

GOOD EVENING

THE WEATHER

Fair and cooler tonight; Sunday fair; northeast winds.

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SISTER OF THAW SAILS FOR EUROPE

Countess of Yarmouth Reported to Have Left on Account of Family Quarrel

Prisoner Objects to Having Aliens Watch Him During Trial—Jerome Sure Fling Will Be Emotional Insanity—Lawyers Deny Family Differences.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Jan. 25.—Harry Thaw today protested to his counsel against the presence of aliens in the courtroom to watch every act of the prisoner during the selection of the jury. It is understood that Jerome has decided the defense is going to plead emotional insanity and has placed specialists to watch the prisoner closely while he is under the ordeal.

The prisoner's wife, mother and his brother Josiah called early at the Tombs this morning and remained until nearly 1 o'clock this afternoon. Following the family conference, Thaw talked with A. E. Peabody, one of his counsel, as the result of which Peabody made a formal denial of any estrangement between various members of the family. It is generally believed that May MacKenzie is the cause of the estrangement.

James Carefully Guarded. The Thaw jurors are carefully guarded, but are subjected to no particular hardships. Seventeen rooms and a private dining-room have been engaged for them at the Broadway Central hotel. All publications are censored and copies of all references to the Thaw case, and all letters to the jurors are read before being given to them.

Hartridge of the Thaw defense denies all stories of a disagreement in the Thaw family. As a result of an apparent coldness between the mother and the wife of the defendant gossipers

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COUNTESS OF YARMOUTH



Harry Thaw's Sister, Who Has Quarreled With Her Wife Over Mae MacKenzie, Her Actress Friend.

FRANCHISE FOR ELECTRIC LINE TO MOUNT HOOD

Council is Expected to Pass the Ordinance for McCorkle Enterprise—Shepherd's Higher Saloon License Ordinance Will Also Probably Pass Monday.

The special meeting of the council, called for 2 o'clock Monday afternoon to consider the budget proposed by the committee on ways and means, will probably also take up and in all likelihood pass the Mount Hood Electric railway franchise and the Shepherd liquor license ordinance.

The Mount Hood ordinance was approved by the committee on judiciary and elections yesterday afternoon, and it was recommended for passage with the following amendments: That at the time of the acceptance of the franchise the sum of \$800 be paid to the city; that during the succeeding nine years the sum of \$500 be paid the city annually in advance; during the next ten years, \$1,000 a year, and the last five years, \$1,500 a year; that in three years the company build a continuous line from the eastern limits of the city 40 miles in the direction of Mount Hood; that ten miles be built within the next two years and the remaining 30 miles within three years, and that a surety bond in the sum of \$50,000 be given that the company will carry out the provisions of the ordinance. The amendments were accepted by Dr. McCorkle, the promoter of the railway.

The Shepherd liquor ordinance provides for a license of \$800 a year, an increase of \$300 over the present figure. Retail liquor dealers are said to be in favor of the higher license, as it would tend to prevent the establishment of dives and the adoption by the people at the June election of the \$1,000 ordinance proposed by the Initiative One Hundred. It is understood that a delegation of liquor dealers will be present at the meeting to advocate the passage of the ordinance.

Earthquake in West Virginia.

Bluefield, W. Va., Jan. 25.—A heavy earthquake was felt here at 1 o'clock this morning which lasted nearly a minute. No serious damage is reported.

Jap Has Beri-Beri.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 25.—A Japanese section hand is confined at the Union Pacific hospital with beri-beri, an Oriental disease.

HUGE FILL IS TO BE MADE IN SLOUGH LAND

Gigantic Task of Filling Eighteen Square Blocks to Commence at Once

Property Owners Let Largest Contract Ever Awarded for City Improvement Which Will Consume Three Years' Time and Much Money.

Eighteen square blocks, covering a territory, approximately 1,500,000 square feet in extent, bounded by Hawthorne avenue, East First street, Belmont avenue and Union avenue, which includes the slough in the central part side, will be filled up to basement level during the next three years. The contract, the largest ever let by property owners for improvements in the city, was awarded to the Pacific Bridge company today. The gigantic task of making the fill is to be completed in January, 1910.

The low lands will be filled to a point within nine feet of the street grade, according to the provisions of the contract. The bridge company placed the charge at 25 cents a yard and this was looked upon as the most reasonable of any submitted. The Puget Sound Dredge company also placed a bid, but the latter was unable to compete with the local concern. The officers of the Pacific Bridge company are C. F. Switzer, H. C. Campbell and George W. Simons. The equipment of the company will have to be greatly augmented and orders for additional machinery have been placed in anticipation of this big work.

Contract Signed. The contract was signed this morning by W. M. Ladd in behalf of the Ladd estate, which owns four blocks in this district, and the other property owners have already expressed their satisfaction with the terms. The first work will be performed for the Western Electric company, a Chicago firm with branch electrical supply houses in all parts of the world, which recently purchased the north half of the block between East Second, East Third and East Taylor, with the intention of immediately erecting a brick warehouse. The filling of this property will add greatly to the value of all property between Union avenue and the river. The stagnant water that has occupied this site so long and made it a breeding ground for diseases will be replaced by solid earth and when the district has been included within the fire limits, as has already been proposed, all buildings erected on the ground will be brick, stone or concrete. Insurance rates which heretofore have been very high will be placed among the lowest in the city.

ROGUE RIVER FRUIT BRINGS HIGHEST PRICE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Central Point, Or., Jan. 25.—A car load of Newtown Pippin apples shipped from the orchard of W. H. Norcross of Central Point, lacked just four cents of bringing \$1,000 in the London market. Mr. Norcross has received a check from W. B. Dennis & Sons, the London commission merchants through whom the apples were sold, for \$1,332, the difference between this and \$1,399.98 being the amount required for transportation by rail and steamship, the commission and other charges. The commission brokers report that this was the best sale of American apples, or of any apples, made in the London market this season. It is also the best sale of Rogue River apples this season.

SITE OF THE GREAT FILL TO BE MADE ON THE EAST SIDE



MRS. PLATT ASKS \$500,000

Senator's Wife Seeks Monetary Balm for Wounded Feelings From Papers That Printed Scandal News

RESENTS LINKING HER NAME WITH THAT OF ONE HEDGES, COACHMAN

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—Mrs. Thomas Collins Platt has filed a libel suit on three counts against the Washington Post and another on two counts against the Times. She asks \$500,000 from the Post and \$200,000 from the Times, charging libel in the articles detailing her trip west and connecting her name unpleasantly during the trip with one Hedges, Senator Platt's coachman, who accompanied the party. Mrs. Platt denies all allegations and innuendoes in the printed stories, and says her conduct with Hedges was always honorable.

If Mrs. Platt is successful she will bring libel suits against the New York newspapers which printed the same charges. Hedges Affair to Be Aired. The history of the connection of young Hedges with the Platt family will now be probed to the bottom by the papers that have been made defendants, and details of the famed trip to 'Frisco will be aired.

Not long after Senator Platt's secret wedding to the dashing widow, Mrs. Lillian T. Janeway, October 11, 1893, the bride paid her first visit to the senator's country home at Highland Mills.

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Senator Thomas C. Platt and His Wife, Who Have Signed a Separation Agreement.

MANY DIE IN FACTORY HOLOCAUST

Fire Destroys Dover Mills—Hundreds of Operatives Cut Off From Escape

Fearful Scenes of Panic Follow—Only One Fire Escape in Four-Story Structure and That Cut Off by Flames—All Dead Mutilated.

(Journal Special Service.) Dover, N. H., Jan. 25.—At least 18 persons perished in a fire which destroyed the Cocheo Manufacturing company's plant this morning. Firemen at noon discovered the charred remains of this number on the fourth floor of Mill No. 1.

From 300 to 400 operatives were rescued from the flames, which caused a property loss of \$500,000. Scenes of the wildest excitement attended the fire. Thirteen bodies were recovered, all badly burned. The data list is likely to be swelled by the deaths of many of the injured, scores being hurt, many probably fatally. It is probable that there are a number of bodies as yet undiscovered in the ruins, as the company has not yet accounted for all the employees.

The fire started soon as the forces went to work this morning. Fully 400 were in the plant. The flames spread with such rapidity that all those on the fifth or top floor were trapped and many escaped only by sliding down the ropes. Some were probably fatally hurt by jumping from the roof, as the stricken workers followed. Men and women were trampled upon by the force when fleeing, after the smoke poured through the room.

The firemen saved many four women especially were rescued by the personal bravery of the firemen. Most of the operatives were women and girls. There was only one fire escape, which was attached to that part of the building and the flames cut it off, none were able to reach it.

Practically every dead body shows signs broken, proving that the victims were crippled in the first rush when the crowd caused the doors to become jammed.

TRAMP PULLS \$100 BILLS OUT OF HIS SHOES

Vagrant Arrested Near Monterey, Sleeping in Shanties, Proves Well Healed.

Pacific Grove, Cal., Jan. 25.—Alfred Natus has been arrested for vagrancy at Monterey. He has been sleeping in old shanties or in the pine woods for two months, living on such food as he could pick up. When taken to jail and asked as to his means of support, he handed the officer \$2.40 in silver.

Upon being searched, a \$100 bill was found in a coin belt around his waist. After being placed in a cell Natus pulled off a shoe and produced another \$100 bill. From the other shoe he peeled off a couple of \$100 bills, one bill of \$20 and one of \$5.

He is said to have come here in November from Santa Monica, bringing with him several values, which were left unclaimed at the Southern Pacific depot and finally sent to the lost baggage office at San Francisco.

Natus is said to be a native of New Jersey and to have lived in Oregon. He has been placed in a sanitarium.

RAILROAD DEMURRERS OVERRULED BY COURT

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 25.—The federal court today overruled demurrers to indictments in the rebate cases brought by the government against the Omaha, the Great Northern, the Wisconsin Central and Minnesota & St. Paul roads. The case will now go to trial on the indictments at the April term.

THIRTY PICTURES BRING \$352,000

Henry's Collection in Philadelphia Sold for Fancy Price—Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars Received for a Troyon.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Jan. 25.—Thirty pictures composing the collection of H. S. Henry of Philadelphia have been sold at auction for a total of \$352,000. The highest price given was \$65,000, which Herman Schaus paid for a Troyon, 'Le Retour a la Ferme.'

This is stated to be the second highest figure ever received at a public art sale in this country for a foreign painting, the record price being \$66,000 for Meissonier's 'Friedland' paid in 1888 at the disposal of A. T. Stewart's collection.

Senator Clark of Montana started the bidding on the picture with \$25,000, and every increase was won. \$1,000 to \$5,000. Henry purchased this Troyon from William Schaus, uncle of this artist buyer, for \$24,600 in 1896.

Senator Clark's purchases were two Corots for \$20,400 and \$24,000, Delacroix' 'Tigre Sleepant' for \$4,700, Dupre's 'Twilight' for \$13,300 and Rousseau's 'Sunlight' for \$2,600. C. K. G. Billings bought a Corot for \$9,800 and a Millet for \$5,700.

VERDICT IN SUIT TO RECOVER ORE'S VALUE

Nevada City, Cal., Jan. 25.—The jury in the mining suit of the Champion Mining company vs. the Home Mining company rendered a verdict this morning awarding the Champion company \$25,000 damages and costs. The Champion sued for \$100,000 and proved ore to the value of \$53,000 had been taken from the disputed ground. The Champion company is satisfied and will not appeal.

OIL KING'S WIG HELD UP

Rockefeller Must Pay Full Duty on New French Hair Which Officers Refuse to Release—Claims It is Worth Only a Dollar—Others Say Seventy-Five.

(Journal Special Service.) Cleveland, O., Jan. 25.—John D. Rockefeller will not be allowed to wear his new French wig until he pays full duty on it. It is being held by revenue officers here because its value is given as \$1, while the officials insist it is worth \$75. Rockefeller ordered the wig when in Paris last summer and the statement of the maker says it is worth five francs, or about \$1.

Rockefeller has had many varied experiences with his wigs. When his first wig was seized at Euclid Avenue Baptist church and sent to duty on it. It is being held by revenue officers here because its value is given as \$1, while the officials insist it is worth \$75. Rockefeller ordered the wig when in Paris last summer and the statement of the maker says it is worth five francs, or about \$1.

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Looking North From Hawthorne Avenue.