

WORLD'S DAILY NEWS

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JEROME LESS FIERY

PROSECUTOR EVEN DEFENDS WIFE OF HARRY THAW.

District Attorney in Closing Plea, Intimates Broadly He Would Be Satisfied with Verdict of Manslaughter—Denounces White.

William Travers Jerome, representative of the people, Thursday made a masterly plea that justice be done in the case of Harry Kendall Thaw. Vindictiveness and sneers were lacking; logic, analysis and a calm consideration of the facts were their substitutes. It was not blind appeal for the vengeance of the law that Mr. Jerome addressed to the jury, but every word was the note of fairness, even at times of mercy. The year that has elapsed since the first trial had wrought a wonderful and startling change in the prosecutor.

No longer attempting to shield the name of Stanford White, he accepted the story told by Evelyn Nesbit Thaw as true—all but the drugging—and he made frank confession to the jury that the velvet swings and mirrored rooms of the studio houses described by the girl were indeed a miserable reality. No longer attacking Evelyn Thaw as a skilled adventuress, Mr. Jerome pleaded for the girl, because she never had a chance for any of the higher, cleaner, sweeter things of life. The climax came, however, when Mr. Jerome denounced both Thaw and White in one breath and classed them as "two degenerate quarrelling over a woman," and the woman, the prosecutor declared, "knew no more—had been taught no more by the world—than to play one against the other until in a jealous rage, in blind hatred, in vengeance of an undeniably gross wrong done to his wife, Harry Thaw shot and killed the architect."

BATTLE FLAG AT AUCTION.

Antient American Naval Pennant Brings \$4,250 in London.

The flag of the American man of war Chesapeake and the "Balaklava bugle," two of the most valuable war relics of a collection of antiquities that belonged to the late T. C. Middlebrook of London, was secured Thursday at the auction sale of the collection for American buyers. The Chesapeake flag was captured in the fight with the British ship Shannon in 1813, and there was good bidding for the faded and torn piece of bunting, the authenticity of which is vouched for in a written history of ownership since Midshipman Grundy, of the royal navy, came into possession of the torn trophy nearly a century ago. The flag was sold for \$4,250 to a London art dealer, who also purchased the bugle for \$1,500. It was upon this instrument that the order to the light brigade to charge at the battle of Balaklava was sounded. The dealer admitted that these highly interesting curios had been purchased by him for different parties in America, but more than this he would not say. There was a rumor that he was acting for Cornelius Vanderbilt, but this was subsequently denied, and London does not yet know in whose hands the flag and bugle have fallen.

HIG BOWLING CONTEST.

\$23,500 in Purses Will Be Distributed at Cincinnati.

All entries for the international tournament of the American Bowling Congress at Cincinnati, O., have been received and show a total of 345 five-man teams, 746 two-men teams, and 1,440 individuals. About \$23,500 will be divided among the bowlers, not counting the extra prize money by the Cincinnati Bowling association. The tournament opens on the night of February 5.

Krupp Official Arrested.

An official of the Krupp gun works, whose name is not given, was arrested at Essen Thursday on the charge of betraying military secrets. It is declared that he sold the plans of certain guns which the Krupp are building for Italy.

Big Fire in Montreal.

P. T. Dodd's paint and varnish warehouse and the E. F. Walters hardware building in Montreal were burned Thursday. Loss, \$125,000. Many firemen suffered, their hands, noses and cheeks being frozen.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Thursday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Beeves \$4.75@5.25. Top hogs, \$4.20.

For Buying Stolen Coal.

E. G. Anderson, alderman, coal dealer and prominent citizen, of Aberdeen, S. D., has been arrested at Minneapolis, Minn., accused by the St. Paul railroad of purchasing coal which was stolen by employees of the road.

Marshall Halstead Dead.

Marshall Halstead, former United States consul at Birmingham, Eng., died Wednesday at the German Deaconess hospital following an operation for appendicitis.

HEAVY LOSS IN FIRE.

Blaze in Chicago Business District Costs \$1,000,000.

The third disastrous fire in the business district of Chicago in as many days caused a loss Tuesday night estimated at \$1,000,000 in almost complete destruction of the building at 144 Wabash avenue occupied by Alfred Peats & Co., dealers in wall paper; the building adjoining it on the south occupied by John A. Colby & Sons, furniture dealers, and that in the rear, fronting in Michigan avenue, occupied by the millinery firm of Edison Keith. Those to the north and south of the Keith building were occupied by Gage Bros. & Co., Theodore Ascher & Co. and Edison Keith & Co.

The fire started in the engine room of the Peats building and raged for three hours. Street car lines throughout the downtown district and the elevated lines were tied up and theatergoers were delayed, many of them more than an hour, in reaching the playhouses. The work of the firemen was witnessed by at least 15,000 persons, who, attracted by the glare which could be seen for miles, thronged the streets in spite of the cold.

The losses, as apportioned among the various firms were: Alfred Peats & Co., \$250,000; John A. Colby & Sons, \$200,000; Edison Keith & Co., \$600,000; Gage Bros., \$25,000; Theodore Ascher company, \$25,000. Others who suffered loss either by water and smoke were Carl Netchert, artificial flower dealer, \$10,000; Remington Typewriter company, \$5,000; and John A. Bryant company, pianos, \$5,000.

SICKING BRUTALITY.

Prisoner in Illinois Reformatory is Tortured.

The members of the board of managers of the Illinois reformatory at Pontiac, Ill., at a session that lasted almost throughout Monday night heard stories from the lips of officers of the institution themselves of brutality and torture inflicted upon William Hamlin, of Quincy, an inmate whose death and the conflicting explanations thereof have raised a storm of criticism.

The original story that the board convened to inquire into, that Hamlin was beaten and kicked into a condition that resulted in his death, has as yet received no confirmation other than the boy's ante-mortem statement to his mother. But though seeming to explain that they did not beat him, the disciplinarians of the institution admit they administered punishment beside which beating would be child's play.

AFFINITIES ARE TO WED.

Artist Earle Soon to Marry Miss Kuttner.

New York advises state that Julia Kuttner and Ferdinand Phiney Earle, the original affiliates, are soon to be married in Paris, thus fulfilling the strange compact which set aside the conventions of society and shocked its proprieties last September, when the artist sent his wife and baby away to France to get a divorce that he might be free.

FIRE IN CHICAGO.

Seventy-Five Thousand Dollar Blaze in Machinery District.

Fire in the wholesale machinery district of Chicago Sunday night caused damage of \$75,000. The flames attacked and were confined to a five-story structure at 22-30 Canal street, which housed half a dozen firms. While driving in full speed to the fire the horses of engine company No. 21 and truck company No. 9 collided at State and Washington streets. The drivers escaped injury by jumping, but the engine apparatus was so badly damaged that it had to be returned to quarters.

Life Men Seek Work.

After holding a meeting at which resolutions were adopted asking Mayor Thompson to aid them to find work, about 2,000 unemployed workmen marched to the city hall at Detroit, at noon Monday and the leader presented the resolutions to the mayor. There was not the slightest disorder.

Minister Sorsby Critically Ill.

The American minister to Bolivia, William B. Sorsby, who recently suffered an apoplectic stroke, resulted in paralysis, is in a dangerous condition. Physicians are constantly at his bedside.

Frank O'Neil Dead.

Frank R. O'Neil, of St. Louis, Mo., vice president of the Pulitzer Publishing company and assistant manager of the Post-Dispatch, died Monday of pneumonia.

Reitman Acquitted.

Dr. Benjamin Reitman, who led the march of the "unemployed" at Chicago last Thursday, was Monday acquitted of the charge of disorderly conduct preferred against him by the police.

Cardinal Richard Dead.

Francois Marie Benjamin Richard, cardinal and archbishop of Paris, died Monday of congestion of the lungs. He was born at Nantes on March 1, 1819, and was made cardinal in 1883.

LIBERALS THIN SALES.

British Lawmaking Program is Greatly Modified.

Big as is the liberal program of legislation for the session of the British parliament which opened Wednesday, and earnest as the government leaders have shown themselves to be in their endeavors to meet the views of all factions constituting the present radical majority in the house of commons, there is a well defined feeling of disappointment among the ministerial supporters that the cabinet has not been more definitely radical in its proposals. The speeches of the cabinet representatives since the last session of parliament have led to the expectation of more definite proposals with regard to the government's Irish policy, old age pensions and education, to mention only a few subjects referred to which in the king's speech did not satisfy the respective elements especially interested therein.

Rumors from Dublin had forecasted another Irish council bill, but there has been substituted for this measure, which if it passes will only deprive the landlords of their grazing lands in certain sections. Similarly forecasts with regard to educational and old age pension proposals promised more than was indicated by the references to these matters in the speech from the throne. There is an inclination to believe that the king used his influence as far as he was able without overstepping the constitutional bounds to modify the more sweeping proposals with which the cabinet is credited by those usually in their conference.

"AFFINITY" FOR GEO. ADE.

Hoosiers Spring Startling Joke on the Humorist at a Dinner.

Dramatist George Ade's alleged "affinity" fashionably attired, but with a voice filled with bitterness, tears of woe streaming down her cheeks, and with a dramatic air which carried conviction, entered the Auditorium annex Wednesday night, where members of the Indiana Society of Chicago were gathered for a spread. She claimed Ade as her own, caused blushes on the brightest crimson to mantle his cheeks, and then led him away to one side, where she tried to converse amicably with him. The stranger claimed to be from France. The members of the Indiana society were all deeply chagrined for the time being by the unlooked for intrusion, especially as Ade was one of the guests of honor. Chagrin changed to hilarity when the feminine treble of the supposed "affinity" changed to a deep bass and the fact became apparent that the stranger was not a woman at all, just a plain male member of the society, with false hair and other fixings, and—it was all a joke, anyhow.

CAUGHT WITH THE BOOTY.

Accused Robbers Have \$3,000 in Their Possession.

Shortly after midnight Tuesday two masked men entered the office of the Adams Express company at the main station at Mansfield, O., and knocked William Dewey, the agent, unconscious, and got away with \$3,000 while nearly fifty passengers stood about the station waiting for trains. A bag containing \$40,000 in gold was overlooked by the robbers.

Cool Rates to Continue.

At the annual session of the traffic officials of the coal carrying railroads in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, which transport coal between the Pittsburgh district and the lake ports, held at Pittsburgh Wednesday, it was decided that the rates for coal shipments past will continue for the ensuing year.

Killed in First Fight.

J. H. McDonald, a floor walker for a Kansas City, Mo., department store, died Wednesday as the result of injuries received in a fist fight with Edward Halls, a butcher. Halls is under arrest.

Fifteen Persons Hurt.

An interurban car on the Youngstown and Ohio Electric railway jumped the track three miles east of Salem, O., Monday afternoon and plunged down a 30-foot embankment. Fifteen passengers were injured, none fatally.

Two Negroes Lynched.

Two negroes charged with having killed their father, near Commerce, Miss., Monday, for the purpose of robbery, were captured by a mob of negroes and lynched.

MacFarland Beats Loughrey.

"Pucky" MacFarland, of Chicago, and Young Loughrey, of Philadelphia, fought six rounds before the National Athletic club at Philadelphia Tuesday night. MacFarland had the advantage throughout.

Disorders in Persia.

Renewed conflicts between the constitutionalists have broken out at Tabriz and twenty persons have been reported killed. There have also been disorders at Yazd.

Nebraska State News

FATAL AFFRAY AT GILCHRIST.

Frank Mc Ness Killed in a Fight with Delbert Walcott. Delbert Walcott is dead at Gilchrist as the result of a fight with Frank Mc Ness, of the same place. Both of the participants in the fight are young men and unmarried, Mc Ness being 21 and Walcott 20 years old.

The two men had an altercation in a pool hall and this led to blows. The two men were in a rooming house with Walcott on top. Several more blows were exchanged and the bystanders then interfered. Walcott arose, but Mc Ness was unable to regain his feet. Efforts were made to revive him, but they were unavailing, he dying in a few minutes, only speaking a few words.

So far as can be ascertained no weapons other than fists were used by either of the participants in the affray, and it is thought death was caused by concussion of the brain. Delbert Walcott was arraigned before Judge Washburn at Aurora Monday morning and pleaded not guilty to the complaint charging manslaughter. Bail in the amount of \$2,000 was given for his appearance on Friday, Jan. 31.

STOCKMEN FILE PROTEST.

Object to Quarantine Regulations in Nebraska.

Complaining that his quarantine proclamation against swine and feth in cattle is working a hardship to the live stock interests of the state, Gov. Sheldon was visited at Lincoln by stockmen of the range country and representatives from the South Omaha stock yards, who asked that changes be made in his proclamation. Accompanying the delegation was State Veterinarian McKim and Dr. Melbourne, of the government bureau, and Drs. Clark and Ramsey, Colorado inspectors. The complaint was that the proclamation was too general, and prevented shipments from localities where no disease existed. It was also asserted that lack of funds, both state and government, prevented inspection of herds, even when the owners desired it.

DAILYMAN TO REST.

Omaha Mayor Decides to Take Vacation at Excelsior Springs.

Mayor Thomas, of Omaha, has gone to Excelsior Springs, Mo., for a ten days' vacation. This information was given out by Dahlman's secretary Monday. Immediately after he returned from Sioux City his honor and has returned at his office. In fact, he has not been at the city hall since he left for Denver on Jan. 19. Meanwhile Councilman Johnson, president of the city council, is acting mayor, although Miss Malone, the mayor's secretary, is in active charge of the city's executive affairs.

Wants \$15,000 Damages.

John C. Watson, has filed a suit in the district court at Nebraska City against the Morton-Gregory Packing company, asking for \$15,000 damages for injuries received while working for said company. In the unloading of a car he was crushed.

Paids Averted in Theater.

During a performance at the Lyric theater Friday night, the fire bell rang, and in a flash the whole audience rose to its feet and only firmness on the part of the management prevented a stampede in the closely packed building, with no alarm but one. The fire was in the residence.

Willing to Live Now.

August Swandell, a well-to-do farmer living ten miles north of Holdrege attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a razor and almost succeeded. He is a bachelor living alone.

Boarding Home for Bad Boys.

A boarding home for boys who can't get along in the homes of their parents is to be started in Omaha. It is one of the avenues along which the juvenile workers are walking.

Carriers Use Motorcycles.

Seward rural mail carriers have motor cycles. They go twenty-seven miles in two hours and thirty minutes and put mail in eighty-three boxes. Good roads make this possible.

Newspaper Change at Dakota City.

A deal was consummated Saturday at Dakota City whereby the North Nebraska Eagle passed into the control of Mell A. Schmidt. The Eagle is the oldest paper in Dakota county, the founders being Atlee Hart and Will S. Jay. The paper was established in 1876.

Charles W. Seymour a Dead.

Charles W. Seymour, one of the best known attorneys in the state, died at his home in Nebraska City Friday, aged 69 years.

FUEL PRISON REFORM.

Gov. Sheldon Favors Indeterminate Sentence Plan.

Gov. Sheldon would give every man convicted of crime an indeterminate sentence, and made a recommendation of that nature in his address before the Nebraska Conference of Charities and Corrections, which opened at the First Methodist church. "One thing which has impressed me since these penal institutions have come immediately under my eye is that under our present system entire justice is not being done out" convicts," said the governor. "A man may be tried for a certain crime and receive a sentence of one, three, five or more years, and under exactly the same conditions, dependent only upon the temperament of the judge. The indeterminate sentence would remedy this. It would be unnecessary to have a state board of pardons which should inquire into the merits of cases and grant pardons when it was evident a man had served long enough time for punishment and was likely to lead a good life thereafter. A constitutional amendment would be necessary to bring this about, but I believe it would result in greater justice to this class of men."

ROBBERY AT CARROLL.

Thieves Make Small Hand in the Omaha Depot.

Robbers broke into the Omaha depot in Carroll between 7 and 8 o'clock Saturday evening and secured \$25 from the till. They apparently became alarmed while at work, as they carried a package of bills. The local officers are without a clue.

Sue for Indian Lands.

Seven persons claiming to be descendants of Margaret Murphy, a member of the Sac and Fox Indian tribe, Saturday at Lincoln began suit in the federal court to establish their claims to Indian lands located in Richardson county, Neb., and Brown county, Kan. The claimants in a previous effort were excluded by an order of the interior department, largely because they were unable to prove their relationship.

Held for Bimamy.

Will McCubberson, a confessed bigamist, with one wife in Kansas and one in Platte County, was arrested at Norfolk Saturday by Sheriff Carrig, of Columbus. He had been working in Norfolk about a month. The Kansas wife started the trouble, but the father of wife No. 2 swore out the complaint. He has been married to wife No. 2 for five years. He said he would attempt no defense if unable to settle the matter.

McCook is Not Quarantined.

There are at present twenty-seven cases of smallpox in McCook, all of them of a very mild character. There have been no deaths and no serious cases of illness. All infected and suspected persons are under rigid quarantine. The town has been, and is not, nor is it at all likely to be quarantined.

Water Works Finished.

The water works company seems to be done with putting in the plant at Papillion, but it has not been accepted by the village board, though the contractors finished and left ten days ago. Everything is all right, but the well, which it is alleged, is not according to contract and not acceptable to the board.

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STATE CAPITAL

WORK OF CONGRESS

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State Senator C. A. Sibley, of Front-rod, has complained formally that grain rates charged by the Burlington road in Nebraska are too high. He asks the railroad commission to reduce them 15 per cent below the reduction of 15 per cent already brought about by the Aldrich bill. Senator Sibley appeared before the commissioners at Lincoln Tuesday morning and took formal action. A day for hearing will be fixed and the board will consider evidence in the case. An order of the board reducing rates was made several months ago, but was held up by legal proceedings instituted by the railroad. Following this action the commission at Lincoln decided it had proceeded wrongfully in acting on its own motion, and decided that reductions of rates could be brought about only on formal complaint. A short time later Senator Sibley declared he would complain, and he has fulfilled his promise. The commission has notified the railroad of the filing, and will later fix the time for hearing.

State Oil Inspector Allen has filed a

State Oil Inspector Allen has filed a report with Gov. Sheldon covering the business done in his office during the year 1907. The report shows the inspection fees amounted to \$26,330.20; miscellaneous receipts in September, \$3,600; miscellaneous fees for February, \$45; balance on hand January, 1907, \$1,186.63; total collections for the year, \$27,615.59; barrels inspected, 262,495; approved, 261,735; barrels rejected, 760. Of the barrels inspected 348 were owned by the Union Pacific and Burlington railroads, and the payment of the inspection fees is still in dispute, the report says. The disbursements for the year amounted to \$26,515.59; balance on hand January 1, 1908, \$1,100; increase in inspection fees over 1906, 18 per cent; increase in office and traveling expenses, 6 per cent; increase in amount turned into state treasury, 50 per cent. The report sets out in detail the various expenses incurred, as well as the work of the different deputies.

The railway commission has adopted

The railway commission has adopted the following orders of importance to all the state: No change of freight or passenger rates or flag stations from their present location, or suspension of the sale of tickets, or the receiving or forwarding of freights from stations now in use for such purpose will be permitted without the consent of this commission. Permission for the location of new or flag stations, or construction of same must be secured from this commission. Application for such permits must be accompanied by all information necessary for a full and proper understanding of all interests to be affected thereby. The commission reserves the right to make any station of all switches and spurs. No switches or spur in use in this state shall be removed or abandoned without the consent of this commission.

W. B. Rose, of Lincoln, went to

W. B. Rose, of Lincoln, went to St. Louis, Mo., Tuesday to argue the case where temporary injunction was secured against the state board of public lands and buildings to prevent the board from taking a portion of the pensions of the members of the soldiers' home for the benefit of the home. In the past it was customary for the members of the home to pay to the home all of their pension except \$12 per month. The present board changed this so that only a per cent of the pension over \$15 is now taken. The action of the board called attention to the practice, and some of the friends of the soldiers objected and had the suit filed.

Employees in the state house who

Employees in the state house who hold their jobs at the pleasure of Gov. Sheldon will not be able to draw their pay for the month of January until the last day of the month. The vouchers which the governor has to approve before these employees can draw pay are copied from the statute, provide that the employe make oath that he has earned the money coming to him. Until the money is actually earned, or rather until the end of the month, the governor will not approve salary vouchers.

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T. H. Shoemaker, of Wilsonville,

T. H. Shoemaker, of Wilsonville, has notified the railway commission of a grievance he has against the Adams Express Co. Shoemaker wrote that he shipped 240 pounds of turkeys to Denver and the express company raised the rate to 400 pounds. He sent the original receipted bill to the rebates office, and demanded a rebate of \$2.63, and the company has not even answered his communication. The railway commission has written the express company for its side of the story.

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The Senate was not in session Friday.

Although the urgent deficiency bill was technically up for consideration in the House, but a word pertinent to the bill was spoken. Under the privilege of general debate several members addressed the House on a variety of subjects, but the speech which attracted most attention was a criticism by Mr. Hitchcock of Nebraska of a political forecast by Gen. Charles H. Adams of Ohio. The debate brought to their feet numerous Democrats, who sprang to the defense of Mr. Bryan, while Gen. Keifer of Ohio, supported by several other Republicans, undertook to refute all the arguments concerning Mr. Bryan's two campaigns. Adjournment was taken until Monday.

Greatly to the surprise of every one

Greatly to the surprise of every one the subject of slavery was introduced in the Senate Monday. Secretary Taft was directly charged with having a knowledge of slavery in the Philippine Islands. This debate was made pertinent by the section of the bill revising the criminal code of the United States, which provide penalties for dealing in slaves. Mr. Hale asserted that such provisions should be stricken out. Senator Heyburn declared that not only is there immoral traffic in white slaves, but that actual human slavery is still maintained in the Philippine Islands. The street railway systems of the District of Columbia and the financial question occupied the time of the House Representatives. The latter subject was discussed by Mr. Fowler, chairman of the committee on banking and currency, in an exhaustive speech, in which he opposed bond-secured currency and the proposition looking to the establishment of a central bank.

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The Senate Tuesday disposed of a large number of minor bills on the calendar, and resumed consideration of the bill to revise the criminal code of the United States. Senator Heyburn was anxious to continue consideration of the code bill, of which he is in charge, until more progress should be made, but adjournment was taken. National politics, international marriages and government expenditures formed the themes of discussion in the House. Incidentally it was the longest sitting of the House this session. The urgent deficiency bill was up for consideration, but in several instances it was ignored under the license of general debate. The presence of William J. Bryan in the lobby of the House furnished inspiration to Mr. Wallace of Arkansas for a vigorous speech. International marriages of American citizens to titled foreigners were denounced by Mr. McGivern of Illinois. No amendments of any consequence were made to the urgent deficiency bill, and it was pending when the House adjourned.

TELEGRAPHIC BRI