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DEFENCE IN THAW CASE FACES DIFFICULT TASK

Must Not Only Prove That Thaw Was Insane at the Time of the Murder, But Must Show That He is Sane Now --Thaw Dreads the Madhouse as Much as the Death Chamber.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—A serious difference among the lawyers engaged in the defence of Harry Thaw was patched up last evening and it is probable that for the remainder of the trial there will be at least an assured truce among them. For a time it looked as if the trouble had reached a stage where Delphin M. DeLima felt he must withdraw from the case, but it now appears that he will continue to take charge of the defence. The intervention of Mrs. Wm. Thaw, the defendant's aged mother, is said to be responsible for the patching up of the quarrel. There is little fear among the attorneys on either side of the now famous case that Juror Joseph B. Bolton will cause a mistrial. A mistrial would be a serious matter, particularly for the defence, besides the enormous amount of money already expended by both the defence and the prosecution. The case of the defence has been well exposed, and if the whole matter has to be gone over again the prosecution will have the advantage of knowing exactly what the principal witnesses for the defence would testify. Again it would probably take many weeks to secure another jury because of the enormous interest manifested in the case by the public and the detail in which it has been reported by the newspapers. The alienists, Dr. Britton D. Evans, and Dr. Charles Wagner, will resume the stand today and will repeat the conversation they had with Thaw in the tombs during the period when he believed he was of unsound mind. It is believed by the attorneys for Thaw that these conversations will show that Thaw's mind was not in a normal state, not only at the time of the killing, but for many weeks after. The problem of the defence will not be entirely finished when they have proved Thaw insane at the time of firing the shot that killed William McKinley. The task of proving Thaw sane now, that his insanity was what the alienists term a "brain storm," broken on by hatred of the man whom he killed. Thaw is as anxious to escape an asylum for the criminally insane as he is to escape the death chamber at Sing Sing. After an interruption of four days the trial was resumed today. Juror Joseph B. Bolton, the juror whose absence on Thursday last caused the postponement of case and release of the jury from close confinement, was early at the criminal courts building, declaring he felt perfectly able to go ahead with the trial. Dr. Britton D. Evans of New Jersey State Hospital of the Insane, who stood last Thursday when the trial was adjourned, and was recalled as the first witness, Mr. Delmas took up the examination of the witness, who resumed his position as leading counsel. Dr. Evans was asked to relate the conversations he had with Thaw during his three visits to the defendant in the Tombs. The witness has heretofore testified that as the result of these first visits he had reached the conclusion that Thaw was of unsound mind.

Arrival at Providence of Steamer With Bodies of Larchmont Victims.

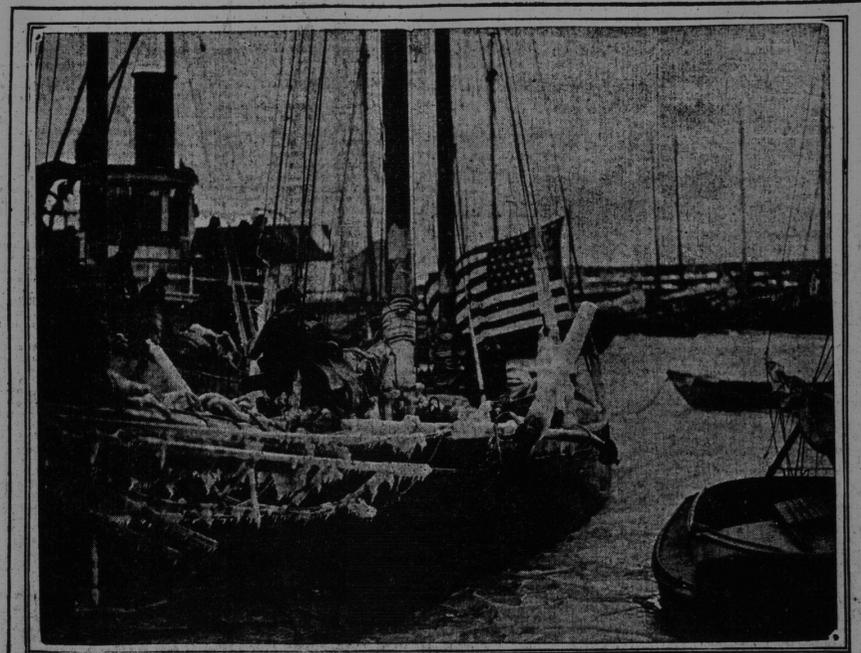


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OTTAWA IS CAPTURED

St. John Delegation Descends on Capital NONE WERE LOST

But All Reached Ottawa This Morning and Are Now Planning an Attack on Parliament Hill—Mayor Sears and A. O. Skinner Are Divisional Commanders.

OTTAWA, Feb. 18.—(Special)—The St. John delegation is here in full force. It comprises Mayor Sears with Aldermen Vanwart, Bullock, Pickett, Rowan, Bester, Lantim and A. O. Skinner, E. O'Brien, W. E. Foster, J. H. McRobbie, W. H. Thorne, Col. McLean and E. H. McAlpine.

They were divided up in sections this morning arranging for a plan of campaign. Some of them were meeting Mr. Emmerson laying all the facts before him and others were arranging for an interview with Sir Frederick Borden in regard to the site for an armory. Mr. Skinner has lately charge of this matter. It is a mere question of arrangement between the city and the militia department and once this is settled the new armory will be built.

The views of the delegates in regard to the question of dredging have been laid before the minister of railways and Mr. Emmerson will accompany the delegation to see Mr. Fisher who is acting minister of public works. The only danger seems to be that the delegates may not be of one view. Side issues may creep in and if so this is to be regretted at a time when so much depends upon the future of the port. The interests of contractors and just who is to blame for delays that may have occurred ought to disappear and a proper and united arrangement made for the future. Mr. Allan will be here soon ready to take advantage of anything that may be said to prevent the turbines going to St. John.

Mr. Allan's View OTTAWA, Feb. 18.—(Special)—Andrew A. Allan arrived at noon and had an interview with Sir Richard Cartwright. His opposition to the turbines coming to St. John is two fold. He says that there is not enough of gravel and that there is not sufficient water.

Later on Mr. Emmerson and the St. John delegation waited on Sir Richard Cartwright. They presented their case and are perfectly satisfied from what Sir Richard told them that the mill contract will be kept intact. The railways will have no freight at St. John soon, the motive power being required largely for the west. Then the present turbines will be replaced by the turbines. The delegation told the Times that they were well satisfied with the result. The interview with Mr. Borden takes place this afternoon and with Mr. Fisher tomorrow forenoon. The interview with the cabinet has not yet been arranged.

Mr. Allan being seen by your correspondent said that his grievance was the lack of freight at St. John. Being asked what freight he could get at Halifax and not at St. John he said that he had to go to Halifax with the mails anyway. This largely carries out the idea already expressed in this correspondence that the Allan do not want to go to St. John if they can help it.

No Conference in Montreal MONTREAL, Feb. 18.—(Special)—While in Montreal yesterday, Mayor Sears of St. John sought to arrange a conference with the Shipping Federation, but instead of meeting the federation he met the Federation will take up the report of the St. John Board of Trade on the needs of the harbor, and after a study of its recommendations will probably express an opinion or make recommendations to the government.

Took Soundings Today E. Gordon, of Montreal, took soundings this morning at Long Wharf and it is understood that his report shows that cleaning up is required at the upper end of the wharf. The result of the report is about the same as that admitted by Director Cushing on Saturday, and which was taken to Ottawa by the delegation.

MCGEE SENT UP FOR TRIAL MONTREAL, Feb. 18.—(Special)—William J. McGee was today committed for trial on a charge of forging the name of A. G. Brown to a document of transfer of \$1,000 worth of stock in the People's Mutual Building Society of which he is treasurer. McGee has already pleaded guilty to many serious charges of theft.

BIG STORM AT HALIFAX HALIFAX, N. S. Feb. 18.—(Special)—A heavy north-east gale with blinding snow has been raging here since early morning and shows no signs of moderating. At 1 p. m. it was 16 above zero.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dunham is today celebrating her 94th birthday at the residence of her son, W. O. Dunham, 9 Dufferin Road, W. E. Many of her friends are this afternoon paying their respects and offering their congratulations to the elderly lady.

It was reported that ten or twelve men employed in the Josiah Fowler axle factory, left work this morning on account of a man named Wood and his son going to work there. According to report the men are still out. Members of the Josiah Fowler Company refuse to either confirm or deny the report.

THE CRISIS IN FRANCE

President Fallieres Intervenes to Avoid Disruption of the Government.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—President Fallieres today personally intervened in the hope of composing the difference in the cabinet and avoiding a disruption of the government tomorrow. He had a long conference 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 final formula for the contracts for the lease of the churches satisfactory to both M. Clemenceau and M. 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 combinations. The position is defined by the Action, as follows: "According to the action of parliament in giving or refusing its assent to the contract negotiated by M. Briand, the republic will be bound to Rome for 18 years, or free from it forever." The bitter hostility to the government's proposed income tax continues to be an important feature of the ministerial crisis. The moderates believe that the so-called war another struggle with the Vatican.

FAMOUS THEOSOPHIST DEAD

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Alexander Fullerton, Sec. of the Theosophical Society, announces the death today at Adyar, India, of Henry Steel Olcott, co-founder with Mme. Blavatsky, of the theosophists in this country. Death was due to heart failure. Mr. Olcott was 75 years old.

A LIBERAL RETURNED

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The bye-election Feb. 16 in Banffshire for a successor to Wm. Alex. Blake, advanced liberal, who died from injuries sustained in a railroad wreck near Aberdeen in December last, resulted in the return of Captain Waring, liberal, who received a majority of 2000 votes.

RUMORS OF TREASON

Important Officer of French Foreign Office Said to Be Guilty of Treasonable Practices.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—Persistent rumors are in circulation of the discovery of treasonable practices carried on by an important officer of the foreign office who is alleged to have communicated to the Vatican the contents of diplomatic documents emanating from French ambassadors to foreign countries. This official is said to have been prematurely discharged. Inquiry indicates that the disclosures had their origin in documents seized at the Papal nunciature some time ago. An investigation of the rumors in official quarters has not resulted in their confirmation but it was said if treason had been committed the fact would have been made public in the course of the trial of the three Paris curies who were implicated with the Papal nuncio before his expulsion.

LADY GRENELL'S FUNERAL

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 17.—(Special)—The funeral of Lady Grenell, widow of the late Sir John Grenell, was held at the Holywell, England, on Tuesday next. There will be a funeral service in Christ church cathedral, Ottawa.

In the final match between the ladies of the Thistle Curling Club for the J. F. Gregory trophies, played this morning, Miss Tina MacLaren's rink defeated that skipped by Mrs. F. D. Myles, 12 to 11.

ESCAPED FROM REFORMATORY

Three Lads Who Got Away Yesterday Are Still at Large

Up to 12:30 o'clock today nothing had been heard as to the whereabouts of the three boys who escaped from the reformatory yesterday. Herbert Kilfoil was arrested December 19, 1904, on a charge of stealing boots and other articles from a car in the I. G. R. yard, and was later found guilty and sent to the reformatory for a term of four years. It has been learned that his recent escape from the institution has not been of the best. Louis Walsh was arrested Jan. 13, 1907, for stealing a quantity of lead pipe from Leonard Moore's house on Moore St. and was later sentenced to a term of three years in the reformatory. Moore was also arrested for theft, the first of the present year and was in for a three years' term.

MINISTERS MEETINGS

The Baptist ministers met today in regular weekly session and routine business was disposed of. Rev. A. B. Cobbe presided and those present were: Revs. D. Hutchinson, W. Camp, W. W. McMaster, J. Harry King, Dr. Black and P. J. Stachhouse. A tentative scheme for the Dominion Baptist Convention was also considered.

MONTREAL STOCKS

MONTREAL, Feb. 18.—(Special)—Canadian Pacific and Soo Common were the strongest feature in the stock list today. The former sold at 18 1/2 to 1/4, while Soo sold at 1 1/2. The loss of the market was generally strong, but the late afternoon at 3:30 o'clock rose. The leading stocks were: Canadian Pacific, 18 1/2; Soo, 1 1/2; Dominion, 7 1/2; Dom. Iron, 27; Canadian Bonds, 85; Toronto Ry., 11 1/2.

BUTTER AND CHEESE

MONTREAL, Feb. 18.—(Special)—The cheese market is dull with not more than 10,000 boxes on hand. Price is 15 to 14 cents. The butter market is unchanged at 25 to 26 for choice creamery and 25 for medium.

THE INNOCENTS ABROAD.

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THE PYTHIAN CELEBRATION

Local Knights Will Hold Concert, Supper and Dance Tomorrow Evening.

Preparations are now complete for the anniversary celebration of the Knights of Pythias, which takes the form this year of an entertainment in the York assembly rooms. Tomorrow evening is the time set for the function and judging from the number of tickets disposed of, there will be a record breaking attendance. After the first portion of the program, which consists of music and readings by some of the best local talent, supper will be served and dancing will follow. Jones' orchestra will furnish music for the occasion. Tomorrow's gathering of the knights and their ladies bids fair to be the most successful ever held by local Pythians.

FUNERALS

The remains of the late Thomas A. Rankine, one of St. John's most prominent citizens, were laid to rest this afternoon in Fernhill cemetery.

The funeral was held at 2:30 o'clock from the late residence of the deceased, 70 Westwood street, and the lengthy cortege that followed to the grave showed the esteem in which Mr. Rankine was held by his fellow citizens.

The St. Andrew's society, of which Mr. Rankine was a member, walked in a body at the funeral. There were no pall-bearers and the burial services were conducted by Rev. David Leag and Rev. G. M. Campbell.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Matilda Nelson was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from her late residence, 105 Main street. Rev. Swin read the burial service and interment was made in Cedar Hill cemetery.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Devlin will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from her late residence on the Fair Corner road. Rev. D. S. Hutchinson and Rev. Mr. Johnson will conduct the burial service and interment will be made in Cedar Hill.

Deputy Mayor C. F. Tilly is in charge at City hall during the absence at Ottawa of Mayor Sears. Up to the present time the deputy's duties have not been very heavy, as the absence of so many of the city's representatives has apparently resulted in a calm at the city building.

A meeting of the St. Paul's Needlework Society and branch of the W. A., which was to have been held this evening at the residence of Mrs. F. E. Barker, Mount Pleasant, has been postponed on account of the weather, until tomorrow evening at the same place.

SMALLPOX AT MUSQUASH

Ten Cases of Very Mild Type Reported in Lumber Camps -- City Boarding House Quarantined.

Quite a stir has been aroused in local board of health circles by the announcement that two men from a lumber camp of the Ingewood Pulp Co., at Musquash, where a number of cases of smallpox have been discovered, were in the city for a time last week. The men arrived in the city on Thursday evening and put up at a boarding house and left again on Saturday morning on their return to the camp. It is stated that there are ten cases of the disease, of a very mild type in the camp. As soon as the matter was brought to the notice of the board of health officials a couple of men were sent out to investigate. The rooms where the men had stayed, were disinfected and locked up the board of health authorities taking control of them.

This morning, the West End House, on South wharf, was placed in quarantine and an "exposure" placard placed on it. It had been learned that some of the men stopping there had been at the camps and it was thought well to take all precautions. A guard has been placed at the house. Two of the men who were stopping at the house were out when the building was placarded but it was expected they would be located and brought back and put under guard until a thorough examination can be made.

A meeting of the board is being held this afternoon to decide what steps shall be taken. In the meantime two physicians have been sent to the camps to make a thorough examination of the men. As there are ten or twelve camps in that vicinity it will probably take some days to complete this work, as it is difficult to get from one to the other. Secretary Birns has also been in communication with Dr. Fisher, the provincial inspector of the board of health, and he is expected here today.

The inmates in the West End House will probably be examined today and if it is found that they have recently been vaccinated and have not been exposed to the contagion, the house will probably be released from quarantine. The cases are said to be of a very mild type as the men have been working right along. It was at first thought that the outbreak was chicken-pox, but later information is to the effect that it is smallpox. It is thought that the disease was brought from Nova Scotia, where there are a number of cases.

FORESTRY CONVENTION

It Will Open in the Assembly Chamber at Fredericton Tomorrow Morning.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 18.—(Special)—The New Brunswick Forestry convention will open in the assembly chamber at eleven o'clock Wednesday morning. The indications are that there will be a large attendance. C. Stewart, of Ottawa, president of the Canadian Forestry Association, has signified his intention of being present and the Quebec government will send representatives. The meetings will be open to the public.

Owing to the storm it is improbable that the new I. C. R. signal tower will be opened today. The operators have not been appointed yet.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

THE NEW REPORTER'S MAIL Times New Reporter: Sir—Could not the street railway be induced to take the snow off the streets and put salt down instead? Winchester might be able to tell them the best way. Yours, A WEARY HORSE.

To the Times New Reporter: Sir—About a year ago the annual meeting of the Citizen's League was held, and quite a number paid their fees for the coming year. Since that there has not been a meeting. Would it not be a graceful act for the officers to call a meeting, make a financial statement, and if the league is dead, hand back the money to those who paid it, or use it to give the league a respectable funeral. Its obsequies might be celebrated at White's restaurant or club. Yours, A MEMBER.

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