

STROTHER SAYS HE SHOT TO KILL

Tells the Story of Wronging of His Sister by Bywaters in Straight-forward Manner.

HE INTENDED TO DESERT HER.

Defendant Admitted Firing First Shot When Sister's Husband Attempted To Escape.

Calpeper, Va., Feb. 28.—The expected story of the defense from the lips of the defendant in the trial of James and Philip Strother, charged with the murder of William F. Bywaters, their brother-in-law, last December, was the center of interest in today's developments in that case.

Mrs. Bywaters, who lay ill in bed when the shooting occurred, in her pathetic story upon the stand yesterday, said her recollection of the events connected with the tragedy was hazy.

Mr. Gaines, her sister, testified that she saw Philip fire the first shot at Bywaters, which statement Philip Strother has already corroborated. Mrs. Bywaters has sworn that her betrayal was under the promise of marriage, that she pleaded with Bywaters to make honorable reparation, and she has told the story of their trips to Washington for the criminal operation she dreaded, his indifferent treatment of her, the forced marriage, his attempt at flight, and in a general way, the shooting that followed.

Soon after court opened today James A. Strother, one of the defendants, was called as a witness.

He was permitted to tell the story of his sister's wrongs. Although at times visibly affected by the strain under which he labored since Bywaters was killed, he related the relations between the dead man and his sister in a straightforward manner.

Bywaters agreed to marry Viola, witness said, when told he must do so after her condition became known to the family, but after the marriage Bywaters became indifferent to Viola. He grew abusive when a demand was made that he remain with Viola on the night of the tragedy.

He detailed the quarrel between Mrs. Gaines, her husband and Bywaters, in which Bywaters insisted that he must go to Calpeper that night. Bywaters left them, going to the rooming house.

"I told him that I intended to watch him and see that he did not get away. He sprang from Viola's side, tearing himself from her arms and made a dash for the rear door."

"What happened then?" asked the prosecutor.

"The next thing I heard was a shot. Philip fired at Bywaters as he ran down the stairs."

"Did you fire on him while he was in the bedroom?"

"My recollection is that we fired just as he climbed out of the window. We did not fire until we knew he had gotten out of the window."

A pathetic interlude in the testimony came when the defendant, after completing his story of the tragedy, told of his mother's admonition to him on her death bed, "to always protect our girls, Jim."

Strother admitted firing the first shot as Bywaters attempted to escape, because he was convinced that Bywaters was deserting his sister, whose condition, he added, prompted him to shoot.

"Did you shoot with the intention of killing Bywaters?"

"Yes," replied the witness, "I shot to kill him."

Dr. Strother, an uncle of the Strother brothers, told of being summoned to attend Mrs. Bywaters, whom he found suffering great pain, the result of the criminal operation.

"Had she not been given medical attention at that moment," stated Dr. Strother, "she would undoubtedly have died within the next hour."

Dr. Strother said he advised an immediate marriage.

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MICHIGAN DEMOCRATS.

Name Candidates for Supreme Court And University Regents.

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Justices of the Supreme Court—George H. Stone and John R. Carr.

Regents of the University of Michigan—W. N. Ferris and Judge H. A. Harmon.

Member of the State Board of Education—S. F. Parkhill.

The platform declares in favor of non-partisan judicial election; direct popular nominations for United States senators, congressmen and all state and municipal officers; demands that the legislature provide for non-partisan delegates to the proposed constitutional convention; favors the initiative and referendum and demands that the legislature enact a law empowering municipalities to own and operate all public utilities within their limits.

REP. JOHNSON CALLS

BAILEY "A MALICIOUS LIAR."

Austin, Tex., Feb. 28.—A number of members of the Texas house of representatives made speeches today denouncing Senator Joseph W. Bailey for his address last night attacking his political enemies.

Representative Samuel Johnson, one of the minority, declared Senator Bailey was a "vicious, malicious and premeditated liar."

Representative R. M. Brown said if he had been present when the vote was taken to censure the senator he would have voted against it.

Representative Beattie said Mr. Bailey's Mississippi record was not favorable and offered children of the senator a "vicious, malicious and premeditated liar."

Representative Mead, of Smith county, assailed Senator Bailey and said his utterances against the minority were false.

In consequence of Senator Bailey's speech, Gov. Davidson and a majority of the minority members of the house announced their candidacy two years hence, and defy Bailey to defeat them.

A DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

Four Persons Killed, Two Are Fatally Injured.

Carmi, Ills., Feb. 28.—By an explosion of dynamite today, Rev. J. B. Tittle, his father, his wife and baby were killed and four children of the family were fatally injured. Mr. Tittle, who was a Baptist minister, had the dynamite in his house expecting to use the explosive in blowing out stumps. How the dynamite happened to explode is not known. The residence was totally destroyed.

GEN. U. B. PEARSALL DEAD.

Leavenworth, Kan., Feb. 28.—Brig. Gen. U. B. Pearsall, quartermaster of the national soldiers' home here, and a distinguished veteran of the Civil war, died suddenly this afternoon of Bright's disease, aged 66 years. He was born at Oswego, N. Y., was colonel of the twenty-eighth Wisconsin volunteers in the Union army, was later lieutenant colonel of the Ninety-ninth colored regiment, and was brigadier general for meritorious services.

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MISS BOOTH TO START

ANTI-SUICIDE CAMPAIGN.

New York, Feb. 28.—Commander Miss Booth, the head of the Salvation Army in the United States, tomorrow will inaugurate anti-suicide bureaus in all the large cities of the country.

The plans follow one which has been in operation in London under the supervision of Gen. William Booth. The system is designed to assist and advise any person contemplating suicide. The New York service will be under the charge of Col. Thomas Holland, who will handle the cases of men, while Mrs. Brigadier Booth will take charge of the woman applicants. Each will be assisted by a large staff.

The plan in London, according to the local press, has proved successful, resulting in the forming of bureaus in various other central cities. In London, says the announcement, there were numerous requests for advice from people who contemplated taking their own lives. These included all classes and conditions of society, and people of every shade of religion.

The results have been astonishing. Within the first 11 days no fewer than 300 applicants were personally interviewed and a large number of requests for advice responded to with effect. It was soon discovered necessary to classify the applicants.

The sick and incurable, especially those suffering from nervous disorder and who, unable to see anything but suffering and helplessness before them, had reached the point of self destruction.

Drunkards and persons addicted to the use of narcotics.

The lonely and bereaved, whose only thought was to put an end to their distress by getting out of the world as quickly as possible.

The unemployed and those financially embarrassed, which proved to be the most numerous class.

It is on these lines that the work in America has been taken up.

BASSETT DIVORCE CASE.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 28.—The fight of Charles C. Bassett of Washington to secure custody of his children from the wife from whom he was divorced, whose counter-divorce petition was dismissed here Monday, opened here today with Mr. Bassett on the stand, the first time he has appeared in the courtroom during the trial.

Bassett set forth in detail today how he had been driven to the city of Washington, where he had been a street preacher, now of the Noble Heights Presbyterian church, Brooklyn, but at that time pastor of the Washington Heights Presbyterian church.

His testimony was broken up by his home, where he was being held by a guard, the preacher, who he called "black sheep," "whimperer" and "false ambassador of God." Bassett said from the witness stand, "I want two of the children. The youngest is not my child."

THE EQUITABLE LIFE

Board of Directors Re-elects Paul Morton President.

New York, Feb. 28.—Paul Morton was re-elected president of the Equitable Life Assurance society at the annual meeting of the board of directors today. W. A. Day was elected vice president; George T. Wilson, formerly third vice president, was elected second vice president; C. E. Phelps, who was assistant secretary, was chosen treasurer, and G. R. Brown, formerly controller, was promoted to controller.

All the other officers were re-elected. Paul Morton replied that in 1906, 80 per cent of all business went to the policyholders, the remaining 20 per cent being expended in the conduct of business. The net decrease in expenses in 1906 exclusive of agents' commissions, was \$1,554,756.

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MAJ. PENROSE'S TRIAL.

A Letter Written by Him Shows He Believes Soldiers Guilty.

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 28.—Major A. P. Blockson testified today in the Penrose court-martial. He told of sighting along a bullet hole in the X-ray house, finding that it pointed directly to the rear of the gallery at company B's barracks. He declared all the bullets he found in the house were fired from Springfield army rifles.

The negroes could easily have made the attacks, he said, and returned to their quarters before two men were implicated in this matter. Some one of them must have had a key to the gun room and after the roll call was taken—for all were reported present at 11 p. m. roll call—they stepped out of the quarters did the shooting, returning while the company was forming and at some time during the early morning hours cleaned their rifles."

A FIENDISH YAKUI

Empties Can of Cyanide of Potassium Into Municipal Waterworks.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 28.—News has been received here that a Yaqui Indian who had just emptied a 15-pound can of cyanide of potassium into the municipal waterworks reservoir at Hermosillo was caught in the act of emptying another can of the poison. He was ordered shot by the authorities and the sentence was carried out. A new terror is added to the situation in the Sonora country, since the Yaquis have learned the deadly nature of the poison which is so sparingly used in mining operations in that section and is easily accessible to thieves and desperadoes.

THAW ENLIVENS A DULL SESSION

Gives Out a Statement Accusing Jerome of Unprofessional Conduct and Defends His Wife.

HER NATURAL REAL GOODNESS

Above Prosecuting Attorney's Comprehension—Declares Her Testimony Was the Absolute Truth.

New York, Feb. 28.—Harry K. Thaw enlivened an extremely dull session of his trial today by giving out a brief statement in which he accused District Attorney Jerome of having made unprofessional remarks in court, asserted that his wife's testimony was absolutely true and in conclusion declared that Mrs. Thaw's "natural real goodness" was above the comprehension of the prosecuting officer.

It was just before adjournment and after many hours of expert testimony as to the meaning of extracts from eight letters written by defendant, with relation to the sanity or insanity of the writer, that Thaw gave his statement to the reporters. It follows:

"With chances millions to one against her after the catastrophe in 1901, it is wonderful that Mrs. H. K. Thaw prevailed in the cross-examination against the prosecution backed by big game."

"Her testimony was absolute truth. 'Our evidence was of conversations. The cross-examination has proved the exact facts under oath. I am going to have some typewritten copies made and when they are completed I want you to compare them with the original and if they are all right they will be given out."

"Thaw began to prepare his statement yesterday afternoon. One of the newspaper tables adjoining the table occupied by his counsel and a reporter sitting near the defendant read over the latter's shoulder the two opening paragraphs. When the papers appeared yesterday with the extracts from his statement printed in display type Thaw was much chagrined. Today in court he asked the reporter to look at the statement that was published, and added that he might make a correction later."

Last night in his cell in the Tombs Thaw completed his statement, and today he handed the original draft to a reporter he had known for years and in whom he had confidence. He also gave it out until the defendant directed him to do so.

Late in the afternoon the typewritten copies suddenly appeared in court. Attention was first attracted to them by Thaw handing a copy to his newspaper friend and asking him to compare it with the original. Four or five copies lay on the counsel table in front of the defendant. One of the reporters reached over, picked up a copy and hastily left the courtroom. He was quickly followed by other reporters, and the statement was flashed into newspaper offices throughout the country, and Thaw then said he was content to have the statement released as a corrective to the garbled statement which appeared this morning."

Clifford Hatridge, of Thaw's counsel, and Mr. Delmas declared later they had no knowledge of the statement having been prepared or given out."

MURDERED BY HIGHWAYMAN.

Los Angeles, Feb. 28.—Patrolman C. A. May died last night from the bullet wound inflicted by William Ross, a highwayman, on Feb. 8.

May stopped Ross tonight and asked him where he was going. He replied with the shot that struck May. Ross was then shot dead by Patrolman J. M. Hoover, a second shot after he shot May. May was for a time in the military service in the Philippines.

ALARM OVER INCREASE

OF CRIME IN FRANCE.

Paris, Feb. 28.—The general feeling of alarm created by the increase of crime in France was echoed in the chamber of deputies today by an interpellation of the government on the insecurity of life in Paris and in the country. All along the Belgian frontier an organized band of bandits has been robbing and murdering for two years, and their depredations continue in spite of the fact that the police, early in February, succeeded in arresting the ringleaders.

During two years this gang committed thousands of robberies and murders. The streets of Paris, especially in the Montmartre district, are terrorized by "Apaches," as they are called, and are no longer safe for pedestrians. The newspapers for weeks past have

A MURDEROUS PRACTICE.

Spitting in Public Places Spreads the Germs of Consumption.

The bacillus of tuberculosis enters tubercles in the lungs. Those causing coughing, and are ejected from the lungs in coughing. A dry cough will spray the air full of these germs, a loose cough will deposit the sputum on the sidewalks where it will dry, be trodden to powder, whirled about in the wind for healthy people to breathe, and so start up new plantations of these bacilli. Dr. Knobe says that an advanced case of consumption will eject about seven billions of these germs every 24 hours.

It is a murderous practice to spit where others may bring the infection into the house on shoes or skirts, where it may dry and become a powder to be sent into the air and breathed into the lungs. If the lungs are sore from colds or any other cause, these germs settle on the sore spot and set up what is called a mixed infection. This is the starting point of consumption, and prompt treatment is required.

An eminent authority on lung trouble advises the use of the following simple formula, which can be secured from any good prescription druggist at small cost: Half ounce Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure), two ounces glycerine and a half pint of good whisky. Mix and use in teaspoonful doses every four hours.

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been filled with stories of robberies and murders, the victims being struck down with knives.

Mr. Cochran, Liberal, declared that in many sections of the country the gendarmes were unable to cope with the brigands, and the inhabitants were afraid for self-protection. He cited the case of a village constable, who was besieged in his home.

Premier Clemenceau said the government recognized the growing state of insecurity, and a flying brigade of picked policemen had been organized in Paris, in addition to the regional brigades which were being formed in the country to cope with the marauders.

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