

"WHAT CAN JEROME DO? I'VE TOLD THE TRUTH," STATES EVELYN THAW

Former Chorus Girl Has the Languid Tired Face of One Devoid of Feeling.

SURCEASE FROM TORTURE GRANTED FOR TWO DAYS

Mrs. Thaw Still Central Figure in Tragedy, and All World Waits for Her to Finish Narrative—Will Evidence of Insanity.

By William Hooper. (Heart News by Longest Leased Wire.) New York, Feb. 9.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, returning from a visit to her husband in the prison today said: "What can Mr. Jerome do to me? I have told the truth."



HARRY K. THAW.

There was the note of sincerity and truth in her voice. But she was all the time negative. She appeared neither cast down nor over bright. Her step was heavy, her carriage was abandoned. Her eyes were unnaturally bright—the eyes of one who has spent countless nights weeping. Her face was set, but devoid of all feeling or emotion of any kind; a languid, tired face like one who, as Balzac said: "had crossed the arid steppes of despair."

But in the telling, more bitter words never passed human lips. In the brief week that has passed since they began taking testimony in this wonderful case, Mrs. Thaw has become the central figure in the tragedy and all the world still hangs on her lips. The words which are still to proceed from them in the task of making Harry Kendall Thaw a free man.

Thaw himself has revived in spirit. He was almost gay in talking today. He could converse with his wife and mother, with his counsel, and is already beginning to count the days that intervene between today and that which will give him his freedom.

Astonishing Provision. The astonishing provision for a trust fund of \$50,000 to prosecute the man whom he believed was going to kill him is accepted as indicating a long ago as the date of his marriage. That he already entertained the delusion that Stanford White meant to do him bodily harm.

And the other provision establishing a trust fund of \$75,000 for the benefit of White's other girl victims shows clearly that the story Evelyn Nesbit had told the young millionaire was ever before his mind. That he expected White, especially as to the case, as indicated in the provision for the education of Howard Nesbit, who was then verging on early manhood.

Incidentally the indelicate prominence which young Nesbit is giving himself to the trial is entirely in keeping with all the more boldly in view of this provision of Thaw's will. Young Nesbit today berated the newspapers for telling how he smiled over the story his sister told on the witness stand and expressed his indignation at the publication of the fact that he had used his influence with court officers to pass into the trial chamber friends who were eager to hear "his sister tell the story of disgrace."

Was Faith in White. "My sister's statements," said the young man, "do not shake my faith in Stanford White. It had been arranged between Mr. White and myself that all of the money he gave me when he was friendly with my sister was to be regarded as a loan which I was to repay when I was able."

Coming back to the will of Thaw at present it is one of the most dangerous blows impending against the case of the prosecution. At the district attorney's office today I learned that they quite frankly admit that the will, if admitted in evidence, will have a powerful effect upon the jury and they admit, likewise, that there is little doubt that Delmas will be able to have it put before the jury.

Delmas Satisfied.

Delmas said today: "I could not wish for more than we have gained. I am confident that the men of this jury will forever stamp such characters as White with their condemnation, and in so doing, will exonerate Harry Thaw. He did as anyone would have done after hearing that awful story. An acquittal and a speedy one is what I look for."

"I do not believe that there are 12 men in this whole land of ours that would convict a man who acted as Thaw did. He most assuredly acted as the protector of the woman he loved."

Gleason. "Everything is fine. We are all pleased and look for an acquittal." O'Reilly and Peabody join the same sentiments. Thaw has been infused with similar confidence and it is but a simple statement of fact to say that since the publication of the letters of Thaw and the introduction of Mrs. Thaw's pitiful story, the production of the will and the damnable news that White pursued Evelyn Nesbit Thaw after her marriage, there has been a marked revulsion of feeling in favor of Thaw.

One of the strong cards which the defense has still to play after the will has been introduced, and Mrs. Harry K. Thaw has finished her story, is the calling of Mrs. William Thaw to the witness stand to give evidence in favor of her son. Mrs. William Thaw will probably be seen on the witness stand before the end of this week. She is fully prepared to testify and will give a wealth of stories illustrating her son's eccentricities, as well as all of the insanity which existed in her family.

The defense bank created on Mrs. Thaw. But with the wife and mother both have appeared before the jury the lawyers believe they will have built up an invulnerable case.

HATCHERY AT VIDA TO BE PERMANENT (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., Feb. 9.—H. G. Van Dusen, state fish commissioner, was in Eugene today on his way home to Astoria from the McKenzie river, having made the trip for the purpose of looking after the salmon hatchery at Vida, on that stream. He stated while here today that negotiations are under way for purchase of the Blythen ranch near Vida, on which the hatchery has been conducted, and that the hatchery will become a permanent institution. The hatchery up to this time has been somewhat of an experiment but has now passed the experimental stage.

Mr. Van Dusen says no other hatchery in the state has been so successful as that on the McKenzie, and as the fish industry in the state is one of the most important he thinks there is little doubt other hatcheries will be put in on that stream. The water of the McKenzie is pure and cold and is especially adapted to the hatching and propagation of the young salmon.

Death of Mrs. Smith of Salem. Salem, Feb. 9.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Martha W. Smith, who died here today, will be held from the Friends church Wednesday afternoon, with interment in City View cemetery. She had been a resident of Salem for 12 years. She leaves six children, Albert and James K. of Osborne, Kansas, Joseph N. of Mrs. J. M. Smith and Dr. F. B. of Salem and D. M. of Calgary.

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HUNTSMAN JURY FAILS TO REACH A DECISION. The jury in the Katherine Huntsman damage suit, which went out at 10:10 o'clock yesterday morning, wrangled stubbornly all day yesterday, but failed to arrive at a verdict. The jury is still out and will have to spend Sunday in charge of the sheriff.

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