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## CALLS EVELYN DESPITE PROTEST

SURPRISE IN STORE  
FOR THE PROSECUTION.

Despite Announcement of Yesterday, Evelyn Thaw is Called to Witness Stand Early in the Trial—Her Testimony Short—Attracts Much Attention—Scientific Woman Testifies Regarding Early Childhood of the Defendant.

New York, Jan. 17.—Evelyn Thaw was called to the stand at 11:35 this morning, as a witness for the defense of her husband, who is charged with the murder of Stanford White, the architect. This was an unexpected move on the part of Attorney Littleton, Thaw's leading counsel, as he had announced yesterday that Mrs. Thaw would not be called until among the last of the witnesses. It is supposed that her anxiety to remain in the court room beside her husband was the reason for her early call to testify. She was sworn and the jurors leaned forward with interest to see the woman about whom so much discussion has raged.

At this time Littleton sprung another surprise. After holding a short discussion with his associates, he withdrew the witness, stating that he was not ready at this moment to examine her.

**Evelyn's Testimony.**  
After testifying in answer to Jerome Thaw had told her he loved Evelyn Nesbit more than any woman he had ever known, she was excused.

It is thought that Mrs. William Thaw, mother of the defendant, may testify late today. She arrived at the court house this morning, accompanied by her son, Josiah, and appeared to be very ill.

Miss Alice Fletcher of Washington, a friend of the Thaw family, was the first witness to take the witness stand

this morning. She said Harry was subject to intemperate outbursts when a child.

The witness testified that in 1903 Thaw told her he was suffering from a disease of the eye and hoped he would die. He talked so incoherently that the witness stated she could hardly understand what he meant. In cross-examination she stated that she was connected with the archaeological bureau at Washington. She is one of the best known scientific women in the United States. Miss Fletcher baffled Jerome completely in her clever oral fencing.

Mrs. William Thaw was on the stand but a few moments, when she was excused and Evelyn recalled.

## RUMORS OF SHIP DISASTER PREVAIL

BATTLESHIP CONNECTICUT  
RUMORED BLOWN UP.

Unreliable News Afloat in New York and Washington Today That Part of Evans' Fleet Has Met With Disaster in Rio Janeiro Harbor—Officials Not Inclined to Give It Foothold, But Are Anxious to Hear From Evans Himself.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—There is a wild rumor afloat in Washington and New York today that the battleship Connecticut of the Evans' fleet, which is sailing around the horn of the Pacific ocean, had been blown up in the harbor of Rio Janeiro.

No confirmation has yet been secured by the navy department, which scouted the idea of a disaster.

Notwithstanding this, the officials are anxious to get direct communication with Admiral Evans. These communications are momentarily expected. Until they arrive, the rumors continue to spread throughout the country.

## FRAUD CASES PROCEED SLOWLY

ONLY ONE WITNESS  
ON THE STAND TODAY.

Putman of Fossil is Only Witness at Today's Session of Portland Trial, and His Testimony Deals Entirely With Alleged Combination of Stelwer and Others in the Fencing of Public Lands—Attempt Made to Oust Putman's Evidence.

Portland, Jan. 17.—But one witness was put on the stand today by the government in the Hall case.

E. A. Putman of Fossil, Wheeler county, was called when the session opened and will be on the stand all day. His testimony deals entirely with the alleged combination of Stelwer and others in the fencing of the public domain.

Special Prosecutor Heney is exerting every effort at present to prove the conspiracy to defraud the government of public lands. After having proved this he will go on with the work of bringing in the connection of Hall and Edward Mays with the alleged land frauders and will develop the conspiracy to defeat justice.

The defense is not making any particularly strenuous effort to keep out Putman's testimony. Attorney Webster, for the defense, filed a general blanket objection to Putman's testimony on the ground that he had no connection with Hall and Mays. The motion was overruled and Putman was allowed to tell what he knew about the case.

**Pope Suffering Extremely.**

Rome, Jan. 17.—The pope is suffering from a violent attack of gout and has been ordered to take a long rest, which will keep him in bed some time. All audiences have been suspended.

## PEN PUSHERS WANT JUSTICE

OREGON NEWSPAPER MEN  
IN CONVENTION TODAY.

Oregon Press Association Meets in Portland Today on Call of President, to Discuss Matters of Much Importance to Their Vocation—Putman Affair Will Be Taken Up Before Meeting's End—Former President Dellinger Speaks Today.

Portland, Jan. 16.—The Oregon Press association meets in semi-annual convention here today and tomorrow.

Former President J. S. Dellinger of the association, and editor of the Astoria Astorian, will speak on "Needed Legislation" this afternoon. At this time it is probable that the matter will be discussed as to the advisability of the association taking action in relation to the interpretation in the case of Editor Putman of the Medford Tribune, who was indicted, and fined by Judge Hanna of Jackson county, on a charge of libel and wherein he was denied the right to prove the truth of his alleged libelous statements. The delegates and their wives will be given a reception tonight by the officers of the association.

**WOMEN FIGHT POLICE.**

Violent Riot Takes Place in the Streets of London Over Women.

London, Jan. 17.—Suffragettes raided the house of Premier Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman during a meeting of the cabinet today and subsequently participated in one of the most violent riots that ever took place in London. Women fought the police for a solid hour and the streets were blocked in every direction. Many arrests were made.

**DAILY HONORS GIVEN.**

Evans and His Fleet Subject of Considerable Attention From Hosts.

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 17.—Extensive preparations have been made for the entertainment of the Evans' fleet and for the admiral himself when he comes ashore, but it is not known just when he will be able to make the trip. A two-mile boat race between gunners and mates of the fleet will be the feature of today's entertainment.

**WALSH JURY DEBATING.**

No Signs of Jury Reaching Agreement in Noted Chicago Trial.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—The jury in the case of John R. Walsh, head official of the defunct Milwaukee Avenue bank, and charged with misappropriation of funds, is still out and they are apparently no nearer agreement now than when they first entered the room. The government will endeavor to keep the jury balloting as long as possible, as the cost of the trial was only \$100,000.

**HOLD TROOPS A WHILE.**

Goldfield Protected by Regulars Until Militia is Organized.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Responding to an appeal of the Nevada legislature, President Roosevelt today ordered the regular troops to remain in Goldfield until the state legislature takes definite action looking toward the formation of a state police.

**SHIPPING HORSES AGAIN.**

Four Carloads of Animals Have Been Sent to Seattle This Week.

Several carloads of horses have been sent out of Walla Walla this week, which marks the opening of trade in that line since the financial crisis. Two cars were shipped Monday night by McDonald's feed and livery barn, and last night two more were shipped, one from the McDonald barn and the other from the Pioneer stable, says the Bulletin. These

horses go to Seattle, where the majority of them are transferred to ship.

Although the price of horses has made no perceptible change in the past few weeks, the resumption of the shipping business means much to those interested in stock-raising, as the prices are expected to increase later.

**Prominent Spokane Man Dies.**

Astoria, Ore., Jan. 17.—Henry Brooke, a prominent resident of Spokane, died on the steamer Roanoke last night, while on his way down the river from Portland, en route to San Francisco. He was accompanied on the trip by his son-in-law, J. M. Moore, and a sister. The cause of death was heart failure.

## RETURN GAME AT PENDLETON

Before the Pendleton team returned this afternoon, Manager Gulling practically closed negotiations for a return game on the Pendleton floor February 7. This will mean that the evenly matched teams will clash again and give rooters and supporters another chance to witness fast basketball. Unless the unforeseen occurs the local girls' team will go to Pendleton on the seventh of next month. This day precedes the Walla Walla high school game at Walla Walla, and if that game materializes the team will likely make the tour, playing two games in two days.

**Improvements at Pendleton.**

Within two weeks the track on the O. R. & N. cut-off just west of the city, will be connected with the main line and trains will run over the new line, which is one of the most valuable improvements made by the O. R. & N. in this vicinity during the past year.

The steam shovel, which has been employed on the cut-off for some time, will be taken out of service tonight, having completed its work here. A work train will be kept in service, however, for some time in hauling gravel for ballasting the new track from Umatilla, and an extra track gang will follow the gravel train to put the finish on the track. The new line will shorten the distance between Pendleton and Umatilla by about a quarter of a mile and will give the O. R. & N. a much better and safer crossing of the Umatilla river. The big steel bridge on the cut-off is one of the largest and best on the system and no further trouble with high water at the Umatilla river crossing is anticipated.

The Pilot Rock branch track is now entirely completed and is in excellent condition and with the completion of the cut-off, construction work in this vicinity on the O. R. & N. will be at an end.

For job work—no extra charge for promptness—call at The Observer.

## WEALTHY WOMAN COMMITS SUICIDE

JUMPS FROM THIRTEENTH  
FLOOR AND IS CRUSHED.

Sensational Suicide Committed in New York Last Night When Wealthy Boston Woman Flings Herself From High Window—Strikes Roof of Adjoining Building—Left Note for Husband—Had Carefully Planned Her Death, it Seems.

New York, Jan. 17.—One of the most sensational suicides that ever occurred in this city was committed last night when Mrs. Herbert Sears, wife of a Boston millionaire and a member of the most aristocratic family of Massachusetts, leaped from her room on the 13th floor of a fashionable apartment house and was dashed to death on the roof of an adjoining building, 100 feet below.

The suicide was evidently carefully planned. She arose from her bed, threw a light wrapper over her night-gown and made the fatal plunge. Mrs. Sears had come to New York to undergo an operation for a nervous disease. Before committing the act she penned a letter to her husband which is being held for him.

**Crusade Against Street Walkers.**

Bols police are about to start a crusade against what is known as the female street walker.

It has been a source of annoyance to the department for some time that there was no place suitable to lock up the most degraded of the female sex, but with the new jail finished, there will be an excellent place for caring for persons of shady characters, and the police propose to use the new jail to the extent that they declare roaming the streets at all hours of the night by young women will come to a close.

There has been much of this in the past and the police find many cases every night, and there was no place to put them when arrested, and that on this account it has been necessary to allow them to roam the streets at will, carrying on flirtations which in many cases resulted in disaster to those of the sterner sex.—Democrat.

**ROOTERS MAKE HIT.**

Systematic and Spirited, But It Never Grew Boisterous in the Least.

The young men of the city made a hit with their rooting at the basketball game last evening. It was enthusiastic and spirited, but never boisterous, and it needed but a signal from the referee to produce absolute quiet. Between halves, popular parodies entertained the audience.

This sort of rooting is commendable. It smacks of gentle manliness and helps to make basketball popular with the general public.

## Another Week of Matchless Bargain Opportunities

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

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| \$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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