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DELMAS BEGINS CLOSING ARGUMENTS IN THAW CASE

THAW SANE; EVIDENCE IS COMPLETED

Fitzgerald Confirms Report of Insanity Commission—Closing Scene of Trial

Attorney Delmas Makes Masterful Appeal to Jury for Client's Freedom—Quotes Jerome as Saying That He Had No Right to Try Prisoner for Crime.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, April 8.—Justice Fitzgerald today confirmed the report of the Thaw insanity commission finding Thaw sane against District Attorney Jerome's protest and directed that the trial proceed. Dr. Hamilton was the only witness examined. This afternoon Attorney D. M. Delmas made an eloquent plea for his client's liberty.

A distinguished gathering of lawyers and prominent men, among the latter being Senator Spooner of Wisconsin, gathered to hear Delmas. Thaw's wife, family and many women were present. There was scarcely room for the alienists, who gathered in force.

As the jurors took their seats, Attorney Delmas arose. He began by reading the statement made by Jerome, when the latter asked for a lunacy commission, when the prosecutor said "If the real facts were known, we would have no right to be trying this man." Delmas calmly proceeded:

"Gentlemen, if you had heard these words from the lips of an irresponsible hatter, instead of an official charged with a great public duty, you had heard them spoken in a place where able men resort, instead of in a great tribunal, and had the occasion been a trivial discussion of an insignificant topic, instead of in a debate, upon the issue of which hung life or death, and which you had heard these same lips make an appeal that the life of this man be forfeited to the law, they might have filed you with amazement. It is now in my power to reach a correct decision on the momentous issue you must decide."

Discards Unwritten Law. "In performing my task I shall make no attempt to arouse your passion or appeal to your sympathies, or to warp (Continued on Page Two.)

FATHER IN JAIL FOR HIS THREATS

Mrs. C. K. Butters Declares She Feared for Her Life—Goodson Says He Did Not Own Her as Daughter.

Fearful lest her father, Benjamin Goodson, should take her life, as she swore he had threatened to do, Mrs. Calvin K. Butters, living near Frian and the Mount Scott car line, brought action against her unnatural parent this morning in the justice court, with the result that Goodson was sent to the county jail, not being able to post up the bond under which he was placed to keep the peace.

Mrs. Butters, who was on the point of nervous prostration, testified on the stand this morning that her father was demon when drunk and was not responsible for his actions. She said that he had abused his whole family; that he came to the home at Frian not long ago and threatened to kill her and her husband unless they paid to him some \$800 that he alleged was coming to him from them. On account of her condition Mrs. Butters was not cross-examined. Detectives had been employed to watch the residence and Goodson was found continually haunting the place.

Goodson testified in his own behalf that he had just come to Portland from Minnesota; that his home was in Wisconsin; and that he had threatened to kill her. He only wished to collect what was due him from the couple. When he visited the home at Frian his daughter ran to him to embrace him but he told her that he no longer claimed her as a daughter. He said on the witness stand that he loved her no longer and could not.

Justice Reid placed the defendant under \$500 to keep the peace until the May term of the circuit court. He was unable to put up the bond and was committed to the county jail.

BACK LANE NO MATTER HIS TICKET

Prominent Democrats Swear Loyalty to the Mayor, Feeling Sure of Overwhelming Vote

Young, Flegel, Wilhelm, O'Neill, Greene and Other Well Known Members of Party Declare He Will Get Democrats' Votes Despite Thomas' Frame-Up.

Prominent Democrats in the city are rallying to the support of Mayor Lane and are emphatic in their expressions of fealty should he enter the race for reelection, no matter whether he runs as a Democrat or independent. Those who represent the true spirit of the Democratic party here argue that it is not a case of partisanship alone; that spoils do not enter into the merits of a municipal campaign, but that it is the man whom they are seeking as a candidate and not the politics.

Mayor Lane has given an excellent administration, they contend; so good, in fact, that the only complaint heard against it is that he has not filled all the subordinate offices with partisan friends. In other words, fault is found with his spoils system, but not with his administrative system.

Despite Hostile Council. Thomas G. Greene, well known in Portland civic affairs, is outspoken in his support of the mayor. "I am going to support Dr. Lane, no matter what kind of a ticket he runs on," said Mr. Greene this morning. "Not only that, but I am going to try to get him to run. Dr. Lane has given a most excellent administration. Considering the fact that he has had a hostile council to hamper him, a council which has not passed up many chances to embarrass him, and having in mind the many hardships under which he has labored, in my opinion Dr. Lane has given an administration entirely satisfactory in every way."

"I think Dr. Lane has the Thomas people on his Democratic ticket, but the theory of who serves the people best serves his party best is not good Democratic doctrine I do not know where any better will be found. The Thomas faction will have to show Dr. Lane that he is not a Democrat."

"In my opinion Dr. Lane should go before the people on the record of his administration. He should give the people of Portland a chance to say whether or not they approve the manner in which he has governed the city for the past two years. I am for Dr. Lane whether on one ticket or the other."

Olesby Young is another who favors the independent candidacy of the mayor.

Go Democratic Vote Anyway. "I am in favor of Mayor Lane on any ticket," said Mr. Young. "I am after the best man for mayor, not the best (Continued on Page Two.)

NEW RELIGIOUS FAITH COMING

Cornell Professor Says World is Approaching Crisis in Religious Beliefs From Which Will Result New Theory.

(Journal Special Service.) Ithaca, N. Y., April 8.—That we are approaching a crisis in the religious belief of mankind and that a new faith is coming, is the opinion of Professor Nathaniel Schmidt, Cornell's profound teacher of oriental and biblical history. In the April number of the Cornell Era, which appears tomorrow, writing on "Epochs of Faith," he declares:

"The remnants of primitive ideas and practices are fast disappearing. Polytheism and polytheism are giving way to conceptions implying unity of creative power. Less importance is attached to sacred days, sacred places and such things. Emphasis is being placed on the ethical contents of religion."

"The new faith will seek for that which is universal in man's belief, not rooting up or tearing down one form of creed in order to impose another. It will honor and trust in reason. While being careful to keep its light trimmed by the cultivation of the heart and will, it will recognize the sovereignty of ethics. It will be vital, touching life on every side, growing with the growth of man's mastery over nature."

THAW AS HE APPEARED BEFORE INSANITY EXPERTS



While the examination of Harry Thaw by the lunacy commission was held in private the young prisoner made a remarkable witness in his own behalf. In the picture young Thaw is shown in court "as he appeared to artist Morgan." The photograph at the top is that of David McClure and that at the bottom of former District Attorney Peter B. Olney, the two legal members of the lunacy commission.

TWO DETECTIVES HAVE VANISHED

Men Who Went into Kentucky Mountains Seven Years Ago to Search for Goebel's Assassins Never Since Heard From.

(Journal Special Service.) Lexington, Ky., April 8.—It was learned here this afternoon that two detectives who went into the mountains of Kentucky seven years ago to search for the assassins of Senator William Goebel have never been heard of since. The two men were employed by the state to go to the mountain counties and search for witnesses, documents, letters and other evidence that would directly connect any one with the Goebel assassination.

One detective named Russell, from New Jersey, went to Laurel county disguised as a sign painter. He met Jim Howard, now in prison for the Goebel killing, and has never been heard of since.

The second detective, who said he was from St. Paul, Minnesota, and whose name was McNaughton or McDonough, went under an assumed name to Leslie and Harlan counties. He has never returned, and is supposed to have been murdered by men who discovered his mission in that country. McDonough stated in a letter that he was leaving for Bell county and would write again as soon as he arrived there. That was early in the spring of 1900. His salary has never been called for, and though relatives searched for a clue to his disappearance, nothing was ever discovered.

Cuba Owns Isle of Pines.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, April 8.—The Isle of Pines is part of the territory of Cuba, not part of the United States so far as the collection of duties is concerned, according to the opinion of the supreme court handed down by Justice Fuller today.

DISLIKES CLUB PHILOSOPHY

"Every woman needs a good licking every two or three months to keep her straight." This little quotation is not from Shakespeare, nor Milton, nor even from Josh Billings. It is from Dennis O'Connell, a carpenter who saws and planes his philosophy into shape at 444 East Thirty-ninth street, Portland. Mr. O'Connell is wont to practice what he preaches, as his wife, Julia O'Connell, who has shared his name ever since July, 1892, is willing to testify. But Mrs. O'Connell does not agree with her husband's philosophy. Though she avers that she has been beaten more or less regularly and, moreover, that she is "straight," she is not willing to admit that the two should be placed in the relation of cause and effect. Indeed, while anxious to remain straight Mrs. O'Connell is none the less anxious to escape the beatings of her carpenter spouse.

For this reason she has filed suit for divorce, setting forth the peculiar preaching and practice of her husband as lawful grounds for a decree. She also says that her husband has at times assailed her with opprobrious names. The couple were married in Glencoe, Oregon, and have two children. The wife asks for suit money and an undivided half interest in real and personal property from which a revenue of \$100 per month is derived.

The Record for the Week

Table showing advertising record for the week ending April 7, 1907. Columns include Local, Foreign, Classified-Real Estate, and Readers in inches.

The circulation of The Journal on Saturday was over 30,000 and it hovers near that mark most of the time. That advertisers appreciate the rapidly increasing circulation is evidenced by the volume of advertising carried. The columns of The Journal several days each week are overcrowded to such an extent that advertising is left out, and this condition can be met in a measure by the advertisers furnishing copier earlier, and to bring this about a letter is being sent to all advertisers asking them to cooperate in relieving this congested condition on certain days.

TAFT GIVEN SENTENCE OF SEVEN YEARS

Notice of Appeal Withdrawn and Realty Broker Hears Judge Mete Out Punishment

Convicted of Forgery, Taft Breaks Down When He Hears Ominous Words—Talks of Wife Who Must Support Herself as Best She Can.

Seven years in the penitentiary was the sentence meted out to W. H. Taft by Circuit Judge Crawford this morning. Saturday last he was convicted of uttering a forged promissory note with intent to defraud Dr. George D. Peters. The maximum penalty for his crime in Oregon is 20 years' imprisonment, the minimum imprisonment for two years.

Taft's attorney, W. R. McGarry, was highly elated over the penalty imposed, which, considering the circumstances, was extremely light. The fact that Taft was once previously convicted of a similar crime seems not to have weighed against him. Another thing which makes his sentence seem light is that there were no less than 20 other cases of the same character which might have been pressed against him. All of these cases will be dropped, so stated District Attorney Manning this morning.

Upon the reading of the verdict of guilty last Saturday noon, Attorney McGarry announced that he would appeal. But he changed his mind and this morning he waived further time and asked that sentence be pronounced. Taft was brought into court, and Judge Crawford imposed a sentence of seven years' imprisonment.

Though his attorney felt that Taft was fortunate in getting off so easily, the condemned man himself broke down with grief when he reached his cell. Until the last he felt that he would go free. Now he hopes to soon secure his liberty by parole.

The former real estate man has a faithful wife and a child 4 years of age. They are now residing at the Newcastle apartment house, but are without means of support.

"My wife will have to go to work," said Taft through the bars of his cell. "I don't know what she can do but office work. And the baby—O, the baby!" The wife asks for suit money and an undivided half interest in real and personal property from which a revenue of \$100 per month is derived.

Fireman Killed in Fire.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, April 8.—This morning's fire at the old Metropolitan Railway company's barns resulted in a loss of nearly \$1,000,000, the death of Captain John Ryan and the injury of 14 other firemen.

No Franks for Officials.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, April 8.—The interstate commerce commission today held that express companies cannot give franks to railroad officials.

WATSON'S WIVES DIED OF POISON

Three Wives Died in Three Years of Poison From Wall Paper—Each Cleaned House Just Before Fatal Illness.

(Journal Special Service.) Evansville, Ind., April 8.—Physicians discovered today that poison, contained in the paper that covered the walls of a room in the home of James Watson, in Posey county, caused the death a few days ago of Mrs. Watson, who it was believed at first died of meningitis. Watson has lost three wives in the last three years. All showed the same symptoms in their last illness, and it is believed each was poisoned by the paper. Watson says that each of his wives had cleaned the wall paper a short time before she became ill and died. The paper has been examined by chemists and is found to contain a violent poison. When heated or rubbed a blue nickel-like substance is given off. It was in previous wall paper and other postal supplies from the same source. The government officials believe the poisoning was intentional and are now making a search for the perpetrator.

ROOSEVELT REFUSES TO RUN AGAIN

President Tells Jacob Riis That He Will Not Accept Nomination as Executive

Bourne Takes a Slap at Loeb—Says No Gentleman Would Divulge Dinner Party Conversation as Secretary is Accused of Having Done.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, D. C., April 8.—President Roosevelt told me this morning that he will not accept another term. I know the man, and that is enough for me. He will keep his word." Jacob Riis so disposed of the third term story after a visit to the White House today.

Despite the repeated reports from all over the country that the Hartman-Roosevelt controversy, and the disclosure of the "rich man's conspiracy" meant only one thing, a third term for Roosevelt, the president himself is not impressed with this view.

Bourne at White House. Bourne called at the White House again today and talked to the president. When Bourne left he refused to comment on his celebrated dinner at the Shoreham hotel further than to say he was not in the habit of revealing what transpired at dinner parties, whether he attends as host or guest.

A story today gained currency that the revolution of the "rich man's \$5,000,000 conspiracy" did not occur at the Bourne dinner, but the story is not credited. It is believed that if it were true Bourne would issue an emphatic denial that it was told at his dinner.

Another report is that Bourne himself was the one who informed Roosevelt of Senator Penrose's disclosures, but it is commonly believed that Loeb was the man who carried the news to the White House. Bourne added ginger to the situation today by saying:

"I think no gentleman would repeat a conversation at a dinner party." Inasmuch as Loeb is thought to have carried to the president what it is alleged Senator Penrose said at the Bourne dinner, this remark may apply directly to the private secretary of the president.

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SEVEN ATTEMPTS TO WRECK TRAIN

Miscreants Again Attempt to Cause Disaster on Pennsylvania—Engine Stopped Just in Time to Prevent Loss of Life.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Alliance, Ohio, April 8.—After wrecking four of the fastest trains on the Pennsylvania railroad lines east within a month, the miscreants, who seem to be determined to cause great loss of life, have shifted their operations to the lines west, and made the seventh attempt within a month to wreck a Pennsylvania train here this morning within 100 yards of the depot. The engines of a fast freight saw the signal suddenly changed from clear to danger. He applied the emergency brakes and stopped the train just in time to prevent a collision with some loaded cars. The crew saw the man who evidently threw the switch running away.

An attempt to wreck the Pittsburgh express was made at Parker, Pennsylvania, yesterday. The train was stopped by a switchman who threw the signal to danger.

Last night the Cleveland River, a freight train on the Cleveland and Pittsburgh division, was wrecked in a narrow cut some miles west of Hudson, Ohio. Fortunately no person was injured.

Conditions of the track immediately after the wreck showed beyond all doubt that a deliberate attempt had been made to wreck the train by loosening one of the rails. Several of railroad employees were called to the scene during the night and with local authorities formed a posse which searched the surrounding country for the wreckers. No one was found, but it is believed that the wreckers were in the neighborhood of the wreck. It is believed that the wreckers were in the neighborhood of the wreck. It is believed that the wreckers were in the neighborhood of the wreck.