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CONSECRATED TO ORGIES AND VICE

THAW'S LETTERS TO ANTHONY COMSTOCK

Revelations in Famous Trial
Describe White's "Den
of Infamy."

New York, Jan. 23.—Anthony Comstock, vice-president of the Society for the Suppression of Vice, was the principal witness at the trial of Harry K. Thaw to-day. He testified that late in 1904 Thaw came to him and complained of vicious practices by Stanford White and several of the latter's friends. During the year that followed, Thaw wrote to him several times and was a frequent visitor at the vice-president's headquarters.

Letters were read in evidence. They gave the names of the alleged victims of White in the famous Twenty-fourth street studio house, and referred to White as the "blackguard." The house was declared "consecrated orgies and was controlled by six or seven criminal scoundrels."

The letters were new evidence in the case, but were mentioned at the last trial when Dr. Evans was telling what Thaw had said to him of his efforts to have Stanford White sent to the penitentiary.

"I did not want to kill the beast," said Thaw at that time, "but I did want to have him brought to court and have his acts known. Providence intervened, however; it was an act of Providence." At 10:30 o'clock when the trial was resumed this morning, Mr. Littleton, of the defense, began at once the preliminary proving Harry Thaw's will and codicil executed the day of his wedding to Evelyn Nesbit in Pittsburgh, Miss Frances Pierce, who witnessed the signatures and was called to the stand.

Miss Pierce identified the papers, but District Attorney Jerome objected to the introduction of the will in evidence and his messengers had come to take custody from the time of signing up to the present moment. Mr. Littleton declared the district attorney's objection simply would delay matters, but he temporarily withdrew the offer of the will.

Justice Dowling said the condition of the will—a long rambling affair—was such as to make the proof of doubtful value. There are many changes and alterations in it. As to the codicil Mr. Jerome objected to its introduction on the ground that it was in the defendant's own handwriting.

JAP AGREEMENT WITH CANADA

FAVORABLE COMMENT BY LONDON PRESS

Solution of Immigration Problem Will Foster Commercial Activity.

London, Jan. 23.—A few of the morning newspapers refer to the Japanese immigration settlement mainly as it concerns Canada. They praise the wise moderation of the Japanese government and express satisfaction at the removal of a difficult problem.

The Morning Post remarks as a significant fact that, although the question of Japanese immigration in the United States arose long before a similar problem presented itself in Canada, no final settlement has yet been reached between Tokio and Washington.

The Chronicle, on the other hand, remarks on the question is settled practically with regard to both the United States and Canada and that the settlement reflects the greatest credit on all who were instrumental in bringing it about.

LIBERAL VICTORIES

Toronto, Jan. 23.—In the South Huron by-election yesterday the Liberal party won a victory over the Conservative party.

CHINA'S GREAT ENGLISHMAN

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TRAGIC RESULTS OF WOOD ALCOHOL

Three Saskatchewan Men Die While Fourth Is Seriously Ill.

Glen Ewen, Sask., Jan. 23.—Through an error on their part on Monday, three men from this community met their death, and a fourth is very ill. In mistake they all drank from a jug of wood alcohol. The poison had got into their systems before medical aid arrived, and despite the doctors' efforts the victims succumbed.

BARON TAKAHIRA.

New Japanese Ambassador to U. S. Will Leave Rome on Feb. 1st.

Rome, Jan. 23.—Baron Takahira, the newly-appointed Japanese ambassador to the United States, has decided to leave Rome on Feb. 1st. He will first go to Paris, where he will have an interview with Baron Kurino, the Japanese ambassador to France, leaving immediately for London. He may be accompanied by Lord Baron Kurino, and expects to meet there Count Komura, ex-minister of foreign affairs, and now ambassador to Great Britain, as well as Sir Edward Grey, the British secretary for Foreign Affairs.

ANOTHER CANARD BROUGHT TO EARTH

Bubble Blown by Yellow Press to Advertise "Great Armada" is Pricked.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 23.—The controversy arising out of the report that Commander Alex. Diatchkoff, a Russian naval officer, is in an official capacity following the American trip around the world, has now taken a new turn through the publication of a communication in which the minister of marine disavows the alleged naval attaché, stating that Diatchkoff never represented Russia in the United States in behalf of the naval ministry.

DOMINION AND ESQUIMALT BASE

Canada May Take Over Naval Station in Near Future.

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—In reply to Ralph Smith, M. P., in the House of Commons yesterday, Sir Fred Borden said that the Esquimalt naval station would probably very shortly be taken over by Canada and that the purpose for which it would be used was under consideration.

TWENTY ARRESTS IN "NO RENT" CAMPAIGN

Agrarian Agitation in Ireland Shows No Sign of Quiet- ing Down.

Boyle, County Roscommon, Ireland, Jan. 23.—A force of 200 constabulary visited the Leasagh district to-day and took into custody twenty men who are charged with unlawful assembly and riot and with having interfered with the mails. The landlords of the Keogh and Knox valleys in this district, have refused to sell their lands to the tenants, and the latter consequently organized a "no rent" combination against the land owners. The latter then sent out processes for rent to their tenants, and it was the mails bearing these documents that were interfered with by the men gathered in to-day.

FARMER'S SAD DEATH.

Brookville, Ont., Jan. 23.—Calvin Shaw, a farmer living near Newboro, was killed by a horse falling upon him. The horse stumbled while crossing a plough field, throwing Shaw to the ground.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

Toronto, Jan. 23.—The Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons is in annual session here. It has decided to fix the initiation fee at \$20. The election of officers resulted in the re-election of John Lewis, Winnipeg, Grand Z. The following were elected superintendents for Western Canada: A. McGreevy, Vancouver, and L. T. McDonald, Regina.

GREAT BRITAIN'S SHIPPING LEAD

BUILDS ONE-HALF OF MERCANTILE TONNAGE

Agitation to Replace Alien Crews by Unemployed in Old Land.

London, Jan. 23.—The statistics of the world's ship-building in 1907 just issued by Lloyd's register, shows a total output of mercantile tonnage by the United Kingdom, of 1,742,365, being a decrease of 220,200 tons as compared with 1906 which was the highest on record. The foreign output in 1907 increased by nearly 80,000 tons.

DIAMOND MAKER OR FAKER.

Paris, Jan. 23.—According to "the Journal" Mrs. Lemoine, the wife of Henry Lemoine, the "diamond maker," stated that she purchased diamonds in Paris in 1905 to the value of \$5,000, but that her husband reduced them to powder and prepared compositions which entitled such an overpowering odor that he always was ill after the experiments.

BANK RATE IS AGAIN REDUCED

RAPID IMPROVEMENT IN MONETARY SITUATION

London, Jan. 23.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England was to-day reduced from 5 to 4 per cent. The reduction of the Bank of England's rate was a foregone conclusion owing to the rapidly improving financial conditions prevailing everywhere, which caused the market for discount rates to fall to 3 1/2 per cent. The return of cash from the country considerably swelled the reserve, which will be increased in the near future by the receipt of gold from Egypt and Australia, as well as bar gold now en route to London. This will include \$5,000,000 worth of gold, which probably will be secured by the Bank of England on Monday. Other influences tending towards the reduction of bank rate are the improved conditions prevailing on the continent, forecasting early reductions in the bank rates of France and Germany, and the likelihood of the return of gold from America to the United States, thus relieving the demand on London.

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INCENDIARY EXPLOSION.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 23.—The explosion and fire which wrecked the Petrolia torpedo and limited magazine at Petrolia on October 17th, last, of incendiary origin, according to the report handed to Attorney-General Foy by the commission appointed to investigate.

SMALL HOPE FOR TSCHAIKOVSKY

Revolutionist May Be Exiled to Siberia Without Reg- ular Trial.

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High Price of Living in Port Ar- thur Before Fortress Fell.

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E. N. CONSTRUCTION.

Vancouver, Jan. 23.—John Bright was to-day awarded the contract for building twelve miles of the line from Wellington to the head of Nanoose Bay.

RUSSIAN GRAIN SCANDALS.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 23.—M. Muecke, assistant minister of the interior, has been dismissed from office as the outcome of the Lidal grain scandals. Muecke, it was charged, made an illegal contract with Lidal to supply grain to the famine stricken provinces and "exceeded his authority, advancing him money."

FOUR THOUSAND MEN GO OUT.

Newcastle-on-Tyne, Jan. 23.—The threatened strike in the shipbuilding industry in the Tyne district became a fact to-day, when some 4,000 men, who had refused the proposed reduction in their wages, did not return to work. The employers declare this reduction is necessary owing to the depression in the industry. Some ports on the northwest coast also are affected.

J. P. CONSUL RECALLED.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 23.—T. Stene Aibi, Japanese consul here, in this city, has been recalled by his government. He will be succeeded by Jokichi Iwaya, former secretary to Consul General C. Koike at San Francisco. Aibi says he is not informed of the reason of his recall.

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