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CENTRAL FIGURE IN THAW TRIAL

Tells Story of Shame to Save Husband's Life.

FAINTING AFTER ORDEAL

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While the nature of her confession is kept secret, it is understood she told of how Stanford White encompassed her ruin through his use of drugs, and that she gave more information relating to the ruin of other girls by White and his coterie of friends, who appear to have made this a specialty.

The central figure in the forthcoming trial of Harry Thaw will not be Thaw, but will be Evelyn Nesbit, his beautiful wife. From all accounts it appears that her worst offense lies in the fact that she has always been wondrously beautiful, and for this reason the especial prey of unscrupulous men.

Contract Used as a Club. It is expected to be shown that White secured some sort of a contract while she was still his pet, before her marriage to Thaw, and that he was holding this over her and endeavoring to force her back into the old relations.

White's Friends Are Involved. Harry Thaw has given much valuable information to Anthony Comstock. It is said he has named three of White's closest friends as companions in the terrible vice for which he was notorious.

Clash Between Troops. LEAVENWORTH, Kan., June 29.—In a clash in this city late last night between white and colored troops from Fort Leavenworth, two members of the engineers' corps were severely beaten and others were cut and bruised.

Four Men in Hospital at Fort Leavenworth. Trouble started by beating of colored infantrymen by white cavalrymen.

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FOREST FIRES IN TEXAS

Great Damage Has Been Done and Ranches Are Threatened.

EL PASO, Tex., June 29.—Telegrams from Nuevo Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, around which are located the Mormon colony, state that destructive forest fires are raging there and that the timber has been damaged.

A telegram was received today from Lord Beresford, brother of Lord Admiral Beresford, of England, calling for assistance to his Oblique ranch. Fire is also reported to be raging near the ranches in Dry Valley.

Suit Over Devlin Estate.

TOPEKA, Kan., June 29.—The hearing of the claim of Mrs. Mary J. Devlin against the estate of her husband, John H. Devlin, for the sum of \$20,000, was concluded this afternoon and the claim was taken under advisement by Referee N. H. Lane.

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Oregon will war claims will probably soon be paid.

Senate agrees to House meat-inspection amendment in agricultural appropriation bill.

Reactionary faction urges the czar to use troops to stamp out the revolutionary activity.

Reactions of approval disaffection in the army adds to alarm at the palace.

President Castro of Venezuela will soon get ultimatum from the United States.

Unusual rainfall in London prevents opening celebration of King's birthday.

Fresno wins out in the ninth inning, 6 to 3.

Alec Smith, of Nassau, wins the open golf championship of the United States.

Charles Johnson attempts murder at Glendale.

Mrs. Tanner, wife of G. A. B. Commander-in-Chief, killed in auto accident at Helena, Mont.

Washington Railroad Commission will quit President Hill on Government's construction cost.

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CONGRESS MAY FINISH TODAY

Only the Omnibus Public Building Bill is in Disagreement.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—The Congressional situation tonight is such that Congress may adjourn tomorrow. All of the appropriation bills have been passed and will be ready for the signature of the President tomorrow.

There may be another deficiency bill to carry the public building items, but that can be prepared with little delay. The final adjournment is expected early tomorrow afternoon.

TALKED HIMSELF INTO BED

Congressman Cushman Has to Be Assisted Home After Speech.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 29.—The conference committee finally defeated the Files amendment to the sundry civil bill, appropriating \$150,000 for a lightship for Swiftsure Bank, at the entrance to the Straits of Fuca. All the other Oregon and Washington items are retained in the bill as it passed the Senate.

Representative Cushman talked himself sick last night. He spoke for an hour and a half, when the hall of the House was intensely hot. At the conclusion of his speech he had to be assisted to his home and was obliged to keep his bed all day. He was out this evening, however.

LIVESTOCK BILL MADE LAW

Stock May Be Kept in Cars Thirty-Six Hours.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 29.—The President today signed Senator Hayburn's 36-hour livestock bill, which permits the owners of cattle, sheep and hogs to ship them by rail for consecutive periods not exceeding 36 hours, with ten-hour stops between for unloading and feeding. Great pressure was brought to bear on the President to induce him to veto the bill, especially by the S. P. C. A., but as the bill was endorsed by the Agricultural Department, the President disregarded the protest.

Fulton's Amendments Go Through.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 29.—All Senator Fulton's amendments to the public building bill were agreed to by the conference committee. Baker City gets \$65,000, Eugene \$50,000 and Salem \$15,000 for grading.

Because of a fight put up by Representative Jones, the appropriations for Tacoma and Spokane are put back to \$100,000, which means the buildings in these cities will cost \$200,000, exclusive of the site. Bellingham gets \$20,000 for a site; North Yakima, \$15,000.

Charter for Alaska Railroad.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 29.—The House today passed a bill granting a Federal charter to the Alaska Railroad Company to construct a road from Cordova Bay to the Yukon River. The bill grants a right of way, 20-acre tracts for stations at intervals of ten miles, 100 acres for terminals, with the right to purchase 250 acres additional at \$2.50 per acre. The bill also grants the right to purchase 640 acres of coal land at \$10 an acre.

STORY OF KILLING TOLD BY WIDOW

Mrs. Creffield on Stand in Murder Trial.

TESTIFIES WITHOUT EMOTION

Confines Herself to Bare Facts of Tragedy.

STATE CLOSES ITS CASE

Seattle Court Then Takes Adjournment Over Sunday—Real Struggle Begins When Defense Opens.

Long Fight Is Expected.

SEATTLE, June 29.—(Staff correspondence.)—The evidence through which the State of Washington expects to send George Mitchell to the gallows for the murder of Edmund Creffield, the Holy Roller leader, was submitted today. The court was then adjourned until Monday, at which time the defense will give its version of the killing and its justification of the deed.

The prosecution of young Mitchell was brief and to the point. The state contented itself with proving the simple facts of the killing, the manner in which the crime was committed, the attitude of Mitchell when he fired the fatal shot and after he had achieved his purpose. The prosecution utilized every legal technicality available in restricting the cross-examination of witnesses against Mitchell.

Prosecuting Attorney Mackintosh and his assistant, John F. Miller, succeeded in making the most of the case against the youthful homicide. They established that the killing was deliberate; that it was executed in a calm and deliberate manner, and that Mitchell throughout the tragedy maintained the attitude of a man who is in full possession of his faculties and who knows full well what he is doing.

They did their best to discredit the claim of the defense that Mitchell was temporarily insane when he stepped up behind the Holy Roller leader and shot him dead.

Six hours sufficed to complete the case against Mitchell. As many days will be required to put in the defense.

The star witness of the day was Maud Hurl Creffield, widow of the deceased, who was with the Holy Roller prophet when he was killed. She saw the killing and grappled with her husband's slayer. Her testimony was the most important offered by the state. Contrary to expectations, she made no reference to the perniculous cult of which her husband was the founder. Her testimony dealt with the material facts of the case. She showed no animus. It was hard to believe that she was Creffield's widow.

Mrs. Creffield was called to the witness stand late in the afternoon, after police officers, eye-witnesses and doctors had testified to the fact surrounding the shooting. As she was led out of the witness-room a hush came over the courtroom. There was a craning of necks to see the woman who had been at Creffield's right hand in his outrageous fanaticism.

Her appearance a surprise. She was not the type of woman that had been looked for. As she walked quickly down the aisle to the witness stand, those in the courtroom saw a short, stockily built woman yet in her twenties, rather comely and of very ordinary personality. She was in mourning, and the solemn black of her widow's weeds harmonized with her jet black hair and eyes and pale, olive complexion.

Her eyes were the only unusual thing about her. In these there was a strange expression—one that suggested a lack of sympathy with the things about her and a sympathy with the questions put to her by the attorneys she spoke in a weak voice and displayed a very ordinary education and a lack of individuality. It was not hard to understand why she had been selected by Creffield as his lieutenant in propagating the teachings of Holy Rollerism.

Widow Displays No Emotion. Replying to questions from Mr. Miller, Mrs. Creffield told calmly and without display of emotion the killing of her husband by Mitchell. She and Creffield had arisen early on the morning of May 7, she said. Passing along First avenue they had reached a point in front of Quick's drug store, when she was startled by a loud explosion. Turning instantly, she saw her husband sway and fall to the sidewalk. Then she saw Mitchell with a smoking revolver in his hand.

"Why do you do that, he did you no harm," she quoted herself as having said. She stated that Mitchell made no reply, but calmly placed his revolver in his hip pockets. Fearing he might fire again, Mrs. Creffield said she rushed up to Mitchell and seized him by the hands. He resisted, drawing his own hands free and seizing her by the wrists. After a moment he released her and she dropped down beside her husband.

No News on Cross-Examination. Her examination by the state was brief. The cross-examination was searching but confined to her statements on direct examination. The efforts of the prisoner's attorneys to question her regarding her husband's lecherous cult was resisted by the state.

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It is stated, for instance, that the company has made, in the course of its operations, mortgage loans which are in excess of 90 per cent of the value of the properties which form their security. The committee explains, however, that there is nothing unlawful or unwise in the matter of these loans.

In support of the claim that the real estate holdings of the company have been estimated at conservative figures, the supplementary statement says the company has sold more than 20 pieces of real estate, aggregating \$1,000,000, since the early part of 1902. The actual holdings are estimated at \$900,000 above their appraised value.

Mr. President McCurdy and his son, Robert H. McCurdy, are mildly scolded by the investigators for their failure to supply them with certain infatuations.

On the subject of the company's securities holdings, the committee adds that during the past four years there has been a net profit of \$1,500,000 upon the securities sold or still held by the company. Criticism is made of the methods employed by the bond and mortgage department of the company.

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