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THAW TRIAL RESUMED AFTER FOUR DAYS DELAY Lawyers Had Another Dispute, But Have Settled It—Clergyman Predicts That Thaw Will Escape Both Prison and Asylum.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—After an interruption of four days the trial of Harry K. Thaw was resumed today. Juror Joseph B. Bolton, the death of whose wife on Thursday last caused the postponement of the case, and the release of the jury from close confinement, was early at the criminal courts building this morning, declaring he felt perfectly able to go ahead with the trial. During the period of the long adjournment there had been many rumors of a conflict among the counsel but at the opening of court today all of the six attorneys who have represented Thaw during the proceedings, were at his counsel table, consulting together as usual. Even Mr. McKillop, who had not been included in Mrs. Wm. Thaw's official list of attorneys as given out Saturday, was in his accustomed place at the prisoner's right. Dr. Britton D. Evans, of New Jersey State Hospital of the Insane, was on the stand last Thursday when the trial was adjourned, and was recalled today as the first witness. Mr. Delmas took up the examination of the witness, thus resuming his position as leading counsel. Dr. Evans said: "I took a letter of introduction to Mr. Thaw from Mr. Hartridge and was finally confined to his cell. He gave me his hand and looked at me with a starting and twitching eyes with a nervousness such as we seldom see in a sane man. He asked me to have a seat beside him on the cot. He looked at me a long time and then said: 'You have different eyes from Dr. Hamilton. Your eyes look as if you were a sane man, his eyes suggested insanity.'"

THINKS SATURDAY'S FIRE WAS INCENDIARY Thomas Leatham Will Take Action Against Those Who Destroyed His Furniture. Thomas Leatham, of Brooks street, lessee of the house on the Manawagonish Road, which was burned on Saturday night, believes that the fire was of incendiary origin. He claims that four dwellings in that district have been mysteriously burned after they had been vacated. Those mentioned by him are the homes of Fred. Ring, George Moore, George Moore, Sr., and his own. Mr. Leatham is very indignant over the manner in which his furniture, taken out of the burning house, was thrown back into the fire or otherwise destroyed by a number of young men, and declares his intention of having the guilty parties brought to justice. He estimates his loss at \$185.

LONDON TO HAVE MAHATMA TEMPLE Vedanta Philosopher Gathers Round Him Strong Band of Ardent Disciples.

DISPUTE IN THE FRENCH CABINET HAS ENDED Clemenceau and His Colleagues Have Reached an Agreement.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—President Fallieres today personally intervened in the hope of composing the differences in the cabinet and avoiding a disruption of the government tomorrow. He had long conferences with Premier Clemenceau, Education Minister Briand and other members of the cabinet, but the exact result is not known. There are some reports, however, to the effect that an agreement had been reached on a formula for the contracts for the lease of the churches satisfactorily to both M. Clemenceau and Briand, but confirmation of the rumors is lacking and the prevailing impression is that if M. Clemenceau does not fall from power a reorganization of the ministry is practically certain. The followers of ex-Premier Combes are already lined up against any new concessions. Their position is defined as follows: "According to the action of parliament in giving or refusing its assent to the contract negotiated by M. Briand and the republic will be bound to Rome for 15 years, of free from it forever." The bitter hostility to the government's income tax continues to be an important feature of the ministerial crisis. The Moderates believe that the Socialists fear another struggle with the Vatican. During the afternoon the prospect of the cabinet surviving brightened as the result of a conference between Premier Clemenceau and members of his cabinet and a semi-official note was issued announcing that a complete agreement had been reached and that Clemenceau would be able to report to M. Fallieres that the ministry would present a united front in parliament tomorrow.

HUNDREDS OF DEATHS FROM RAILROAD ACCIDENTS NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—The Tribune says today: The record of railroad accidents and deaths and injuries resulting from them in this country for the last six months is astounding. According to newspaper records from August 1, 1906, to date there have been forty-two wrecks serious enough to cause injury or loss of life. They resulted in the loss of 251 lives and the injury of 474 persons. The month with the greatest record was January when twenty wrecks occurred.

PRAYERS IN CHURCHES AGAINST THE JEWS. Russian Clergy Seek Heaven's Aid for Nationalists. Meeting of Social Revolutionists Stopped by the Police and Many Persons Arrested.

WARSAW, Feb. 18.—The Catholic Churches throughout Poland today held special supplicatory services in behalf of the nationalist candidates in the final elections which are to take place tomorrow. The members of the highest clergy in the land celebrated masses and offered up prayers for the success of the Polish nationalists against the candidates of the Jews and the Socialists. Interest in the outcome of the electoral struggle here is intense. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 18.—The social revolutionists have been holding meetings here lately under the cover of university autonomy. The police, however, determined to put an end to these gatherings and yesterday surrounded the university, arrested 71 revolutionists and seized 1,500 pounds weight of incendiary proclamations. The prefect of police has ordered the arrest of all persons distributing election literature in behalf of the radical party, and today closed two printing establishments where radical ballots were being prepared, and seized 10,000 of them.

COAL BARGE ASHORE AT HIGHLAND LIGHT Two Members of the Crew Were Drowned Were Caught in the Cabin—Two Other Barges in Danger at Peaked Hill Bar.

HIGHLAND LIGHT, Mass., Feb. 18.—The barge Gerard, cod Inden, went ashore today near the Highland Light saving station and two of her crew were drowned: Captain Larsen and another member of the crew were saved by the life saving crew. The barge will be a total loss. The barge was in tow of a tug bound from Philadelphia for Boston. In the heavy N. E. gale which prevailed early today with a thick snow storm, the Gerard broke adrift and within a short time she was driven ashore. She was sighted by the life savers and as the men aboard the barge could not launch boats account of the rough sea, she was towed to the beach. The stranded vessel and Captain Larsen and Seaman Morton Burke were brought ashore in the breeches buoy. Seaman Jos. Johnson and Jos. Johansen were caught in the cabin when that part of the barge filled and they were drowned. Shortly before 11 o'clock two other barges were sighted drifting ashore on Peaked Hill bar. The life savers at once prepared to go to their assistance. It is believed that these two in company with the Gerard were in two of the dark last night, but the tug and three barges were sighted going north at dark last night, but the tug has not been seen today.

ONCE MORE CASTRO IS REPORTED TO BE DYING And This in Spite of All Announcements That He Is Getting Better MAGOTA, Venezuela, Feb. 17, via Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Feb. 18.—In spite of the daily bulletins issued by the government announcing an improvement in President Castro's health, he has gradually weakened since he underwent his last operation, and his condition is now more serious than ever before. It is even affirmed that his physicians entertain no hope of his recovery. His temperature is reported to be 103. Gangrene is said to have set in and the end is alleged to be near. Gunboat Restaurador is lying at Laguire and it is semi-officially announced that she will carry the body of President Castro to Puerto Cabello, whence it will be transported to Valencia for interment.

PROBATE COURT In probate court this morning the will of the late J. Morris Robinson was probated. The estate is valued at \$10,500 real, and \$112,500 personal. J. Morris Robinson, Jr., and Mrs. Fannie Lee Robinson, the widow, are the executors named in the will. J. R. Armstrong, probator. The will of the late Henry H. Fairweather was also probated. It names Frank B. Fairweather and Walter L. Doherty executors. J. H. A. L. Fairweather, probator. The estate is valued at \$46,000 personal. I owe my success to the newspapers, and to them I freely give a certain profit of my yearly business.—John Wanamaker.

I. C. R. SOUNDINGS SHOW THAT BERTHS ARE RIGHT Results Obtained by Engineer Burpee Agree With Director Cushing's Figures—No Reason Why the Turbiners Should Not Come. The delegation for Ottawa got out on Saturday night. Saturday was a busy day around City Hall and preparations were being made on every hand. The delegation had their own special cars attached to the express, which left at five minutes after six. The delegation did not pull out without one little last incident to mar the farewells. The soundings had been taken early in the morning under the direction of Director Cushing and during the forenoon the director spent his time arranging the plottings. As the day wore along and the soundings did not arrive at City Hall, Mayor Sears became uneasy. Finally he telephoned to the director and asked him when they would arrive. Now it is said that since the last occasion when the director asked for an increase in pay and Mayor Sears opposed his request, the director has not been very friendly to his worship. In answer to the mayor's question the director stated that he was not responsible to him, would take no instructions from him and would not pass over the maps without authority from the head of his department. Ald. McGoldrick, Mayor Sears therefore telephoned to the chairman of the Board of Works, who was ill at his home. Ald. McGoldrick sent instructions to the director to pass them over to Mayor Sears, which was done. Mayor Sears arriving at the depot with the previous documents attached a minute before the express pulled out. Although the delegates have left, there are still enough people in the city to discuss the amount of water at the I. C. R. pier. Ald. McGoldrick, chairman of the board of public works, said last night that the soundings were quite satisfactory and would enable the delegation to put up a good fight in Ottawa if necessary. Director Cushing entirely refuses to make any statement about the soundings, saying that he had given one copy to Mayor Sears and the other had been sent to General Manager Pottinger. Mayor Sears, when interviewed in Montreal, said that the soundings were better than he expected and others who had a share in taking the soundings said that a depth of water ranging from 55 feet to 32 feet and even greater depths was found over that part of the berth which would be necessary to a tug and stern line overlapping into the stream. At the extreme inner end the water is much shallower being only 15 feet at certain points. Mr. Pottinger said this morning that he had not yet seen the copy of the soundings sent him by Director Cushing but he was awaiting the results of the independent soundings which were being taken under the direction of Mr. Burpee this morning. These soundings were taken this morning by Fred. Condon, of the I. C. R., under Mr. Burpee's instructions. Mr. Condon when asked about the result said that he did not feel at liberty to say anything beyond the fact that his soundings did not differ materially from Director Cushing's. It is understood, however, that the soundings were considered quite satisfactory and that while lying overlapping into the stream, 75 feet, as is quite possible to do and still work the hatches, even at the very lowest tides of the year the turbines would still have 20 feet at her extreme bow, but that at ordinary low tides the water would be quite sufficient. One alderman said this morning that while the soundings have shown that there is no necessity for the turbiners to get stranded at the I. C. R. pier, he thought it would be very satisfactory if the I. C. R. would put their portable clam dredge to work there, and that in a short time it could make the berth satisfactory beyond question.

FREIGHT TRAIN ALONE CAN KILL THIS MAN. Is Run Over by Automobiles and Other Heavy Vehicles With Entire Impunity. His "Rehearsals" on Street Cause Spectators to Shriek Aloud in Horror. LONDON, Feb. 18.—Two piercing screams, unmistakably feminine, caused an excited crowd of tradesmen's boys' school children, workmen, women and unemployed to make a rush into the Hammersmith road toward Olympia shortly after noon yesterday. One scream came from an elderly woman, who carried a string bag and a small dog; the other came from a small "general," who was carrying home some washing, and had, in the emotion of the moment, scattered shirts, collars and other garments over the pavement. "There were others who, being males, did not scream, but stood transfixed with horror. And this is what happened. A large motor car, laden with six passengers, came hurtling down the Hammersmith road from the direction of the Broadway and turned swiftly into the road leading to Olympia. Then something went wrong; the car came to a sudden stop, and in the fraction of a second a rather rotund dark-looking gentleman dived in between the front and back wheels and lay on his face. The chauffeur appeared to lose his head and started the engine. The offside back wheel, with its steel-studded tire, rose in the air, poised on the spine of the victim, and descended again with a "thud." The passengers waved their arms wildly. The dark, rotund gentleman lay prostrate for a few seconds. Then, to the amazement of the crowd, and the indignation of a policeman, "corpses" picked himself up, smiled genially on the throng, brushed a little mud from his knees and moved from his back and calmly lit a cigarette. When the constable learned that he had been hoaxed by M. Gadbain, the Frenchman who makes a hobby of being a shade redder, and the crowd grew hilarious. The school children of course imitated M. Gadbain to "do it again, please," but that gentleman does not really enjoy being run over more than any other. The car weighed one on one hundred weight without passengers. "There is absolutely no trick and no armour plate about M. Gadbain's performance. He appears to be insensible to pain. The excruciating tortures inflicted by schoolboys by twisting the wrists and fingers, and that old favorite, the compression of the first and third joints of the little finger, make no impression upon M. Gadbain beyond producing a rather tired smile. M. Gadbain does not care for hansom cabs as much as motor cars and "grovellers," and he is a hansom driver. He has a wheel of a hansom containing six persons stuck for some time on the middle of his spine to being run over regularly less than a year ago," M. Gadbain said. "I am a lyric artist by profession. While singing at the Casino de Paris I met a troupe of Japanese Jiu-Jitsu wrestlers. "While amusing ourselves one night behind the scenes the wrestlers were amazed to find that their ordinary 'holds,' which are meant to inflict pain on an opponent who refuses to be conquered, did not hurt me in the least. "Some one jokingly said that a cab could run over me without hurting me, and so I tried it. I started people in the Bois de Boulogne more than once before I was engaged at the Folies-Bergere. I cannot account for my peculiarities, but I suppose my bones are curiously made."

PANIC ENSUED WHEN STEAMERS COLLIDED NAPLES, Feb. 17.—The White Star Line steamship Republic, Captain McEay, from Boston, Feb. 2, and Genoa, Feb. 14, for Naples, while entering the harbor here yesterday, collided with the Italian steamer Centro America, from St. Thomas, January 17th. Nobody was injured but a great panic ensued. Both steamers were considerably damaged. HOCKEY. The Marathons will meet the Maryville team here on Friday next. This match is exciting much interest as the Marathons will be tie for first place in the N. B. League if they win. In the City Hockey League series there will be a double header on Wednesday night, viz: Marathons vs. Bankers; Beavers vs. St. Joseph. The following is the schedule from date: Feb. 20th—Marathons vs. Bankers; Beavers vs. St. Joseph. March 1st—Bankers vs. St. Joseph; Marathons vs. St. Joseph. March 5th—Beavers vs. Bankers; St. Joseph vs. Beavers. March 8th—Beavers vs. Marathons.

WILL INVESTIGATE BUSINESS CONCERN OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 16.—The interstate commerce commission is to investigate the relations between the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies on one side and the packing houses, grain firms and other business houses throughout the country, which have heretofore had special telegraph wires and operators, furnished them without leases. This morning all through wires of this description were discontinued and only "pony" wires, running from those offices into the main telegraph offices, are now employed by the packing houses and not by the telegraph companies. The interstate commerce commission is said to have taken the position that furnishing these lease customers of the telegraphs with facilities denied the small customers, was in fact a discrimination.