

# SYPATHY WITH MITCHELL

## Fifteen Gray-Haired Women Grasp Young Prisoner by Hand and He Breaks Down and Weeps Declaring He Did Right

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Seattle, Wash., June 27.—When the Mitchell case was called this morning in the superior court 15 gray-headed women were among the audience. After the jury was brought in before the trial started, one after another of the women walked in the aisle, each grasping the lawyer and spectators and grasped Mitchell by the hand.

With tears pouring down their faces the women declared that Mitchell had done right, and prayed the jury to acquit him. Many jurors were affected. Prosecuting Attorney Mackintosh rushed into the courtroom and got the judge on the bench. The judge ordered the bailiffs to keep the women and all spectators in their seats.

Mitchell broke down and wept like a baby when the women were expressing sympathy. Court officers were instructed to take great precautions that no further outbreak occurs on the part of sympathizers of the defendant that might influence the jury.

Three hours were occupied this morning in attempting to qualify the tenth juror. At noon the tenth juror had been passed for cause. Two other jurors will have to qualify before peremptory challenge will be used.

Among the Oregon people who are here as witnesses in the case are the members of the Hurt family, the women of which were among the first to be led away by the "apostle," John Catlin of Albany, Mrs. Hager, Burgess E. Starr, E. P. Harris and Mrs. Burgess of Portland, George Van Dran of Albany and James K. Berry of Corvallis. Other witnesses who are to appear for the defense will be sent for as they are needed, as the fund which has been made up for the defense is not so large that it can be afforded to keep a large number of witnesses in Seattle for a week or more before they are needed to testify.

Another reason that more of the

witnesses are not already in Seattle lies in the fact that it is not assured that their testimony can be introduced. It is the intention of the defense to introduce evidence showing the horrible deeds of Creffield in his "Holy Roller" orgies, but it is planned by the prosecution that this evidence shall be prevented if possible. Another line of prosecution will be to show if possible that Creffield had already been punished under the law by two years in the state penitentiary for his debauchery of Mitchell's sister, while this will be met by the defense with a showing that under the whole affair the defendant was temporarily insane.

M. F. Townsend, M. F. Pines, John Simms, C. G. Swanson, R. E. Fisher and Jesse G. Randall were passed for cause as jurors. The jurors excused were C. M. Sparman, A. C. Abrams, Wallace Bechtel, W. A. Williams, N. L. McCracken, George Chute, A. J. Borsert and James Brackett.

There is little chance of obtaining a jury this week. One juror from Enumclaw declared he was afraid to serve, as when he told his companions he was called for the jury they told him that he ought to be tarred and feathered if he came home without acquitting Mitchell.

Two other men were excused because their wives had told them to be sure and acquit Mitchell.

The special venire of 60 men called specially for this trial reported this morning. It is believed it will be necessary to call another venire before a jury is obtained.

Mitchell is the most collected person in the courtroom. He sits beside his counsel without making a movement of any kind. He does not even offer a suggestion as the jurors are examined. The courtroom is crowded. Women make up the larger part of the audience.

# RILEY BURDEN IS ARRESTED IN WASHINGTON

## Man Wanted for Perjury in Connection With Land Frauds Caught in Okanogan.

United States District Clerk Marsh received word this morning of the arrest of Riley Burden, indicted by the federal grand jury in May for perjury in affidavits for final proof of a homestead entry of a tract of land in Umatilla county. Burden was arrested in Okanogan county, Washington, and taken before United States Commissioner for Eastern Washington J. W. Graham, at Riverdale. Upon furnishing bail in the sum of \$1,000 he was released to appear in Portland on the first day of the next term of the United States district court.

At the time the indictment was returned against Burden another was returned against Garrison and Bohart, who witnessed the affidavits by Burden. Both were arrested, tried for perjury and sentenced to pay a fine and serve six months in the government penitentiary at McNeil's island.

Burden is charged with having sworn to the statement that he had secured a house upon the land in question, which, it is said, is untrue. The prisoner is also said to have sworn to other statements regarding the length of time he lived on the land and to improvements he had made. All of these statements made in the affidavits were shown to be untrue in the cases of Garrison and Bohart, and unless Burden will be able to present a defense entirely different from theirs in his trial it is generally believed that he will be found guilty.

The sureties who went on Burden's bail are Sherman Burden, Grant Elgin and Emma Elgin. All live in Washington, and it is thought they are interested in the case.

# POLICY HOLDERS FORM LEAGUE FOR PROTECTION

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, June 26.—At a meeting of the holders of insurance policies with a total face value of \$100,000,000, held in Calvary Presbyterian church yesterday, steps were taken to form an organization to be called the "Policy Holders' Protective League."

This organization will prosecute the claims of the policy holders against the insurance companies. The tone of most of the speeches was moderate. A committee of three was appointed to investigate the status of the various companies and to complete a plan of procedure. No action will be taken pending the report of this committee.

# CUTS WIFE'S THROAT IN CHILDREN'S PRESENCE

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, June 28.—Charvat Kondurus, a butcher, while intoxicated was barred from the house by his wife. He nursed his grievances all night and this morning forced an entry and killed his wife, then with a knife cut his own throat, dying in the presence of his three children.

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# LODGING HOUSE LIGHT LAW WILL BE ENFORCED

## Buildings Must Have Halls Lighted and Fire Escape Signs on the Walls.

Both the police and the fire departments are now taking active measures to enforce the ordinance recently passed which requires halls of lodging-houses to be lighted and signs showing the location of fire escapes to be hung on the walls.

It is said that less than 10 per cent of the lodging-houses of the city have these safeguards against fatal results of fires.

Should a fire occur at night in one of these houses the inmates would rush into darkened halls and be forced to grope through the smoke for the door leading to the fire escape. Such places are firetraps of the worst kind.

Through the ordinance was passed in March little has been done toward enforcing it until recently. It is the duty of each patrolman to see that each lodging-house on his beat having 15 rooms or more shall comply with the ordinance. A fine of \$500 is the punishment for neglect to obey the statute and each week that compliance is neglected constitutes a separate offense.

The district engineers are also to see that lodging-houses within their districts are provided with the required safeguards.

An order has been issued by the fire department to telephone workers and other electricians that no wires shall be strung on or near fire escapes, which are to be kept free of all danger of becoming electrified at the time they are most needed.

# DOWIE WAS DAN CUPID OF HIS ZION CITY

## Elijah Demanded That He Be Consulted on All Affairs of the Heart.

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, June 26.—That Dowie exercised control over even the marriages of the Christian Catholic church was declared by Deacon Judd while testifying in the federal court this morning.

He said Dowie would not permit any member to marry without his consent, as he wished to prevent contamination by marriage with "outside sinners."

Financial management of Zion City was the subject of the court's inquiry this afternoon.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, June 26.—The senate this afternoon disagreed on the conference report on the rate bill and sent it back to another conference after insisting upon amendments.

The house passed without amendment the public building bill, the vote being practically unanimous.

# WIFE OF MURDERER HELD FOR MURDER

Hand prosecuted Nan Patterson. I can say from an undisputed source that charges against White in regard to his relations with Miss Nesbit are absolutely groundless and are hallucinations of a diseased brain.

Thaw is undoubtedly insane. He had several telephone communications with his wife this morning. She is in the Lorraine hotel, but inaccessible to newspaper men.

This afternoon alienists employed by the district attorney made a rigid examination of Thaw, to which the prisoner submitted willingly. The findings were not made public. The examiners are Drs. Thomas F. McDowell, Austin G. Flierl and McGuire. The latter is attached to the Tombs.

McGuire asked more time to further examine. He frankly said that the first examination disclosed evidence of insanity and traits of incipient paresis.

O'Reilly pooch-pooched McGuire's emotional insanity theory but declared Thaw the victim of an incurable brain malady, wholly and entirely paresis.

The district attorney, it is reported, has ordered Delafield to produce Mrs. Thaw at his office this afternoon. Mrs. Thaw was notified of her husband's death by phone.

# STORY OF ROMANCE

## How Harry Thaw Met Beautiful Girl Who Is Cause of Tragedy.

(Journal Special Service.) Pittsburgh, June 25.—It is a curious fact that young Thaw and Miss Nesbit were both born and brought up in Pittsburg, but not in the same town. The poor little girl had often strolled by and looked wonderingly at the great Thaw mansion and from the sidewalk had seen the rich young man drive by.

But it was not until his father fell a published picture that the young millionaire determined to hunt out the girl whose photograph had won his heart.

For some months after Mr. Thaw met her she continued to be a social outcast. With her own hands her mother, who lived with her, fashioned the simple gowns in which she posed. She was still in her teens then, and the very simplicity of these gowns added to her youthful charms. Presently, however, her fortunes brightened so much that she and her mother were able to take a pretty flat in the Audubon apartments.

Then she dressed somewhat more expensively. A fact which was commented on with looks of mild envy by her bohemian friends.

At that time it was well known that Harry K. Thaw was much in love with her. There is one episode that is well remembered. Mr. Thaw thought that the parlor in the Audubon flat would be improved by the presence of a grand piano. So one day he sent up one of the most celebrated make. But little Miss Nesbit drew the line at gifts of grand pianos, and the men had to haul it away again.

Soon after the collapse of Miss Nesbit's stage career she went to a fashionable restaurant in New England for a year. It is said that she studied very hard. At any rate, she suffered a serious illness afterward which kept her in a sanitarium for several months. After her convalescence she and her mother, who are said to have quarreled because of her fondness for bohemian companions, were reconciled and went abroad.

Worth Five Millions. As the wife of Harry K. Thaw, this poor little Pittsburg girl who, some years ago, earned her living as a model, is mistress of an immense fortune. When the elder Thaw died, some 12 years ago, he left the widow and seven children an estate then valued at \$40,000,000. The amount received by Harry K. Thaw was \$5,000,000. Nearly all great fortunes in America have largely increased since that time. But even had Harry Thaw's share not increased, the income, amounting to just \$250,000 a year, has probably covered even his sensationally lavish expenses.

It will be remembered that Harry K. Thaw has been a great favorite in Paris with most of the world-famous beauties of that gay capital. He won their hearts several years ago by giving a dinner to something like a score of them, he being the only member of the former sex present.

The dinner, including flowers, music and jeweled souvenirs, cost the tidy sum of \$50,000. The queen of this celebration was Cleo de Merode. Laine de Pougy was also present, and Miss Anne Robinson, the latter of America. Since then it is said that no American has been so popular with the lovely women of the old world's capitals as this same Harry K. Thaw.

Sister a Countess. Mrs. Harry K. Thaw, who once earned her living posing for photographs, is now much more than the mistress of \$5,000,000; she is sister-in-law to Countess of Yarmouth.

In Harry K. Thaw's rambles about Europe he has made many friends of other titled personages, particularly in France. It is not beyond possibility that his wife, by this means, may become the guest of Prince Brancaccio, the Baroness de Belliere and of numerous other princes, dukes, marquises, counts, viscounts and barons, who have been Harry K. Thaw's guests in the past.

The marriage of Thaw and Evelyn Nesbit caused a family row among the Thaws but ended in the family's receiving her.

# MRS. THAW'S BENEFACTOR.

Dead Man First Gave Evelyn Nesbit an Opportunity on Stage. (Journal Special Service.) Chicago, June 26.—That platonic friendship and appreciation of art, beauty and ability were the only ties between Evelyn Nesbit Thaw and Stanford White in the belief of George W. Lederer, manager of the Colonial theatre of this city.

Manager Lederer, who was Mrs. Thaw's employer, when as Evelyn Nesbit she took part in his production of "Wild Rose," has known her ever since she was 15 years old, and he has also known Stanford White and his career. He insists that the interest which the murdered contractor took in the young woman was that of a good friend who desired to see her art and ability developed and recognized and who was her benefactor when her friends were less numerous than they were when her career was at its zenith.

Manager Lederer is emphatic in his declaration that he cannot believe that the dead architect ever did anything which might give her husband a grievance against him.

"Stanford White was one of the finest men who ever lived," said Lederer at his home today. "When White first met

# STORY OF CRIME.

is no doubt, investigation of the movements of both Thaw and White early last evening up to 10:30, about which time the murder occurred, show that at no time was Thaw very far away from his victim. At dinner White dined with his son Lawrence, a Harvard man who was down for the night, at Martin's. Thaw also took his dinner there. Later White separated from his son, going to the Manhattan club, where he spent the evening, up to the time he went to the garden.

As soon as he was arrested, Thaw sent for his legal advisers, Louis Deistfield and Frederick Longfellow, and held a long consultation with them in the prison last night. They were with him again this morning and are now actively engaged in preparing for his defense in the trial, which promises to prove one of the most sensational which has been before the courts.

# BOGOTA PLANNING TO BUILD INTER-OCEANIC CANAL.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, June 26.—The murder of Stanford White by Harry K. Thaw took place in the Madison Square Theatre roof garden last night during the performance.

White, who was the junior partner in the firm of Kim, Mead & White, the well-known architects, was also a director of Madison Square garden. He was at the garden last night on business, as a director, and was evidently followed there by Thaw, who, it is learned, dogged his footsteps throughout the evening.

While seated at a table about midway in the garden, White was approached by Thaw, who, after shouting, "You dog, you deserve death. You've ruined my home," produced an automatic pistol and quickly fired three shots at his enemy. Two of these took effect, the third flying harmlessly into space. Thaw's arm having been thrown up just as he fired the last time by a fireman who was on duty in the garden and happened to be standing near.

Receiving two bullets in the breast, White sank to the floor in a pool of blood. Instantly all was confusion. Accretions on the stage screamed and women in the audience fled. A panic was only averted by the cool manner in which the management handled the situation.

Gave Assumed Name. Seeing that he had finished his victim Thaw swept the audience with his gun and started to back toward an exit. A daring fireman, however, rushed in upon him and quickly disarmed him, turning him over to the police.

A woman who had been with Thaw just before the shooting occurred, and who is said to be his wife, rushed up to him after he had been placed under arrest and throwing her arms about his neck commenced to weep. She then regained her courage and attempted to reassure him by telling him that she would "stand by him."

It was the love of White for Thaw's wife which is said to have been the cause of the night's tragedy. She was Evelyn Nesbit, one of the original Florodora sextet, and is very beautiful. White, so rumor has it, was an unsuccessful wooer before her marriage to Thaw.

When taken to the police station Thaw attempted to conceal his identity by giving the fictitious name of Smith and stating that he was a student of Washington, District of Columbia. This assertion was disproved, however, when he was searched, letters and papers revealing his identity being discovered.

That the deed was premeditated there

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# SOUTH AMERICAN REPUBLIC WILL FURNISH SOLDIERS TO DO WORK ON THE PROJECT.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, June 26.—A Spanish weekly published here today says the Bogota government is contemplating an inter-oceanic sea-level canal through Darien, a modification of the original plan of the Atrato-Trurando route.

It is reported that Colombia is assured of assistance and cooperation of the various republics of Latin America. It is estimated it will cost \$10,000,000. The laborers will be soldiers from the republics interested.

# SEARS SAYS

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that the grand jury is to adjourn sine die some time this week, he as a citizen protested against such action. He suggested that the jurors adjourn from time to time, taking a rest of a week occasionally if they so desired, but to keep up their organization until the last hour of the last day of the present term of court. If this advice is taken the grand jury will not finally adjourn until August 31.

No indictments were presented in court this morning, but District Attorney Manning gave assurance that the necessary informations would be ready for filing at 10 a. m. tomorrow.

The grand jury decided to devote this afternoon to the investigation of street-car fenders. Plans for a personal inspection of the protective appliances used by the various street-car companies were made yesterday, but it was not carried out because of lack of time.

The expected outcome of this inspection is the recommendation of improved safeguards to take the place of devices that have proved inefficient.

# MRS. LE DOUX WANTS FATHER CONFESSOR

(Journal Special Service.) Stockton, Cal., June 26.—Although Mrs. Le Doux requested that a Catholic priest be sent to her, none had visited her by noon. The sheriff fears she will attempt suicide. He is having her closely watched. Her desire to see a priest strengthens the belief that she is contemplating suicide or is about to announce her willingness to go to the gallows without appeal.

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