



J. R. WALSH IS GUILTY

His Attorneys Move for a New Trial.

ONE JUROR OVERCOME

Fifty-Four Counts on the Indictments Against the Aged Banker.

PERMITTED TO HAVE LIBERTY

Misappropriation of Funds of Chicago National Bank Are the Charges Against Its President—The Estimated Trial Will Cost Government \$100,000.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—John R. Walsh, the former president of the Chicago National Bank, which closed its doors in December, 1905, was found guilty today on 54 counts on the indictments against him charging misapplication of the funds. Walsh was permitted to remain at liberty under the bond furnished by him and an indictment had been returned against him a year ago today, pending the hearing of arguments on January 28 a motion for a new trial.

The penalty fixed for the offense which the aged financier stands convicted, is imprisonment for not less than five years nor more than ten for each count upon which his guilt was established.

The reading of the verdict was followed by a scene that was intensely dramatic. When the jury was polled, Elbert Palmer, a juror from Harvard, Ill., was overcome by emotion and wept as he signified his acquiescence in the finding.

When the poll was completed and Palmer was further questioned by the court at the request of Attorney Miller for the defense and in answer to the question previously put to him "Is that your verdict," he replied, "I have to say 'yes.'"

It developed later that Palmer was largely responsible for the long deliberation of the jury. So insistent was he that Walsh should be acquitted that he forced his fellow jurors to take separate ballots on every one of the 150 counts in the indictment. Palmer's reason was that Walsh is such an old man, over 70.

"He was technically guilty," contended Palmer. "But none of his depositors ever lost, and what is the use of sending the old man to prison?"

He is said to have kept at times in the jury room and begged the others to consider the age of the defendant. Walsh appeared less moved by the result of his long trial than anyone else concerned. When appealed to for an expression of opinion as to the finding, he said: "The fight has just begun; I have nothing further to say."

Soon after the verdict was announced District Attorneys, Sims telegraphed the result to the United States comptroller of the currency and received the following reply from the acting comptroller:

"Verdict fine one; should serve salutary warning that the banking laws cannot be violated with impunity, no matter what be the size of the bank or the standing of the banker in the community."

The district attorney estimated that the trial will cost the government \$100,000.

MORE ACTIVE STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The growing of banking facilities resulting from the return flow of funds to depositors in the central reserve banks has furnished means for a more active stock market.

Operations have been largely speculative and there has been large selling profits on the part of the earlier purchasers which modified the effect in a growing degree of the new outside buying and the demand for the diminishing short interest. Railroad earnings show material shrinkage and plans for economy occupy a large part of the attention of railroad officials.

INVESTIGATING PICTURE SHOWS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The executive committee of the Actor's National Protection Union has called on the Central Federated Union to take up the matter of moving picture shows in New York. It is claimed that most of the shows are run in a manner to make them a menace to the lives of the people who attend them. It is claimed that young and inexperienced men are employed to handle the machines, that proper precautions against fire are not taken and that the rooms in which the shows are given, most of them store rooms, are not provided with proper exits. The central union is requested to take the matter up with the Board of Electrical Control of the city and the fire department.

POICEMEN TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Orders to photograph the members of the entire police department of the city were today issued by Police Commissioner Bingham. A complete photographic record of the force is desired for convenience in identifying patrolmen against whom complaints may be lodged.

GILL OF MARYLAND

Navy Department Has an Answer for Him.

ADMIRAL BROWNSON'S CASE

There is a Great Mass of Documentary Correspondence in Addition to Letters From the President and the Admiral's Letter of Resignation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The navy department has completed the preparation of an answer to the resolution of Representative Gill, of Maryland, calling for the correspondence relative to assignment of a staff officer to the command of the hospital ship Relief. There is a mass of documentary correspondence in addition to letters from the President and Admiral Brownson's letter of resignation, already published. But the feature of the interest is a memorandum prepared by Brownson and placed on file in the department formally recording the objection of the naval bureau to the assignment of a staff officer to command a naval vessel.

INVESTMENT OPEN.

Because the Corvallis & Eastern railroad has refused to pay its taxes on property in Linn County and it has become delinquent, the sheriff has ordered the real property of this corporation advertised along with other delinquent property in Linn county, for sale for taxes due. The property of the road can be bought by any person who will pay Sheriff Smith the amount of the road's tax, which is \$3,302.34. Any one who pays the taxes of the Corvallis & Eastern will be allowed ten per cent interest on his money invested until the railroad comes through with the tax.

COL. JOHN I. HANDLEY DEAD.

DENVER, Jan. 18.—Col. John I. Handley, supreme vice-president of the Fraternal Union of America, died yesterday at his home of appendicitis. Col. Handley was 74 years old and was one of the best known fraternity men in the country, being one of the founders and incorporators of the Fraternal Union of America. He was for six years vice-president and then supreme secretary and in 1892 was elected supreme vice-president.

IMPORTANT DECISION

Rendered by the Interstate Commission.

LOW RATE—LONG HAUL

Views Respecting Long and Short Haul Clause of Interstate Commerce Act.

COMPETITION IN COMMODITIES

Dissimilar Circumstances Which Justify Greater Charge Under Section Four For Shorter Haul Than Longer Haul Will Also Prevent Such Rate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—One of the most important decisions that has been rendered by the interstate commerce commission for many months, was that handed down today by Commissioner Clark in the case of the Boviard Supply Company against the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad and other carriers. The decision involves the discussion of the commission's views respecting the long and short haul clause of the interstate commerce act, and in the course of its opinion, the commission states why it cannot always approve the lower rate for shorter hauls than for the longer one in the same territory. In the course of the decision they say:

"If the influence of competition between points of production in the commodities between the carriers and the rates prevailing at farther distant point but not at nearer one, causes the establishment of a lower rate to the former, it will constitute justification for a lower rate for a longer haul.

"Competition in commodities alone at the nearer point will not make circumstances there substantially similar to those at farther points where the other competitive conditions and influences prevail.

"Dissimilar circumstances which justify the greater charge under section 4 for a shorter haul than a longer haul will also prevent such a rate from constituting illegal preference or an advantage under section 3."

1908 FACT BOOK.

The World Almanac and Encyclopedia for 1908, the 25th Anniversary Number of that well-known reference book, has just been issued. This year it is much larger, more complete and comprehensive than ever before, comprising 1,000 pages and giving about 15,000 facts and figures which may be depended upon as being absolutely accurate and right up to the last minute of 1907. It is a veritable library of universal knowledge between two covers. The World Almanac is in use in the public schools of Greater New York, has been adopted by most all of the Normal Schools and hundreds of Public, High and Grammar Schools throughout the country. It is certainly a book that should be in every

DEMURRER UPHELD.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 18.—Demurrers to the indictments against 19 prominent lumbermen charging conspiracy to defraud, were upheld in the federal court here today. The indictments are based on the issuance of a so-called "Black book." It was designed to badger catalogue houses and pile upon them useless and costly correspondence. The court heard counsel for but one of the lumbermen and upheld the demurrers, which ends the prosecution.

NO CAR SHORTAGE NOW.

Fifteen Hundred Freight Cars Idle on Harriman Lines.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 18.—One year ago this city was threatened with a coal famine because the railroads lacked cars to haul the fuel. Today, according to the Tribune, 500 freight cars are standing idle in the yards. Freight cars to the number of 1500, and 20 locomotives, have been retired from service on the Harriman lines within the past 40 days, making a decrease of 10 per cent.

The Short Line has laid off 3000 trainmen and workmen since October 1. The Rio Grande Western has let out 175 men in local shops, but has not yet called in any of its rolling stock. The railroad men say that the merchants are not buying goods and that this is the principle cause of the falling off of traffic.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY COMMITTEE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—A novel feature of the call is the direction to the county committees to call unofficial primaries in their respective counties, May 2, in order to give voters an opportunity to express their choice for candidate for President.

The delegates to the national convention are to be instructed to support the candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast at this unofficial primary. The adoption of this new procedure headed off a resolution endorsing Secretary Taft, which already had been prepared.

PUBLIC EXCLUDED

Jerome Asks Court to Clear Court Room.

EVELYN NESBIT THAW STORY

At the First Trial Hundred of Curiosity Seekers Thronged the Court Room When Young Mrs. Thaw Told Her Horrible Story.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The most astonishing move that has yet been made by either the prosecution or the defense in the trial of Harry K. Thaw, came yesterday, when District Attorney Jerome asked the court to exclude from the court room the public, including the newspaper writers, during the recital by Evelyn Nesbit Thaw of the story she told on the stand during the first trial. The district attorney had given no hint of his intended action and even Littleton of the defense said he had not considered the matter before, although he quickly added his request to that of Mr. Jerome. Justice Dowling did not rule on the point, further than to say that he thought if such a motion was to have been made it should have been made at the first trial, and announced that he would take the question under consideration and give a decision on Monday.

At the first trial hundreds of people besieged the court room and used every artifice to secure admission while young Mrs. Thaw was telling her horrible story on the stand. The lines were drawn very tightly even then, only a few outsiders, and those present who had influence with the court officers, securing admission.

District Attorney Jerome has succeeded in keeping a large portion of young Mrs. Thaw's story of her early life out of the record and it was believed that he would attempt to prevent her from repeating the story she says she told her husband about her relations with Stanford White. Whether the motion to exclude the public means that he has given up this idea is not known.

MULAI HAFIS IS SULTAN.

TANGIER, Jan. 18.—Bandid Raisuli, presiding at a gathering of several tribes yesterday, announced that they recognize Mulai Hafis as Sultan.

EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION

Name Changed at Annual Meeting.

RATE COMMITTEE NAMED

Soon as it Can be Accomplished Newspaper Men Will Organize in Every County.

J. S. DELLINGER IS PRESIDENT

A Great Deal of Important Work Was Done on the Last Day of Its Meeting Paper Read on Moss Backwardness by Miles Overholt.

PORTLAND, Jan. 18 (Special)—The Oregon Press Association is now the State Editorial Association of Oregon. The changing of the name of the old association was done when the new set of bylaws were adopted at the annual meeting of the association, which concluded the session in Woodman Hall today. In addition to adopting the new bylaws, the association elected officers and a number of important committees were appointed. The most important of these is a rate committee, which will formulate a schedule for a uniform scale of prices for all kinds of advertising and job work.

A great deal of important work was done by the association on the last day of its meeting and the members of the association believe from now on the association will accomplish a great deal of good for the working press of the state. Just as soon as it can be accomplished, the newspaper men in every county in the state will get together and organize.

The afternoon session was taken up with the reading of a paper by Miles Overholt, of Jacksonville. Mr. Overholt's paper was entitled "Moss Backwardness." Following the reading of the paper came reports of officers and the annual election of officers. The members demanded the re-election of Dr. Henry Waldo Coe as corresponding secretary but he refused to serve. The following were the officers elected:

President, J. S. Dellinger, Morning Astorian, Astoria; vice-president, Geo. Putnam, Tribune, Medford; corresponding secretary, A. D. Moe, Glacier, Hood River; recording secretary, George A. Seibird, Republican, Union; treasurer, Miss Frances Gottshall; trustees—George B. Small, Democrat, Baker City, three years; C. E. Fisher, Guard, Eugene, two years; C. L. Ireland, Observer, Moro, one year.

In retiring from the office of President, Mr. Woodward thanked the members of the association for the honor they had conferred upon him and expressed his appreciation for the loyal support the members had given him while he was president.

In addition to the officers elected, J. S. Dellinger, the new president, named the following committees:

On resolutions—J. F. Woods, D. M. C. Gault, and E. L. Barry.

On Finance—J. C. Hayter, William J. Clarke, and R. M. Watson.

On Legislation—Elmer Kennedy, C. E. Kennedy, C. E. Fisher, and Dr. Henry Waldo Coe.

DYNAMITE IN HIS MAIL.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 18.—Judge Adams of the juvenile court today received in his mail a stick of what appeared to be dynamite six inches long. No mechanism to detonate the explosive was found. He opened the tube in the court room wholly unaware of its contents.

NEW TYPE OF SCHOOL MA'AM.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—A new type of school ma'am has come to rescue the Chicago school system from the toils of the teachers' famine, which has been crippling its work.

The age of the new pedagogues averages somewhere around 14 years. In scores of schoolrooms throughout the city, where it has been impossible to provide substitutes for teachers who were absent, privileged pupils have been put in charge of the rest of the class rather than have the children dismissed to spend the day in the streets, and the usual program of study and recitation periods has been carried out.

SHOOTS GIRL AND THEN SUICIDES.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 18.—After shooting and probably fatally wounding Miss Flake Duke, a 17 year-old girl, J. Walker Hoover, last night committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart. Hoover and his wife, who is at present visiting relatives at Cheney, Kan., formerly boarded at the home of the girl's relatives, where the shooting occurred, but nothing can be learned as to the cause which led to the crime.

NOT GUILTY.

SPOKANE, Jan. 18.—A special from Ritzville says that after deliberating about two hours, the jury in the Gertie Griffith murder trial, returned a verdict of not guilty. The case has been watched with great interest from the beginning. When the verdict was announced, the defendant all but collapsed but recovered herself sufficiently to shake hands with the jury.

APPRENTICES FIGHT

On Deck of Training Ship Cumberland.

ONE OF THE BOYS DEAD

In the Eighth Round Manning Caught Hartnett on the Jaw Sending the Older Boy to the Deck—Died With Regaining Consciousness.

NEWPORT, R. I., Jan. 18.—Following a fist fight Tuesday on the training ship Cumberland at this port, H. A. Hartnett, aged 23, a naval apprentice, died today. D. M. Manning, 20 years old, also an apprentice, is under the sentry's charge, pending an investigation into Hartnett's death. Hartnett, who had been appointed acting master-at-arms, had trouble with Manning. When the day's duties were over the boys put on the gloves and began the battle, which by agreement was to go 10 rounds.

They fought in the presence of 300 apprentices and it was hard from start to finish. In the eighth round Manning caught Hartnett on the jaw, sending the older boy to the deck. Hartnett took the count of 10 and when his seconds went to his side they found him unconscious. The usual first aid was employed under such emergencies, but failed to bring him to his senses and he was removed to the sick ward. There every effort was made to revive him but without success. Hartnett died without regaining consciousness. Death was due to a clot on the brain.

E. C. STEDMAN DEAD.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Edmund Clarence Stedman, banker and poet, died today, aged 75 years.

Stedman died of a sudden attack of heart trouble. He was passing into his study when the attack came and he fell to the floor unconscious, dying two hours later without regaining consciousness.

CASHIER BOUND—BANK ROBBED.

TEXOLA, Okla., Jan. 18.—After a hand to hand battle with assistant Cashier Jones, two masked men robbed the First National Bank of \$4000 at 7 o'clock this evening. Jones was found later bound and insensible.