

ESCAPE OF THAW

Alienist's Charge That Every Chance Was Given for Dash Is Recalled.

HISTORY OF CASE IS GRIM

Stanford White's Slayer's Long Career, First as Profligate, Then as Defendant and Finally as Prisoner, Related.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—(Special.)—The escape of Harry K. Thaw from the Matteawan State Hospital for the Criminal Insane did not come as a surprise in some quarters.

The last few months of Thaw's incarceration in Matteawan have had much talk of bribery. Last November Dr. John R. Russell, superintendent of the hospital, said he had been offered \$25,000 to bring about the release of Thaw by signing a certificate that the prisoner had recovered his sanity.

Prison officials accused. Sweeping charges were made involving Dr. Russell and his subordinates in a business in brokerage pardons, and with planning to release Thaw and others.

Thaw attended Western University of Pennsylvania and his conduct there caused his father to will only \$2500 a year allowance.

Thaw first discovered Florence Evelyn Nesbit when she was playing a minor part in "The Wild Rose," her theatrical career having been contrived by Stanford White.

Thaw soon gained a reputation for great jealousy, even going so far, it is said, as to threaten one of Mrs. Thaw's friends with a revolver.

Crime committed costly. The night of June 3, 1906, Thaw, accompanied by his wife and a friend, entered the Madison Square roof garden, where Stanford White was sitting at a table.

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of the last words between herself and her husband. So ominous were they and are now to her that she feels that they will happen to me now with Harry out of the asylum.

Direct Threat Recalled. "I will have to finish you to complete my job," the words which from the blood of the young wife, when, with an almost maniacal smile, Thaw addressed her for the last time just as she had concluded testifying for him during the White Plains examination into his sanity now more than two years ago.

Sympathy Transferred to Mother. In the first trial every other element was subordinated to the appearance of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw. Every element of her dramatic sense could be drawn on in constructing her pitiable story.

Police Guard Mrs. Thaw. Uniformed police stood guard tonight at every entrance at the hotel where Evelyn Nesbit Thaw is staying.

SLAYER OF STANFORD WHITE, WHO HAS ESCAPED FROM MATTEAWAN.



LATEST PICTURE OF HARRY KENDALL THAW, MADE LAST MAY.

SANITY IS DISPUTED

Physicians Who Testify Say Thaw Is Dangerous.

DOCTORS QUITE POSITIVE

Brittan P. Evans, Specialist Employed by Family of Former Pittsburger, Says Boy Is Entitled to Liberty.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Alienists who figured in the trials of Harry K. Thaw and his subsequent attempts to prove his sanity and be set free from Matteawan, with the exception of those who testified in behalf of Thaw, were unanimous today in the opinion that he still is insane and a danger to any community.

General Alarm Sent out in New York to Arrest Fugitive. NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—New York's 10,000 policemen have orders to arrest Harry K. Thaw on sight.

Two Routes Open. The last definite news was from Stormville. After Thaw left Stormville he had two routes open to the Connecticut line.

Salem Women Registering. SALEM, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—A record number of women are registering at the Courthouse last week and more are expected to do so this week.

CHRONOLOGY OF THAW'S FIGHT FOR FREEDOM.

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June 27—Thaw told or relations between Evelyn Nesbit Thaw and Stanford White.
January 23, 1907—Thaw's trial for life started.
February 8—Evelyn Thaw testified to relations with slain man to save Thaw's life.
March 2—Insanity plea made Thaw's defense.
April 3—Lunacy commission reported Thaw sane.
April 10—D. M. Deimas made famous "unwritten law" plea.
July 14, 1909—Thaw insanity hearing started.
January 21, 1910—Evelyn Thaw repeated her story.
February 2—Thaw acquitted of murder on ground he was insane when he shot White.
February 3—Committed to Matteawan to remain until lunacy commission may determine his sane.
April 20—First habeas corpus proceedings started.
May 25—Held insane and remanded to Matteawan.
October 18—Agas adjudged insane and remanded to Matteawan.
October 23—Adjudged bankrupt in Pennsylvania.
August 13—Thaw held insane and remanded to Matteawan.
December 21—Supreme Court denied plea for release.
April 30, 1910—Thaw said he did not want to leave asylum, fearing he will commit another murder.
December 27, 1911—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw started divorce action.
June 15, 1912—William White, brother of slain man, favored liberation at fourth insanity hearing.
July 31—Thaw remanded to Matteawan.
December 31—Dr. John R. Russell, superintendent of Matteawan, reports he was offered \$25,000 to release Thaw.
February 27, 1912—Thaw testified before investigating commission that Russell demanded money from him for his release.
February 28—Russell resigns.
March 2—Fifth writ of habeas corpus granted Thaw in fight for freedom.
March 7—Thaw withdraws petition for writ of habeas corpus.
March 18—Granted right to consult attorney by Supreme Court.
May 7—Denies parentage of child cared for by Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, former wife.
July 27—Sued by former counsel for \$21,000.
August 17—Makes escape from Matteawan.

H. K. THAW FLEES FROM MATTEAWAN

Dash Made in Auto From Asylum to State Line Is Complete Success.

GATEKEEPER IS ARRESTED

Fugitive Last Seen Ten Miles From Hospital Tearing With Confederates Along Road at Speed of 70 Miles an Hour.

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blotted them from sight. For a moment Barnum shaded his eyes with his hand and watched them; then, with the first great blot an hour or more of 20 years as keeper, he dashed madly back into the grounds and locked the gates. "Thaw's gone—escaped," he shouted, bursting into Dr. Krieb's presence.

Fortune of \$1,000,000 is Eaten UP IN THAW CASE. Mother spent \$150,000, estimated. Attorney said to have spent \$125,000. Thaw spent while in Tomb, approximately \$15,000.

They were ten miles out of Matteawan, Stormville marveled at their speed, and asked them what they were doing in the dust of the state road.

One thing is certain, Harry won't stay in hiding long. He'll be heard from soon. A few drinks make him a raving madman and when that happens he'll head east for New York.

It's pretty hard to tell what Harry will do now that he's free, Harry is crafty. I think he has it in mind to start some legal action. He certainly took into consideration conditions at Albany and timed his escape at the right time.

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According to the account given by Dr. Krieb when he was asked to walk out the gate to allow the milkman to enter he let it remain open, and so far as Dr. Krieb could judge, had quietly stood by and allowed the prisoner to walk out.

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delay, inclined Dr. Krieb tonight to the belief that Thaw planned flight on a yacht in Long Island Sound, and that if he reached the yacht it was by relays of automobiles stationed along the road to throw pursuers off the trail.

This investigation disclosed the fact, Dr. Krieb added, that four of the men who aided Thaw came to Matteawan in the black touring car last Friday and registered at the Holland hotel as Roger Thompson, Richard D. Bestie, Michael O'Keefe and Eugene Duffy, all of New York City.

The four men who arrived Friday were described as rather sporty individuals by William Gordon, proprietor of the hotel. They spent their time mostly in the barroom, where they made a name as free spenders.

"Thompson had been drinking pretty much the night before, and had started talking in the morning," he said. "He talked about a great many things and seemed to have a large fund of information. I wondered what his line of business was, and asked him."

"My business is helping good fellows who have gotten into trouble," he said. "I have a car and a driver and I'll take care of you if you'll give me a bit of money."

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The boy was born at Hamburg, Germany, in the early summer of 1910. Thaw's sanity was the subject of legal proceedings at White Plains in July and August, 1907. Thaw enjoyed a large degree of personal freedom at that time. He was allowed almost unlimited opportunity for association with his family in the roomy and comfortable quarters allotted to him by the Sheriff of Westchester County in the County Jail adjoining the Court house.

Thaw's wife voluntarily testified against him in an effort to prevent his release, but Thaw on the stand disclaimed any animosity toward her. Mrs. Thaw returned to New York and did not see her husband again before she left in the Spring of 1910 for Hamburg, where she remained several months after the birth to her child. She says the resemblance of the boy to Harry Thaw is enough to show his paternity.

Evelyn's application for a divorce is pending. In her theatrical work she positively refused to be billed under the name of Thaw and the posters were hastily changed, announcing her as Evelyn Nesbit. She says the Thaw family, having used her, cast her off and she must depend entirely upon her own efforts to obtain a livelihood for herself and her son.

Thaw's Brother Is Reticent. BAR HARBOR, Me., Aug. 12.—Benjamin Thaw and his family, of Pittsburg, are at a hotel here. Mr. Thaw learned of the escape of his brother, Harry, from Matteawan asylum from a newspaperman today but refused to discuss the matter.

"This is the first that I have heard of it," he said. "I know nothing about it. I have not seen Harry recently and have been here for some time. I do not wish to be quizzed about the affair. I have no information other than what you have told me and I have absolutely nothing to say."

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