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SCORNS UNWRITTEN LAW.

Philadelphia Man Maintains He Min-
took Wife's Admirer for Burglar.

Andrew Jackson Detsch, who killed Harry Ferree in a fashionable boarding house in Philadelphia last November, refused to rely on the unwritten law, to avoid the public degradation of his wife, and was acquitted of the crime of murder, the verdict of the jury being greeted with tumultuous applause from the crowded court room. Steadily maintaining that up to the time of the killing of Ferree he had no suspicion of his wife's alleged misconduct and that he mistook her wealthy admirer for a burglar, Detsch made it impossible to put his wife on the witness stand to play the role of Evelyn Thaw and also made it impossible for the prosecution to introduce evidence intended to show that deliberate murder had been committed to avenge his honor.

Detsch, who is 23 years of age, lived with his young wife and child in an uptown boarding house. On the night of Nov. 5 policemen heard shots and traced them to the house. They forced an entrance and in the third floor hallway, in front of the door of the Detsch apartments, they found Ferree dead, with three bullets in his body. He was in his stocking feet.

CLERK IS HEIR TO A FORTUNE.

Postoffice Employee Is Bequeathed \$50,000 by His Aunt.

Haywood F. Norton, aged 26, was up to Saturday night a hard-working and ambitious clerk in the general postoffice in New York. Mrs. Mary Ahearn, a sweet-natured widow of 55, was his aunt. When she died a week ago and her will was opened, it was found that her nephews, Haywood F. and William Norton, and her niece, Mrs. Mary Clause of Brooklyn, had inherited her fortune, amounting to considerably more than \$100,000. A house at 134 West 66th street was left to Haywood. When, after the funeral, Norton was asked to stay and hear the will read, he tried to beg off on the strength of getting back to work. When he learned that to him had been left nearly \$50,000 he was speechless. His brother William, an electrician, is in Denver wiring the auditorium in which the Democratic national convention will be held.

Deep Snow Delays Traffic.

The snowstorm which swept over New York City late Thursday developed into a blizzard during the night. The streets were covered in places with drifts and street car traffic and the movement of ferryboats and other harbor and river craft was hampered. All the Eastern States were affected, and there was rough weather on the Atlantic.

Stores in Gould Home.

The old Jay Gould residence, at Forty-seventh street and Fifth avenue, New York, has been leased and the four-story brownstone house will be altered to accommodate places of business. For years the building has stood vacant, but Miss Helen Gould finally has been induced to lease for a long term the building which was her father's home.

Forced Into Receiver's Hands.

The Beaumont Iron Works Company, of which O. B. Greves is president, one of the largest foundries and machine shops in east Texas, having been in business in Beaumont for a quarter of a century, has been forced into the hands of a receiver. The panic is held directly responsible for the financial difficulty of this large concern.

Mother and Son Sentenced.

Justice Barnard in the Criminal Court in Washington imposed a sentence on Mrs. Ruth McCracken of three months in jail, and on her son, William M. McCracken, a similar term in the workhouse, while her two daughters, Jane and Ruth N. McCracken, were discharged. All of them were charged with conspiracy to defraud merchants of the city.

Ohio Bank Closes Doors.

George B. Harvey, proprietor of the Lisbon Banking Company, assigned in Lisbon, Ohio, to Albert G. Mason, and the bank is closed. Mr. Harvey's real and personal property are estimated to aggregate \$125,000, and the bank deposits \$15,000.

Kills Himself in Busy Street.

In crowded Fountain square, Cincinnati, at the busiest hour of the day, Andrew Fixari swallowed the contents of a bottle of muriatic acid and died soon after reaching the hospital.

Musical and Slot Machines Go.

Officials of the Chicago Liquor Dealers' Association have decided to banish music, remove slot machines and closely observe all dramshop laws.

Boy and Girl Skaters Drown.

Lewis Woodman, aged 22, and Miss Blanche Adkins, aged 15, were drowned in Lake Gardner, near Amesbury, Mass., while skating.

Congress Quite May 1.

The Senate and Speaker Cannon in the House have agreed that this session of the Sixtieth Congress shall adjourn about May 1.

English Novelist Dies.

Louise de la Ramee, known the world over as "Ouida," the novelist, has died in poverty in Italy.

Call for Vote on Liquor.

The North Carolina Senate by unanimous vote passed the bill providing for a State election on prohibition on Aug. 6.

Emigrants Are Coming Back.

The return to Italy of emigrants from the United States is gradually stopping, while emigration to that country is being resumed. Steamers leaving Genoa and Naples before the end of January take back to America at least 5,000 emigrants.

Street Railways Change Hands.

The properties of the Union Traction Company in Chicago were sold at auction to the Chicago Railways Company and the work of improving the traction system is expected to be pushed without further delay.

DEFENSELESS PACIFIC COAST.

One Cruiser on a Foggy Night Could Destroy Seattle and Tacoma.

The departure of the fleet of sixteen battleships for its long cruise has at least served the purpose of drawing attention to the lamentably weak and unprotected condition of our Pacific coast, writes a Washington correspondent. From Lower California to the Canadian boundary we have absolutely no protection against invasion, save at San Francisco. Representative Humphrey, of the State of Washington, made it plain to President Roosevelt recently that a second-class cruiser on a foggy night could steam into Puget Sound and shell Seattle and Tacoma off the face of the earth without receiving a shot in reply.

The President was so impressed that he asked Mr. Humphrey to prepare a report, in conjunction with his Pacific coast colleagues, as to what defenses and coast protection were necessary and desirable.

San Diego and San Pedro in California are equally as unprotected as the Washington cities, and are wholly at the mercy of any enemy which may approach from the sea. It would not cost much, however, to give San Diego reasonable protection and to prepare there a rendezvous for a Pacific fleet. It is estimated that \$150,000 expended in dredging out the approach would furnish San Diego with a splendid harbor, easily defended by land fortifications and by battleships, the latter of which would be instantly available for service anywhere along the coast.

Just what the great Atlantic fleet will do when it reaches our Pacific coast is a question not definitely settled. Mexico has granted us permission to make use of Magdalena bay for target practice, but it is claimed by experts that the ships will be in no condition for anything except to go to drydock for a complete overhauling.

For this the Pacific coast is absolutely unprepared. There is not a drydock or a navy yard commensurate for the task it would be called upon to meet. The Mare Island navy yard at San Francisco is absolutely inadequate.

There is doubt expressed by those who ought to know, having had experiences in the commissary end of the navy, that the provisioning of the fleet, when it arrived in the Pacific, may turn out to be as poorly prepared for as are the other functions.

Labor World

Hudson (Wis.) unionists have organized a new machinists' union.

The Glass Workers' Union has 6,000 members and \$100,000 in the treasury.

A branch of the Canadian labor party has been formed in London, England.

The advance in wages of the miners has been general throughout Great Britain.

Bartenders of Denver, Colo., are taking steps to organize a union to procure the eight-hour day.

Barbers of Hamilton, Ont., want more wages and threaten to strike if their demand is not met.

The forty-first annual trade union congress of Great Britain will convene at Nottingham on Sept. 7, 1908.

Labor organizations of Baltimore, Md., are assisting the policemen of that city in an effort to have one day off each week.

A convention of independent shoe workers' organizations, to form a national organization, is to be held at Lynn, Mass., this month.

W. E. McEwen, secretary-treasurer of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, is being urged by many of his friends to run for Mayor of Duluth at the spring election.

At a conference of representatives of national lithographic organizations recently held in Washington, D. C., it was decided soon to amalgamate the allied lithographic trades.

It is said that the longest strike on record in England was that of the quarrymen at Bethesda, which commenced in 1900 and did not terminate until the close of 1903. It cost the district \$1,820,000.

The State Federation of Labor of Oklahoma, at a recent session, adopted a resolution in favor of woman suffrage. The federation proposes to make this a test question in the support of candidates for office.

Preliminary steps have been taken in Minneapolis, Minn., to induce all unions in the building trades to cast aside petty jealousies and join the building trades council of that city. This is with a view to strengthening the central body.

She told how, when he had learned of her relations with White, Thaw said: "Poor little girl, you have done no wrong." And yet, she was forced to admit that, within two weeks he made her his companion and started on a tour of Europe which lasted for months, during all of which time they traveled as man and wife.

Max Morris, one of the vice presidents of the American Federation of Labor, has formally extended an invitation to the Western Federation of Miners to return to the A. F. of L. The invitation was signed by President Samuel Gompers.

The Rhode Island Label League declares its intention publicly to fight the trusts by the use of the union label. The league will conduct its operations in that State, and it is hoped to get every union throughout the State affiliated with the organization.

Since the national convention of textile workers of the United States in 1903 the international body has issued sixty charters to new unions.

In Austria 347 per 1,000 work ten hours or less each day, and 438 from ten to eleven hours. Comparatively few work more than eleven hours.

There is a strong movement in the State of Washington along the line of establishing co-operative stores. One has been opened in Seattle and since it has been in operation it has done so well that it has purchased a coal mine, with a view to sell the products to union people.

PROGRESS OF THE THAW MURDER TRIAL

Court Refuses to Exclude the Public While Defendant's Wife Is on the Stand.

EVELYN A MATCH FOR JEROME

Drops Child-Like Pose and Fences Well—District Attorney Merciless in His Examination.

Just as a year ago, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw has been the star witness in the second trial of her husband for the murder of Stanford White. District Attorney Jerome, of whom it had been hinted that he would spare the woman no mercy this time, asked that the public be excluded, and Littleton, for the defense, raised no objection, but Judge Dowling held that the prisoner had a right to public trial.

During the first week Littleton defended himself to demonstrate Thaw's insanity, by right of inheritance and by his actions from infancy to the climax of murder. His purpose in putting Evelyn Thaw on the stand was to demonstrate how the story of her abuse by White, which she says she told Thaw in Paris, acted on his erratic brain with such force as to make him irresponsibly insane.

Under his questioning she maintained her pose of the ingenuous school girl, who in her innocence had been

LEADING FIGURES IN THE THAW TRIAL.



MILLION DOLLAR FIRE.

City Hall and Police Buildings of Portland, Me., Destroyed.

Fire which caused damage of \$1,000,000 destroyed the Portland, Me., city hall and police buildings and endangered the lives of more than 700 persons. The city hall was occupied by city and county offices, while the police building sheltered the Supreme, judicial and municipal courts, in addition to the police department. Delegates attending the Western Maine Knights of Pythias jubilee were in the auditorium of the city hall when the flames were discovered, but only a few persons were hurt.

The estimated financial loss does not include papers in the office of the registrar of deeds, where everything was destroyed. Other city departments lost everything, with the exception of the city clerk's and treasurer's offices. One of the most valuable libraries in the State, the Greenleaf Law Collection, was destroyed, with a loss estimated at \$10,000.

The fire originated in the city electrician's office and was caused by crossed wires, which made it impossible to ring a call for the fire department in any of the boxes.

The city hall survived the great fire of 1866, although it was damaged at that time. The building had a frontage of 150 feet and was 250 feet long. Its central dome rose 150 feet above the roof. The building was constructed of colored Nova Scotia Albert stone, and contained eighty rooms.

TERRORS OF "FRAT" INITIATION.

Sorority Ceremonies Shatter Nerves of Novitiate and Arouse Mothers.

The nerve racking, even though fancied, terrors of an initiation into a Greek letter society of girl students in private and

RAILROAD OVER OCEAN NOW RUNNING TRAINS

Henry M. Flagler Has Line to Key West Already Partly Completed.

CONCRETE ARCHES ARE USED.

Novel Engineering Feat Is Described as the Most Remarkable in the World.

The most remarkable railroad in the world, which Henry M. Flagler is building on concrete arches through the shallow waters of the ocean along the gulf of palm groves that cover the keys south of Florida, is now in operation for a distance of eighty-one miles to Knight's Key, and regular trains are running over it. Through sleeping cars will be provided from New York and Chicago, and they ultimately will be carried across on a ferry from Key West to Havana, making the distance in six hours. The railway is more than half done, and, as the present terminus at Knight's Key has all the facilities for handling the traffic, Mr. Flagler decided to place the completed portion in operation and have it earning the expense of maintenance, at least, while the remainder of the track is finished to Key West. Practically 80 per cent of all the construction work is done and everything will be ready for through trains to Havana by the opening of the tourist season next winter.

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