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HARRY THAW FOUND INSANE

NOT GUILTY IS JURY
VERDICT REACHED TODAY.

After Deliberation of Less Than 24 Hours the Jury Returns a Verdict of "Not Guilty" on Grounds of Insanity—Prisoner Committed to Matteawan Insane Asylum Immediately After His Acquittal, This Morning.

New York, Feb. 1.—Harry K. Thaw has been acquitted of the murder of Stanford White.

There was no word from the jury during the night and the usual crop of rumors were spread, though, of course, none were authentic. Following breakfast at the Knickerbocker hotel, the jury filed into the court room in single file and each member appeared especially friendly, the former strained relations having apparently vanished.

The verdict was read, and the crowded court room listened to the reading of "not guilty," with mingled astonishment, pleasure and chagrin.

Though Thaw has been found not guilty he is nevertheless not at liberty. Following his acquittal came the judgment of the court committing the prisoner of Matteawan insane asylum, for the jury gave as its reason for acquittal that Thaw is insane.

Tai-Hsu May, Abdicate.

Washington, Feb. 1.—As the result of rumors which have been in circulation for some time regarding the alleged proposed abdication of Tai-Hsu, empress dowager of China, diplomatic Washington is eagerly awaiting news from China that will confirm or disprove the report. The abdication, according to stories that have been current for several weeks, was to take place today, the Chinese new year. It is said that the empress dowager, who was once heartily hated by European and American diplomats as a reactionary, has now be-

come too progressive to please the elder statesmen of the empire of the dragon, and that her abdication has been demanded for that reason.

Sold as an infant to a merchant, at 15 Tai-Hsu became one of the secondary wives of Emperor Hienfung, to whom she bore a son. This son she later placed upon the throne of his father, after plots and intrigues in which poison and sudden death were meted out to her enemies. This son, Kwang-su, will become emperor in fact as well as in name in case Tai-Hsu abdicates the regency.

Montana Governor Resigns.

Helena, Mont., Feb. 1.—Governor James K. Toole filed his resignation this morning with the secretary of state, giving ill health as the cause. His position will be filled by Lieutenant Governor E. N. Norris.

Toole's health has been bad for some time and it is stated that he will go to California to spend the winter.

New York Bank Failed.

New York, Feb. 1.—The Home bank of Brooklyn, failed to open this morning. A run has been in progress several days, and the state banking department has taken charge of the institution. The bank was organized in 1859, with a capital of \$100,000. Deposits are estimated at \$389,000.

Will Try Orchard.

Caldwell, Idaho, Feb. 1.—Plans are being laid for the prosecution of Harry Orchard for the murder of the late ex-Governor Frank Steunenberg. The district attorney insists that Orchard has had no immunity promised him and that he will be tried for his life. It is planned to hold the trial in April.

Off to Meet Battleships.

Punta Arenas, Feb. 1.—The Chilean tender Yanez and several private steamships and yachts, thronged with excursionists, have sailed to meet the battleship fleet which left Possession Bay, 20 miles west of here, this morning.

Irish Actor Dead.

Columbus, O., Feb. 1.—Dennis O'Sullivan, the Irish actor, died here today after an operation for appendicitis.

GIGANTIC SUIT AGAINST KING

EFFORT TO DISSOLVE
HUGE COMBINATIONS.

O. R. & N. Affiliations With Southern Pacific, Union Pacific and Other Roads is to Be Broken if Present Plans Are Successful—Suits Filed in Salt Lake Today—Widest Suit Ever Filed by the Department of Justice.

Salt Lake, Utah, Feb. 1.—The government suit against the E. H. Harriman railroad mergers, was filed here today. This is an effort on the part of the government to dissolve the amalgamation of the Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and O. R. & N. railroads, and is the greatest suit of its kind ever filed by the government. It is wider in its scope than the noted suit against the Northern Securities company which dissolved the Northern Pacific and Great Northern.

This attack is but the leader to a series on all rail combinations of the kind now existing in the United States. The best effort of the department for over a year has been devoted in securing papers and evidence.

Ruef's Attorney Selected.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 1.—Henry Ach will be Abe Ruef's leading attorney and practically sole counsel for the indicted curly-headed boss. The date of trial was set for February 6, although Ach wanted the 17th as the date. He secured permission for Abe Ruef to stay in the city four hours each day to consult his attorneys. Late last night Grover L. Johnson informed Ruef that he would not act as his chief attorney. This is a great blow to Ruef.

Five Burned to Death.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 1.—Five were burned to death and 15 injured in a boarding house fire at 11th and Wyandotte streets today. Survivors escaped scantily clad. The temperature is the lowest of the year.

RETIRE PANIC CERTIFICATES

NEW YORK FINANCIALLY
IMPROVED OVER THE PAST.

New Month Finds Practically All the Clearing House Certificates Cancelled and Conditions Are Much Improved Financially—Emergency Currency Issue Reached a Total of \$97,000,000—The System Was Universally Popular.

New York, Feb. 1.—The arrival of the first day of February finds New York in a better financial condition than it has been for several months. Practically all of the clearing house certificates, issued during the recent panic, have been cancelled. The issue of this emergency currency reached a total of \$97,000,000, but of this amount only \$74,000,000 was put into actual use.

Immediately after the financial clouds had begun to roll by, the clearing house began the movement for the retirement of the certificates and the work has now been satisfactorily completed.

The success of this plan in aiding the banks over a period of depression is being widely commented on in financial circles and is universally commended. That it saved many otherwise sound institutions from serious embarrassments, which might have resulted from the sudden and continued requirement of cash payments during the height of the panic, cannot be doubted.

BAKER CITY LOSES AGAIN.

Boise High School Girls Too Strong for Baker City.

Baker City, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The second successive defeat was administered to Baker City high school girls' team last evening in this city, when the Boise high school girls captured a fast game by a score of 6 to 5. The game was one of the fastest seen on the local floor.

The Line-up follows:

Baker—Hazel Planting, center; Emma Waterman, Mabel Wisdom, guards; Iva Swan and Irma Clifford, forwards.

Boise—Myrtle Belk, center; Marguerite West and Minnie Blanchard, guards; Dorothy West and Esther Davis, forwards.

American Woman to Wed Count.

Paris, Feb. 1.—Mrs. Alice Wetherbee, an American woman of considerable wealth, will, it is announced, be married early this month to Count Rudolph Festetics, a French nobleman. The bride's parents have arrived here to attend the wedding. The ceremony will take place in Paris. The first wife of Count Festetics was also an American woman, Miss Elia Haglin, granddaughter of James B. Haglin. They were married in 1892, and 10 years later the countess obtained a divorce.

FORECAST OF NEWS.

Coming Week Interesting for Presidential Aspirants.

New York, Feb. 1.—The coming week will be a busy one for those who have the presidential bees buzzing in their bonnets. Secretary Taft will make an address before the Yale Alumni association at Hartford on Friday night. Governor Hughes will likely deliver one or more important addresses during the week and will keep his presidential candidacy prominently before the public. William J. Bryan and Secretary George B. Cortelyou will speak at the dinner of the Missouri society of New York in New York city Tuesday evening.

Vice-President Fairbanks will have a look-in at the presidential game next Tuesday, when the republicans of the Hoosier state will hold congressional district conventions for the selection of delegates to the republican convention. The executive committee of the democratic party of Alabama will meet in Montgomery on

EXTREME COLD WAVE PREVAILS

ONLY ONE COLDER
IN SEVEN YEARS.

With the Exception of 1905, When the Thermometer Reached 14 Degrees Below, Last Night Was the Coldest in Seven Years—Mercury Dropped to Even Degrees Below—Water 17 Below—More Cold Coming.

Fair tonight and Sunday; continued cold.—Report of the government weather bureau.

With but one exception, last night was the coldest of any in seven years, according to figures compiled by Weather Observer W. A. Worstell, this morning.

The existing cold wave struck eastern Oregon just a few hours ahead of the predicted time, and judging from the severity of it and the tenacious hold it seems to have, it will cause more than ordinary worry over water pipes and physical comfort. Early last evening the thermometer began to drop and ere this morning broke, 11 degrees below zero had been reached. With the exception of 1905, when the month of February saw 14 degrees below, this is the coldest night since 1901.

Two years of that time, the zero mark was never reached. Following is a table furnished by La Grande's government weather observer, when summarizes the temperatures since 1901:

January 1901, 2 degrees below.
January, 1902, 10 degrees below.
February, 1902, 7 degrees below.
1903, no zero weather.
1904, no zero weather.
February, 1905, 14 degrees below.
January, 1906, 2 degrees below.
January, 1907, 3 degrees below.
January, 1908, 3 degrees below.
February, 1908, 11 degrees below.

Aside from local newspaper men, there has not been a busier body in La Grande today than the plumber. Precaution was generally observed last night, but for all that, pipes were frozen in a great many instances. The sudden drop in temperature of Thursday night served to chill dwellings, and the extreme cold last night had only to finish the work commenced the night before.

WALLA WALLA WINS.

Pendleton Girls Defeated by Walla Walla Team Last Night.

Walla Walla, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The Walla Walla high school girls' team defeated the Pendleton team on the local floor last night in a snappy game, by the decisive score of 13 to 8. It was a neck and neck race until the last portion of the second half, when superior training and speed came to the home team's rescue, and gave it the game by a comfortable margin.

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 Germ n Linen 72 inches wide, this week
\$1.05

VALENTINES

Splendid Assortment
All 1908 Styles
All Prices

HILL'S DRUG STORE

La Grande

Oregon