



HAINS DECLARED ANNIS SCOUNDREL

Letter of Thornton in Evidence.

DEFENSE WILL FOLLOW LEAD

May Open to Reveal Scandal Involving Woman.

HOW CAUSE OF KILLING

Policeman Tells of Thornton Hains' Fury Against Annis—Captain's Revolver Produced to Show Deliberate Purpose.

FLUSHING, N. Y., Dec. 23.—During the close of its case against Thornton Hains as a participant in the killing of William E. Annis, who was shot down by Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., last Sunday, the prosecution today brought out a letter written by the defendant. In it he characterized Annis as a "scoundrel" and accused him of betraying his brother's wife.

District Attorney Darrin offered this letter in evidence as preliminary to the testimony of Julian Ripley concerning a second letter from the defendant, which he witnesses had destroyed. Justice Crane would not permit Mr. Ripley to testify concerning his recollection of the contents of this second letter.

Will Bring Out Scandal.

"The introduction of the letter," said Mr. McIntyre, "paves the way for us to show what events in Captain Hains' life with respect to Claudia Hains brought about the estrangement with his wife and the shooting of Annis."

Policeman Eugene Fallon testified that Thornton Hains during the coroner's inquest declared to him: "I would go down to hell and get him and kill him over again."

Shot Killing Was Deliberate.

In evidence today was a large leather revolver holster, which the state's attorney says will play an important part in the case.

The holster was found strapped under the arm and from the shoulder of Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., shortly after his arrest for the killing of William E. Annis. The holster is new and Policeman Baker, who discovered it, said that it was so along around the captain's shoulder as to enable him to draw it at a moment's notice.

Counsel for the prosecution declares that the wearing of such a holster clearly shows that Captain Hains left Fort Hamilton armed with the intention of killing and approves any suggestion that he suddenly became insane on seeing Annis. Counsel further asserts that Thornton Hains must have had knowledge that his brother was armed and was going out to hunt the victim.

Hains Shows Worry.

Since the testimony of Mrs. Helen E. Annis a change has come over the defendant. Bright and cheery in the early days of the trial, his tense face today showed evidence of worry over the character of the testimony.

"We have not shown our defense yet," said Mr. McIntyre, chief counsel for Hains, "and will not until the state's case has been ended. A surprise is coming in the trial when the defense comes to be heard."

The long daily sessions of the court have proved exhausting to counsel and Justice Crane has practically given up the plan of holding night sessions. The case for the prosecution is expected to occupy another week.

TARIF FRAMING NOT EASY

Special Committee Overburdened With Testimony.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The tariff framers got some idea today of the cut and complex questions involved in the problem of revising the present tariff law. With over 600 pages of testimony, voluminous reports and thousands of letters giving information of great value in connection with the tariff, the subcommittee that will draft the new bill will be occupied for a number of weeks in revising the schedule.

The tariff framing committee, which consists of the Republican members of the Ways and Means committee, held two meetings today. Much routine matter and details concerning "Schedule A" were disposed of. "Schedule A" provides for the duties on chemicals, oils and paints.

NEW CHIEF FOR BAY CITY

Successor to Chief Biggy Named by Commissioners.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Sergeant Jesse B. Cook, who for more than a year has been property clerk in the police department, with the brevet rank of captain, was tonight appointed Chief of Police by the Board of Police Commissioners, to succeed the late Chief W. J. Biggy, who was drowned on the night of November 27, while crossing the bay in the police launch patrol. Cook has been on the police force of this city since February 15, 1885. For a number of years he had charge of the special squad on duty in the Chinese quarter of this city.

ENTIRE BLOCK OF HOMES FIRESWEPT

THOUSAND CITIZENS OF BROOKLYN DRIVEN INTO STREETS.

Property Damage Estimated at Over \$1,000,000 and Many Modern Flats Destroyed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—More than 1000 persons were made homeless, and \$1,000,000 worth of property was destroyed in a fire that burned out an entire block of apartment houses between Second and Third avenues and Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets, Brooklyn, today. Twenty persons were overcome by smoke, but were rescued by firemen.

The great Bush terminal docks were saved only by strenuous work of a fireboat. Occupants of the blazing buildings were driven half clad and shivering into snowy streets and a score of others were dragged unconscious from their apartments by police and firemen.

The neighborhood is filled with homes of well-to-do working people and keepers of small shops and has recently been almost entirely rebuilt in small, modern apartment houses.

SUIT BLOCKED BY DEATH

F. A. Burnham, Indicted for Larceny, Is Asphyxiated.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Frederick A. Burnham, former president of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, was found dead in bed in his home at 68 East Seventy-eighth street, of gas asphyxiation. The Mutual Reserve went into the hands of receivers in February, last. President Burnham, his brother, George Burnham, Jr., the treasurer of the company, were indicted on charges of larceny and forgery which grew out of the alleged payments of the funds of the company in satisfaction for personal claims against some \$200,000 and \$100,000, and with this George Burnham, Jr., was tried on the charge of larceny, convicted and sentenced to serve two years in prison, but the appellate division of the Supreme Court set aside this verdict and Burnham was released. The case against Frederick A. Burnham had not come to trial.

HE TAKES ALL DIAMONDS

Thief Grabs Trayful in Jewelry Store and Gets Away.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 23.—"I will take them all," said a diamond robber tonight at 7:40, after having asked to look at a diamond in Jaquemin's jewelry store, when Mr. Jaquemin placed a tray of diamonds on the counter valued at between \$200 and \$300, and with this remark he grabbed the tray and disappeared from the store. But three people were in the store at the time. Mr. Jaquemin, a girl clerk and an old man. The work was evidently that of experienced crooks, as the robber was well disguised and had a companion in the shop stationed nearby, and both made their escape.

PANAMA STORY IS DENIED

Receiver for Old Company Calls "Scandal" Mere Fable.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—In view of a possible Congressional investigation in the United States into the Panama Canal purchase, M. Lemais, receiver for the old company made the following statement today:

"While I do not desire to go into details, I do not hesitate in speaking from personal knowledge, to brand the story of the existence of an American syndicate; to which the purchase money is supposed to have eventually to have gone, as a fable invented out of whole cloth. As an officer appointed by the court it would be improper for me to say more."

BURGLAR KILLS STUDENT

Tragedy in Cellar at New York University.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Vandewright Sheldon, of Lockport, N. Y., a student in the school of engineering at New York University, lost his life in a battle with a burglar in the cellar of the house of Dean Snow, of the school, today. The murderer escaped after a chase in which several students took part. Young Sheldon was shot in the abdomen and soon died. He was a cousin of Dean Snow.

COSGROVE WALKS ABOUT

Shows More Strength Now Than for Many Months.

PASO ROBLES HOT SPRINGS, Cal., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Governor-elect Cosgrove is gaining rapidly. Today he has been walking about the halls and shows more strength than for many months.

Action Prolongs Strike.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 23.—Independent glass manufacturers here this afternoon decided to stand pat on the wage scale signed with their employes last September, and refuse to make any concessions. This decision means that 12,000 men will remain out of work until they choose to come to the manufacturers' terms.

Returned Forger Unmolested.

DECATUR, Ill., Dec. 23.—Felix B. Tait, who disappeared from Decatur in July, 1907, and who was charged with forging notes to the amount of \$65,000, has returned. Indictments against him were dropped on petition of several hundred business men and creditors.

GRAFTERS' VIEW TOLD DETECTIVE

Term in Prison Worth Good, Fat Sum.

REVELATIONS IN PITTSBURG

Councilmen Always Ready for Melon-Cutting.

ONLY SIX REMAIN HONEST

Klein, Candid Grafter, Calls Them "Dammed Fools"—Readily Falls Into Trap and Accepts Money on a Paving Deal.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 23.—After Detective Robert Wilson, of the Voters' League, had told an astonishing story of how he trapped the grafting Councilmen and had secured statements from one of them that only six members of the two houses of the City Council would not accept bribes, all the accused, including two bankers, were held under bond for trial today.

Mr. Wilson's story was told when the second case, that against Councilmen Brand, Atkinson, Ferguson, Soffel and Klein, was called. According to Mr. Wilson, ex-Councilman W. A. Martin, who is now serving three years in the penitentiary for conspiracy in connection with the passage of a railroad ordinance in Council, will be liberated next April, Martin, he said, would be given a pardon. Wilson said that at a meeting in a local hotel with Councilmen Brand, Klein, Wasson, Atkinson and Soffel attending, Klein told him that Martin would be pardoned and would leave the penitentiary with a bank account of \$50,000.

Took Care of Martin.

"That's the kind of a gang to have behind you," Klein is said to have told Mr. Wilson. "We can get the stuff. A reformer went to the penitentiary and offered Martin \$10,000 to tell all he knows about the railroad ordinance and Martin refused to talk. We took care of Martin and we will have him out of the penitentiary next April."

According to Mr. Wilson's testimony, there are six honest Councilmen in Pittsburgh. On November 16, Klein submitted to Wilson a councilmanic guide which contains the names of all the Councilmen. Mr. Wilson then asked Klein to designate the Councilmen who would take money after marking off the names of Messrs. Moran, Hirsch, Wallace, Dietrick, McMorris and Riley, Klein said:

"Now those won't take money. All the other members of the Council can be reached. They will all take money but those six. They are the fools." Mr. Wilson explained that an ordinance

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PORTLAND'S BUILDING GROWTH

Portland's building growth during the present year has been remarkable. While other cities were still suffering from the financial depression following the panic, there was no pause in construction work here. In fact, the official building permits issued during 1908 will amount to more than \$10,000,000. These facts and many others that show Portland's growth will be conspicuously brought out in the New Year's edition of The Oregonian. Even more convincing than the statement of facts and figures will be pictures of large buildings projected, under construction and completed during the year.

The Annual, however, will not be a building issue nor a Portland issue, but will cover the numerous industries of the state at large. It will be printed January 1, 1909, and will be sold for 5 cents a copy.

ARGUMENT IN CHANG CASE

Prosecution Says Unreasonable Fanaticism, Defense Says Justified.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—That Durham White Stevens, the Korean diplomatic agent who was killed in this city last March by In Whan Chang, a Korean, was the victim of unreasoning fanaticism was the argument made today before the jury by Samuel Knight, special prosecutor in the case.

REWARD FOR MURDERER

Idaho Governor Offers \$1000 for Man Who Killed Schlag.

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, Dec. 23.—County Attorney William McConnell tonight received a message from Governor Gooding authorizing a reward of \$1000 for the arrest of the murderer of Waldo Schlag, who was killed in this city December 13. Following the murder, a suspect was arrested at Dillon, Mont., but proved to be complete alibi. The identity of the murderer is now fairly established in the minds of the authorities.

GREAT WESTERN CHANGE

Burt Appointed Receiver and Will Become President.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 23.—That Horace G. Burt will assume charge of the Chicago Great Western as a receiver on the first of the year and will eventually become president of the road, and that a reorganization of the road will be effected the coming year, was the statement made today by A. B. Stickney, the retiring receiver.

"Bath-House John" Freed.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Alderman "Bath House" John Coghlan, accused of assault and battery on Lyman Atwell, a newspaper photographer, was found not guilty today.

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LABOR LEADERS ARE SENTENCED

Prison for Gompers, Mitchell, Morrison.

COURT SAYS THEY DEFLY LAW

Seek to Set Up Tribunal Above That of Nation.

GOMPERS ANSWERS JUDGE

Says Freedom of Speech and Press Denied—Appeal Delays Going to Jail—Roosevelt Is Asked to Intervene.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Twelve months in jail for Samuel Gompers, president; nine months for John Mitchell, one of the vice-presidents, and six months for Frank Morrison, secretary, all of the American Federation of Labor, was the sentence imposed by Judge Wright of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, today for contempt of court in violating an order enjoining them from placing on the unfair or "We don't patronize" list the Buck Stove & Range Company, of St. Louis.

All of the defendants were in court when sentence was pronounced and notice of an appeal to the District of Columbia Appellate Court was filed. Gompers being released on \$5000 bond, Mitchell on \$4000 and Morrison on \$2000.

Judge Wright's decision, which consumed two hours and 20 minutes in reading, was a scathing arraignment. "Everywhere," the court said, "all over within the court and out, rampant, insolent defiance is heralded and proclaimed; unrefined insult, affront, vulgar indignity, measures the litigants' conception of the tribunal's duty wherein his cause still persists."

Forced Unions to Support.

After referring to the fact that the Buck plant had been an open shop under 10-hour rules for 25 years, to the Federation's repeated endorsement of the boycott by speech, letter and circular, the court said members of labor unions were forced to support it, "whether individually, willing or unwilling, approving or disapproving." It cited resolutions of the Federation members, which "seem to be known as persuasion." The Buck Company's customers were intimidated, browbeaten and coerced by direct interference and by boycott.

How Law Was Violated.

Following an exhaustive discussion of conspiracies in restraint of trade, Justice Wright said:

From the foregoing it ought to seem ap-

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FRENCH SERVANTS DEMAND WHISKERS

LACK OF HIRSHUTE ADORNMENT A BRAND OF SUBJECTION.

Much Excitement in Paris Over Question of Goatees, Sideburns and Moustaches.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The demand of the men servants of President Fallieres that they be allowed henceforth to cultivate beards and moustaches, appears to have more importance than was at first thought. According to the organization known as "Gens de Maison," or union of domestic servants, it is intended to rid that class once for all of what it considers a badge of social degradation. If the appeal is granted in the President's household, which serves as a model for other great establishments throughout the country, the butlers, footmen and valets will have nearly acquired the privilege of the cafe waiters, who, 18 months ago, demanded and received the right to wear hair on their faces.

"In this socialistic society clean-shaven servants are an anomaly," said the secretary of the union today. "If all men are equal," he continued, "why should some have the right to impose features and expressions on the face of others in order to indicate their subjection? Rightly regarded, the habit of so marking men servants is not different from branding cattle."

BLAME MEAT INSPECTOR

Coroner's Jury Exonerates Caterer in Prometheus Poisoning.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The Coroner's jury in the inquest upon the remains of James G. Reynolds, the waiter who died soon after partaking of the luncheon which he helped to serve at Mare Island Navy-yard following the launching of the United States collier Prometheus, and which made scores of the invited guests very ill, returned a verdict this afternoon exonerating the caterer who served and the butcher who supplied the diseased beef.

The jury found that the animal from which the beef was obtained was diseased before being slaughtered and placed the responsibility upon the inspector or inspectors, not named, who passed upon the animal before it was killed by the butcher.

DOG SAVES MASTER'S LIFE

Awakens Partner of Man Who Lies Unconscious in Snow.

ANACONDA, Mont., Dec. 23.—(Special.) Alex Glover, Anaconda's earliest inhabitant, had his life saved by his dog Monday night at the mining property which he and George Miles have been developing 2 miles from this city.

Glover, who is 72 years old, had gone to the tunnel after supper to do some work and took with him his dog. Miles went to bed, and at 11 o'clock was awakened by Glover's dog tugging at his blanket. He arose and went with the animal and found Glover lying unconscious in the snow midway between the cabin and the mine. Glover's hands and feet were severely frosted. A party left here today to bring him to Anaconda.

HARRIMAN NOT VERY ILL

Only Has Slight Bilious Attack and Takes Rest.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—E. H. Harriman's physician, Albert C. Wells, tonight denied that the physical condition of the financier was serious. During the few days that Mr. Harriman has remained at home in consequence of what was described as a slight bilious attack there have been repeated rumors that he was ill. These rumors have been promptly denied at his home, where it was said he was availing himself of the opportunity for a brief holiday respite from official routine.

VALUABLE FUR CARGO LOST

Steamer Stork Takes Million Dollars to Bottom.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 23.—Word was received here today by the Hudson Bay Company that its steamer Stork, which plies between London and Hudson Bay, was wrecked three weeks ago on Lisbon shoals, in Hudson Bay. The crew was rescued. The cargo consisted of \$1,500,000 worth of furs.

TURKEYS PASSED AROUND

Ex-Senator Clark Remembers Ten Thousand Employes.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 23.—Following out his annual custom of giving turkeys to all married men in his employ, ex-Senator W. A. Clark today distributed between 10,000 and 12,000 turkeys in Montana, Utah, New Jersey, Arizona, California and Nevada. Single men, the heads of families, were also remembered.

Astoria to Use Steel Pipe.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The Astoria Water Commission at its adjourned meeting last night decided to reject all the bids submitted for reconstructing a portion of the main pipeline from Bear Creek and also decided not to use reinforced concrete pipe, as had been intended. Accordingly the chairman and clerk were instructed to secure quotations on 2½ miles of steel pipe, which the commission will purchase and then ask for bids on laying it.

VENEZUELA ASKS FOR FRIENDSHIP

Eight Months' Rupture Draws to Close.

WILL SETTLE ALL DISPUTES

William L. Buchanan Leaves on Special Mission.

RECOGNITION IS PROBABLE

Though Gomez Government May Have Some Difficulty With Castro Adherents, Indications Point to End of Trouble.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—After eight months, the United States has resumed friendly relations with Venezuela, and William L. Buchanan has left on the cruiser North Carolina to visit that country, look into the situation, and make a report to the State Department. This will decide whether the United States will accord formal recognition to the government.

It has not been fully established that the Gomez government will retain its power without trouble, as there are many adherents of President Castro in the country. Indeed, the possibility that disorder may arise is indicated in a report for an American ship at LaGuayra, to which this government has promptly responded.

The general opinion is that the new order of things will open the way for the pacific settlement of Venezuela's disagreement with this country, Holland and France.

The refusal in March, last, of the Castro administration to concede, separately the issues with the United States made it plain that diplomacy could accomplish nothing further toward their settlement. The five claims which form the basis of the last negotiation were those of A. P. Jurett, who was expelled from the country; the New York & Bermuda Asphalt Company and the United States & Venezuelan Company, the Orinoco Company, the Orinoco Steamship Company, the amount involved running into millions of dollars.

Blockade a Failure.

In 1903 the Venezuelan government, having failed to satisfy claims against it by various powers, Great Britain, Germany and Italy, blockaded the ports of that country with the view to the forcible collection of the debts.

Venezuela appointed Herbert W. Bowen, then American Minister to Venezuela, as a commissioner to take up the question with the various governments, and he signed protocols with them which reserved a certain percentage of the customs receipts, to be set aside to satisfy the claims. The blockading powers were made preferred creditors.

Venezuela Open to Kaiser.

WILHELMSTADT, Curacao, Dec. 23.—The German Consul here has received instructions from the Venezuelan Minister of Foreign Affairs of the new Cabinet, to

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