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## CHICAGO ASSESSMENT CASE

Argument Heard in the Suit Against the Board of Equalization.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 21.—Judge Grosvenor, of Chicago, and Judge Humphrey, of the United States Court, today heard arguments in the suit for an injunction of the Chicago Union Traction Company against the State Board of Equalization, to restrain the board from assessing the capital stock of the two traction companies named in the bill, as has been done in Judge Thompson's writ, returnable tomorrow. Before arguments were begun, Judge Humphrey denied the petition of the City of Chicago to become a party defendant to the suit. The arguments were made by Attorney Crawford, for the traction companies, Attorney E. S. Smith, representing the State Board of Equalization, and Attorney General Hamlin. The arguments were still in progress when the court adjourned for the day.

## HOME RULERS AT OTTAWA

Laurier Attended a Luncheon Given the Irish Emigrants.

OTTAWA, Ont., Nov. 21.—Tonight the Irishmen of Ottawa gave a cordial welcome to John Redmond, the Irish Nationalist leader, and P. A. McHugh, the Irish Nationalist envoy. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. R. W. Scott, Secretary of State, attended the luncheon given to them. The following resolution was drawn up for presentation to the visitors: "That the Irishmen of Ottawa, in joint meeting assembled, tender to John E. Redmond and his colleagues a cordial welcome to the capital of the Dominion of Canada, a land blessed in the fullest extent with liberties and freedom, and pledge them our sympathy and support in their efforts to obtain the long-sought blessing of home rule for Ireland."

**Porto Rico's Prosperity.**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Governor Hunt, of Porto Rico, who is in this city on a vacation, called upon President Roosevelt today. Governor Hunt reports that conditions in Porto Rico have improved under the prospect that exists there is no longer a question of glittering generalities.

## WILL LEAVE SOFIA.

Dickinson's Departure May Have Good Effect on Brigands.

SOPIA, Nov. 21.—Mr. Dickinson, the diplomatic agent here of the United States, will leave Friday morning for Sofia, Bulgaria, to attend to the case of the Bulgarian brigands. Dickinson's departure will probably have a good effect upon the brigands who have been terrorizing the country, as they may fear to lose everything by not accepting Mr. Dickinson's proposals.

## No Naval Demonstration.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—It is said at the State Department that no application has been made by the United States Government to the Porte for permission to send warships to the Dardanelles to demonstrate off the Bulgarian coast, as reported in Vienna dispatches this morning. It is further said that the status of Miss Stone's case remains unchanged, so far as the department is advised.

## How Annexation Would Help Cuba.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Lieutenant-Commander Lucien Young, of the United States Navy, has arrived here from Havana. He says: "The economic conditions of Cuba at the present time are worse than ever in its history, even worse than at the close of the 19th century. Its sugar is being sold at \$1.25 for 100 pounds, when it costs \$1.70 per 100 pounds to raise it; 10 per cent of the tobacco crop is unsold, and sweating in the barns. There is not a candle date booked for office in the Senate or in the Congress who could sign his name for a \$5 check. All the successful industries of Cuba are dependent on the United States, and annexation is the only salvation of Cuba, for annexation means free trade with us."

## General Wood's Inspection.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Nov. 21.—Governor Wood went to Guantanamo and inspected the troops today. He will return to Havana, visiting all the ports on the north coast, and then go to Washington to endeavor to secure an amendment to the tariff schedules affecting sugar and tobacco, which amendment, he says, he regards as absolutely necessary.

## SLAIN BY AN ENEMY?

Murder of James B. Morrow on the East Side.

## UNKNOWN ASSASSIN ESCAPES

Leaving the Home of His Fiancee, the Well-Known Young Man Is Wounded and Killed by Shooting—A Midnight Mystery.

Victim of an atrocious murder, James B. Morrow, a prominent East Side young man, of 306 East Seventh street, lies dead at Dunsmuir's East Side morgue. The manner in which the death was perpetrated is enveloped in mystery, and the identity of the assassin is unknown. The circumstances surrounding his tragic death make it one of the saddest cases that has ever baffled the efforts of the police to unravel. Leaving the home of the young woman to whom he was engaged to be married, Miss Lilah Illidge, of 316 East Sixth street, North, James Morrow, with a jet on his hip, started for his own home one mile and a half away. He parted with her at 11:45, too late to catch a car, and started blithely upon his way. When the tragedy was enacted he was three-quarters of a mile from his home. The murder took place on East Eighth street, between Stephens and Mill, 20 feet away from the residence of C. S. Bradford, a mail carrier. A loud report of a pistol or rifle was heard at 12:15 A. M. The neighborhood was aroused. Listeners merely turned over in their beds. Several heard the clatter of retreating footsteps. The sound of the shot was not heard. The raindrops fell upon the body of the boy, while the residents lay back to a second slumber. Four hours elapsed before the crime was discovered. Then every one was aroused to a realization that prompt action on the part of some detective persons might have raised a hue and cry, some one might have been at hand to hear the dying boy make a last statement, and others might have sent out the alarm and headed off the escaping murderer and his possible accomplice. Two theories have arisen as to the manner in which the murder was committed. The first is that the assassin was a jealous rival of James Morrow for the affections of Miss Lilah Illidge. The second is that it was the act of a highwayman.

## Was It an Enemy's Deed?

The theory that the murder was deliberate and premeditated, and the act of a personal enemy is built up largely upon the position in which the body was found at 4:30 yesterday morning by Ambrose Sparrow, a driver of a milk wagon. Richard Sparrow, the body lay stretched across the sidewalk, the head pointing toward the curb. From the posture of the body it was evident that Morrow had been shot on East Eighth street, preparing to make the turn to the rear of his home, by which it was customary for him to make his entrance. His left hand was in his pocket, and his right stretched over his head. Scattered about were several pieces of coin—a quarter and two dimes—which had evidently fallen from his hand, either when he raised it in his convulsions or at the command of the highwayman who had no evidence of a scuffle. The bullet went straight through his left eye, and his posture also indicated that he was attacked from that direction. His left knee was stiffened in the position of making a step. All this goes to indicate that he was attacked suddenly, and seemingly without more than an instant's warning. His face was blackened with powder, and his clothing was stained with blood.

According to the theory that jealousy or personal enmity was the motive, the murderer lay in wait for Morrow, knowing that he would pass by the corner of Stephens and Mill, and that he would be alone. The body was found near the Bradford residence, while the full strength of the are light 139 feet distant from the case in Morrow's face as he approached, or coming straight toward him, the shot was fired with scarcely a moment's warning. This would account for the posture of the young man, who had been walking toward the corner of Stephens and Mill, and that he was alone. The time of the shot is fixed at 12:15 A. M. by the testimony of Policemen Daniel Conners, Louis Harwas and Joseph Burke, who he had reported the shot, but made a vain search to ascertain the cause and the result.

## He Had No Rival.

Against this theory stand out prominent facts. In the first place, James Morrow had no rival in the world, and no one who would be so jealous of him as to murder him. "I can conceive of no one who would have any motive to commit the murder," said Jim, who was in the world, and there was no one who could have been so jealous of his attentions to me. We were engaged, and for two years we have been close friends. I know of no one who had, I believe there can be nothing in the jealousy theory, and I am firmly convinced that Jim's affection for me had nothing to do with his death." Miss Illidge was completely prostrated by the news, which she received from Detectives Day and Walker at 6 o'clock in the morning. She was immediately consulted, so as to learn whether she could throw any light on the situation. Personal friends of Morrow and the members of his family unite in saying that to their knowledge the young man had no personal enemies of any kind. He was not a person who made enemies. He was by nature frank and kind-hearted, and he was friendly to all, and was never known to seek or take part in any quarrels.

Considering the fact that there was no rival in the field for Miss Illidge's affections, and the further fact that the absence of any personal enemy, the theory that the murder was deliberately and maliciously perpetrated seems to fall to the ground. The present light that has been cast on the case.

## Probably a Highwayman.

The highwayman theory is supported by the well-known fact that the East Side has been infested with desperate men for some time. Several hold-ups have taken place in the same neighborhood. According to this view of the case, Morrow encountered the highwayman at the place of the murder. He has been heard by his family to make the assertion that, if ever held up, he would never throw up his hands, but would make active resistance. Whether he made a motion to resist when he heard the demand of the highwayman to throw up his hands will never be known. In view of his determination and his well-known reputation for a high degree of personal courage, this might have happened. At the first show of resistance, according to this view, the highwayman fired, and seeing him fall, fled to avoid pursuit and possible capture.

## More Than One Assassin.

From the reports of neighbors who saw the retreating footprints, it seems probable that there were two men in the party. Whether they lay in wait for Morrow, or whether they were in an opposite direction to which he was going, is another mystery. Footprints were found inside the fence near the place of the murder, which might indicate that the men laid in ambush. Seeing Morrow approaching, when at a close distance, they may have hailed him with their order to throw up his hands. The firing of the bullet, then, would have been due either to a show of resistance on his part or to an accidental discharge of the weapon in the nervous hands of an amateur foot-soldier. The power bullets indicate that the shot was fired at close range, from a distance of not more than six feet. A personal enemy would perhaps never have waited until his victim was so close. He would probably have fired at greater range, knowing a risk of recognition was run and that a miss could be followed with other shots. A highwayman, on the other hand, would wait until his victim was close, would level his weapon and call out his demand. Failure to comply would result in a shot. The theory that the weapon might have been accidentally discharged in the hands of an amateur seems to be the most probable.

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