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## SHE WEEPS

## REHEARSES CRIMES

## WAS A VICTIM

## More Obscene Testimony

## NO FAITH IN A GOD

Evelyn Says she Repeatedly Visited Whites Studio After her Ruination

(Scripps News Association)  
New York, Feb. 21.—The trial room filled rapidly today but the appearance of Evelyn didn't indicate that she had any great fear of the awaiting ordeal. She has gained courage by the success of yesterday. The prosecuting attorney proceeded all the lawyers, coming in with a broad smile on his face, with every appearance of confidence. The prisoner entered, carrying a bunch of papers and newspaper clippings. Evelyn was called as the first witness, still wearing her conventional blue dress. Her face was slightly paler but her voice was stronger and she replied to the questions in the cross examination with more clearness than usual. Jerome came immediately

to the point with his questioning by asking: "Did you ever hear of the dead rat?" "Yes it is a cafe in Paris." "Is it a reputable place?" "I don't know. I was there once about two o'clock. People danced and sang in which I joined once. It was a sort of a Russian style."

Jerome then read from a bunch of letters received by Evelyn from Thaw. The witness stated she had believed all women were bad. Jerome handed the witness a letter from which he had been reading after which she identified the handwriting as that of Thaw's. Jerome then came back to his criminal question and asked if she believed womanhood was good or bad, after Thaw's proposal.

"Yes. I knew people thought that girls who lived the way I did were wrong but I suspected all women."

Further questioning brot out the admission that she had not belief in religion, not even in the existence of a divine being. "I changed my mind regarding morality before leaving Paris. I came to the awful realization of the awful wrong White had done to me, and that every womanly instinct should be shocked by my past life," said the witness.

"Was year reasons for renouncing Thaw's proposal merely because of the feeling of unworthiness you have testified amintated you?"

"It was because I had been found out. Who informed you that such was the case?"

"White told me," continued the witness. "When did you first realize the extent of the wrong done you by White?"

"Thaw told me."

Jerome questioned the witness closely about why she wrote to White from Boulogne. The gist of the reply was that her mother had coerced her to write and that White's extraordinary personality had a fascinating effect upon her. "My mother did not know of all the wrongs done me by White," remarked the witness.

Jerome then drew from the witness the statement that she went back to White's studio a month after her ruination.

When she had recovered her composure she said she had no improper relations with White after 1902. White treated her kindly but not courteously. She went on to say that on her visits to the studio she frequently became inebriate and irresponsible for her actions.

"Did you ever tell your mother what White had done to you?"

"No. White made me swear not to tell her."

For an hour or more, Jerome went over the various occasions when relations with White were renewed. Time and time again tears would come to the eyes and sobs break the answers. She insisted that in every instance, she was partially intoxicated. When sober she fought the advances.

Evelyn insisted to have the ordeal over

## SEVERAL CREDITORS SAVED

Several at least, who had extended credit to "Tip" Molenox and Walter Richardson, the negroes who took sudden leave of the city two days since, have received money due.

T. B. Johnson, who was creditor to the extent of several dollars for board extended to one of the coons, was instrumental in apprehending the travelers while they were yet in Pendleton. A telephone message to Pendleton authorities yesterday afternoon, caused the arrest. The sheriff of Umatilla county took the prize fighter and his friend to the long distance telephone booth where they conversed with Mr. Johnson of this city. With the phone as a medium of conversation, the coons admitted that they owed two board bills, one substantial bill at a grocery store and

## TRAIN HIT ROCK PILE

(Scripps News Association)  
Salt Lake, Feb. 21.—The fast mail, an east bound passenger running on the Union Pacific ran into a rock slide near Norman, Utah, this morning, wrecking the engine and two cars. The engineer is reported to be under the engine. A number of passengers were injured.

### WILL ARRIVE TONIGHT

A telegram received late this afternoon from W. J. Snodgrass stating that he would arrive on No. 2 this evening with the body of his son. The funeral will be held tomorrow but the hour could not be stated at time of going to press.

with and asked that no recess be taken. A hum was set up by the gossip mongers when she admitted one of the operations had been performed for presumably appendicitis was in reality of a criminal nature.

Jerome has announced that it will require an additional day and half to complete the cross examination.

a tidy sum for clothing received in one of the stores of this city. Mr. Johnson prevailed upon the men at the other end of the line to pay these amounts which totalled fifty odd dollars. But after Mr. Johnson and the other creditors, who had presented their bills prior to the conversation over the phone, had released the men, another bill of nearly fifteen dollars was presented. And today it is rumored that several other bills are still outstanding. As the men have been released at Pendleton, these amounts cannot be collected unless the honesty of the negroes is sufficient to cause a remittance. Over the telephone the coons said they were only leaving La Grande temporarily, and would return within two weeks.

## SUICIDE OR MURDER

(Scripps News Association)  
Chicago Feb. 21.—Webster Guerin aged thirty-five was shot and instantly killed in his office this morning. A detective was on the floor at the time and arrested Flora McDonald, wife of McDonald, the former Chicago gambling king. She hysterically gave her name to the detective while trying to get thru the glass door. "My God" she exclaimed. "He has shot himself and I loved him."

## Air Brake System is Examined

A. H. Hawley and E. L. Gibb, special agents of the Interstate commerce commission, returned yesterday to Oakland, California, after investigating the circumstances of the train wreck which happened at Durkee several months ago. The air brake refused to work and nothing could be done to stop the freight. A disastrous wreck with a passenger was averted by the engineer on the latter train.

The inspectors said little of their findings. Their investigation will likely be reported in full to the commission.

Their line of probing was in regard to the condition of the air brakes and air equipment.

Mr. Hawley is a member of the board of grand trustees of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers.

## Czar Reported Assassinated

(Scripps News Association)  
New York, Feb. 21.—A report to the effect that the Czar of Russia is assassinated has been current today. There appears to be no truth in it. It is of a bucket shop origin.

**ELDER SKIPWORTH**  
Rev. Walton Skipworth, Methodist Episcopal presiding elder, living at The Dalles, was operated upon for appendicitis a few days ago. He is a very sick man, but his condition and indications are favorable.

## University Appropriation

The university of Oregon appropriation bill carrying an annual appropriation of \$125,000 was passed over the governor's veto by the house with four votes to spare.

### CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS

The circuit court was taken up this morning with the selection of a jury to hear the State vs Stoop et al case where the defendant are charged with destroying a dam on the Minam. Mr. Stoop pleaded not guilty and asked for a separate trial which was granted him. The attorneys in the case made their opening arguments just before the dinner recess and immediately after convening the witnesses were called.

The following cases have been disposed of the past week by the circuit court which is now in session:

State vs H. M. Pfeiffer, charged with assault and battery, found guilty. Sentence not imposed.

State vs S. Meyers. Dismissed.

State vs F. Ryner, found guilty of larceny from a dwelling. Sentence not imposed.

State vs Joseph Veit, found guilty of larceny from a dwelling.

A sentence of one hundred dollars was imposed on H. C. Cotner for permitting gambling.

State vs L. A. Stoop et al is now being tried.

## Bill To Purchase The Locks

(Observer Special)  
Salem, Feb. 21.—The Jones bill providing for an appropriation of the Locks at Oregon City, on the Willamette river, contingent upon the Federal government making an appropriation for the same purpose, passed the senate this afternoon.

The reapportionment bill was filed in the house. The Multnomah delegation violated its pledge by voting to table the bill.

The bill to force the sale of the wagon road grants near Cook Bay was killed as was also the Irrigation Code bill.

### NO SCHOOL TOMORROW

The public schools of this city this afternoon are having exercises appropriate to the anniversary of the birthday of Washington. The G. A. R. and W. R. C. attended in a body. Tomorrow being a legal holiday there will be no school.

### PASSED WITH ALL "A"

Earl Kilpatrick, a freshman at the state university, was one of three who passed the midwinter examinations with all "A" cards. All the Grande Ronde students at the school are making a creditable showing but Mr. Kilpatrick's high mark will be a pleasing bit of news to his many friends in this city.

### BARTLETT OWNS PROMISING COLT

E. W. Bartlett, of La Grande, has a 2-year-old gelding by Satin Royal that is a very fine, promising colt and strengthens the idea which Mr. Bartlett has always held that Satin Royal would prove himself one of the leading sires of the Northwest. This youngster is out of Jess B., by Baymont, Jr., and shows plenty of speed. Rural Sp. It.

Councilman J. T. Williamson, his son Joseph, S. B. Williamson have gone up the Grande Ronde river on a brief business trip.

## DISASTER

## A STEAMER BREAKS

## 141 ARE DEAD

## One Passenger Is Saved

## A VERY HEAVY SEA

## While Entering Harbor the Steamer Berlin Sinks with Crew and Passengers

(Scripps News Association)  
Rotterdam, Feb. 21.—The Great Eastern Railway steamer Berlin went aground breaking up, 150 passengers and all of the crew are reported drowned.

The Berlin was bound from Harwich, England to Rotterdam and wrecked on a sand bank just outside of the harbor.

The loss of life is estimated at 141. Many people ashore saw the vessel strike but they thought she would be able to ride safely until the storm would permit small boats to go to the rescue. A tremendous sea washed over the vessel which began to immediately break up. Several Americans are reported to be lost. The passengers who rushed to the deck at the first shock were washed off. It was impossible for life boats to live in the sea and all aid from the land was cut off.

The full list of dead will never be known. The steamship officials say the list includes the members of the German Opera Company which was returning.

**LIST GROWS**  
London, Feb. 21.—The Exchange Telegraph company announces that it has been officially informed that 150 passengers and all of the crew aboard of the Berlin are lost.

The entrance to the harbor is narrow but the terrific gale that was blowing is the primary cause as the captain evidently miscalculated the force of the gale. The ship was literally blown onto the bank and broke into. The passengers gathered on the after part while the forepart was sinking. It is understood that one passenger was saved.

Walter E. Ferguson, recently returned from California, and who has been visiting in La Grande, went to Union today to visit relatives.

## MEN'S SPRING TOGGERY

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