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KERR'S DEFENSE.

Fourth Alleged Paterson Murderer Claims He Tried to Prevent the Assault.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—New light has been thrown upon the case of George J. Kerr, indicted as one of the four murderers of Jennie Bosschieter in Paterson, N. J.

The reasons for giving Kerr a separate trial also have been made public. Judge Dixon, at the time he granted Kerr the privilege of being tried separately, said he would file his reasons tomorrow and he has now made them known.

Judge Dixon says the object of this secrecy was to prevent facts from reaching the jurors in the trial of the other three men that might possibly unduly influence their minds.

It now appears that Kerr intends to tell all about the tragedy on the night of October 16th, that he will claim that he was not present at the time the deadly drug was administered to Jennie Bosschieter and that he not only did not take part in the assault but, on the other hand, protested against it. Kerr expects to prove this by the confessions of Campbell and Death.

Prosecutor Emley will insist that Kerr had guilty knowledge of all that took place on that night, that he aided and abetted in the poisoning.

In giving his reasons for postponing Kerr's trial, Judge Dixon says that the statements made by Death and Campbell to the police implicated Kerr in certain ways but such statements are not legal evidence of Kerr's guilt and, being introduced on the trial of Campbell and Death and McAlister, they might have biased the minds of the jurors against Kerr. He further says that the counsel for Kerr made known to him that they would introduce an entirely different line of defense for Kerr to that made by Campbell, Death and McAlister.

JEFFRIES-RUHLIN FIGHT.

Jeffries Says if He Can't Meet Ruhlin in Cincinnati He Will Somewhere Else.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Jim Jeffries, on starting for Cincinnati with his brother Jack and Trainer Delaney, was not clear as to what he would do in Cincinnati, but he hoped that the Saengerfest Club would be able to pull off his fight with Ruhlin there on February 15. As yet he practically has done no training, but he is in good condition and says he could go into the ring at a moment's notice.

"I guess Ruhlin and I will be able to get together in Cincinnati," the champion said just before starting for his train. "Anyway," he continued, "I'm not the kind to worry about it. If we can't meet in Cincinnati I suppose we can meet somewhere else and I'm ready for the mill any time.

"I never felt so much like a fight in all my life. I hope everything will come off on schedule time in the Saengerfest Club. I'm ready to fill my part of the contract. There's some more training ahead of me, of course, but I feel as if I could go into the ring and put up a winning fight."

CITIES RULED BY ROBBERS.

Sensational Sermon by a New Haven Clergyman.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 21.—In a sermon preached last night, prophesying the line along which the twentieth century may be expected to mark an advance in civilization, the Rev. Theodore T. Munger, D. D., the retiring pastor of the United Church and senior member of the Yale University corporation, said:

"There are moments when one almost wishes there were in New York an absolute ruler who could crush its rulers. Yet who would seriously advocate it? Our great cities are not self-governed, nor are they in any true sense free. They are governed by robbers and those who sell the souls of men and women for a price.

"It is not a pleasant sight to see seated in the national senate in the first days of this century two senators already attainted by the courts, one by the very body to which he has been returned and the other by the courts of his own state. This is an evil which will be remedied when it has grown enough to arouse the people.

"New York has drunk its cup of lies and shame until it can no longer endure it, and now it is casting it aside."

DOGS FOR ALASKA.

Twelve St. Bernards Being Shipped From Chicago.

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—In a private car, fitted up especially for their use and comfort, twelve hardy and muscular St. Bernard dogs will leave Chicago today, bound for Alaska. Chicago prospectors will use them in the far North to transport supplies over the glaciers in the Copper river region.

The canines have been given a special course of training by their owner, who says he has hardened them in preparation for the strenuous life they will be forced to lead in the ice fields.

The dogs will be used to draw six sleds with an aggregate burden of two tons of supplies and provisions. They will be harnessed tandem and it is believed that they will afford a solution of the problem of transportation.

CHILEAN PROPOSAL REJECTED.

Bolivian Government Not Satisfied With Terms Offered.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

Bolivia has rejected the proposal of Chile contemplating the payment by the latter country of the Bolivian bonded debt, the construction of a railroad connecting Bolivia with a Pacific port, the free entry of goods and the establishment of custom houses in exchange for the recognition by the La Paz government of Chilean sovereignty over the territory in dispute between the two countries.

The minister of foreign affairs in Bolivia, who urged the acceptance of the Chilean proposal, has in consequence of the adverse action of the congress of his country resigned his office.

The Chilean minister in Bolivia has left his post at La Paz, but it is understood that he will be directed to return to La Paz perhaps with the new proposition.

CORPSE EATEN BY RATS.

Frightful Condition of Body of Deceased Chicago Woman.

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—With her face disfigured beyond recognition and her flesh in some places torn away by rats, Mrs. Sarah Hampton was found dead at her home on Morgan Place, last evening by John Adams, a friend of the family, who went to the house.

The woman lay on the floor, with her head resting on the edge of a washtub. There is every indication that the woman had been dead several days.

The dogs belonging to the family were found scattered about the house, where they had been killed when scared off by the rats that infested the place and were rapidly eating the unprotected body.

DIED OF OVERWORK.

Famous Canadian Physician and Author of Medical Works.

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—Dr. Charles Wesley Parks, in 1854, the organization of Chicago's medical university. He was born in Kingston, Ontario, in 1848, and was graduated from the Queen's University still just boiling.

Dr. Parks built with chiefly the aid of his own efforts, and held several honors in the church. He recently was elected president of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

DEPT OFFICE BURGLARIZED.

Thieves Get Away Undetected in a Suburb of Chicago.

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—Burglars entered the Oak Park post office through a skylight some time after midnight and with ease succeeded in forcing their operations they spent between 300 and 500 letters and attacked the money drawer. They found checks. The amount of the theft has not been estimated, but it is believed Oak Park citizens will heavily.

The robbery was discovered by the janitor, who found the flow behind the letter cases piled high with form mail.

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QUEEN WEAKER THIS MORNING

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daughter, Helena, wife of Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein.

The prospect of an indefinite prolongation of the war was a trial under which her health again began to sink in November last.

Her spirit remained undaunted and when it was reported that President Kruger had said the war would claim her as one of its victims the queen declared:

"I may die, but Mr. Kruger won't kill me."

In December her feebleness rapidly increased. Sleepless nights were passed in prayer and tears, causing the most profound anxiety to her entourage.

The queen lost her appetite and began to shrivel, presenting all the characteristics of senile decay.

The excitement incidental to her visit to Ireland—which, despite everything stated to the contrary, was her own idea—seemed to revive her, but before the visit ended a reaction had set in.

The public, however, was hoodwinked by the accounts of her majesty's doings and utterances given in the newspapers by her household. Unusual care was taken to have her alleged replies to addresses and other evidences of mental activity set before the public. In reality the queen lived as in a dream.

For instance, she was reported to have made an animated reply to an address presented to her at the Mount Anville convent in Dublin, whereas all she said was the dazed inquiry, "Where am I?"

This happened not once but several times. Then she went to Balmoral, her Highland home, her spirits revived under the influence of General Roberts' brilliant achievements in the South African war, but the improvement was short.

It had always been a source of wonder to her physicians that, with her great appetite and physique, she had escaped an apoplectic stroke, but about this time there was a falling away on her left side, accompanied by a loss of power in her left arm and left leg.

These symptoms caused apprehension of approaching paralysis. So alarming was her condition that the royal family abandoned all idea of making a trip to the continent which it had been hoped would revive the queen mentally and physically.

Unfavorable war news and reports of the acute suffering of her dying daughter Empress Frederick, affected the queen severely.

She had fits of depression and crying. She referred constantly to the death of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg Gotha and expressed a wish to see the duchess.

The change to Osborne just before Christmas time did not work the benefit that was anticipated.

Accordingly the duchess was summoned to Osborne, but at the first interview she left the queen prostrated with grief. In the midst of these troubles came the sudden and unexpected death of her oldest and dearest friend, the Dowager Lady Churchill, senior lady of the bedchamber and member of the royal household for forty-six years.

While the queen has been sleepless at night she has long had strange fits of drowsiness in the day time. When her mind has been clear the queen has tried valiantly to combat this failing. The court officials have also worked hard to keep her from sleeping at the wrong time.

The last time she drove outside the grounds of Osborne the villagers of East Cowes were astounded to hear the clear treble of the son of the Princess of Battenburg trilling out popular songs from the royal carriage. The boy was singing to keep his grandmother awake, in obedience to her wishes. Now and again she dozed, wakening to tell the boy to continue his chant which, to the initiated onlooker, outlined a world of pathos.

The queen drove about in her donkey chaise within the grounds of Osborne for the last time on Tuesday. The Duchess of Edinburgh or Saxe-Coburg Gotha was her companion. On her return to the castle the queen was asleep. In that condition she was carried to her bed never to rise again.

Dr. Pagenstechter, the German oculist, who was attending Somerset for an injury to his eyes, was summoned to Osborne. She suffered acutely from her eyes, owing to her constant crying. Dr. Pagenstechter made a general examination on Monday and reported that the queen had nothing organically wrong, but was suffering from nervous exhaustion.

In her periods of mental activity she harped so incessantly upon the war that Colonial Secretary Chamberlain was commanded to go to Osborne to console her with the reassuring news. Mr. Chamberlain told the war party when the queen favored peace in South Africa.

It was not a wise thing, as it turned out, for her household to summon Chamberlain. His efforts to console the queen were fruitless and she abruptly closed the conference.

Subsequently Lord Roberts was directed to appear at Osborne. He reached here last Tuesday. He did not attempt to deceive the queen, but frankly explained the difficulties which had to be overcome before the war in South Africa could be terminated. The interview lasted some time and it was the last time that the queen displayed the wide knowledge and shrewd commonsense which played such an important part in her long reign.

It was after the Roberts' interview that the queen, accompanied by the Duchess of Edinburgh, went for the drive already mentioned. Two weeks before the public knew of it Sir Francis Laking had been assisting Sir Jas Reid at Osborne. On Thursday last Sir James Powell, the famous heart and lung specialist, was summoned to Osborne because of two attacks of heart failure which the queen suffered on Wednesday night.

At that time the queen's condition had assumed the gravest complexion, but the Prince of Wales, in order to prevent public alarm or suspicion, attended a dinner given to Lord Roberts and subsequently appeared at the theater on Thursday night.

On Thursday the queen had a stroke of paralysis. Since then she has been in a comatose condition.

AMERICAN TRIBUTES

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—The World this morning publishes the following tributes to Queen Victoria from a number of prominent men in the United States as follows:

Lloyd Brice, author of "The American Commonwealth"—The queen's reign, now closing, is grand, glorious and impressive, because it is associated with the greatest advance on record in the world's progress. This Victoria has been fortunate enough to represent in her own person and has undoubtedly contributed by her presence to the higher civilization we now enjoy.

"But while she rules an empire on which the sun never sets she is a lady, an in the highest sense and will live a permanent impression on the minds of time."

John D. Long, secretary of the navy—"There is a general feeling of sincere respect for Queen Victoria not only in view of her unquestionable long reign but also for her high character and good influence as a ruler and as a woman. Her death will cause a personal loss to her people and to others."

A. E. Stevenson, former vice-president of the United States—"The tidings of the death of queen Victoria will be received with deep sorrow throughout the British realm and the world.

"In the eighty years she has spent an exemplary life. It will stand in history in marked contrast to that of many who have preceded her in the great office.

"Her reign marks an epoch in English history. For two-thirds of a century she has held in sway the sovereign of Great Britain. The fact, however, remains that she has reigned, but has not ruled.

"The power of the British sovereign today is but the shadow of that exercised by her grandfather, George III., a century ago. Under the mild reign of Queen Victoria sovereign power has waned throughout the British realm. Governmental authority has gradually passed from palace and throne to the hall where sit in deliberation the chosen representatives of the people."

Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador—"The many expressions of sympathy which have come to this embassy during the past trying days are fully appreciated. This feeling is natural when it is considered that Queen Victoria has been the guiding spirit of the almost numberless efforts for advancement of her people at home and the betterment of conditions for multitudes under her sway beyond the limits of her home islands.

"To those who had the wonderful distinction of knowing the venerated queen her loss is something inexpressible. Those who have served her have priceless treasures in remembering her kindliness, her encouragement and benignant disposition to reward the smallest personal or national service."

General Nelson A. Miles—"Her reign, considering the history of the past sixty years, the important political events that have occurred, the progress made by the whole world, the part that Great Britain has played in the progress, and the influence its sovereign has constantly exercised upon the affairs of the world, is the most remarkable in the history of any country.

"As to the queen and her soldiers, there has ever been a close relationship between the queen and her military forces, both army and navy. One need not be told of the deep affection of the British soldiers and sailors for the queen after having noted the loyalty and devotion they display wherever an English soldier or sailor is to be seen. This affection is reciprocated by the queen. Thus her influence is felt though all the army and navy.

"Since she ascended the throne there has been a wonderful development in the military branch of the English government and much is due the queen for its present standard."

Robert T. Lincoln, formerly United States minister at London—"Queen Victoria is one of the wisest women—probably the wisest woman—that ever lived. I do not mean to say that she is a genius but her great gift of common-sense, conferred by her vast store of knowledge, has enabled her to counsel men and women of all classes and conditions with wisdom that could not be excelled."

Bishop Potter is quoted as saying:

"This morning while on episcopal business I observed a bulletin in front of a newspaper office saying the queen was dying and I asked myself what was the meaning of the sight with our own translated in that doubled sense. She was not a woman of great intellect or of great gifts. Yet no human being who has lived in the last eighty-two years has exercised as enduring or remarkable an influence on the world as she.

"Like Washington, it was her personality, the influence of character that achieved this result. You heard of Napoleon, the most brilliant figure in history, but you read with increasing loathing of a man so cruel, so base as he. It is therefore not great gifts that make the great character.

"It was what one does, what one is, that counts, with such a character as Washington or Victoria. To paraphrase the famous words of Nelson, the queen did her duty, without faltering or failure. She was always womanly, pure, patient and devoted to duty."

Tunis G. Bergen, leading member of the Boer relief committee—"That the longest reign in England should be the greatest is because the sceptre was in the hands of a pure and loving woman.

"The Victorian reign will be best known by its victories in the arts of peace. The sovereign who ruled and guaranteed the home has brightened the fame of England as the land of homes.

"The mailed hand of British power which too often has struck down the right of other lands, was not the hand of the queen.

"As she lies dying to her faithful years it is the majesty of a noble woman which surrounds her rather than the majesty of the monarch."

Robert B. Roosevelt, former minister to The Hague—"Queen Victoria never took part for good or bad in English politics. This was eminently wise, but leaves nothing to say except that she has always been admitted to be a model wife and mother."

INTEREST IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—Chicagoans demonstrated their interest in the dying queen by gathering wherever they could read the bulletins that came from London at half hourly intervals.

Around the newspaper offices there were groups all day reading copies of the latest dispatches from Osborne house. In the newspaper offices telephones were kept busy by those who were too far from the center of the city to obtain their information otherwise.

By arrangement with the newspapers or press bureaus most of the important clubs were kept informed on the progress of her majesty's illness. The messages were posted or read aloud to the members in the smoking room. In many of the churches the pastors spoke feelingly of the dying queen's long and honorable reign while from nearly every pulpit was voiced a prayer for her restoration to health.

In the rotunda of the downtown hotels the chief topic of conversation was the illness of Queen Victoria. Canadians, strangers to each other, but drawn together by a cause of common bereavement, formed little groups in the lobbies and talked quietly of the calamity about to overtake the British Empire. All expressed their confidence in the Prince of Wales.

NEPHEW OF THE POPE

Suspected of Being the Thief Who Stole Bonds From the Vatican.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—A dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser from Rome says:

Count Camillo Pecci, the nephew of the pope, whose brother has recently been serving with the Boers against the British in South Africa, is on his way to the United States, accompanied by his wife.

His visit is for the purpose of invoking the assistance of President McKinley and of the United States government in obtaining compensation for the destruction by Cuban insurgents of his wife's large sugar plantations and factories in Cuba during the war with the United States.

His unexpected departure from here served to revive rumors in anti-clerical circles which associate his name with the recent mysterious robbery at the vatican. Only a public trial could set these rumors at rest, but there seems no indication of this being done as the papal authorities cannot prosecute without acknowledging the jurisdiction of the Italian courts within the precincts of the vatican, where the robbery was committed.

Most of the stolen bonds have been recovered. They were found in the possession of eminently respectable bankers in Northern Italy who had no notion that the bonds had been stolen.

The only reason for connecting the name of the count with the matter is that his extravagance is known to have been a source of much concern to his uncle, the pontiff.

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HAZING DENOUNCED

New York Minister Thinks It Should Be Stopped or the Military Academy Abolished.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—The Rev. Dr. Davis T. Wylie, moderator of the New York Presbytery and pastor of the Scotch Presbyterian church, assailed the practices of the West Point cadets in his sermon yesterday morning.

West Point is a beautiful and historic spot on the Hudson," said Dr. Wylie, "and is intimately connected with our national history. I, for one, would rather see it dismantled and destroyed than continued as a national institution where brutality and inhumanity thrive.

"The attention of the nation has been called to disgraceful scenes taking place there, and a strong feeling of disapproval has been manifested all over the country.

"These disclosures have caused the cadet corps to make a pledge that no more hazing will be countenanced, but will this pledge prove effective? It has been clearly shown that a spirit dwells with the upper class men that will make their definition of hazing a doubtful one so far as the public is concerned.

"This brutality at West Point ought to be stopped. If it cannot be checked at once the United States military academy should be speedily abolished."

WHEAT MARKET

PORTLAND, Jan. 21.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 64@66; bluestem, 67.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—Wheat, May, 80⅞; cash, 87½.

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—Wheat, May, opening, 74⅛@74⅜; closing, 73@73⅛.

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