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ANTI-BRYAN GERM KILLED AND BURIED

THE NEBRASKAN HAS
OUTGENERALLED OPPOSITION

No Longer Any Doubt But That W. J. Bryan Will Be Democratic Standard Bearer at Next Election—Cleveland-Parker Wing Holds Conflab With Orator of the Platte and Come Away Satisfied Bryan is "It"—No Other Man So Promising Timber, They Say.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The end of the fight against Col. W. J. Bryan by democrats representing the old Cleveland-Parker wing is generally supposed to have been reached yesterday when a delegation of democrats, headed by Col. Harvey, editor of Harper's magazine, came to Washington to confer with him in regard to his withdrawing from the race. They failed to convince the Nebraskan that he was not the most available timber in the party. Following the meeting Colonel Harvey admitted his defeat. "We lost out," he said. "Bryan is certain to be nominated. The project advanced by New York democrats for a new man as leader, has fallen flat."

Celebrities at Ball.

New York, Jan. 28.—Invitations have been issued to the governors of all adjacent states and to prominent officers of the army, navy and national guard to attend the Old Guard ball at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel tomorrow night. From the number of acceptances received from prominent men, it is likely that the ball will be the most magnificent military affair held in New York in many years. The

affair will be more exclusive than heretofore, as the number of guests will be limited to 1500, whereas as many as 15,000 have attended the balls held in Madison Square Garden in past years.

Reitman Acquitted.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 28.—Ben Reitman, charged with inciting a riot last week, when he led unemployed laboring men in a parade that clashed with the police, was acquitted today. He says he intends to go to California at once.

ERRONEOUS IMPRESSIONS

CURRENT RUMOR NOT
FOUNDED ON FACTS.

Banks of La Grande Not Withholding Payments or Restricting Withdrawals as Rumored—Observer Representative Calls on Each Institution—Same Verdict in Each Instance—Depositors' Checks Honored in Full Despite the Rumor.

A report has become more or less generally circulated that the banks were restricting withdrawals and to see if there was any foundation for such an Observer representative visited the several banks of the city and received the same reply in every instance, to the effect that since the governor's holidays were declared off, that each and every depositor's check had been honored in full and would be to the extent of the deposits.

This report is, doubtless a reiteration of the condition of affairs that were general throughout the state during the long period of holidays, by those who do not carry any bank accounts. Those who do business with the banks knew better.

REBUTTAL BY STATE BEGUN

MANY WITNESSES TELL OF
THAW'S MENTAL STATUS.

First Evidence in Rebuttal in the Thaw Case Was Introduced Today by State—Man Who Saw Thaw Fire Shot That Killed White is Called and Declares There Was Nothing Irrational in Prisoner's Act—Others Tell the Same Story in Brief.

New York, Jan. 28.—The state of New York began its introduction of evidence in rebuttal today in the Harry K. Thaw case. R. E. Lingley, public accountant, who was in Madison Square Garden the night Harry Thaw shot and killed White, was the first witness of the day. He declared Thaw appeared rational enough to him. Mayer Cohn, a music publisher, also saw Thaw in the Garden that night. He, too, though Thaw rational. Paul Brune and Warner Paxton, foreman and engineer, stationed in the Garden, saw the tragedy, and testified that Thaw showed no signs of insanity.

District Attorney Jerome has decided not to call any medical experts in rebuttal. During the morning session he called a number of witnesses who testified they always thought Thaw normal mentally.

Abraham Snyder, a clerk for Abe Hummel, who witnessed Evelyn Nesbit's signature to the affidavit alleging Thaw's cruelty, was not able to identify a photograph of the affidavit this morning.

State Has Rested.

The state rested in the Thaw case at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The defense will put in their sub-rebuttal this afternoon and tomorrow morning, and the jury should have the fate

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WALSH ASKS NEW TRIAL

OUT ON BONDS BUT
WILL RESUME FIGHT.

Feeling Confident of Ultimately Securing Acquittal for Their Client, Attorneys for John R. Walsh Have Appeared in Court to Argue a Motion for a New Trial—District Attorney Confident of the Present Verdict Standing Safe.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—"I have just begun to fight," declares the aged John R. Walsh, recently convicted of misapplication of the funds of the wrecked Chicago National bank, of which he was president. Walsh's attorneys appeared before the court today to argue a motion for a new trial. The aged financier, although broken in health and fortune, is confident that he will yet be acquitted and maintains the same determination that enabled him to rise from an Irish immigrant lad to a multi-millionaire and the owner of railroads, banks and newspapers.

Walsh is now at liberty on bond, pending the decision of the court in today's application for a new trial. If the verdict should be sustained, Walsh could be sentenced to a total of 540 years in prison. He was convicted on 54 counts, and the penalty fixed by statute is not less than five nor more than ten years imprisonment on each count.

Assistant District Attorney Dobyne is confident in his declaration that the verdict will stand, and that it will have a wholesome effect upon the banking operations of the nation.

"In these days of high finance some such substantial warning is needed," said Mr. Dobyne today. "The result shows that the government enforces the law against the rich and powerful as well as against the poor man who violates the statutes."

Walsh's attorneys are hopeful of finally securing the acquittal of their client. They assert that there was in the evidence no clear-cut issue presented to the distinct transaction, and that the jury was overwhelmed by a mass of unconnected testimony having no direct bearing on the transactions of which Walsh was convicted.

Walsh was at one time the principal owner of the Chicago-Inter-Ocean, and later of the Herald and the Chronicle. The latter paper suspended after the collapse of Walsh's financial structure, which included, in addition to the Chicago National bank several railroad, gas, quarry, baseball and mining corporations.

SIMMONS CASE IN COURT AGAIN

DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS
HAVE BEEN DROPPED.

Following the Decision of Judge Crawford, Former Defendant, G. D. Simmons, Has Brought Suit to Have a Receiver of the Simmons Estate Appointed—No Divorce Proceedings Attached and Entire Suit Regards Division of Property.

Notwithstanding the Judge Crawford has ruled unfavorably to both plaintiff and defendant, in the Mrs. Simmons vs. G. D. Simmons divorce case, the suit has not been dropped. This afternoon Attorneys J. W. Knowles and J. D. Slater, as counsel, filed a suit in the circuit court, praying a decree be issued naming a receiver to take charge of the rents and disbursements of same, accruing from the estate. The divorce proceedings have been dropped in the

suit in which the former defendant is now plaintiff. The filing alleges that the defendant is not entitled to collect rents. A solution is hoped to be reached by the plaintiff in having a receiver appointed to look after money matters dealing with property involved.

Attorneys for both parties remain the same.

Much Oil Burned.

San Luis Obispo, Cal., Jan. 28.—A flash of lightning ignited five oil tanks here late last night, causing a loss of \$150,000.

FLAYS ACTS OF LANGDON

DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS
BITTERLY ATTACKED.

Attorney for President Patrick Calhoun Flays District Attorney Langdon for Alleged Breaking of Faith in Settling Calhoun's Date of Trial—Accuses Langdon With Holding a Club in Shape of Ruff's Trial, Which is Delayed.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 28.—District Attorney Langdon was given a terrific scolding today by A. A. Moore, attorney for President Patrick Calhoun, of the United Railroads, because of failure on Langdon's part to set Calhoun's case for trial. He accused Langdon of breaking faith with him in delaying trial and said that the Ruff trial was merely a club to hold over Calhoun and delay the magnate's trial.

Langdon's face flushed with anger but he said nothing in reply save to deny Moore's charges.

Calhoun was in the court room during Moore's speech. Ruff was given a continuance until Thursday in order to await the arrival of Attorney Ach from Los Angeles.

No Rehearing Asked.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 28.—The district attorney's office will not apply for a rehearing in the appeal of former Mayor Eugene Schmitz, in which the judgment of the lower court was dismissed. He will not say whether he will take the matter up before the supreme court or not.

AOKI NO CONSIDERATION.

Ambassador Will Have No Effect on Japanese Immigration Treaty.

Tokio, Jan. 28.—Replying to an interpellation in parliament today, Foreign Minister Hayashi declared that the real ambassador, Aoki, will have no effect on negotiations with the United States in regard to the immigration treaty, which, he said, would be settled in a manner satisfactory to the Japanese.

E. M. MAYS IS DECLARED NOT GUILTY OF CRIME

CO-DEFENDANT WITH
HALL DISCHARGED.

No Evidence Has Been Submitted Sufficient to Hold Edwin M. Mays in Court on the Charge of Fraud Against the Government—Motion Made by Heney to Instruct a "Not Guilty" Verdict—Defense Attorney Springs Same Motion for Hall.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 28.—Edwin M. Mays, co-defendant with John Hall, and on trial with Hall at this time, charged with conspiring with Hall and certain officers of the Butte Creek Land & Livestock company to defraud justice and defraud the government of its public domain, was discharged this morning by Judge Hunt on a motion made by Attorney Wilson, Mays' attorney, on the grounds that no evidence had been submitted by the government which tended to connect Mays with the alleged conspiracy as charged in the indictment.

Prosecutor Heney opened the morning session by asking Judge Hunt to instruct the jury to find Mays "not guilty," as the government had been unable to connect him with the charges filed against him. Attorney Wilson then amended Heney's motion by asking the court to discharge the defendant. This was done.

This afternoon Attorney Webster for Hall, will argue a motion directing Judge Hunt to instruct the jury to bring in a verdict of acquittal in Hall's case on the ground that no evidence has been introduced showing Hall was guilty of any of the acts charged. Heney will contest this motion.

MORGAN DUBBED KING.

Bankers Look to Morgan as King of His Profession in Finance.

New York, Jan. 28.—J. P. Morgan was cheered as the "Uncrowned king of American finance" last night, at the annual banquet of the bankers of New York at the Waldorf-Astoria. A toast to President Roosevelt was drunk in absolute silence on the part of the guests.

Morgan sat unmoved during the cheering that followed mention of his name. When the toast to Roosevelt was called, everybody stood up as usual and drank, and then sat down in silence.

Death Penalty for Assault.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 28.—As a cure for lynching, the lower house passed a bill yesterday, making it a death penalty for attempt to assault women.

HOUSE KEEPERS

Look To The Needs Of Your
Linen Closets This Week - - -

While we offer you an unusual opportunity to supply your linen needs this week we will also continue our last week's "Year-End and Inventory Sale" as advertised last week. Ladies Suits, Hats, Coats and Jackets, and Misses and Childrens Coats at Half and LESS THAN HALF PRICE, Boys and Mens Overcoats at Unordinary Prices, and all Broken Lines at Heavy Price Reductions.

TABLE LINENS, BED LINENS, TOWELS AT INTERESTING PRICES

25c Linen Towels 38x18 inches, in Plain and Fancy Borders

3 for 50c

20c Linen Huck Towels Plain and Striped Borders

Each 15c

15c Linen Toweling 11c

45x36 in. Pillow Cases
3 for 50c

22 in. Bleached Linen Napkins this week

Per Set 39c

50c Table Linens in Turkey red and Canary Colors

33c

\$1.15 values in 72x80 inch Sheets

95c

The Fair
DEPARTMENT STORE
LA GRANDE, OREGON

68x90 inch Bleached Linen Table Cloths in beautiful Floral Patterns, this week

\$2.78

\$1.25 Bleached Linen Damask 72 inches wide, this week

89c

\$1.50 Real German Linen 72 inches wide, this week

\$1.05

VALENTINES

Splendid Assortment
All 1908 Styles
All Prices

HILL'S DRUG STORE

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