

THAW UNDERGOES HIS ORDEAL WELL

Gives Thoughtful Answers to Jerome.

SHOWS NO SIGN OF INSANITY

Entire Day Spent Upon Stand Parrying Questions.

WITNESS IS GOOD NATURED

Prisoner Often Smiles Triumphantly as He Scores Points in His Battle With New York's District Attorney.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., July 28.—Harry K. Thaw's fate lay in his own hands today. For six hours he occupied the witness stand while District Attorney Jerome delved into his life history. Thaw emerged creditably from the ordeal. Whatever Mr. Jerome and his alienists may make of the examination, to the eye and ear of the layman Stanford White's slayer showed no signs of insanity today.

Tonight Thaw, the members of his family and his attorneys and experts were unanimous in their opinion that he has proved his fitness to be at large.

But Thaw's ordeal is not over. He will remain on the witness stand tomorrow and perhaps a day longer. The state's alienists believe if he is insane he will be more likely to betray himself toward the end, when wearied by Jerome's continued hammering.

Good Nature Prevails.

Neither Thaw nor the District Attorney displayed anything but the utmost good nature. Frequently the dialogue resembled the chat of friends. Sometimes Thaw thought he had scored a point and smiled with the keenest enjoyment. The smile was always reflected on the face of his white-haired mother, who sat in court throughout the day with the other members of the Thaw family.

Jerome strove to establish Thaw's insanity, mainly on Thaw's alleged hallucinations regarding Stanford White's treatment of young girls. Time and again he asked the witness his opinion of his mental state. Thaw's replies in substance were:

"I have always been sane, medically. When I killed White I may have been legally insane for a few minutes. I am sane now."

Declares Experts Wrong.

Thaw explained the evidence of his alienists at the trial by saying that in declaring him insane they had been misled. He said he was told the charges against White were untrue, and he inferred the charges must be delusions. Questions that made the witness knit his brows had to do with his relations with Evelyn Nesbit before their marriage. He declared, however, that he had treated the girl well on their European trip and had repeatedly asked her to marry him.

Thaw turned to kiss his aged mother as he strode proudly to the stand. Then he settled back in the witness chair, and in a low, but steady voice began his duel with District Attorney Jerome. His very first statement created a sensation in the courtroom.

"I believe," he said, "that in acquitting me the jury was largely influenced by the belief that Stanford White deserved his fate. Another reason I was acquitted," he continued, "was, I believe, because the attorneys on both sides told the jury that my act was caused by certain delusions."

Jerome Starts Quizzing.

Then District Attorney Jerome began. "You are a gentleman and an educated man?" he asked.

The witness nodded.

"You believe that a gentleman should defend his honor?"

"Yes."

"And if you committed an act in the defense of your honor, would you consider yourself justified in committing perjury to escape the consequences of your act?"

"No," replied Thaw, shaking his head. The District Attorney abandoned this attack and spoke of hypnotism.

"Did you ever take lessons of a hypnotist?"

"They could hardly be called lessons," said Thaw, smiling. "I talked with one four or five times."

"Did you ever think that Stanford White exerted a hypnotic influence over Miss Evelyn Nesbit?"

"From her remarks I thought such a thing possible. At least she certainly had a very strong influence over her."

"Speaking of Anthony Comstock," Thaw said half apologetically, "since my arrest, I am afraid I haven't had any interest in his work."

Jerome examined Thaw at length on the testimony given at the trial regarding Thaw's alleged hallucination that a number of little girls were locked up in the jail where he was confined when first arrested.

"That's rubbish," said Thaw. "Then, still dominated by this idea of noble obligation, allow Mr. Littleton (Thaw's attorney) to put this in evidence."

"I told him not to, but he insisted on using it."

Refers to Merrill Story.

Up to this point Thaw had acquitted himself well and his lawyers, alienists and relatives exchanged glances of congratulation.

"Did your wife reproach you for lashing these women regarding whom Mrs. Merrill testified, and say she could get a divorce on that ground? And did you

BLACK HAND HAS DISTRICT IN FEAR

PEOPLE OF NEW MICHEL GO ABOUT ARMED.

Business Totally Suspended in Crows Nest Region Because of Threatening Letters.

VICTORIA, B. C., July 28.—(Special.)—Through the resumption of activities by the anarchistic Italian element operating under the mask of the Black Hand, a reign of terror has been inaugurated in the Crows Nest Colliery district of East Kootenay. At New Michel business is suspended and the community, fully armed, goes about in groups, fearful of sudden assassination.

Five or six leading citizens have received the regulation warning, among them Joseph Ferona, proprietor of the Northern Hotel, and Carlo Salmo, for whom the town of Salmo is named, a well-known mining operator.

The man suspected by the police are two Italians, lately from Pittsburgh, and a bad lot.

In each of the threatening letters \$300 was demanded and places for the deposit of the money were designated. Several men were posted at the designated places and false parcels were placed in the hiding places by the recipients of the letters, but no attempt was made by the Black Hand gang to claim them.

Not a member of the big colony of Italian miners is working today. Everyone in the town is armed, and the Italians are out to assist the police in protecting the lives of the threatened men. Three hundred and fifty Italians held a meeting yesterday afternoon and discussed the situation.

FALL FROM HAY IS FATAL

Rev. George G. Ferguson, Pioneer Pastor, Dies of Injuries.

Rev. George G. Ferguson, of 1622 Dwight street, University Park, one of Portland's pioneer Methodist clergymen, died yesterday noon of injuries received July 21 in a fall from a load of hay. He was 70 years of age and for more than 20 years had been preaching in and near Portland.

The accident that led to Rev. Mr. Ferguson's death occurred when a portion of a load of hay, upon which he was riding, slipped. His skull was badly fractured and the aged minister was taken to his home, where he had been hovering between life and death until yesterday. Up to the time of the accident he was actively engaged in the ministry, having charge of a country church at University Park. He is survived by a wife and nine children. The funeral services will be held tomorrow in the University Park Methodist Church.

MAY CLOSE BRITISH MINES

Miners Vote to Strike in Support of Scottish Brethren.

LONDON, July 28.—The balloting of the members of the Miners' Conference of Great Britain to decide whether or not a national strike should be declared in support of the Scottish miners, who are resisting a wage reduction of sixpence a day, was concluded today and resulted in 118,841 votes in favor of a general strike and only 62,980 voted against.

Another conference between employers and the men will be held tomorrow under the chairmanship of Winston Spencer Churchill, and unless a compromise is then reached, a general industrial upheaval appears inevitable.

LITTLE GIRL DIES IN FIRE

Lamp Explodes and Child Cannot Be Got Out of House.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 28.—Bernardine Brown, the 5-year-old daughter of Norman G. Brown, department manager of the Spokane Dry Goods Company, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed her parents' home at Greenacres, a few miles from Spokane, tonight. The fire was caused by a lamp explosion.

An older sister, who had been sleeping in a tent, was about to rush into the flames to rescue the little one, but was held back, as it would have meant certain death. The house and contents were entirely destroyed.

HAIL DEVASTATES CROPS

Beats Down Grain, Tears Tops Off Potatoes in Montana.

BILLINGS, Mont., July 28.—Word received here today from the Huntley project in Eastern Montana, which yesterday was swept by a terrific wind, hail and rain storm, places the aggregate damage at \$300,000.

Fields of grain of all kinds were beaten down and the tops of beets and potatoes were torn to bits. Unprotected stock suffered greatly from hail.

The wind unroofed numerous houses and barns and wrecked smaller buildings. As far as known, no one was seriously injured.

SHOUP STATUE AT CAPITOL

Memorial to Late Idaho Senator Will Not Be Unveiled Till Winter.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 28.—A marble statue of late Senator Shoup, of Idaho, is soon to be erected in Statuary Hall in the Capitol building. The statue is the gift of the state of Idaho, and was delivered at the Capitol building today, but will not be unveiled until next winter.

The ceremonies will then be conducted jointly by the Senate and House of Representatives.

REVOLT IN SPAIN ALARMS ALFONSO

Desperate Battles at Barcelona.

RIOTS IN MANY OTHER CITIES

Purpose to Involve Whole Kingdom in Revolt.

BLOODY FIGHT AT MELILLA

Government Contents at Same Time Against Seditious at Home and Fanatical Moors—Costly Victory for Spain.

MADRID, July 28.—The revolution in Catalonia has reached a serious stage. There is much bloodshed. Artillery has been employed in the streets of Barcelona to quell the outbreaks. The city is terror-stricken. The revolutionists are reported to be fighting desperately behind barricades. The troops include mounted artillery and the defenses of the rebels have been raked with shot.

King Alfonso hastened back to Madrid from San Sebastian today and issued a decree proclaiming martial law and suspension of the constitutional guarantees throughout Spain. Orders have been given to the Governors of Provinces to crush the revolution at any cost without hesitation and without pity.

At 4 P. M. Tuesday, with little more than half the time registration passed, Superintendent Witten had received 35,555 applications for Kallispel lands, \$2.29 for the Spokane Reservation and \$7.07 for the Coeur d'Alene, the total being 148,365. It is figured there are about 600 homesteads available on the three reserves. By tonight it is believed even the record of the Oklahoma rush will have been broken.

DENVER GIRL IS INJURED

Miss Juanita Fenstermacher Thrown Off Horse Near Weiser.

WEISER, Idaho, July 28.—(Special.)—Miss Juanita Fenstermacher, of Denver, a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bean, who arrived a few days ago for an extended visit, was seriously injured yesterday afternoon by being thrown from her horse a short distance west of town, and was dragged several yards.

She struck on her head, and besides being badly bruised otherwise, it is feared she is dangerously injured internally. She remained unconscious for several hours.

AMERICANS GIVEN SHARE

Chinese Loan Increased on Terms Almost Agreed On.

BERLIN, July 28.—The German bankers participating in the Chinese railway loan have forwarded advice from Peking that negotiations for an American proportionate share in the loan are nearly completed on terms agreeable to the American.

The loan, it is stated, probably will be increased by one-third. It is evident that much more money will be required for railway development than is covered by the present transaction.

ROYAL WEDDING IS BLOCKED BY FEAR

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA NOT TO MARRY KING MANUEL.

Bride-to-Be Afraid of Assassination and Plans of Regal Match Are Dropped.

LISBON, July 28.—(Special.)—The failure of the proposed marriage of King Manuel and Princess Alexandra was due primarily to fear of the prospective bride that she might be assassinated.

Official announcement that the King will not wed the daughter of the Duke of Fife has been followed by details of match-making plans in which King Edward, grandfather of the Princess, was active.

An emissary of Manuel, sent to arrange the marriage, visited King Edward and his approval of the match was followed by a consultation with the Princess and her parents. Unrest in Portugal and the assassination of King Manuel's father and brother were discussed at length. The Princess expressed her fear that King Manuel might meet the same fate, and her own life might be taken if she were his wife. Her protest was so strong that the idea of marriage was dropped.

MORE SUPPLIES REQUIRED

Rush for Indian Lands Expected to Break All Records.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 28.—So great is the rush of applicants for Indian Reservation lands, to be drawn August 9, that the Land Department officials today placed an order for 50,000 more registration blanks, 10,000 soldiers' papers of attorney, and 60,000 colored envelopes.

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Senate Boss Finds Good-Natured Man Can Wear Fighting Face and Cannon Learns Bunco Games Don't Catch Him Easily.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—(Special.)—There is an angry man in the White House. The usually good-natured occupant has buckled on his armor and wears a fighting face. He doesn't care whether Congress finishes its tariff work this week or some time next Winter. He is standing for a good job.

There was joy among real downward revisionists this morning when it was learned that President Taft had smashed to splinters the conference agreement reached last evening. This was the result of last night's conference at the White House between the President and several prominent Republican members of the House.

Down With Lumber and Gloves.

Hides were relegated to the "has-been" class today and gloves and lumber became the issues. Last night's conference determined the President not to stand for the conference agreement on these two items. To the earliest White House callers this morning he declared that there must be a reduction in lumber from the Senate \$1.50 rate, and that the Dingley rates on gloves must stand.

Representatives with home voices ringing in their ears went to the executive offices in droves and came away in great glee. Representative Wilson of Chicago and Representative Perkins of New York State were a typical couple. They heard the President's statement of his determination to smash a glove compromise and to insist on a lower rate on lumber and congratulated him. They and others urged him to stand to his guns and declared that the House would see he got what he wanted or knock the tar out of the bill.

Taft Sees Through Bunco Game.

Senator Aldrich, thinking matters had been all arranged and that everything was lovely when he retired to his couch last night, heard the early morning reports and hit the White House trail. He carried a lot of convincing figures—but they were not convincing to the President. The President gave a good imitation of a man with a grievance—the kind of grievance a man is likely to show when there is an attempt to bunco him and who discovers the game just before

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NOTARIES REAP HARVEST

Wage of \$100 Day Considered Small by Men Who Certify Landseekers.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 28.—(Special.)—One hundred dollars a day is a meager wage to scores of wild-eyed notaries in the land rush at Spokane and Coeur d'Alene registering names of land seekers at 25 cents a head. N. W. Leeper, a prominent Coeur d'Alene notary, is said to have made as high as \$350 in a day. According to Deputy McCarthy at the Spokane land office, the following seven notaries led in registrations:

A. E. Kahan, 2458; H. G. Wolkling, 1-978; E. W. Smith, 1890; R. H. Dunn, 1242; M. C. King, 1230; J. O. Bailey, 1-183; J. B. Bigelow, 1073. Seven notaries have reported a registration approximating 900, which indicates that the registration of 55,000 applicants in this county, up to 5 o'clock last night, was done for the most part, by less than 20 of the 231 authorized notaries.

ONLY WANTS JUSTICE DONE

Langdon Wants Good Government Leaguer on Calhoun Jury.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 28.—The first important struggle over the selection of a jury in the second trial of Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads, occurred during today's session. Carl E. Haas, a member of the Good Government League, who was temporarily passed to a seat in the box yesterday, was attacked by attorneys for the defendant, and admitted a bias in favor of the prosecution which the court deemed sufficient basis for allowance of a challenge.

When Judge Lawlor intimated that he would allow the juror to go upon the showing made, District Attorney W. H. Langdon objected, declaring that Mr. Haas had expressed no more than a commendable desire to have justice done all the defendants in the graft cases."

FIRE IN APARTMENT HOUSE

Blaze Starts in Excelsior in Basement of Maryland.

There was a fire alarm last night turned in from Twenty-first and Flanders streets, caused by a small blaze in the basement of the Maryland Apartment house, at Twentieth and Flanders. Excelsior plied near the furnace, caught fire and alarmed the people of the house. The blaze was put out, however, before the fire department arrived.

A narrow escape from fire was experienced last night by the family of Clarence Broughton, who lives at 439 East Nineteenth street, where a quantity of gasoline stored in the rear of the house, exploded with a loud report at about 8:30 o'clock. There was no damage.

FLEA DOES NOT SEE FOOD

California Scientist Delves Into Optics of Famous Pest.

BERKELEY, Cal., July 28.—Following a series of exhaustive experiments with the California flea, Professor C. W. Woodworth, of the University of California, announced today that although the insect has eyes, it does not see. To be more exact, the professor stated that the flea does not see material objects, but merely sees a variation of rays of light when near an object.

"There is no formation of images on the retina of the eye of a flea," said Professor Woodworth, "all the insect sees when it approaches a solid object is a varying intensity of light rays."

EXTENDS CLOSURE POWER

British House Adopts New Rules Proposed by Asquith.

LONDON, July 28.—The House of Commons tonight adopted the amended procedure rules proposed by Premier Asquith.

The principal rule extends all the powers possessed by the chairman of the committee to the deputy chairman, the latter now being empowered to declare closure or debate. This right hitherto has been vested in the chairman alone.

PRETTY GIRL ROBS MAN IN DAYLIGHT

HIGHWAYWOMAN HOLDS UP CHICAGOAN IN AFTERNOON.

At Muzzle of Revolver She Believes Him of Diamond Stud and Orders Him Away.

CHICAGO, July 28.—(Special.)—Held up and robbed at the muzzle of a revolver by a girl whom he described as young and pretty, was the experience of Zigmund Kleiber, 33 years old, according to a story heralded to the police at the Hudson-avenue station this morning. The strange nature of the robbery is that it happened in broad daylight, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The woman was about 19 years old, the victim said, with dark hair and eyes. She wore a light coat and an automobile veil, and carried out her work like a professional highwayman. Kleiber met her near the corner of Toll Court and North Park avenue, when she suddenly pointed a pistol at his head and ordered him to give up his money.

He declared that he had no money, and she commanded him to deliver up a \$60 diamond stud he wore in his shirt front. Having secured this, she walked away, warning him that she would shoot if he attempted to follow.

WHITES IN SKEENA FEAR FOR SAFETY

Indians Stop Work on Grand Trunk Pacific.

PETITIONS SENT FOR POLICE

Bloody Troubles Expected at Close of Navigation.

BURIAL GROUND IS CAUSE

Reds Object to Removal of Graves on Right of Way and Demand Prices for Each According to Rank of Deceased—Refused.

VICTORIA, B. C., July 28.—(Special.)—The situation in Skeena, where 2000 members of related Indian tribes threaten the safety of the scattered whites, has been little if any improved by the investigation conducted by Special Commissioner Stewart of the Ottawa office of Indian Affairs, who with Superintendent Vowell and Chief of Indian Police O'Connell returned here today from Hazelton, hoping that a clash between the reds and the whites may be averted by diplomatic and immediate governmental action, but admittedly far from sanguine.

Bloody Hostilities Expected.

Others from the North today emphatically assert the Indians only await the closing of navigation to initiate sanguinary hostilities. These independent Northerners brought from Hazelton a petition of the white residents of the Skeena for transmission to Ottawa asking the immediate dispatch of a sufficient force of the mounted police to guarantee their safety and also to secure the builders of the Grand Trunk Pacific from interruption.

Object to Removal of Graves.

A lately-developed phase of the trouble with the Indians is the forced suspension of railway construction work at Kitsumgaum, where the line was run to cut cornerwise through an ancient Indian cemetery.

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