



SAD FOR NAN

Jury's Action Is a Sharp Surprise to Her.

FATHER CATCHES HER

Girl Swooned When the Jury's Verdict Was Announced in Court.

CURIOUS CROWD GATHERED

Jail Matron Says Miss Patterson Has the Most Wonderful Nerve of Any Female Prisoner With Whom She Has Had to Do.

New York, Dec. 23.—Painting in her father's arms, her frame quivering with the accumulated suffering of months of anxious waiting, Nan Patterson today heard the announcement that the jurymen trying her for the murder of Caesar Young had disagreed. Soon she was revived, and, sobbing hysterically and hardly able to walk, was half led, half carried, back to her cell in the Tombs.

Her vision of a Christmas at home was gone and the uncertainty is to what the next step in her case might be. Before her trial the district attorney offered to accept bail in \$20,000, but this could not be raised, and the prosecuting officers declined to indicate today what their attitude on this point will be. District Attorney Jerome said he had nothing whatever to say at present as to whether he would agree to a lower bail or whether he would accept bail at all. The jury stood six for acquittal and six for conviction, but so far as can be learned there was no jurymen in favor of a first-degree verdict.

The keenest disappointment was felt in the court room and in the great crowd outside when the disagreement was announced. Not since the Mollneux case has there been so much interest taken in a criminal trial in this city, and many of those present had hoped for a verdict of acquittal. The closing of the proceedings at this time, just two days before Christmas, added to the sentimental interest for the girl's fate and the prospect of spending the holidays in prison undoubtedly accentuated the girl's agony when she heard the words that she would not be free. Her father, who has been by her side ever since the trial began, and whose care and devotion to her have been the most touching feature of the trial, tried to comfort her, but his saddened face and mournful expression robbed the words he uttered of force and meaning as he said:

"Don't worry, little girl; it will come out all right yet."

After her removal from the court room, Miss Patterson was taken to a retiring room and restoratives were given to her. She soon revived, but while passing over the "Bridge of Sighs" on her way to her cell in the Tombs, she suffered a second fainting spell, from which she recovered slowly. Once in her cell, Miss Patterson wept. A Tombs missionary tried to comfort her, but she would not be comforted. She cried for her father, but when he was admitted to her cell she did not immediately recognize him. The father wept in company with his daughter.

After the prison physician had administered stimulants, Miss Patterson regained some of her former self-possession.

"Do you think," she asked the missionary, "that the jury believed me guilty because I broke down and cried along toward the last. You remember after I had stood Mr. Rand's attack as long as I could, I just had to break down and cry, and I thought that maybe I was that kind of woman."

The missionary reassured her and she became more cheerful.

Henry W. Unger, of counsel for Nan Patterson, said after the jury had been discharged:

"We will not take any further action in the case until we learn what District

Attorney Jerome intends to do. We have reason to hope, however, that he will consent to her release on her own recognizance, pending further disposition of the case."

Another of Miss Patterson's counsel said that he felt it would be the part of wisdom to wait, "until the smoke of battle has cleared away," before the next move. Some time next week, he said, Miss Patterson's counsel probably would ask bail for her and that the \$20,000 bail in which she was first held be reduced. The future of the case, he declared, would depend a great deal upon the attitude of the six members of the jury who were opposed to her acquittal, particularly as to the degree of the crime of which they would have convicted her.

With Due Knowledge.

New York, Dec. 23.—Even in the face of certain knowledge that news of the decision of the jury would not be forthcoming until after 10 o'clock today, scores of people remained all night around the criminal court building hoping to be the first to hear the verdict in the case of Nan Patterson. Driven from the building just before midnight, when the jury was locked up for the night by order of Justice Davis, the curious crowd gathered in little knots in sheltered places in the vicinity to wait and speculate and insure for themselves an advantageous position in the line when the doors were again opened today.

Even after the dim light that came through windows of the juryroom indicated that the jurors had given up their arguments for the night and were attempting to sleep, rumors from inside the building found their way to

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COUNTRY'S FINANCE

Railroads and Banks Pay Phenomenal Dividends.

OVER HUNDRED MILLION PAID

Assets of the Large Institutions of the Country Show That Hard Times Do Not Come to the Owners of Carefully Selected Stocks.

HED TO KUM . . . \$33,000,000

New York, Dec. 23.—Dividend and interest disbursements to be made in January will break all records, according to statistics collected by the Journal of Commerce. The compilation indicates a total of about \$136,000,000, to be paid out by leading railroad and industrial corporations, local banks trust companies, traction companies and the national government.

This is nearly \$3,000,000 larger than in January a year ago, when total payments of similar institutions were about \$133,000,000. The industrial payments show considerable falling off because of reduction and passing of dividends, but this is much more than offset by increased payments on the part of the railroads and local traction companies. Following is a comparative summary of the January disbursements with comparisons:

Dividend Pmnts, Jan., 1905.	Jan., 1904.	
Railroad	\$27,000,000	\$23,000,000
Industrial	23,289,450	28,400,000
N. Y. Traction	3,314,000	1,850,000
Bank & T. Co.	5,900,000	5,000,000
Total	\$59,503,450	\$58,250,000

Interest Payments—		
Railroads	\$61,150,000	\$59,000,000
Industrial	8,250,000	8,000,000
N. Y. Traction	1,800,000	1,800,000
Government	4,280,000	4,300,000
Greater N.Y. City	1,600,000	1,600,000
Totals	\$77,080,000	\$74,700,000
Grand totals	\$136,583,450	\$132,950,000

Car Industry.

New York, Dec. 23.—Returns received from the car building plants of America show that in the past year, approximately \$62.95 cars have been built, including cars for use on elevated railroads, but exclusive of street and other electric cars. These figures do not include cars built by the railroads at their own shops.

During the year 3,441 locomotives were built at the various plants against 3,152 last year. The number for the current year includes 95 electric locomotives, but does not include locomotives built by the railroads at their own shops.

JAPS IN WAIT

Powerful Flotilla After Baltic Squadron.

RECEPTION PREPARED

Big Consignment of Ammunition for Russia Reported Held by the Chinese.

CAME IN ON CAMELS BACKS

Developments of the Next Few Days Are Anxiously Awaited by the Followers of the Drama Being Enacted in the Orient.

London, Dec. 23.—Telegraphing from Tokio, the correspondent of the Daily Express says he learns in the event of Admiral Kamimura, who is reported to have gone south with a squadron of powerful cruisers, notifying it of the approach of the second Russian Pacific squadron, the whole Japanese fleet, which has been operating at Port Arthur will be ready to proceed south on a day's notice to give battle.

Ammunition Held.

London, Dec. 23.—The Times correspondent at Peking reports the Chinese have seized at Feng Tai station, near Peking, 3,000,000 rounds of Russian rifle ammunition consigned to a Russian firm at Tientsin and evidently designed for Port Arthur. The ammunition was concealed in bales of wool brought from Kalgan on camels.

Gee Whizovitch.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—It is reported that Grand Duke Vladimir will be appointed president of the council of the empire, being succeeded as commander-in-chief of the imperial guard by Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholavitch.

Polite Japanese.

Mukden, Dec. 23.—The volunteers on the night of December 21 occupied the Japanese trenches opposite their positions. Three trenches were evacuated by the Japanese with scarcely a fight. The victors were surprised to find a box lying in plain view, which contained wine, biscuits and sweets and a letter in Russian politely requesting its acceptance. "From disturbing neighbors."

Minnesota Arrives.

Seattle, Dec. 23.—The new Great Northern liner Minnesota arrived from New York today and dropped anchor off the west of Seattle. A brilliant marine reception was planned, but bad weather in the straits held the Minnesota at Victoria and it was abandoned. However, the steamships City of Seattle and Umatilla, carrying about 1200 persons, met the Minnesota at Port Townsend and escorted her to this city.

Sugar Is Cut.

San Francisco Dec. 23.—Four large jobbing firms that have withdrawn from the compact with the Pacific Traffic and Commercial Association and the local sugar refineries have cut the price of refined and granulated sugar to 5 1/2 cents a pound. This is a quarter of a cent below the price of the refineries that have not met the reduction.

FAKE FIGHT.

Cuff and Curley Conduct a Bum Hippodrome.

Walla Walla, Dec. 23.—The 20-round bout between Ed Cuff and Jack Curley before the Walla Walla Athletic Club tonight was a fake. It ended in the third round, when the men fought in clinches, rolling on the floor most of the time. The referee, Andy King, awarded the decision to Curley. Neither man landed an effective blow, although both feigned violent exertion. Joe Robinson, colored, challenged the winner to fight for a purse of 500, but the whole affair was hissed by the crowd.

PARAGUAY QUIET.

Stealth Revolution for This Week Now Settled.

New York, Dec. 23.—President Gaona, after taking the oath of office at the conclusion of the recent successful revolt, announced, cables the Herald's Asuncion (Paraguay) correspondent, that he accepted the presidency only from love of peace and concord among all citizens. The president exhorted all Paraguayans to forget party rancors and devote their energies to the reorganization of the republic. He will devote special attention to the financial question. His watchword, he said, will be order and labor.

SIOUX CITY BURNS.

Fireman Finds His Death in the Flames in That City.

Sioux City, Dec. 23.—A fire, which resulted in the death of one fireman, and a monetary loss of \$750,000, and the destruction of nearly two blocks in the business center, started in the basement of the Pelletier department store tonight. Several of the most substantial structures in the city were destroyed, together with the stocks of some of the most prominent business houses. The fire burned over three hours before it was under control. The origin is not determined.

European Disaster.

Paris, Dec. 23.—During the dense fog in London the Boulogne express ran into the Lille express, smashing the last Lille carriage. Six bodies were recovered. It is feared more are under the engine, and a score of wounded were taken to the hospitals.

ROAD BROKE DOWN

Logs Knock Three Bents from Under 23rd Street.

ALL TRAFFIC IS BLOCKED

Street Superintendent Kearney Notified the Fire Department of the Condition of the Streets—Repairs Will Be Made Today.

Some heavy logs worked up under Twenty-third street, opposite the Clatsop mill at the incline, knocking out three bents of the planked roadway yesterday noon. When the street was repaired the piling was sawed off and posts set on the stumps of the spiles. At high tide at 1 o'clock the logs were carried in and being a rough tide bumped against the posts, carrying away three bents. Traffic was suspended for some time. Superintendent Kearney was notified and put a force of men at work repairing the break. Last night they had the east side repaired so teams could go over it. Mr. Kearney immediately notified the chief engineer of the fire department and the various companies of the condition of the road, and in the event of a fire to take the east side, close to the street car track. It is expected that the street will be repaired by noon today, so that it will be safe for travel.

This accident shows the necessity of improving Exchange street, from Seventeenth to the Clatsop mill. There is only one street to Uppertown, and that is Commercial, and the short road between Commercial and Exchange. If the street should be carried out, which is liable to occur on high water tides, and a fire occurred, the department would be powerless to render any assistance.

Dropped Dead on Car.

Wallace, Idaho, Dec. 23.—F. H. Hammond, an O. R. & N. conductor suddenly dropped dead today while on top of a freight car being switched in the local yards. Several years ago he sustained a fractured skull in a wreck. He soon recovered and since has not complained of injury. Physicians say a portion of the injured skull pressed upon the brain, which caused his death.

Girls Die.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Nellie Tracy and May Johnson, employed in a dance hall, were found dead in their room in a lodging house today, accidentally asphyxiated by gas.

CURTAIN IS UP

Mitchell and Hermann Arrive in Portland.

THEY DO NOT WORRY

Lines on Their Faces Are Those Induced by a Long Journey.

JURY MAY MAKE LINES DEEPER

Developments in the Great Land Fraud Case May Come Soon, Although the Jury Rests on Its Oars Until After Holidays.

Portland, Dec. 23.—The federal grand jury apparently had a quiet day, but it is generally expected the indictments will be returned tomorrow before the jury adjourns over the Christmas holidays. A number of witnesses were called today. It is expected the Mitchell-Hermann phase of the investigation will be taken up early next week so that the two men can return to Washington.

It is reported in some quarters that neither Mitchell nor Hermann will be permitted to address the grand jury.

HED TO KUM

Portland, Dec. 23.—Senator Mitchell and Representative Hermann, accompanied by Frank C. Baker, chairman of the republican state central committee, reached Portland tonight from Washington, D. C.

Judge Albert H. Tanner, the law partner of Senator Mitchell, met the senator at the train and went with him to his apartments.

Both gentlemen are tired from travel and neither had much to say concerning the cause which led them to come from Washington at this time. Though both are emphatic in their denial of implication in the land frauds, and expressed the firm conviction that they will be able to explain to the jury when they appear before that body, anything that might have led to the inception of the rumors which have been afloat for some time, and which caused them to come to Portland.

Senator Mitchell said his ignorance of the charges which might be made against him would not permit him to say more than to state his innocence, and his conviction that he will be able to explain away all doubt that may have arisen as to any of his acts in the past.

"Until I learn further as to these matters," said Mr. Mitchell, "I have nothing to say except this: I am absolutely innocent of any connection whatsoever with the Oregon land frauds, or other land frauds, and I have not the slightest fear of being connected therewith if nothing but the truth is told. Later on, after I have learned the situation, I may have something to say in the press."

"I may say in this connection, however, that I earnestly hope that all who have been in any way improperly connected with the land frauds will be convicted."

Representative Hermann said he did not know enough of the situation to make comment on it, other than to announce his utter innocence of his fraudulent connection, and to express his conviction of being able to clear his name of any suspicious connection with the Oregon land irregularities.

Both Mitchell and Hermann will wait until summoned before the grand jury by Mr. Heney, and expect to be able to gain a hearing the first thing after the jury reconvenes after the holidays.

HAS NEW DEFENSE.

Davis Says Women Repudiated Their Agreements on Sewing Machines

A rather peculiar defense is to be made by W. H. Davis, the erstwhile sewing machine agent who was arrested at the instance of Ross, Higgins & Co. for peculations while employed by them as agent and collector. While he admits that he was some short in

the matter of collections, Davis claims that the shortages charged against him are not correct in the large amount named, and says that the shortage will be made good in a day or so.

As told by Davis, the story is that he is the victim of women with whom he did business, not they of him. He says that in signing up subscribers for contracts to the time-plan payment for machines which he was advocating, many of the women from whom he got contracts said, when asked to sign "Oh, you just sign it for me," and this, he says he did, and he maintains that the contracts returned in his handwriting are not spurious, but that when they were presented for collection the women from whom he took them repudiated their agreements.

It is held, however, and in part substantiated by Davis, that he knowingly collected a certain amount of money for which he failed to make return, and it is on this count he may be sent to prison. He says that if his former employers give him a chance he will make good the amount which is short on collections, but stoutly denies that he had anything from the numerous contracts that were returned to the sewing machine people, and which led to his arrest.

The police had been looking for Davis for some time, but did not locate him until a few days ago in Spokane. Sheriff Linville was then notified and went to the northern city and brought Davis back.

He is a clean appearing fellow, looks like a German, and had two expensive grips full of toilet articles and clothing, and the only things he asked for yesterday were a towel and a handkerchief, which were given him from his private stock.

YOUNG GOULD WINS

Faculty at Columbia Says He Was Unduly Hazed.

CLASS THREATENS TO LEAVE

Compromise Effected Among Fool Students Whereby They Hope to Make Greater Asses of Themselves in Hoodlumism.

New York, Dec. 23.—The faculty of Columbia University today suspended four sophomores for participating in the attempt to haze Kingdon Gould.

Upon announcement of the verdict the entire upper class was called together by the leaders and the question was discussed. It was agreed if the suspensions be enforced the entire class will quit the university.

Later—a compromise was reached the suspensions being left primarily in the hands of the student body under the condition that the student board prohibit hazing in an obnoxious form, and that freshmen be under the surveillance of sophomores. An under class fight will be permitted, the winners to have the right to summon an officer of the defeated class to appear at their dinner. The faculty is determined to enforce rigid reforms in the matter of hazing.

Remember Favors.

A year ago, or thereabouts, distributors of various signs came to Astoria and started to put up "export" cigar signs, whereupon the cigarmakers, of whom there are many here, remonstrated with the owners of property. The result was that the objectionable signs were removed and refused.

Yesterday "Billy" Madison, and the cigarmakers, made a present of a box of "Imperials" to each of the men who assisted them in their fight against foreign advertising.

Roosevelt Rests.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The president, so far as the exigencies of public business will permit, will rest thoroughly during the Christmas holidays. No engagements will be made during the week except on matters of public interest. The president will spend a large portion of his leisure time in outdoor recreation.

New Steamers.

Victoria, Dec. 23.—The Canadian Pacific has decided to put two more immense steamers in the oriental trade in conjunction with three expresses operated by the company.