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TEN CENTS A WEEK

BELIEVE MAN HELD IS BANKER WALKER

Accused By West Point, Ga., Hotel Man, Who

Recognized His Photograph

Traveled With Woman Who Has
Now Admitted She Is Not His Wife.
Man Is About Sixty Years of Age.
Woman About 20 Years Old.

West Point, Ga., February 25.—
Sam F. Walker, the absconding
manager of the Savings Bank of New
Britain, Conn., who succeeded in lift-
ing over half a million dollars in
bank and negotiable securities from
the bank and from Baptist organiza-
tions of which he was treasurer with-
out bond, is believed to be the man
who was arrested in Opelika, Ala.,
Friday with a woman forty years his
senior, who admits that she is not
the wife of her traveling companion
and that she hails from New Britain,

Conn. The capture of the pair was the
result of some shrewd thinking and
quick action on the part of Harry
Buckley, proprietor of the White
Hotel, of this place, and if he has
caught the right fish he will be just
paid to the good, as that amount
has been offered for the capture of
the traitor banker, while the sum of
\$500 was offered for his carcass
and he not be taken alive.

Among the arrivals from Atlanta
Wednesday night was a man of about
sixty years, accompanied by a young
woman of perhaps twenty or a little
more.

They went to the White House,
where they registered as "W. Harper
and Wife, Boston." The couple spent
Saturday in West Point, but seemed
to have no particular business here
and showed little inclination to be-
come acquainted with the town or its
people, having their meals sent to
their room. Despite his reticence the
man was careless enough to state be-
fore he left on the 9 o'clock west-
bound train Friday morning that he
intended to stop at Opelika. This
simple remark proved his undoing.

The very train on which the couple
traveled brought a circular from the Pin-
pointons addressed to the local police
officials and asking for the arrest of
Walker. It was shown to Host Butch-
er and he instantly saw a striking
resemblance to his late guest. Buck-
ley took the next train for Opelika,
where he found "Harper and Wife,
Boston," and had the man put
under arrest. He is being held for
other instructions from New Brit-

The woman admitted that she is
not the wife of her traveling compan-
ion and also stated that she is from
New Britain, Conn. Further than this
she would say nothing.

As to where they had been before
coming to West Point nothing is
known beyond the fact that they ar-
rived on the train from Atlanta. Until
the arrival of the circular only slight
interest was taken in the doings of
the pair and since that time it has
not been possible to learn just where
they boarded the Atlanta and West
Point train.

However, from the fact that they
spent two days here and then left
for Opelika, it is believed that the
couple have been traveling by short
trips, stopping only in the smaller
places, hoping by this method if not to
avoid pursuit to just as effectually
to do it by letting pursuit run by
and thus overlook them.

Buckley saw the resemblance
when he looked at the circular
and is confident that he has the right
man. Friends are already op-
timate on his good work in
reward.

JEROME NEARLY READY

To Bring on His Application For
Lunacy Commission.

New York, Feb. 25.—Evelyn Nesbit
Thaw, wife of the man who shot Stan-
ford White for her sake, sadly needed
the three days grace brought by the
holiday from district attorney Jer-
ome's searching cross-examination.
This was indicated by the appearance
of the young woman when she visited
her husband in the Tombs Friday.
So impressed was Harry Thaw him-
self by the change in his wife that
he embraced her when she was
brought to him and as if to give her
encouragement, exclaimed:

"My dear, brave, little wife!"
Mrs. Thaw looked but a shadow of
her former self and those who have
seen her almost daily since the trial
began and who saw her Friday said
the change was almost ghastly.

Mrs. Thaw's face looked gaunt, hol-
low and sickly. She seemed wearied
and all but worn out physically but
she tried to smile bravely at her hus-
band's words.

That she is suffering severely un-
der the ordeal is plainly apparent and
some fears were expressed yesterday
when her appearance was noted, that
she might not be able to withstand
the trying situation still before her.
Judging from the progress of Mr. Jer-
ome's cross-examination, so far as de-
veloped, he cannot possibly finish with
the witness under two days.

Saturday reports are revived that
Mr. Jerome is nearly ready to bring
on his application for a lunacy com-
mission to examine the defendant.
The district attorney, it is said, has
questioned Drs. J. T. Deemar and C.
F. Bingham, the Thaw family physi-
cians, who were summoned as witness-
es for Thaw, and from what he heard
from them re-convinced that the strain
has descended to Thaw and that he
is now insane.

Pacific Battleship Squadron.

San Francisco, Feb. 25.—It is au-
thoritatively although unofficially re-
ported in local naval circles that the
formation of a strong armored fleet
on the Pacific coast will be inaugu-
rated by the dispatching to this city
at an early date of the battleships In-
diana and Iowa. These two battle-
ships will form the nucleus of the Pa-
cific battleship squadron, which will
be further strengthened by the addi-
tion of the new battleship Nebraska,
now nearly completed at Seattle, and
the battleships Wisconsin and Oregon,
which are now being extensively over-
hauled at the puget sound naval sta-
tion. These five battleships may be
re-enforced during the next few
months more from the Atlantic. It is
said to be the policy of the navy de-
partment to unite the Asiatic fleet and
the Pacific squadron one great fleet,
its component vessels interchangeable
and all under the command of one of
the three vice admirals which it is
thought congress will authorize at an
early date.

Increased Pay for Engineers.

Louisville, Feb. 25.—An agreement
was reached Friday between the gen-
eral adjustment committee of the
Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers,
and B. M. Starks, general manager
of the Louisville and Nashville rail-
road, whereby the engineers will re-
ceive an increase of about 10 per
cent in wages, and about 30 per cent
for overtime, effective March 1. The
increase will effect nearly 1,300 en-
gineers of the system, and will
amount to about \$200,000 per year
additional in salaries.

Coal Landed on Passengers.

Dubuque, Iowa, Feb. 25.—A com-
bination coach and a loaded coal car
of train No. 103 on the Chicago,
Milwaukee and St. Paul narrow gauge
between Bellevue and Cascade, jump-
ed the tracks at a curve on a trestle
over a small stream near Wash-
ington Mills and fell a distance of
40 feet, landing with the coal car on
top of the coach, in which were ten
passengers. The coach was com-
pletely wrecked and one passenger
was killed, two fatally and seven se-
riously injured.

14 PERSONS ARE MISSING IN WRECK

Pennsylvania Special Wrecked;
Many are Injured.

BRAKE RIGGING WAS THE CAUSE

A Number of Prominent Chicago Peo-
ple, Including Postmaster and Sev-
eral Theatrical Managers Among the
Injured.

Johnstown, Feb. 25.—The Penn-
sylvania Special, the fast 18 hour
train on the Pennsylvania railroad be-
tween New York and Chicago, was
wrecked at Black Diamond, Pa., seven
miles east of Johnstown shortly after
midnight. From forty to fifty per-
sons were injured and 14 are reported
as missing.

Many prominent Chicagoans were
on the train all of whom were serious-
ly injured. Among those injured were
F. A. Busse, postmaster of Chicago,
Samuel F. Nixon, of Nixon and Zir-
merman, theatrical properties; T. D.
Munger, manager LaSalle theatre,
Chicago; Lightner Henderson, civil
engineer, George S. Wood, Manager
Colonial theatre, Chicago and J. J.
Kern, ex-State's attorney of Chicago.

The train was running about forty
miles an hour and was 35 minutes
late. When rounding a sharp curve
at Black Diamond the whole train
swayed. The engine and smoking car
remained on the tracks but the Pull-
man coaches left the rails and plung-
ed over a sixty foot embankment.

All attempts to obtain information
from the railroad officials were met
with rebuffs at every hand and at an
early hour Saturday, while it was re-
ported that fifty four passengers were
on the train when it left Altoona, only
forty were said to have been account-
ed for. It is believed that the miss-
ing are dead in the wreckage in the
river, into which the train plunged
over an embankment near the scene
of the Johnstown flood.

At an early hour Saturday morning
this city was practically besieged by
newspaper men on their way to the
wreck. Trains were few and to reach
the scene of the wreck it was neces-
sary to take a ten mile journey four
or more hours around the mountains.
From the scene it was learned by tel-
ephone that the train was late going
west. The engineer was trying to
make up lost time.

The wreck was caused by what is
termed by railroad men as an "un-
avoidable accident." The brake rig-
ging on the first Pullman following the
combination coach on the train drop-
ped down and tore up the right rail
for a distance of 300 yards. The en-
gine and combination coach did not
leave the rails, but the four Pullmans
following down over the embankment
to the river bank 100 feet below, over-
turning when they reached bottom.

"The eighteen hour train" travels
at a high rate of speed, coming down
the mountain. When the brake rig-
ging fell it either stripped the heads
off the bolts holding the rails to the
ties or tore up the rails themselves.

Victim of Bomb Thrower.

Odessa, Feb. 25.—A bomb was
thrown beneath the car of the chief
of Police Colvin Geseberg, as he was
driving in the center of the city Sat-
urday afternoon. The explosion of
the bomb wrecked the carriage, se-
verely injuring the chief of police
and shattered the windows of all the
houses in the vicinity. The would-
be assassin escaped.

Fell Under the Train.

Lima, O., Feb. 25.—Thomas Pur-
dy, aged 50, of Covington, O., who
stepped in front of the Cincinnati,
Hamilton and Dayton passenger train
just as it started, died here. Purdy
was caught under the pilot, but
though the wheels never touched him,
internal injuries resulted from his
fall. He was in the railway postal
service.

MEXICAN WAR PENSION.

Has Been Voted for Widow of Stone-
wall Jackson.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—Mrs.
Thomas J. Jackson, widow of General
Stonewall Jackson, will in future re-
ceive a pension of \$20 per month from
the national government on account of
services rendered by her husband, the
noble confederate chieftain during the
Mexican war. The bill was first in-
troduced in the senate by Senator
Overman and passed that body. On
Friday it was passed by the house.

There was a good deal of interest
in this pension bill. Mrs. Jackson
is not in reduced circumstances, but
those pushing the bill declared she
did not have enough of the world's
goods to support her as became the
widow of Stonewall Jackson.

Congressman Nicholas Longworth,
who is a member of the house com-
mittee on pensions, supported the bill
actively. Mrs. Jackson now lives
in Charlotte, N. C., and the delega-
tion from North Carolina all interest-
ed themselves in her behalf.

Had the point been raised on the
"loyalty test" the pension for Mrs.
Jackson would probably have been
defeated. Formerly the pension law
held that only Mexican war veter-
ans who served later in the civil war
were entitled to pensions from the
government, but the law is now silent
on that point.

Serious Consequences Predicted.

London, Feb. 25.—The Daily Mail
publishes a Rome dispatch which re-
ports Prof. Matteucci, of the Vesuvius
observatory as declaring that toward
the end of March the substance of the
new comet, discovered by Marchette
will come in contact with the earth's
atmosphere, with consequences proba-
bly dangerous to the world. The pro-
fessor is of the opinion that the dan-
ger will be brief but it may be acute.
If the earth comes in collision with the
comets tail, the earth's atmosphere
may possibly cause ignition and life
would be destroyed.

Suicide at Vienna.

Vienna, Ga., Feb. 25.—Lewis Wal-
ton, a young farmer living about five
miles of this place, shot and fatally
wounded himself. He had been plow-
ing all day in the field till just before
the shooting, when he left his horse
in the field, went to his room and
there committed the act. The exact
cause is not obtainable up to this
time, but it is thought financial dis-
couragement was the main cause. He
was only a youth when he was mar-
ried, having married at the age of
15, his wife being only 13 years old.
He leaves a wife and two children.

Wreck Survivors Rescued.

Hook of Holland, Holland, Feb. 25.
In the early hours of the morning Sat-
urday, the three remaining survivors
were taken off the wreck of the steam-
er Berlin by the same life boat crew
which has done such splendid work
during the past forty eight hours. All
three are women Frau Weinberger
her sixteen year old nurse girl, Mina
Ripler, and Fraulein Theile. This
makes the number of saved fifteen out
of the 113 who were on board the ves-
sel.

Says Road Stole City Water.

Moultrie, Ga., Feb. 25.—The city
of Moultrie has filed suit in the city
court against the Georgia Northern
Railway company claiming damages
for about \$11,000 for water used by
the railroad company, unknown to
the city until recently. The city
charges that the railroad company
secretly attached an underground pipe
to one of the city's mains.

Texas Residence Dynamited.

Brownwood, Tex., Feb. 25.—The
home of W. B. Cook was destroyed
by dynamite and Verner Cook, a 16-
year-old girl, was fatally injured.
The charge of dynamite was placed
directly under the window of the room
in which the girl was sleeping. It
is not known by whom the deed was
committed or for what reason.

Raisuli Again Plotting.

Tangier, Feb. 25.—Raisuli is now
plotting with the pretender to the
throne of Morocco with the object of
making a joint attack on the sultan's
forces.

SMALL POX ROUTS MISSOURI SOLONS

Member Stricken With Disease
In the House.

CAPITOL IS TO BE FUMIGATED

Legislators Are Barred from Their

Boarding Houses and the Greatest
Confusion Reigns in Jefferson City,
Capital of the "Show Me" State.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 25.—
Representative M. J. Saltz, of
Phelps county, was taken down with
smallpox while in his seat on the floor
of the house Friday. Much commo-
tion among the other members en-
sued. The chamber was fumigated.

The house of representatives Fri-
day afternoon, after its hall had been
fumigated by the state board of
health, adjourned to 3 p. m. Monday
because of the smallpox epidemic. A
resolution adopted amid confusion
and with but half of the members in
their seats provided for the thorough
fumigation of the capitol. The sen-
ate voted to work a few hours Fri-
day afternoon and then to adjourn to
Tuesday at 4 p. m.

Many boarding house keepers have
refused to allow legislators to enter
their homes, and Governor Folk of-
fered the use of his mansion to those
who are unable to obtain quarters
elsewhere.

He Started Atlanta Riot.

Waco, Texas, Feb. 25.—William
Welch, an ex-Confederate soldier, 62
years of age, claiming Atlanta, Ga.,
as his home, is in custody here of
Sheriff George W. Tilley. Welch
admits that he was the man who fired
the first shot in the big riot between
the whites and negroes a few months
ago in Atlanta. Welch says he is
tired of dodging. He thinks that
there is a large reward out for his
apprehension. He has only one leg
and one eye. He claims to have
lost the other members in the civil
war. At the Confederate Soldiers'
Home it was stated that Welch left
there in December last. Neither
the chief of police nor the sheriff was
aware that he had any connection with
the riot in Atlanta, Ga.

Woman Fined \$1,000.

Dayton, O., Feb. 25.—In order to
break up the practice of aiding in
the downfall of young girls, or con-
tributing to their delinquency, Pre-
bate Judge Dale assigned a fine of
\$1,000 on Mrs. Mary J. White. A
warning was given all who have been
engaged in the pernicious business
that similar fines would be imposed
upon presentation of proof. Mrs.
White was charged with renting
rooms to Mary Eyer and Verona
Keshner, aged 14, for immoral pur-
poses. The girls are under a sus-
pended sentence to the Industrial
School.

Property Value Fixed.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 25.—A jury
in the United States court has de-
cided that the value of the property
at Brunswick taken by the govern-
ment to install a quarantine plant is
\$12,500. This matter has been in
dispute for some time. The former
owners of the property valuing it at a
greater value than did the government
did. The jury's decree has fixed it
at last.

Poisoned Drillers Will Die.

Steubenville, O., Feb. 25.—George
M. and Bernard Briescoe, drillers in
the McIntyre oil field, were mysteri-
ously poisoned and will die. The
sugar they used was found to contain
traces of poison. It is thought it
was put in the sugar last night by
parties who broke into their shanty,
but stole nothing.

Attempted Triple Murder.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 25.—In a
frenzy of anger, because his wife
had accused him of being a bigamist,
William Krueger shot and killed her,
seriously wounding Mrs. Sebina Bole,
the wife of his adopted son, and then
shot himself. He probably will die,
but Mrs. Bole will recover.