

EVELYN THAW QUITS STAND VICTORIOUS OVER JEROME

GIRL WIFE'S VERACITY IS UNSCATHED

Story Is Weakened in Spots, But in Main Woman Defeated Prosecutor's Efforts

Cross-Examination Is Finished After Four and a Half Days on the Stand and Witness Leaves Smiling and Self-Possessed—Hummel's Testimony Useless

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Feb. 26.—Evelyn Thaw has triumphed over District Attorney Jerome. The prosecutor ended his cross-examination today and at its conclusion the girl was still smiling and self-possessed and still fighting. Her story was weakened in places, but in the main the girl-defeated her trained adversary in the war of words that continued for four and a half days. The girl's veracity is unscathed. If a weak spot is to be found it is in the character of the witness, not in her truthfulness.

Plays Strongest Card. Evelyn played her strongest card for her husband in the last minutes of the cross-examination today. She got before the jury her belief that Thaw was insane on the subject of White as early as Christmas eve, 1902. Jerome, thwarted in the long contest to prove the girl untruthful, retired under this last thrust and permitted her to leave the stand smiling and triumphant.

The defense plea of insanity was strengthened by her story, showing that White, with his relentless pursuit of the wife, constantly increased the delusions, and developed hallucinations in the mind of Thaw until the tragedy resulted as its natural sequence. To prove that these mental abnormalities were materially existent at any such time, based on a bone; that when the cause was removed, the effect was lessened, until now the prisoner's brain was restored to normal condition.

That Delmas and colleagues are able to put up such a plea, based on a bone, wholly upon psychological phenomena, is due wholly to the admirable conduct of the young wife during her long struggle against the trained efforts of Jerome.

Delmas Blocks Jerome. Coupled with the girl's victory, was another one scored for the defense by Delmas, who neatly blocked Jerome at every turn when the latter sought to discredit Evelyn by putting Abe Hummel, the disbarred attorney, who formerly acted for Stanford White, on

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HERMANN'S KNOWLEDGE OF FRAUDS

Government Trying to Prove Congressman Was Party to Blue Mountain Plot

Each Letter Gone Over to Show Knowledge of Conspiracy—Knew of Inspector Greene's Visit to Oregon—May's Letter About Fraudulent Filings.

(Washington Bureau of the Journal.) Washington, Feb. 26.—It became apparent today during the progress of the Hermann trial that the government purposed to prove Hermann a party to a conspiracy in connection with the Blue Mountain forest reserve in eastern Oregon. That being true, that he destroyed letter-press copybooks so as to obliterate documentary evidence against him and his friends. When Judge Stafford decided the government could place the disputed letters in evidence, the prosecution at once began to develop certain facts at first not understood until today, when the government's purpose was clearly indicated.

One letter that is regarded as very important was written by Hermann to Senator Mitchell, October 21, 1902. It shows they were in close relations. It discusses the land fraud investigation in Oregon, then secretly in progress by A. R. Greene, private special inspector for Secretary Hitchcock, showing Hermann knew what was going on. He said in this letter, "Everything is quiet here on the Potomac." The letter said also that Captain B. B. Ormsby, superintendent of forest reserves, and Special Agent C. E. Louche, had been suspended with only four days' notice.

Letter from May. Another letter was from B. T. May of La Grande. It told Hermann of alleged fraudulent filings on timber and stone claims by employees of the Grand Ronde Lumber company. Hermann's answer to this letter related to plans for a vigorous investigation and severe punishment to be meted out for such fraudulent acts. The letter contained an exhortation of Hermann by May, who said he had been informed by the manager of the Grande Ronde Lumber company that he knew all about May's Secretary Hitchcock, showing Hermann could obtain information as to proceedings in the general land office before May could, that he had learned that May was a poor man and he therefore had better desist from a course of exposure of frauds, etc., or he would be run out of the country.

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Otto C. Sentzlaws and May Phillips Who Were Mobbed for Attempting a Trial Marriage at Montclair, New Jersey. The Upper House is the One Stormed, the Lower the Home of Mrs. Sentzlaws, 50 Feet Away.

GOVERNOR MAY VETO DRAIN BILL

Rumored Normal School Measure Will Receive Ax—Board of Regents Not to Pass Upon Which Schools to Be Killed.

(By a Staff Correspondent.) Salem, Or., Feb. 26.—There is a persistent rumor that the governor will veto the Mouth-Drain appropriation bill, or that it may be filed with a message calling attention to the fact that the bill is a violation of the constitution, and that the board of regents will not pass upon it.

This is the bill Davey declared passed Friday night. After he had held the gavel suspended, calling for affirmative votes, until he thought he had secured the bill's passage. The subsequent count after adjournment showed 30 votes, 1 short. Next morning Davey re-opened the vote without the action of the house and allowed King to change from no to yes. On this ground it is held that the vote is illegal and the governor may veto it.

The board of regents bill was filed last night. Through a mistake, the house-enrolling committee amendment, requiring the board to report upon the two normals for abolishment, was not put in the enrolled bill. The regents thus are not compelled by law to make any report upon the number of schools for the state and the entire normal question is in the same condition as following the close of the 1905 session.

MAE WOOD SUES FOR DIVORCE

Crimes of Various Kinds, Robberies and Perhaps Even Assassination Will Be Disclosed, Says Defendant.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Feb. 26.—Suit has been brought in the supreme court of this city by Miss Mae Wood against United States Senator Thomas C. Platt, and the case will probably create a sensation when it comes to trial. Miss Wood, who is at Colon, Michigan, is quoted as saying: "I instituted divorce proceedings on December 27 last in New York against Senator Platt through my attorney, Mr. O'Flaherty. I have named 11 women as co-respondents. The trial will disclose crimes of various kinds, including robbery and perhaps attempted assassination."

BUILDINGS FOR PITTOCK BLOCK

Penroyer Property on Morrison Street Also to Be Improved by Modern Structures as Long-Term Leases Are Signed.

Two modern business buildings, to cost not less than \$150,000 each, have been financed by J. Whyte Evans and will immediately be erected on the Pittock block, at Washington and West Park streets, and on the Penroyer block, at Morrison and West Park, under 99-year and 50-year leases, respectively. Mr. Evans has secured long-term leases on other downtown corners, the terms of which provide for construction of buildings. His total construction plans aggregate \$1,600,000.

Seen today regarding the reported leases and the buildings planned, he was very reticent, as to the tenancy of the prospective buildings. It is understood a large department store, either Olds, Wortman & King or some outside concern, will occupy the first building that is to be erected. The fact that the building now occupied by Olds, Wortman & King has been recently sold and that the firm's lease has but two or three years more to run leads to the conclusion that this firm may be considering a new location. Construction of the building will be commenced between this date and March 1. Bonds to be furnished.

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FALLS IN FIT FROM THE FERRY

Edward R. McLachlin, an Expressman, is Drowned in Four Feet of Water While Waiting to Cross at Albina.

Edward R. McLachlin, an expressman in the employ of the Portland Iron Works, was drowned at noon today in four feet of water at the Seventh street landing of the Albina ferry. Half a dozen men stood within a few rods of McLachlin and saw him fall from the slip into the river, but no effort was made to keep his face above the surface.

McLachlin has been subject to epileptic fits for a number of years, and it is believed that he was taken suddenly with one of these this morning. He had jumped from his express wagon while waiting for the ferryboat and stood on a plank which projected over the water some four feet above the surface. While leaning against a post he was seen suddenly to fall forward, striking the water face downward. Several men standing on a slip a short distance away secured pike poles and attempted to lift the body out of the water, but it had floated a few feet under the slip and rendered their efforts futile. A boat was then rowed under the slip from the opposite side and the body dragged through the water to the north end of the landing where it was suspended by ropes, partially out of the water for over an hour until Deputy Coroner Baldwin arrived.

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That the senator would be married again created a vast amount of gossip, which was intensified when it became known that Miss Wood, who was then employed in the postoffice department at Washington, insisted that she had had reason to believe she would become Mrs. Platt and announced that she would publish under the title of "Love Letters of a Boob," a series of gushing effusions in prose and poetry addressed to her by the senator. With sonnets, odes, triolets and a lot of billet doux set in type she came to this city at about the time of the wedding. Frank Platt, son of the senator, had an opportunity to see the love letters before they were given to the public, and as the result there was a compromise and they were not published.

INITIATIVE BILLS MUST COME QUICK

Petitions Are to Be Filed at a Special Council Session on Saturday

If They Do Not Appear Within Time Limit, the Unanimous Consent of Voters, Practically Impossible to Obtain, Must Be Had, According to Law.

Under an opinion given by City Attorney McNary this morning, all bills to be submitted to the people at the June election must be printed and presented to the council before next Monday. Bills so far proposed call for an appropriation of approximately \$1,500,000, and a bill about to be proposed for an additional water main to Bull Run and the necessary reservoirs requires an appropriation of \$3,000,000 more. As all these bills must be acted upon by the council before they are submitted to the people, Mayor Lane today issued a special call for a meeting of that body Saturday afternoon. The late date was set so as to give everybody who has a measure to pass time to have it printed and presented to the council.

Water Board Will Meet. No call for a meeting of the water board has yet been issued by Mayor Lane. However, he said this morning that the commissioners would probably get together in a day or two. The water board is the body that has in charge the recommendation of the appropriation for the greater system. It has had the matter under consideration for several weeks, but it has been waiting for advice from presidents and delegates of the different improvement clubs.

If the petitions are not filed with the council and passed upon by it, the only way the people will have to pass a new law will be by gaining the unanimous consent of every resident in the city. That, City Attorney McNary and City Auditor Devin say, will be impossible. The law of procedure, passed by the legislature, says that all petitions must be filed with the council within 90 days of the Monday of election, and all other petitions may be filed only by unanimous consent.

Unanimous Consent Impossible. After a consultation this morning, the two officers decided that it was impossible to obtain the unanimous consent of the voters to any ordinance or bill or amendment to the charter that might be submitted to them. Party differences, they believed, would have their effect.

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HARRIMAN'S HUGE PROFIT UPON ALTON

Magnate Admits Receiving Check for Big Sum—Explains Hold Upon Santa Fe

Traffic Control of California Through Alliance With Clark Road—Admits Selling of Branch Road to Alton for Three Millions.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Feb. 26.—E. H. Harriman was recalled to the stand this morning when the hearing of the interstate commerce commission in the Pacific railroad investigation was resumed. He continued before the commission the recital of his stock transactions regarding the Chicago & Alton railroad, as identified a check for several hundred thousand dollars received for personal services in addition to his profits on the deal. He admitted selling a branch road to the Alton for \$3,000,000.

Deal With Santa Fe. Harriman testified that the effort of the Union Pacific to get an interest in the Santa Fe railroad resulted in E. H. Rogers and H. C. Frick buying \$34,000,000 Santa Fe stock and becoming Santa Fe directors at the same time they were Union Pacific directors. He admitted that no Santa Fe men had been put on the Union Pacific board. Later the Union Pacific had directly purchased \$10,000,000 Santa Fe stock. To questions where the Union Pacific got this stock, and whether Harriman had sold any of his own stock to the Union Pacific, Harriman replied, "I decline to answer."

Witness said that there existed an agreement for the control of the California and Northwestern railroad jointly by the Union Pacific and Santa Fe. He said that the San Pedro line was controlled jointly by Senator Clark and the Union Pacific, but was still a keen competitor of the Southern Pacific's. He then told about the Illinois Central deal.

Why Fish Was Fired. He asserted that he had secured the dismissal of President Fish because Fish deposited large sums of money belonging to the Illinois Central with the Trust company of the Republic and the Commonwealth Trust company, in which companies Fish was a trustee, for the purpose of padding their accounts. Harriman said that he brought the charges before the board of directors and Fish's resignation was demanded. By testifying before the commission

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HARBORS BILL NOT IN DANGER

Telegram from Senator Mulkey Sets at Rest Fears That Congress Will Not Make Appropriation for Oregon.

Fears which have been entertained for the past few days that the rivers and harbors appropriation bill would be killed in the conference committee at Washington, thus robbing Oregon of nearly \$4,000,000 included in the bill for the improvement of the Columbia and other waterways in this state, have been partially laid to rest by a dispatch received by J. N. Teal this morning from Senator Mulkey. The latter wires that the bill is making good progress. Last week Chairman Tawney of the appropriations committee stated that there were brilliant prospects of a national deficit of \$100,000,000, and senators opposed to the rivers and harbors bill, which carries an appropriation, as amended in the senate, of \$92,000,000, began throwing their daggers. Friends of the bill, however, got busy urging a favorable report by the conference committee with the result that Oregon will probably profit by its final passage in the senate.

Yesterday it was rumored in Portland that the bill was in danger of being killed and Attorney J. N. Teal of the transportation committee of the chamber of commerce, sent the following telegram to Senator Mulkey: "Wire present condition rivers and harbors bill. Reported here in danger not being agreed on by conference committee in time to pass." In response to the above, Mr. Teal received the following answer this morning: "Nothing good progress in conference. Think it in danger. Frederick W. Mulkey."

TRIAL MARRIAGE IS NOT WANTED

Man Leaves Wife and Four Children to Get Younger and Prettier Bride—Mrs. Parson's Book Unbalanced His Mind.

Montclair, N. J., Feb. 26.—Equipped with two buckets of boiling water and bags of feathers, 300 wealthy citizens of Montclair, New Jersey, recently made an attempt to tar and feather Otto C. Sentzlaws and Miss May Phillips, in order to preserve unsmirched the name of their community.

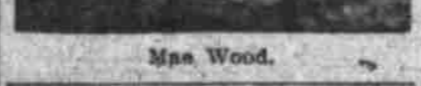
Every man and woman in Montclair is agitated over the affair, which involves a story of how the book, "The Family," in which Mrs. Herbert Parsons depicted "trial marriages," so affected the mind of Sentzlaws that he deserted his wife, and, having transferred his affections to another, established his new home within 50 feet of his old one. The family knew no discord, no turbulence, until a few months ago, when the father began to brood and act strangely. He remained out at night—a thing he never had done before. His wife became worried, and one day finally put to him the question: "What is the matter with you? Have you any troubles we don't know about?" Sentzlaws pondered, and blurted almost savagely: "We've been married 25 years—a quarter of a century. That's too long. I confess I'm tired of the game, and I want to separate from you. I believe Mrs. Parsons' theory about trial marriages." He left his wife to live with a younger and prettier woman. When the neighbors learned of it, they stormed the couple's abode and forced them to leave the city.

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GET 90 PER CENT OF HIS WAGES

Mrs. Klees to Receive Through Mrs. Trumbull Nearly Every Dollar Husband Earns Forever and Will Pay All Bills.

Ninety per cent of his wages every month in the price paid by Nicholas King for freedom from the divorce court. Mrs. Nellie Klees, his wife, had sued him for a divorce on the ground of cruelty and non-support. This morning an agreement terminating the suit, signed by both Klees and his wife, was filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court. Klees agrees to pay to his wife forever 90 per cent of all the money he earns. Mrs. Klees agrees to accept the money and support the family from it, paying all the living expenses of the family, which are specified to be food, clothing, and like incidentals. The husband is to be included in the family supported by Mrs. Klees from the 85 per cent given her by her husband. All the money earned by Klees is to be paid to Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull of the City Board of Charities. Mrs. Trumbull will pay to Mrs. Klees the 90 per cent that is set aside for family expenses, and then return to Klees the remaining 10 per cent for his personal use. Both Klees and his wife agree to try as hard as they can to get along peaceably together, and if the agreement is kept the divorce court will hear no more of their troubles.

GYPSY RIGO HERO OF NEW ROMANCE

Clara Ward's Cousin Deserts Her Husband for Violinist, Who Loses His Position as Orchestra Leader as Consequence.

New York, Feb. 26.—Jaincat Rigo, who made himself notorious by eloping with the Princess Chimay, has lost his job as leader of the orchestra in the Harlem Casino because of his relations with Mrs. Cashar Emerson, wife of a newspaper artist. Mrs. Emerson says she is a cousin of Princess Chimay, who was Clara Ward of Detroit. She bears a strong resemblance to her, and so Rigo may retain the picture of his former wife tattooed upon his arm. Mrs. Emerson says she will marry Rigo as soon as she gets a divorce from Emerson. She has filed a suit in Philadelphia. Rigo says he is about to start on a tour of the world at a salary of \$500 a week and will sail for Havana in a few days. Mrs. Emerson is a daughter of Professor J. E. Hadley of Philadelphia. She has posed for artists. She says she and Rigo fell in love at first sight. Her infatuation for him became so evident at the Harlem Casino that the management had to interfere.

Santo Domingo Treaty Ratified. (Journal Special Service.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—By a vote of 43 to 27 the senate last night ratified the Santo Domingo treaty. This was one more vote in the affirmative than was required.

UNKNOWN THIEF ROBS FARMERS OF AURORA. Aurora, Or., Feb. 26.—Many of the farmers hereabout report they are being grab every night through thieving. Some of the heaviest losses have occurred, but with no results. One case was closed upon the grain thief on the 25th. The latter left his headquarters in the grain bin.