

JESSE MORRISON'S TRIAL NOT CONDUCTED

After Long Deliberation the Jury Fails to Agree on a Verdict.

Father of Mrs. Castle's Slayer Is Hopeful of Her Release, While the Prosecution Hints at Perjury.

EL DORADO, Kans., Dec. 14.—Jesse Morrison's trial for the murder of Mrs. Olin Castle, whose life she is charged with having taken because of her love for Castle, ended today at noon in a hung jury. Although the jury did not agree on a verdict the result of its deliberations came near being an acquittal.



JESSE MORRISON, WHOM A JURY WOULD NOT CONVICT OF MURDER.

ready made up his mind to grant. It is not believed that another jury could be secured in the county to try the case. Miss Morrison showed little anxiety or nervousness when she appeared in the courtroom today after the jury had been discharged. She walked quietly with her relatives to her cell. There she threw herself upon her cot and wept violently. She was when she was with her man, she would not talk of her case.

HISTORY OF THE CASE.

The Morrison murder case has been one of the most interesting in the annals of Kansas crimes. The principals were Jesse Morrison, daughter of M. H. Morrison, formerly Probate Judge of El Dorado, and Olin Castle, who was the latter's husband. All came of prominent families who had lived in the county for the past quarter of a century. Miss Morrison and Castle were clerks in a "rack" store and before the marriage of Clara Wiley Castle paid attention to the trial. It was shown in the trial that much jealousy existed between the two women. Miss Wiley and Castle were married in June last. On June 22 the woman fought with a razor in Mrs. Castle's house. The shooting took place on the afternoon of showing her a letter, of talking in a threatening manner and then slandering with a razor, which the defense tried to show she had abstracted from a showcase in the racket store. Miss Morrison's plea was self-defense, and on the stand she declared that Mrs. Castle had called her into the house and attacked her and made it necessary for her to defend to cut back to save her own life. Miss Morrison was last July indicted for murder in the first degree and has since been refused bail. It took five days to secure a jury, over four hundred men having been subpoenaed. Each side presented about forty witnesses and eight lawyers were retained. The taking of testimony consumed eleven days' time and the arguments were begun Saturday morning. The defendant fainted in her cell on Wednesday night after a fit of sobbing, and cried once in the courtroom. It was feared that she would break down before her testimony was heard, but on the day the prisoner took the stand she displayed remarkable nerve and coolness. She recited the details of the terrible death struggle without hesitation, and underwent the rig of cross-examination of the State's attorneys without show of fear. Since then she has grown brighter and stronger as her hopes of acquittal arose. Former Judge Morrison has been at the daughter's side constantly during the trial, which has daily attracted great crowds of people. Sunday, surrounded by her relatives, Miss Morrison spent the time in her cell singing and praying, while Olin Castle joined a party of hunters and stronger as her hopes of acquittal arose.

Taxation Bill Passed.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 14.—The House sitting in committee of the whole has passed the taxation bill.

Advertisement for Cracker's Christmas Cakes, featuring various products like Dressing Cases, Fin Correspondence Papers, High Grade Umbrellas, Vienna Novelties, Calendars, Traveling Bags, Dress Suit Cases, Large line of Novelties in Leather.

POWERFUL INTERESTS BUYING STOCK OF THE WABASH AND ERIE LINES.

Vanderbilts and the Pennsylvania People Are Reported to Be Connected With the Transaction.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—According to all reports in Wall street is regarded as concerning the pending in the affairs of the Wabash as well as the Erie Railroad, though their exact nature has not yet been disclosed. What is currently reported, however, and what is well-informed reasonably, is that near and powerful interests are buying into both systems with a view, if not to change control, at least to closer working relations with other companies. According to the reports Pennsylvania Railroad interests on the one hand and Vanderbilt interests on the other have bought each 100,000 shares of Erie stock within the past ten days.

Opposition in Sugar Refining. New opposition to the American Sugar Refining Company is developing. It comes from two sources. The twofold opposition comes first from the Arbutkies and second from Philadelphia interests and is admitted by Herman Slesceken, who is at the head of the American company's coffee business and who is generally credited with being closer to President Havemeyer than any other man in the industry. He outlined, it may be said that the plan of the Arbutkies is to build a new refinery equal in capacity and cost to the present one and adjoining the present one in Brooklyn. So far as the Philadelphia opposition is concerned, not much is known. At the office of Arbutkie Bros., James N. Jarvis said: "I refuse absolutely to talk on the matter."

Miss Flagler Engaged. The engagement of Miss Elizabeth Moore Flagler to Dr. G. McKean of Badock, Cape Breton, is announced by her mother. The marriage will take place in June. Miss Flagler is a daughter of Brigadier General E. V. Flagler, at one time chief of ordnance of the army. In August, 1896, Miss Flagler was the victim of a most unhappy occurrence. She shot a negro boy, Ernest Green, employed in one of the departments, killing him instantly. Green had been breaking the branches of pear trees in the grounds surrounding the Flagler residence in Washington. Miss Flagler warped the lad to death, but he did not heed her respect to the shooting. She was immediately arrested and was immediately to the Chief of Police and was operated by the Coroner's jury. She was subsequently indicted and tried the following February. She was convicted of involuntary manslaughter and sentenced to three hours' imprisonment and a fine of \$100. She has since been living in retirement at Cape Breton.

Shot by a Girl. Elizabeth Muller, the 18-year-old stepdaughter of Beard Ochsenschlagel, who she shot on November 29, was arrested last night on a charge of homicide, as the man died yesterday. At the time of the shooting Ochsenschlagel had struck and knocked the girl down. She picked a revolver and shot him once which time he has been in a hospital.

MISTAKE IN SIGNALS CAUSES TRAIN WRECK

Five Passengers and Five of the Train Crew Are More or Less Badly Injured. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 14.—The day express from Chicago on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago collided with the Leetsdale accommodation train near Edgewater this morning. Five passengers and five of the crew were injured. The injured: R. L. Stevens, New York, condition serious; J. E. Hanson, Chicago, condition serious; Mrs. E. H. Wilson, Chicago, condition serious; W. J. Fischer, Ada Fischer, 14; George Fleming, porter; Oscar White, fireman, probably killed; Dorcas Wise, baggage carrier, will die; James Johnson, conductor; Fred Schuch, brakeman. A mistake of signals caused the accident.

REFUSE TO JOIN THE MINERWORKERS' UNION

Hoisting Engineers May Be Forced Out of Employment by Not Affiliating With Organization. CLINTON, Ind., Dec. 14.—The United Mineworkers have demanded that all hoisting engineers join their union. The engineers have refused and the miners' union has demanded their discharge unless they comply with their demands. State President Van Horn of the United Mineworkers has sustained the miners. All mining in this district is to-day, it is believed they will resume with new engineers to-morrow.

SHOT AND KILLED BY HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW

Husband Goes to Shoot His Wife, but Instead Himself Meets Death. BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 14.—J. V. Cunningham, proprietor of a lodging-house, was shot and instantly killed this afternoon by Louis L. Felker, his brother-in-law. The shooting took place in the bedroom of Cunningham's wife. Appearances point to the conclusion that Cunningham went there to kill his wife. The couple had not been living happily together. Each accused the other of infidelity.

WILL BE SHOT FOR SLEEPING AT HIS POST

General MacArthur Approves the Death Penalty Imposed Upon Private Skinner. SOUTHLINGTON, Conn., Dec. 14.—News has reached here in the form of an official communication from General MacArthur that Lina Skinner, a former Southington boy, has been sentenced to be shot on Christmas day for sleeping at his post when on sentry duty. His father, John P. Skinner, who is 71 years old, is nearly heartbroken by the news and has left for Washington to plead with President McKinley for his son's life.

LABORERS FOR HAWAII.

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 14.—Getting Portuguese from California is one of the latest plans of the sugar men in their efforts to add to the labor supply here. M. A. Silva, a well known young Portuguese, will leave here next week for San Francisco in the interest of Oia and Pepeekeo plantations. The plants offer good inducements and are willing to pay the fares of the men coming here. Families are wanted and not single men. Homes are furnished, and Oia offers a profit-sharing proposition.

Bank Robbers Captured.

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 14.—Two men supposed to have been implicated in the robbery of the bank at Shanesville Wednesday night were arrested at Bridgeport, Ohio, today after a desperate fight with the police. The fight and arrest occurred on a Wheeling and Lake Erie train, and the terrified passengers tried to jump from the windows. Many shots were fired, but no one was injured.

NEW MINISTER FROM THE SHAH IS A DIPLOMAT OF SOME NOTE

General Isaac Khan Mofakhamed's Mission Is to Cement Commercial Relations.



THE NEW PERSIAN MINISTER AT WASHINGTON IS IMMENSELY WEALTHY, A NOTED DIPLOMAT, 40, UNMARRIED AND A GREAT LOVER OF OUTDOOR SPORTS.

GENERAL ISAAC KHAN MOFAKHAMED DOVET, the new Persian Minister at Washington, who requested President McKinley to protect him from the cartoonists of the United States, has been for many years one of Persia's most trusted diplomats. He is a man of high intelligence, a man of letters and of rather handsome features. He is 40, unmarried and is fond of outdoor sports. The principal business of his mission is to cement commercial relations between Persia and the United States.

RIGID CHARGE NEARLY KILLED

T GRAND JURY BY BEING MAZED Chicago Judge Declares Student of Northwestern University Roughly Dealt With. CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Rigid investigation of various departments of the municipal government, especially the police department, was demanded of the December Grand Jury by Judge Gibbons to-day in his final instructions to that body concerning their course in regard to the prevalence of vice and crime in Chicago. Besides his reference to the alleged corruption in the police department, Judge Gibbons scored prize-fighting, which he said was plainly against the law. The recent money loan scandal was also referred to. The court traced much of the immorality in Chicago to child labor and the employment of girls and women in factories and stores at small wages for long hours. The charges are regarded as being the most drastic ever given to a Grand Jury in Cook county.

ANXIOUS TO NURSE HER LEPER HUSBAND

Mrs. George Kaniku of Honolulu Asks Permission to Go to Molokai. HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 7.—The Board of Health has received a letter from George Kaniku, one of the lepers at Molokai, asking that his wife be allowed to join him in his exile at the settlement. Mrs. Kaniku is living in Honolulu, and desires to go to Molokai to spend the rest of her life among the lepers, nursing her husband, who is at an advanced stage, and is becoming helpless.

THREE SUSPECTS HELD FOR TRAIN ROBBERY

Special Officers Have a Lively Fusillade With a Negro and White Man. NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 14.—Three arrests were made early today in the vicinity of the sensational hold-up on the Illinois Central in the suburbs of this city last night. Shortly after the robbery, a white man and a negro near the Illinois Central tracks. The men had a bag, and the officers called on them to surrender. Instead, the white man drew a revolver and a lively fusillade followed between the officers and the men. The latter finally dropped the bag, but he escaped toward the swamps. The sack proved to be a United States mail bag. This morning, when the scene of the shooting the police found a cartridge belt slung with blood and full of cartridges. Shortly before noon, Special Officers Lulich and Daly went to police headquarters and instantly recognized Ray Henderson, one of the two whom they had been arrested. Henderson had been exchanged while running from the scene armed. It is difficult to learn what the robbers did away with, but it is said they managed to secure several registered mail pouches and a large number of express packages.

Has a Japanese Crew.

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 14.—The ship Kennebec, Captain Lewis, left today for the Sound with a Japanese crew. The Sailors' Union, which still controls the labor supply for vessels here, men being scarce, demanded \$3 a man for the trip, and the captain refused to pay such a rate. Getting Japs was his only alternative.

Prosperity for 1901.

Indications everywhere point to great prosperity for the coming year. This is a sign of healthy nature. The success of a country, as well as of an individual, depends upon health. There can be no health if the stomach is weak. If you have any stomach trouble, try Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which cures dyspepsia, indigestion and biliousness. Obtain our Almanac for 1901-free. It contains valuable information.

HOLOULU AUTHORITIES WILL NOT PERMIT PRATT TO STAY THERE

Treasury Department Rules That Chinese Who Were Naturalized Hawaiians Do Not Become Citizens of United States.

HONOLULU, Dec. 7.—George Pratt, the leper, who came here from San Francisco, is still held at the Kaili detention camp to be sent back when the steamship China comes here. He has told many different stories about himself. The latest is a mysterious tale about his having been sent by a high Masonic lodge in Washington to use his cure in behalf of a Mason here who was suffering from the disease. Pratt has a cure which he says has arrested the disease in his case. It is expected that there will be strong objections to taking him on the part of the Chinese, but the local authorities are determined that he shall go.

Kawaihoo Church, the oldest church in the Hawaiian Islands, celebrated its centenary anniversary last Sunday. The church was organized in 1825, and being donated to the missionaries at the time by the Rev. H. H. Parker, the services were conducted on the site in grass houses, but in 1839 the corner-stone was laid in what is now the fine granite copy of the first edition of the Bible published in the Hawaiian language, and is only twenty years before the laying of the stone. The church building is the largest here. The church has had but three pastors during its career. The present pastor, H. H. Parker, having served for thirty-seven and a half years. In the congregation on the occasion of the celebration, which took place last Sunday, were daughters of all three of the pastors. Among the features of the celebration was the presentation by the Rev. W. D. Westerveldt of a Hawaiian flag from Oberlin College, which used in the decorations last summer, and sent it as a greeting.

The Mormon church here is also preparing for a great anniversary celebration, the occasion being the fiftieth anniversary of the landing of the first elders on Hawaiian soil. The church here introduced here now has about 3000 adherents, nearly all natives, in Hawaii. Honolulu is still disturbed by the question as to whether President McKinley contemplates declaring void all land titles made since September 23, 1893, by the local government. In spite of denials, the Honolulu Republican continues to assert that suits are to be brought in behalf of the National Government to annul all such leases or sales. The paper states that legal documents for such actions are now being prepared and will soon be filed. The sale of public lands at Oia is the principal deal involved. At the present time there are squatters on the lands, who refused to leave in spite of the order to do so issued as was by a public sale. An attempt by several purchasers to take possession resulted in their being driven off by a mob of the squatters. They base their claims on the contention that the local government had no right to dispose of the lands after September 23, 1893, on which date President McKinley gave his last instructions in the matter, ordering that no title be given to the Hawaiian Islands.

A treasury department ruling in the matter of Chinese citizenship has created much talk and discussion in Honolulu. The ruling states that the Chinese who were naturalized citizens prior to the date of the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands are not to be considered American citizens by virtue of the provisions of the territorial act. Section four of the territorial act provides that all persons who were citizens of the Republic of Hawaii on August 12, 1896, are hereby declared to be citizens of the United States. It is believed that the Chinese population here is not so large as the Chinese who were naturalized citizens prior to the date of the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands.

Is Granted a Divorce. HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 7.—The divorce suit brought by Mrs. Miner against Dr. Miner was decided last night by Judge Humphreys in favor of the wife. She was given an absolute divorce on the ground of cruelty, was awarded the lump sum of \$30,000 from her husband, with \$3000 for maintenance for herself and the custody of her child. In addition to the money already mentioned Dr. Miner is to pay \$50 a month to defray the expenses of the child. The case was a hard fought and sensational one, lasting three weeks.

Police Captain Beaten. HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 7.—Captain Fox, head of the Honolulu mounted police, was attacked and beaten by a crowd of natives on the Pacific Mail wharf, whether located in nose, throat and bronchial catarrh. If the appetite is poor, nausea, gagging and disgust for food, especially in the morning, you have catarrh of the stomach.

THE LITTLE SICKNESSES Which Grow Into Big Ones. A little cold in the head is a trifle, but if neglected and it hangs on from week to week and gets into the throat and lungs it is no longer a trifle, it is then no longer a slight cold but the beginning of chronic catarrh.

DEPUTY COLLECTOR IS SUSPENDED FROM DUTY Lively Row on Between Chief of Honolulu Customs Service and His Subordinate. HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 7.—Collector of Customs Stackable has suspended Deputy Stratemeyer, chief of the outside force of inspectors, for fifteen days without pay, for insubordination and for using language which was unbecoming to a gentleman. The row between the two officers created a sensation in Honolulu, and Deputy Stratemeyer has been many years and is very popular. Each party sends to Washington by this mail, it is said, his deputy with messages from him and a letter of himself to ask employes to spy upon one another. Stackable declares that his deputy using insulting language to him and that his action in suspending the deputy is necessary for the discipline of the office.

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Table with columns for Income and Expenses. Income includes Net cash actually received for Fire premiums, Net cash actually received for Marine premiums, etc. Total Income: \$1,758,728.00.

Table with columns for Losses and Premiums. Losses include Losses incurred during the year, Losses incurred during the year, etc. Premiums include Net amount of Risks written during the year, Net amount of Risks written during the year, etc.

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