

# BILLEK'S LAST HOPE

## Jerry Vrzal Declares Chief Shippy and Prosecutors Forced Him to Tell Story Which May Send Man to Scaffold.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Chicago, April 18.—The most remarkable plea for a man's life in the history of Illinois was heard by Governor Deneen and the state board of pardons tonight when counsel for Herman Biliek, the "witch doctor," convicted of poisoning Martin Vrzal and four of his children, begged clemency for their client.

Late tonight the governor and pardon board returned to Springfield after being in session for 18 hours. Unless they grant a reprieve or commute Biliek's sentence he must hang in this city next Friday.

All through the long session of the board, Herman Biliek's little 11-year-old daughter Edna waited outside of the grand jury room where the board met. The little girl pleaded to be called as a witness in order that she might have an opportunity to beg Governor Deneen for mercy for her parent.

When Governor Deneen came out at the noon recess, the child clasped his hands and began to speak. Deneen wiped his eyes and turned away. The most important testimony in Biliek's behalf was given by Jerry Vrzal, son of the man Biliek was convicted of poisoning. Vrzal testified that he had heard Biliek and his mother plotting to poison the woman's husband and children and to take to Europe with the insurance money. He also testified that he had seen Biliek place the white powder supposed to be arsenic in the coffee and heard Biliek discussing the chances of poison killing a man.

Today Jerry took the stand and repudiated all of his former testimony, declaring that all of it was false and that officials of the state's attorney's office and Chief of Police Shippy had compelled him to perjure himself. This was the strongest card of the defense.

The state's attorney introduced several witnesses in contradiction to Jerry Vrzal, notably Chief Shippy, who denied that he had ever tried to influence Jerry in any way.

Rev. J. P. O'Callaghan, the Catholic priest who caused the board to meet after he had made an unsuccessful appeal to the supreme court for a new trial, spent three hours today pleading for Biliek's life.

At tonight's session of the board, Attorney Hinckley and ex-Mayor Dunne, counsel for Biliek, both made impassioned appeals to the board to pardon the man or at least grant a reprieve or a commutation of sentence. State's Attorney Healy and Assistant State's Attorney Holt presented the state's side to the board.

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**Garfield Accused**

Tacoma Business Men Demand President Investigate Charges of Irregular Procedure Made Against Interior Secretary.

(Special Despatch to The Journal.)  
Tacoma, Wash., April 18.—Tacoma business men, at a meeting of the commercial club today, appointed a committee to wait upon President Roosevelt and demand an investigation of charges of alleged irregular procedure made against Secretary of the Interior James R. Garfield, as the result of a suit filed in federal court last week.

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# TO MAKE DASH TO NORTH POLE

## Norwegian Explorer Proposes to Accomplish Trip With Team of Dogs.

(Special Despatch to The Journal.)  
Seattle, Wash., April 18.—While Peary, Nansen, Weiland and others have failed to reach the north pole by boat, kite and flying machine, O. J. Freidsen, a Norwegian explorer and hunter of extensive operation in Siberia and the Arctic regions of Alaska, and the British north, proposes to demonstrate that it can be made by dog-team from Dawson.

In short Freidsen says he will attempt the polar feat with the Klondike metropolis as a starting place and Yukon Malamutes as his only means of transportation and that he has perfected his plans to the extent of financing the undertaking.

Freidsen, having lately returned from two years' hunting and exploration in northeastern Siberia, has been in Seattle several days, and will leave tonight for New York.

"I do not care at this time," he said, "to go into details, but I will do so upon my return from New York. However, do not hesitate to state that I have financed the undertaking and that I will attempt to reach the pole, using only dogteams. My start will be made from Dawson, which, to my notion, is the best point on the globe from which to make a dash for the pole, and I am not afraid to assert that I will succeed."

# HUSBAND NO. 3 FOR MRS. YERKES?

## Leo Tecktonius Rumored to Be Latest Suitor for Widow's Hand.

(Special Despatch to The Journal.)  
New York, April 18.—Mrs. Charles T. Yerkes, latest adviser, a six-foot, two-inch professional pianist, Leo Tecktonius today denied the report that he was about to become husband number three of the traction chief's widow.

"I know Mrs. Yerkes very well," he said, "and I have known her for years. I came from Chicago, her original home. But I am not going to marry her, despite what the gossip says."

Tecktonius frequently of late and recently he gave a musicale in her honor. Her apparent devotion was so conspicuous that those who knew both declared the pianist was to follow in Wilson Mizner's footsteps.

Tecktonius, a former vaudeville performer, is a man of much the same type. He is 30 years old and has just returned from Paris, where he was teaching piano technique. A member of Mrs. Yerkes' household likewise denied the rumored marriage. Mrs. Yerkes has had enough matrimonial experiences this woman said. "Why, she has been free from Mizner only a few months. She certainly is not going to marry again so soon and she certainly is not engaged to Mr. Tecktonius."

# FLOOD AT FORT WORTH

## Four Hundred Families Driven From Homes by High Water in Texas—Trinity River Has Receded Somewhat.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Fort Worth, Texas, April 18.—The flood situation in Fort Worth tonight remains unchanged, though the waters of the Trinity river have receded somewhat since noon. The river is about a mile wide at the widest point and the backwater from the two branches of the stream have flooded hundreds of acres a few miles from the city and have damaged crops to a great extent.

About 400 families have been driven from their homes by the flood and the situation has grown worse instead of better. These families reside in the bottom-land or in the streets parallel to the river in the northeastern part of the city, a portion heretofore not flooded in time of deep rain. The whole section is inundated and more than 100 families have sought shelter in other parts of the city.

North Fort Worth, in which are located two big packing establishments and numerous factories, is entirely cut off from the main part of the city. Streetcar traffic to town is blocked and none has entered there in two days.

Trains have also ceased service, though a special was sent out to relieve the packing-house employes. Water is kept deep for fully three quarters of a mile. The only way anyone has been able to reach that place has been by the "sensible" and simple Marmola. The Marmola is a small, light, portable boat, which is used in the same manner as a canoe.

# GOULDS KISS AND MAKE UP

## Couple Will Cut Out Friends Who Carried Tales That Started Trouble.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
New York, April 18.—That Frank Jay Gould and his wife are on the eve of a reconciliation, is deemed certain by the couple's intimates tonight. A thorough revision of their list of acquaintances is predicted, with the blue-panning of many persons conspicuous for over-interest in gossiping about their family affairs.

The seriousness of their dispute is sufficiently shown by Gould's admission that papers were actually served on him last Wednesday in his wife's suit for separation. Some friends thought it was said to have convinced both that their complaints are not grave enough to stand in court. The reconciliation is adjusted. Evidently the young people are trying to become reconciled. It is announced, too, that Mrs. Gould has given up her plan of leaving New York, but will remain at the Fifth-avenue mansion for the present at least.

Lawyers representing both parties are very uncommunicative but from personal friends some details are known. The "allies" who are tattling caused the trouble on both sides and the so-called friends who "toted tales" are in a fair way to be dropped forever.

Most of the agents have confined their operations to Chicago, New York and the larger cities. Marion Grey's club made a profit of \$2,000 within three months. Hart is said to have conducted his agencies for years. Postoffice inspector Stuart has closed eight agencies and most of the mail returned. Most of the letter carriers gained money. In the last week four large bureaus ceased operations to avoid raids and the indictment of the managers.

# AFFINITY BUREAUS WILL BE CLOSED

## Government Officials Have Declared War on Professional Matchmakers.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Chicago, April 18.—United States Attorney Sims has instructed the secret service officers and detectives assigned to his department to begin a war of extermination against "affinity bureaus" and matrimonial agencies. The conviction of Marion Grey, known in private life as Ava Goodenough, manager of the "Searchlight club" of Elgin, Illinois, and Mrs. Call and Mrs. E. L. Flynn, has armed the government with power to extirpate the business. Sims discovered the head of the syndicate, which gleaned fortunes for the man known as Harry Hart. Hart is believed to have been the tutor of Miss Grey and to have devised the plan that brought a rich harvest from credulous affinity-seekers.

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The "allies" credit Taft with two more votes than his managers claim, but place 14 others in the contested column because of the announcement that the Virginia negroes will fight the "illy-white" delegation.

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# TAFT IS VIGILANT; ALLIES UNDISMAYED

## Washington, April 18.—A bird's-eye view of the presidential battle-field finds Taft forces vigilant and the "allies" undismayed.

At Taft headquarters a total of 273 delegates is claimed, with 264 unopposed. The "allies" give Taft only 187 instructed delegates. They claim to have a strength of 282. Taft partisans claim 26 delegates by instruction and 12 by resolution in this week.

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**BURNS GOES EAST FOR AUTO DRIVER**

(Special Despatch to The Journal.)  
San Francisco, April 18.—William J. Burns has disappeared. Burns left after adding another strip of fat to his single leather and announcing that he was off to Washington and Chicago on official business. Attorneys who have been following the trial of T. J. Ford of the United Railroads professed to know much more about the trip of Burns east than his own detectives.

"This official business stunt is a blind," said one of them at the Grant building today. "It has been an open secret for nearly a week that Burns has been planning this trip to bring Alec Latham, the chauffeur of Rufus, back to San Francisco to testify at the Ford trial. Latham is the chauffeur who is declared by the prosecution to have been with Rufus when the latter pocketed money from the office of the United Railroads in a bribe."

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The harbor, by reason of the bend in the river above, is so thoroughly protected that no damage ever was or can be done by floods.

Rainier's Commercial Club is active and booklets are being sent to eastern people, informing them of the advantages afforded at the Columbia county city.

Two years ago the city had a population of 522. Now it has about 2,000, a pretty substantial growth for a new place, with no boom and no one trying to boom it.

Many cities in our sister state have come into prominence, but so far Portland has claimed all the attention as the shipping port for Oregon. How long will this last? How long can it last? Of course, Portland will continue to grow and will be a great city, but in a state with the natural resources that Oregon possesses, can it claim it all, or will others come in for a share, as in other states.

The eyes of the world are upon Oregon and the tide of immigration has already set in. Last year the city of Rainier had a payroll of \$60,000 per month. This shows in the business of the world has affected Rainier much as it has other cities, but Rainier is still there. We predict for it a great future and Oregon is proud of it.

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