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THAW TRIAL COMMENCES

ALL WITNESSES WERE ORDERED FROM COURT ROOM.

Assistant District Attorney Closed His Statement of the Case and Walter H. Vilkening Was the First Witness to Be Placed on the Stand—Mrs. William Thaw May Take the Stand Next Friday.

New York, Jan. 13.—The assistant district attorney opened and closed his statement to the jury in the Thaw trial this morning and immediately following the conclusion of his brief remarks, Walter H. Vilkening was called as the first witness. Garvin made a simple statement of the facts of the shooting. Vilkening merely identified a plan of Madison Square garden. Mrs. William Thaw will arrive here Thursday and it is not improbable that she will take the witness stand Friday.

James Smith followed Vilkening to the stand, after all other witnesses, save Evelyn Thaw and the medical experts, had been ordered from the room by the court.

State Rests. After hearing briefly the exact story of the killing of Stanford White by Harry Thaw today, the state rested its case. This bears out the theory that prosecuting attorney Jerome is holding back his best evidence for rebuttal.

Taft's Suggestion.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Cuba will be turned back to the Cubans early in March or April if Secretary Taft's suggestions to the president are followed. This suggestion was made to the president today.

It is reported that Charles Griffin will again become proprietor of the Hotel Elgin.

SPECIAL SESSION.

Carson, Nev., Jan. 13.—Members of the state legislature, who have been called in special session by Governor Sparks, to consider the industrial situation, are convening here today for tomorrow's opening. Lieutenant Governor Dickerson is among the arrivals.

LITTLE GIRL SHOT.

While Trying to Save the Life of Her Dog.

Chehalis, Wash., Jan. 13.—Little 10-year-old Etta Fink, was shot and dangerously wounded Sunday by Victor Smith, a boy 18 years old, because she attempted to save the life of her dog. Smith with a companion announced that he was going to kill the dog and went to the Fink house with a gun. To save the dog the little girl rushed out in front of the animal as Smith fired, the bullet striking the girl in the right breast. Smith escaped, but a big posse is after him.

EFFICIENCY OF WAR FLEET

ATTRACTING NO SMALL ATTENTION IN FRANCE.

Two French Naval Experts Entertain Opposite Views Regarding the Efficiency of the American War Fleet—Coming as it Does at This Time, It Has Created a Sensation Among Naval Circles in France.

Paris, Jan. 13.—The socialist paper "Action," features an interview with Captain Fremont, naval attache of the legation, dwelling on the efficiency of the American fleet. It has created a sensation, as it comes in opposition to an article printed in McClure's by Reuter Dahl, which was also given wide publicity in France and was generally believed.

NO BAIL FOR SCHMITZ YET

DUNNE HAS NO OFFICIAL KNOWLEDGE OF DECISION.

It is Probable That the Ex-Mayor Will Appeal From This Decision Within the Next Few Days to the Supreme Court to Compel the Lower Court to Release Him on Bail—Prosecution's Objects.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 13.—Judge Dunne this morning denied the motion of the attorneys for ex-Mayor Schmitz, that their client be admitted to bail. The court held that until the remittitur comes down from the appellate bench, which must be within 30 days, he has no judicial knowledge of the decision of higher courts, setting aside the conviction of the ex-mayor.

Immediately after the opening of court today, Attorney Drew, for Schmitz, moved as follows:

"If your honor please, I move that the defendant, Schmitz, be admitted to bail in case No. 350. There is no conviction against him and he is entitled to bail, as a matter of right."

District Attorney Hoff Cook opposed Attorney Drew's motion. It is highly probable that Schmitz may appeal from this decision to the supreme court within a few days, asking it to compel the lower court to grant bail.

Will Try Again.

London, Jan. 13.—A dispatch from Ceylon states that Sir Thomas Lipton, who is visiting there, will challenge for the America's cup in 1909.

Firm Suspends.

New York, Jan. 13.—The suspension of the firm of Robert Mclay & Co., was announced today on the stock exchange.

HALL IS ON TRIAL AT LAST

JUDGE HUNT OPENED COURT THIS MORNING.

Former United States District Attorney is Charged With Conspiracy of Illegally Fencing in Government Land—Heny Alleges That Hall Obstructed Him in His Work of Investigation of Land Fraudsters.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 13.—The first of the land fraud trials called in Portland under the direction of Special Prosecutor Heny of over a year, opened this morning before Federal Judge Hunt of Montana, when the case of former United States District Attorney John Hall, who is charged with illegally fencing in government lands was brought up for trial.

With Hall is associated Winlock W. Stelwer as co-defendant. Hall is charged with a conspiracy for illegal fencing, in which 18,360 acres of public lands were inclosed and used by a livestock corporation as a pasture.

The morning's session was consumed in preliminary motions. Veniemen ordered to report at court at 2 o'clock in the afternoon for examination.

Heny charged Hall with obstructing him in his work of rounding up the land-fraudsters, and finally had him dismissed from office. Hall has always maintained he was innocent. It is expected that the trial will last about two weeks and that fully 80 witnesses will be examined.

Unexpected Legal Complication.

A motion for a separate trial made by John Hall, over two years ago, before the late Judge Bellinger, and a motion for a plea in abatement was made by Franklin P. Mays, at the same time, was found on the docket this morning by Judge Hunt, and these will have to be disposed of before Francis J. Heny can get down to the real work of trying Hall on the charge of conspiracy and land fraud.

The motions in both cases had been forgotten by both sides. Judge Bellinger died before he ruled upon them and the cases had dragged along ever since that time.

Both Hall and Mays took until tomorrow morning to decide what steps they would take in regard to the motions.

STORMS IN THE EAST

CHICAGO AND VICINITY IN WORST BLIZZARD OF YEAR.

Wires and Telephone Lines Down—All Railroad Traffic Demoralized—Many Trains Abandoned, and Others Running on Any Old Kind of Schedules—Street Car Service in Milwaukee at a Standstill—Conduits Are Flooded.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—This city and surrounding towns within a radius of 80 miles, are in the clutches of the worst blizzard of the present year. All of the telegraph and telephone lines are out of commission. The Postal company has no wires east or west and the Western Union has but one wire working to New York. All trains have been delayed and many are abandoned and running as best they can on made-up schedules. In Milwaukee the street cars are stalled and the conduits are flooded.

MORE PROTECTION.

Senator Ankeny Providing for Puget Sound and Gray's Harbor.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—Three submarine boats, two for Puget sound and the third for Gray's Harbor are provided for in a resolution introduced into the senate today by Senator Ankeny.

Proclamation Today.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 13.—It has been learned today that the appointment of Rev. Dr. Edward J. Hanna, as coadjutor archbishop of San Francisco, succeeding the late Archbishop Montgomery, will be proclaimed today at the Vatican.

Nebraska Pioneers Meet.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 13.—Many aged citizens who came to Nebraska when it was a wild country inhabited mainly by Indians, are in attendance today at the annual sessions of the Territorial Pioneers' association and the Nebraska State Historical association. The meetings are being held in the new temple building and the pioneers will be elaborately entertained during their stay in the city. The final session of the convention will be held tomorrow.

Birth Record.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Huntley, in this city Monday, January 13, a son.

CLUB MAN SUICIDES

ATTEMPTED TO KILL WIFE BUT FORTUNATELY FAILED.

Fired Twice at Spouse in Presence of Children—Both Shots Missed—Blew His Own Brains Out—Was Son of New York Banker—Couple Had Had Domestic Trouble—Name Would Drive Any One to Crime.

Oakland, Jan. 13.—While the laughter of his two children was still ringing in his ears, John Alexander May Althof, a prominent club man of this city, and son of a New York banker, arose from the dinner table and fired two shots at his wife and then rushed to his room upstairs and blew out his brains. As he fired, he remarked to his children:

"I won't hurt you." A second shot immediately followed both of them missing the woman. Physicians were hastily summoned but on their arrival he was dead. Althof's father is rated at half a million dollars. It is said that his home life had not been a happy one of late.

MERE FORMALITY.

Negro Will Be Speedily Tried, Convicted and Executed.

Newark, N. J., Jan. 13.—George Wilson, the negro indicted for the murder of Frederick R. Romer, at the Park hotel, Orange, was placed on trial today. Little doubt is expressed that he will be speedily convicted and sentenced to the electric chair, as he has already confessed his guilt. His plea of "not guilty" was entered to require with the law and the trial is a mere formality.

FRISCO CRAFT PROSECUTION

PROSECUTORS AT SEA: RUEF'S TESTIMONY IS ESSENTIAL.

Conference Now Being Held Will Decide Whether Ruef is to Be Held in Jail or Released on Bail, or Whether He Will Be Tried on the Remaining Charges, or Will Be Released at Once.

San Francisco, Jan. 13.—The fate of Boss Ruef and the future policy of the San Francisco graft prosecution will be decided upon at today's conference which will be held between the former boss and District Attorney Langdon. Whether Ruef is to be held in the county jail until the remitture of the opinion of the district court of appeals, goes down to Judge Dunne's court, or whether he will be released at once, on extortion charges and admitted to bail on the other charges as alternative and it is for the prosecution to decide.

The further prosecution of Ruef on the bribery charges is another matter that will have to be decided. The prosecutor is very loth to take up the graft charges without Ruef's testimony.

A HEAVY LOSS.

First National Bank of Portland the Victim—No Arrests.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 13.—Turle Nordstrom, son of John Nordstrom, who is cashier of the Scandinavian-American bank of this city, is charged with having raised a \$3 draft signed by J. R. A. Bennett, cashier of the First National bank of this city, to the sum of \$15,000, and with having successfully cashed the same in Chicago. No arrests have been made as yet.

Nordstrom left the city on Thanksgiving day for the east, presumably to sell oil stock. Before leaving he secured Bennett's signature upon the three dollar draft. While in Chicago he also passed a forged letter of introduction to the bank.

HAVEMEYER, JR.,

Succeeds His Father as Director in the Sugar Trust.

New York, Jan. 13.—Horace Havemeyer, who was temporarily appointed to occupy the directorship left vacant by the death of his father, Henry O. Havemeyer, on the board of the American Sugar Refining company, will probably be permanently elected at the annual meeting of the shareholders in Jersey City tomorrow. The appointment by the directors of W. B. Thomas, vice-president of the company, as acting manager, is also likely to be affirmed. Mr. Thomas has been the Massachusetts director of the company for many years, and has had his headquarters in Boston. He also has acted as manager of the Boston Sugar refinery.

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Our many customers for the liberal patronage bestowed upon us, which has enabled us to make this the foremost drug store in this section of the country. All can rest assured that our gratitude will be further shown by giving the most scrupulous care and conscientious attention to every detail of our business.

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We have Decided to Continue our January Sale for another week and will give you six full days more of the greatest Dollar Saving Opportunity you have ever enjoyed.

UNDERWEAR GREATLY UNDERPRICED FOR THIS WEEK

\$1.25 Mens Ribbed Wool Underwear in Natural Grey, this week	73c	Boys, Misses and Childrens odd Wool Garments worth up to \$1.00, this week	29c
\$2.50 Australian Lambs Wool, this week	\$1.38	75c Ladies Heavy Ribbed Fleece lined Underwear	43c
\$2.00 values, in Tan Ribbed Medium Weight Wool, this week	\$1.29	\$1.00 Ladies Union Suits, Fleece lined	78c
75c values Heavy Wool Fleece, this week	52c	\$1.75 values in Ladies fine ribbed All Wool Underwear, this week	\$1.38
\$1.25 Heavy All Wool Men's Flat Knit Underwear	69c	\$2.50 values in White ribbed All Wool Underwear	\$1.97
\$2.50 Mens fine Ribbed Worsted Underwear, this week	\$1.77	Childrens Heavy Fleece lined ribbed Underwear, regular price 25c to 50c, this week 19c to	33c
50c Heavy Fleece this week	38c		

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