

### THAW IS SANE DECLARES JURY ADVISING JUDGE

Verdict Rendered in Less Than an Hour—Justice Hendrick Has Power of Reversal and Will Render Final Decision on Friday—May Free Thaw or Recommit Him to Asylum.

NEW YORK, July 14.—Harry K. Thaw, the slayer of Stanford White, was declared sane by a jury in the supreme court after about one hour's deliberation, at 3:45 p. m. today.

Justice Hendrick reserved decision as to the disposition of Thaw.

The court's decision in the matter, Justice Hendrick said, would be announced next Friday at 10:30 a. m.

The case went to the jury at 2:53 p. m. after a brief charge by the court.

Justice Hendrick's charge to the jury lasted hardly more than ten minutes. He reviewed briefly the legal aspects of the case and told the jurors that they were to consider all the evidence. They were not to concern themselves, the court charged with any previous acts of Thaw as such.

"The question to be determined," Justice Hendrick said, "is whether Thaw is sane now."

The justice did not intimate whether he would be guided wholly by the verdict in determining Thaw's mental condition. The jury is acting in a capacity purely advisory to the court. Justice Hendrick can reverse their verdict should he deem it contrary to evidence.

**Written Verdict Given**  
The jury handed in a written verdict. The clerk receiving it, told the foreman that the question for the jury to decide was whether Thaw was sane, and asked if they had reached a decision. The foreman said they had.

"Is your decision that Thaw is sane?" the clerk asked.

"Yes," the foreman replied.

Thaw smiled broadly. His mother sitting a few feet away seemed much agitated. John B. Stanchfield, chief of Thaw's counsel, was on his feet almost immediately with a motion that the court declare vacant the commitment issued by Justice Dowling under which Thaw was sent to Mattawan asylum.

**Thaw in Sheriff's Custody**

There were other things to be considered, Justice Hendrick said, in addition to declaring vacant the commitment. Tomorrow, the justice said, he would consider any motions that Thaw's counsel might see fit to make. In the meantime Thaw was to be retained in the custody of the sheriff. The jury reached a verdict in 48 minutes after it retired. The decision probably ends a fight of more than nine years by Thaw to obtain his liberty. With the exception of the time spent by Thaw out of the state after his escape from Matteawan, August 17, 1913, until his return, Thaw has been in custody, ever since the night of June 25, 1906, when he shot and killed Stanford White.

### MISSOURI TOWN APPEALS FOR HELP IN FIGHTING FLOOD

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., July 14.—An appeal for help has been sent out from Rosendale, Mo., a village of several hundred inhabitants, 25 miles north of here. A sudden rise of four feet in the river today put the entire town under water and it was reported that a further rise was coming as a result of heavy rains above there today.

The flood situation at Corniz, Mo., where a dyke protecting the town from the Tarkio river broke yesterday, forcing the inhabitants to seek high places, was more serious today. The dyke, one mile long, has been washing away. The town is cut off from railroad communication and lies several miles between the highlands and the Tarkio river.

### ITALIANS TAKE TWO MILES OF AUSTRIAN LINE

Trenches in Carnic Alps Captured—Germans Capture French Positions in Forest of Argonne But French Report Advance Definitely Stopped Silence Along Eastern Front.

LONDON, July 14.—A Geneva, Switzerland dispatch states that the Italians have captured two miles of Austrian trenches in the Carnic Alps, according to a despatch received today by the Tribune from Villach, an Austrian town on the river Drave, 52 miles northwest of Laibach.

The Alpine troops, these advices say, dragged their artillery to the heights near Roskofel, which is situated at an altitude of 6600 feet.

The Italians also are said to have captured two important points south of Gorizia.

**Germans Make Gain**

The German official statement announces that German forces yesterday captured French positions in the forest of the Argonne for a width of three kilometers (1.8 miles) and for a depth of one kilometre and that they also stormed hill number 28. The Germans claim they made 2581 prisoners, took two fields cannon and rendered eight cannon useless.

The French report says in the Argonne German attacks which were concentrated in the region included between Marietherese and the Chevauchee heights were definitely stopped. In the region to the north of Arras, north of the Chateau De Carleul and at the 'Labyrinth' there occurred during the night trench-to-trench combats with hand grenades. Arras and Soissons were bombarded by shells of large calibre. In the region of the Somme at Frise and at Fay (west of Perrone) as well as in the Champagne district near Perthes, mine battles occurred.

**Silence on East Front**

Almost complete silence veils the situation in the eastern war theater. Petrograd reports no engagements in southern Poland or eastern Galicia and both Vienna and Berlin declare conditions in this territory unchanged.

German engineers are strengthening the defenses of Constantinople on a huge scale, according to advices through Mytilene received in London.

Four hundred and fifty thousand square miles of German colonial possessions have been occupied by the entente allies during the war. His official estimate was announced today by A. Bonar Law, the British secretary for the colonies.

**Sing Forty-one Vessels**

Figures given in Berlin state that during the month of June 29 British, three French, one Belgian and nine German merchantmen were sunk by Russian submarines. The total loss of the entente allies by submarines, including fishing steamers, which mostly were armed patrol boats, aggregated 125,000 tons.

Many reports from Balkan sources revive the rumors that Turkey is weary of war and anxious for a separate peace.

Though none of reports find confirmation, some sections of the British press profess to believe that they are not improbable, in that Turkey is beginning to feel the pinch of ammunition shortage in the Dardanelles by virtue of Rumania's refusal to allow munitions to cross her borders.

### BRITAIN REGULATES PRICES FOR COAL

LONDON, July 14.—The text of the price of coal limitations bill, which was issued today specifies that coal may not be sold at the pit mouth at a price exceeding four shillings a ton more than the price at which the same kind of coal was sold during the twelve months ending June 25, 1914.

The measure was introduced in the house of commons yesterday by Walter Runciman, the president of the board of trade. Violators of the act are liable to a fine not exceeding \$500.

### THE GREAT THAW QUESTION NOW



Now that Harry Thaw is sane again this question arises: What will he do to or for his wife, Evelyn Nesbit, and Russell Thaw, whom Evelyn says is Harry Thaw's son? In the question mark is Evelyn Nesbit Thaw; below are Harry Kendall Thaw and Russell Thaw, who, Evelyn Nesbit says, is Harry's son.

### 21,000 GARMENT WORKERS ON STRIKE IN NEW YORK CITY

NEW YORK, July 14.—The ranks of the striking pant makers were increased today by 11,000 workers, making the total number out on strike approximately 21,000. Of those who went out today, five thousand were knee pant makers and 6,000 were vest makers.

The mayor's council of conciliation met today to discuss the situation and avert, if possible, a strike of 50,000 women garment workers. The women are acting independently of the men, although the demands are substantially the same—for sanitary shops and restoration of the old wage scale, which, it is claimed, has been reduced.

In addition leaders in the unions of other male garment workers were prepared, they said, to call out approximately 70,000 more men should such a step be deemed necessary.

### CRANK WRITES OF BOMBS IN BOSTON

BOSTON, July 14.—An afternoon paper announces the receipt of an anonymous communication in which the writer describing himself as a German spy, states that two bombs have been placed in the state house and another in the custom tower and that these will be exploded, "about Friday." Also the governor is to be killed, according to the message which was crudely lettered with a lead pencil.

It was turned over to the police who recently examined a similar threat against the custom house without determining whether the writer was a crank or a practical joker.

### CHINA LETS BARS DOWN FOR OPIUM LABELED MEDICINE

WASHINGTON, July 14.—A compromise in the Chinese opposition to the opium traffic under which 6000 chests of opium, the total stock now in Hong Kong and Shanghai, may be imported into the provinces of Kiang Su, Kwangsi and Kiang Si, "as medicines bearing special labels," is told in unofficial advices reaching the state department by mail today.

The 6000 chests may be imported, on payment of royalty of twenty million to the Chinese government for the whole quantity in lieu of permitting foreign merchants to import into China 12,000 chests of opium this year and five thousand chests next year, as provided by the British treaty.

This arrangement is understood by officials here to be probably the result of an understanding with the British authorities.

### NO MOB APPEARS TO LYNCH FRANK

ATLANTA, Ga., July 14.—Reports that a mob would attempt to take Leo M. Frank, serving a life sentence for Mary Phagan's murder, from the state prison farm at Milledgeville and lynch him, have not been confirmed by developments. Three companies of state militia were held in readiness at Milledgeville throughout the night to proceed to Milledgeville to protect Frank, if necessary, but today were permitted to return to their homes. Officials of the state farm report from Milledgeville that the usual quiet prevailed last night.

### SHRINERS SELECT BUFFALO FOR NEXT IMPERIAL COUNCIL

SEATTLE, Wn., July 14.—The Imperial Council of the Mystic Shrine met today in secret session to consider reports of committees and routine matter of interest only to members of the order.

The council established temples in four new cities, Houston and Fort Worth, Texas, Springfield, Ill., and Knoxville, Tenn. Dispensations were granted last year for Fort Worth's Mosiah temple, and for Springfield's Anasar temple, Houston's Arabia temple and Knoxville's Gerbele come into existence without the usual year delay. Buffalo seems to have no strong opposition for the 1916 meeting.

The visiting bands spent the morning in giving street concerts and visiting various temple headquarters. At noon two luncheons were given by Nile temple, Seattle, one being by members of the imperial officers and the other by patrols and directors of bands.

### 5,000 CHILDREN AT QUIGLEY FUNERAL

CHICAGO, July 14.—Five thousand children marched slowly under the dripping trees of North State street today escorting the body of Archbishop James Edward Quigley from the archiepiscopal residence to the cathedral of the Holy Name. Hundreds of adults were turned away from the cathedral to make room for the children, whose welfare was the chief interest of the late churchman's life.

### 3000 KILLED IN 4 DAYS BATTLE AT MEXICO CITY

Early Engagements Were Minor Fights—Actual Fighting Began July 8—Artillery Used Following Days—Evacuation of City Took Place on July 10.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—The first narrative account of the capture of Mexico City was received here today by General Carranza's agency from Vera Cruz. It states that the early engagements in which it was reported that Carranza troops were defeated, were minor fights during which General Gonzalez was distributing his army for the final effort.

"The actual fighting began Thursday morning, July 8, at Tapaxpan, and until the finish the constitutional forces gained consistently and unintermittently," says the report. The fighting of July 8 did not end until the enemy were behind their entrenchments at the grand canal and at Corro Gordo. There was a heavy artillery bombardment of Corro Gordo all day, but none of the shells reached the city proper, owing to the distance.

**Story of Battle**

"At four o'clock on the morning of July 9, fighting was renewed with heavy artillery fire which shortly silenced the enemy artillery. Immediately the Zapata guns ceased firing an infantry charge was executed and after a severe fight the entrenchments of the Zapatistas were carried and the constitutional soldiers smashed their way into Villa De Guadalupe.

A strong force on the east side of the city assaulted and carried Pinon hill and continued the advance until the outlying houses of the city proper were reached.

"On the morning of July 10 it was found that the enemy had evacuated. During Saturday night a strong force of constitutionalists was detached to pursue the retreating Zapatistas who were overtaken at Tlalpan and defeated. In the four days' fighting the enemy's losses were 3000 killed and many more wounded and missing."

**Oregon Isolated**

Another column of Villa forces meanwhile, according to advices to his agents here, is continuing the campaign toward Mexico City. After the capture of Queretaro yesterday, it is claimed, they completely isolated Oregon from his base of supplies.

A statement issued by the Villa agency on authority from General Villa wishes to emphatically deny the report that he is to relinquish his position as commander in chief in favor of General Jose Isabel Robles, or that there is any movement afoot among his generals aiming at such action.

### ORVILLE WRIGHT FOR NAVAL BOARD

NEW YORK, July 14.—Orville Wright, among those suggested to Secretary Daniels as possible members of the proposed civilian advisory board of inventors and technical experts, was quoted today as saying that he would accept membership in the board of invited. He said he had not as yet received such an invitation. I have had talks with Thomas A. Edison and with army and navy officers who realize the necessity of preparing an adequate air as well as sea fleet," said Mr. Wright. "Army and navy officers agree that we should have from a thousand to 1300 aeroplanes for immediate duty.

"The board undoubtedly will be a good thing if the members will stick to its advisory function and not try to overstep it. The work of the proposed board should be confined to suggestions."

Hudson Maxim, whose name also was suggested to Mr. Daniels, said he would be glad to serve on the new board. "It is a mighty good idea," said Mr. Maxim. "I am sure it will be a great benefit to the government."

### OFFER TO SELL PRESENT LIGHT PLANT TO CITY

California-Oregon Power Company Offers to Sell City Light Distributing System and Wholesale Power to It—Price to Be Fixed By State Railroad Commission or City.

If the city of Medford wants to enter the electric light and power business, the California-Oregon Power company stands ready to sell their present complete distributing system and wholesale the city the power which the city can retail at a profit, the price for the same to be fixed by the state railroad commission or by arbitration, as the city may elect.

The following offer was made to the city Wednesday by the power company:

Medford, Ore., July 14, 1915.  
To the Hon. Mayor and Common Council,  
City of Medford,  
Medford, Oregon.

Gentlemen: These appears to be some uncertainty as to whether our company would be willing to sell its distributing lines with the city of Medford, to the city, and furnish electricity at a wholesale rate, so that if desired, the municipality could own and operate its own electric service. I am authorized by our Board of Directors to advise:

That inasmuch as there seems to be a growing sentiment for the owning and operating of municipal distributing systems by the cities themselves, California-Oregon Power company has decided that it is perfectly willing to sell its distributing lines within any of the municipalities to the city itself, and supply such municipality with electric current at wholesale rates.

You are therefore advised, that if it is the desire of the people of Medford to operate their own municipal distributing system, our company stands ready to sell and retire from the retail business within the limits of your city.

We are willing to allow the price of such distributing system to be fixed by the railroad commission of the state of Oregon, or by arbitration.

CALIFORNIA-OREGON POWER COMPANY.  
By ALEX J. ROSEBOROUGH,  
Secretary.

### ELKS PARADE AT LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, July 14.—Thousands of members of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks in white uniforms participated today in the midsummer allegorical and floral parade. Floats representing every city in the country took part.

A feature was the division in which Richmond, Va., light infantry blues, marched in their uniforms reminiscent of the soldiers of the Mexican wars. The blues constitute the escort of Governor Stuart of Virginia, who witnessed the parade with Governor Spry of Utah.

Governor Spry arrived this morning with two hundred Salt Lake City high school cadets, who also marched in the pageant with members of the Salt Lake tabernacle choir.

### WILD ADVANCE IN WHEAT PRICE

CHICAGO, July 14.—Wheat made a wild advance in price today, jumping up 5 1/2 cents a bushel in some cases, as compared with last night. Just before the close the July option sold as high as \$1.16 against \$1.10 1/2 at yesterday's finish.

The upward rush of values was largely the result of new reports of black rust infection in the chief producing states of the spring crop belt and because of signs of liberal buying for Europe.