEGISLATURE TO ASK FOR FEDERAL AID

Nevada Assembly Will Take Subject Out of Hands of Governor and Request That the Soldiers Be Retained

By Associated Press.

CARSON, Nev., Jan. 15.—A joint caucus of the special committees of the senate and assembly of the Nevada legislature met this afternoon and framed a joint resolution which will be introduced in the senate tomorrow morning, asking the president of the United States to retain troops in Goldfield until such time as the state can provide either a police force or other means to maintain order in the mining camp.

This is a decided victory for Governor Sparks, as the committee framing a resolution is composed of twenty members, both Republicans and Democrats, with the pro and anti-labor elements both represented.

The resolution will undoubtedly pass the senate, while the general expression among the members of the lower house is that it will go through that body by a small majority, the senate being Republican and the assembly strongly Democratic. This would place the request for the retaining of the troops out of the hands of the governor.

GENTLEMANLY BANDIT HOLDS UP STAGE; GIVES BACK PART OF MONEY

Polite Highwayman Tells Driver He Does Not Want to Take It All. Asses the Passengers Small Sum

By Associated Press.

UKIAH, Cal., Jan. 15.—A lone highwayman held up the Pater Valley stage this afternoon near what is called Wool Rock near Wattenbergers. The robber was a gentlemanly sort of fellow and evidently did not want to take all his victims' money. He asked the driver, threw out his purse, containing six silver dollars, and the robber passed back two, saying that he would not need it all. The two passengers were assessed respectively \$3.50 and \$2.50. The robber then wished them luck and told them to drive on.

UNEMPLOYED IN NEW YORK ARRESTED AND JAILED AS VAGRANTS

City Workhouse Filled to Overflowing—Thousands Forced Into Streets Searching for Work

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—The unprecedented increase in vagrants in New York has caused congestion at the city workhouse on Blackwell's island and every effort possible is being made to relieve the overcrowding by transferring prisoners sentenced to long terms to the penitentiary at the Raymond street jail in Brooklyn.

There are today more than 700 women and more than 900 men in the works, most of them serving terms for vagrancy. Thousands out of work and the increase in the number of strangers looking for work because of the closing down of factories in nearby cities, have increased the number of vagrants far beyond the usual number, even in winter, and with the advent of a really cold spell all the city institutions will be crowded to overflowing.

The difficulty in securing work just now has affected thousands of men and women who by no means belong to the tramp class, but who have been forced into the streets because of lack of work.

Underwriters Elect Officers

By Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.—John W. Gunn of Seattle today was elected president of the Fire Underwriters' association of the Pacific coast. Adam Gilliland was chosen vice president, Calvert Meade secretary-treasurer, and another term of office was awarded to J. P. Moore, assistant secretary and librarian. A new executive committee was appointed, consisting of A. N. Brown, J. W. Gunn, E. W. Devlin, R. W. Osborne and J. L. Fuller.

Kentucky Election Deadlocked

By Associated Press.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 15.—The senatorial situation has changed little since yesterday, except that the anti-Beckham Democrats seem to be more solidly against him than ever. The vote today stood: Beckham 65, Bradley 64, scattering 5.

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS

FORECAST For Los Angeles and vicinity: Fair Thursday; light northeast winds, changing to west. Maximum temperature yesterday, 65 degrees; minimum, 42 degrees.

LOCAL

Director in big Los Angeles store arrested on charge of embezzlement brought in New York, it is said, to collect civil claim.

Defendant in divorce case before Judge James faints on witness stand.

Prosecuting Attorney Ford determined mock auctions in Los Angeles must end and method of working victims is explained by police.

Los Angeles ice company formed with capitalization of \$500,000 to reduce price of ice.

Mother of countless dies in Los Angeles and death is kept secret over a week.

Charter revisionists hold their first formal session and agree to select two committees.

Los Angeles woman sues Long Beach rotary public claiming that she was party to alleged fraudulent confession in which she is made to admit infidelity.

Throng crowd courtroom to hear trial of Mrs. Estelle Corwell for alleged murder of George Bennett, prisoner now takes more interest in proceedings.

Burr L. Harris, accused of having sent poisoned candy through mails to Miss Mathewson, is dismissed for lack of evidence.

EASTERN

Entire Thaw family tainted with insanity, according to testimony introduced by defense in famous murder trial in New York.

President Roosevelt outlines duties of great war fleet, saying its mission is to protect peace from aggression and oppression.

Trial of Banker John R. Walsh in Chicago is nearing close.

George B. Cortelyou, secretary of the treasury, offered presidency of Knickerbocker Trust company of New York.

Bill introduced in congress provides for establishment of great federal bank in Washington.

One hundred and sixty-five bodies taken from ruins of theater in Boyertown, Pa.

Danger of moving picture machines in theaters is pointed out by fire department officials of New York.

Changes in Aldrich currency bill discussed in congress.

Twenty-five unemployed in New York are arrested and jailed as vagrants.

THAW FAMILY SHOWS TAIN OF INSANITY

Servants Say Harry Was Irrational

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Adhering strictly to their promise to interpose no other defense than that of insanity in behalf of their client, the attorneys representing Harry K. Thaw at his trial today continued the examination of witnesses who swore that young Thaw at various times in his life appeared to them as irrational and mentally unbalanced.

Practically all of the testimony was entirely new to the case and had to do with acts down to the day of the tragedy itself. Then came the declaration of the ten men who sat on the coroner's jury during the inquiry into Stanford White's death, all of whom declared that the defendant the day following the shooting acted irrationally. His manner and appearance were such as to cause the jury to discuss his state of mind after their formal verdict had been rendered.

Insanity Taint in Family

In the day's testimony there was more delving into the history of the Thaw family. Alfred Lee Thaw of Richmond, Va., a third cousin of the defendant, taking the stand and telling of the taint of insanity which had caused his father and brother to die in state asylums.

Some of Thaw's alleged eccentricities, revealed for the first time, were related today by Christopher Baggan, steward of the New York Whist club, by Miss Matilda Steiner, a telephone operator, and by August Weber, a former butler in the Thaw household.

Thaw spent a portion of the afternoon of June 25, 1906, at the whist club, and at that time a few hours before the tragedy—was pictured by the steward as being highly nervous and frequently exclaiming:

"This is awful."

He asked the steward to have a valuable package put into the safe. After the shooting the package was opened and found to contain three cigarettes wrapped in tinfoil.

District Attorney Jerome in cross-examining the club steward brought out the fact that Thaw played bridge there with prominent men. The witness declared he was not supposed to know what Thaw, Mr. Gates, Mr. Schwab and the others played for, but he was sure nothing but mineral water was ever served at the tables.

The telephone operator told of Thaw putting in seven calls one morning at the Grand hotel, and then forgetting all about them.

The butler told many details of Thaw's life at home, and it was still under examination when adjournment was taken.

The separate incidents of alleged irrational conduct on the part of the defendant were being put in evidence by Mr. Littleton was the foundation for the expert testimony that is to come.

He also hopes to accumulate such a mass of testimony as to Thaw's erratic conduct as to make it impossible for the district attorney to fulfill the task the law places upon him of proving Thaw sane, "beyond every reasonable doubt."

Criminal lawyers of prominence who are following the case outlined by the defense and who are taking into consideration the fact that a specific plea of insanity has been entered, declare that acquittal under the circumstances can come only with the added clause "on account of the insanity of the defendant at the time the act was committed."

This, it is declared, would compel the presiding judge to commit Thaw to Matteawan asylum, whence a fight to prove his present sanity and thus gain freedom would have to be conducted through habeas corpus proceedings.

Doctor First Witness

Dr. Horatius W. Wood of Philadelphia was called to the stand as the first witness today in the Thaw trial. Dr. Wood some years ago made an examination of Harriet Alice Thaw, a relative of the defendant. District Attorney Jerome objected to the physician's testimony, but it was overruled by the court as the relations between physicians and patient did not cite in this instance.

Dr. Wood said that Miss Thaw was of unsound mind.

The next witness to be heard told of new eccentricities just before the killing of Stanford White. He was Christopher Baggan, a steward of the New York Whist club. Thaw was in the club on June 29, 1906, just five days before the roof garden tragedy.

Although the day was hot Thaw insisted on taking a screen with him wherever he went about the rooms. He was highly nervous, excitable and irritable, and once as he passed the witness was muttering, "This is awful."

Baggan said Thaw finally came up to him and asked him to have a package put in the safe.

"What was in the package?" asked Littleton.

"Three cigarettes wrapped in tinfoil."

Thaw's eyes, the witness said, had a peculiar stare. A telephone message came for him, and when the witness touched him to attract his attention Thaw trembled all over. Thaw was in the club rooms nearly every day.

"Did Thaw impress you as rational or irrational?"

"Irrational."

Playing Whist

On cross examination witness said he had known Thaw for fourteen years. Thaw was in the club playing whist the day of the tragedy. Asked who else was there, the witness said Capt. Wharton, John A. Drake and John D. Gleason, one of counsel to Thaw at the first trial. At other times he said "Mr. Gates" and "Mr. Schwab" were present.

"But they always appeared calm, did they not?" asked Mr. Jerome.

"Yes."

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Prominent Figures in Famous Murder Trial



STOESSEL IS LIKELY TO BE CONVICTED

Cowardice of Russian General May Be Proved

Witness Says When Port Arthur Was Surrendered to Japanese There Was a Large Supply of Ammunition in the Fortress

By Associated Press.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 15.—The trial by courtmartial of Lieutenant General Stoessel for his surrender of the Port Arthur fortress to the Japanese, is nearing its end and a verdict is expected early next week.

Today Deputy Strylanoff, General Stoessel's attorney, intimated that he had little hope of acquittal on the main charge of surrendering the fortress.

M. Strylanoff hopes, however, that his client will be freed from blame for the evacuation of several of the minor Russian positions as well as for surrendering General Smyrnoff.

One of the most damaging points against General Stoessel is that there was a considerable amount of shells on hand when the fortress surrendered.

The general contends that he was kept in the dark regarding the existence of this ammunition by General Belay, chief of the artillery, who had a veritable passion for the hoarding of shot and shells.

Several witnesses have testified to the impossibility of getting from the magazines a sufficient number of shells to make the artillery effective.

They said it was their custom to send gunners every night to other batteries to steal ammunition to keep their own guns going.

Interest in the trial is increasing steadily as the end approaches. The court room is crowded daily with officers of high rank and persons prominent socially, including several grand dukes.

Nuns Leave French Hospital

By Associated Press.

PARIS, Jan. 15.—The Augustinian nuns today departed from the municipal hospital, where the order has furnished nurses for generations. There was little disorder and only three arrests were made.

Grain Mills Burn

By Associated Press.

KENORA, Ont., Jan. 15.—The Maple Leaf mills, belonging to the Hedley Shaw company, were destroyed by fire early today. The elevator in which was stored over 300,000 bushels of wheat was also destroyed. The loss will reach \$1,000,000; insured.

Vessel's Captain Dies

By Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.—Captain E. M. Olson, master of the steamer Grace Dollar, died on board his vessel today of heart disease.



HARRY THAW, ON TRIAL FOR MURDER OF STANFORD WHITE

HENEY AGAIN RESORTS TO "IMMUNITY BATH"

Prosecutor in Land Fraud Cases Announces That Only Two of Five Men Indicted Will Be Tried

By Associated Press.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15.—Francis J. Heney created somewhat of a sensation here when he announced in Judge Hunt's court room that of the five persons indicted in connection with the Butte creek alleged land fraud cases only two, former United States Attorney John H. Hall and Edwin Mays, will be tried at this time.

This is taken to indicate that there exists an understanding between Heney and the other three defendants—former State Senator W. W. Steiwer, H. H. Hendricks and Charles B. Schary—and that they will testify against Hall and Mays when called.

It has been reported for several days that immunity baths would be given certain of the defendants, and Heney's announcement is believed to confirm the rumors. The selection of jurors went on this morning, five being accepted before the noon recess.

MAY COMPEL RAILROADS TO GIVE DETAILS OF WRECKS

State Board in Nebraska Believes Photographs Should Be Made of All Accidents—Full Explanation Is Demanded

By Associated Press.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 15.—The state railway commission today approved the plan to compel railroad officials to furnish photographs and complete details concerning wrecks.

A description of the equipment must be furnished and the cause of the disaster explained.

Guard Homes of Foreigners

By Associated Press.

RABAT, Morocco, Jan. 15.—The army under Gen. Bagdan, commander in chief for the sultan, Abd El Aziz entered this port today. The houses of the foreign residents are being guarded.

Five Drown While Skating

By Associated Press.

JAPANESE PREPARE FOR CONFLICT

ARMY OFFICERS ARE PUZZLED OVER SITUATION

Force of 250,000 Fighting Men to Be Equipped, According to Plan of Assistant Secretary Olive

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Something more than the usual degree of importance attaches to the felicitous exchanges between the presidents of America and Brazil over the visit of Rear Admiral Evans' fleet to Rio, owing to the significant expression used by President Roosevelt in accounting for the mission of the battleship fleet.

The correspondence by cable was made public today and was as follows: From President Penna to President Roosevelt:

"This afternoon I had the great pleasure of receiving and becoming personally acquainted with the admirals and captains of the American fleet en route to the Pacific ocean. I congratulate you upon the successful arrival of so powerful and well drilled a fleet at Rio de Janeiro, and I take keen pleasure in informing you that the people of our capital spontaneously and enthusiastically joined the Brazilian naval officials from the very first moment of arrival in fraternity and friendship toward the American sailors and the republic of the north, for whose glory all Brazil utters the most cordial wishes.

ALFONZO PENNA, "President of Brazil."

President Roosevelt's reply to President Penna:

"I thank you for the kind message which you were so good to send me upon the arrival of the American fleet at Rio. It has given me and will give to the American people the liveliest satisfaction.

"We are all very sensible of the courtesy and distinguished hospitality with which the government and people of Brazil have received our officers and sailors.

"The warships of America exist for no other purpose than to protect peace against possible aggression and justice against possible oppression. As between the United States and Brazil, these ships are not men-of-war, but are messengers of friendship and good will, commissioned to combine with you the long continued and never to be broken amity and mutual helpfulness of the two great republics."

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

JAPAN AND CANADA AGREE ON IMMIGRATION QUESTION

By Associated Press.

TOKIO, Jan. 15.—The Canadian immigration question has been settled.

The Japanese government has received notice that the report of R. Lemieux, Canadian minister of labor, is entirely satisfactory to the Canadian government and that it will accept in good faith the verbal promise of the restriction of the emigration of laborers, relying upon the regulations which are outlined in its memorandum. Nothing now remains except the exchange of memoranda between the two governments.

A mistaken idea prevails abroad in relation to the Japanese cabinet crisis, according to dispatches from Washington and London to the effect that an opposition victory might entail a change in Japan's foreign policy.

Specials from Washington this morning say that it is believed the immigration controversy had something to do with changes in the cabinet. These surmises are entirely in error. The cabinet crisis is purely the result of interior differences over the budget.

In the event of the resignation of the entire cabinet its reformation would certainly result in the retention of a number of the present ministers, including possibly Foreign Minister Hayashi.

OFFICERS AND MEN ARE FETED AT RIO JANEIRO

By Associated Press.

RIO JANEIRO, Jan. 15.—The events of the official program today for the entertainment of the visiting of the American officers at a breakfast at the residence of President Penna at Petropolis at noon and in the afternoon a garden party at the American embassy in the same suburb.

Admirals Thomas, Sperry and Emory will represent the fleet at the function.

In addition to these the only guests will be Ambassador and Mrs. Dudley, Mr. Encarte, the Brazilian minister of marine; Marshal Hermes Fonseca, the minister of war, the chief of the naval staff and the members of the president's personal staff.

The newspapers this morning all commented favorably upon the good behavior of the sailors who had shore leave yesterday.

The men all had a good time and yesterday.

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