

JEROME UNABLE TO DISCREDIT EVELYN THAW

BATTLE OF WOMAN'S LOVE WITH POWER OF THE LAW

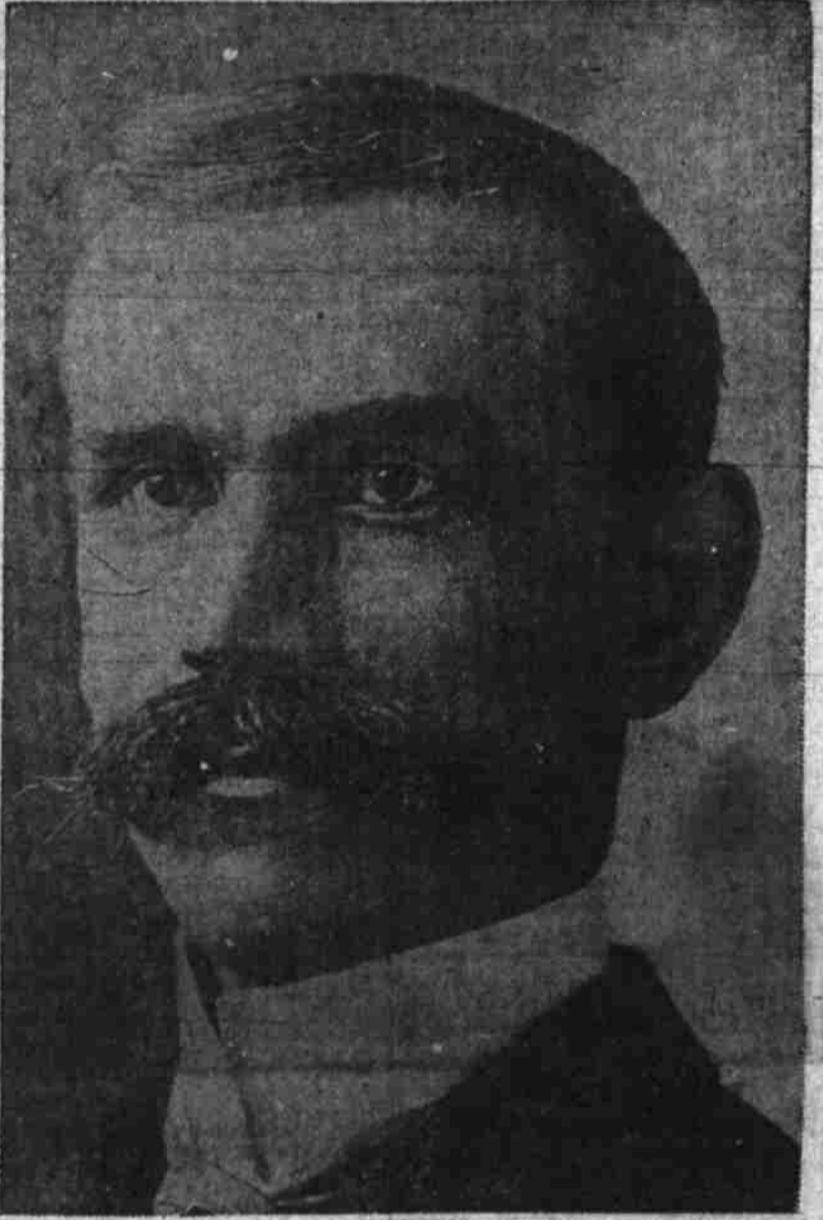
PROSECUTOR UNABLE TO PICK FLAWS

Girl Wife Makes Good Witness for Thaw. Jerome Fails to Trap the Witness

THINKS HER TRAGIC TALE FALSEHOOD

Jerome Thinks Evelyn's Career Gives Lie to Statements—Mother and Brother Aid Him

WILL RETAIN SEAT IN SENATE



Senator Reed Smoot of Utah.

SMOOT TO RETAIN THE TOGA

Final Debate Over Four Year Controversy Is Heated—Dubois Leads Attack Upon Mormonism and Its Senatorial Apostle

(Journal Special Service.)

New York, Feb. 20.—When court convened this morning Evelyn Nesbit Thaw plunged into the greatest ordeal of her position-torn career.

Here was the real tragedy of the Thaw case, as last centered about the shrinking little figure, attired in a blue suit with a broad white collar and a flowing tie, which was almost hidden in the big witness chair.

Save for a friendly word that Delmas might throw her now and then, she had passed beyond his power into the hands of an unfriendly attorney, hands that have been waiting for the opportunity to tear to tatters, if possible, the story which she had built up as a buttress around the imperiled life of her husband.

(Journal Special Service.)

New York, Feb. 20.—District Attorney Jerome's shrewd cunning reached the climax of his career as an attorney in his endeavor to get before the jury a statement from Evelyn Thaw that would discredit the story she told under direct examination by the attorneys of her husband.

Jerome began today upon apparent immaterial matters and gradually led into Evelyn's life before she even met White. The line of the prosecutor's questioning indicated that Jerome not only disbelieves the tragic tale the young actress told with all the effectiveness of her footlight training but thinks that with her mother she walked in unholy paths in the earliest part of her New York life, and that had she not the narrow way of life she never would have become entangled with Stanford White.

Jerome followed closely the statement made by Evelyn's mother regarding her life with the owner of a private yacht and Sunday excursions at the time this divorce, and also at the same time, it is believed, that the witness under direct examination testified that Evelyn and mother were living in abject poverty, supported only by the slender earnings of the childish artist's model.

LOOKS DOOR AND TAKES POISON

Despondency Over Business and His Family Troubles Causes Adam List to Commit Suicide

"Lock the door and let nobody in," were the words Adam List spoke just before taking carbolic acid this morning at his place of business, under the Pleasanton, 284 Third street, corner of Columbia, which results in his death.

He left a note which has caused some conjecture. Written with a lead pencil on the face of an envelope was this, as near as could be made out: "Goodbye, George, you will find me by the floating mill."

THIRD LARGEST FOR WHEAT

Portland's Shipping Record for January Shows This Port to Be Far Ahead of All Puget Sound Cities Combined—Only New York and Philadelphia Ahead.

As a wheat shipping port Portland climbed to third place in the United States during the month of January, her wheat shipments surpassing even the total of all of the Puget sound ports combined.

New York leads, Philadelphia comes second and Portland third with shipments as follows: New York, 1,699,865 bushels, valued at \$1,341,900; Philadelphia, 1,187,311 bushels, valued at \$960,228, and Portland, 842,998 bushels, valued at \$697,928.

Port of Columbia Bill Passes

(By a Staff Correspondent.) Salem, Or., Feb. 20.—With 10 votes to spare the Port of Columbia bill passed the senate this morning, amended to give the appointment of the port commissioners to the governor.

BRING LAND FRAUD CASES INTO TRIAL

Government Seeks to Open Up Swindles in Hermann Case to Show Motive

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Feb. 20.—District Attorney Baker, conducting the Hermann case for the government, now desires to introduce a vast mass of testimony relating to land frauds in western states, in order to establish that Hermann had a powerful motive to destroy the letter press copy books containing the official correspondence of the general land office, incriminating him and many others.

JEWEL BOX IS STOLEN FROM HOTEL

Mrs. Ben Ely at Carleton Misses Valuable Gems and Detectives Arrest Young Night Clerk

A mysterious theft of a casket of jewelry from the apartments of Ben C. Ely, former baseball magnate, in the Hotel Carleton, Thirteenth and Alder streets, and the arrest this afternoon of Al Meyer, foreman of the wrapping department of Meier & Frank's department store and night clerk at the hotel in question, are the salient features in a case that has caused a ferment of excitement in the fashionable Alder street boarding-house.

HUGE BORE TO TUNNEL PENINSULA

Harriman Buys Land for an Entrance to Portland Under University Park

Within the next 90 days the consolidated Harriman lines will begin construction of a double-track railroad tunnel under University Park, from a point near McKenna Junction to Rock's bottom. Today J. W. Morrow, right-of-way agent, purchased at the north entrance of the projected tunnel 725 lots and acreage amounting to 45 acres, paying in the aggregate upward of \$200,000 for the properties.

LETTERS ARE READ

If a favorable decision for the government is rendered it will probably open the entire line of sensational incidents pertaining to the land frauds of Oregon, California and other states.

MR. AND MRS. ELY AT CARLETON

Mr. and Mrs. Ely, who occupy apartments on the second floor of the fashionable hostelry, reported to the police yesterday that an oak casket containing a miscellaneous assortment of jewelry valued at several hundred dollars had mysteriously disappeared from their rooms.

THE LANDS AND LOTS PURCHASED TODAY

The lands and lots purchased today by the Harriman companies comprise about 725 lots from the University Land company, lying between Adriatic, Newark and Washburn streets, and Columbia boulevard, for which they paid approximately \$150,000.

JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN IS PHYSICAL WRECK

(Four's Special Service.) London, Feb. 20.—Joseph Chamberlain is broken down physically, although still mentally alert. He passes most of his time indoors at Ilkbury, his Birmingham residence, but when the weather is fine he drives out in his carriage.

RODENT ROUTS CAT AND DOG

Pugnacious Rat in City Treasurer's Home Gets Out of Trap and Scares Family Pets Away

Were Robert Browning alive and in Portland today he would have a better opportunity to exercise his poetic powers than he had when he told the story of the Pied Piper of Hamelin and "the great rats, that the brazen rats, and the gray rats, and the tawny rats," that followed the piper to the river and were drowned— that is, all excepting one who, "stout as Julius Caesar, swam the river Weser."

Last night Mr. Werlein baited a trap for the rat. The rat took the bait, kicked the trap over and retired to his nest. The night before he set the same trap and put a cloth over it. The rat carried off the bait and also the cloth, which he probably wanted to use for a napkin.