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Jury Acquits Seyler After Five Hours' Deliberation

MAYS LANDING, N. J., May 25.—William Seyler, charged with the murder of Jane Adams on the million dollar pier at Atlantic City last February, was acquitted tonight. The jury was out over five hours. When the verdict was announced there was a cheer from the crowd, which was quickly silenced by Judge Trechard. Seyler fairly leaped at his counsel when he realized he was again a free man. After greeting his counsel he walked over to the jury and shook hands with each of them, at the same time warmly expressing his thanks. Orville Seyler, William's brother, who has been held as a witness, was formally discharged, and the two brothers immediately left for Atlantic City.

THIRTY GIVEN DIPLOMAS

RENO, May 25.—Thirty graduates were handed their sheepskins today by President J. E. Stubbs of the Nevada state university. The commencement address was delivered by Dr. David P. Farrows, professor of education of the University of California.

LAND IN THREE STATES GOING TO HOMESTEADERS

Areas in Wyoming, Utah and Arizona Now Designated

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Additional areas in Wyoming and Utah today were designated by the department of the interior for disposition under the homestead act. Approximately 36,320 acres were so designated in Wyoming. An area of about 600,000 acres in Central Arizona, withdrawn temporarily in 1901 for forest purposes, has been restored to the public domain by the interior department. The land lies in Yavapai and Maricopa counties. All the unappropriated lands on the restored tract will become subject to homestead settlement August 7. The unappropriated public lands in the area eliminated from the Garces national forest in Arizona by presidential proclamation will be subject to homestead settlement on the same date.

KENTUCKY FEUDIST SLAIN

JACKSON, Ky., May 25.—Alexander Combs, member of a well known Breathitt county family, was shot and killed from ambush today while floating down the Kentucky river on a raft.

8000 BUILDINGS BURN; 100 PERISH

Thirty Thousand Gather in Refugee Camps and Devour Uncooked Rice

INABA MARU BRINGS NEWS

Family Seeking to Save Valuables Locked in by Police and Cremated

VICTORIA, B. C., May 25.—Details of the disastrous fire at Amori, North Japan, in which 8000 persons were burned to death and 8000 of the 11,500 buildings were razed, with loss of \$2,000,000, were received by the steamer Inaba Maru today. The burned area was one and three-sevenths miles long and a quarter of a mile broad. Soldiers searching the debris found several scores of charred bodies. Thirty thousand homeless persons were gathered in the refugee camps. Great suffering followed the fire and supplies of rice brought in were eaten raw by the starving people. A store of powder exploded and shook the whole area soon after the fire was extinguished. The fire originated in a small house, and high wind of water resulted in a conflagration on both sides of the river. One family seeking to save valuables from a storehouse were locked in by fire, and the storehouse, filled with their property, was destroyed. Men who ferried their goods across the river, thinking there to find safety, were driven away and their goods destroyed.

LONG BEACH CELEBRATES WITH EDISON COMPANY

LONG BEACH, May 25.—Two hundred and thirty men, including a number of guests of honor, were gathered at Hotel Virginia tonight when a "Get Together" banquet was given by the chamber of commerce, the principal motive being to celebrate the location here of the \$5,000,000 power plant of the Southern California Edison company and to cement the bonds of friendship between local business men and the officials of the Edison company and other corporations with local interests.

The president of the chamber of commerce, P. E. Hatch, the toastmaster, J. A. Miller, and the speakers of the evening were seated at the north end of the big Gothic dining hall. All the tables were elaborately decorated. Col. Charles R. Drake, president of the Hotel Virginia company, extended hearty greetings. Toastmaster Miller introduced Vice President Brackeridge of the Edison company, who explained the vast scope of the company's plans for their new Long Beach plant.

Other speakers were local business men and the officials of the Edison company and other corporations with local interests. The following were the guests of honor at the banquet: From Southern California Edison company—Directors Geo. L. Cochran, William B. Watts, J. C. Drake, W. S. Wright; W. A. Brackeridge, vice president and general manager; R. H. Ballard, secretary and assistant manager; S. M. Kennedy, general agent; J. A. Lightbrite, electrical engineer; W. L. Percy, treasurer; E. W. Sax, auditor; John Ott, purchasing agent; C. H. Coulter, assistant general agent; W. Dennis, construction engineer; W. T. Sterling, general storekeeper; H. W. Burkhardt, gas engineer; A. W. Childs, assistant general agent; R. E. Cunningham, assistant superintendent; F. B. Lewis, assistant superintendent; W. L. Boxill, power contract agent; William Dieterle, power development agent; H. C. Wood, engineer; C. H. Pierson, advertising agent; A. E. Morphy, assistant secretary; W. J. Wallace, right of way; M. D. Mann, jr., engineer; E. H. Warner, engineer; J. N. Pyster, engineer; C. S. Walton, Los Angeles district agent; J. R. Page, assistant general agent; P. H. Hammond, surgeon; F. A. Green, district agent.

From Salt Lake railroad—J. Ross Clark, second vice president; F. A. Ward, traffic manager. From Pacific Electric railway—George Pillsbury, chief engineer. From Southern Pacific railway—Dr. H. H. Burd, general superintendent public department.

YOUNG MADE HEAD OF GUGGENHEIM INTERESTS

SEATTLE, May 25.—Joseph H. Young, formerly general superintendent of the Southern Pacific railroad at San Francisco, today was elected president of the Northwestern Commercial companies and the Alaska Steamship company, placing him at the head of all the Morgan-Guggenheim interests in Alaska and on Puget sound.

President Charles E. Peabody of the steamship company and President W. H. Burd of the Northwestern Commercial companies retire from active service. President Young will take office at once at headquarters in Seattle and will pay special attention to the completion and operation of the Copper River railroad, of which he is vice president. Mr. Young announces the appointment of Charles J. Jones, formerly assistant general freight agent of the Southern Pacific railroad, as traffic manager of the Copper River railroad and also of the Alaska Steamship company. Captain Frank E. Burns, general manager of the Alaska Steamship company, has resigned and the office has not been filled. The purpose of the changes, according to S. W. Eccles, vice president of the various Guggenheim companies, is to concentrate authority. The companies operate steamships, railroads, fisheries and in fact all lines of business in Alaska.

CHECK FORGER PROFITS BY DEATH OF TWO WITNESSES

H. J. Peck Sought by Authorities of Several Cities

SANTA CRUZ, May 25.—By the death of two prosecuting witnesses, one at Eugene, Ore., and the other at Walla Walla, Wash., H. J. Peck enjoyed a short period of liberty in this city yesterday after serving thirty days for passing a fictitious check. When his time elapsed the authorities in the northern towns, who sought him on similar charges, but replied that the prosecuting witnesses had died during Peck's incarceration. He was given his liberty, but was arrested again on charges of passing a check at Walla Walla that two new warrants had been issued for him. Peck, it is stated, is sought by the authorities of Sacramento, Stockton and Oakland on similar charges, but the amount is so small in each case that no effort to bring him back was made.

'BLAB MOUTH,' SAYS COL. WATROUS OF DARLING

Past Army Chief Made Object of Bitter Attack by United States Paymaster

MILWAUKEE, May 25.—Col. Jerome A. Watrous, paymaster of the United States army, retired, criticizes past Commander-in-Chief James Darling as a "blab-mouth" for his fiery protest against the installation of a statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee in the Hall of Fame, and said Darling's style of patriotism is the veriest sham.

Col. Watrous' statement, in part, follows: "Darling's latest advance on the dead enemy and his dead flag, uniform and confederate, recalls Senator James Gordon's recent remark about a class in the south that is still carrying on the war of the rebellion. The old senator, himself a gallant confederate, called the rampant fighting class that hops in the limelight on the slightest occasion, 'blab-mouths,' adding that they had only a small part in the war and have little influence. 'Darling's fresh outbreak is proof that we have at least one of Senator Gordon's class of 'blab-mouths' at the north. Darling's style of patriotism is the veriest sham.'"

ANTI-LIQUOR FORCES ACCUSED OF FORGERY

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 25.—By testimony given before the Sangamon county grand jury today, a few facts of the anti-liquor forces have been brought out.

Nathan A. Cole of Peoria, publicity director of the local prohibitionists and Merchants association, an organization of liquor dealers, denied his organization used money to influence legislation or to lobby for legislation. He claimed work of the association was purely educational. "In Chicago the prohibitionists sent a man into my office to steal my papers in an effort to make an exposure of the organization of which I am an officer. They even forced my signature. The anti-liquor forces have never used any money in the furtherance of any object, except to conduct a campaign of education. The prohibitionists are not fair fighters. Representative Charles Richter of Chicago said he knew nothing about any corruption fund at Springfield. He said he had no legislative superintendence of the Illinois Anti-Saloon league, said he knew nothing positive about bribery. The Rev. Dr. Shields, president of the Anti-Saloon league, said he had no positive evidence of graft. That at least three persons will be indicted as a result of evidence given before the grand jury in the investigation of legislation for new desks in the house and the senate was predicted tonight.

The appearance before the grand jury today of a mysterious witness was followed by the issuance of a subpoena for Senator Holtzlaw of Indiana. A. S. Coates, who had a charge of negotiations for furniture, Sheriff Werner left tonight for Luka with the subpoena.

RECLAMATION PROJECTS TO INCLUDE 80,000 ACRES

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 25.—An immense reclamation project probably had its inception today, when representatives of the Santa Fe railway filed with the federal land office, south of the Southern Pacific railway, between Maricopa and Casa Grande. It is expected that filings will be made tomorrow on 80,000 acres of the Little Colorado river above St. Johns and skirting the petrified forests. It is understood that the 50,000-acre tract is to be turned over to the Santa Fe associates, who have a large tract immediately to the east, in the Santa Cruz bottom, and that it will be developed with the Greene company's holdings. The 30,000-acre tract on which filings are expected tomorrow will be turned over, it is understood, to J. H. Sherman and J. H. Church, Denver capitalists, who have \$1,500,000 to invest in the reclamation project. The filings made today were with Moki scrip, which the government had issued to the Santa Fe in return for their reservation lands.

AGITATORS INVADE FRESNO AND DEFLY LOCAL POLICE

FRESNO, May 25.—Industrial Workers are arriving in this city from Spokane in large numbers, and the agitation of local workers has been increased by the hope that it has come to open war between them and the local police. Leading agitators have said that they will speak in Fresno despite all orders, and several already have been thrown in jail.

MINE RIOT RUMORED

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., May 25.—Rumors are in circulation here tonight that a riot has been in progress at the Lookout Coal and Coke company's plant on Lookout mountain. Governor Brown tonight ordered the militia company at Lindsale to go on a special train Thursday to the scene of trouble.

ROOSEVELT'S BEST CHEF SUSPENDED

Koehler of Cleveland Removed by Mayor of City on Serious Charges

CLEVELAND, May 25.—Chief of Police Frederick Koehler, known throughout the country as the "Golden Rule" chief, and lauded by President Roosevelt as the best chief of police in the country, was suspended today by Mayor Baehr on charges of gross immorality, habitual drunkenness and disobedience of orders. Tuesday has been set as a tentative date for Koehler's trial by the civil service commission. Statements by Koehler and his assistants which pointed to a final testimony, which may involve many prominent men. Mr. Koehler has intimated that he intends to fight the charges to a finish, and if he is disgraced he will not be the only one to fall. Among the charges brought against Koehler is that during the seven years he has been chief of the police department he has utilized the detective force for the collection of facts concerning prominent officials and others to be used in the event of a political campaign. The present charges are the culmination of a series of attacks against the police chief. After he had been informed of his suspension Mr. Koehler explained: "These charges are the work of the character snatchers, grave robbers and blackmailers who have been after me for years."

UTE INDIANS LOSE \$500 ANNUITIES AND CLAIMS

WASHINGTON, May 25.—By the judgment for \$3,400,000 rendered Monday in the court of claims, the outcome of claims for certain lands in Utah and Colorado, settled the account between the United States and the Indians involving the proceeds of the sale of about 1,400,000 acres of land within the latter's reservation. The judgment has also finally adjusted various expenditures made in behalf of the Indians extending over a period of more than thirty years. By the judgment the payment of annuities which the Indians have been receiving from the government, aggregating \$500 a year, ceased, the trust fund for such annuities returned to the treasury, and the Indians hereafter will receive only the interest on the money actually awarded by the court of claims. The claims of the ten tribes, aggregating more than \$16,000,000, were reduced by the judgment to \$3,400,000, in consideration of which the government becomes the absolute owner of about 3,200,000 acres of valuable agricultural, timber and coal lands in Colorado.

\$25,000 IN CASH AND OSTRICHES SETTLEMENT

PHOENIX, A. T., May 25.—Cash and ostriches, amounting to \$25,000 in value, is the settlement of a lawsuit involving Pearson, jr., and his sister, who sued the Pan-American Ostrich company last fall for judgment of nearly \$250,000. After the death of A. Y. Pearson, Sr., then the largest ostrich raiser in the country, his wife transferred the birds and property to the Pan-American Ostrich company. The children sued to recover on the ground that it was community property and the transfer irregular.

CRETE TO RETAIN ITS AUTONOMY, IS PLAN

PARIS, May 25.—France and Great Britain today submitted to the governments of Russia and Italy, the plan to invite Crete to admit Mussulman deputies to the Cretan assembly and thus restore the status quo of prior to 1908. According to the plan, which it is believed Russia and Italy will accept, Crete would retain its autonomy under the suzerainty of Turkey.

REFUSES TO DISCLOSE NAME; GOES TO PRISON

OAKLAND, May 25.—Rather than disclose his identity, Frank Harris, an aged veteran of the Philippine insurrection, willingly received a two-year sentence in San Quentin today for a charge of forgery committed while he was intoxicated. Harris told Judge Everett J. Brown that he had for years been a slave of liquor and preferred to remain in prison rather than face a charge of forgery committed while he was intoxicated. Harris told Judge Everett J. Brown that he had for years been a slave of liquor and preferred to remain in prison rather than face a charge of forgery committed while he was intoxicated.

JUROR SAYS NO CHANCE GAME CONVICTED HYDE

KANSAS CITY, May 25.—Samuel R. Sibley of Sedalia, the last juror to agree to the conviction of Dr. E. C. Hyde, does not want people to think he was induced by anything but his own belief when he voted adversely to the physician. Writing to Judge Ralph S. Latsch today the juror said: "As one of the jurors in the Hyde case I wish to say that there was not any game of chance to my knowledge in deciding the case, and that I reached my verdict by my own deliberations."

ROOSEVELT CONFERS WITH UNIVERSAL PEACE UNION

LONDON, May 25.—A deputation from the British group of the inter-parliamentary union was received by Mr. Roosevelt today at the White House. The deputation was headed by Lord Weardale, and presented the former president with an address setting forth the aims of the union and the hopes of the British group for universal peace. Mr. Roosevelt in reply expressed his sympathy with the cause represented by his visitors. He spoke briefly, as his throat is still bothering him somewhat.

MRS. ROOSEVELT HONORED

LONDON, May 25.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt visited Buckingham palace today and had a long chat with Alexandra, queen mother. The call was at the suggestion of her majesty, who, when she received Mr. Roosevelt yesterday, expressed the hope that she might see the former president's wife.

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TONIGHT, MAY 26, 8:30 O'CLOCK, GALA CONCERT AND PRESENTATION OF FLAG.
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ALPHIN & FARGO OFFER "ROUND TOWN," AN EGYPTIAN ABSURDITY. 10 BIG SINGING AND DANCING NOVELTIES. 10c, 20c, 25c.

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WHERE SHALL I GO THIS EVENING? To the GOSPEL PAVILION, of course, corner of Main and Fifteenth streets. Good music. Free seats. Special addresses by Evangelists I. W. McCord of London, England, and Milton St. John of San Francisco.

BASEBALL—Pacific Coast League
OAKLAND VS. VERNON—Tuesday, May 24; Wednesday, May 25; Thursday, May 26; Saturday, May 28; Sunday, May 29, at Chutes Park, 2:30 p. m. Friday, May 27, 2:30; Sunday, May 29, 10:30 a. m., at Vernon Park. Ladies free every day except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

PULLMAN CO. FIGHTING HETCH HETCHY FACTS
ORDER TO CUT RATES PUT BEFORE BALLINGER
Wants Court to Permit Present Secretary Hears Oral Arguments on Necessity of Supply to San Francisco

CHICAGO, May 25.—The legal battle to prevent the interstate commerce commission from reducing the rates on berths in sleeping cars began here today before Judge Grosscup, Baker, Seaman and Kohlman, in the federal circuit court. George Fernald and F. B. Daniels, arguing for the Pullman company, declared the Pullman contract is not a contract of carriage, and therefore is not amenable to the commission's orders. They said the company gets nothing out of its cars over the railroads in the northwest. Burton Hanson, representing the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, who had been granted permission to interfere for the company, said that his railroad operated its own sleepers and would be affected by the order. Following an extended investigation, the commissioners ordered the Pullman company to reduce rates on upper berths on railroads in the northwest. The Pullman company is now seeking an injunction to stop the commission from putting the order into effect. Arguments for the commission will be made tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—An oral hearing determine whether Hetch Hetchy valley in the Yosemite national park will be necessary to San Francisco as a future source of water supply, began before Secretary of the Interior Ballinger today. Secretary Ballinger will be assisted in his decision by three army engineers appointed by the president to advise the secretary on technical engineering problems. The hearing proper was suspended temporarily while the engineers of all the interests involved submitted to the army engineers their views on whether there were sufficient scientific data available concerning the adequacy of Eleanor valley, Cherry, Jack Main and Stubblefield creeks as sources of water supply for San Francisco to permit the secretary of the interior to render a decision on the revoking of the permit granted by Secretary Garfield. This permit authorizes the use of Hetch Hetchy when the needs of San Francisco exceed the capacity of the Lake Eleanor project. Attending the hearing were Mayor McCarthy of San Francisco; City Attorney Long; Assistant City Attorney Lane; City Engineer Manson and Prof. Marks of Leland Stanford university, all representing San Francisco; J. Horace MacFarland, president of the American Civic association; Edmund A. Whitman and Prof. W. F. Bade of the Sierra club; George Edwards of the Association for the Preservation of National Parks, and Mayor Hodghead of Berkeley. The hearing will continue tomorrow, when the question of postponement of the whole matter probably will be decided.

\$250,000 LOSS IN POTTSVILLE
POTTSVILLE, Pa., May 25.—Pottsville today finds the loss by the storm of last night will total almost \$250,000. It was the worst storm in the town's history, and equaled even by the flood of 1869. Factories are shut down, the mines are flooded and many stores are closed.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 25.—The Hotel Champlain at Bluff Point, N. Y., on Lake Champlain, was destroyed by fire today. It was one of the largest and finest hotels in Northern New York. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The hotel was to have been opened for the summer season on June 25. There were about sixty employees in the building. All got safely out with the possible exception of an electrician named Herbert, who is reported missing. The loss will be about \$90,000, insurance \$233,000. June 24 last the Fort William Henry hotel on Lake George, a nearby hotel, was destroyed under similar circumstances, a few days before the date fixed for the summer opening.