



NOT INSANE SAYS THAW

Prisoner Positively Denies He Is Crazy.

OPPOSES HIS COUNSEL

Tells Newspapermen That He Is Sane Despite Attorney's Advice.

WITNESS FROM PITTSBURG

Paul Dorn Will Testify At Trial— Knows Something Which He Says Will Make Sensation—Will See Mrs. Thaw.

NEW YORK, July 10.—Harry Kendall Thaw today gave out his first formal statement since he shot Stanford White. In it the young man utters a protest against being regarded as insane and declares his counsel assures him no such course, as the appointment of a commission to inquire into his mental condition is contemplated. This statement was handed in person to the newspaper representatives. He gave it out without the permission of his counsel, with whom he pleaded all day to be allowed to deny in person the current reports as to his insanity and especially the published report yesterday of a purported interview with one of his counsel quoting his attorney as saying the prisoner undoubtedly is insane.

Other than the statement, Thaw remained non committal under the rapid fire of questions hurled at him by the reporters. Garvan today continued vigorously to prosecute the inquiry into the case and had before him several witnesses, among them James L. Lederer, manager of "The Wild Rose." At the time Evelyn Nesbit was a member of the organization; May McKenzie, the actress and a friend of Mrs. Thaw, and Mary Leahy, Mrs. Thaw's maid. Lederer told the district attorney that it was his opinion that Thaw was crazy. He based his opinion on the man's actions during the time Miss Nesbit was a member of the "Wild Rose" company. Miss McKenzie and maid were examined briefly and told to return next week. Edna McKuer, an actress, who was examined Saturday afternoon, denied today that she had made any of the statements attributed to her in the newspapers, saying specifically she did not tell the district attorney of any of the threats she is supposed to have heard Thaw make. The district attorney's office issued a subpoena this afternoon for Mrs. Betrice Schwartz. It is said the district attorney wishes to question her as to the alleged threats she overheard Thaw make against White. Early in the day counsel for Mrs. Schwartz declared she would not appear before the district attorney.

New Witness Discovered.

PITTSBURG, July 10.—It was learned here today that a witness, who will appear in the Thaw case when it comes to trial in New York will be Paul Dorn of Wilkesburg, a suburb of this city whom Harry Thaw took to Europe several years ago. Dorn said he had been instructed to keep his mouth shut, and not to say a word until he heard from Thaw's attorneys. When asked when he expected to go to New York Dorn said:

"I do not know, but I am ready to go whenever Mrs. Thaw is willing to give me an interview, and I won't talk either in court or out of it until I have seen her."

"Did you ever meet Bedford. Thaw's valet?"

"Yes, I did, and it's too bad Bedford

died."

Dorn said in explanation, "Well, he was a good fellow, and if he had lived and could tell all he knew, it would not look so rosy for Harry Thaw."

"How do you know Bedford knew all these things?"

"Well, wasn't I there?"

Dorn said he didn't know Stanford White, but had heard of him.

"I will go to New York," said Dorn, "and tell what I know; it won't take very long to do it, but it will be enough."

WALCOT BESTS DOUGHERTY.

BOSTON, July 10.—Joe Walcot retained the welterweight championship of the world by knocking out Jack Dougherty of Milwaukee in the eighth round tonight.

SEAL WILL MEAN SOMETHING.

CHICAGO, July 10.—Secretary Wilson said tonight that hereafter when the seal of Uncle Sam is put on any inspected article Uncle Sam will stand for its character, but Uncle Sam will not put that seal on last year's bird's nests nor on any old rag found in an alley. He said the packers now fully understand the situation and the inspectors understand how they are to perform their duties.

SEIZE EXPLOSIVE.

KOSTROMA, July 10.—A band of revolutionists today boarded and seized a Volga steamer and captured 400 pounds of pyroxiene, presumably intending to use it for making bombs.

PREPARE FOR WORK

Democratic Congressional Committee Establish Headquarters.

REPUBLICANS GETTING BUSY

Will Start Campaign Headquarters on August First in New York With Branch in Chicago—No Funds Are Available.

WASHINGTON, July 10 (Special).—"Sunny Jim" Griggs, of Georgia, chairman of the democratic congressional committee, is already hard at work in his efforts to capture the next House of Representatives for the democracy. The committee had headquarters open, in fact, a month before Congress adjourned, but campaign work began in earnest last Monday morning. The committee will maintain headquarters in Washington, with a branch in Chicago, the campaign in the Western States to be conducted from the latter. Congressman Lloyd of Missouri and Rainey of Illinois will be in charge of the Chicago headquarters and will have full authority in directing the western fight. Judge Griggs will remain in Washington, as will also Congressman Bowers, of Mississippi, who is chairman of the campaign committee of eleven having charge of the contest.

Democrats Are Active.

The committee this year has very ornate quarters in the Munsey building, one of Washington's new sky-scrapers, and there is a force of clerks and stenographers hard at work. Everybody connected with the campaign is deeply convinced that this is the year of Democratic opportunity. They recount the republican sins of commission and omission in the session of Congress just ended and are unable to see anything else but a democratic majority in the next House. There isn't much money in sight to pay campaign expenses, but Chairman Griggs has an abiding trust in Providence and is serene in confidence that the ravens will not overlook the needs of his committee.

Open Next Month.

As yet the republicans have made no move in the campaign. Congressman Sherman, of New York, who is chairman of the republican committee, says head-

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JURY GETS INFORMATION

Secure Important Standard Oil Evidence.

SUBPOENAS ARE ISSUED

Cleveland Oil Funds Are Being Actively Probed By the Government.

UNDER-BILLING IS CHARGED

Testimony Shows Standard Oil Loaded Cars to the Limit and Then Billed Them as Only Partially Loaded.

CLEVELAND, July 10.—The testimony today before the United States Grand Jury investigating the alleged violators of the interstate commerce and rebate laws, with particular reference to the Standard Oil Company was of such a nature that District Attorney Sullivan caused several additional subpoenas to be issued late in the day for well known Standard Oil officials. One was for M. S. Vilas, treasurer and auditor of the Standard Oil of Ohio, and a deputy marshal was dispatched in haste to Vilas' office, but he was not found, the officer reporting that he believed an attempt was being made to keep him under cover. A subpoena was then issued for C. H. Richards, cashier of the Cleveland office, and he was brought to the grand jury room, but excused in a few minutes. A second visit to the Standard Oil office failed to find Vilas and a deputy was then dispatched to Vilas' suburban home with instructions to stay there all night if necessary and find the witness.

A subpoena will be issued tomorrow Standard Oil of Ohio. Government officials asked tonight for reports as to the successful service of a number of other subpoenas, demanding the presence of a railway official, whom it is believed will be able to give information along the lead opened up by the grand jury proceedings. The testimony of a substantial character said to have been brought today, is under-billing. It is explained the jury is informed a branch of the New York Central Lines has caused hundreds of Standard Oil cars to be billed to contain only about half the amount with which they were really loaded.

BABY FOR SALE.

Woman Advertisers to Sell Baby—Juvenile Society Investigates.

SALT LAKE, July 10.—A sign bearing the words "Baby for sale" and displayed for several days in front of a cottage in Waterloo suburb, caused the arrest today, of Mrs. Mueller by an officer of the Juvenile Court. An investigation developed the fact that several persons had offered to buy the child, one woman offered \$60, but Mrs. Mueller would not sell for less than \$125. Mrs. Mueller stated that the 7 months old baby, which she tried to sell was the child of her sister, who recently died. The woman said she had four children of her own which she was unable to care for.

OUTRAGES PREVALENT.

ODESSA, July 10.—Agrarian outrages and political industrial strikes occur daily and are alarmingly spreading in the southern provinces. The revolting peasantry are now organized and led by professional propagandists, who are secretly important arms.

MANILA OBSERVATORY.

One of the Best Equipped in the World— Recorded San Francisco Earthquake.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 10.—Father R. E. Brown, assistant to Father Algue, who is in charge of the observatory in Manila, arrived yesterday on the liner China on his way to England.

The Manila observatory is one of the best equipped in the world. The seismograph there made a splendid record of the California earthquake of April 18th.

Three times a day, said Father Brown, a telegraphic report is received at the Manila observatory from Yap, Guam and the 58 other stations scattered throughout the provinces. With this information it is possible to detect the brewing of a typhoon five days before it develops. When the instruments at Manila or elsewhere tell of the approaching storm, warnings are sent by wire to numerous points on the Chinese and Japanese coasts and to Formosa.

"Trolley cars ruined our magnetic observatory," said Father Brown. "We have daily records, however, for 15 years past, and as that, for our purposes, constitutes a complete cycle, we can make estimates by the aid of that data with fair accuracy."

PASSENGERS SAFE.

LOUISBURG, C. B., July 10.—The passengers and crew of the steamer Algol, which went ashore near Louisburg are in no danger. The vessel is seriously damaged.

TRY LAND FRAUDS

Judge Hunt Fixes Monday for Resumption of Hearings.

CASE WILL BE SET TODAY

Francis J. Heney, Government Prosecutor, Is Hard At Work Preparing His Side of the Cases at Bar.

PORTLAND, July 10.—Judge William H. Hunt, in the Federal Court, this morning fixed next Monday as the day on which the trial of land fraud cases will be resumed and set the case of the United States against Henry W. Miller, Frank E. Kincart, Martin G. Hoge and Charles Nickell for trial on that day. Tomorrow morning Judge Hunt will call the calendar and all cases at issue will be set for trial. Assistant Attorney-General Francis J. Heney announced that immediately following the case set, he desired to try the cases pending against Charles A. Watson, charged with perjury and Clarence B. Zachary, accused of the same offense.

The indictment against Miller, Kincart, Hoge and Nickell, accuses them of conspiracy to defraud the government under section 5440 of the Revised Statutes of the United States. They will have to stand trial on a charge of having conspired to defraud in connection with the filing of applications, under the timber and stone act, for several tracts of land in township 40 south, range 3 west of the Willamette Meridian.

Franklin Pierce Mays, a member of the State Senate, now on his farm in Tygh Valley, about 40 miles south of The Dalles, will be required to appear and plead by next Friday, according to notice served upon W. D. Fenton, Mays' lawyer, by Assistant Attorney-General Heney in open court this morning. Mays, after his indictment, went to California and remained there until a few months ago.

Mr. Heney announced that he would be ready Thursday morning to take up argument on the demurrer in the case against James Henry Booth, brother of Senator Robert A. Booth (also indicted) on a charge of receiving \$800 for furnishing advance information relative to the cancellation of certain land entries in the Roseburg land district. Booth was receiver of the Roseburg land office, but was suspended and finally removed.

MITCHELL IS A FREE MAN

Slayer of Creffield Is Not Guilty of Murder.

VERDICT QUICKLY FOUND

Jury Finds Youth Not Guilty After Hour and 25 Minutes.

RESULT OF TRIAL CHEERED

Men, Women and Children Crowd Rail and Cheer Prisoner As He Walks Forth, a Free Man. Will Go To Portland.

SEATTLE, July 10.—It took the jury in the trial of George Mitchell just an hour and twenty-five minutes to determine the youth was not guilty of murder in killing Holy-Roller Creffield in Seattle on May 7. The verdict was read at a quarter to five this afternoon and was greeted with rounds of applause from the excited audience. Every face assumed a happy expression and many women were hysterically weeping through their smiles when the verdict was read. A few minutes later the prisoner was discharged from custody. He shook hands with the jurors and then was treated to a general ovation. Men and women crowded up close to the rail to shake hands with the youth who was clearly the hero of the hour. As he went down to stairs to jail to gather up a few of his effects and told farewell to his jailors and fellow prisoners of the past few weeks, his way was blocked by people eagerly crowding over the banisters to catch a glimpse of the acquitted youth. Asked as to his feelings with regard to the killing and as to the ordeal which thus suddenly terminated, the young man replied that when he killed Creffield he hardly knew what he was doing, so worked up had he become by the wrongs he and his sisters suffered.

He stated he could not regret he had removed the man from the possibility of harming his family. Mitchell will leave tomorrow for Portland, where he will probably resume the position in the mill which he held previous to killing Creffield.

HUNT FOR ROBBER.

Sheriffs of Two Counties After Man Who Held Up Five Stages.

FRESNO, Cal., July 10.—The sheriffs of Madeira and Mariposa counties are continuing their search for the Yosemite robber. The dragnet method is being pursued as they are convinced the robber lives not far away, and he has secreted the treasure in a cabin or some out of the way spot. Dwellers in the mountains have been asked to agree to a search of their premises showing no discrimination as between suspected and unsuspected citizens. The trail which the sheriffs followed yesterday led to a point near Jack Sweet's house and he was compelled to give an account of himself as he did a year ago under somewhat similar circumstances.

ROBBERIES CARRY ON.

MOSCOW, July 10.—Two men robbed the carriage manufacturers' cashier of \$5400 on the Varoslax-Moscow train today, and escaped.

WARSAW, July 10.—Ten armed men robbed the cashier of the Vistula railway of \$5000 here today. The cashier's attendant was shot dead. The cashier escaped saving \$4000.

GENERAL RUCKER DEAD.

LOS ANGELES, July 10.—Brigadier-General Louis Henry Rucker, United States Army, retired, died here yesterday. He had been in continuous military service of the United States for more than 40 years. He enlisted at Chicago when the call for troops was first made in 1861, rose from the ranks to high grade, and retired, at his own request, as brigadier-general, in 1903. He will be buried in the National Cemetery at the Presidio, San Francisco.

NO WORD RECEIVED.

NEW YORK, July 10.—Early today no word had been received by the officers of the Brooklyn Yacht Club from any of the yachts that started in the ocean race from New Rochelle around Montauk Point and northeast end Lightship. At 10 o'clock this morning the five yachts that started will have been out 72 hours. If they have sailed at the rate of six knots an hour they should have covered 432 miles.

The actual distance from start to finish is 400 miles, but head winds and currents will easily increase the distance from 25 to 50 miles so that yachtsmen agree that the winner may not be expected until some time this forenoon, and perhaps a good deal later.

GAS PLANT BURNED.

NORTH YAKIMA, July 10.—Fire tonight destroyed the gas plant and machinery here. The loss is \$15,000. No insurance was carried.

BURNED TO DEATH

William Wilson, Aged Cripple, Perishes in Awful Manner.

WAS A NATIVE OF SWEDEN

Old Man Living on Fifth and Front Street, in House-Boat, Upsets Stove and Burns to Death Help Arrives Too Late

Lying just inside the doorway of his home, the burned and charred body of William Wilson, an aged man, and a resident of Astoria for the past 30 years, was found at 2:30 o'clock last night by the firemen, after responding to an alarm of fire turned in by a passer-by.

The scene of the terrible tragedy took place on Front street at the end of Fifth, in an old house-boat, which was occupied by Wilson. The man was about 60 years of age and a native of Sweden, and was unable to walk, being crippled by rheumatism.

The burned dwelling was a one-room affair, and was barely furnished, containing a bed, stove, and the few articles necessary for his subsistence. The stove was located in the front of the room near the door, and from appearances the unfortunate man had attempted to light the fire and had somehow upset the stove igniting his clothing and the contents of the room.

The flames spread rapidly and Wilson in his feeble condition was totally unable either to extinguish them or escape from the place.

His cries for help were heard by several persons in the vicinity and at the same time flames were noticed by those near by. The crowd soon gathered but the flames had spread so quickly that no one was able to enter and drag the tortured and helpless man forth. The fire department was on hand in record time, and immediately turned a stream of water on the dwelling, extinguishing the blaze. When the door was forced open the blackened corpse of the man was found lying directly in the doorway. He was carried out and laid on the ground but life was extinct.

The deceased is not known to have any relatives in this country. The corpse was removed to the Pohl undertaking parlors, and an inquest will probably be held today.