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STRONGER SHOWING MADE TODAY

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Feb. 6.—Attorney Delmas will from now be in charge of the defense. He will be assisted by O'Reilly, Hart-ridge McPike and Peabody will be an advisory committee.

District Attorney Jerome opened the proceedings with a long objection to certain testimony that was admitted yesterday. Mrs. Carnegie, Mrs. William Thaw and the prisoner's two brothers, Josiah and Edward, entered during Jerome's speech, the prisoner smiling faintly. Delmas called Benjamin Bowman, the door keeper at Madison square garden, to the stand. Bowman said he knew Stanford White, the murdered man, and Harry K. Thaw "I did," said the witness.

"Tell what you know of an incident in 1903."

"White came to me one night in that year and asked me if Evelyn Nesbit had gone home. I told him yes, when he called me a liar, using much profanity. I told him to go on the stage and see for himself. This he did and on returning showed me a revolver with which he swore he would shoot the s--- of a b--- before daylight. He undoubtedly referred to Harry Thaw." Bowman continued, "Five days later I saw Harry Thaw and told him of White's threat. White's face was black with anger when he made the threat."

After Bowman had repeated more obnoxious names which White had called Thaw, the judge told ladies present if their sense of propriety was disturbed, they could take the opportunity of leaving the room. Three ladies did so, over a score remaining. Jerome then re-examined Bowman by taking him over the scenes again.

The district attorney examined Bowman closely as to the exact details of White's threat and the subsequent event; his connection with the theatre and the life of

such a vocation. Jerome wanted to know if the witness had been given or promised anything for testifying.

He said no with much deliberation. Martin Green a newspaper man was called and testified that he was at Thaw's side immediately following the shooting and said that his eyes were popping and that the lips were hanging down. The attorneys wrangled over the admission of the witness' opinion as to the defendant's insanity, when the court adjourned for recess.

Jerome gave Green, the newspaper man, an exhaustive examination. Green related that he had written many stories about the Thaw shooting fray, but only one in which he had any personal knowledge of the facts. He had embodied nothing in these stories that was not his own knowledge or facts telephoned in by reporters. Attorney Delmas called Thomas McCalep to the stand. He was a member of the Thaw party at the Cafe Martin and at the roof garden the night of the tragedy. McCalep said: "I had left the table and was walking along with Mrs. Thaw when I heard three shots in rapid succession. Mrs. Thaw exclaimed, 'My God, he has shot!' I looked around and saw her trembling and looking at a small group of people. On looking that way myself I noticed Thaw in the midst of the group, holding a revolver in the air."

Crowds flocked into the court room this afternoon and gaily dressed women are giving the place the appearance of a matinee. Thaw was displeased, causing the judge to order the doors locked. A number of newspaper men and one of Thaw's counsels were shut out. Attorney Delmas is entirely in charge of Thaw's case. Gleason, who yesterday had the reigns, is merely a spectator today. The defense is trying hard to remove from the jury the impression of Dr. Wiley's failure as an expert on insanity. Wiley was one of the big cards for the defense but Jerome muddled his testimony to such an extent that it was decidedly harmful rather than helpful.

Bowman made greater success. Jerome has been unable to discount any of the testimony. It appears now that Delmas will set before the jury, a clear cut story of the details leading up to the tragedy, before he attempts to prove insanity. This is in direct opposition to the system adopted by Gleason, who tried to prove insanity at the opening of the trial.

Further testimony by him divulged that Thaw had said, "Harry what have you done? Why did you do it?" Then Thaw had replied "I saved your life."

The two then kissed and the party left or the street. On reaching the foot of the elevator the confessed murderer was arrested. On being led away he asked that some one see his wife safely home. "Yes I think, in fact I am positive, that the entire scene was the act of an irrational man" concluded the witness.

EVELYN TOMORROW

Attorney Delmas has announced after the court adjourned today, that either Evelyn or Mrs. William Thaw, would be the first to take the stand tomorrow morning.

NEWS FROM THE HALLS OF JUSTICE

Today the forenoon session of the circuit court was taken up with arraignments and the trial of the case of Frank Binehoff versus J. D. McKennon. This is a case appealed from the Justice of the Peace court where Binehoff was fined for trespassing upon property alleged to be the property of J. D. McKennon. Eugene Ashwell appears for Binehoff and Cochran & Cochran for McKennon.

The following arraignments were made: Robert Alexander, upon two informations, both charging larceny from a building. Given until tomorrow at nine o'clock to plead.

E. J. Edwards, charged with assault with intent to kill, given till tomorrow at nine o'clock to plead.

F. M. Prescott, charged with larceny from a store. Given till tomorrow at nine o'clock to plead. Prescott, it is alleged, separated Henry Belmer from some forty dollars.

ALABAMA FRUIT GROWERS

(Scripps News Association)
Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 6.—The Alabama Horticulture Society began its fourth annual meeting in this city today and will remain in session over tomorrow. Fruit growers from many counties are in attendance.

RETAIL MERCHANTS PURE FOOD SHOW

(Scripps News Association)
Peoria, Ill., Feb. 6.—One of the principal features at the annual convention of the Retail Merchants Association in the Coliseum here today, was a pure food show planned for the purpose of giving the people of Peoria an idea of the extent of the pure food articles carried by the obbers and manufacturers. The coliseum is decorated in a unique and original manner and there are no less than sixty comprehensive exhibits. The show will last for ten days during which time the promoters announce that two baby shows will be held and valuable prizes given to the best looking child. There will also be an exhibition of cooking by gas and electricity and other attractions. There were over 500 Illinois dealers in attendance this morning when the convention opened. Among the questions to be considered are the review of the decisions repealing the municipal garnishment law, consideration of the commercial advantages of the deep water way from the lakes to the gulf, etc.

BANQUET FOR BRYCE

(Scripps News Association)
London, Feb. 6.—Owing to the recent Jamaica incident the farewell banquet to be given by the London Pilgrims at the Hotel Savoy tonight in honor of James Bryce, the new Ambassador to the United States, promises to develop into an exceptional demonstration of Anglo-American amity. However this may be it is certain that the gathering will be a most distinguished one. Field Marshal Earl Roberts is to preside. Several members of the cabinet, foreign diplomats and many other notable persons will be present. Ambassador Reid will propose the health of Mr. Bryce, and the speeches of the two Ambassadors will sound the keynote of the friendly relations between their respective countries.

TO DEFEND PACIFIC COAST

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Feb. 6.—Naval and military authorities complain that the coast defenses of the Pacific coast are altogether inadequate to repel the attack of a hostile nation and that in San Francisco alone there is a deficit of more than 3000 officers and men to adequately man the guns which guard the entrance to the harbor, while the same lack is found proportionately at all other ports of the coast. Owing to the action of the California Promotion Committee a bill is now to be introduced to Congress and it is expected that the result of the complaints made will be to place the Pacific coast in complete defensive position.

MANITOBA GRAIN GROWERS

(Scripps News Association)
Brandon, Man., Feb. 6.—There was a good attendance today at the opening of the annual meeting of the Manitoba Grain Growers' association. Numerous matters are scheduled for discussion during the three days of the convention, but most attention will probably be given to the alleged illegal combination of prominent dealers and elevator men in restraint of trade.

TO SHORTEN DISTANCE TO HONG KONG

(Scripps News Association)
London, Feb. 6.—At a meeting of the directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in Queen St. today it was decided to put two new Empress steamers on the Pacific Ocean within twelve months. They will be the means of cutting down the time between Vancouver and Hong Kong by over two days.

CHINESE TO AID COUNTRYMEN

(Scripps News Association)
New York Feb. 6.—At a largely attended meeting of influential Chinese in the Chinese Reform League Rooms, Chatham Square last night it was decided to start a fund for the relief of those in China who are on the verge of starvation. The Chinese Reform Gazette has opened its columns for subscriptions that owing to the serious straits to which the people have been reduced rebellion is not at all unlikely.

SCHOONER ASHORE

(Scripps News Association)
Astoria, Feb. 6.—The schooner Solano, which went ashore on North Beach, Tuesday, is now high and dry and cannot be taken off. All of the crew was saved.

ON UNION PACIFIC

Ogden, Utah, Feb. 6.—One hundred feet of track and a bridge on the main line of the Union Pacific railroad were washed away by a rush of water thru Weber canyon, 20 miles east of here, this afternoon.

TWO COUNTY BRIDGES WASHED OUT BY FLOODS

Late reports from Perry say that the amount of water held in check by the dam and ice jam is practically the same as this morning. Piers a short distance above the dam have succeeded in holding the ice back from the dam proper. The jam extends back about one mile. There are a few fears entertained of more damage.

LEFT ITS MARK

The floods have left distinct marks of the actual height which they attained. From the mouth of the canyon on up to Perry, the cakes of ice still remain to mark the points reached by the water. In many instances the banks measure from eight to ten feet in height, varying with the distance from the big jams.

ON WILD RAMPAGE

The anticipated swelling of the Grande Ronde river came rather sooner than expected, and left in its wake, the ruins of two county road bridges and two wrecked dams.

The Perry dam and the Oro Dell dam are still intact, with the exception of the combs or splice boards, which are missing on both. The high water at Perry yesterday afternoon broke up the jam which had formed above Perry. This in turn tore out the first wagon bridge above the dam, both of which assisted in tearing out the bridge in Perry. The timbers and wreckage of the first bridge are scattered along the river, but the larger bridge was more substantial, the result being, that its position was shifted about one hundred yards. There it still stands, more or less intact. The breaking of the ice jam released an enormous amount of water and instantly every timber in the Perry dam was creaking because of the increased waters surging against it. The splice boards were torn off but the dam proper held.

Immediately after the give way occurred, Perry residents telephoned to the Grande Ronde Electric Light Company that a flood was bearing down on the Oro Dell dam. Splice boards were at once knocked off the dam at Oro Dell, and everything possible done to save it. About five-forty-five the water, ice and bridge debris came. Several witnessed the oncoming rush and those who did, affirm that never have they seen anything more spectacular. An actual bank varying from five to seven feet in depth approached with astonishing velocity. The fierceness of the flood decreased as suddenly as it had commenced and soon the water began to lower. By this morning it had reached practically its normal.

The county road was obstructed for a distance of half a mile above Oro Dell. Prior to the big flood, an ice jam had backed the water to such an extent that the drive road along the banks of the river above Oro Dell, was covered. This means that the river was at least six feet above normal. When the waters from Perry arrived with its additional ice and bridge timbers, the sharp curve in the road at this point, became littered with logs, ice and other pieces of wreckage. This had to be cleared away this morning before traffic could be resumed. The logs were readily removed but the huge boulders of ice were more difficult. The warm weather assisted materially, so that workmen were able to break up the chunks.

DANGER OVER

The danger point was reached and passed last evening at six o'clock. The river began to recede immediately and as the dams withstood the first terrible onslaught, they will vary likely do so again should other floods occur. It is hardly likely that another so severe a swelling will occur at this time.

TRAIN SERVICE

The passenger train due here yesterday morning from the east, arrived at seven last evening. The lateness was due to snow and risky tracks. Yesterday morning's number six was annulled and last night's number two was marked up at six o'clock this morning. However that time was changed occasionally and the train due here last evening arrived at one o'clock today.

The passenger from the east due here last evening and the one due this morning were stalled on the other side of Baker City, because of a small washout, which occurred last night at eleven o'clock. The two trains were consolidated at Baker and passed thru La Grande shortly after two this afternoon.

An unverified report today has it that trains from Portland will not arrive this week. All trains from the west are made up at Umatilla.

As with the trains service, so with the telegraph system. Spasmodically, the lines to Seattle and Spokane are up, and briefly, messages can be transmitted. Suddenly the click ceases and the operator has to wait patiently for the break to be repaired.

NO INFORMATION

Chief Dispatcher A. Buckley is not in a position to say when we may expect a train from Portland. The wires have been down all day and he has received nothing from headquarters to inform him as to conditions.

HIGHER WATER IN PORTLAND

(Scripps News Association)

Portland, Feb. 6.—The Willamette river at noon stands at 18 1/2 feet and it is expected to reach 22 feet by Friday, when the crest of the flood at Albany ninety miles away, reaches here. It is thought that there will be no further damage here. However the merchants and warehouse men on Water and Front Streets have moved their goods. This is thought to be the worst storm that has passed over the Willamette river basin.

NOMINATE TONIGHT

It is the intention of the Socialists to nominate their city ticket, at a meeting to be held this evening.

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