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MAY ASK FOR A COMMISSION TO DETERMINE THAW'S SANITY

Attorneys for the Defence May Ask for Such a Commission Monday, and the Public is Set to Guessing as to the Cause for the Move.

Wife of Juror Bolton will be Buried Tomorrow and it is Thought He will be in His Seat Again on Monday—Evelyn Thaw Pays Her Usual Visit to Her Husband—She Looks Happy and Does not Seem to Fear a Mistrial—Thaw is Feeling Well and is Not Greatly Depressed.

New York, Feb. 15.—Should the defense in the case of Harry Thaw ask for a commission to determine the sanity of the slayer of White, on next Monday, as has been intimated may be done, there will be no opposition on the part of the attorneys for the state. This is the gist of a statement coming from the district attorney's office today.

There are various theories as to what would prompt such a move on the part of Thaw's attorneys. One idea is that the defense sees its client drifting toward Matienwath with an alarming rapidity, and it will seek to strike two blows at once and will ask for an inquest, to prove that Thaw was insane when he killed White, and that he is sane now. Still another theory is that Mrs. William Thaw, the mother of the prisoner, has stepped into the case and decided that the family honor can be best maintained, and her son enter set right in the eyes of the world by having him declared insane. Still another idea advanced is that the proposed inquest may be held as a result of an agreement between both sides and the prosecution, or prefers to have the initiative come from the defense in order that he may not be accused of shirking the task of prosecuting.

When seen today, Thaw's attorneys refused to make any comment on the new turn in his client's affairs.

Mrs. Bolton's funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon. It is believed that by Monday juror Bolton will be fit to continue his duty to the state.

Mrs. Evelyn Thaw called at the Tombs about noon today for her usual visit with her husband. There was nothing in her manner or appearance to indicate the possibility of a mistrial, which was taken to mean that she is obliged to repeat her awful story of abuse at the hands of White, it will not cause her any worry. She looked happy and had a smile for the Tombs' attendants. As she was leaving Evelyn said her husband was feeling very well.

RACE WAR ON IN EARNEST IN VIRGINIA MINE REGION

Whites and Blacks are Pitted Against Each Other—Fight Lasted All Day Yesterday and no Word has Been Received Today Because Wires Have Been Cut.

Richmond, Va., February 15.—From half a dozen to a dozen negroes and whites have been killed and wounded in a race riot that was in progress all day yesterday at Thaxton, 20 miles east of Roanoke. The trouble is at the railroad camp of the Vaughn Construction Company, on the Tidewater Railway, where a large number of both whites and blacks are employed.

A number of negroes rebelled early in the day, when some of their color were discharged by a foreman, and shooting in the vicinity has been general throughout the day.

The whites, of course, rallied to the support of the foreman and succeeded in dispersing the gathering clouds of blacks. The negroes, however, took to convenient cover, from which point of vantage they kept up a steady fire on their white neighbors.

The whites are not sufficiently strong to storm the blacks and put an end at once to the sanguinary

conflict. Both sides are entrenched behind trees and other natural fortifications, from which the fight has been carried on with more or less vigor all day. Both sides are well supplied with ammunition.

It is believed that the negroes at the camp outnumber the whites largely. The negroes have cut the telegraph and telephone lines between the city and the camp, so that nothing has been learned regarding the latest developments. Fortunately, however, before communication was interrupted the whites had acquainted the officers of this city with their serious situation and asked for assistance be sent to them, so that the shedding of blood might be stopped.

Detectives of the Baldwin agency and a delegation of citizens were dispatched from Roanoke to the scene of the conflict tonight. Because of the grounded wires nothing further can be learned now as to how the riot terminated or the number of casualties and wounded.

MURDERERS GO SCOTT FREE

Police are Unable to Arrest Them Because Criminals Have a "Pull"

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 15.—"Every year witnesses atrocious crimes in New York, the perpetrators of which are known to the police but they cannot be arrested because of their pull," said former police commissioner McAdoo, of New York, in addressing an audience of Harvard students. "If I were John D. Rockefeller," he said, "I would give \$1,000,000 to hunt New York's escaped murderers."

PULJANES ATTACK AND BURN TWO VILLAGES

Manila, P. I., Feb. 15.—Puljanos attacked and burned two towns in the province of Occidental Negros and killed six members of the constabulary. Two American teachers, W. J. Bassett and Walter J. L. Lee, are reported missing.

No cause is known for the sudden uprising. Raids were made within a radius of ten miles, and schools were first attacked and burned in both instances.

It is believed the raiders were mountaineers venting their hereditary enmity against the coast towns.

INDICTED FOR KILLING EX-SENATOR BROWN

Washington, Feb. 15.—The grand jury today indicted for murder in the first degree, Mrs. Anna M. Bradley, who shot ex-senator Brown of Utah at the Raleigh Hotel in this city, in December last.

SITUATION MORE SERIOUS

Because of Conditions in Cuba Barry is Given Command of Troops in Cuba.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Brigadier General Thomas H. Barry, assistant chief of staff, has been assigned to the command of the troops in Cuba, vice Brigadier General Theodore Wint recalled. Although the impression is sought to be conveyed that the change is made on account of the alleged ill health of Wint, it is understood the situation is becoming more critical in Cuba.

Barry, being thoroughly familiar with the policies of the administration, is believed better equipped to handle the perplexing problems arising than Wint.

CAPTAIN PUSHED BACK A WOMAN FROM THE BOAT

Boat Which She Sought to Board Pushed on From the Steamer With Six Persons When it Would Have Held a Score More.

Black Island, R. I., Feb. 15.—One more grim harvest of twenty-three victims of the ill-fated steamer Larchmont which the Block Island fishermen gathered in near-by waters was sent to the morgue yesterday on the tug Roger Williams. Another victim was brought in by the fishing schooner Phoenia, making in all 74 bodies that have been recovered.

One survivor, Miss Saie Gallup, of Boston, still remains on the island where she is being cared for. Last night she regained consciousness and stated to several of the newspaper men that when she begged either Captain McVey or Purser Young to take her in their boat they pushed her back and the life boat left the Larchmont with only six in it, although it would have held twenty more. When the steamer went down she found herself on a piece of wreckage and remained on it until picked up ten hours later by the crew of the fishing schooner Elsie.

Miss Gallup was very emphatic in her charge against Captain McVey and the officers of the Larchmont. It is stated that Miss Gallup will recover, although her hands and feet are badly frozen.

NEW LIFE INSURANCE POLICY FOR THAW.

London, Feb. 15.—Lloyds have just written a policy on the life of Harry Thaw who is now on trial in New York for the murder of Stanford White agreeing to pay the total loss, if the millionaire is executed.

The amount of the policy is kept secret, but it is known the premium is 30 guineas per cent.

TROOPS MUTINY

Three Hundred Turkish Troops Jump Into Suez Canal and Ten are Shot by Marines.

Suez, Feb. 15.—Three hundred soldiers jumped overboard from a Turkish transport while it was passing through the canal, during a mutiny. Ten were drowned or shot by the marines and the others escaped to shore.

Eddyville, Ky., Feb. 15.—A negro was hanged in the penitentiary here today. He was executed for killing a fellow convict, while serving a life sentence for murder.

TILLMAN AND BACON FIGHT THE IMMIGRATION BILL

They Object to the Clause Excluding the Japanese Coolies Because They Believe the Measure Will be Detrimental to the South.

Tillman Says He is Ready for a Ten Days Fight on the Floor of the Senate but a Truce is Declared—Opposition to the Bill Represented That it was More Opposed to the Filibustering Tactics Than to the Measure Itself.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The sudden development of a full-fledged filibuster resulted yesterday in the senate, when an attempt was made to force the adoption of the conference agreement on the immigration bill. This report carries a provision intended to aid in the settlement of the California-Japanese problem, and speedy action was desired by administration senators.

Expressing sympathy with this subject, yet regarding the report with suspicion on other points, Senators Bacon and Tillman first endeavored to have action delayed that they might study the report. When this was refused the filibuster began. Mr. Bacon held the floor for two and a half hours. Mr. Tillman remarked that he was preparing to make a 10-day fight on the floor against the report because he objected to being run over with an automobile.

Mr. Bacon objected that the report changed existing law in respects which he believed on hurried examination, would deprive Southern states from obtaining even meager labor supply from abroad, which was available under the present immigration laws.

A truce was declared today, at the suggestion of Senator Spooner when the report will again come up for consideration.

Administration senators interested in the adoption of the report were alarmed by apparent Democratic hostility.

All the Democratic leaders when questioned as to their attitude, declined the adoption of a party policy in regard to the report and the senators making the objections insisted that they were actuated wholly by resentment of what they thought was an attempt to force

immediate action. They said that their statements, that they had not had an opportunity to examine the report, were sincere and that there were not ulterior motives involved.

Senator Blackburn, chairman of the Democratic steering committee was in the Brownsville hearing when the report was called up. He said there had been no discussion of the report and that he felt sure that there was no disposition to filibuster against it beyond carrying it over until today.

Senators Bacon and Tillman made similar statements. They agreed that the restriction of immigration provided in what is familiarly known as the "Japanese coolie clause" is of great importance. They would not say what their attitude would be, nor whether they favored a party conference concerning it. It was made plain, however, that they would consider the report over night and then, if the question proved to be one which it was advisable to hold a conference the party will be called together.

The agricultural appropriation bill was taken up for consideration. Difficulties arose over a proposed increase to the salary of the chief of the forestry bureau. Senator Hale facetiously observed the "towering importance" of the agricultural department in comparison with the other departments of the government and called attention to the \$4500 salary of the assistant secretary, saying it was proposed in the bill to increase that of the chiefs of several bureaus to \$5000.

A running debate followed without action and the senate adjourned.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Mayor Schmitz and his associates are

awaiting the action of congress on the immigration bill and the result of Secretary Root's negotiations with the Tokyo government on the San Francisco school controversy. The exclusion provision in the bill which the administration believes will solve the coolie labor problem is said to be entirely satisfactory to the Japanese government and another and perhaps final conference will be held at the White House by which assurances of the passage of the bill at this session said to have been given the Republican leaders are expected to be discussed.

The failure of congress to take some action on the immigration bill was a disappointment to the members of congress from California and to the school board, but they feel confident that the measure will be adopted without serious opposition. Mayor Schmitz said that he looked for an amicable settlement of all the questions at issue at today's conference.

Mayor Schmitz's proposition for separate schools for the Japanese children has been submitted to the Tokyo government and the Japanese embassy hopes to be able to deliver the Mikado's answer to Secretary Root. If this suggestion is not acceptable to Jagan Mayor Schmitz and the members of the school board will agree to abolish the Oriental schools in San Francisco. If today's conference results in an agreement as expected President Roosevelt may issue an official statement after the conference outlining the basis of the agreement.

Washington, Feb. 15.—President Roosevelt will hold the third, and probably final conference this afternoon with Mayor Schmitz and the San Francisco school board. Members of the visiting delegation express hearty approval of the amendment to the immigration bill that those not provided with passports may not enter the continental United States. It is understood also that the Japanese government will raise no objection to the provision, which prevent coolies from proceeding from Hawaii to the coast states.

The mild filibuster began by the Democrats in the senate yesterday was not against the Japanese amendment as such, but against what is regarded as an attempt by the Republican leaders to force through the entire bill on the strength of the seriousness of the present situation on the coast.

NEGRO ASKED THAT BLACK CAP BE NOT ADJUSTED

Barbourville, Ky., Feb. 15.—Jesse Fitzgerald, colored, was hanged this morning for the murder of Mrs. Robert Broughton. The negro asked that the black cap be not adjusted, and that he be hanged "right free."

Washington, Feb. 15.—The Bureau of statistics announces that the trade of the United States with its non-contiguous territories in 1906 was \$31,000,000, an increase of \$31,000,000 over the two years before.

PRESIDENT CASTRO CAUSES WHOLESALE ARRESTS

Since His Health has Improved He is Throwing Into Prison the Men Who Sympathize With Gomez—No Crimes are Charged Against Those Apprehended.

Caracas, Venezuela, Feb. 15.—Wholesale arrests of revolutionary suspects have marked the returning health of President Castro. The police everywhere are busy, except in the western border states, where the hand of the government is not strong. In Caracas alone, it is said, fifty arrests have been made within the week.

The prisoners apparently have committed no offense except that they are friends of Vice President Gomez. Gomez, it is said, may be arrested at any time. Since the murder of Governor Matay Illas, Gomez has kept closely within the walls of his town house, seeing scarcely anyone. Yesterday a squad of soldiers searched his premises for arms and ammunition, but found only such weapons as might belong to any household. Gomez fears to go about, believing that Castro awaits only some pretext to have him placed in prison.

The murder of Governor Matay Illas was not political. It was the act of intoxicated roysters who grew angry when the governor, a friend of all of them, told them they were making trouble for themselves, but

among the murderers was a cousin of the vice president by name of Esteblo Gomez.

The latter compromised his distinguished relative by fleeing to one of General Gomez's plantations and Castro is charged with having seized on this circumstance to create the impression that the killing of the governor was part of a plan to seize the government for Gomez.

Matay Illas was honest, democratic and popular. He held an office which had made some others rich, but died leaving no property save his personal effects. Among the ignorant masses of the people the arrest of the vice president's friend is calculated to convey the impression that the government holds the vice president responsible for the murder and that the crime was part of a political conspiracy.

A newspaper correspondent who went to the house of an acquaintance, found the chair at the head of the dinner table empty, and a wife and children red-eyed from weeping. Three hours before a soldier had come to the house and told his master he was "wanted." It is asserted that the family, in all probability, will not see the head of that house again while Castro is in power. His remarks on the political situation had been unguarded, and he was known to be a friend of the vice president.



"Do you know, Theodore, we're getting better acquainted every day!"

—Donahue in Cleveland Plain Dealer.