

JURY FINDS THOMPSON NOT GUILTY

Holds Youth Was Insane When He Fired Fatal Shot--Only Two Votes Taken by Jurors

Prisoner Will Be Kept in Jail Temporarily and Sent to Asylum for Safe Keeping and Treatment--Verdict Is Very Popular With People.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 2.—Not guilty. Chester Thompson is insane. He killed Judge George Meade Emory of Seattle while under the torment of insane delusions that controlled his movements and directed the fatal bullet.

The verdict of the 12 men who for eight weeks have listened to the testimony and arguments in the Thompson murder trial.

The prisoner will be kept in jail temporarily. He will be sent to an asylum for safe keeping and treatment as soon as the necessary steps can be taken.

The case went to the jury about 6 o'clock. At 10 o'clock tonight it returned the verdict "Not guilty by reason of insanity."

The verdict popular.

Only two ballots were taken, one at 6 o'clock, resulting 11 to 1 for acquittal, and the other at 10 o'clock, when the jury was unanimous.

Judge Thompson, the defendant's father, and the attorneys for the defense expressed their satisfaction at the verdict, while the attorneys for the state vanished as soon as the verdict was read.

The verdict was a popular one, as was shown at one of the theatres. When the result was thrown on a screen the entire audience cheered for several minutes.

Closing Pleas and Instructions.

Prosecuting Attorney Mackintosh occupied the morning and part of the afternoon in a final plea for the conviction of the prisoner.

Judge Smith's instructions to the jury were lengthy and it was dusk when the jury retired.

Mr. Mackintosh's argument, as compared with Will H. Thompson's plea, was short, formal and cold.

The Thompson trial is the most noted criminal suit ever tried in Washington and far away the most notable feature of the trial was the plea to the jury made by Will H. Thompson.

His speech lasted two and a half days, closing shortly before midnight last night, and the great crowds who heard it will never forget the thrilling passages, the poetic utterances the dramatic fervor and the heart-breaking sentences as they fell from his lips.

Thompson's Memorable Appeal.

Mr. Thompson possesses a memory that passes understanding. He had memorized the entire case.

Often he quoted line after line of testimony heard weeks ago, without reference to the transcript.

His fellow attorneys had outlined the method to be followed. In the case of breaking many pages of elaborate analysis and notation for his use, yet he did not refer to the notes.

It was expected that at the end he would make a brilliant oratorical appeal, but he kept his word to the jury that he would go as far as he could represent.

\$1,000,000 FOR REPAIRS ON OREGON

Battleship Is Ordered Modernized to Meet Probable Attack By Japanese Squadron

President Calls Newspaper Men in and Lectures Them Upon Minimizing Trouble With the Mikado--Executive Confident of Settling Alleged War Alone.

(Publishers' Press by Special Leased Wire.) Washington, Feb. 2.—President Roosevelt is urging newspaper correspondents to do all in their power to minimize the talk of a probable war between the United States and Japan.

He is explaining in detail the method by which he expects to avoid any further irritation between the two governments.

He expresses the utmost confidence in his ability to bring the San Francisco school authorities to his way of thinking.

The president had a special audience this afternoon with the correspondents of those newspapers which are staunch supporters of his administration.

To the members of the party he expressed his positive belief that when the San Francisco authorities take up the question which he will have no serious trouble in getting them to agree to the withdrawal of the order barring Japanese pupils from the public schools of their city.

Mutual Exclusion.

The president's plan for a final settlement of the labor problem, in which it is said the Japanese ambassador heartily coincides, involves the issuance of an imperial edict and a appeal to the present commercial treaty.

The edict will forbid Japanese subjects leaving the empire for the United States. It may appeal to the patriotism of the Japanese in declaring that their services are more necessary to the government at home and in Manchuria.

The remainder of the treaty will deal entirely with the exclusion of Japanese coolies from this country and the barring of American workmen from Japan.

No Hope in Exclusion Law.

It was made evident by the president's utterances this afternoon that he does not believe anything can be accomplished by legislation looking to Japanese exclusion.

He considers a treaty the only practical method of settling the question. This argument will constitute one of the notes which he is expected to present to the San Francisco delegation.

He will assure them that the Californian delegation in congress cannot render any assistance by urging exclusion legislation, but that he looks for a relief through the medium of an imperial edict and a codicil to the commercial treaty now in operation.

Million for the Oregon.

The concerted assertions from all administration officials that absolutely nothing is being done looking to preparation for war were made somewhat papers appeared under great difficulties.

Plumbers blow pipes were called into service to keep the metal hot in the line types. Even at that much of the type was set by hand.

Along the river, above and below, in Arkansas and Mississippi, the situation is critical and guards are patrolling the levees night and day.

The river has risen 2 feet in the past 24 hours. Water went over the North Helena levee this morning but this does not affect Helena.

All the available forces of the Illinois Central were placed today at the disposal of the flood fighters and possible sufferers.

Tonight the gauge at Memphis shows 40.5 feet, two-tenths above the record. Not more than two-tenths more is expected and trouble is anticipated from the fact that the levees will not be able to stand that height for more than a few hours, while there is no hope for relief under three days.

Suspected of Many Crimes in Vicinity of Portland TOUGH GANG NOW HELD IN PRISON Frank Wane Is Supposed to Be the Leader of Them



ANNA GOULD TO SELL PROPERTY AND QUIT PARIS

Disheartened Over Her Failure to Regain Her Social Prestige, Boni's Erstwhile Spouse Decides to Leave the Scene of Her Many Troubles.

(Publishers' Press by Special Leased Wire.) Paris, Feb. 2.—Disheartened over her failure to regain the position she once held in Paris society, following her action in divorcing her husband, Madame Anna Gould, formerly Countess De Castellane, is preparing to dispose of most of her property in Paris and will return to the United States just as soon as the courts will allow her to take her children out of France.

Madame Gould has already sold her town house on the Avenue Dubois and in the future will spend most of her time while in France, at her Des Maites palaces.

Since Madame Gould divorced her former husband French society has manifested an aversion to her, declaring she had been too public in her divorce suit.

Now that Madame Gould has lost her title, members of the American society do not find her courtly as interesting as she was before and they, too, have snubbed her. Nursing her sorrow, the brave little American woman, however, is striving to hide her domestic troubles. She believes a trip to her native land will be a great benefit to her and will sail just as soon as permission is given her to remove her sons from France.

PRESIDENT INTERESTED IN RELIEF FOR CHINESE

(Publishers' Press by Special Leased Wire.) Washington, Feb. 2.—Secretary Root, in enclosing his contribution of \$100,000 to a similar contribution from President Roosevelt, in aid of the Chinese famine relief fund, has written a letter to the Christian Herald in which he says:

The president has asked me to say to you that he is much interested in the work of raising funds for the benefit of the sufferers of the present dreadful famine in China. He hopes that you will meet the same success that you have had in similar appeals to the humanity and liberality of our people."

SMALL ROADS OWN FEW CARS

Attempts are being made by certain controlled "independent" railroad managers to stampede the legislature by the statement that the enactment of a reciprocal demurrage law would be the death knell of the lumber industry in Oregon.

Grave smiles flicker in the faces of the lumber mill owners when they hear this.

Lumber mill men of Oregon seldom laugh any more. When they do, there is no merriment in it, but something ghastly and sinister. They have been listening to death knells of the lumber industry for some time. The bell has been tolling with more or less regularity from Rogue river to the Clackamas, and from Falls City to Colfax Grove.

The janitor in this week pulling the rope over at the mill of the Curtis Lumber company, where 100 employees have been let out of their jobs. The bell says: "No cars! No cars!"

CASE 'GAINST GANG COMPLETE

Preliminary Hearing of the Alleged Postoffice Robbers Will Be Held Monday—Many Witnesses Appear

(Publishers' Press by Special Leased Wire.) Portland, Feb. 2.—The preliminary hearing of the alleged postoffice robbers will be held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, when they will be given their preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Edward McKee.

There are eight men in the gang and all will be up before Commissioner McKee with the exception of Archie Turnbull, the captain of the fire department, who waived his preliminary hearing after making a confession of the crimes and was released on furnishing bail in the sum of \$1,500.

Few criminal cases have come up in Portland in recent years that have attracted the interest and attention which the postoffice cases have.

The arrest of he gang was made and a complete roundup of a band of desperate criminals was completed by the federal officials after enough evidence had been gathered to convict the gang. It was probably due to this assurance of conviction from Mr. Cole that made the interest so keen and lasting in the public mind and never once since the men were taken into custody has that interest flagged.

Long Series of Crimes.

Another factor which has made the arrests so important was due to the long continued series of holdups, robberies and murders, which the police seemed unable to solve. After Wane and his gang were safely under lock and key.

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HARRIMAN TRIES TO KILL RAILROAD COMMISSION BILL

Southern Pacific Political Agents Sent From San Francisco to Work at Salem Against People's Interests—Hill Assists in Fight on the Measure.

(Special News by Longest Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Feb. 2.—Feeling confident that the legislature at Sacramento will not do it any harm, the Southern Pacific, through political agents, is watching quietly and closely some combinations in the Oregon and Nevada legislatures which it deems unfriendly and inimical.

These agents were in town for two days. Having got their instructions they are off to Salem and Carson to accomplish their respective jobs.

Harriman does not want the Oregon legislature to create a state railway commission and to pass a reciprocal demurrage law.

Neither does he want the Nevada senate at Carson to create a state railway commission and reduce the maximum passenger and freight rates which are now respectively 19 cents a mile and 25 cents a ton per mile.

The situation around Shanks and to the southward is rendered serious on account of the scarcity of hay throughout the country. The usual amount was put up last season, but owing to the extreme long dry weather in the fall and winter which dried up the grass, feeding began earlier than is customary and the supply now is nearly exhausted.

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BLIZZARD RAGING IN INTERIOR

Deep Snows in Central Oregon Cause Heavy Losses to Stockmen. No Hay in Sight

From Twenty Inches to Three Feet of Snow Covers Plateau Between Blue and Cascade Mountains—Feed Exhausted and Ruin Threatens.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Shanks, Or., Feb. 2.—One of the worst blizzards in the history of central Oregon, and one which, if it continues a few hours longer, will result in the loss of thousands of head of stock and the financial ruin of both sheep and cattlemen, is sweeping from the Blue mountains across the plateau lands of Crook county to the Cascades.

At Bend and throughout the western portion of the county as much as 10 inches of snow has fallen during the past 24 hours, and at midnight tonight there was no sign of the storm's abating.

The heavy fall of snow during the past 24 hours has come on top of a snow which fell only a few days ago. Prior to that time the mercury throughout Crook and southern Wasco counties for over a week ranged as low as 25 degrees below zero.

With a moderation of the temperature, which was sufficient to thaw the frozen ground, came the first heavy fall of snow.

On top of this snow a fresh supply which, from indications tonight, will increase until it equals the severe storm of 1888, when scores of stockmen were ruined and thousands of head of stock died on the ranges, the depth of snow being so deep and continuing for such a length of time that the animals starved to death as they stood belly deep in the banks which covered all of the available range.

To make the situation worse the snow was covered with a thick crust which made it impossible for the famished and weakened animals to break through to the grass beneath.

Fear Terrible Losses.

While feeding conditions in the central part of the state are much more favorable than they were during the "winter mentioned, the gravest fears are entertained tonight concerning stock conditions. It is certain that in the present snow remains on the ground for any length of time the loss to central Oregon will be appalling.

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DEATH AT HANDS UNKNOWN

Coroner's Jury Hears Testimony and Gives Verdict on Death of James Tracy, Stabbed in Street Fight at Night

(Publishers' Press by Special Leased Wire.) Portland, Feb. 2.—The coroner's jury, which heard the testimony of the witnesses in the case of James Tracy, who was killed in a street fight at night, returned its verdict this morning.

The jury, which heard the testimony of the witnesses, returned its verdict this morning. The jury found that the deceased, James Tracy, came to his death at St. Vincent's hospital at 3 a. m., February 2, 1907, from knife wounds in the chest, inflicted by one of two persons named in the indictment as George Tracy and his wife at Thirteenth and Plunders streets.

At the time he and his wife separated from the party two men standing on the corner of Thirteenth and Glisan streets were yelling loudly.

Dr. Louis Buck testified as to the cause of death as demonstrated by an autopsy performed yesterday. Tracy, he said, had partaken of considerable liquor while at home after leaving the hospital and that Mrs. Tracy and her husband and his wife all drank freely during this time.

Mrs. J. E. Ebbert, 504 Glisan street, who resides directly above the place where the stabbing occurred, testified she had been aroused by a noise outside of the house and upon going to the window saw a man running down the street with another, whom she recognized as Tracy, in close pursuit. Two men were fighting on the sidewalk and one of them seized Tracy, whom she saw as being pushed, and she saw him fall.

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MISSISSIPPI IS ON RAMPAGE

All Records for High Water Broken—Memphis Partially Submerged—Thousands of Acres Across River Under Water

(Publishers' Press by Special Leased Wire.) Memphis, Feb. 2.—With the crest of the flood only a few hours away from Memphis and all records for high water broken during the day, the situation tonight is dangerous. Any moment the levee at Holly Bush, Arkansas, could break, entailing tremendous damage in Arkansas and putting all railroads west from Memphis out of commission.

The St. Francis levee officials with a large force of men are working night and day against fearful odds. At the best only a few inches more of water can be withstood.

In North Memphis several blocks are flooded as a result of a failure of retaining walls to hold the water backed up in the Bayou Gasoso. Nearly 1,000 people have been forced out of their homes. Their furniture has been taken in charge by the installment houses and the owners will lose heavily as a result. There is little actual suffering so far, however.

The local situation today was aggravated by the practical failure of the gas supply, owing to the water filtering into the mains. From early in the morning until late in the afternoon the gas supply was cut off and the newspapers appeared under great difficulties.

Plumbers blow pipes were called into service to keep the metal hot in the line types. Even at that much of the type was set by hand.

Along the river, above and below, in Arkansas and Mississippi, the situation is critical and guards are patrolling the levees night and day. The boats are bringing in many refugees daily. Rains have partly undone the work of building up the weak spots.