



HAVE TAKEN A DAY OFF

Attorneys In Thaw Case are Busy With Testimony

STATE'S CASE MADE

New Jury Already Under Guard And To Remain To End Of Case.

LAWYERS ARE ALL SATISFIED.

Original Venire of 500 Was Not Exhausted in Selection of Jury, by 125—Five Days Only, Used in Examination of the Venires.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—The attorneys in the Thaw trial are taking a day off and going over their testimony for the last time before the trial begins. On Monday morning the trial proper will be begun with a brief address by Assistant District Attorney Garvan and then the people's case will be put in. The case will be brief. The killing will be proved and evidence will be introduced to show that the shot which killed Stanford White was fired by Harry K. Thaw. It is not likely that more than two or three hours will be required. Then the prosecution's direct case will be closed and the defense will begin.

The jury which was completed yesterday, will, however, spend the day and tomorrow and all the other days until the case is finally completed under close guard.

The jurors may be taken for drives, they may be allowed to walk around a little, but all the time they will be in the custody of a battalion of court officers and will not be allowed to even receive visitors, although they be members of their own families, except in the presence of bailiffs. Their mail will all be read before they are allowed to see it and they can only read newspapers after the head bailiff has carefully cut from them every reference to the trial. They will be even more closely guarded than Thaw himself, the man whose fate even now rests in their hands.

The twelve men who will decide the young Pittsburger's fate are all beyond middle age, there being five gray heads in the jury box. Ten of them are married, the other two being widowers and practically all of them are fathers of families. The fact that the jury was finally accepted without the attorneys using up all the peremptory challenges allowed them, shows that both the prosecution and the defense are satisfied. Of the 500 venire summoned 372 were examined the defense using 23 peremptory challenges and the prosecution 20.

At the first trial 330 veniremen were examined before the jury was finally completed and each side used all its peremptory challenges. The fact that eight days was required to complete the jury while the work this time was accomplished in five, is due in some measure to the night sessions of the court, which Judge Dowling insisted on holding.

BETTING HAS COMMENCED.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—With the conventions which will nominate Presidential candidates still months away betting on the result of the election has already been started at the Metropolitan headquarters for campaign wagers, the Hoffman House. The first wager of the campaign is reported as having been recorded last night when the offer of John S. McDonald, the turf man, to bet \$500 that Governor John A. Johnson, if nominated for the Presidency, would be

elected. The reported taker of the wager is Thomas H. Shelvin, father of Thomas Shelvin, the Yale football player, and at one time member of the Republican national committee from Minnesota.

MURDER AND THEFT.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Vasalle Gris, supposed black hand victim, who was found dead Thursday beneath the lake shore viaduct at Gary, Ind., was probably murdered for money and over a score of Hungarians now may be destitute in Chicago as a result.

Grisu was identified yesterday as manager of an employment agency. He had gone to Gary in search of employment for 27 Hungarians, and he carried with him \$500 of which \$350 belonged to the Hungarians. It represented their entire savings. Gris's pockets were empty when the body was found. Two suspects have been arrested.

SECRET SOCIETIES ABOLISHED.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—The school management committee of the board of education yesterday voted to abolish secret societies in Chicago High Schools. This means an end of fraternities so far as the school authorities are concerned. The action of the committee must be sanctioned by the board at its meeting next Wednesday and the new rule must withstand a storm of legal attacks which it is expected will be made upon it. But the approval of the board is looked upon as practically certain and the score or more of court decisions by which similar rules have been upheld in various parts of the country are said to be more than enough to ensure the rule's validity.

CONVICTED OF COUNTERFEITING.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 11.—Rev. James A. Kays, pastor of the Oak Park Presbyterian Church of Wheaton, Ill., was convicted of having moulds in his possession for the manufacture of counterfeit coins. It was shown that his son had tried to pass spurious coins. Defense claimed that the moulds were for making medals for Sunday school children.

STOLE HIS TOPCOAT

New York Kid Swipes Secretary Taft's Garment.

COAT RECOVERED, BOY FADES.

Big Cabinet Officer Makes an All-Night Line of Visits and Speeches and Goes Home Chilled.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Following his speech at Cooper Union, Secretary of War William H. Taft, visited several clubs and restaurants on the East Side and consequently was obliged to go home in the early hours of the morning without an overcoat. When he looked for the coat at the end of the Cooper Union meeting it was not to be found, and a search had been instituted for it when some one discovered a boy trying to get out of the building with it. The coat was recovered but the boy escaped. The first stop was made at Hungarian Club, where Secretary Taft has often been entertained and where he spoke briefly. Supper was served the party in a cafe on venue C, and the last stop of the trip was made at the Old Cafe Boulevard where Mr. Taft was greeted by a number of artists and other habitués of this old Bohemian resort.

WAR AGAINST BOOZE.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—A sanitarium for inebriates is to be Branch No. 1 of of Bishop Fallows' Christian Psychology plans of the club are executed. The establishment of the branch is looked upon as a need because those cases cannot be received at the West Side Church among the other applicants for treatment of the bishop's Christian Psychology. A number of pathetic stories of cases of drunkenness have been brought to the Bishop, some by wives, sisters or mothers, others by the victim himself.

FIGHT WAGED IN CONGRESS

Bill to Revise the Penal Laws.

AMENDMENTS ARE LOST

Amendment Offered to Exempt Labor Unions When They Declare Strikes.

BILL TO BE DISCUSSED OFTEN

Particular Reference Was Made to Section Affecting Conspiracies Against Civil Rights of Citizens—Changes Offered and Defeated Except One.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—A vigorous fight was waged in the House today over a bill to codify and revise the penal laws of the United States with particular reference to section 19 affecting conspiracies against the civil rights of citizens. Smith of Missouri and Hughes of New Jersey, offered amendments with the object of exemption of labor unions from operating in the section whenever such unions declare strikes or boycotts. A motion to justify the whole section was made by Bartlett of Georgia. The brunt of debate was borne by Shirley, of Kentucky, a member of the committee on revision. He was supported by a number of Republicans. The amendments were all lost, as was also one by De Armond to strike out section 20. The only amendment to successfully pass was by Clark of Missouri striking out that portion of section 19 which provides for offenders receiving the additional punishment of ineligibility to hold office of honor, or trust or profit under the government. Probably the bill will be discussed from time to time for several weeks yet.

FINE CONTRIBUTION.

PORTLAND, Jan. 11.—The Portland Chamber of Commerce will on Monday forward a draft for \$1500 to the Society of National Rivers and Harbors Congress at Washington, for the support of the Congress in its work of securing an annual appropriation from the government of fifteen million dollars for the improvement of rivers and harbors in the country. The contribution which goes forward today is in addition to the regular contribution from the general fund the Chamber and is made available by the public spirit of business men who are members of the organization.

ENDORSE TAFT.

COLUMBUS, Jan. 11.—Reports received from various parts of the state show that Republican central committees in a dozen counties at meetings held today issued calls for Presidential primaries in conformity with the call of the state committee. Committees of seven counties endorsed Taft for the Presidential nomination.

A GRAVE BLUNDER.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11.—Henry L. Paddock, United States counsel to Amoy, China, was wholly exonerated yesterday in the police court of the felonious charge of embezzling \$2,000 preferred against him December 5, by Mrs. Jane Blake, widow of a prominent physician of this city who died about four years ago. The dismissal of the charge against Paddock was made at the request of special prosecuting attorney Davis who said in open court that a very grave and unfortunate mistake had been made in filing the criminal charge.

STRIKE FIRST BLOW.

Followers Appoint Select Committee to Replace "Regular" Committee.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 11.—The first stroke of the Foraker followers here was made today when a mass meeting committee was elected to displace the "regular" Republican county executive committee. The question of legality committee selected against the "regular" committee, said by Forakerites to be a Taft organization, will now be placed in the hands of the county board of elections. It is claimed that a so-called Roosevelt committee will be a third element in the situation.

ANOTHER LYNCHING BEE.

BOUGERE SWAMP, La., Jan. 11.—Bands of angry workmen are searching this neighborhood for a man who on Thursday shot and killed Mrs. Harris, wife of a railroad contractor. The shot was fired by a man in ambush near the railroad camp and was intended for Mr. Harris, passing through his hat before striking his wife. The slayer probably will be lynched if captured.

THE NEW YORK SITUATION.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Evidences of the rapid clearing up of the banking situation by reason of the reflux of funds to the reserve centers quieted anxiety over other developments, which were reflected in the halting and irregular movement of stocks in the early part of the week. The pronounced relaxation in the money market stimulated a speculative movement for the advance which attained considerable animation as it progressed. The early hesitation was based on news of embarrassments in the diamond trade, the appointment of a receiver for the Chicago Great Western, the drastic cut in iron output reported by the trade journals and the returns of large decreases in railroad earnings. An active demand for commercial paper which promised to care for need of accommodation for all solvent concerns was of decisive effect.

TRAMPLED TO DEATH

Sad Result of a Panic Among Children.

SIXTEEN KILLED OUTRIGHT

At an Entertainment for Children in Barnsley, Eng., a Crush of Children on Stairway Causes Many Deaths and Injuries to Little Ones.

BARNESLEY, England, Jan. 11.—Sixteen children were trampled to death, 40 others injured, some fatally in a panic in a public hall today at an entertainment given for little ones. The hall was crowded, all the ushers trying to seat the audience comfortably. One of the ushers called to the children's gallery "Some of you come down stairs." Immediately a rush commenced and those who did not understand the cause joined in the crush of children on the staircase, their numbers being added to momentarily. The scene was a terrible one, the cries of the injured and the moans of the dying causing great excitement among those on the lower floor. Those however who were quieted were taken to the streets safely. When the police and ushers cleared the hall the staircase was literally choked with dead and injured.

A \$460,000 BLOW.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—The appellate division of the Supreme Court yesterday set aside a verdict for \$460,000 obtained against Geo. J. Gould and others by John S. Jones, an Ohio coal operator. Jones, according to the complaint, was employed by Gould, Wm. E. Guay and Jos. Ramsey, Jr. who composed the "little Ranawha Syndicate" to acquire coal lands in Ohio for the corporation.

RUEF AS AN ENTERTAINER

Enjoying Himself in County Jail

HE IS VERY POPULAR

Brings Talking Machine to Prison and Entertains Prisoners Royally.

TO CONFER WITH PROSECUTION

Declares That Newspapers do Not Know What They Are Talking About When They Declare a Rupture With Prosecution and That He Will Get Limit.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 11.—"My conference with District Attorney Langdon will be on Monday afternoon for the betterment of my future action," said Ruef to an Associated Press representative. "Until then I have nothing to say."

He said that the newspapers do not know what they are talking about when they say there is a rupture between himself and the prosecution and that he is to be prosecuted to the limit. He was in a cheerful frame of mind. He declared himself innocent, "Not innocent on mere legal technicalities and interpretation, but innocent upon facts," he said. Ruef is exceedingly popular among the four hundred prisoners in the jail to whom he has supplied tobacco, matches, cigarettes and other things. Unlike Schmitz, Glass, Brown and Bartlett, who rarely speak to prisoners or guards, Ruef has a cheery word for all. Today Ruef sent to his home for a large talking machine, and several boxes of records and tonight gave a concert at which Caruso, Tomango, Melba and other famous singers sang for the prisoners. Ruef had cakes and other things distributed during the concert.

HE WON, THEN DIED.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Believing that there is considerable mystery about his aged father's death, Horace M. Johnson of Chicago will arrive in Salt Lake, Utah, today to conduct an investigation. The father, Richard M. Johnson, 76 years old, was a Chicago pioneer. He was found dead in bed Wednesday, in a Salt Lake hotel. Two days before a court decision had won for him the fight, in which he had staked all his worldly possessions. It was a fight to thwart the alleged conspiracy of his enemies to take from him \$150,000 worth of gold mining property. As far as the Chicago relatives have heard, there is no evidence of foul play.

NO CESSATION OF PROSECUTION.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—It was stated officially in the Department of Justice today that there will be no cessation of the prosecution of the land fraud cases in Colorado and other western states, though the decision of Judge Lewis may make it necessary to change the procedure in some respects.

COMMITTED FOR MURDER.

NEWARK, Jan. 11.—Theodore S. Whitmore was today committed to jail to await the action of the grand jury for the murder of his wife, whose body was found in a swamp at Harrison.

EXPOSITION DECLARED UNFAIR.

TACOMA, Jan. 11.—The State Federation of Labor of Washington today voted to place the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition on the unfair list.

NEW AMBASSADOR.

Baron Takahira Receives Official Notification From Tokio.

ROME, Nov. 11.—Baron Takahira, Japanese minister to Italy, has received an official notification from Tokio, of his appointment as Ambassador to the United States. Speaking of his appointment as Ambassador to the United States, to a representative of the Associated Press he said he was glad to return to Washington where he has many friends. "With regard to disquieting and alarmist reports that have so often appeared in the newspapers concerning the Japanese-American feeling, I am convinced that there is no ground whatever for them. I have never attached any importance to them as I fully believe in the sincerity of the friendship existing between the two nations, as it existed before any talk of antagonism arose. "Note my words," concluded Takahira, "The sky will be completely cleared before long."

SALOON HOLD UP.

A Bridge Carpenter Killed by Thugs—Posse of 100 Men in Pursuit.

SEATTLE, Jan. 11.—A. Johnson, a bridge carpenter for the Northern Coal & Timber Company near Barneston, was shot and killed in a saloon at Gangle tonight, by two ruggmen who were attempting to hold up the place. Six men were in the saloon at the time and were ordered to throw up their hands. Johnson held a billiard ball in his hand and made a motion toward his hip pocket for which he was shot. A posse of 100 men are in pursuit. The robbers did not obtain anything.

WEDDING IN HIGH LIFE.

Son of Jas. J. Hill Married at St. Paul Yesterday.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 11.—Walter J. Hill, third son of James J. Hill, and Miss Dorothy Barrows, a well known St. Paul society girl, were married at the home of the bride's parents today.

STANDARD APPEAL

Attorneys Present Petition For Filing of Allegation.

VALIDITY OF ELKINS LAW

Claimed by Attorneys That Elkins Law Was Repealed by Passage of Hepburn Bill in 1906—Same Contention Now Before Supreme Court.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—The attorneys for the Standard Oil Company today filed a petition in the United States circuit court of appeals asking that body to certify to the supreme court of the United States an allegation as to the validity of the Elkins law under which the oil company was indicted, convicted and fined \$29,240,000 for rebating. This step was taken in pursuance of an appeal filed by the company against the big fine. It is contended by the company's attorneys that the Elkins law was repealed by the passage of the Hepburn bill in 1906. The same contention is now before the supreme court on the appeal of the Great Northern Railway Company. The petition was taken under advisement. Whether the seven other cases against the Standard will be tried depends upon the outcome of the appeal in the first case.

AN ELECTRICAL DEATH.

JELICO, Tenn., Jan. 11.—Walter Jones, 16 years old, met a strange death last night. He had climbed an electric light pole. Falling a short distance one of the iron steps in the pole so caught his clothing that he hung head downward. In this position he was allowed to struggle to death, while a large crowd of men and women stood about afraid to touch him, thinking he was charged with electricity.