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JEROME FURNISHED
FACTS THAT CAUSED
COLLIER'S LIBEL SUIT

Editor Testified Thursday That He Got His Information from District Attorney—Evidence in Sensational Case All In—Mr. Shepard, for Defence, Denounced Judge Deuel as Corrupt and "Town Topics" as a Blackmailing Scandalous Sheet—Article About Alice Roosevelt Started the Trouble.

New York, Jan. 25.—When the proceedings were opened today in the trial of Norman Haggood, editor of Collier's Weekly, on a charge of criminal libel, a statement was put into the court record in behalf of Mrs. Clement C. Moore. It is as follows:

"It is absolutely untrue that Mrs. Moore was a contributor to Town Topics. Col. Mann sent to her and wrote to her for autographs of various prominent society people for Fads and Fancies, but that she refused to give them, her husband refusing to become a subscriber to it must find a verdict of not guilty for Haggood."

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"Colonel Mann got money from a trust company, of which Thomas F. Ryan is the vice-president, without putting up collateral or a note with the names of two solvent men on it. That is not usual by the way a trust company does business, but Colonel Mann, insolvent, with two judgments standing against him, goes down to that company and on his note gets \$10,000. He got \$75,000 from James R. Keene on real estate, overnight, while usually loans on that sort of property follow a long process."

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Schooner W. R. Huntley Grounded at Ebb Tide Yesterday

IN BAD POSITION

May Be Floated if Weather Keeps Calm—Unknown Barge Sighted Off Coast Disappears During Night—Hunting for Gasoline Boat Missing from Maine Port.

Digby, N. S., Jan. 25.—(Special)—The unknown barge adrift in the bay mysteriously disappeared during the night. Fishermen began to search along the shore at daylight this morning, expecting to find the vessel's remains, but no trace of her could be discovered.

Captain Benjamin, master of the tern schooner Bluenose, which arrived this morning with hard coal from New York for Digby, reports passing no wreckage in the bay.

Schooner W. R. Huntley, Capt. E. D. Raftis, went ashore on the east side of Digby Gut at 3 p. m. this afternoon at ebb tide, bound from Annapolis for Yarmouth in ballast. She lies in a bad position, but if the weather keeps moderate may be floated by the aid of a tug.

The W. R. Huntley hails from Parrsboro (N. S.). She was built at Port George in 1891, is 167 tons register, and is owned by Porter, J. Wjtoxy, E. K. Dix and others, of Louisburg (C. B.).

Inquiries have been received here concerning a gasoline boat fitted with two Knox engines which went adrift from Southport Harbor (N. B.), having been abandoned by her crew. Full particulars have not been received, but the boat and machinery are said to be quite valuable.

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GIRLS CUT OFF AT
MONTREAL FIRE

Some Overcome by Smoke and Had to Be Carried Out by Firemen

NO ONE INJURED

Extension Ladders Afforded Means of Escape—Damage Estimated at \$150,000, and Many Well Known Concerns Were Heavy Sufferers.

Montreal, Jan. 25.—(Special)—Fifteen girls and a number of men had a narrow escape from death by a fire in a store building at the corner of St. James street and Victoria square this afternoon. They were cut off by smoke from escape in the usual way and fled by means of the extension ladders of the fire department. Some of them were overcome and had to be carried out, but no one was injured.

The fire was stubborn and for a time looked ominous. The loss is estimated at \$150,000 and is divided among the following concerns:

Campbell Clothing Company, John Fisher Son & Co., clothing; Allan S. Bain, wholesale dry goods; Reinhardt Manufacturing Company, fancy goods; B. Tannemann, tailor; Beesette & Vinesberg, fur; T. E. Howard, agent, and Colonial Shoe Company. The building is owned by the Eastern Townships Bank.

TO PROTECT BIG GAME
IN CLOSE SEASON

North American Association Proposes No Rifles Be Carried Into Woods During That Time—Next Meeting in Quebec.

Boston, Jan. 25.—A resolution recommending that a law be enacted to prevent the carrying of any fire arms other than pistols or revolvers into the woods where big game abounds, during the close season, was introduced before the members of the North American Fish & Game Protective Association at its concluding session here today by LeRoy T. Carlton, chairman of the Maine Fish & Game Commission.

A proposition to make uniform the bounty on wolves in states and provinces where they abound, was also considered. Jean Provost, of Quebec, was elected president, and E. T. D. Chambers, also of Quebec, was elected secretary-treasurer. It was voted to hold the next annual meeting at Quebec.

LONDON IS MORE
HOPEFUL OVER THE
MOROCCO CONFERENCE

London, Jan. 25.—Official England is more optimistic in regard to the result of the Algeiras conference, believing that the discussions of the delegates are leading to a better understanding. Thus far the foreign office has only been advised that the uncontentious questions are being cleared up first, but any agreement reached on these questions must be contingent on the settlement of the question of solving the interior of Morocco, which is the pivot of the conference.

It was said today that Great Britain would support France if Germany insisted on a treaty which the police watch could not be said to be adhering to her protestations that she desired a settlement in Morocco, Spain, Jan. 25, 8:20 p. m.—Spain at today's session of the Moroccan conference presented a draft of a convention providing for a better return of taxation in Morocco and also for the creation of new revenues. The conference after some discussion expressed the opinion that nothing should be proposed for Morocco which may modify the basis of the present organization of that country or be in contradiction with the habits of the Moroccan people regarding land taxation.

The conference decided that the work of drawing up the new rules shall be entrusted to the same committee which examined the question of the control of the trade in contraband arms, with the addition of Belgian, Russian and Moroccan members.

FRANK ROCKEFELLER
DEFIES COURT ORDER
Cleveland, O., Jan. 25.—Frank Rockefeller refused to appear before Attorney General Hadley and testify today in the hearing in connection with the action of the state of Missouri against the Standard Oil Company.

A deputy-sheriff served a subpoena upon Mr. Rockefeller last evening. Today the deputy reported that Mr. Rockefeller had evaded.

"I won't appear. I can't appear, and there is no use talking about it. They may send me to jail if they want to."

88,000 BANGOR FIRE

Bangor, Me., Jan. 25.—Shortly after the retail stores had closed at 6 o'clock tonight, a vigorous fire burst out in the rear of the millinery store of Miss M. A. Clark, in the heart of the retail district in Main street. An alarm was quickly turned in, but before the apparatus could arrive the flames had followed an air shaft and had ignited the entire rear part of the three-story structure. The total loss will be between \$7,000 and \$8,000.

MOVE TO FORM
A THIRD PARTY

Influential Montreal Men Have Project for Independent Organization

TIRED OF BOTH SIDES

Declare That Politicians Are Merely Making Their Office a Profession Instead of an Honor and Trust—Definite Statement of the Project to Be Issued Soon.

Montreal, Jan. 25.—(Special)—The Witness tonight says "The formation of an independent political party is on the tapis in this city. A mild sensation was created on 'change when the rumor became current that such an important move had already received serious consideration from leading business and professional men who at present claim allegiance to one or the other of the great political parties."

The impression is growing that both political parties have, to a great extent, departed from their original policy, until today politicians are merely making their office a profession instead of an honor and trust given them by the people.

"There is a large section of electors who feel that the time has come for a change in the political atmosphere and the reform, it is claimed, can only be brought about by the formation of an independent party."

"Those who are interested in this movement wish to see legislation enacted dealing with the insolvency problem, the temporary question, purity in elections, and other matters, which, from party motives, a government is prevented from bringing forward."

It is claimed that, by the formation of an independent party of only 100 members pledged to political reform, such a movement would have a material effect on the government of the day, and that the new organization with a progressive platform, would rapidly gain in numbers and influence. It is proposed to hold a meeting in Montreal where the whole scheme will be debated, and in the meantime the promoters, who are well known business men, are working quietly to have the project laid to rest in a definite statement to place before the public at an early date."

COLE'S EVIDENCE
WAS NOT SHAKEN

Other Witnesses Corroborate Story of Alleged Murderer of John F. Steeves.

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 25.—(Special)—Assistant Attorney General Philbrook began his cross-examination of Edward F. Cole this morning soon after the superior court convened to resume the latter's trial for the murder of John F. Steeves, of Hillsboro, N. B. Cole's direct evidence was completed shortly after the opening of the court, and without a trace of confusion all the inquiries put to him.

Cole's cross-examination was concluded shortly after the lunch recess and his testimony had not been shaken in any important particular, where he resumed his seat. Some changes in his manner as compared with the former trial were noticeable. His habit of constantly arching his nose which has been dropped and in its place he has another of repeating every question put to him, seemingly with the intention of having clearly in mind the subject of inquiry. It added considerably to the weight his testimony carried, giving the impression of a desire to confine himself rigidly to the truth.

Cole Corroborated.
Corroborative testimony followed that of the prisoner and occupied the remainder of the afternoon, not having been completed at adjournment. The final witness was not present at the previous trial. He was an arch remover and testified to having been at the Cole house on April 12 and seeing Cole fixing the couch, as he had himself sworn.

Thus came a long array of witnesses who had confirmed Cole's story in various particulars last fall. Those included the sister and brother, a boarder in the same house, a transfer who met Cole near the South Portland bridge about April 12, the Salvation Army officer who works in the South Portland power house, and on whom Cole had said he called on the Wednesday afternoon when the murder is said to have been committed. This last witness underwent a sharp cross-examination from Mr. Philbrook who queried him closely as to his relations with Cole and particularly with Mrs. Cole.

A number of other witnesses followed to corroborate minor points of the prisoner's story and this branch of the case was still in progress when the court adjourned.

LIBERALS' MAJORITY
OVER ALL IS NOW 66

London, Jan. 25.—The following is a summary of the political situation at midnight:

Table with 2 columns: Party, Seats. Total seats in Commons 670, Elections held 610, Liberals elected 338, Unionists 143, Laborites 48, Nationalists 81.

London, Jan. 25.—Vote splitting between the Liberals and Laborites in three-cornered contest for the Govan division of Lanarkshire have given the Unionists one more gain. This, however, is offset by several Liberal gains, including the defeat of Cuningsby Disraeli in the Altrincham division of Cheshire, and the unseating of J. Parker Smith for the Patrick division of Lanarkshire. Mr. Smith held the seat for sixteen years. He is a member of the executive committee on tariff reform league, and was private secretary of Joseph Chamberlain when the latter was secretary for the colonies.

R. C. Lehmann, the journalist, who is well known in the United States, was defeated in the South of Market Harbor, though division of Leicestershire. He ran in the Liberal interest against C. Harry Dixon, the Unionist candidate.

The returns to date show that the seats are distributed as follows: Liberals, 338; Unionists, 143; Nationalists, 81; Laborites, 48. Of the fifty candidates nominated by the labor representation committee, twenty-nine have been elected. With them will act J. Williams, the miners' candidate in the Govan or western division of Glamorganshire, in Wales, making a group of thirty laborites pledged to absolute independence.

It is understood that the Liberals will allow Mr. Balfour to be elected unopposed for the city of London, through a formal decision has been postponed until Monday.

TWENTY-THREE MORE OF
ILL-FATED VALENCIA'S
PASSENGERS PICKED UP

Heart-rending Stories of Survivors—Men, Women and Children, Shivering and Expecting Death at Any Minute, Sang "Nearer My God to Thee"—Refused to Trust Themselves on Liferails—Burned Under Clothing to Signal Steamer in Vain.

San Francisco, Jan. 25.—A telegram received tonight by the Pacific Coast Steamship Company from Seattle Bay, says that the tug Pioneer has put in there with the report that the steamer City of Topeka has picked up twenty-three survivors of the wreck of the steamer Valencia, and is still cruising in the vicinity.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 25.—Survivors of the wreck of the steamship Valencia are of the opinion that Capt. O. M. Johnson, master of the Valencia, made no effort to save his own life, even when a chance presented. According to their story Capt. Johnson was heartbroken over the great loss of life attending the wreck.

With drawn face, Captain Johnson, clinging to the rigging with the others, thought only of those with him and time and again prayed for assistance.

"My God send relief to my passengers," Captain Johnson was heard to say just before the liferafts left the steamer.

Passengers and crew during the night prior to the departure of the life rafts, according to those saved, begged Captain Johnson to place a life belt about his waist. This he presently refused to do.

In spite of the fact that those near him begged him to think of his family and friends, Capt. Johnson would not do a single thing to help his condition.

According to these survivors about thirty persons left the wreck Wednesday morning on the two life rafts and in a boat. Capt. Gibbs, who went from Seattle to the wreck on the steamer City of Topeka, returned today on the steamship Texan.

ALFONSO LUNCHES
WITH PRINCESS ENA

Some Doubt Whether He Will Propose Marriage Sunday or Monday, But He Has Permission to Call.

Biarritz, France, Jan. 25.—King Alfonso, traveling incognito as the Marquis of Covadonga, arrived here in an automobile this morning from San Sebastian, and immediately visited the Princess Ena of Battenberg and her mother, at the Villa Mouriscot, where they lunched together. His majesty appeared to be in a most joyful humor, graciously saluting the crowds along the roads.

The proposal of marriage may occur Sunday or Monday, during the dowager queen's visit. In the meantime the king will visit the princess daily.

The authorities have adopted the strictest precautions for the king's safety.

LONDON, ONT., TROLLEY
CONDUCTOR KILLED

London, Ont., Jan. 25.—(Special)—A London street car, running special, while crossing Richmond street crossing of the Grand Trunk tonight, was struck by a freight train, Jepsom Moore, the conductor, being instantly killed.

Moore was standing on the rear platform at the time, and was caught between the car and the engine and frightfully mangled. There were seven passengers in the car at the time, but none of them were injured, and the car, with the exception of the rear platform, was very little damaged.

WOMAN'S STORY ABOUT
HUSBAND BEING "J. L. MORTON," DISCREDITED

Boston Detective Talks With Mrs. MacIsaacs, and Decides That She is Dreaming.

New York, Jan. 25.—The Brooklyn police tonight abandoned the case against John A. MacIsaacs who, after being locked up last night on a charge of assaulting his wife, was accused by the latter of having been an accomplice in the murder of Mabel Page at Weston (Mass.). Mrs. MacIsaacs declared her husband had told her he was the mysterious "J. L. Morton," whose name figured in the Page case, but who was never located.

State Detective Whitney came here today from Massachusetts and, with the local authorities, put the man and woman through a severe examination. Mrs. MacIsaacs denied to Whitney many of the things she had told the Brooklyn police. Tonight Whitney declared there was not enough developed in the examination of the prisoner to warrant his being held further as a factor in the murder case.

Detective Whitney said Mrs. MacIsaacs, who formerly was Olive Russell, had called upon Charles T. Tucker, the convicted slayer of the Page girl, at Cambridge jail. The woman, however, denies this. Whitney will return to Boston tomorrow.

Sheriff McQueen's Salary Raised.

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 25.—(Special)—The county council today voted Sheriff McQueen a substantial increase in salary. In lieu of the work in attending courts, summoning jurors, etc., for which the sheriff receives a salary of \$700 a year, the council voted him a straight salary of \$1,000 a year. This, together with other fees in connection with the office, will make a respectable salary for the sheriff.



WM. K. VANDEVELDT.

Fads and Fancies and summarily dismissed the visitor that called on him.

Robert J. Collier, manager and publisher of Collier's Weekly, was the first witness. To Mr. Shepard, counsel for the defence, he said:

"In October, 1904, a copy of Town Topics was delivered to my house and I saw in it an article referring to Miss Alice Roosevelt only by her first name. When I went down to the office I called Haggood's attention to that article and told him I thought it was the vilest article ever printed in any newspaper and suggested that he write something about it. He did so, and an editorial headed 'The Most Degraded Paper in the United States.'"

"Haggood in his article, however, did not name the paper, but when I read the proof I wrote in the name Town Topics, telling Haggood at the same time that my action would doubtless involve us in personal abuse."

Collier Inspired Editorial.
After the arrest of Charles Able, the solicitor, Mr. Collier said Haggood wrote another editorial and while he was doing so Mr. Collier told him to say in it that it was a disgrace for any judge to be connected with Town Topics.

Under cross-examination by District Attorney Jerome, Mr. Collier said that before the article about Miss Roosevelt appeared in Town Topics a series of articles containing unpleasant things about the witness was published in Town Topics. Mr. Collier said he was indifferent to what Town Topics said about him. The meaning of the editorial on which the complaint of libel was based, he said, was that Town Topics was engaged in the business of blackmail.

Fads and Fancies he said, brought that aspect of the publication more forcibly to his mind.

Mr. Jerome asked Mr. Collier if he knew that President Roosevelt and Grover Cleveland were to be subscribers to and have their names in Fads and Fancies, to which he replied that he did not know it.

Norman Haggood was then called to the stand.

"I believe you are the defendant, although I am not certain," said Mr. Shepard. Mr. Haggood admitted it. He described the circumstances attending the writing of the editorial on which libel action was based as related by Mr. Collier and said that he wrote the various articles about Town Topics as a public duty.

A Scathing Arrangement.
Rev. C. W. DeLyon Nichols, of Newport, was in court ready to testify, but was not called. He said that he was not a social contributor to Town Topics, but had sent in one or two articles, including a satire.

At the afternoon session Edward M. Shepard summed up for the defence. He said that technically the parties to the case are the people of the state of New York as complainant, and Mr. Haggood as defendant, but that no one, who had attended the session of the court, could believe but that the real parties are Mr. Haggood and Town Topics and Justice Deuel. Haggood was on trial, he said, for the editorial in Collier's of Aug. 5, in which Justice Deuel was criticized. If a jury found that editorial to be true,

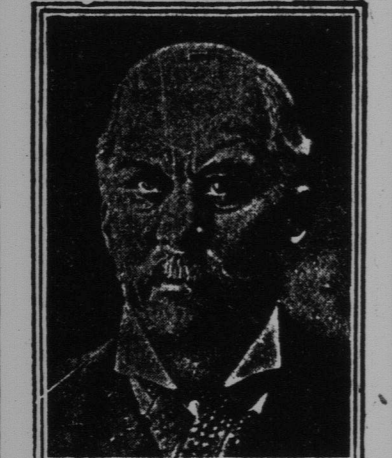
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J. PIERPONT MORGAN

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Mr. Shepard then read the instructions of Colonel Mann to what he called the sneaks in clubs, in kitchens and maybe in churches, in which the colonel instructed them to the effect that ridicule was more effective than abuse.

"There is in Norman Topics office," said Mr. Shepard, "that is called an index, a history of lechery, lust, dishonesty, beastliness and gruesome scandal gathered in the home and elsewhere by agents of the paper for use at a moment's notice. Think of the names young girls and the scandal there preserved. Why, the devil himself might laugh with pleasure as he goes through that treasure house of blind paragraphs."

When Mr. Shepard finished his argument, the case was adjourned until tomorrow, when District Attorney Jerome will sum up for the prosecution.

The striking feature of the testimony today was given by Mr. Haggood himself, when he took the stand in his own behalf and declared that what he had written about Town Topics was based upon information furnished to him by District Attorney Jerome.

Mr. Jerome here caused some merriment by his statement that it seemed after all he was the writer of the article involved in the trial.

"That is true, in a measure," assented Mr. Haggood.

The last act of District Attorney Jerome for the prosecution was to place in evidence a letter from former President Grover Cleveland, who had been given an honorary subscription to Fads & Fancies, stating that he had examined the publication and thought it "an admirable book."

TO PRINT TESTIMONY
OF INSURANCE INQUIRY
TO COST \$20,000
Albany, N. Y., Jan. 25.—Senator Armstrong and Assemblyman Cox, of the joint special committee which has been investigating life insurance methods, today introduced in the respective houses of the legislature a bill authorizing the printing of 5,000 copies of the testimony taken at the investigation, at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. The bill was immediately advanced to third reading, and referred to the senate finance and assembly ways and means committee.