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Sulzer Fight Drawn Into Thaw's Sensational Escape

THAW'S ARREST AS DANGEROUS MAN POSSIBLE

ESCAPE FROM ASYLUM LEADS TO RUMORS OF A CONSPIRACY.

POLICE CAMP ON TRAIL

Daring Escape From Mattewan Effected Yesterday and Fugitive Is Now Nearing Boston—Is Not Fugitive From Justice, Therefore, Can't Be Extradited Is Belief.

New York, Aug. 18.—Search for Harry Kendall Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, and husband of Evelyn Nesbet Thaw, and who escaped from Mattewan asylum yesterday, continues through the whole of New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut today, while charges of conspiracy are filed against the prison officials for permitting his escape. Thaw sprang into a waiting automobile and escaped in a whirl of dust through an open gate and headed toward the Connecticut line.

Escapes Reach Albany. State Superintendent of Prisons Riley, Sulzer's friend and his appointee, recognized Glynn as governor today when he reported to him the details of the Thaw escape. Riley was furious when he heard reports of bribery on his part and that he helped Thaw to flee. He has ordered a sweeping investigation of the matter.

Hundreds of reports are current today but those best founded say Thaw stopped at the Hotel Lenox, Lenox, Mass., last night with those who aided him in his escape and is now supposed to be speeding toward the Berkshire hills around Boston. It is generally admitted that he cannot be extradited but effort will doubtless be made to cause his arrest as a dangerous person.

Extradition Impossible. Washington, Aug. 18.—Government officials agree it is impossible to extradite Thaw from any state or from abroad. He is not a fugitive from justice but is said to be a lunatic.

Away at Daylight. Pittsfield, Aug. 18.—Harry K. Thaw, one of the principals in the Thaw trial, which a few years ago filled the international papers and who escaped Sunday night from Mattewan, has eluded the police this morning and after staying all night at the Hotel Lenox he escaped in an automobile at daylight, the police say, after he had been positively identified. The police are in pursuit.

Deputy Clerk Returns. C. K. McCormick, deputy county clerk, has returned from a vacation trip to Catherine creek.

READ THE CHARTER. In this issue of the Observer is a section of the proposed city government by commission charter. Sections of it will be run from time to time to fully converse each reader with the salient facts of the new government scheme. A section is printed today on another page.

Moffatt Jumps Up and Comes Down With Thuds

Picks Holes In Dollarway And Denies Reported Idaho Falls Cancellation

Ouch! Moffatt's in town. Ouch! again. Moffatt is the Spartacus that chants the virtues of bitulithic paving and bobbed up today like a jack-in-the-box and came down all straddled out with many shoe calks filed to bears-tooth edge and came down on Dollarway, bitucrate, straight concrete—more especially the first and last named—with a thud that scattered hot bitumen, as it were, all over the other types of paving and the men who represent them. If there had been any more varieties of concrete and Dollarway in town the changes are great gobs of said hot stuff would have splashed on them too. First and foremost, A. C. says bitulithic orders were not recinded in Idaho Falls as has been asserted. A. C. elaborated on this assertion in an interview today but A. C. was angry and—well didn't talk Sunday vocabulary all the time.

"Say to your reader this: let them write to Vancouver, Ellensburg, The Dalles, Monroe, Wash., Governor Haines of Boise, etc., and find out how Dollarway is rated there. Con-

crete paving ravel and peels. They have to leave expansion cracks and they conceived the idea that they could stop to wear and tear and ground on these cracks from horses and wagons and automobile by brooming over a little bitumen. Nay, 'can't be done. Ask, I say, men in these towns I have named and see what you get. If La Grande does not want any more bitulithic, well that goes. But nix on the jabbling of fact'.

The date of the crucial test on Spring street that will temporarily halt the paving war, is 'drawing near and two paving men due in today have been missing connections. A man whose name is Flannagan, and represents a St. Louis firm, and another representative of Dollarway, Morrison by name, were due this morning but did not arrive. They will certainly come tonight or tomorrow morning.

However the latest bit of gossip going the rounds of paving circles and that extends all over the city, is the fact that A. C. Moffatt is in town. (See above.)

STEAMSHIP IN TROUBLE IN ALASKAN WATERS; NO DETAILS

Seattle, Aug. 18.—It is reported eight drowned.

Seattle, Aug. 18.—Beyond admitting receipt of a message, notifying them of the loss of the steamer State of California, in waters of southeastern Alaska, the Pacific Coast Steamship company says it has no informa-

tion as to where or how the accident occurred and whether there has been any loss of life. The State of California sailed from Seattle August 13, for Skagaway and Sitka, and besides the crew, carried 54 passengers on tourist trips, making the journey round trip.

DEATH CALLS TWO AGED LADIES

Two aged women of La Grande have died in the past 36 hours, when Mrs. Hayes, mother of Mrs. J. D. Slater of this city, and Margaret Heidenrich passed away. Yesterday morning at 8 o'clock, Mrs. Hayes passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Slater on Washington avenue, after a long and lingering illness in which she was helpless for weeks. She would have been 80 years old had she lived until September, and has lived in La Grande since the fall of 1885. The funeral will be held to-

morrow from the home, Dr. A. G. Lane officiating. During her long residence in La Grande she formed innumerable friends with love and exemplary, righteous and loving life. Besides the many friends who will mourn Mrs. Hayes' death are Mrs. Slater, a daughter in California and a daughter in New York.

Margaret Heidenrich, aged 86, a well known and respected resident of this city, died on August 17, in this city. Mrs. Heidenrich was born in Bavaria in 1826 and came to this coun-

Catholic Priests Go In Retreat At Mission

Catholic priests of Eastern Oregon went into retreat today at the Indian mission near Pendleton. There will be some 20 priests who will listen to the preaching of the Jesuit priest under the leadership of Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Reilly. The purpose of the retreat is manifold. Above all the object is for the priests to strive for a renewal first grace and fresh piety. But the spiritual uplift is not all that is purposed for the retreat. The events of the past year are discussed and remoted from populated districts the retreat is conducted from the 18 to the 22. The parishes are deserted as a result. The entire diocese sends its

priests and the religious observance is akin to the retreat conducted at stated intervals.

Among the Eastern Oregon priests who will attend the Indian mission retreat this year are:

Father Driscoll, La Grande; Father Murphy, Wallowa; Father Marshall Baker; Father Murphy, Baker; Father Nooy, Milton; Father Cantrell, Duffur; Father Hewel, Joseph; Father Quinn, Hermiston; Father Brady, Vale; Father O'Rourke, Hesperia; and Father James of Huntington. Many of the Eastern Oregon priests went west on No. 17 today.

DIGGS WILL GO ON STAND WHEN CASE RESUMES

HOPES TO SHIFT BLAME ONTO WEALTHY SACRAMENTO CITIZENS.

MAY ESCAPE QUESTIONS

Some Doubt Prevails as to What Presiding Judge Will Do In the Matter When Diggs Goes on Stand to Tell All About His Escapade In Reno—Mrs. Diggs Will Also Testify.

San Francisco, Aug. 18.—Diggs is to be the first witness in the resumption of the trial tomorrow. He is prepared to tell everything and if pressed too hard, may attempt to shift some of the responsibility for the downfall of Marsha Warrington to prominent Sacramentoans. A report is in circulation as to whether Judge Van Fleet will allow him to be questioned. Diggs' story, it is understood, will tend to show that the young men did not take the girls to Reno for immoral purposes but that they were driven to leave through the threats of exposure. Diggs will be followed by his wife and Mrs. Caminetti and possibly by Caminetti.

Tillman Discusses Case.

Washington, Aug. 18.—The Diggs-Caminetti case was discussed on the floor of the senate today. Senator Tillman of South Carolina, said that the easy divorce would enable Diggs and Caminetti to secure their victims. He mentioned this while speaking against woman's suffrage under the present law. "If Diggs and Caminetti affair had occurred in my state," declared Tillman, "the fathers of the girls would have killed the two wife deserters like dogs and they would have been acquitted. It appears to me," he continued, "that the relation between divorce and suffrage is one mutual acceleration."

try in 1886. She was beloved by all who knew her and her many friends in this city knew her as Grandma Heidenrich. Besides a large number of relatives she leaves a host of friends to mourn her death. Mrs. Heidenrich is survived by three sons, J. D. Heidenrich of this city, Nick Heidenrich and John Mars, the contractor also of this city, and three daughters, who still live in Bavaria. The funeral was held from the German Lutheran church this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

High School Golfer Arrives.

Boston, Aug. 18.—A large delegation of Worcesterites was on had today to welcome Heinrich Schmidt, Worcester high school boy whose golf play has been a sensation in Europe, when he returned from Glasgow. Schmidt is scheduled to defend his title as amateur champion of New Hampshire in the White Mountain tournament being played today. He also will participate in the national golf tournament at Garden City, New York.

Typhoon Visits China.

Tong Kong Aug. 18.—Hundreds are reported killed by a typhoon that is sweeping the island of Macao. A great number of vessels were swamped.

The Western Baby Is Best

EASTERN "SPECIFICATIONS" ARE OUTDONE IN WEST.

IDEAL IS TOO SMALL

Spokane Physician Will Show World Perfect Babies.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 18.—So far do western babies surpass the specifications for the standard eastern infant that the standard heretofore used may have to be changed, according to Dr. William L. Hall, who has the scores of 227 youngsters already entered in a "better babies" contest to be held in Spokane the week commencing September 15. "I have the measurements of the ideal babies, as adopted by the recent New York competition," stated Dr. Hall, "and I find that our western babies are taller, heavier, have greater chest measurements and in other respects outdo the records set in the east.

"When we have completed our examination of the thousand or more husky infants that will be sent in from the surrounding farming districts, I believe we will show the world that the west is the home of the perfect baby."

BAND FIGHTS LEADER'S SUIT

SALARY CONTRACT IS INVOLVED IN SUIT.

Justice Court to Hear Case Over Deposed Leader.

Dispute over qualifications of I Benedetti as a band leader on one hand and the powers to collect salary on a contract entered into between Benedetti and the band on another will be aired in justice court the next few days. Benedetti, who three months ago was employed on a year's contract to lead the band at \$60 per month, was released after two months, because, to the opinion of the band members, he was not giving value received for the wages paid. The band offered a compromise when they released their leader by offering him \$100. This was refused and the case taken to court but the action brought deals only with one month and can therefore come up in justice court. The band must file answer to the suit tomorrow.

Can the deposed leader claim his salary for the year? That is the much mooted question and the band will attempt to escape the contract on the ground that the leader did not fill the bill. The band has now employed another leader.

Jap Coal Causes Indignation.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 18.—Public indignation over the forced importation of Japanese coal as a result of refusal of the operators to arbitrate the strikes in mines east of here, is liable to affect, it was declared today, the opening of government mines in Alaska. Mine operators declare they will import Japanese coal until the strikers return to work and the owners today are being bitterly denounced as responsible for this situation when there is unlimited supply 45 miles from Vancouver.

TEMPERATURE AT CHICAGO IS HOURLY WORSE

THREE STATES REPORT FATALITIES DUE TO EXCESSIVE HEAT.

IS HOTTEST OF THE HOT

Lake Region Sweltering In Terrific Heat Wave Today—Grand Rapids, Detroit and Cleveland Report Fatalities With no Relief in Sight Today—Mercury Rises Hourly Two Degrees.

Chicago, Aug. 18.—With the temperature rising at the rate of two degrees in an hour, the entire lake region continues to swelter in one of the hottest spells of the season. Many prostrations have occurred and reports from Cleveland say that three are dead. Five are dead at Grand Rapids and six at Detroit. There is no hope of immediate relief.

BUSINESSMEN TAKE HAND

Rivalry Between Sulzer and Glynn to Be Hurried to Courts.

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 18.—The dual governorship tangle will be clarified if possible by the business men who are financially interested and who will want to know who is the bonafide head of the state, Sulzer or Glynn. It is expected that an organization of taxpayers will act within 48 hours to secure a court ruling in the matter. Danger of physical clashes between the two rivals is hourly disappearing.

SPIKER HOME AFIRE.

Hoodoo Box Finally Turns in True Enough Fire Saturday Night.

Fire Saturday evening about 4:00 o'clock did considerable damage to the Joseph Spiker residence, 2203 North Fir. The alarm came in over the hoodoo box No. 33. The fire was started by an oil stove during an explosion and was confined principally to the upper story and the roof, considerable damage being done to the roof. Furniture was removed without damage but there is no insurance to cover the damage to the roof and other portions of the building.

LANE INSPECTS CHIEF PROJECTS

SECRETARY OF INTERIOR SPENDS DAY IN STATE.

Is On the Deschutes Project Today With Special Train.

Portland, Aug. 18.—Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior, is spending today in Oregon by inspecting the proposed reclamation enterprises in the Deschutes valley. He is accompanied by a number of Oregonians on a special train and will visit the Hermiston project while in the state.