

H. K. THAW INDICTED FOR KIDNAPING BOY

Youth Tells of Severe Beating With Whip.

BODYGUARD IS ALSO ACCUSED

Strange Interest Manifested in Young Man of 19.

PARENTS HAD OBJECTED

Testimony in Murder Trial That Thaw Had Whipped Young Girls Recalled by New Incident.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Harry K. Thaw, who was legally released 15 months ago from an asylum for the insane, where he was sent after he had killed Stanford White, was today indicted here charges with kidnaping Fred Gump, Jr., of Kansas City, a youth of 19 years, and assaulting him with a whip.

With him was indicted on the kidnaping charge a man described as George F. O'Byrnes and supposed to have been employed by Thaw as a bodyguard. Word was received that O'Byrnes had been arrested in Philadelphia, and detectives were looking for Thaw there tonight.

Boy Beaten With Two Whips.

The complaint was placed against Thaw with District Attorney Swann by Frank P. Walsh, former chairman of the United States Relations Commission, appearing now as Gump's counsel. It alleges Thaw enticed the youth to his rooms at a hotel here Christmas night and there beat him with two whips three different times until he bled and became unconscious.

Testimony describing the whipping of young girls by Thaw made up some of the most sensational chapters in the numerous court actions on the question of Thaw's sanity after his acquittal of the murder of Stanford White on the grounds of insanity and his commitment to the Matteawan State Hospital for the Criminal Insane. Alienists for the state testified whipping was a mania with Thaw.

Thaw Meets Youth in 1915.

After several years' litigation at a cost of several hundred thousand dollars to New York state and to Thaw and in which bitter partisanship was engendered as to whether he was justly or unjustly kept in Matteawan, he was declared sane by a jury in habeas corpus proceedings in the latter part of 1915 and released by a court order.

According to the information laid before the District Court, it was toward the end of 1915 that Thaw first met and became interested in Gump. He had gone to California after his release here to attend the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco and later went to the southern part of the state to the town of Long Beach, Cal., where he met Gump at an ice cream parlor.

Parents Enter Objection.

Gump's mother and his father, Fred Gump, who is said to be a manufacturer of leather trunks in Kansas City, were with the boy at Long Beach and made objection to their son's acquaintance with Thaw, the District Attorney was informed, apparently not "sharing popular opinion that he had been vindicated."

After Thaw left California he continued to correspond with Gump, according to Mr. Walsh. These letters, Mr. Walsh said, warned the boy not to show them to anyone, but he let his mother read them and she answered for him. The exchange of letters continued through 1916 and Thaw expressed a great interest in the boy's future and a wish to pay for his education abroad.

Although proffers of money by Thaw were refused, the boy at last came on to New York and went to Thaw's hotel, where it is alleged the assault took place.

Thaw's Career Sensational.

Thaw, who is a member of a wealthy Pittsburg family, shot and killed Stanford White, a noted architect, in the midst of a crowd at Madison Square roof garden in June, 1906. He was indicted to act, he said, by the confession of his wife, Evelyn Nesbit, a chorus girl, made to him of her treatment by Thaw previous to her marriage to White.

Two trials for murder followed, the second of which resulted in the acquittal of Thaw on the ground of insanity. After his commitment to the asylum he began a series of attempts to obtain his liberty through habeas corpus proceedings, in which he sought to have himself declared sane. Failing in this, he escaped from the asylum and fled to Canada, but was finally brought back, to be released later.

ALLEGED BODYGUARD CAUGHT

Man Arrested in Philadelphia Denies He Is O'Byrnes.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 9.—Charged with aiding and abetting Harry K. Thaw in an alleged assault on Fred Gump, Jr., in New York and with attempted kidnaping, a man said to be George F. O'Byrnes and described as Thaw's bodyguard was arrested at a

RUSSIAN PREMIER LAYS DOWN OFFICE

TREPOFF, WHO MADE FAMOUS SPEECH, RESIGNS.

Much Dissension Among Members of Duma Has Marked Incumbency—Demonstrations Serious.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—The Russian Premier, Alexander Trepoff, has resigned. According to the Reuter correspondent at Petrograd, both Premier Trepoff and Count Ignatieff, Minister of Public Instruction, have resigned.

Prince Gollitzine, a Senator and member of the Council of the Empire, has been appointed Premier. Senator Kulchitsky has been appointed a member of the Council of the Empire.

Alexander Feodorovich Trepoff succeeded Boris V. Sturmer to the Premiership in November, 1916, his appointment being regarded as a victory for public opinion against so-called "unjust influences." Soon after taking office Premier Trepoff made his famous speech in the Duma in which he declared that the Russian allies had agreed to the Russian claim to Constantinople and the Straits.

BROTHER KILLED AT PLAY

13-Year-Old Says He Did Not Know Rifle in Home Was Loaded.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 9.—"I didn't know it was loaded," sobbed 13-year-old Frank Hewitt, of Halley, tonight when he rushed into a neighbor's house and told how he had just shot and killed his brother, John Henry Hewitt, aged 15.

The boys had just returned from school and were going to light the kitchen fire. Frank found the gun, a 30-30 rifle, standing beside the door, and pulled the trigger in play. The bullet entered his brother's heart. Two younger brothers were present at the shooting.

BUFFALO BILL SLEEPING

Vitality of Noted Plainsman Amazes His Physicians.

DENVER, Jan. 9.—The remarkable vitality shown by Colonel William F. Cody ("Buffalo Bill"), said by his physicians to be dying tonight, was a source of amazement to his medical attendant and members of the family at the bedside.

According to Dr. J. H. East, who has been in constant attendance, the noted scout gained strength during the day, although the heart action was weak and digestive functions had ceased. Early tonight it was said he had been sleeping quietly for two hours.

PEG LEG SNAPS; SUIT FILED

Woman Wants City to Pay for Fall on Defective Sidewalk.

A claim for \$500 damages was filed with City Auditor Earbun yesterday against members of the City Council by Louisa Wansborough for medical attention and for recompense for pain and mental anguish suffered by her when she fell on a defective sidewalk November 1 and broke her artificial leg. She says the leg was broken so she could not be repaired and that she suffered other injuries.

ALLIED DIPLOMATS DINED

Central Powers and Neutrals to Be Wilson's Guests Later.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The first of the season's diplomatic dinners was given tonight at the White House. The entente diplomats and all the neutrals were invited, and at another dinner January 15 the central power diplomats and the neutrals will be entertained.

FEUDISTS SHOT AT DANCE

One Killed and Two Are Wounded in Battle in Idaho.

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, Jan. 9.—One man is reported killed and two wounded in a fight at a dance at the village of Bernice, 60 miles west of here in the Lost River Mountains. It was the result of an old feud between factions. Three men of one side are said to have attacked a rancher named Wallace who shot and killed one, shot a second and seriously injured the third with a knife.

GERMAN STEEL INCREASES

Output Is Greater Than Ever Before, Despite War.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Despite the war Germany is producing more steel than ever before, according to reports to the Department of Commerce.

LAWSON IS DEFIANT; HEARINGS MAY END

Committee Plans to Report Adversely.

DEMOCRATS FEEL WEARINESS

Financier Promises Names if Inquiry Is General.

MEN HIGH UP ACCUSED

Bernard Baruch, Contributor to Democratic Fund, Denies He Acted on Tip—Contempt Proceedings May Be Dropped.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Although Thomas W. Lawson promised today to disclose "names and amounts" involving men high in official life if Congress ordered an inquiry into the alleged leak in advance of President Wilson's peace note, there were indications tonight that the House rules committee was about to drop its hearings on the Wood resolution for such an investigation and return the resolution to the House with an adverse report.

Democratic members of the committee freely expressed their weariness over the proceedings of the past few days, and their conviction not only that nothing to warrant further inquiry had been brought out so far, but that Mr. Lawson knew nothing to support his sweeping charges.

Lawson Continues Defiant.

Mr. Lawson continued today to defy the committee, refusing over and over again to give the names of the men he said he had been told profited by the "leak," after suggesting that he could name an official higher up than any yet mentioned.

Four motions to cite him before the bar of the House for contempt pending when he left the witness stand early in the day were considered by the committee in executive session. No decision was reached, but some of the members indicated later that Mr. Lawson probably would not be recalled, and that if it was determined to report the Wood resolution unfavorably, the contempt charges would be forgotten. In the meantime the financier remains in Washington, subject to the committee's orders.

Hearing to Continue Today.

The hearing will continue throughout tomorrow, at least, to give several of the men mentioned in the various reports and rumors related before the committee an opportunity to make statements.

In the course of today's examination Mr. Lawson frankly admitted he was not particularly concerned with the so-called "leak" itself, but that his purpose in agitating the subject primarily was to bring about a thorough investigation of the New York Stock Exchange that would lead to incorporation and Federal regulation.

Bernard Baruch, of New York, who (Concluded on Page 2, Column 3.)

MOTHER SHOT BY SON CLEANING GUN

MRS. LAURA WHITMAR, 54, VICTIM OF GRAVE ACCIDENT.

Bullet From Rifle Pierces Breast. Injured Woman Is Taken to Hospital for Treatment.

Mrs. Laura Whitmar, 54, was accidentally shot through the abdomen last night by a rifle in the hands of her son, J. H. Whitmar, 19. Mrs. Whitmar is in a serious condition at the Good Samaritan Hospital, whither she was taken by the Ambulance Service Company.

The shooting occurred at the Whitmar home on the Taylor's Ferry road, near the city limits. The son was handling his uncle's rifle, which the latter had just brought back from a hunting trip near South Bend, Wash. The boy thought the rifle was unloaded, but was pumping the magazine to eject any possible cartridges that might be in the weapon. Young Whitmar says he accidentally cocked the rifle, and as he was about to pull the trigger, the hammer without pulling the trigger, the rifle was discharged.

Mrs. Whitmar was seated, reading a paper, when she was shot. The bullet, of .22 caliber, entered her body between the sixth and seventh ribs to the right of the sternum.

OFFICER FOR 26 YEARS OUT

Bandon's Only City Treasurer Resigns From His Seat.

BANDON, Or., Jan. 9.—(Special)—With the record of having been the only man to hold the office of City Treasurer of this city, C. Y. Lowe, a pioneer of the Coquille Valley, last week tendered his resignation to Mayor George P. Topping, after 26 years' service. W. J. Sweet has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

BERLIN TO RESUME RACING

Larger Number of Horses Than Before Will Appear.

BERLIN, Jan. 8, via London, Jan. 9.—The authorities have announced their sanction of the 1917 racing program for Berlin, comprising 74 days at five tracks.

ENFORCED VOTE PROPOSED

Fine Suggested for Non-Participation in Presidential Election.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—An amendment to the Owen corrupt practices bill, providing that every qualified voter who fails to vote in a Federal election, except because of sickness, shall be subject to a fine of \$25, was introduced today in the Senate.

UMATILLA WOMEN TAKE REINS OF CITY

Officers Sworn In Before Big Crowd.

MEN GET NO APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Ignores 2 Councilmen in Naming Committees.

MARSHAL'S OFFICE GOES

In Message Mrs. Starcher Says Town Has No Need for Police and Expresses Confidence in 'Petty-coat Government,' So Called.

UMATILLA, Or., Jan. 9.—(Special)—The City Hall at Umatilla, which is an old landmark, built in the '60s, was crowded tonight when the women elected as city officials last December took the oath of office.

The new officials are: Mrs. Laura J. Starcher, Mayor; Mrs. Bertha Cherry, Recorder; Mrs. Lola Merrick, Treasurer; and Mrs. Stella Paul, Mrs. Gladys Spinning, Mrs. Anna Means and Mrs. Chauncey Brownell, Councilwomen.

As soon as the old Council had cleared the slate, the new Mayor immediately took charge. After appointing her various committees she announced that in compliance with the charter requirements she had filed a short statement to the Council calling their attention to a few of the things needing their immediate attention and action.

New Mayor Confident.

Her message was short and to the point and closed with the following comment:

"There has been a great deal said about the so-called 'petty-coat' government and many wild speculations made as to how we would manage the city affairs, being 'mere women.' However, we will manage the affairs of this municipality in a creditable manner without a shadow of a doubt, and if I did not believe that any woman on this Council was not as competent and capable as any man who ever occupied a chair in this Council I would resign right now.

"It is a long way from the early steamboat days, when Umatilla was the distributing point for all inland towns of Eastern Oregon, and the days of wild Indians and cowboys to the so-called 'petty-coat' government, but we are here, ladies, nevertheless, so let us all pull together for the improvement of what is left of the once famous old city."

It was generally supposed Mrs. Starcher would appoint a woman as city marshal, but she declined to appoint a marshal at all on the ground that none was needed, and the salary paid was unnecessary expense. She said was unnecessary expense. She called attention to the fact that there was a deputy sheriff on the streets

GOVERNOR GIVES BIENNIAL MESSAGE

STRESS PLACED ON FINANCIAL PROBLEMS IN LEGISLATURE.

Mr. Withycombe Appears Before Big Audience and Mr. Moser Says Senate Will Heed.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 9.—(Special)—With the aisles, lobbies and seats of the House of Representatives packed by a throng that stretched back into the Capitol corridors, Oregonians from many parts of the state were here today to listen to Governor Withycombe deliver his message to the 29th Legislative Assembly and the second message of his administration.

Covering comprehensively, but concisely the main state issues which confront the Legislature, he consumed practically 40 minutes of the time of his afternoon session, departed after a brief hand-shaking with state officials and officials of the two houses, assembled in joint session, and left to allow the assembly to continue its rapidly mounting list of business.

The Executive deplored the tendency toward decentralization of power which has been developing in the state and legislative cognizance of an evil which he believes may lead to harmful results; he outlined budget reductions which could effect a saving of \$451,000 on the estimates proposed by the various state activities and also suggested ways and means for bringing the revenues of the state up to an increase of \$121,000 annually by slightly increased fees in various departments.

Governor Withycombe was escorted to the Hall of Representatives by a committee composed of Senator Olson and Representatives C. C. Clark and Allen Eaton. State officers, including members of the Supreme Court, were escorted to the chamber by Senators Ritner, Gill and Wood.

ALBANY OFFICE SWAMPED

Oats by Parcel Post Will Require Seven Days to Move.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 9.—(Special)—It will take seven days to send out some parcel post mail placed in the Albany postoffice yesterday, for the mail consists of 125 pounds of oats, contained in 27 sacks, and as only 200 pounds daily can be shipped to one address, the mail is being sent out in installments.

The oats is a special kind for use as seed and was shipped by an Albany mail carrier to a farmer at Marial, in Curry County. The postage was 54 cents on each sack, or \$14.58.

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SENATE BEGINS AT HOME ON ECONOMY

Seven Clerks, \$1400, Quickly Eliminated.

GALLERY INSPIRES ORATORS

Committee Takes Testimony on Employees Needed.

SOME WOULD CUT MORE

Dimick's View That Force Should Not Be So Small as to Cripple Committees Is Finally Upheld After Much Discussion.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 9.—(Special)—The Senate began a programme of legislative retrenchment today by lopping off seven committee clerks and a sum total for the session in that item alone of \$1400 in clerk hire. The vote for this economy was 19 to 9.

There being the first large gallery of the session present, some of the Senators fervently declared for still more economy. It was the first real opportunity for eloquence that has been presented, and they made the most of it.

Committee Increases Force.

Senator Garland had presented a resolution yesterday, providing that the committees on enrolled and engrossed bills should each have one chief clerk and two assistant clerks, both of whom should be typists.

The resolutions committee, of which Senator Dimick, of Clackamas, a staunch advocate of economy, is chairman, reported back a substitute resolution, allowing each of the committees one chief clerk and four assistants, three of whom must be typists.

About the time this substitute was reported to the Senate, the gallery began to fill. Thereupon the oratory began.

Three Clerks Enough, He Says.

Senator Garland, speaking in his original resolution, declared that "economy should begin at home" and insisted that three clerks were enough for each of the committees.

"How will we go upstairs and downstairs, eliminating and cutting off commissions, if we don't economize under our own noses?" he inquired.

Fear of Crippling Expressed.

Dimick, whose economical tendencies in matters of legislation are axiomatic in the Senate, came right back with a warm defense of the substitute measure as allowing only enough clerks to prevent the substitute resolution, only after adequately provide for these committees.

He explained that the number of clerks was increased from the total of three for each committee as provided in the Garland resolution, to five each in the substitute resolution, only after the chairman of each committee, the chief clerks and the chief clerks at the last session had been summoned to give testimony as to the least number of clerks they could get along with.

\$1400 Saved on One Item.

"On these two committees at the last session," Dimick pointed out, "there were 17 clerks. We are providing for only ten, and in that cut alone we have saved the state of Oregon \$1400 in clerk hire."

"We took the position, and still take it, that the resolution as originally introduced by Senator Garland did not adequately provide for these committees."

"I submit to this body if it isn't a pretty good showing in beginning economy at home when we save a cool \$1400 on this one item at the very beginning of the session."

"That is all that can be done and not impair the efficiency of these committees."

Cut Considered Sufficient.

I. S. Smith, of Coos; Huston of Multnomah; Pierce of Union; Vinton of Yamhill, all had something to say on one side or the other of the question.

Eddy of Douglas declared the full number of clerks allowed in the substitute was not necessary at this time, whereat, by unanimous consent, Dimick amended the resolution to provide that "such four assistant clerks be employed by said committees only when necessary."

The Senate upheld Dimick's view that a fine showing in economy had been made by lopping off seven clerks and \$1400, and that real economy would best be served by providing enough clerks to maintain the efficiency of the committees.

Homesteader Gets Place.

When the Senate authorized the appointment of a bill clerk at \$5 a day, on recommendation of the resolutions committee, President Moser appointed Mrs. Frances H. Whitehead to the position. Mrs. Whitehead, a homesteader in Christmas Lake Valley, in the sagebrush country, 115 miles from Bend, came all the way from there to apply for the position. Twenty-two Senators signed the application for her appointment.

Just before the close of the afternoon session Senator Wood introduced a joint memorial petitioning the adoption by Congress of a volunteer retired list bill, now before it. This bill authorizes full retired pay to certain surviving officers of the Mexican, Civil War and Indian wars.

