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THAW ORDERED TO NEW YORK TO FACE TRIAL

United States Supreme Court Reverses Ruling of New Hampshire District Court as to Fugitive.

HE IS CHARGED WITH REAL CRIME, IT HOLDS

Thaw Must Now Face Trial for Conspiracy to Escape in New York State.

Thaw's Mother Breaks Down. Pittsburgh, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw broke down today when she learned that her son Harry had been ordered extradited from New Hampshire to New York, to stand trial for alleged conspiracy in his escape from Matteawan asylum.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, was ordered extradited by the United States supreme court today from New Hampshire to New York.

The court's decision means that Thaw must return to New York and face trial on a charge of conspiracy. The ruling today reversed the decision of the New Hampshire supreme court, which granted Thaw's application for a writ of habeas corpus.

Whether Thaw will be returned to the Matteawan asylum for the criminal insane will depend on the New York authorities. Thaw's attorneys here declared that if their client was not tried for conspiracy or if attempts were made to hold him as an alleged lunatic, another corpus writ would be sought.

The court's opinion was read by Justice Holmes. It overruled nearly every point made by Thaw's counsel, using in part:

Thaw fugitive from justice. Thaw was a fugitive from justice and was charged with a real crime. It is a jury in the state of New York after considering the laws of that state, to determine whether or not Thaw was insane at the time of the act or whether he was guilty of a crime against the laws of New York.

Thaw's attorneys alleged it was no crime for a man in an insane asylum in the state of New York to walk out if he could do so. Therefore, it was contended that it was not a crime to do this thing. But that does not necessarily follow.

It is no crime for a person to withhold his patronage from a certain shop, but if a number of persons conspire together to withhold their patronage from that shop it becomes a conspiracy to defraud legally, and therefore we are obliged to hold that the withdrawal of Thaw from an insane asylum, inasmuch as he did it to obstruct the law, was a crime.

Most of the New York laws of that purpose, and consequently the indictment on which the state of New York sought to bring Thaw back to New York, charges a crime.

Thaw's attorneys also argued on the same theory, that Thaw is a fugitive from justice. It has further been contended that if Thaw is insane, he is not guilty of any crime under the laws of New York, and that, if he is not insane, he would have been discharged from the asylum. But the statutes require that if a supposedly insane person commits a crime, it is necessary for the defense to prove that that person was insane at the actual moment of the overt act. It has been held that a person may be sane and yet realize at the time of the crime that it was wrong.

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"Million Dollar Bride" Arrested by Mother-in-Law

Mrs. Keith Donaldson Goes to Visit ex-Husband's Mother in Philadelphia; Pulls Hair.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Keith Donaldson, the divorced wife of Keith Donaldson of this city and New York, and formerly known throughout society circles of the south as the "million dollar bride," Saturday night was arrested and locked in a cell on charges preferred by her mother-in-law, following a sensational hair-pulling match at the latter's home here.

Mrs. Keith Donaldson, before her marriage in 1898, was Miss Evelyn Hunter of Memphis, Tenn. She was one of the most noted beauties of the south, and was also heiress to great wealth. When she was 21 years old she was given a birthday dinner, and her mother-in-law presented her with a check for \$1,000,000, the gift of her uncle, Charles R. Payne of Texas, a partner of James Henry (Silent) Smith. This gift resulted in her becoming known as "the million dollar bride" when her betrothal to Keith Donaldson was announced. Her father, Willis Hunter, a cotton broker of Memphis and Chicago, was also wealthy.

Forts on the Coast To Be Remodeled

Medical Changes to Result in United States From Lessons Learned in the Great European War.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Radical changes are to be made in the coast defenses of the United States. They will include increasing the caliber of coast defense guns, remodeling certain of the forts on the coast and what up to the present, have been claimed to be impregnable fortresses.

This action will follow a report to be made this week to Secretary of War Garrison by a commission named by him to investigate the lessons to be learned from the European war. Last October, following the capture of the great French fortress of Mauthausen by the Germans, and the making public of the manner in which Liege and Namur fell, Secretary Garrison decided that the coast defenses of the United States were not a lesson that could be learned by its defenders.

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THE DRESS REFORMER!



NEW YEAR'S GAIETY BIDS FAIR TO REACH ANOTHER HIGH MARK

Tables at Local Hotels and Grills Already Being Deposited and Cash Deposited

Portland's good-bye to the old year bids fair to be just as hearty and carefree as ever this coming New Year's eve, with advance reservations that already almost equal the capacity of the hotels and high class grills.

If Portland's officialdom really intends to enforce its ban upon the year-end revelry, the fear has not yet reached the usual merry-makers, who have put up larger cash deposits for the reservation of tables than usual.

One hotel increased the deposit from \$2.50 per seat to \$5, but the effect of this was rather to stimulate the reservations than otherwise.

"Every year just such orders are issued by the city authorities," said one hotel manager this morning. "But so many people demand the right to watch out the old year that the orders hardly ever are literally enforced."

Special programs will be put on by the leading hotels, and the cabaret beyond range of the American border. "The situation at Naco is very much relieved," government officials announced today. They admitted, however, that they were watching developments in the interior of Mexico as a result of reports that General Carranza had ordered wholesale executions at Vera Cruz. Executions elsewhere also were reported.

Official dispatches to the state department from Mexico City indicated the peace convention meeting on January 1 would denote Provisional President Gutierrez.

Crushing defeat of the Carranzistas at Puebla by a force of Villa troops yesterday was reported in official advice received this afternoon from Vera Cruz.

Nine cars of wounded soldiers, the dispatch said, already have reached Vera Cruz, and more are expected. The bodies of four dead officers also have arrived at Vera Cruz.

Reported Trouble in Vera Cruz. El Paso, Texas, Dec. 21.—Unconfirmed reports received here today said the Mexican troops at Vera Cruz were beyond General Carranza's control, and were making scores of arrests. Numerous executions also were reported.

Dardanelles Outer Forts Are Forced

Allies' Warships Reported to Be Shelling Inner Forts of the Straits—Sea of Marmora Next Objective.

Athens, Dec. 21.—Sunday's account of the forcing by the combined British and French fleet of the outer defenses of the Dardanelles was supplemented today by the reports that the warships were shelling the strait's inner forts.

These reports were unofficial and details were lacking, but the statements came from reliable sources and were generally believed.

If true, they indicated that the fleet had reached the narrowest part of the Dardanelles, having threaded the mine fields which guarded their entrance, and were likely to be heard from next in the Sea of Marmora, which they will have to cross before reaching the Bosphorus, on which Constantinople is situated.

Senate Postpones Action on Bland

Washington, Dec. 21.—Acting on the request of Senator Reed of Missouri, the senate judiciary committee today postponed action on the nomination of Ewing Bland as United States marshal for the western district of Missouri.

The sub-committee of the judiciary committee also reported unfavorably on the nomination of Frederick Siddons to be a justice of the supreme court of the District of Columbia.

WANTS YEON RETAINED

Through its secretary, Edward J. Falling, the Falling-McCalmann company this morning requested the retention of John B. Yeon as roadmaster of the county, saying that Yeon's loss would have a bad effect on the effectiveness of the road work.

MILLION MEN IN DEFENSIVE LINE ABOUT WARSAW

Russians Reported to Have Formed New Line to Guard City, Extending From Skierniwicz to Pilca River.

VISTULA FREEZING AND RAINS HAMPER GERMANS

One Detachment of 2000 Death's Head Hussars Trapped, Wiped Out.

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, Dec. 21.—The Russians were believed here today to have formed an entirely new line for Warsaw's defense. A specific statement to the effect that this had been accomplished was lacking, but it was so strongly indicated in dispatches from Petrograd that British military experts felt no doubt concerning the fact.

The best judges were of the opinion that if the Germans broke through the Slav front at all they would do so only at the expense of a terrific battle, on a scale which even the present war has not yet seen.

It was said there were more than 1,000,000 men in the Warsaw defensive line.

The Slavs were described as massed along a 50-mile front extending from Skierniwicz to the Pilca river. This front's extension to the southward was said to have been necessitated by the Austro-German advance in the Piotrkow region.

The main German advance, it was stated, was along the Bzura river and the railroad from Lowicz, which Marshal von Hindenburg had captured, to Warsaw.

The Vistula river was reported to have begun freezing over and snows and chilling rains were declared to be hampering the Teutons' progress seriously.

The fighting of the past week, all accounts agreed, was of the most desperate character. A detachment of 2000 of the Kaiser's famous Death's Head Hussars was said to have been trapped near Lowicz, and nearly wiped out, only a few survivors being reported.

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SHERIFF WORD LOSES FIRST ROUND OF ELECTION CONTEST

Court Holds Suit Against Hurlburt Brought Under Wrong Statute.

Sheriff Tom Word lost the first round of his contest to retain his office to which Thomas M. Hurlburt was elected at the election last month. Circuit Judge Kavanaugh ruled that the contest should have been brought under the corrupt practices statute passed by the people in 1908, instead of under the statute of 1854. Under this ruling he allowed the motion by Hurlburt's attorneys to quash the petition for a recount of the votes cast.

As the ruling automatically ended the case, Judge Kavanaugh did not inquire into the merits of the contest. Attorney Paul Farrens, representing Sheriff Word, said that new proceedings would at once be started under the later act. The decision in substance follows:

"It is alleged that the judges and clerks of election in each voting precinct in the county made an erroneous count of the vote cast for the contestant and the contestee, and also counted for the contestee several void ballots. There is a separate allegation for each precinct in which there is specifically stated the respective number of votes counted for the contestant and contestee, together with a statement of the true number of votes actually cast for each of the parties, and also the number of void ballots alleged to have been counted for the contestee.

"To the notice of contest the contestee appeared specially for the purpose of the motion only and moved to quash and set aside the service on four separate grounds, especial insistence being made that no petition had been filed as provided by section 1522 L. O. L., that no bond had been given and no citation issued or served as required by said section.

"This proceeding was instituted under the statute of 1854, and is hereby quashed and set aside, and a new proceeding is directed to be instituted under the statute of 1908." (Concluded on Page Three, Column One)

Parcel Post to Receive Packages Up to Midnight

Record for Business in the Local Office Is Likely to Be Broken Today.

Owing to the Christmas rush, the heaviest in the history of the Portland postoffice, Postmaster Myers today announced that, beginning today, parcel post packages will be received up to midnight until Christmas.

On Saturday the parcel post did the largest day's business in its history, and indications this forenoon were that the Saturday record would be smashed by closing time.

To relieve congestion at the main postoffice and branches seven sub-postoffices have been temporarily opened in the big stores and by this method the work of getting gifts off to their various destinations is being handled expeditiously.

In the main postoffice eight parcel post windows are now open, in place of the customary two. Stamps are sold already canceled to save labor.

Day of Repentance Set in Germany

Archbishops and Bishops Fix January 10 as Day for Prayer, Says Cologne Dispatch.

Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—Archbishops and bishops throughout Germany have set January 10 as a day of prayer and repentance, according to a Cologne dispatch received here today by the Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant.

Eugene Zimmerman Dies in Cincinnati

Former President of the Monon Railroad and Father of the Duchess of Manchester Dies at His Club.

Cincinnati, Dec. 21.—Ex-President Eugene Zimmerman, of the Monon railroad, millionaire and father of the Duchess of Manchester, died suddenly yesterday at his club of hemorrhage of the lungs.

Wheat Sales Reach Highest Prices Known in Market

Actual Bids in the Northwest Go as High as \$1.25 Per Bushel for Spot Offerings.

The highest official prices ever recorded in the Pacific northwest were today reached in the wheat market here. Actual bids for wheat in the country range up to \$1.25 a bushel for spot delivery bluestem, based upon tidewater track delivery.

On the Merchants' Exchange today record prices were named with the sale of 5000 bushels club, February delivery, at \$1.25, and 5000 bushels red Russian for similar delivery at \$1.23 a bushel.

At the same time there was an advance of 1c to 1 1/2c a bushel in the bids on the local exchange with spot bluestem, \$1.24, fortyfold \$1.23, club \$1.22, red Russian \$1.17 and red fife \$1.17.

The scramble for wheat by European nations is the greatest ever known in the trade here. It is estimated that about 4,000,000 bushels are still held by Pacific northwest growers. There was an advance of 1/2c to 6c in the price of cargoes on passage at Liverpool today, which means in American terms a rise of 3c to 12c.

Chicago option prices were up 1/4c to 1 1/2c a bushel over Saturday. In the middle west, owing to the report of severe damage to the growing crop by the cold weather, there were sharp advances in the price of cargoes on passage advanced 2c a bushel for the day.

WAR SUMMARY BY J. W. T. MASON

Former European Manager for the United Press.

New York, Dec. 21.—Berlin, for the first time, suggested today that the offensive in northwestern Belgium had passed from the Germans to the allies.

In connection with this intimation, the further fact was made public that the long expected general attack on the Anglo-Franco-Belgian forces had not yet developed.

The official form of the Berlin declaration was a speculative suggestion that this new offensive might now be beginning.

It is apparent that the Germans are feeling the pressure which the allies have been bringing to bear against their front in Belgium and northern France in the past fortnight. Reports from French and British sources have conveyed the impression that these attacks were not more than a tactical diversion, ordered by General Joffre to determine the relative strength of the various German positions. Berlin, however, places a more serious interpretation on the allies' purposes.

Gains Become Noticeable. Undoubtedly this means that the attacks on the German trenches are increasing in violence and that the great lines are making are becoming noticeable.

The supposition was that Joffre intended to delay his main offensive until spring, when he will have a much larger force at his disposal than at present. The new development of new conditions, however, evidently caused it to be launched much earlier than was anticipated.

Presumably these new conditions consisted in the unexpectedly rapid delivery of arms and ammunition to the allies, quite possibly from the United States.

It has not been lack of men but lack of equipment which has been the prime reason why the allies have been the Germans' inferiors since fighting began in the west.

Joffre Secretive Leader. All these circumstances seem to imply an early attempt of the Anglo-Franco-Belgian forces to drive the Kaiser's troops back to their Rhine defenses.

At the same time it must be emphasized that General Joffre has learned extreme caution from the lessons of the first few weeks of the war in France and Belgium. Hence it is certain that no order will be given for a general advance until conditions are as nearly as possible what the French commander wants them to be.

It is not surprising that the secret services of his time, and military observers may be deceived concerning his intentions.

Power Concerns Over-Capitalized

Former Forest Service Expert Quotes Figures to Senate Public Land Committee to Prove That Contention.

Washington, Dec. 21.—As tending to show the over-capitalization of the water power companies which have taken over those water power sites already utilized, Philipp Wells, former water power expert of the United States forest service, before the senate public lands committee, used a mass of figures today. He stated that the average capitalization is \$430 for each kilowatt hour, and on this, he declared the companies pay an average of 2 1/2 per cent. He then cited the statement before congress of President Paul Lincoln of the American Institute of electrical engineers that a cost of more than \$100 per kilowatt hour from the time the first penny was spent until the current was turned on would be prohibitive.

Mrs. Victoria Hobbs. Glendale, Or., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Victoria Hobbs, daughter of Gabriel Harrison, the fourth white child born in Oregon, died here Friday, aged 66 years. She had resided in this vicinity for 32 years. She married John Hobbs in 1847, and is survived by the following children: Charles and Mollie Hobbs and Mrs. R. M. Moore of Glendale; Mrs. Dessie White of Prinsville; George and Lee of Powell Butte, and Mrs. Lottie Vandeventer of Eugene.

Robbed to Bly Presents. Placerville, Cal., Dec. 21.—Charles Lilley, aged 18, has confessed that he robbed the Camero postoffice of \$891 to buy Christmas presents.

Burglar Imprisons Watchman. When the watchman at the construction job of new iron works at East Twenty-ninth and Clatsop streets went to the tool house on his round of inspection last night, he was met at the door by a man with a revolver. The watchman was forced to throw up his hands and back into the tool house. The burglar then locked the door from the outside. The watchman was imprisoned for several hours.

Supreme Court Recesses. Washington, Dec. 21.—The United States supreme court concluded handing down opinions shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon and announced a recess until January 4.

THE WEATHER Fair tonight and tomorrow; not much change in temperature; easterly winds; humidity 79.

STEADY GAINS ARE REPORTED BY THE ALLIES

Entire Line of German Trenches Southwest of Loos Occupied by French and British, Says Report.

HOSPITAL IS SHELLED BY GERMANS AT YPRES

Progress at All Points is Claimed Against the German Forces.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Paris, Dec. 21.—Occupation by the allies of the German's entire line of trenches southwest of Loos was announced in the war office's official statement posted here today.

In their advance on Peronne, the destruction by the French was also reported of the German trenches, and two pieces of artillery, east of Albert.