

JURY ACQUITS STROTHER BOYS OF MURDER CHARGE.

VERDICT ARRIVED AT VERY QUICKLY.

FAMOUS CULPEPPER CASE AT AN END.

SLAYERS OF BYWATERS JUSTIFIED IN THEIR DEED BY TWELVE OF THEIR PEERS.

As has been expected all along the Strotthers have received their freedom from punishment for the killing of Bywaters. The case is familiar to all our readers and the result will not be a surprise to any one who knew of the circumstances. The jury was only out about one hour and a half and brought in a verdict of not guilty at 11:30 today.

Columns might be written expressing the different phases of the trial, but now that it is ended, it is best that the sad tragedy drop from the public eye as soon as possible.

CASE OF THE RECENT OUAKE

Through all geologic time, water, always water, has been both builder and destroyer. Water has piled the mountains up and ground them down again with storm and glacier, pulverizing the debris, sifting and separating sand from pebble, and stone from boulder; cutting deep canyons in the rock, laying out the plain, throwing islands into the sea, and giving continents new coast lines.

Water, too, was the original architect of the earth's crust. The first rivers that flowed upon the earth's surface were red hot. Granite dissolved in those floods like sugar in a cup of tea. Deep down under the earth's crust today, where water has entered through faults, to be entrapped and highly heated, with no room for expansion, it dissolves the rock. Consequently, when the eruption of a volcano takes place, relieving the pressure in the deep passage under it, there is a rush toward the outlet of streams of incandescent water, made slippy with stone in solution. Then portions of the earth's crust, which have been resting upon a support of steam under dynamic pressures, naturally sag and shift when those pressures are removed or materially lessened. The earth's surface then assumes new levels, this adjustment resulting in earthquakes.

The vast amount of solid matter ejected at times from volcanoes is difficult of comprehension. The great volcano Krakatoa had been extinct for ages when in 1883, its top blew off with a shock felt clear through the earth, and with a blast that sent a wave of air around the earth three times, while the fine volcanic dust did not entirely settle out of the atmosphere for more than two years, as was indicated by the unusually brilliant display of red sunsets. This was the greatest volcanic eruption in history time. The distance is not too great nor the time too remote for the eruption of Mont Pelee to have caused the earthquakes of San Francisco, Valparaiso and Kingston, while possibly Vesuvius may have played a material part—Success.

ME HARRIMAN IS A PUZZLE.

TALKS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN AN AMABLE WAY.

Washington, March 7.—Edward H. Harriman continues to be a puzzle to the Washington officials. He moved around among them again today like a plain, ordinary citizen, making suggestions, criticizing and receiving criticism. Sometimes it seemed to some of them that Mr. Harriman was holding out the olive branch of peace and seeking a better understanding with the powers that be, and at other times it appeared that he was utterly indifferent alike to the dull, sickening thud of the stock market and to the Administration program with reference to Union Pacific.

SPECTATORS SEARCHED FOR WEAPONS AS THEY CAME INTO KENTUCKY COURT.

Lexington, March 7.—Telegrams from Jackson say that when court convened in the Hargis case, Judge Carnes ordered all present searched. This created a sensation. Then he suggested everybody retire and be searched as they entered the court house. This done Hargis refused a venue change when suggested.

THAW'S MOTHER TELLS HER STORY.

CRIED WHILE ON WITNESS STAND. NARRATES CHANGE IN HARRY FOLLOWING HIS TRIP TO EUROPE.

New York, March 7.—Mrs. William Thaw was the first witness called after the luncheon recess yesterday. Mrs. Thaw said she noticed a change in her son when he came to Pittsburgh in 1903. He was absent-minded and apparently had lost interest in life. Mrs. Thaw broke down and cried while narrating the change in her son following his trip to Europe in 1903, with Evelyn. In explaining his changed condition to her, Mrs. Thaw said Harry told her "The wickedest man in New York had ruined his life." Mrs. Thaw told of Harry breaking down in church, with her in Pittsburgh, saying that an awful thing had come over him and if it had not happened Evelyn might have been with him. Much expert evidence has been gone over and with the evidence of Mrs. Thaw, which seemed to greatly affect the jury, the court adjourned until Friday on account of death in the family of Judge Fitzgerald.

A SERMONET ON THE BEAUTIFUL.

THE ALMIGHTY IS ARTIST AND POET. THE MAN FOR WHOM THE DAISY HAS NO MESSAGE IS TO BE PITIED.

God knew the importance of the beautiful when He created the world. The Almighty is artist and poet. The sunset sky, the starlit night, the crescent moon, the delicate tracery of forest foliage and the rich color of nature's floral garb are all expressions of the divine soul. Man approaches Godlikeness, at least in one respect, when he appreciates the beautiful, and this in greatest degree when it is the beauty of the world that most strongly appeals to him.

GREATEST WAR IN WORLD'S HISTORY IS PLOTTED BY RUSSIAN PEASANTS.

QUAKER CITY GIRL TURNS DETECTIVE.

SHADOWED MAN WHO ROBBED HER FATHER

VISITED CHEAP DANCE HALLS IN NEW YORK AND CAPTURED THE CULPRIT.

Miss Sarah Gottlieb of Philadelphia ran down a swindler who had robbed her father of \$1000. She left her home in the Quaker city and obtained employment in New York and attended all the cheap dances in that city, because she knew the man who had robbed her father was fond of this form of amusement. By working 10 hours every day and dancing five hours every night she at last ran across the man for whom she was looking and had him arrested, and thus succeeded where the New York Police had failed.

London, March 7.—The flame of the world's greatest revolution may be ignited in Russia at any moment. A hundred million of the nation's people have offered their life's blood as the price of liberty.

LIFE OFFERED AS PRICE OF LIBERTY.

Cable dispatches within the last twenty-four hours have alarmed the diplomats of the world, of which this is their center, and it is now certain that peace and progress depend upon the treatment of the duma, which met yesterday. CZAR MAY BE PERSUADED. If the czar disbands the duma or checks it in any manner from establishing a constitutional government, that action will be the match which will flame the whole empire into revolution. It is not impossible, and many diplomatists profess to believe that the czar's bureaucratic and grand duke advisers will compel the "little father" to order the imprisonment of the whole duma.

That will mean, according to best advices received here, that the fall of the czar and his government will be the quicker, more certain and more tragic.

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THOMAS LAWSON'S FRENZIED FIFTY.

WRITES BIOGRAPHY FROM DREAMWALD.

STACKS RESULT OF HIS YEARS AGAINST RESULTS OF OTHER MEN.

Thomas W. Lawson writes his own brief biography from "Chair 50, Central Isle," as follows: The biography of One's Life, when One takes it in from "Chair 50 Central Isle"—it's a brain twister to tell whether the Sadness overtook the Terror or the Humiliation both. If the Almighty had made man different—made him so that on his 50th birthday he could run his biograph backward, dropping the Curtain at the Credle Scene, then One would approach his half century milestone with an easier, bring-it-along-as-wish we did not that Hag of hours, Old Age, of her spell powers.

Today I have contemplated my Fifty Links back to their Beginning and in spite of Sadness, Terror, Humiliation, I stacked My Result up against the Results of other men—Real Men who have gone before and—stacked them up against the 10, 15 & 20 milestone Resolutions of my way, way back come and—I must confess my fiftieth birthday was a come-and-go cross between a What's-the-Use & Play Ball! catch-as-catch-can and a sprinting match through the land of What-Fools-Vs-Mortals-Be.

THOS. W. LAWSON. Dreamwald, February 26th, 1907.—Boston Herald.

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WILL NOT THINK OF NAVAL WAR BEFORE YEAR 1920.

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SIEN AND OFFICERS OF GERMAN NAVY ARE PRAISED FOR THEIR COURAGE.

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WOULD NOT APOLOGIZE.

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A member of the committee denounced the charge and Editor Simpson in a personal privilege speech. The whole matter was adjusted as between this member and Editor Simpson, but today the other five members of the joint conference committee of the assembly sent a written demand for the editor's authority for the charge. Editor Simpson declined to give it. The President of the Times Company demanded the publication of an editorial apology to the committee. The editor refused and resigned. The apology to the committee is published over his signed protest.

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