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### ADDITIONAL LOCAL MATTER

#### SERVED NINETY DAYS FOR BLIND-PIGGING

Deputy Marshal Frank Tufts Takes Two Indians to Walker for Final Discharge.

Frank Tufts of St. Paul, deputy U. S. marshal, yesterday took to Walker Kooche-oke-man and Joseph B. Wallace, Indians, who had just completed serving ninety days in the Beltrami county jail. The men were committed to jail to serve a sentence of ninety days, at the term of court held in Ferguson Falls last November, and selected the Beltrami county jail. They were convicted of the charge of blind-pigging on the Red Lake Indian reservation, having been arrested by Deputy Marshal Tufts. The sentence imposed on the reds was sixty days in jail and a fine of \$100, and in lieu of paying the fine, thirty days additional.

Their ninety days expired night before last, and they were taken to Walker yesterday in order that Court Commissioner DeLury of Walker might issue to them their final discharge from custody, as is provided by law.

#### Election Day has been Spirited.

This has been city election day and there has been considerable interest manifested in the contest that is being waged for by the various offices, and the vote cast will be a heavy one, considering the time of the year in which the election is held.

It is conceded that the race between A. A. Carter and Jim. Pogue for mayor has been a close one, and each side claims victory by from 100 to 200 votes.

The contest for aldermanic honors had also been close in some wards.

The Pioneer will publish complete results from the polls tomorrow evening, and the results may be seen at the Markham hotel the evening after the election.

#### Resolutions of Sympathy.

Whereas, it has come to the knowledge of the Bemidji Pioneer that the late Mrs. W. A. Ferris, wife of our beloved brother, W. A. Ferris, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Bemidji Lodge, No. 219, Degree of Honor, extend to the bereaved husband our heartfelt sympathy and condolence in this his great sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved husband, and a copy be placed on the minutes of the lodge and a copy furnished the local paper for publication.

—Mrs. D. Backlund  
—Mrs. W. H. Elletson  
—Mrs. J. P. Lehr.

#### Payment Still in Progress.

R. E. L. Daniel, chief clerk at the Red Lake Indian agency, spent last night in the city, having come down from the agency yesterday. This morning he went to Walker, taking with him Charles Dickinson, charged with having sold liquor at Island Lake to Indians.

Mr. Daniel states that the payment which is being made to the Indians at Red Lake this week has progressed rather slowly and still continues; and that Agent Allen and his paying corps will on Friday move across to the north side of the lake to pay the reds in that vicinity. Everything is moving smoothly at the payments and Agent Allen is preserving the best of order among his wards.

#### The Supper a Success.

The chicken pie supper given at the I. O. O. F. hall last evening by the ladies of the Methodist church was a success in every particular and netted the society over \$50.

### TO SAVE FRENCH CABINET.

President Fallieres Attempts to Reconcile Differences.

Paris, Feb. 19.—President Fallieres personally intervened in the ministerial situation in the hope of composing the differences in the cabinet. He had long conferences with Premier Clemenceau, Education Minister Briand and other members of the cabinet, but the exact result is not known. There are some reports, however, to the effect that an agreement has been reached on a final formula for the contracts for the lease of the churches satisfactory to both M. Clemenceau and Briand but confirmation of the rumors is lacking and the prevailing impression in political circles is that M. Clemenceau does not fall from power a reorganization of the ministry is practically certain. The followers of ex-Premier Combes already are lined up against any new concessions. Their position is defined by the Action as follows:

"According to the action of parliament, in giving or refusing its assent to the contract negotiated by M. Briand, the republic will be bound to Rome for eighteen years or free from it forever."

The bitter hostility to the government's proposed income tax law continues to be an important feature of the ministerial crisis.

#### FOR SUCCESS AT THE POLLS.

Special Services Held in Polish Catholic Churches.

Warsaw, Feb. 19.—The Catholic churches throughout Poland held special supplementary services in behalf of the national candidates in the final elections about to take place. The clergy celebrated masses and offered up prayers for the success of the Polish Nationalists against the candidates of the Jews and Socialists. Interest in the outcome of the electoral struggle here is intense.

### FLEECED BY WIRETAPPERS

MISSING NEW BRITAIN (CONN.) BANK OFFICIAL SAID TO HAVE LOST \$350,000.

New York, Feb. 19.—The police are investigating a report that William F. Walker, the missing treasurer of the New Britain (Conn.) Savings bank, lost more than \$350,000 of the bank's funds in this city as a victim of skilled workers of the wiretapping game. This report is to the effect that one of the two men who operated the game discovered last October that Walker had suffered losses through his ventures in stock speculation. These pretended wiretappers then went to New Britain and unfolded to Walker, it is said, the usual scheme of tampering the race wires to get the name of the winning horse and then betting on the horse before the poolroom received the name of the winning horse. It is said that Walker came to New York with the man and was taken to a corridor in the Western Union building and there introduced to an associate of the tapper who pretended to be employed by the Western Union and able to withhold reports of the races from the poolrooms.

As a result Walker is said to have been taken to a pretended poolroom, where he and the two conspirators, acting as his agents, bet and lost \$110,000. Walker is said then to have gone back to New Britain, but was again convinced by the conspirators that the loss was due to his own mistake in taking the name of the winning horse. Walker is said to have consented to try it again and to have brought to New York a lot of the bank's securities and negotiated them for \$240,000 cash. He was allowed to win \$20,000, according to the report, but on the next trial lost \$240,000, including his winnings. The swindlers then disappeared.

#### SCHOOLBOYS IN DUEL.

Granville (N. Y.) Youths Fight for Love of Teacher.

Granville, N. Y., Feb. 19.—John Henry Willard, aged sixteen, and David Daley, aged seventeen, tried to fight a duel in a secluded wood on the outskirts of the village. The boys attended the high school, where Miss Flora G. Carson has taught for the last year and each was in love with the girl. Miss Carson got to the scene of the duel in time to hear two shots fired, both of which went wild. She seized the youngsters and after bumping their heads together compelled them to shake hands.

#### INDIANA TRIPLE TRAGEDY.

Woman Kills Her Two Young Daughters and Herself.

Connersville, Ind., Feb. 19.—Mrs. J. S. Mundelle, aged thirty-five years, killed her two daughters, aged four years and seven months respectively, and then committed suicide. She was alone in the house with the children and when Mr. Mundelle returned home for luncheon he found the house locked and the blinds drawn. In a down stairs bedroom lying side by side on a bed with their throats cut were the woman and two children.

#### Two of the Crew Drowned.

Highland Light, Mass., Feb. 19.—The barge Girard, coal laden, went ashore near the Highland Light life-saving station and two of her crew were drowned. Captain Larsen and another member of the crew were saved by the lifesavers. The barge will be a total loss.

### THAW'S WILL ADMITTED

DOCUMENT FINALLY RECEIVED IN EVIDENCE AND READ TO THE JURORS.

WHITE'S DEATH ACT OF PROVIDENCE

ALIENIST TELLS OF CONVERSATIONS WITH DEFENDANT ON THE SUBJECT.

New York, Feb. 19.—At the afternoon session of the Thaw trial Mr. Delmas offered the will of Harry Thaw in evidence, but District Attorney Jerome objected. Dr. Evans was then further questioned regarding his opinion of the sanity of the defendant at the time the document was drawn and Mr. Jerome finally withdrew his objections to the will and it was read to the jury by sections. One of the paragraphs of the will provided for setting aside \$50,000 for the prosecution of any person who might be suspected of having caused his (Thaw's) death by violence. The codicil to the will bequeathed \$7,500 for obtaining legal redress against Stanford White and another sum for four young women mentioned as victims of the architect. Fifty thousand dollars is left in trust for Evelyn Nesbit Thaw and an annuity of \$500 to Howard Nesbit, brother of Mrs. Thaw.

The separate circumstances of the alleged "degrading assaults" upon the four young women were mentioned in the codicil. One of the young women was declared to be acting at Lew Field's theater at the time.

The codicil also left to Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, Frederick W. Longfellow and Anthony Comstock sums of \$2,500 each for the purpose of securing evidence of any assaults by Stanford White and obtaining redress for the victims.

#### AN ACT OF PROVIDENCE.

Thaw's Story of White's Death as Told to Alienist.

New York, Feb. 19.—The trial of Harry K. Thaw was resumed during the day before Justice Fitzgerald. Juror Bolton, whose wife died last Thursday, was again in his place and the indications now are that the trial will go ahead as rapidly as both defense and prosecution can push it. The jury will not again be kept together until it begins the consideration of a verdict.

Doctors B. D. Evans and Charles F. Wagner, two of the alienists representing the defense, were on the witness stand and continued to give the reasons on which they based their conclusions that Thaw at the time he killed Stanford White and for several months subsequent to the homicide was of unsound mind.

It was testified that Thaw told the doctors he had not intended to kill Stanford White, but had sought to have him brought to justice in a court of law. He accused White of seeking to destroy the virtue of every woman with whom he came in contact, declaring he had poisoned and drugged many innocent young girls.

"If you had no desire or thought of killing White, why did you do it?" Dr. Evans said he put this question to Thaw in the Tombs and the prisoner replied:

"Providence stepped in and took charge; it was an act of Providence." Dr. Wagner said Thaw had told him that it was his (Thaw's) province to protect young girls and lead them in moral paths.

Dolphin M. Delmas was again in command for the defense and all the six lawyers who have appeared in the case since the beginning of the trial were in their accustomed places at the defendant's counsel table.

The defendant seemed to be in the best of spirits and the let up in the trial since last Thursday seemed to have been beneficial to him physically.

#### Would Print Thaw Testimony.

Wichita, Kan., Feb. 19.—In a sermon on morality entitled "Women's Rights" Dr. John Henry Cudlippe, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, declared that all the evidence in the Thaw trial should be printed. "I want to see every line of the Thaw evidence printed," said Dr. Cudlippe, "and I want to read it. I think the public should read it."

#### Insane Over the Thaw Trial.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 19.—Violently insane over the Thaw trial John Lerdelphi of Janesville, Wis., was taken to Mendota asylum during the day. Lerdelphi talks only of the trial of Thaw and says he has \$100,000 to help out "Evelyn and Harry."

#### APPROVED BY SENATE.

Root's Amendment to Immigration Bill Ratified.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The senate has formally ratified the conference report on the immigration bill which contained Secretary Root's amendment giving the president power to place restrictions on the recognition of passports. This is the solution of the Japanese question which the president had promised Mayor Schmitz and the members of the San Francisco board of education in the conferences which were held at the White House last week.

### ISSUE PASSPORTS TO MAINLAND.

Japanese May Render Exclusion Legislation Nugatory.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Senator Flint of California had a conference with the president about the Japanese situation and legislation pending in congress on the subject. He expressed the opinion that the present agitation on the Pacific coast on this question was unfortunate, as the San Francisco school board committee now here was doing the best it could to settle the controversy and to get for the people what they want.

The possibility of the Japanese government issuing passports for the Japanese to come to the mainland, thus rendering nugatory the effect of the proposed exclusion legislation, was suggested to the president by the senator. Such a course, the senator said, would be regarded as a breach of good faith and in his opinion would be followed by legislation against the Japanese coming at all.

#### AFTER EXTENDED HEARING.

Wisconsin Railroad Commission Orders Reduced Rates.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 19.—The state railroad commission has handed down a decision in the 2-cent railroad rate question. It is ordered by the commission that the railways in the state give a flat 2 1/2-cent passenger fare and it is recommended that family mileage books of 500 miles be issued for \$10.

The last legislature enacted a law creating the state railway commission with power to fix rates and regulate service. The decision just handed down is the result of an extended hearing before the state railway commission, during which time representatives of the various railways operating in Wisconsin have appeared before the commission, when the questions of rates and service were thoroughly reviewed.

### OPPOSITION IN THE HOUSE

DEMOCRATS ATTACK PASSPORT AMENDMENT TO THE IMMIGRATION BILL.

Washington, Feb. 19.—After the reading of the conference report on the immigration bill Representative Burnett of Alabama made points of order against the first provision, which undertakes to regulate the incoming of the Japanese coolies by giving the president authority to refuse to recognize their passports and also against the whole of section 42, having relation to the air space in vessels bringing immigrants to the United States.

As to the first proposition Mr. Burnett insisted that the authority conferred by the section on the president of the law which he insists that the "imbeciles" who favor a protectorate must be struck down and that if annexation or a protectorate comes war will follow.

#### HIS REMOVAL EXPECTED.

New York's Insurance Commissioner on the Carpet.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Governor Hughes has served notice upon Otto Kelsey, state superintendent of insurance, to appear before him to give testimony concerning the condition of the insurance department.

This is regarded as the first step of Governor Hughes toward the removal of Mr. Kelsey as superintendent of insurance. In a statement given out by Governor Hughes it is explained that the summons to Superintendent Kelsey is issued in pursuance of section 22 of the public office laws, which reads:

"The governor before making a recommendation to the senate for the removal of any officer may, in his discretion, take proofs for the purpose of determining whether such recommendation shall be made."

#### GENERAL PAREDES WOUNDED.

Venezuelan Rebels Defeated and Taken Prisoners.

Caracas, Venezuela, Feb. 19.—An official announcement is made confirming the report that General Paredes and his insurgent followers were captured Feb. 12 at El Rosario, a village near Morichal Largo. Some fighting took place and Paredes is reported to have been wounded, but it is not believed that there were many casualties, as the insurgent force was small and large numbers of government troops were operating against it. There is no telegraph station at El Rosario and the news of the capture of the insurgent leader was taken by a courier to Maturin, from whence it was telegraphed here.

#### Honolulu Japs Protest.

Honolulu, Feb. 19.—A mass meeting of Honolulu was held here to protest against the exclusion of Japanese from the mainland or any form of Japanese exclusion. All classes of Japanese have joined in the movement.

#### Ruef Compelled to Plead.

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—Abraham Ruef was compelled by Judge Dunne, over the objections of his attorneys, to enter his plea in the indictment cases against him. He pleaded not guilty.

#### Fighting the Oil Trust.

Marietta, O., Feb. 19.—The Pure Oil company, said to be the only competing buyers of crude oil, the Standard Oil company has, has announced an advance of 10 cents per barrel on all oil outside the Oil City purchasing department. The advance includes all grades. It is believed to be the beginning of a fight with the Standard.

### AS AN ACT OF MERCY

PROBABLE MOTIVE FOR ALLEGED KILLING OF AGED WOMAN IN NEW YORK CITY.

VICTIM SLOWLY DYING OF CANCER

DAUGHTER CHARGED WITH MURDER BUT CAUSE FOR DEED Baffles Police.

New York, Feb. 19.—The death of Mrs. Ida Binge, the aged woman who, it is alleged, was poisoned as she lay dying from cancer, is resolving itself into a most remarkable case. The daughter of the dead woman, Mrs. Lottie Wallou, is under arrest charged with having administered the poison to her mother.

The remarkable feature of the case is lack of motive. The assistant district attorneys who have been at work on the case confess themselves baffled in this respect. They found that Mrs. Binge, the victim, had long since given most of her fortune to her daughter and what remained had been devised by law to Mrs. Wallou, who is the only heir-at-law. Under the circumstances and considering that Mrs. Binge was at the point of death and suffering great pain the only explanation that the law officers can give is that the daughter had been impatient over the death of her mother and in the drugs of some champagne of which Mrs. Binge had partaken, was administered with a merciful view and to end the aged lady's sufferings. It is known that Mrs. Binge, who suffered intensely, frequently begged that some one end her sufferings and the suspicion is growing that if Mrs. Binge really was poisoned, as the autopsy seems to indicate, some one who loved her finally yielded to her entreaties.

#### LIBERALS TALK OF WAR.

Would Compel United States to Get Out of Cuba.

New York, Feb. 19.—A dispatch to the Herald from Havana says that open, signed threats of war against the United States if it does not get out of Cuba are now being made by the leaders of the Liberal party, to whom everything has been given by the American provisional government except absolute control. The party is impatient and impatient over the delay of the American withdrawal, when, it was promised, they would be left masters of Cuba.

These leaders, the dispatch says, resent the suggestion of the conservative classes that an American protectorate might be a surer guarantee of peace than the unbridled rule of any Cuban faction.

The dispatch quotes an article by General del Castillo in El Rebelde, a liberal organ, in which he insists that the "imbeciles" who favor a protectorate must be struck down and that if annexation or a protectorate comes war will follow.

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### AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY.

Remarkable Growth Shown by Census Report.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The remarkable growth in the automobile industry and the decline of bicycle products are strikingly indicated in a statement issued by the census bureau on the manufacture of automobiles, bicycles and tricycles for 1905.

The total production of automobiles in 1905 was 22,830, valued at \$26,645,964, as against only 3,723 in 1900, with a value of \$4,784,011, thus showing an increase in value of 461.1 per cent. Of the 21,992 autos turned out by automobile factories 18,689, or 86.2 per cent, were propelled by gasoline; 1,568, or 7.2 per cent, by steam, and 1,425, or 6.6 per cent, by electricity.

The number of chain bicycles turned out declined from 1,136,122 in 1900 to 246,304 at the census of 1905; chainless from 42,929 to 4,077 and tricycles from 26,110 to 1,463. The tricycles were almost entirely children's toys. Motorcycles increased from 159 to 4,498.

#### AGAIN SAID TO BE DYING.

President Castro Gradually Weakening Since Operation.

Macuto, Venezuela, Feb. 19.—In spite of the daily bulletins issued by the government announcing an improvement in President Castro's health he has gradually weakened since he underwent the recent operation and his condition is now more serious than ever before. It is even affirmed that his physicians entertain no hope of his recovery. His temperature is reported to be 103, gangrene is said to have set in and the end is alleged to be expected shortly.

The Venezuelan gunboat Restaurador is lying at La Guayra and it is semi-officially asserted that after his death she will carry the body of Castro to Puerto Cabello, whence it will be transported to Valencia for interment.

#### E. H. Harriman Subpoenaed.

New York, Feb. 19.—A subpoena has been served on E. H. Harriman of the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific railroad system calling for his appearance before the interstate commerce commission in this city on Monday next. Mr. Harriman accepted service.

#### Bad Fire in a Warehouse.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 19.—The supply warehouse of the Arizona Copper company at Clifton caught fire from spontaneous combustion and the contents, valued at \$100,000, were heavily damaged.

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### GOING AT HIGH SPEED

ELECTRIC EXPRESS TRAIN DERAILLED AND THE COACHES REDUCED TO DEBRIS.

BODIES OF VICTIMS BADLY MANGLED

TWENTY PERSONS KILLED AND OVER A HUNDRED INJURED, FIFTY SERIOUSLY.

New York, Feb. 19.—Twenty dead, two fatally hurt and 145 more