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BROWNSON'S ACT CALLED CHILDISH

Letters from Roosevelt to Metcalf Made Public at the Request of the President.

DEFECTS ALWAYS IN NAVY

But Personal Pique Should Not Permit Officers to be Disloyal to the Interests of the Country.

Washington, Jan. 5.—President Roosevelt's attitude on the question of the command of hospital ships in the navy, which resulted in the resignation of Rear Admiral Willard H. Brownson and, incidentally, some caustic observations by him on that incident and the controversies among naval officers and their adherents as to details of naval construction and methods of training, were made known to-day when Secretary Metcalf gave to the press two letters from the president addressed to him on the subjects.

The letter to Secretary Metcalf regarding the retirement of Admiral Brownson and the controversies in the navy is as follows:

"The White House, Washington, January 2, 1908.

"To the Secretary of the Navy:

"In accordance with our conversation of to-day, Captain Pillsbury will be appointed chief of the bureau of navigation."

"The action of the late chief of the bureau, Admiral Brownson, in tendering his resignation because he did not agree with the president and the department regarding an order issued by me, came into the bureau, by the secretary of the navy, as to the control of the hospital ships, was unseemly and improper, and, coupled with the various controversies among the officers of the navy and their adherents as to details of naval construction and methods of training, has undoubtedly been prejudicial to the interests of the navy and may seriously impair the confidence in the navy which is essential to securing the legislation so sorely needed by the navy. The way in which the controversies have been carried out is highly injurious to the service, whether the communications are made openly over the signatures of the naval officers, or by civilians who have evidently gained their information from naval officers. There always are and always will be defects to correct both in the construction of ships and in the organization of the department and in the actual drill of the fleet. It is well that these defects should be pointed out, but it is also well that they should be pointed out without hysterical exaggeration or malicious untruthfulness; while it is of course reprehensible in the highest degree to exploit them in grossly exaggerated form in the fancied interest of an individual or clique of individuals, or for the sake of supplying sensational material to some service or non-service newspaper.

"The officers of the navy who are guilty of such conduct deserve grave rebuke. They cast discredit upon the service and their conduct is deeply mortifying to every American who believes in the navy and is anxious to uphold its interest and honor. There has been so much misrepresentation and exaggeration that I desire you to make me a statement as to the exact facts concerning which there has been dispute. In particular I desire you to get the opinion of Admiral Converse who, until last spring, was chief of the bureau of navigation and whose high professional standard of conduct and duty, and high professional knowledge and attainments, render him peculiarly fit to give judgment.

"I would willingly pass over the conduct of Admiral Brownson because of his fine service in the past if it were not that at a time when a new chief is chosen to succeed him it becomes imperative to stamp with disapproval the behavior which, if followed, throughout the navy, generally, would literally ruin the navy's efficiency. The question as to which Admiral Brownson took issue with the department, I will deal with in a separate letter. It is one at which there can be entirely legitimate differences of opinion, although in my judgment the considerations in favor of the course decided upon are overwhelming. But there is no room for difference of opinion as to the gross impropriety of the Admiral's conduct in resigning sooner than carry out the orders of his superior officers in such a matter. The officers of the navy must remember that it is not merely childish, but in the highest degree reprehensible to permit either personal pique, wounded vanity, or factional feeling on behalf of some particular bureau or organization to render them disloyal to the interests of the navy and therefore of the country as a whole.

"The question whether one officer or another shall command a ship is of little consequence compared with the weakening of all command and discipline that would result if the officers were to refuse to serve whenever their tempers are ruffled by adverse decisions on the part of their superiors.

"The sole concern should be the good of the service, and save only lack of courage in actual warfare, obedience and loyalty and the most essential qualities in keeping the service up to the highest standard. The different bureaus of the department, the different branches of the service, must act in coordination and the questions that arise between them must be settled by the authority of the secretary of the navy and of the president, under and in accordance with the law enacted by congress; and the first duty of every officer, whether of the line, of the pay department, of the medical department,

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TAD JONES RETURNS

Yale Baseball Captain Back in Good Condition.

Tad Jones, Yale's star quarterback, and all around athlete, arrived in New Haven last night for the first time since the Harvard football game. He came back two days early to take up examinations, and will go along with his classes in the coming term.

After getting out of St. Luke's hospital in New York the quarterback went to his home in Exeter, O., to spend the holidays. It was while there that he declined the offer made by the manager of the Chicago Nationals that he become a member of the catching staff.

Jones spent a very enjoyable Christmas, and the work of recuperation was finished so that he will be able to take full charge of the baseball squad when it goes out for practice in a few weeks. He heartily approves of the dropping of the Easter trips, while in past years has been of questionable good in developing the team.

It is not probable now that Jones will have to wear a special brace to play through the baseball season. The prospects for a winning team, if the captain continues to improve in health are better than for several years.

RAISE FOR McVEY

Former Larchmont Captain Benefits by New Scale.

Under the new wage scale for tugboat men probably the officer best known in this city who will be benefited by this raise of wages is Capt. George W. McVey, late of steamer Larchmont, and now mate on one of the tugs owned by the New England Transportation company.

McVey belongs in Fair Haven and is mate on the big Gratitude. He will get \$65 per month under the new agreement. He received \$125 per month as master of the ill-fated Larchmont.

CLEARING MYSTERY

Additional Arrests Made in the Case of the Woman in Red.

ANONYMOUS LETTER CLUE

Body of Mrs. Whitmore Will be Given a Private Burial by Relatives.

Harrison, N. J., Jan. 5.—Its identity having been established beyond dispute, the body of Mrs. Lena Whitmore is to be given private burial by relatives. It will be sent to Schenectady, N. Y., the home of the woman's youth. This arrangement was concluded by the husband to-day after a solitary visitor, an undertaker, had been admitted to his cell. Since Theodore S. Whitmore was detained relative to the murder of his wife he has been in close confinement, but to-day he expressed a wish to have the body taken from the morgue, where ever since it was found on the Passaic river flats it has been stared at by thousands of the morbidly curious.

Whitmore, who gave way to occasional bursts of weeping yesterday, had himself well in hand to-day, and with his keepers appeared in a cheerful frame of mind.

The scene of the murder drew a big crowd to-day, although the weather was biting cold.

The anonymous letter received by the police some days ago in which the writer said that he had accompanied the woman to the flats and there stuned her with blows on the head, may prove important evidence. The writer denied that he killed the woman but suggested that she probably drowned herself because of chagrin when she recovered her senses and found that her clothing had been stripped from her. It now appears, according to the police, that the handwriting in this letter bears a striking resemblance to the writing in the letter received by Mrs. Whitmore's sisters which purported to come from Mrs. Whitmore, but must have been written after her death. All of the letters will be examined and compared by experts.

The inquest which it had been expected would be begun Tuesday, has been tentatively set for next Thursday evening.

A chance remark made by him to a friend, but overheard and reported to the police, led to the arrest of today of Caleb Evans, a time clerk employed by the Third Avenue elevated railroad, and an acquaintance of Theodore S. Whitmore.

The alleged remark quoted Whitmore, who is detained while the death of his wife is being investigated, as having said, in effect, that he would steal home some morning before his night tour as a motorman was ended, and surprise his wife.

Evans, who is thirty-eight years of age and has a family in Brooklyn, was arrested at his arrest, and though he declared that he could throw no light on the murder, he was locked up for a hearing to-morrow.

Joseph Harry Hendrickson, the alleged friend of Mrs. Whitmore, was arraigned to-day and in default of \$1,000 bail was remanded to jail.

NO WORD OF MOUNT ROYAL

St. John, N. B., Jan. 5.—No word has reached here of the long overdue Canadian Pacific steamer Mount Royal.

Two steamers, the Sobu, from the West Indies, and the Alcides, from Glasgow, arrived to-day, but they report no sign of any disabled steamer.

JAP EX-SOLDIERS ORDERED HOME

Portland, Ore., Jan. 5.—The Oregonian received a dispatch from Vancouver, B. C., to-night, stating that hundreds of Japanese ex-soldiers now in Vancouver, have received orders from the Mikado to return to Japan at once.

THAW AGAIN ON TRIAL FOR LIFE

Jerome May Attempt to Exclude Testimony of Story Girl Wife Told the Prisoner.

LEGAL QUESTION INVOLVED

Garvan Back from European Tour and Ready to Question Mrs. Thaw's Account of Her Travels.

New York, Jan. 5.—On the eve of the second trial of Harry K. Thaw, which will begin to-morrow before Judge Victor Dowling, of the supreme court, it is reported that District Attorney Jerome may attempt this time to bar the testimony of Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw. At the first trial this testimony was allowed to go before the jury with the consent of the district attorney, who said the precedent set in the state against Wood seemed to cover the matter. Several prominent criminal lawyers have argued the point with Mr. Jerome since the close of the first hearing and have urged him to oppose this line of testimony at the trial about to begin. These attorneys declare a vital principle of law is involved, and that it should go to the highest courts for determination. Mr. Jerome may feel impelled to consent to another recital of Mrs. Thaw's story to prevent an appearance of inconsistency with his course a year ago. But the importance to the community at large of testing the legality of such testimony is unusually strong.

Young Mrs. Thaw was allowed to testify at the first trial upon the theory that it was her story, told to Thaw in Paris in 1903, two years before their marriage, that drove him to temporary insanity. The prosecution was not allowed to test the truth or falsity of the recital, the court's ruling being that, regardless of its truth or untruth, the issue was solely what effect upon the defendant's mind it had. Mr. Jerome offered witnesses who, he declared, would contradict certain of the girl-wife's statements, but they were not allowed to testify. The prosecution's only recourse, therefore, lay in a severe cross-examination, but even this was allowed only by way of generally testing the credibility of the witnesses.

Already the rule laid down in the Thaw case has served as a precedent in another. A former judge in Virginia recently shot and killed a young man against whom his daughter had made charges of having drugged her. The young woman admitted that she had not told her father the truth, but he was acquitted on the ground that her story, true or false, had had the effect of inflaming his mind to the degree of insanity.

The lawyers who have approached Mr. Jerome on the subject are inclined to the opinion that there are vital differences between the Thaw case and that of Wood which served as a precedent. The Wood case was one in which Wood's wife told him that her father had been guilty of improper relations with her before her marriage and had but recently sought her again. Wood, in the heat of passion, straightway captured the leads in a shot-gun into his father-in-law, killing him instantly. The defense was one of insanity, brought on by the awful story of the man's wife. But it is pointed out that in the Thaw case the shooting did not occur until three years after the recital which is alleged to have incited the deed.

Assistant District Attorney Garvan spent several months abroad last summer and covered much of the ground included in the travels of Harry Thaw and Evelyn Nesbit during the two trips abroad which preceded their marriage. The district attorney seemed last year to have every word of the young woman's life at command, but it is said that this year he will be able to confront her with incidents of the European trips not hinted at the first hearing.

There is another point of law on which Mr. Jerome will fight for a reversal of the rule laid down at the first trial. This is in regard to the testimony of the experts who declared Thaw was insane at the time he shot White and for two months thereafter. These alienists testified as to certain visits they paid to Thaw in the jail. Mr. Jerome sought to cross-examine them as to subsequent visits in an attempt to show that Thaw, if insane, when he killed the architect has continued to be insane ever since. Justice Fitzgerald would not allow any questions as to other visits than those mentioned in the direct examination of the several medical witnesses. Mr. Jerome argued the question several times, in each case the court's ruling was against him.

There is every reason to believe that the district attorney still is convinced that Thaw is medically insane, a paralytic, whose malady is incurable. In view of this he was willing at the first trial that Thaw should be adjudged demented and sent to Mattewan asylum for the criminal insane, although he felt and urged before the jury that upon a strict interpretation of the letter of the law Thaw was at no time suffering from such a defect of reason as not to know the nature or quality of his act, or that the act was wrong.

Thaw's attorneys will base their defense solely on the theory that Thaw was legally insane at the time he shot Stanford White, and that he has since recovered his mental balance. They say their client is ready and willing to stand any test that can be devised as to his mental condition.

The trial to-morrow may not begin until noon. It is the first day of the January court term, and it will be necessary for Justice Dowling to charge the new grand jury and to dispose of a number of routine matters before taking up the Thaw case. Only 100 of the 200 talesmen summoned for jury duty will be on hand to-morrow, the plan being to have a similar number appear on the first three days of the trial which will prevent a crowd in the court room.

It is the general belief that the impelling of a jury will prove a long and difficult task.

NEWS SUMMARY.

GENERAL.

Clearing Newark Murder Mystery, Thaw Again on Trial for Life. Brownson's Act Called Childish. Roosevelt Urges United Continent. Tobacco Situation Acute. Killo's Wife and Trice Suicide. Rioting on East Side in New York.

STATE.

Burglars Active in Windsor Locks. Boy Run Over at Milford. Explosion Heard at Meriden.

MURDER SUSPECT.

Chapman Campaign Under Way. Ex-New Haven Talks on Pettibone. New Band Formed Here. Ministers Not to Protest Boxing Meet. Sunshiners Give Out Much Hysteria. Campus Exclusion in Effect.

Tad Jones Returns to Yale. Stokes Preaches Mission Sermon. Busy Month for K. of C. Clothing Visited by Sunday Burglars. Small Fire at Roundhouse.

SPORTS.

Tad Jones Returns Recovered. Julian Curtis to Select Olympic Crew. K. of C. Pool Tourney. Well Known Athlete to Be Bitten. Hartford Certain of Polo Next Season. Manchester May Give Up Baseball.

EVENTS TO-DAY.

Chapman Evangelistic Meetings. William Courtright at Polls. "Rocky Mountain Express" at N. Haven.

JUMPED FOR SKATES

New Haven Boy Dropped Them from Freight Train He Rode on.

MAY LOSE HIS LEG NOW

William Fields, Going to Milford Skating, Found Lying by the Tracks There.

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LOCAL WEATHER RECORD.

New Haven, Jan. 5, 1908.

Temperature..... 25

Wind direction..... NW

Wind velocity..... 17

Precipitation..... 0.1

Weather..... Clear

Minimum temperature..... 15

Maximum temperature..... 27

Minimum last year..... 31

Maximum last year..... 57

L. M. TARR, Local Forecaster.

U. S. Weather Bureau.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sun Rises..... 7:11

Sun Sets..... 4:37

High Water..... 12:04

MURDER SUSPECT IS CAUGHT HERE

Detectives Locate Man Wanted for Thirteen-Months-Old Crime at Coney Island.

TAKEN BACK TO NEW YORK

Officers Just Get the Man Away, When Italian Attorneys Arrive to Get Habeas Corpus.

After a chase of thirteen months, extending all over the United States, two of the best known Italian detectives in the country, both members of the Brooklyn department, with the assistance of Detective Captain Dunn and Detectives Daley and Colwell, landed a man in this city yesterday morning who is said to be a notorious murderer. Surrounding the arrest are all kinds of "Black hand" intimations and stories.

The prisoner is Aniello Granoldi. He was captured at the point of four revolvers at 31 Chestnut street, about 9 o'clock yesterday morning. He was dressing at the time, but in his coat pocket was a fully loaded 32-caliber revolver which he refused to give up. He was taken to the police station, where he was held in a cell. The man's wife fought like a tigress and it was with considerable difficulty that she was subdued.

The story of the man's crime, as related by the two detectives from Brooklyn, Michael Mealli and Paul Siminetti, is a gruesome one.

They allege that early in December, 1906, a man named Francesco Mizea kept a restaurant and saloon at Coney Island. Along the first of the month he commenced to get a series of "Black hand" letters threatening him with all kinds of punishment.

Mizea consulted his uncle, Aniello, the man who was arrested here yesterday, and, according to the officers, Aniello said that he would attend to the matter. It is believed now that the uncle was directly interested in the sending of these letters, the motive for which, if known, has not yet been disclosed by the Brooklyn authorities.

On the night of December 12, 1906, Aniello and two other men went to the saloon of Mizea and bought a series of drinks. When the waiter brought them a check for about \$4 they remonstrated with him.

Mizea came over to where the men were sitting, and as he did so it was all three drew revolvers and fairly riddled his body with bullets. The three escaped. As it was considered that Aniello was the ring leader of the plot that had been carried out all effort was bent to effect his capture. All over the country the two detectives went and their chase brought them to this city late Saturday night.

They visited Detective Caplan Dunn and the summoned Detectives Daley and Colwell to a conference with the two detectives. Capt. Dunn obtained information that the Italian was somewhere on Chestnut street, and after that it was not a difficult matter for the local detectives to find the house.

It was then early morning and it was deemed advisable to wait until morning before raiding the house, thus giving the man less chance to escape.

About 9 o'clock yesterday morning the detectives went to the front door and raised the bell. The sumo was answered by one of Aniello's little girls. One of the Brooklyn detectives started a conversation with the little girl in his native tongue, and while it was in progress the others rushed the door and entered the room, where the family was. Aniello was combining his hair, and quick as a flash, it is stated, his hand dropped to his side, but before he could draw the fully loaded revolver he was looking into the muzzle of the guns of the four detectives. He then threw up his hands.

Not so his wife, however, for, while the three children were crying out to the extent of their lungs, the woman rushed for Detective Daley. The detective says that she scratched and kicked him, and then, grabbing a stove lighter she crashed in his hat with it. After that she was quieted.

The prisoner was disarmed and hurried to police headquarters. There he signed a paper, waiving extradition papers. He was then hurried into the police wagon and to the depot, arriving there just in time for the 12:35 p. m. train for New York.

Just after the prisoner left some Italian attorneys notified headquarters that they were going to procure a habeas corpus, which would act as a stay to the man's being taken away. It was too late, however, for the prisoner was then safely on his way to New York.

Granoldi is a powerfully built man, weighing about 210 pounds. He is five feet, eight inches in height, and 35 years old. He is an expert bricklayer, and he has been working at his trade in this city ever since he came here some weeks ago.

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Twenty-one well known local musicians held a meeting yesterday afternoon at 916 Chapel street, and formed a new military band. Among those present were a number of ex-members of the other bands in this city. It was stated after the meeting that it is proposed to have the new band reach a high standard of excellence as carefully training can accomplish. The rehearsals will commence next Sunday, and new uniforms will be immediately procured by the members. No name has yet been chosen for the new band.

Officers for the new band were elected as follows: Leader, Fred Guilford; president, John Moxley; vice president, Henry Menges; secretary, Otto Bogentz; treasurer, Paul Schirmer; business manager, J. G. Felsburg; and librarian, A. C. Post. For the present the new band will occupy the quarters in which yesterday's meeting was held.

ENTOMBED A MONTH

Miners Still Alive and Well, But Rescue is Far Off.

Ely, Nev., Jan. 5.—The six-inch water pipe through which air is fanned to the three miners who have been entombed for a month, became bent yesterday by the pressure of rock and earth at the 600 foot level and for a time no air could be sent to the men. Rescuers, by strenuous efforts, reached the break in a few hours and repaired the pipe. The men are still well, but their rescue is far off.

MARTIAL LAW FOR STRIKE

Militia Subdues Rioting of Street-Car Men.

Muncie, Ind., Jan. 5.—With hundreds of militia men here, and martial law prevailing, street cars were run to-day from early morning until dusk over all lines. Except for the throwing of a few stones on the outskirts of the city, the cars were un molested, notwithstanding they were manned by imported strikebreakers and had neither deputy sheriffs nor troops aboard. The strike of street car men that caused the recent rioting is still in force.

RIOTING ON EAST SIDE

Tension Between Landlords and Tenants Causes Disorder.

New York, Jan. 5.—Incipient riots broke out on the east side to-day, as a result of the tension between the landlords and the striking tenants, and before the disorders were quelled by the police reserves, which were called from several precincts, many combatants were injured, and five were arrested. The police used their clubs freely, but there was no way of obtaining the number of injured, for they were hurried away and cared for by friends. The disorders were general throughout the affected district.

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WILSON H. FAIRBANK DEAD

Exposition Commissioner and Prominent Politician.

Warren, Mass., Jan. 5.—Wilson H. Fairbank, former Massachusetts commissioner to the Portland (Oregon) exposition, more recently commissioner from this state to the Jamestown (Virginia) exposition, died to-day at his home here.

Mr. Fairbank returned from Jamestown early in December, suffering from malarial fever. Heart failure, following this malady, caused his death. He was seventy-one years of age.

In the state campaign of 1906 Mr. Fairbank figured prominently on account of accusations on the stump by District Attorney John B. Moran, who was a candidate for governor. As a result of these accusations, which related to Commissioner Fairbank's accounting of state property in his possession, Mr. Fairbank brought a libel suit against Mr. Moran, alleging damages of \$50,000. The case is on the docket for the coming week in the superior court at Worcester.

TRIED TO DIE

William Lee Attempts to Bleed to Death After Being Arrested.

While making his rounds through Factory street last night, Patrolman Maloney arrested William Lee of 5 Factory street, and Philip McGivney, who were lying in the gutter in a semi-unconscious state. He sent for the police ambulance, and as soon as he got the men out into the light he found that Lee was covered with blood from head to foot.

Patrolman Maloney turned Lee over to Officer Allen, and on the way back to the police station, the man was kept from bleeding to death only by the efforts of Officer Allen, assisted by McGivney. At the police station Police Surgeon Spier dressed his wounds, which were mainly about the head, and had hardly finished when the prisoner tore off the bandages. He said he wanted to die, but later changed his mind and went to sleep.

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