

A PLEA FOR THAW

Chief Counsel for Stanford White's Slayor Makes Convincing Argument to the Jury.

THAT HIS CLIENT IS INSANE

Proof of Mental Unsoundness Has Been Met Only With Sneers and Insinuations by the Prosecution.

New York, Jan. 30.—Martin W. Littleton, chief counsel in the defense of Harry K. Thaw, Wednesday asked for the acquittal of his client upon the ground of insanity...

Mr. Littleton warmly defended Evelyn Nesbit Thaw against the attacks of District Attorney Jerome. He said he could not understand what she had done...

The address of the defending attorney took up all of the day's sessions and District Attorney Jerome is expected to reply Thursday.

Mr. Littleton's argument was forceful and impressive. He refrained from appealing to the passions of the jury...

"I confess to you, gentlemen," he said, "that I do not know what the district attorney has meant in this case. I cannot fathom how he feels...

"Where is the district attorney's proof? Where are the scientists, the books on insanity with which he has shown such thorough familiarity in the past...

Mr. Littleton, in speaking of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, said:

"What was there about this young woman or against her that Mr. Jerome should pace up and down before you like a caged lion, when he was questioning her and glare at her and clutch his teeth at her—not even sitting down when I was conducting the examination—what was there about her that called for such treatment from a man who could coddle and hug and vouch for this loathsome little Hummel? I do not want to be unfair to Mr. Jerome—we are very good friends. I do not, I repeat, ask you to take my view of him. Judge for yourselves."

Kansas Day Club Banquet. Topeka, Kan., Jan. 30.—The 17th annual banquet of the Kansas Day club was held in the capitol building Wednesday night.

Kansas Veteran a Suicide. Emporia, Kan., Jan. 30.—James Short, aged 76 years, an old settler of Lyon county, a civil war veteran and at one time a prominent business man in Emporia, committed suicide here Wednesday by shooting.

NEW YORK BANKS CLOSE

Two Are Declared to Be Solvent But Short of Cash.

New Amsterdam National, Mechanics and Traders the Institutions Affected—Bank Examiner in Charge.

New York, Jan. 30.—The New Amsterdam bank, capitalized at \$1,000,000 and situated at the corner of Broadway and Thirty-ninth street, was closed by the order of the comptroller of the currency Wednesday night, and National Bank Examiner Charles A. Hanna was placed in charge.

The New Amsterdam National was formerly one of the chief links in the chain of banks established by Charles W. Morse. President Frank W. Kinsman, Jr., declared in a statement issued Wednesday night that "the closing of the National Bank of North America attracting renewed attention to the interests which had previously dominated both institutions, in their past administrations, started fresh reports of an exaggerated and sensational nature which necessitated the liquidation of the bank."

New York, Jan. 30.—President B. A. Sullivan of the Mechanics and Traders' bank announced shortly before midnight, Wednesday, that the institution would not open its doors Thursday.

In a statement issued after the meeting, the directors declared the bank solvent but the state of the cash resources made it appear inadvisable for the bank to continue business.

For Prohibition in Iowa. Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 30.—Amid scenes of intense enthusiasm and followed by the singing of the doxology, the state convention of temperance workers Wednesday afternoon formed a federation of all temperance organizations and churches to begin a campaign for the adoption of a prohibition clause in a constitutional amendment.

Closing Railroad Shops. Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 30.—Orders were received Wednesday temporarily closing the Burlington shops at Havelock beginning Thursday morning. The same order closes the repair shops at Lincoln and extends to the shops at Alliance, Plattsmouth, Wymore, McCook and Sheridan, Wyo. Six hundred men were affected at Havelock and smaller numbers at the other towns.

Gen. Cowen is Dead. Cincinnati, Jan. 30.—Gen. Benjamin Rush Cowen, for over 23 years clerk of the United States circuit court and district court for the Southern district of Ohio, died Wednesday afternoon at 5:30 in his 77th year.

Has State Tree and Flower. Springfield, Ill., Jan. 30.—The Illinois house of representatives Wednesday passed a senate bill designating the native oak as the state tree and violet as the state flower.

SUPPLYING THE SNOWBALLS.



RESPONDS AT LAST

After More Than One Month, Cortelyou Sends to the Senate a Statement.

REGARDING BOND ISSUES

Tells Why National Banks Got Them All and Justifies His Own Acts—Deposits in 1,421 Banks.

Washington, Jan. 30.—In response to a resolution agreed to by the Senate on December 12, 1905, the secretary of the treasury Wednesday transmitted that body detailed statements concerning the award of the Panama bonds and three-percent certificates, together with recent financial transactions of the government, and also embodying information as to the general state of the nation's finances during the closing months of 1905—the period over which the recent financial panic extended.

Secretary Cortelyou before analyzing the crisis and setting forth his official actions in regard to the report, gives a summary of occurrences in the United States' financial world from the time he assumed charge, until the special report was compiled.

Secretary Cortelyou defends the issue of Panama bonds and treasury certificates by saying that it was advisable to take some strong and resolute step which would convince the public, both at home and abroad, that the government was thoroughly alive to the situation and determined to give its aid in every possible legal and proper form.

"The legal right of the department to make allotments of the bonds and securities to such persons and banks and in such amounts as it might see fit can hardly be called in question in view of the fact that the circular offering the Panama bonds contained this distinct provision:

"The department also reserves the right to reject any or all bids, if deemed to be to the interests of the United States so to do."

"The total bids for the Panama canal bonds," continues the secretary, "amounted to \$2,220,604,580, or more than 44 times the amount offered. This fact, not heretofore made public, would have stamped the loan as an even more remarkable success than it was, if all these bids could have been regarded as made in good faith by responsible parties.

Details of the distribution appended to the report shows that the present deposits are divided among 1,421 banks. Considerable space is devoted to showing that great care has been taken in distributing the deposits and much consideration is shown to communities where particular trade movements involve a special demand for currency at certain intervals.

The senate was entertained by a series of animated comments on the method adopted by Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou in placing before the senate his reply to the resolution calling for information relative to the operations of the treasury department in connection with the financial disturbance. The secretary had had the introductory part of his reply printed and copies of the pamphlet were on the desks of all senators, which was declared by democratic senators to be without precedent.

Objected to That \$1,000,000 Coal Bill. Washington, Jan. 30.—The need of an American merchant marine as an auxiliary to the navy formed the principal topic of discussion in the house of representatives Wednesday during the consideration of the urgent deficiency appropriation bill. The debate was participated by Mr. Littlefield of Maine who questioned the legality of the provision of the bill appropriating \$1,000,000, to supply a deficiency for coal for the navy caused by the transfer of the battleship fleet from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

For Regulating Railroads. Washington, Jan. 30.—Representative Lamb, of Virginia, Wednesday introduced a bill to require all railroads engaged in interstate commerce to establish a uniform standard of roadbed within five years; to abolish all grade crossings within five years; such railroads as shall attain a certain volume of traffic to double track their roads within five years; all railroads to put in operation a uniform system of automatic block signals within one year, and providing that hereafter all passenger cars shall be constructed of steel, and that no cars otherwise constructed shall be kept in use after five years from the passage of the bill.

Sheriff Shot a Negro. Marshall, Mo., Jan. 30.—Romeo Simpson, a negro, was fatally shot at his home here Wednesday by Deputy Sheriff Roland G. Smith, whom the negro tried to kill while resisting arrest. When Smith and the chief of police of Marshall demanded that the negro surrender he drew a pistol and snapped it twice at the officers. The deputy sheriff then shot him.

Would Prohibit Polygamy. Washington, Jan. 30.—Senator Hopkins Wednesday introduced a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution prohibiting polygamy in the United States.

STRONGLY ENDORSE HUGHES

The New York Republican County Committee Takes Action.

Governor's Name Presented as Candidate for President—National Administration Commended.

New York, Jan. 30.—Gov. Charles E. Hughes was strongly endorsed for the republican nomination for the presidency and the administration of President Roosevelt was commended in a resolution unanimously adopted by the republican county committee at a meeting in the Murray Hill Lyceum Wednesday night. The resolution further favored an instructed delegation to the Chicago convention from this state for Governor Hughes, which shall use all honorable means to obtain his nomination till he "is either nominated or directs the withdrawal of his name from the consideration of the convention."

The committee, under the resolution, pledges itself to do all in its power to have congressional conventions and the state convention adopt resolutions instructing for Governor Hughes. The endorsement of Governor Hughes for the presidency had come up for consideration at two previous meetings of the county committee and each time resolutions to that effect were tabled after warm debate. The action of the committee on these occasions was provocative of much feeling among committeemen, and Secretary of War Taft recently wrote Congressman Parsons, chairman of the committee, that he did not desire his friends to divide his interest in any state which had a candidate of its own and that he would "greatly deprecate a contest which imperile republican victory in New York in November."

A meeting of the executive committee of the republican county committee was held late Wednesday at which Congressman Parsons appointed a committee to draft a resolution as a substitute for the one proposed at a previous meeting simply endorsing Governor Hughes for president.

When Congressman Parsons called the meeting together shortly after 9 o'clock Wednesday, ex-Assemblyman Newcomb was recognized and offered the substitute resolution prepared by the committee appointed by the executive committee, the first two paragraphs follow:

"Resolved, That we do hereby endorse the national administration of the republican party. We believe that Theodore Roosevelt by his vigorous administration, his virility, his broad humanity and his determined opposition to notorious abuses has won the hearts of the people; and that we do not only have his example but we also know that he is and has been in cordial sympathy with every effort for efficient administration, for the correction of evil and for the improvement of our laws;

"Resolved, That Charles E. Hughes has displayed during his incumbency of the office of Governor of the state of New York a degree of executive and administrative ability, courage and devotion to duty which has secured for him the confidence and admiration not only of the citizens of the state of New York but the people of the United States.

For Pension for Widows. Washington, Jan. 20.—A general pension bill which, if ratified, will increase the pension roll by about \$12,000,000 was introduced in the house Wednesday by Chairman Sculloway (New Hampshire) of the committee on invalid pensions. The bill, which has the support of that committee, provides for the payment of a pension of \$12 a month, instead of \$8 as at present to all widows of veterans of the Mexican war, of whom there survive about 7,400; of the Indian wars, who number approximately 3,700; all widows of veterans of the Civil war married prior to June 27, 1890, of whom there are about 185,000; and all widows of Spanish war veterans who died of disease contracted in the service. There are about 1,000 of these.

Trouble in Honduras. Washington, Jan. 28.—Rumors of an uprising or invasion in Honduras have reached the state department. Details are lacking but it is believed that the leaders of the movement are persons who were driven out of Honduras into Guatemala during the last revolutionary outbreak. The revival of the attempt to overthrow the government at this time is believed to have been inspired by the fact that the elections for president are to be held Tuesday.

Visited Japan and China. St. Petersburg, Jan. 27.—M. Shipoff, former minister of finance, returned here Sunday after a five months' trip in the far East. He visited Japan, China and Siberia on a special government mission the result of which he has embodied in a report to the emperor. M. Shipoff Sunday expressed himself optimistically regarding conditions in the extreme Orient, which he said is rapidly recovering from the period of depression following the war.

The Pitiful Funeral of "Ouida." Florence, Jan. 28.—The funeral of "Ouida" Monday was a most pitiful episode to her pitiful end. She died amid equator and poverty and her body was followed to the grave only by a dozen dogs she had starved herself to feed and her faithful maid, to whom she left her last manuscripts. The body was buried in the English cemetery at Bagni di Lucca and the spot is marked only by a wooden cross.

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GREATEST CONCRETE BRIDGE.

Just Finished at Washington and Remarkable for Several Reasons.

Washington.—The largest concrete bridge in the world has just received the finishing touches at Washington. The Connecticut avenue bridge, as it is known, spans the deep gorge of Rock creek, not 15 minutes by trolley from the center of the city.

The structure is remarkable for several reasons. In the first place it is built entirely of concrete without being reinforced with steel.

It is 1,421 feet long, with a 52-foot roadway and a walk on either side. The floor of the bridge is 136 feet above the ground. There are several 150-foot arches and two narrow ones of 82 feet.

Work was begun about seven years ago on the foundations, though the plans had already taken about two years to complete. The work halted owing to the failure of congress to appropriate enough money to complete it.

But about three years ago the necessary bills went through and a really beautiful bridge is now the result. The cost was \$1,000,000.

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