



HALL TRIAL MAY END LAND FRAUD CASES

TESTIMONY FOR STATE ALMOST IN

Heney Says That Last of His Evidence Will Be Submitted Late This Afternoon—Defense Will Not Delay.

Further Prosecutions at This Time Do Not Seem Likely—Hermann's Attorney Absent From City—Case on Docket.

The beginning of the end is at hand in Oregon's land fraud prosecutions. This week will see the finish of the Hall-Mays case, and from all appearances the conclusion of the pending cases as well. Mr. Heney, prosecutor in the Hall-Mays case, says he will put in the last of his testimony this afternoon, while the defense believes that two days at the longest will lay their evidence before the jury. Allowing two days for the arguments for the prosecution and the defense and the charge by Judge Hunt to the jury, the case should go in for the verdict either on Friday or Saturday next.

But even more interesting than the close of the long fight in the Hall case is the intimation that no further land fraud cases will be tried at the present time. "None of the defendants are claiming for trial with the exception of Charles Lord," says Mr. Heney, and from this and similar statements it is plain that the Hall case will mark the period of the land case prosecutions.

Last week Judge Hunt issued instructions that the jurors not serving on the Hall case should report in court this morning. This morning they excused them for today telling them they should report in the morning and that a conference to be held this afternoon between the attorneys, Mr. Heney, T. C. Becker and himself would determine when they should report for further duty.

Singer Korman. From statements that have been made it is now apparent that the close of the present case will mark the end of the land prosecutions for some time to come. The Hermann case is the next on the docket but Mr. Hermann has an attorney now in Washington whom he wants to defend him. This man is not likely to come to Oregon to defend Mr. Hermann and just that reason it is given out that Mr. Hermann will be brought to trial just at the present time.

Tracey C. Becker, who has been sent to Oregon to take Mr. Heney's place when the latter leaves, discussed the case at the conclusion of the Hall trial, has not yet had sufficient time to ground himself in the Oregon land fraud cases and the many cases pending in the department of pending trials. Judge Hunt, now presiding at the Hall case, must return to his own district in March and will not be able to hold trials at that time. Mr. Heney must return to San Francisco to take up his graft prosecutions in that city and for connection with the Oregon cases.

Conference This Evening. Accordingly it is believed that the result of the conference this evening will be to call for further prosecutions of the land cases, yet pending and that they will be allowed to stand on the docket until such time as it may be possible for the government to take them up again.

In the trial of the Hall-Mays case today a great calm prevailed. F. P. Mays was put on the stand and his examination by the district attorney was rather uneventful and his testimony drawn either from the questions of Mr. Heney or from those of Judge Webster, but little more light on the situation than was cast by his direct examination.

It was brought out that Mays, as the attorney for Stelwer, discussed the matter with Hall and afterwards when he wrote the letters to Stelwer he believed that should the company comply with the demands of Special Agent Dixon in regard to taking down the fences, would be right and proper for the district attorney to dismiss the suit which has been filed against his clients.

Mr. Heney asked for the replies written by Stelwer to Mays in regard to the case and W. L. Hill, attorney for Mays, promised to bring them to court for the examination of the prosecution.

Letter From Brownell. During the course of the examination Mr. Heney asked Mays if he had been shown a letter from Brownell to Fulton in which the former had released the latter from all promises of support made to Brownell and advised him to support Hall for the district attorney. The witness said he had seen the letter but he did not remember it. Mr. Heney, in answer to objection, said he wished to show that Hall had forced Mays to turn from the support of Brownell to the support of Hall at the same time he had forced Brownell to recommend Hall for the office of district attorney.

Mr. Heney tried to show by the testimony of Mays that Hall and Mays had entered into a plan to bring about Heney's removal from Oregon in order to prevent any further inquiry into the land frauds of the state, but Mr. Mays refused to answer the questions upon the advice of his attorney, W. L. Hill.

COUNT SZECHENYI WEDS VANDERBILT MILLIONS



MISS GLADYS VANDERBILT, NOW THE COUNTESS SZECHENYI

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

New York, Jan. 27.—The marriage ceremony uniting Miss Gladys Vanderbilt and Count Lasso Szechenyi of Hungary was performed a few minutes past noon today at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, corner of Fifth avenue and Fifty-eighth street. As upon previous occasions when American heiresses have bestowed themselves upon titled foreigners, the ceremony was witnessed by that select and exclusive body known as "society."

The Vanderbilt mansion was guarded by a large number of police officers, specially detailed to hold in check the immense crowd of curious spectators who thronged the sidewalks and occupied the doorways and other points of vantage opposite the Fifty-eighth street entrance to the Vanderbilt home. There was nothing to reward the patience of the crowd until a half or three quarters of an hour before the time fixed for the ceremony. One of the first carriages to arrive contained Monsignor M. J. Lavelle, who was accompanied by two priests from St. Patrick's cathedral and a lay brother carrying a suitcase which contained the vestments. Then in rapid succession rode up the handsome equipages with the invited guests. The crowd at this time began to swell and the police, in charge of precinct commanders, kept the spectators moving, none being permitted to loiter in front of the house.

Watching the Arrivals. Every arrival at the house was eagerly scanned by the crowd, but very little could be seen of any of the costumes by outsiders, owing to the awnings, which were closed the entire length of the curbs, and which prevented the guests being seen on alighting from their carriages. The crowd, however, overcame by its desire to catch at least a glimpse of some of the participants, surrounded the carriages which were in line, many women scrambling and jostling against each other in their eagerness to see the occupants.

At 11:45, the guests, probably 200 in all, assembled in the handsome drawing room. At one end of the room stood the altar in white and gold, the scores of tall lighted candles in golden stands reflecting with gorgeous effect upon the golden embroidery.

The spacious drawing room was converted into a veritable conservatory of rare plants and blossoms. On and about the altar were tall golden stands filled with clusters of long-stemmed Easter lilies. The mantle-pieces, window-sills and curved nooks were filled with the lilies and lilies of the valley in bewildering confusion.

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VANDERBILT TROUSSEAU IS MOST PRODIGAL ON RECORD

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Gladys Vanderbilt's trousseau for her wedding to Count Szechenyi eclipses in extravagance any of its kind ever made in Paris for an American bride. It cost \$75,000. Here is a list of the principal articles of finery:

Twelve tailor suits.....\$ 2,400
Rose point coat..... 2,000
Duchess coat..... 1,600
Irish coat..... 1,600
Sable coat..... 1,500
Broadtail..... 950
Sera coat with mink..... 700
Pale blue cloth, lined with yellow satin and trimmed with cloth of gold and Russian ermine..... 750
Automobile coat..... 100
Fur auto coat..... 500
Blue broadcloth coat..... 100
Tan covert..... 100
Black cloth, lined with squirrel ermine..... 250
Russian sable set of fur..... 1,000
Mink set..... 500
Broadtail..... 350
Silver fox..... 600
Blue lynx..... 350
Brown marten..... 400
Unborn pony..... 150
Siberian squirrel..... 100
White fox..... 200
Ermine—Russian sable trimmed ermine..... 1,500
Mink and broadtail..... 700
Twelve ball gowns..... 10,000
Twelve dinner gowns..... 6,000
Total.....\$67,150

The list, of course, does not include jewels, of which Miss Vanderbilt will have enough to rival the splendors of a Cleopatra or a Semiramis.

TWO CITIES SUFFER BIG FIRE LOSS

One Fireman Killed in Chicago, Two Injured and Twenty Other Persons Injured in Blazing Printing House.

Great Oil Tanks at Baltimore Cause Flames Which Cost One Life and Are Difficult to Control—Refinery Threatened.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Jan. 27.—One fireman was burned to death, two were fatally injured and property valued at \$500,000 was destroyed in a fire starting at 3 o'clock this morning in the printing establishment of W. P. Dunn & Co., in Adams street. The flames spread to the Florence hotel, driving the guests into the street in scanty attire. The magnificent new Corn Exchange bank, under construction, was also badly damaged by the fire. It is estimated that altogether 20 persons were injured.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Baltimore, Jan. 27.—A fierce fire is raging in the immense tanks of the Standard Oil company, and one man is reported dead.

A furious wind is blowing, and before it it is feared the flames will be swept to the huge refinery nearby and other property.

At noon the fire was still burning, flames leaping a hundred feet in the air. It is estimated that 500,000 gallons of oil have been consumed.

PHYSICIANS AID THAW DEFENSE

Dr. Bingham Testifies Prisoner Was Very Nervous When a Child.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Jan. 27.—When the trial of Harry Thaw was resumed this morning Dr. Charles Francis Bingham of Pittsburg, who was physician for the Thaw family for many years, was the first witness called to the stand. The purpose of his testimony was to show Thaw's mental condition at various stages of his life, from the time he was a baby up to the present time. He testified that Harry was nervous when he was a child and appeared irrational when he saw him in the Tombs. Dr. Sidney Ruddle Wells of London, who examined Thaw in 1887, was the next witness. He says he was called to Charles Thaw's hotel to examine Thaw and that the latter was suffering from a mental disturbance of some kind.

"At 10:35 o'clock the defense had all its direct evidence in, and Attorney Littleton began the reading of the hypothetical question to the three experts for the defense.

Dr. Yells pronounced Thaw's case at the time as one of acute recurrent insanity. Jerome brought out the fact by questioning the witness that he had made no general study of the defendant and that he knew little about mental diseases. Miss Lillian McBride, who nursed Thaw at the Devonshire hospital, took the stand and corroborated Dr. Yells concerning Thaw's mental condition.

Following conferences between counsel during the noon recess it was generally agreed that the case will go to the jury not later than Wednesday night. District Attorney Jerome will argue Thaw's case in the next rebuttal and Wednesday morning Littleton will sum up for the defense. It is thought he will talk during the entire morning session. Then Jerome will occupy most of the afternoon with his closing address. When he concludes Justice Dowling will at once instruct the jury.

Fresno Paper Sold.

Fresno, Cal., Jan. 27.—The sale of the Fresno Herald and Democrat to the California Newspaper syndicate is announced. It is understood that the consideration was about \$100,000. The sale was made purely for business reasons, an advantageous offer for the paper being accepted. Messrs. Prisk and Hosking, the former owners, are prominent in the California newspaper field, owning a string of papers. The California Newspaper syndicate, of which Willard F. Calkins is president, owns a number of newspapers, trade journals and magazine properties in this state and also conducts a large publishing house in San Francisco.

LURLINE'S CAPTAIN DROPS DEAD



GEN'L CRAWFORD ON RETIRED LIST

Distinguished Officer of the United States Army Is an Oregonian.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 27.—Today, after a distinguished career of more than 40 years as an officer of the United States army, Brigadier-General Medore Crawford, who commanded the military detachment which guarded Gettelle the day he was executed, was placed on the retired list of the army on account of having reached the age limit.

General Crawford is a native of Oregon, and received his appointment to the military academy from that state in 1862, graduating as a second lieutenant in the Second artillery in 1867. He saw much frontier duty, and while stationed at Fort Clark in 1873 took part in the expedition into Mexico. During the war with Spain he served in the field at Tampa and Savannah and later commanded two of the camps in the vicinity of Havana. His most recent command was that of Fort Wadsworth, in New York harbor.

Thieves Rob Armory.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 27.—For the second time within a month thieves broke into the armory of Company M, N. G. W., some time Sunday morning, and stole \$60 worth of revolvers. The door was entered this time in much the same manner as on the first occasion. Lockers and desks were ransacked but nothing except revolvers was taken.

Pastime A. C. Carnival.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Jan. 27.—With all the conditions of a championship meet, the arrival of the Pastime Athletic club in Madison Square garden promises to be one of the most important athletic events of the metropolitan season. The affair will be brought off tonight and will be participated in by many of the best-known athletes of both the east and west.

ANOTHER FINE SHIP FOR UNCLE'S NAVY IS IN COMMISSION

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Mare Island Navy Yard, Cal., Jan. 27.—The South Dakota, the armored cruiser which is a sister ship of the California, was placed in commission this morning with impressive ceremonies. Captain Charles E. Fox is her commander. The ship will remain at Mare Island several weeks before leaving for her shakedown cruise. The final trial trip will be made on May 1. A majority of the officers have reported for duty and several hundred members of the crew are already aboard. The South Dakota was delivered to the government several months ago by the Union Iron Works at a displacement of 13,650 tons and indicated horsepower of 25,000. Her main battery consists of 16 guns.

LARKIN DIES WHILE ON DUTY

Master of River Steamer Was Steering Boat When Death Called Him.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Jan. 27.—Forced to use his revolver in self-defense, Patrolman W. E. Donlan shot Charles Nigadon, a burglar, twice through the shoulder and body on First avenue south about 4 o'clock this morning. Nigadon, who is a Finnlander, about 40 years old, is at the hospital and will die.

Three times Nigadon attempted to shoot Donlan, who caught and arrested him, but each time the cartridges in his revolver failed to explode and the patrolman escaped injury. When Nigadon broke a window in the front of a second-hand store, Donlan rushed up and commanded Nigadon to give himself up, but the latter started to run, at the same time drawing a large revolver.

Turning on Donlan, who was pursuing him, Nigadon pulled the trigger six times, but all the cartridges failed to explode. Donlan finally caught him in an alley three blocks from the starting point. A hand-to-hand struggle followed and Donlan finally succeeded in getting a handcuff on Nigadon's left wrist, but he wrenched his right arm free and again attempted to shoot Donlan. Finding that Nigadon was apt to get away, Donlan drew his gun and fired twice.

South Dakota in Commission.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Jan. 27.—The armored cruiser South Dakota became a part of the active strength of the American navy at Mare Island today, when in the presence of her crew and a number of spectators, the United States flag was raised at her stern and the vessel was formally placed in commission. The South Dakota is of 13,650 tons and was built at the Union Iron Works at a cost of \$2,750,000. She will be attached to the second division of the Pacific fleet, in command of Rear Admiral Stribos.

Emperor William's Birthday.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Berlin, Jan. 27.—Emperor William today entered upon his fiftieth year, the anniversary being generally celebrated throughout the empire. Berlin was generally suspended in honor of the holiday. During the day his majesty received countless messages of congratulation from the various rulers of Europe and from municipalities and societies throughout Germany.

Prominent Newspaper Man Dead.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 27.—Frank B. O'Neill, second vice-president of the Pulitzer Publishing company, member of the Post-Dispatch, died suddenly today. He was general manager of the Post-Dispatch.

FATAL WOUNDS FIGHTING THIEF

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