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SENSATIONAL MURDER

Harry Kendall Thaw, Millionaire of Pittsburg Shot and Killed Stanford White in Theatre

New York—Harry Kendall Thaw brother of the Countess of Yarmouth, who shot and killed Stanford White, the noted architect, is a prisoner in the Tombs. Thaw admits the killing, pleading that his act was justifiable; that White had wrecked the life of his wife, the beautiful Florence Evelyn Nesbit, whose marriage to Thaw scarcely more than a year ago was one of the sensations of the time.

The murder of White was probably the most dramatic and sensational tragedy this city has witnessed since the killing of "Jim" Fiske by E. S. Stokes more than thirty years ago. Aside from the prominence of the principals, the setting for the crime was unique.

The Madison Square roof garden, which has been closed several years, was crowded with a fashionable audience. While Harry Short, who fills the principal comedy role in the piece, was singing a comic song and the garden was echoing with the laughter and applause of the audience a series of shots rattled in the rear of the auditorium and a man in evening dress was seen to fall across a table at which he was sitting with a party of friends. The man who had fired the shots fled, pistol in hand, toward the nearest exit, where he was seized and disarmed by police.

The audience for a few moments believed the firing of the shots was a hoax and applauded. But developments came so fast and it was so suddenly made clear that they had been witnessing a tragedy, that a panic followed.

Mrs. Shaw was Evelyn Nesbit, the Floradora Sextette girl. Harry's wild career and his infatuation for the girl who became his wife almost resulted in his complete separation from the Thaw millions. There was a reconciliation, however, and for more than a year Harry's mamma has been busily engaged in teaching her daughter-in-law the ways of "polite" society.

TO RESERVE COAL LANDS

LaFollette Introduces Resolution Authorizing Withdrawal from Entry

Washington—The initial move to prevent corporations or individuals from getting possession of the public coal lands, was made when Senator LaFollette introduced a joint resolution authorizing the president to withdraw the lands from entry. It is understood that President Roosevelt desires this express authority from the hands of congress.

The resolution sets forth that the government owns more than 40 million acres of public land underlaid with coal, lignite and oil deposits; that the future industrial development of the

country, its heat and power and light, are largely dependent upon this supply, and that it is in the interest of the coal and oil consumers of the country that the extent and character of these deposits be accurately determined, so that the country may know the amount of its fuel supply and adopt such measures as will conserve it for the benefit of the whole people.

It is proposed, therefore, that the secretary of the interior cause to be made a thorough investigation of the deposits and report to congress the nature, extent and best methods of operating, and that the president be authorized to withdraw from entry and sale all public lands underlaid with coal, lignite or oil until such time as congress shall determine otherwise.

MILLIONS FOR IRRIGATION

Coming Congress at Boise Will Ask Big Appropriation

Boise, Idaho—It has been determined to designate the meeting of the national irrigation congress to be held in Boise in September as "the hundred million dollar congress." An agitation is then to be started to secure a direct appropriation of \$100,000,000 from congress to supplement the reclamation fund. This has been determined upon after consultation with many of those who are leaders in the work of the congress. The present fund is comparatively small compared with the number of available projects. It is swelled only by the land sales and by the payment in ten years installments by farmers of the cost of construction of works. The success attained is so great that it is felt the fund available for the purpose should be expanded so the work of opening arid land schemes for the people could be accelerated.

Bailey Out for Bryan

Washington—Senator Bailey of Texas is not going to contest the presidential nomination of his party with William J. Bryan. There is a strong movement among southern democrats to have one of their number selected as their party standard bearer. Senator Bailey appreciates the strength of this movement and he believes it should be checked. He approved an interview given out by Representative Burgess of Texas in which the democrats are advised to turn to Bryan as their logical leader. In his interview Mr. Bailey is quoted as urging his friends to support Bryan and as saying that, as President Roosevelt is winning public approval by advocating policies originated or strongly indorsed by Mr. Bryan, the Nebraskan is the logical choice.

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RECOMMIT RATE BILL

Tillman Says Standard Oil is Influencing Action of Conference Committee—LaFollette's Good Work

Washington, D. C., June 27.—The time of safe and sane legislation has passed for the present session of congress. The members have become impatient to return to their homes to participate in the game of politics that is now reaching an acute stage in most localities. The date for adjournment has not been definitely fixed, but is understood to be close at hand. The members of both branches would agree upon a day of adjournment, but they fear that on account of so much important work being in an unfinished state that would have to be rushed through in any old way, that Roosevelt might give them another surprise by giving it out that he would not approve ill considered legislation and might go so far as to veto some bills, and then proceed to call congress together again immediately in extra session to complete the work.

The rate bill has been referred back by the senate to the conference committee a second time, the last report being less satisfactory than the first. The first report contained the signatures of the full conference committee, but Senator Tillman refused to sign the last one on the ground that the bill had been mutilated to suit the Standard Oil and he could not stand for it.

There is one thing happening here from day to day that is as refreshing as it is novel and surprising, which is that in the midst of the hurry and confusion of the closing days of an exciting session of congress that the voice of the farmers of the west are being heard in clear and ringing tones that mean business. Senator LaFollette evidently is not the least ruffled by the turmoil of the closing session and is getting in his work to protect producers and consumers of cereals against the railroad elevator combine by having the scope of the investigation of the interstate commerce commission extended to cover the conspiracy of the big elevator concerns to plunder the people and destroy small competitors.

The omnibus building appropriation as it passed the house shows up modern statesmanship as understood by the average member of that branch of congress, which is to pry open Uncle Sam's strong box and get some of the money for their district under some pretext. It looks as though every republican member in a close district succeeded in breaking into the government safe in that bill. The senate, however, may cut out some of the most palpable steals before passing it through that body.

It is generally believed among the leading politicians here that Bryan and Roosevelt will be pitted against each other in the next national election. The republican members of congress are believed to be meeting with good success in raising funds for the coming campaign. Roosevelt

shows no disposition to interfere with the devious methods employed by congressmen to hold up different interests for campaign funds. Congress will probably adjourn within a week.

WILL BE HANGED ON MONDAY

Judge Sutton of Omaha Changes Universal Custom

The long established and perhaps universal custom of making Friday hangman's day was broken by Judge Sutton of Omaha when he sentenced two murderers, Jay O'Hearn and Harrison Clark to be hanged on Monday.

The two men on whom the death sentence was pronounced were objects of the mob attack on the Douglas county jail last March. Jay O'Hearn was one of the youthful bandits charged with the hold-up of the saloon of Nels Lausten when Lausten was killed, and Harrison Clarke was one of the three men who held up a South Omaha street car and shot the conductor, Ed Flury. Joe Warren, another of the gang which held up the Lausten saloon, was sentenced to fifteen years at hard labor in the penitentiary. All the prisoners will appeal.

Soon Goes to Isthmus

Washington—John F. Stevens, the chief engineer of the isthmian canal commission, and Mrs. Stevens left Washington for New York. Mr. Stevens will attend the meeting of the Panama railway directors in New York and he and Mrs. Stevens will sail for the isthmus on Thursday, together with the entire canal commission.

House Passes Repeal Bill

Washington—The house passed the senate bill which repeals the so-called twenty-eight hour law by fixing the minimum time in transit for stock at thirty-six hours, upon the written request of the owner or person in charge of the particular shipment.

Rate for Harvest Hands

Chicago—In response to a telegram from Governor Hoch of Kansas asking western railroads to send farm hands to that state the roads decided to make a rate of a third of the usual fare from points in Iowa and Kansas for a period of twelve days from June 29 to July 10 inclusive.

Royal Family to Cruise

St. Petersburg—The imperial family is planning a summer cruise in the Finnish archipelago. No official announcement of the time of the emperor's departure is obtainable.

Will Run as a Republican

Emporia, Kan.—The democrats of the Fourth congressional district nominated John Wesley Moore of Marion as a candidate for congress from the district on the democratic ticket. Moore will run as a tariff reform republican.

Building Bill Passed

Washington—The omnibus public building bill was passed by the house.