



A BATTLE OF EXPERTS

Thaw Case May Be Decided By Alienists.

THAW DENIES RUMORS

Discredits Story That His Sister Would Sperate Him From Wife.

JEROME PREPARES REBUTTAL

Much Interest Taken in Hypothetical Question—State's Insanity Experts May Draw Opposite Conclusion From Defense's With Same Evidence.

NEW YORK, March 9.—District Attorney Jerome spent many hours today preparing statements of the case in rebuttal which will begin Monday. Most of the day Jerome was closeted with nine alienists preparing a hypothetical question which he will put to the experts when they go on the stand. It was currently reported today that Jerome had definitely decided to push the case to a conclusion and not ask for a lunacy commission. All members of Jerome's staff are sanguine that their chief will be able to throw sufficient doubt on Evelyn Thaw's testimony at least to discredit her in the eyes of the jury and they declare Jerome hopes to have a preponderance of expert testimony on his side, that will show Thaw was sane when he shot White and has been sane ever since. The case from today's developments promises to resolve itself into a battle of experts, and this means that there will be absolutely no way to predict when the end will come. Thaw today gave out a statement in which he denies the reports spread abroad that his sister, the Countess of Yarmouth has determined that Harry and his wife shall separate.

He says his sister has high regard for Evelyn and she made no statement. Much interest centers about the hypothetical questions Jerome will ask. Delmas seemed to include every fact connected with the case in his question and the defense alienists gave as their opinion that Thaw was not alone insane when the crime was committed but was insane for two months afterwards. If the state's alienists can take the same facts and reach a diametrically opposite opinion the jury will have to take their choice and place its own value on the value of the expert testimony.

RECESS WELCOME.

Harry Thaw Only One Not Pleased With Adjournment.

NEW YORK, March 9.—Another week-end gap in the Thaw trial brought on by a sudden determination of the defense to end its case with the grief stricken mother on the stand in the minds of the jurors, was a welcome relief to jurors, lawyers and others who have had to wrestle with expert testimony for many days and Harry K. Thaw, the defendant, growled a bit over the decision to adjourn, as he is well pleased with the manner in which his case has been presented and thinks all delay is robbing him of so many days of freedom which he feels sure will come as a result of the juror's verdict.

District Attorney Jerome is spending the recess time in preparing his plan of rebuttal. It seems almost cer-

tain that he will recall Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw to the stand and thus make her a witness for the prosecution too. He caused her to be served with a subpoena yesterday. Mr. Jerome wishes to bring into court certain letters which Stanford White wrote to her and which he believes are still in her possession. When she was on the stand she was very doubtful about whether the letters were still in existence. Mr. Jerome may confront her with the testimony of her brother, Howard Nesbit, and may ask her to explain how she forgot to mention posting for certain photographs and a statue which are said to be not so conventional as those she spoke of in her previous testimony.

In just what order the witnesses for the prosecution will be called in rebuttal has not been fully decided upon. The probable witnesses besides Evelyn Nesbit Thaw are Dr. Francis A. Mc Guire, the Tombs physician who has made an almost constant surveillance of the prisoner during his confinement in the Tombs; Drs. Flint, MacDonald, and Mabon, the alienists; F. W. Longfellow, who was Thaw's confidential counsel; May McKenzie, and a Mrs. C. J. Caine, a friend of Mrs. Thaw and probably Lawyer Abe Hummel, Howard Nesbit and Mr. Charles Hartnutt. The latter was for years confidential secretary to Stanford White and as such knew much of White's acquaintance with Evelyn Nesbit and other young ladies. Mr. Hartnutt can tell about the trust funds Mr. White established for the benefit of Mrs. Harry Thaw and her mother.

J. A. DOWIE DEAD

One of Great Religions Leaders of the Century.

PASSES AWAY IN DELIRIUM

In Last Hours is Seized With Hallucination That He is Once on Platform and Addresses Followers With Old Firm Vigor.

CHICAGO, March 9.—John Alexander Dowie died at 7:40 o'clock this morning, at Shiloh House, Zion City. There were present with him when he died only Judge D. N. Barnes and two personal attendants. It had been his custom all summer and winter to hold religious services every Sunday afternoon in the parlor of Shiloh House. About 350 of his original followers remained faithful and attended these services. Dowie always wore his opulent robes and made a characteristic address. Five weeks ago these meetings ceased, and Dowie appeared no longer in public. Since that time Dowie has been gradually failing, but death was not thought imminent.

Shortly before 1 o'clock this morning, Dowie became delirious, and his talk was the same as at a religious meeting in the days of his prime. He denounced people with the old-time vigor, ordered the guards to throw out disturbers, and acted just as he had on so many previous occasions. He gradually became weaker, and the attendant telephoned for Judge Barnes, who reached Shiloh House at 7 a. m. Forty minutes later Dowie was dead.

BIG STOCKTON FIRE.

Warehouse and Contents Valued at Four Hundred Thousand Burn.

STOCKTON, March 9.—An immense warehouse fronting on Stockton Channel, filled with carpets, linoleum and upholstered furniture owned by D. N. and E. Walters of San Francisco was destroyed late this afternoon by fire. The loss was about \$400,000.

SENATOR FULTON RETURNING.

LA GRANDE, Or., March 9.—Senator C. W. Fulton passed through this city today. He was a passenger on the west-bound train, and is going direct to Astoria.

POWERS MAY INTERVENE

Disorders in Persia Are Closely Watched.

RUSSIA IS PREPARED

May Be Called Upon By Shah to Render Assistance to the Throne.

ENGLAND WOULD LEND AID

Shah Has Often, Before Mounting Throne Asked for Assistance From Russia and Will Probably Do So in Present Crisis.

LONDON, March 9.—The internal affairs of Persia, which according to official information are far from satisfactory, are being closely watched by the officials of the Foreign Office here. While it is hoped that the intervention of the powers will not be necessary, Great Britain and Russia already have decided on steps to be taken by them in such a contingency. Great Britain anticipates that should the condition of the country reach a critical stage the Shah, who before he ascended the throne frequently called on Russia for financial assistance, would ask Russia to help restore order, and that country could comply with the full knowledge that no objection would be made by Great Britain. Russia may even offer assistance and England would advise the Shah to accept it. England, however, will do no more than send warships to the Persian gulf unless a landing became necessary to protect foreigners in southern Persia.

FORGER SUICIDES.

Forged Names of Associates For Fortune And Dies Destitute.

NEW YORK, March 9.—That Leonidas M. Preston, secretary and manager of the Timkin Roller Company, had forged the name of E. R. Hewitt, one of the members of that company, to notes aggregating \$57,000 to \$100,000 was the substance of a statement made to the Coroner today by James Shea, counsel for Mrs. Preston.

Preston died very suddenly last Thursday after drinking prussic acid, while three members of the company were awaiting to question him about the affairs of the company. It was also discovered that Preston left a note saying he had been insane for some time.

The statement by Mr. Shea was made at the Coroner's inquest into the cause of Preston's death. One of the alleged forged notes was for \$5000 and was due upon the day of his death. Another was for \$50,000 due April 1. In a card case found in deceased's clothing, Mr. Shea found the following message, written on a business card:

"In case of death or serious accident to me notify my wife, Mrs. L. M. Preston, care Hotel Cumberland, New York; my mother, Mrs. C. C. Preston, Tyler, Tex.; Mrs. J. O. Matthews, St. Louis; E. W. R. Timken, Canton, O. My wife's wishes to be considered first in all things.

"I realize that I am and have been for some time insane. I lost my mind, my power to grasp things, my memory. I have lost everything except my firm faith in God and his son Jesus Christ. "I am in his hands, and I leave it all to him. He has been my refuge and strength and will never forsake me.—L. M. P."

Preston also directed that in the event of his death, the full amount of a life insurance policy be paid to his wife.

Mrs. Anna C. Preston, the widow, testified that Preston was betting upon the horse races throughout his recent visit to New Orleans. She had supposed him to be wealthy until two days before his death, when he asked her for a loan of \$200. He declared that he was destitute.

SMALLPOX IN WALLACE.

Epidemic Causes Board of Health to Stop Public Meetings.

WALLACE, March 9.—A smallpox epidemic is started here, there being twenty cases reported up to tonight. The board of health has forbidden all public gatherings, gambling houses are closed and the meeting arranged for tomorrow to protest against the arrest of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone has been postponed. No church services will be held tomorrow. The disease is in a mild form. No deaths have occurred.

SEASIDE SURPRISE.

SEASIDE, Or., March 9.—J. A. Simpson was held up near the mill in Seaside this week by a man who tried to take his watch. Simpson is a powerful citizen, and instead of his watch the holdup got a good pounding, and soon called out that he had gotten hold of the wrong man, and that Simpson was not the one he was waiting for.

THOUSANDS MOVE

Half Million of New York's Inhabitants Will Change.

RENTS WILL BE REDUCED

Plans for Score of New Towns on Subway Lines—Interesting Discovery by Theodore P. Shontz—Downfall of a Youthful Financier.

NEW YORK, March 9.—Enough people will move out of Manhattan this year to make a dozen new cities. Sites for more than a score of such towns have been mapped out along rapid-transit subway lines which will be in operation next summer, and it is estimated that 500,000 people will grasp the first available opportunity to desert Manhattan flats for more comfortable and cheaper homes in outlying districts. What is known as the "metropolitan area" now extends well up into Connecticut, embraces all the accessible portions of Westchester county, the northern half of the state of New Jersey and the entire western end of Long Island. Last year suburban real estate operators and builders invested \$600,000,000 in this territory and erected 25,000 dwellings and 8,700 flat houses with accommodations for approximately 110,000 people. So far plans have been filed for additional structures to be completed this year at a cost of \$650,000,000. Yet this huge outlay is only a part of the billions which are being spent to prepare outlying districts for the spreading metropolis, a work which will cover years of the most intense building activity. Three-hundred and thirty-eight thousand people, it is estimated, will be provided with homes by the building operations of the ensuing year at a substantial reduction in rents which now, for the poorer classes, frequently average as high as 35 or 40 per cent of their incomes because of the necessity for crowding within commuting distance of their employment.

Mr. Theodore P. Shontz, to whom the task of solving New York's transportation problem has been delegated in his capacity of President of the Interborough-Metropolitan railway system, has made the interesting discovery that passengers are being wedged into

PROBE INTO PERJURY

San Francisco Grand Jury After Attorneys.

OUTGROWTH RUEF CASE

Lawyers and Friends Swore That They Knew Not Where Boss Was.

STAR WITNESS BELLIGERANT

Tries to Fight His Way From Grand Jury Room, Refuses to Answer Questions and Issues Challenge to Henny—Glass Broken.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—The members of the Grand Jury hastily called together today and at once began an investigation into the conduct of Abe Ruef's attorneys and friends who swore that they had no knowledge of his recent movements. Myrtle Cerf who was the star witness, was in belligerent mood. He endeavored to escape from the grand jury room and when intercepted by the doorkeeper fought to get away. In the scuffle a pane of glass was broken and Cerf's flight was cut short only by the arrival of assistance. Later Cerf threatened foreman Oliver and issued a challenge to Henny. The Grand Jury sought to prove by Cerf that while at Trocadero Ruef had communicated with his attorneys and therefore the latter knew of his whereabouts. Cerf refused to answer on the grounds that he might incriminate himself.

RUMOR IS DENIED.

Astoria was all agog yesterday with a persistent rumor to the effect that T. B. Wilcox, of Portland, acting for a group of spectators in that city, was negotiating the purchase of all the Flavel frontage in the heart of the city and that the price agreed upon was \$250,000; that the frontage in question was to be combined with the flanking harbor properties of the Corbett the cars so compactly that it is impossible for them to get their hands down into their pockets, and that hence the company is losing more than fares than it would cost to furnish and maintain adequate facilities. This is believed to be an argument which will appeal to Mr. Ryan and Mr. Belmont with some force just as soon as Mr. Shontz can prepare the necessary diagrams and drawings and a few reports to substantiate this statement. In the meantime figures obtained by a sub-committee of the Republican County Committee, which has been investigating the matter, show that in the first nine months of 1906 the company took in 11,700,000 cash fares more than for the same period of 1905. They also show that while traffic was increasing at this rate of 1,300,000 passengers a month, the number of cars in service was reduced until in December but 1775 cars were run as against 2250 five years ago, when 309,304, 273 fewer passengers were carried than last year. In ten years the traffic of the elevated and surface lines in the borough of Manhattan has increased from 490,152,790 cash fares in 1897 to 1,007,161,933 in 1906, and last year showed an increase of approximately 14 per cent over 1905.

A little crude of method, perhaps, as might be expected of a novice, but displaying promising signs of developing into a railroad magnate or the (Continued on Page 8.)

estate and of Jacob Kamm, in a thousand-foot mill and dock site that would be without parallel anywhere on the Columbia; and that there was lots on improvement to follow the consummation of the deal.

No one could give a leading clue on the proposition, and Mr. Flavel, to whom the matter was referred, said that no price nor opinion had been asked on his holdings here by Mr. Wilcox nor anyone representing him; but he did admit the property was for sale upon satisfactory terms.

As an off-set to the disappointment involved in this matter, however, there is some real compensation in the fact that a large realty deal was closed yesterday by the A. Booth company, whereby that concern comes into possession of the old Leinenweber frontage east of the buying company, and that the deeds passed yesterday, and went to the records. The price named is about \$12,000, and the buy gives the Booth people practically 600 feet of the best water bearing property in Astoria; and it is whispered that the cannery interests were not the only ones subserved by the transaction, but that an enterprise of conspicuous magnitude is to follow in good time; all of which Astoria can wait cheerfully.

The statement was made in the office of the county clerk yesterday that yesterday was the banner day in the history of the office for the biggest volume of record matter ever filed there in a given business day; and that this is the record season of any yet known in that behalf; all of which has a satisfactory sound to the man who thinks of these things.

TIE-UP ON COLUMBIA

Portland Mill Hands Threaten to Close Logging Camps.

SITUATION IS VERY SERIOUS

Sawmills in Portland Seriously Affected—Planing Mills Next Point of Attack—Funny Fiasco of One Striking Expedition.

PORTLAND, March 9.—Sawmills in Portland are all at a standstill and one out of four located at St. Johns has shut down as a consequence of the strike of mill hands. The unionists now propose to close all the planing mills of the city and declare if this does not bring the operators to time, they will next attempt to tie up the sawmills and logging camps along the Columbia river and in south western Washington. The strikers made one move tonight that fared in a farce. Several hundred chartered a river steamer and went to Vancouver Wash., to close the big mill there. It was discovered when they arrived at that place, that the mill had been closed down for over three weeks.

ARCHIE ROOSEVELT BETTER.

Improvement Over Yesterday Noted No Unfavorable Symptoms.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The improvement noted in the condition of Archie Roosevelt over that of yesterday, when for a time much apprehension was felt, has been maintained tonight. It was officially announced that the patient is in excellent condition and there are no unfavorable indications.

NOT AFFECT CHURCH.

Death of Dowie Will Not Change Course of Followers.

CHICAGO, March 9.—Late today Overseer Voliva stated regarding the death of John Alexander Dowie, which occurred suddenly at 7:40 this morning that the death of the former leader does not affect the future of the Christian Catholic Church in any manner. Voliva added now that Dowie is gone, all bitter feeling will disappear.