

## COURT SENDS DISS DE BAR TO A PRISON

### Notorious Laura Jackson and Companion Convicted.

### English Magistrate Wastes No Time in Passing Sentence.

### Woman and Her Alleged Husband Must Serve Many Years Behind the Bars for Their Numerous Crimes.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Theodore and Laura Jackson, the latter best known in the United States by the name of Ann O'Della Diss de Bar, were found guilty today by a jury in the Old Bailey on charges of immoral practices and fraud. The Judge immediately imposed sentences of fifteen and seven years' penal servitude upon Jackson and his reputed wife, respectively.

The prisoners listened to the passage of sentence in evident astonishment, but maintained silence. As the Judge finished Jackson turned from the prisoners' dock and walked down the steps. "Swamie," as the woman head of the so-called "Theocratic Unity" has latterly called herself, smiled, bowed to the Judge and court and followed her male companion to where officers were waiting to take them to prison.

Anticipating that a verdict would be reached to-day, the interest in the trial was revived and the courtroom was well filled when the proceedings were resumed. The female prisoner, as usual, furnished the dramatic features of the examination of the witnesses, cross-examining them in modulated tones, and alternately whining or threatening. When the case for the prosecution was closed the defendants announced that they would not call any witnesses, but would testify in their own behalf.

### Jackson Delivers a Lecture.

Jackson was then sworn and commenced an address, very much in the nature of a lecture, in the course of which he claimed to be a man bound to single life by a religious vow and emphatically denied the testimony furnished as to his living with Daisy Adams, whose story, he said, was a tissue of falsehood. He described the female prisoner as a medium through whom he (Jackson) had "communicated with his spirit wife." Jackson, in his address, referred to his estate of 7200 acres of land in Florida, and dwelt at great length on the principles of theocratic unity.

During his cross-examination Jackson was very insolent to the Solicitor General, Sir Edward Carson. The Judge warned Jackson that he was injuring his case, whereupon the female defendant interjected approvingly: "That's right. Keep him in order."

While the Solicitor General was examining Jackson the latter casually remarked: "If Swamie (a name by which the female defendant is known) is guilty, I am guilty also."

Mrs. Jackson quickly rose to her feet (having been accommodated with a chair in the dock) and refused to be included with Jackson in the charge of criminal assault.

When asked whether Mrs. Jackson had been imprisoned in New Orleans Jackson refused to answer until the question was repeated to him by the female defendant. He then said she had been in jail twice.

### Diss de Barr Mentioned.

Mrs. Jackson then testified. During her cross-examination the name of Diss de Bar was mentioned for the first time in court, the witness admitting that she was the divorced wife of General Diss de Bar, adding that she had inherited a fortune from him. The woman also admitted that she had been married to a man named McGool and to Ph. Messaut. She said her income from the Diss de Bar property was \$14,000 yearly. She acknowledged that she had served six months in jail in New York for defrauding Luther C. Marsh, and denied that she had ever been known as Vera P. Ava.

After Mrs. Jackson had made a general denial of crimes charged against her, the Solicitor General announced that as the prisoners were not defended he would not address the jury. Jackson then began a speech to the jury. He said it was monstrous that this infamous charge had been laid at their door, especially considering that his companion had devoted her life to Christian reform.

"However," he added, "I believe that absolute justice can be obtained from an English Judge and jury, which is more than I can say for America."

The female prisoner, in turn, addressed the jury. Drawing her classic robe around her ample form and raising herself to her full height she held the court spellbound for over an hour. Mrs. Jackson seemed never at a loss for words. She carefully dissected all the evidence and wound up with a powerful peroration to the effect that she did not desire any halting, ambiguous verdict, but an unequivocal expression of justice.

Justice Bigham then summed up very strongly against the prisoners, saying it was difficult to conceive of more revolting and abominable conduct. He said that he would not be doing his duty unless he prevented the male prisoner from practicing such acts under the cloak of religion for years to come. The jury was absent less than five minutes. Silence followed the pronouncement of the word "guilty" and the Judge quickly passed the sentences.

### Flight of a Postmaster.

NANAIMO, B. C., Dec. 20.—Henry Malle, Postmaster at Extension, has absconded, leaving a shortage estimated at \$200. He is supposed to be in the United States.

# TWO VICTIMS OF UPLANDS WRECK DIE OF INJURIES AND ONE CHARRED BODY IS FOUND IN THE RUINS



## Worthington to Hold Investigation at Once.

THE death list of the Southern Pacific disaster at Uplands, Monterey County, has reached a total of five, and there it is likely to stop, as none of the other injured passengers or trainmen are believed to be in danger of succumbing to their injuries. Two Italians, John Cordona and Francisco Savania, died early yesterday morning at the Southern Pacific Hospital. Another charred body was disinterred from the wreckage at Uplands at noon. It is supposed to be the body of a tramp who was riding the brakebeam.

The members of the train crews were in attendance yesterday at the inquest at San Lucas on the bodies of William C. Garland and Owen A. Thurber, the first known victims of the wreck. If the trainmen get back in time Superintendent Worthington of the Coast division will hold an investigation at 9 o'clock this morning, after which he will make his report and recommendations to Manager Agler.

Engineer Coffey has been temporarily suspended. He is bedfast at his home, 2520 Sixteenth street, his body racked with pain from his injuries, but he is suffering a thousand times more from mental anguish. He said yesterday: "My consolation is this, they all speak well of me. I have no enemies and they all say I was careful and reliable and never made mistakes. But those poor people—why wasn't I allowed to die with them?"

It will all come out at the investigation. The engine I had was a fine machine, but we engineers like the old-style engine better. It was the first run I had made on her and the injector was giving me trouble. While I was working with it we passed the whistling post a mile the other side of the Uplands switch. I did not see the post and did not whistle or apply the brakes. Neither did I notice when we rocked over the frogs at the switch. I believed we had not yet reached the whistling post. I had not forgotten my orders. Then suddenly the danger loomed up in front. Instinctively I applied the emergency brakes and closed the throttle. Dameron, my fireman, did not see the danger until I shouted to him.

I had done all I could do and as the train slowed down to twenty miles an hour I jumped. Dameron will not say at the investigation that he closed the throttle or applied the brakes. I did all that myself and

SCENES OF THE WRECKAGE OF THE TWO ENGINES AND THE CARS OF THE NORTH-BOUND TRAIN AT UPLANDS, AFTER THE TEMPORARY TRACK HAD BEEN BUILT AROUND THE DEBRIS TO PERMIT THE RESUMPTION OF TRAFFIC.

## Engineer Coffey Says He Did Not Forget Orders, but Ran Past Switch While Engrossed With Strange Engine.

would have reversed the engine only for its having driving brakes. Every wheel on the engine was equipped with brakes which are capable of stopping her quicker than can be done by reversing, which causes her to slide as if down a chute.

I am going to be at the investigation tomorrow if I have to be taken on a stretcher and I believe that railroad men will not blame me when the evidence is all in.

Superintendent Worthington said yesterday: "Coffey was one of the best engineers on the road. He was always careful, conscientious and capable. Conductors were always glad to have him on the engine for then they felt safe. He has been railroading for fourteen years. For six years he was a fireman, then he was promoted to engineer and for a long time he ran on a freight train. For two years and a half he has been hauling passenger trains. There is no doubt of his competency and reliability. He was always sober and when in the city could always be found at home. He certainly deserves sympathy, for the poor fellow is almost crazed and his inquiries about the dead and injured are pitiful. There is no doubt as to the speed of the train. No. 9 left San Ardo at 12:55. The collision occurred at exactly 1:00. The distance between San Ardo and Uplands is 5.2 miles and the wreck was at a point .3 of a mile farther west, making the distance traveled in 11 minutes exactly 5 1/4 miles. That shows the train to have been traveling at the rate of thirty miles an hour, and all statements of the rate being forty to fifty miles an hour are nonsense. Engineer Coffey believes the speed was not more than twenty miles an hour when

the trains struck. The emergency brakes were set and the throttle of Coffey's engine closed—whether by Coffey or by the fireman, Dameron, I do not know.

The engine, 1488, under Coffey's control, is one of the finest large eight-wheel passenger engines belonging to the Southern Pacific Company. It is of the "C. W." class and has a 72-inch driver, 90,000 pounds on the drivers and 190 pounds of steam. She has been giving excellent service on through overland trains on the western division for a long time and was assigned to the coast division when the new card took effect on December 8. She was in first-class shape and the superintendent and master mechanics of the western division objected strenuously to the engine being taken from them. Any contention by Coffey that the engine was "cranky" and took his attention from the track will scarcely prove valid.

Cordona and Savania, the two men who died in the hospital yesterday, were Italian section hands who were returning to Cordona's home in Oakland, where they intended passing the holidays. Cordona was 65 years old, and he leaves a large family. Savania was not married. The liabilities for personal damages of the railroad company will not be heavy.

Of the passengers who had paid fares none were seriously injured, and many of them have already accepted settlements offered by the company. Cordona and Savania, former employees, were riding on passes.

The Wells-Fargo Company does not know the extent of its loss, and will not know until reports are in from offices all along the line. It is known that a large amount of coin was in the car, but the waybills were burned. It was stated in Superintendent Langtry's office yesterday that an estimate of the company's loss would be simply guesswork, as little reliable as guessing at the winning number in a lottery.

### CROWDS VIEW THE WRECK.

SALINAS, Dec. 20.—The spot where the

collision occurred on the Southern Pacific Railroad at Uplands Thursday morning is still the scene of many visitors curious to view the wreck of two iron horses. People from far and near flock to the scene of the disaster anxiously watching every movement made by the clearing crew, fearful that some friend might be uncovered at any minute. The debris is being raised as rapidly as human hands can accomplish it, but it will be three or four days before the work will be completed.

Latest reports received in this city give the finding of one more body and many more are expected to be found. Reports were current here this morning that owing to the southbound train being late Wednesday night the engineer on this train was given orders at King City to remain there until the arrival of the northbound train, but on looking at his watch he claimed he had ample time in which to reach the switch.

The night operator at King City, on being questioned in regard to the matter, says he gave no such orders and that all talk about him giving any warning of that nature is fictitious. He says the instructions to both engineers were plain and explicit.

### INQUEST BEGINS.

Coroner's Jury at San Lucas Listens to the Evidence of Trainmen.

SAN LUCAS, Dec. 20.—The remains of Messenger Thurber were charred almost beyond recognition when they were recovered from the wreckage, but there is no doubt of their identity.

The Coroner's inquest over the dead bodies of Owen W. Thurber and Fireman W. C. Garland was begun to-day.

The witnesses examined were Conductor Wallis and Engineer Konold of Train No. 10, Conductor Williams and Fireman

## Superintendent Says Coffey Deserves Sympathy.

Dameron of Train No. 9, Station Agent Sharp of King City and the station agent at San Ardo. They testified regarding the receipt and delivery of the train order which stated that the northbound and southbound trains were to pass each other at Uplands.

The incidents attending the collision were told by the witnesses substantially as have been already related. The inquest was then adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### Engine Breaks Down.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 20.—The northbound Los Angeles express had a succession of breakdowns to-night, finally being tied up for several hours at a point about three miles from San Jose. A broken eccentric was said to be the cause of the trouble. Efforts were made to secure an engine from San Jose. Conductor Muller took a passenger's bicycle that was in the baggage car and rode around the neighborhood seeking assistance. Passengers tried to find a telephone, but their efforts were unavailing. Finally the break was repaired and the train crawled into San Jose many hours late. The passengers were landed in San Francisco nearly three hours behind time.

### FREIGHT TRAINS COLLIDE ON THE NORTHERN PACIFIC

TACOMA, Dec. 20.—Two extra freight trains on the Northern Pacific collided near Weston at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon. Both engines were damaged, ten cars were derailed and the track was blocked for several hours. Wrecking outfits from Tacoma and Ellensburg were sent to clear the tracks. The cars damaged were laden with coal. Conductor C. A. Flisk on the eastbound train was slightly injured. Engineer Kelly, on the westbound train, has not yet been found and there is a possibility that he may be found under the wreck. The cause of the accident is being investigated.

### Collision on the Missouri Pacific LEAVENWORTH, Dec. 20.—Missouri Pacific passenger train No. 53, due here at 6:25 p. m., and a freight train met in head-on collision near Nearman, a station close to Wolcott. No one was injured.

## JUDGE SAYS HIS LIFE IS IN JEOPARDY

### Hints That Lynchers' Counsel Desire His Assassination.

### Remarkable Utterance From the Bench During the Alturas Trial.

### Attorneys for the Defense Make Bitter Retort and for a Time a Courtroom Tragedy Is Threatened.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

ALTURAS, Dec. 20.—For a time today spectators at the trial of James W. Brown, the alleged Lookout lyncher, were momentarily expecting to see pistols brought into play and to hear the ping of bullets. Probably no more exciting scene has ever been enacted in a California court than occurred this afternoon, when Superior Judge Harrington declared in unequivocal terms from the bench that the attorneys for the defense desired his assassination. The Judge did not mince words, and his expressed fear that he would be shot from ambush before the present trials were concluded brought bitter retorts from the attorneys for Brown, Raker, one of the men representing the defendant, grossly insulted the court in his reply, but in the excitement of the moment his remark was passed with only a verbal rebuke. The bitterness between Judge Harrington and Attorneys Harris and Raker, representing the alleged lynchers, has now grown to deadly hatred, and residents of Alturas are predicting that a tragedy will be enacted before the present trial draws to a close.

Agnes Wilson was on the stand under cross-examination and the defense tried in every possible way to cause the child to contradict herself. Agnes testified that she unhitched the horses she and her mother had used in coming back from Bieber and tied them to the hitching post. Deputy Constable Brown, the defendant, unhitched them from the post and kicked them and they ran away. This was on the day of the arrest of her stepfather, Calvin Hall, and her brothers. The girl and her mother found their home in the greatest disorder, it having been searched by the arresting party.

### Court Fears Assassination.

It was during the cross-examination of the half-breed child that the bitter dispute between the court and counsel for the defense arose. Brown's lawyers attacked the girl's testimony and incidentally the character of the members of the family. Finally Judge Harrington interposed.

"Such conduct will not be permitted while I am on the bench," said he.

"Well, you won't be there long," retorted Lawyer Harris.

"I will be here until my term is up, Judge Harris, unless some of you assassinate me or shoot me from behind," answered the court.

Harris said that he never yet tried to assassinate any human being, and the court replied in substance that he had.

"You can't prove any such thing," exclaimed Harris, and Raker, his associate counsel, added:

"Well, that is a nice remark for a man to make on the bench. We don't want to kill anybody. If I wanted to kill anybody, I would kill a man. There is no man in here wants to assassinate you or anybody else. If there is we want to see him. I can prove by a dozen different witnesses that witness Courtwright said he came down off the stand to kill me and would have done so if the Sheriff had not interfered."

"This is none of your put-in, Mr. Raker. Harris is the man I have been talking to, and when the time comes I can prove my assertion," said the court.

"You can't prove any such thing by anybody," was Judge Harris' retort.

### Apologies Not Forthcoming.

Here the controversy ended without apologies from any of the three. Neither of the attorneys representing the State had anything to say while the war of words was proceeding.

When some measure of calm had been restored Agnes Wilson continued her testimony. She said that after Calvin Hall's arrest Deputy Constable Brown swore at the aged man and jabbed him in the back with the muzzle of his rifle.

Counsel for the defense this afternoon objected to Assistant Attorney General Post quoting law in support of his arguments. Judge Harris declared that this was not a law college, but sarcastically remarked that if Post should start such an institution he (Harris) would attend.

### Senator Sewell Improves.

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 20.—United States Senator William J. Sewell, who is lying seriously ill at his residence here, is much improved over yesterday. At 11 o'clock to-night his physicians said the Senator passed a comfortable day and is doing well to-night. He is very cheerful and carried on a conversation during the evening with the doctors. The physicians entertain no apprehension at this time of a serious change in his condition.

### Mme. Tsilka Is Reported Dead.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—"Semi-official" news received here from Constantinople says the Rome correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, "asserts that Mme. Tsilka is dead and that Miss Stone, the American captiv, will be released almost immediately."

### Babe Is Fatally Burned.

SAN MIGUEL, Dec. 20.—While emulating his father, who had been burning stubble, two children of Thomas Horden of Bradley started a small grass fire. The dress of the youngest, a girl of two years, was ignited and she was so badly burned that death soon followed.