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MATTHEW DOW HAS WITHDRAWN FROM MAYORALTY RACE

WIFE OF MILLIONAIRE TAKES HER LIFE

Throws Herself Out of the Window of a Fashionable Hotel and Is Crushed to a Shapeless Mass---Pens Letter to Her Husband.

(By United Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—One of the most sensational suicides that ever occurred in this city was committed last night, when Mrs. Herbert Sears, wife of a millionaire lawyer of Boston, and a member of one of the most aristocratic families in Massachusetts, leaped from her room on the thirteenth floor of the fashionable St. Regis hotel and was dashed to death on the roof of an adjoining building, one hundred feet below.

That the suicide was carefully planned there is no doubt. Arising from her bed some time during the night, after having retired in apparently good spirits, she threw a light wrapper over her night gown and then made the plunge to death. Mrs. Sears' maid, who occupied adjoining apartments, did not hear her mistress moving about, but she thought it was strange that she locked the door between the two sleeping rooms. Mrs. Sears had evidently taken this precaution against any interruption of her plans by the maid.

When the maid entered Mrs. Sears' apartments this morning she was startled to find she was missing and one of the windows thrown up. She looked down and saw the mangled form of her employer lying on the roof of a building below. Her body was so badly crushed that it was almost unrecognizable.

Mrs. Sears had come to New York to undergo treatment for a nervous disease. It is supposed that it was on account of her bad health that she committed suicide.

Before killing herself she penned a letter to her husband and this is being held for him.

BANK CLEARINGS.

Seattle.	
Clearings today	$1,003,177.45
Balances	92,207.81
Tacoma.	
Clearings today	$ 594,313.00
Balances	22,348.00
Portland.	
Clearings today	$ 901,666.00
Balances	84,130.00

MONTGOMERY GUILTY

Paul Montgomery was today found guilty in the criminal department of the superior court on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses. He was sentenced to serve a term in the state penitentiary of not less than one nor more than five years.

Montgomery was charged with having filed a fake draft for $2,000 in a local bank, and drawing upon this credit before the draft was returned dishonored.

TROOPS TO STAY FOR TIME IN NEVADA.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Responding to an appeal from the Nevada legislature, President Roosevelt today issued an order directing that the troops remain at Goldfield until the legislature takes definite action looking to the organization of a state police force. The appeal was transmitted through Gov. Sparks.

GIFT FOR FIREMEN.

The Seattle Hardware company has just sent to the Seattle Fire Department Relief association a check for $50. The money came as a surprise to the firemen, and is the more appreciated on that account.

BELIEVES MOORE TO BE CHOICE OF CITY PARTY

Also Complains That Men Who Induced Him to File Did So for Sole Purpose of Defeating Moore---States Emphatically That He Will Not Be a Party to That Kind of Politics.

Seattle, Wash., January 16, 1908.

Mr. Harry W. Carroll,
City Comptroller,
City Hall, Seattle, Wash.

My Dear Sir:—I was urged by friends in different political parties to file my declaration as a candidate for Mayor of this city. Since filing this declaration I have made careful investigation of the political situation.

The information now in my possession forces me to believe that some of the parties who urged me to be a candidate were anxious to see me nominated, but not anxious to see me elected. They were rather, I think, seeking to prevent the nomination and election of Mr. William Hickman Moore. I do not approve of political methods of that sort.

I appreciate deeply the friendship and loyalty of those who sincerely sought my nomination and election; but considering the situation as it now stands, I believe I am serving both my friends and the City of Seattle best by withdrawing.

I therefore most respectfully recall my declaration of candidacy for the office of Mayor and hereby officially advise you of that fact and request that you omit my name from the ballot in the coming election.

Sincerely yours, MATTHEW DOW.

Because he has become convinced that Mayor Moore will make a stronger mayoralty candidate for the city party than himself, Matthew Dow today withdrew from the contest.

In addition to his conviction that the rank and file of the party prefers Mayor Moore to himself, Mr. Dow has had reason to be somewhat piqued at the actions of some persons and interests originally backing him in the contests. Some of the men who urged him to enter the race refused to come out openly in his support, while others, though promising to support him in the primary election as against Mayor Moore, declined to pledge themselves to continue to support him for the election if he were nominated.

Mr. Dow's Scotch Presbyterian idea of political morals has been considerably offended at these developments, and he declares that he will not be a party to any species of political jobbery.

"It has become apparent that some of the men who urged me to enter the race have acted from ulterior motives," said Mr. Dow. "I do not care to mention any names in this connection lest through an error in judgment I do some man or men an injustice. I asked the men who have been urging me to continue in the race to come out openly in support of my candidacy and assist me in organizing for the campaign, and some of them have refused to do so.

"Now I shall not attempt to get into the office through the support of that kind of men. If they are for me I want them to say so. It appears as though they merely wanted to use me in the effort to defeat Mayor Moore then throw me over in the election for some other candidate.

"I shall not permit myself to be used in an effort to job Mayor Moore or any other candidate. I believe in fair play and straightforwardness in politics as in business, and I want everything that is done for me to be done in the open."

HIGH SCHOOL MEETS

May 8 and 9 are the dates set for the big track meet of the high schools of Western Washington, to be held at the state university campus. On the same date the high schools of Eastern Washington will meet at Pullman, Wash. The teams winning the two meets will come together on either May 16 or May 23, at the U. of W. to settle the championship of the state.

POPE HAS THE GOUT.

ROME, Jan. 17.—The pope, suffering from a violent attack of gout, has been ordered to bed for a long rest. As the result, all audiences have been suspended.

SUFFRAGISTS IN LONDON RIOT

Storm Home of Premier Campbell-Bannerman and Wildest of Scenes Occur---Streets Blocked With Crowds and Police Handle the Crowds Roughly.

(By United Press.)

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Suffragists raided the house of Premier Campbell-Bannerman during the meeting of the cabinet today and subsequently participated in one of the wildest street riots that ever took place in London.

When the police swooped down upon them the suffragists resisted all attempts to arrest them and fought the "bobbies" for a solid hour.

The streets were blocked in every direction by crowds that intensified the excitement with their cheers and jeers. The suffragists greatly outnumbered the police, and finally the officers of the law were compelled to handle the rioters roughly in order to suppress them.

Many arrests were made. It is thought that the raid was made simply to show the strength of the suffragists.

FIND CHILD DEAD.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wicks, 3414 35th av. W., was found dead in bed this morning. Coroner Carroll made an investigation and found death due to natural causes.

WALSH JURY OUT.

(By United Press.)

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—So far as surface indications are concerned, the John R. Walsh jury is no nearer an agreement than when it went to its rooms last night. The court announced it would keep the jury out as long as possible. The trial has already cost the people and the defense $100,000 each.

PIANO TEACHER IS BLAMED

Alleging that Louis Diamond, head teacher in the piano department at the Columbia College of Music, frequently insulted her, Sara K. Yeagley today asked that the court deny the application for a restraining order asked by General Manager Edwin Conn, of the school. Mr. Conn claimed that the woman had entered into a contract to teach only for the school, and had been violating this by inducing students to study under her privately. He asked the court to prevent this.

Miss Yeagley claims that Louis Diamond, by insults, threats and abuse, all of which were countenanced by Mr. Conn, made it impossible for her to remain with the school, and she asks that she be allowed to continue her private teaching.

CONNECTICUT IS REPORTED DESTROYED

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, JAN. 17.—IT IS RUMORED THAT THE BATTLESHIP CONNECTICUT, ADMIRAL EVANS' FLAGSHIP, HAS BEEN BLOWN UP IN THE HARBOR OF RIO JANEIRO.

NO DISPATCHES THAT COULD POSSIBLY FORM A BASIS FOR SUCH A REPORT HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT THE NAVY DEPARTMENT UP TO 1 O'CLOCK.

NAVY OFFICIALS SCOUT THE IDEA.

LEAPS TO DEATH

(By United Press.)

SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 17.—One woman was killed, another is missing and several were seriously injured as the result of a fire which destroyed the building occupied by the Imperial Underwear company today.

Mary Buckley, an employe, jumped from the fourth story. Her neck was broken.

Several other girls leaped from the upper floors of the building and are perhaps fatally injured.

CLANCY MEETING ENDORSES MILLER

John F. Miller's candidacy for the mayoralty nomination was enthusiastically endorsed at a meeting of the First Ward Republican club in Frank Clancy's Detroit hotel, at Second av. south and Main st., last evening. Endorsement was given after an address was made by Joseph Griffin, legislative representative from the Forty-third district, and a resident of the First ward. The meeting, originally intended as a business session, was converted into a Miller rally.

Johnny Clancy was elected chairman of the meeting, and after the adoption of a list of election officers, for recommendation to the city council, he gave way to Representative Griffin. The latter swept the crowd of more than 125 men off its feet with his cry for Miller's support.

Chairman Clancy, subsequently, said: "We have looked them all over and Miller looks the best to us. He is on the square; has always been on the square and is liberal minded enough to suit all classes and conditions in this big town. You bet we're for Miller."

CAMPAIGN AND ELECTION AT THE "U"

With campaign literature posted on every telegraph pole, and college political workers gathered about the polls, the election of an editor for the University of Washington college paper, "The Pacific Wave," was conducted today at that institution. When the polls closed at 2:30 this afternoon the supporters of Walter Dunbar and Harold Birkett both claimed victory.

"The Wave" itself supported Dunbar in a four-column editorial on its front page this morning. The Birkett party, unable to control the press, made a campaign with hand ballots, and every voter was approached as he went to the polls. The co-eds were cornered in hallways and forced to listen to political advice.

While Dunbar's constituents advocated an amendment to the constitution of the Associated Students allowing "The Wave" editor a salary, Birkett's admirers peddled literature headed "Vote against the amendment." The campaign workers of Birkett apparently outnumbered their adversaries.

ALASKA SCHOOL BILL.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The secretary of the interior has submitted to congress the draft of a bill compelling attendance of native Alaska children at the government schools. The bill provides a penalty for elders who induce or permit minors to remain away from school more than five days of any school year.

ELOPERS ARRESTED

Edwin F. Booth, formerly of Tacoma, and Miss Jessie Stewart, at one time a domestic in the Booth household, were arrested last night by the local police, at the instigation of Mrs. Booth. The pair had eloped for a second time, after Mrs. Booth had forgiven both for the first affair and had been reconciled to her husband. Mrs. Booth stated this morning that she had decided not to prosecute her husband, but would let him go his way and she would go hers.

FIRE RAGES ON STEAMER

(By United Press.)

TACOMA, Jan. 17.—Fire in the hold of the American steamer Tremont, loading for Japan, China and Manila, did damage late last night estimated at $40,000. More than 600 bales of cotton were destroyed either by fire or water. The ship's deck was somewhat buckled and there is other structural damage. The origin is believed to be spontaneous combustion. Eleven streams of water were kept playing on the fire for an hour and a half before it was extinguished. When the fire broke out the greatest of excitement occurred, and it was with difficulty that many of the crew were awakened.

EVELYN THAW IS PLACED ON WITNESS STAND

Second Sensation Caused by Littleton Excusing Her ---Thaw's Mother Testifying.

(By United Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Evelyn Nesbit, wife of Harry Kendall Thaw, was called to the stand at 11:35 o'clock this morning in the murder trial in which her husband is the defendant. This was a rather unexpected move on the part of the defense, as it was thought that she would be one of the last lay witnesses. After she had taken the stand the defense made another move that caused surprise. After Evelyn Thaw had been sworn, Attorney Littleton conferred with his associates and then withdrew her, stating that he was not ready at that moment to examine her.

It is probable that Mrs. William Thaw, mother of the defendant, may testify during the day. She arrived at the court house, accompanied by her son, Josiah, and appeared to be very ill.

Miss Alice C. Fletcher, of Washington, a friend of the Thaw family, was the first witness to testify this morning. She said that Harry was very nervous when he was a child and that he was subject to violent outbursts of temper. Miss Fletcher testified that in December, 1903, Harry Thaw told her that he was suffering from a terrible disease of the eyes and that he wanted to die. He talked so incoherently, the witness declared, that she could hardly understand what he meant.

When Attorney Jerome began his cross-examination of her, Miss Fletcher said she was connected with the archeological bureau at Washington. She is one of the best known scientific women in the United States.

The district attorney had far from an easy time in handling the witness, and she baffled him by the cleverness she displayed in oral fencing. In the meantime Littleton's face was wreathed in smiles.

Miss Fletcher explained the anxiety of Mrs. Thaw over the mental condition of her son, Harry, stating that Mrs. Thaw confided to her that the boy was not responsible for his acts. Jerome started to propound a case based on suppositions and referring to a man like Thaw being in love with a chorus girl, when Judge Dowling interrupted him by saying that such questions were incompetent for the reason that no chorus girl had been mentioned in the proceedings. After the witness testified that Thaw had told her that he loved Evelyn Nesbit more than any other woman he had ever known, Miss Fletcher was excused.

Katharine O'Neil, a nurse in the Thaw family for six years, testified that Harry Thaw was a very peculiar child; that he was delicate, moody and subject to fits, and that he would throw himself on the floor, writhe and yell until he was exhausted. After a little more questioning the nurse was excused.

It was at this juncture that Evelyn Thaw was called to the stand. In passing her husband she smiled sweetly at him, and he returned the greeting. She wore a long blue coat, a skirt to match, and a broad white collar and a big mushroom hat. The spectators were disappointed when Mr. Littleton announced, after having the wife of the defendant sworn in, that he was not ready to examine her.

A few unimportant witnesses were then called to the stand.

Almost immediately after court convened after the noon recess, Mrs. William Thaw, Harry's mother, was called to the stand.

Mrs. Thaw was only on the stand a few minutes when she was excused temporarily by Littleton, and Evelyn was recalled.

B. C. GOVERNMENT AT LAST TAKES ACTION.

It is reported in Seattle this afternoon that the British Columbia government has at last taken action regarding the patrolling of the west coast of Vancouver island during the stormy winter months in which so many wrecks have previously occurred or have been narrowly averted. The British tug William Jollissee from Liverpool has been chartered to work up and down the coast, 45 miles a day, until May 1.

FRAUDULENT VOTING DOES NOT DISQUALIFY

Despite the fact that he voted in Alaska only two years ago, a committee of his legal advisers have advised Donald B. Olson that he is not disqualified from assuming the office of mayor of Seattle in March. The opinion is based on the theory that the Alaska vote was fraudulent, Mr. Olson having been a citizen of Seattle at the time it was cast.

The question of Mr. Olson's residence qualifications was raised when he was first suggested as a mayoralty candidate, and the fact that he had lived in Seattle only a few months was mentioned at that time in The Star. His supporters claimed, however, that he had been a resident of Seattle for 12 years, though having been temporarily absent in Alaska. It has since developed that only two years ago he participated as a voter in the territorial election there.

The Seattle charter requires four years' continuous residence as a qualification for the office of mayor. Mr. Olson can only claim foru years' continuous residence in Seattle on the theory that his vote in Alaska two years ago was fraudulently cast. Nevertheless a committee of democratic attorneys have decided that he is qualified for the office.

ROBERT MORAN DENIES R. R. SPENCER'S STORY

Brands as False the Charge That Moran Bros. Co. Withdrew Money From Local Banks and Deposited It in British Columbia.

Claiming that the business integrity of the Moran Bros. company has been attacked, Robert Moran, president of the company, has issued an open letter in circular form to Mr. R. R. Spencer, vice president of the National Bank of Commerce.

The letter accuses Mr. Spencer of maliciously circulating a story that the Moran Bros. company has withdrawn large sums of money from the local banks during the present financial stringency and has deposited the money in British Columbia banks.

Mr. Moran brands the story as false and goes on to give the history of his dealings with the National Bank of Commerce, which he thinks explains the alleged action of the vice president.

Declined Offer.

The letter states that when the Washington National and the National Bank of Commerce were consolidated, Mr. Moran was invited to take 50 shares of stock, which he did, paying $20,000 each. Later, he was asked to become a director of the bank, but declined. Then he was invited by Mr. Spencer to favor with loans with part of the business of the Moran Bros. company, but declined on account of the fact that his company had done satisfactory business with one bank for 25 years.

On Nov. 5 of last year, the letter states, a clash occurred between the company and the bank over the payment of a government draft for $56,262.22, drawn in favor of the Moran Bros. company on the National Bank of Commerce, a government depository. The bank refused to pay the draft in cash until twice ordered to do so by the comptroller of currency, to whom Moran Bros. company appealed by telegraph.

It was this money, the letter states, that Mr. Spencer charged was deposited in a British Columbia bank. The letter states that it was not so deposited, but was kept in the United States and disbursed locally to meet the obligations of the company.

Had Them Followed.

The payment was not made on the government draft, according to Mr. Moran, until after banking hours on the fourth day after the original demand was made. Then, the letter charges, Mr. Spencer had the representatives of the Moran Bros. company followed to see what they did with the cash.

On their report of what became of the money, Mr. Spencer's assertion that it was deposited in British Columbia was made.

Another point dealt upon at length in the letter is a reply to a remark by Mr. Spencer that the National Bank of Commerce had contributed to the Battleship Subsidy fund when Moran Bros. company undertook the construction of the battleship Nebraska.

The letter states that no obligation rests upon the company toward those who subscribed to that fund; that the subscriptions were made with a view of getting the money back in the benefits which would accrue through the expenditure of the money necessary to build the battleship here and the advertising that Seattle would get out of it.

Money the Company's.

Referring to the action of the bank in withholding payment of the draft, the letter says:

"Resuming now our personal communication; you have laid special stress in connection with your story upon the fact that our action in withdrawing funds from your bank was the more inconsiderate by reason of its taking place at a time when the banks were striving to guard their resources. We admit that the banks have had good cause in the emergency to act in the manner they did and their united action and the intelligent manner in which they conserved the credit of the community unimpaired through the crisis has certainly demonstrated our city to be a stable and efficient financial center, and the procedure does honor to the bankers; but you should not have ignored the possibility that other people besides yourself had obligations to meet during the same period, neither should you have lost sight of the point that the money which was to be paid to us under the government's draft was our own and was to be paid out of a special deposit belonging to the government and unavailable to the bank for commercial use."

JAP QUESTION IS NOW SETTLED

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—After a conference with Secretary Root, Miyanoka, charge d'affaires of the Japanese embassy, stated that so far as the United States is concerned, the problem of Japanese emigration was settled. He says this is his view, since talking with Root. Miyanoka says the United States has indicated a desire to exclude Japanese laborers and Japan agreed to stop or limit immigration to America. He declares all that remains to be done is to work out the details with Japan. He was not sure whether any bureau will be established as to Canada and Mexico.

RUSSIAN MISSING.

Matt Ossman, of 419 Washington st., according to C. Thompson, has been missing since Thursday morning. He is 50 years old, and a Russian.

New York Society Meeting.

The local New York State society will hold a business meeting and social gathering at D. S. Johnston's recital hall this evening.

HAS NO MONEY, BUT STOCK GROWS AND WANTS FOOD

Man Stranded With Carload of Starving Animals---Can't Pay Charges for Calf Born on Trip and Pig That Grew Some.

While the Great Northern and Northern Pacific companies are alleged to have been piling up excess charges on a mixed car of stock and household goods, the stock is starving and the owner is stranded in this city.

In the meantime the companies have asked additional charges on a calf born in the car yesterday, and for a pig which has grown in transit into a stock classification.

N. M. Marion, the owner, has asked the humane officers to force the railroads to feed his stock, and Officer Vaupell threatens to swear out a warrant unless food is furnished the animals.

Starts for Mt. Vernon.

Marion says he billed the car from his home in Hobart, Okla., to Mt. Vernon, Wash., his future home. He loaded the household goods, four head of cattle, three calves and three pigs, paid $200 freight, which the agent said would cover the entire bill, and started. Through some of the railroad regulations the car was sent via Spokane, and there transferred from the Northern Pacific to the Great Northern and back. The car was then brought here, and while on a sidetrack yesterday one of the traveling freight agents thrust his head into the car and asked Marion about the small calf lying on a pallet of hay.

"Did you list it with your goods?" was asked.

"How could I, since it's only a day old?"

"We'll have to charge you rates on it unless you crate it," was the reply.

Finds Grown Pig.

Next the agent inspected the hogs, and found a pig not listed. The special agent referred to this. "It was too young to be classified when I started," said Marion, "but it has grown some since I have been on the road."

The additional charges for the calf and pig and the switching amount to more than Marion possesses, and he is practically stranded.

He says that he has repeatedly demanded that the railroad company feed and water his stock, but they have neglected to do so. Yesterday morning he left a bale of hay for his cows, but that is gone now, and his other stock has had nothing to eat for 36 hours.

He says the car was switched near a hydrant yesterday, but when he attempted to get water for his stock he was ordered away by one of the railroad men.

TURNED OVER TO PASTOR.

Until a further hearing can be had, Yoshi Nakamura, the 16-year-old Japanese girl who has been the object of litigation in the superior court for some time, will be turned over to the custody of S. Yoshoka, pastor of the local Japanese Methodist Episcopal church. This order was issued by Judge Frater in the juvenile court this morning.

HOCUM SENT TO JUVENILE COURT

Henry Hocum, 17 years of age, charged with robbing gas meters, was given a preliminary hearing in Justice Gordon's court this morning. On account of his age, the boy was sent to the juvenile court, where his case will be taken up tomorrow.

The officers who investigated the gas meter robberies express the opinion that young Hocum robbed 83 meters in four days.