

JEROME DENIES PROTECTING RYAN

Calls Lawyer Pierce's Question a Deliberately Mendacious Statement.

DISPLAYS A KEEN WIT

Gives Attorney for His Accusers a Ready Answer at Every Turn—He Explains Campaign Contributions of Insurance Men.

NEW YORK, May 7.—District Attorney Jerome, testifying in his own defense in connection with the charges of dereliction which have been preferred against him, today said that the nearest he ever came to sending a wealthy man to jail was in having one of them committed to an asylum.

"You mean Harry Thaw?" asked Attorney Pierce for the complainants.

"Yes, Thaw's the man," responded Jerome.

"You forget Al Adams," interjected Assistant District Attorney Kessel.

"Oh, yes," replied Jerome, "so I do, but he had only two and a half or three millions. He was not one of the big fellows."

Taking up the question of political campaign contributions, Mr. Jerome asked what justification there could be for making contributions to either political party in 1904.

Answers Like a Solomon.

"Differences in economic doctrines," Jerome replied.

"How could the economic doctrines affect the insurance cases?" he was asked.

"Well, the New York Life, the Mutual and Equitable held between them some \$1,000,000,000 worth of securities. There was an opinion on the part of President McCall that a panic would follow Parker's election, and you can figure what a 5 per cent depreciation of the \$1,000,000,000 would amount to."

Talking of the matter of the \$40,000 which was paid by George W. Perkins to the Nylc organization of agents in the New York Life Insurance, Mr. Jerome asked the District Attorney if he regarded it as a loan.

"Not exactly," Jerome replied.

"Didn't you know that the charter of the company absolutely prohibited Perkins from turning that money over to the Nylc funds?"

Not Exciting Literature.

"I did not know; the charter is not very exciting literature."

Mr. Jerome said that in five years he had personally conducted three trials, one of them resulting in a conviction.

Mr. Jerome was questioned regarding his relations with Thomas F. Ryan, of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company.

"Since last November," asked Mr. Pierce, "have you not used all your influence to prevent the indictment of Thomas F. Ryan?"

"That statement is mendacious, and you know that it is," replied the District Attorney.

Mr. Jerome insisted that he had done all that he could to secure indictments in the Wall-Cortland-streets Ferry road deal. Adjudgment was taken until tomorrow.

SEND TROOPS TO PORTLAND

Senator Fulton Requests War Department to Play Fair.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 7.—Senator Fulton today requested the War Department to have the transport bringing troops from the Philippines for Vancouver Barracks land troops at Portland, instead of San Francisco.

Assistant Secretary Oliver at first refused point-blank to consider the proposition. Senator Fulton called his attention to the discrimination against Portland in Secretary Metcalf's refusal to send battalions and in the change of method of purchasing Army supplies and other matters. Mr. Oliver then said: "Your channel is not deep enough for the transport to go up the river to Portland."

Senator Fulton asserted that the channel was fully as deep as that of San Francisco Harbor, and that he believed, while the official survey showed a depth of over 25 feet, that the actual depth was 20 feet. Mr. Oliver expressed surprise at this, and promised to give the request consideration with a view to changing the order requiring the transport to land at San Francisco. He will notify Senator Fulton of his decision as soon as it is made.

BOURNE'S BILL IS REPORTED

Measure Changes Name of Williamette Customs District.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 7.—The Senate committee on commerce today reported favorably on Senator Bourne's bill renaming the customs districts in Oregon and increasing the salaries of customs officers. The committee amended the bill so that the salary of \$5000 for the Portland Collector shall be in lieu of all fees, commissions, storage and perquisites of every kind and nature.

BISHOPS TO METHODISTS

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the canteen and the fouling again of the Nation's hand by direct participation in the sale of liquor."

New Name for Divorce.

As to divorce, the bishops say: "The consecutive polygamy permitted by the divorce laws of some of our states is a disgrace to our country. It continues to undermine family life and to break up into helpless and warring factions that which God means shall be a unit. We greatly rejoice that the conscience of the Nation is being quickened on this subject and the demand for uniform divorce laws increased."

The bishops have quite a little to say as to workmen and the church and also as to trades unions, a part being as follows:

For those who labor with their hands and whose reward is a wage, the church has great sympathy. We uphold the right of those workmen who desire to do so to form labor unions for the advancement of their interests, as we hold the right of individual laborers who prefer to do so to seek the control of their own labor. The church and the trades unions should seek each other's help for the uplift of mankind.

The labor question again came before

the body, this time in the form of a resolution offered by Governor Hanley, of Indiana, chairman of the temperance committee, demanding that Congress enact the Littlefield interstate liquor shipment bill, now pending in the judiciary committee, for the protection of those states in which the traffic in intoxicants is wholly or in part prohibited. A committee was appointed to present the resolution to Speaker Cannon.

Tonight there was held at the Lyric a meeting in celebration of the centenary of the organization of the general conference as a delegate body and of the adoption of the constitution of the Methodist Episcopal Church. There was a distinguished gathering also at a banquet of the Brotherhood of St. Paul, held at the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

Episcopallians Denounce Divorce.

ST. LOUIS, May 7.—At the final session of the sixteenth annual conference of Episcopal Church Clubs of the United States here today, addresses and discussions favored social settlements. Divorce and re-marriage were condemned as "the curse of the country." Leniency among Episcopallians on the subject was denounced with especial severity.

ASKS LABOR LEGISLATION

GOMPERS URGES CONGRESS TO PASS MANY BILLS.

Writes Letter to Pennsylvania Representative, Enumerating Measures Desired by Unions.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Responding to a letter from Representative Brumm of the Twelfth Pennsylvania Congressional District, President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, has written a letter in which he strongly urges that Congress shall remain in session long enough to enact certain legislation which he enumerates. He enumerates the following as the measures which labor will insist shall be acted on before adjournment:

The Wilson bill amending the Sherman anti-trust law.

The Pearre bill regulating the issuing of the injunctive writ to its original and beneficial purpose.

Extension of the eight-hour law to all government employees and to employees of contractors or sub-contractors performing work for the Government.

A general employers' liability law applicable to all workers so far as the Federal jurisdiction extends.

It is understood that these bills were referred to the judiciary committee in accordance with the House rules requiring the reference to that committee of all bills involving new legislation.

STOLE FOR FRIENDS

Cashier of Pittsburg Bank Embezzles \$429,000.

HELPED HIS ASSOCIATES

William Montgomery, Trusted Employee for 20 Years, Arrested. Prominent in Business and Politics—Friend of Quay.

PITTSBURG, May 7.—William Montgomery, cashier of the Allegheny National Bank for over 20 years, was arrested late today on a charge of embezzling \$429,000 of the bank's funds. He was arraigned tonight and held for the Federal grand jury under a bond of \$50,000, which was furnished. The financial standing of the bank is in no wise affected by the delinquency, as it is in a position to bear the loss without embarrassment.

Mr. Montgomery has always been prominent in politics and was a close friend of the late Senator Quay. He was also prominent socially.

Examiner Folke expressed the belief, after making the charges, that Montgomery had used the funds of the bank to assist friends who were in tight places financially.

POSTPONED TWO DAYS

Thaw Case Will Not Come Up Until Wednesday.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., May 7.—The habeas corpus proceedings of Harry K. Thaw, to procure his release from the Matteawan Asylum, will be begun here next Wednesday before Justice Morawhiser, instead of next Monday, the date heretofore set. This statement was made today by District Attorney Mack of Dutchess County, and James G. Graham, counsel for Thaw.

The postponement was made to suit the convenience of District Attorney Jerome, whose engagements will not permit him to come to Poughkeepsie until Wednesday.

Dies Like a Hero.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 7.—Rodney Olney, a prominent young business man of Sand Point, Idaho, died like a hero in Lake Pend d'Oreille last night. Olney and Dr. Phinney were fishing and the canoe capsized. Phinney could not swim, and Olney, fearing the canvas boat would not hold two, told his companion to cling

to the canoe and struck out for the shore. When close to land he threw up his hands and sank. He was the son of H. C. Olney, formerly a newspaper publisher at Denver, Colo.

MAKE A GAME STRUGGLE

Portland Players Defeated at Golf After Hard Fight.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 7.—(Special.)—Two Portland players made a fine fight in the preliminary rounds for the men's golf championship at the Pacific Coast Golf Association tournament here today. C. G. Murphy, after defeating Rithet, of Victoria, in the qualifying round, met and defeated C. K. Hincks, of Cowichan, in the first round proper, of the championship class. In the second round he put up a game struggle against Combe, the local champion, who holds the record for the links, and was only finally defeated 2 up, with 1 to play.

Linthicum, of Portland, qualified in the championship class, though beaten in the qualifying round, where he encountered J. K. Magill, a former runner up for the championship. In the first round proper, Combe, who defeated Murphy, is the favorite for the championship. He will meet Spooner, of Seattle, tomorrow, and the winner will play the winner of the Gillespie-Magill round, in the finals.

In the ladies' game the locals carried everything before them. Of the eight qualifying in the championship class but one Tacoma and one Seattle woman qualified. The semi-finals for the ladies' championship class will be played when Mrs. Langley will meet Miss Combe and Miss Tilton will face Mrs. Holland, all Victoria ladies.

The putting greens are in very poor condition from the lack of rain.

CLARENCE CHURCHILL DEAD

Drowned in Necanicum at Seaside While Fishing.

SEASIDE, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—The Necanicum claimed another victim this morning. Clarence Churchill, from Portland, who was fishing half a mile above the Seaside House in company with A. G. Wilson, walked out on the end of a saw-log, hooked a trout, and cried to his companion: "I have one."

Just at that instant Wilson heard a splash and rushed to the bank to look for his friend, who had disappeared. Twenty feet below the end of the log on which Churchill had stood, Wilson noticed bubbles in the water, but Churchill did not appear. Wilson rushed to the Seaside House and sent a message to Seaside for help.

E. A. Miller secured a crew and went up, and within five minutes, the body was found.

The body of Clarence Churchill, drowned at Seaside yesterday morning, will be brought to this city for burial. The deceased was a member of the Portland Aeris, No. 4, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and this organization will probably have charge of the funeral. He is survived

by his widow, who is proprietress of the Idanha rooming-house at 201 1/2 Third street. She left yesterday for Seaside and will accompany the remains to Portland.

DAYLIGHT THIEVES IN TACOMA

House Ransacked While Family Is Eating Lunch.

TACOMA, Wash., May 7.—(Special.)—Another daring gang of daylight burglars has arrived in Tacoma and began operations today, robbing the home of S. M. Northstrom, South Nineteenth and Mildred streets, of about \$150 in gold and silver and jewelry valued at about \$100.

While Mrs. Northstrom and her children were eating lunch the thieves cut a hole through the glass in the kitchen door and sprung the lock. Making their way up the back stairs, they completely ransacked the upper floor of the house.

Richard Wilson, colored, arrested last night, was found this morning to be the man who robbed the key store of J. T. Walls of three dozen keys. Later he admitted that he had served time in the Oregon Penitentiary.

Seaside Home Burned.

SEASIDE, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—At 2 o'clock this morning fire destroyed the house of John A. Myner, south of town. The fire department could do nothing and the structure was a total loss. This morning a subscription paper was circulated and was freely signed for the owner. No body had been in the house for a week, and the origin of the fire is a mystery.

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