

**ECONOMY THE WATCHWORD**

Washington, June 25. — Important measures extending federal regulation and control have been enacted at the first session of the 59th congress, now rapidly drawing to a close. The railroad rate bill and the meat inspection bill will soon become laws, and before adjournment of congress both houses will have passed pure food bills, which, though dissimilar in terms, are both based on the same principle of federal control. It is the present intention to try and adjust these differences before adjournment.

Besides branching off into this new field of legislative endeavor, the present session of congress has made itself important in other ways. It has added one, and perhaps two, new states to the Union, and by so doing has disposed of four territories. Great results to the people are expected from the removal of the tax on denatured alcohol. If predictions are fulfilled heat, light and power are to be supplied by alcohol made from the cornfields of the country, from sugar beets and sugar cane, from fruits and other vegetation.

By a deft turn of legislative points of view, the questions which have perplexed congress for some time regarding the Panama canal have been settled. The president may dig a lock canal as fast as he pleases. A joint resolution was agreed to requiring canal supplies to be made of American manufacture.

Before discussing the number of acts passed, it is interesting to note that with all the strenuous exertions of an appropriation committee in the house with a new chairman—Representative Tanney—it has been impossible to hold the appropriations down to much less than \$900,000,000, although "economy" was the watchword from the start.

Organized labor has succeeded in its requests of the present session of congress to the extent of securing the enactment of what is known as the "employers' liability bill." This enactment will make it possible for an employee to secure damages for his injuries, notwithstanding his own negligence may have been in part responsible for that injury. Another bill which has received the approval of the senate, and will doubtless become a law before the end of the session, is that limiting the hours of continuous service of railway trainmen to 16 consecutive hours' work, to be followed by 10 hours' rest. The much-agitated eight-hour day bill received a favorable vote from the labor committee of the house, but too late to secure action at the hands of congress. The anti-injunction bill was postponed in committee until the next session of congress, upon a direct vote on that proposition.

One of the novel features of law-making was the enactment of the measure to preserve the scenic beauty of Niagara Falls. Hazing at the naval academy was given a further legislative rebuke by the passage of a bill giving the secretary of the navy discretion to dismiss or otherwise punish hazers at that institution.

Important to the southern states was the enactment of the general quarantine bill, providing for co-operation of state and federal authorities in suppressing yellow fever.

President Roosevelt was given \$25,000 to pay traveling expenses of himself and invited guests.

The private pension legislation of the session was heavy, and many hundred acts will be signed before the end comes.

The Jamestown, Va., ter-centennial is expected to be recognized by law before the session ends.

**GRADUATE BECOMES INSANE**

**Collapsed While Making Address and Died Soon Afterward.**  
Owatonna, Minn., June 23. — Miss Laura Kelly became violently insane during the class day exercises at Pillsbury Academy and died soon afterward. She collapsed while making an address. Miss Kelly had been graduated with highest honors after four years of hard study.

**Train Wrecked at Open Switch.**  
Shamokin, Pa., June 26.—A Pennsylvania railroad passenger train ran into an open switch at Green Ridge between here and Mt. Carmel, causing the train to be completely wrecked. William Burns, the engineer, of the Sunbury, was killed and C. A. Leach the fireman, also of Sunbury, had an arm torn off and received other injuries. The passengers were badly shaken up, a few being injured, but none seriously.

**Runner Drops Dead After Race.**  
Westfield, Mass., June 25.—Just as he crossed the tape at the end of a quarter-mile sprint, William Karns, of Chicopee high school, dropped dead. The death of the youth furnished a sad ending for the annual interschool athletic games of the Westfield and Chicopee high schools. Karns had participated in a number of events, and was, it is said, in no condition to take part in the quarter-mile run.

**A Deluge of Green Frogs.**  
Alton, Ill., June 25.—A heavy rain storm, accompanied by a gale, swept over Alton, and a deluge of small green frogs was precipitated. The frogs fell so plentifully that thousands were hopping around the streets. Pedestrians and vehicles crushed them by hundreds, so thickly were the streets strewn.

**Murder on Roof Garden.**

New York, June 26. — Stanford White, the eminent architect, of the firm of McKim, Mead & White, was shot and almost instantly killed by Harry Thaw, a member of the prominent Pittsburg family, during the performance of the musical extravaganza "Mamzelle Champagne" on the roof of the Madison Square Garden. Mr. White died before an ambulance could be summoned, and Thaw was arrested immediately after the shooting.

The Madison Square roof garden, which has been closed for several years, was crowded with a fashionable audience. While a sextette was singing a comic song and the Garden was echoing with the laughter and applause of the audience, a series of shots rattled in the rear of the auditorium, and a man in evening dress was seen to fall across a table at which he was sitting with a party of friends. The man who had fired the shots fled, pistol in hand, toward the nearest exit, where he was seized and disarmed by the police.

Instantly the audience was thrown into a panic, and a wild stampede occurred, during which chairs and tables were overturned, and men and women fought with desperation to escape from the roof.

The man who was shot was quickly identified as Mr. White, but his assailant was not positively known to be Thaw until after he had been taken to the station house.

**"You've Ruined My Home."**

The first intimation of trouble came when, walking in front of his seated victim, the man exclaimed: "You've deserved this! You've ruined my home!" and drawing an automatic pistol, fired three shots. The first two took effect, but as the third was discharged the pistol was struck up by a fireman on duty in the theatre, and the bullet went skyward.

The assailant was taken to the West 30th street police station, where he described himself as John Smith, a student, of 130 Lafayette place, Washington, D. C., but the police on searching him found cards and letters addressed to Harry Thaw, of Pittsburg, and later his identity was fully established.

Mr. White had previously been at the Manhattan club, and had only been at the Garden a few minutes when Thaw confronted him.

Fireman Bruden took the revolver away from Thaw and handed him over to Policeman Debbs, who placed him under arrest. Thaw handed the policeman \$10 and asked him to notify Andrew Carnegie that he was in trouble.

Thaw, it is alleged, said to the fireman: "Deserved what he got. He ruined my life and deserted the girl."

While Thaw was being held by the policeman the young woman, who is described as short, slender, dark and very pretty, again put her arms about his neck. Thaw told her to keep quiet and not get excited, as all would come out all right.

The audience for a few moments believed the firing of the shots was a hoax and applauded. But developments came so fast and it was so suddenly made clear that they had been witnessing a tragedy that a panic followed.

The performance was drawing to a close and Spice's Big Six, a sort of up-to-date Florodora sextette, came on, when Mr. White entered the place. He came from the Manhattan Club, where he had spent the earlier part of the evening. He took a seat in the fifth row and on the left side of a table and leaning over engaged in conversation with Harry Stevens, the caterer of the garden.

Thaw had been present during the entire performance with a woman said to be Mrs. Thaw and had seats at a rear table. He got up every few minutes and walked about and the spectators later recalled that he had acted very nervously.

The six women on the stage had begun their song when Thaw left his wife and walking rapidly down the aisle stood for a few moments right behind Mr. White looking at him hard.

**Shot Without Warning.**

White apparently was utterly ignorant of his peril. Then Thaw quickly pulled a pistol from his trouser's pocket and in quick succession fired three shots. Two took effect, either wound being mortal.

Mr. White without a sound slipped down to the floor, the chair and table falling on top of him. The audience broke into a ripple of applause. Two women nearby seeing what had happened and the blood flowing from the man's wounds, screamed. Two of the girls on the stage fled screaming into the wings. The curtain was rung down quickly.

Several men in the audience rushed to Mr. White's assistance, but the physician said he had died instantly. His body was taken after it became possible in the excitement which followed to his home at 121 East 21st street.

Immediately after the shooting Thaw pointed the revolver in the direction of the stage, and then sweeping it around towards the audience, as if attempting to cover his retreat, started for the exit. He was quickly disarmed by Fireman Frank Bruden, who rushed at him regardless of any peril. He said later that Thaw appeared to be dazed and offered little resistance. Henry Rogers, one of the audience, assisted the fireman, and together they rushed Thaw to the elevator.

While waiting for the car to come, a matter of a few seconds, Thaw's wife, who was Evelyn Nesbitt, a member of the original Florodora sextette, rushed up to him, threw her arms

around Thaw and declared: "I'll stand by you, Harry!"

In the car that arrived was Policeman Debbs, of the West 30th street station, who had heard the shooting and cries of the audience, and Thaw was taken by him at once to the police station.

There were several stories of what Thaw did after firing the shots, but a number of men agreed that he had said: "That woman will never go with that woman again."

To Policeman Debbs at the Garden he said: "Well, damn him, he deserved it."

Once in the police station he had apparently recovered himself and had become the least excited man in it. Standing before the sergeant's desk in easy pose, his overcoat hanging over his left arm, he first calmly took out a cigarette and lighted it.

Answering the usual questions as to name, address, etc., he said he was "J. Smith, 33 years old, a student, of 33 Lafayette place, Washington, D. C." When searched his identity was confirmed. In his card case were cards engraved with his name, "Henry Kendall Thaw." He had about \$250 in cash. Refusing to say a word about the crime, and asking that his lawyers, Lewis A. Delafield and Frederick Longfellow, be notified, he puffed his cigarette and was taken back and locked in a cell. The charge against him is murder.

Mystery still surrounds the cause of the tragedy, but its solution may be found in the words attributed to Thaw immediately after the shooting: "Well, he ruined my wife, and I got him."

It is known that for years bitter enmity had existed between White and Thaw on account of the former's attentions to Mrs. Thaw, which had begun prior to her marriage.

**SON OF WEALTHY FAMILY**

**Thaw's Father Was Vice President of Pennsylvania Lines West.**

Pittsburg, June 26.—Harry Kendall Thaw is about 36 years old and is the son of the late William Thaw, who was vice president of the Pennsylvania lines west and one of the wealthiest families of Pittsburg. He was a graduate of the Western University of Pennsylvania, and when in Pittsburg made his home with his mother at Lyndhurst, Beechwood boulevard, in the east end of this city. Since his graduation from college and the attainment of his majority Thaw has lived little in Pittsburg. Much of his time has been spent abroad, and it was while in Paris that he met Evelyn Nesbitt, the actress, whom he afterwards married, and who was with him when he is alleged to have done the shooting.

Harry K. Thaw is a brother of J. Copeley Thaw, the Countess of Yarmouth, who was Alice Thaw, and also of Mrs. George Lauder Carnegie, of Cumberland, Fla. He is also a half-brother of Benjamin Thaw.

Mrs. William Thaw, mother of Harry, sailed for Europe Saturday on one of the slow steamers. She is on her way to visit her daughter, the Countess of Yarmouth. Harry and his bride were booked to sail on Wednesday of this week. No reason for the shooting can be assigned by friends of the family.

**MET DEATH IN STOLEN LAUNCH**

**Boat Run Down by Tug in Delaware River and One Man Drowned.**

Camden, N. J., June 25.—A launch that had been stolen from a wharf in this city last Friday was run down by a tugboat in the Delaware river off here, and John McCormick, one of the two occupants of the small boat, was drowned. The tug cut the launch in half, throwing both men into the water. William Brown, McCormick's companion, managed to get a hand hold on the tug and climbed over its side. McCormick sank before he could be reached. Brown was landed here and disappeared before it was learned that the launch had been stolen.

**JEALOUSY CAUSED MURDER**

**Italian Shoots and Kills Former Fiance of His Wife.**

Norristown, Pa., June 25.—Maddened by the sight of a former fiance of his wife, Emelio Alterio, an Italian, aged 23 years, shot and killed Alfredo Rosato, of Philadelphia, here. The murdered man, who was 21 years old, has only been in this country a couple of months. He was an admirer of Mrs. Alterio in Italy. With several friends he called on an Italian family near Alterio's home. The latter saw him, approached, and when near fired four shots, all of which took effect. Alterio then waved a farewell to his wife and fled.

**Endows Room For Sick Journalists.**

Philadelphia, June 26.—Joseph F. Sinnott, a distiller, of this city, who died last week, leaving an estate of more than \$1,000,000, bequeathed \$10,000 in trust to the University of Pennsylvania hospital for equipping and maintaining a room for one sick person at a time, who shall have been a newspaper writer or a journalist, in preference to any other calling. The endowment is in commemoration of his deceased son, Joseph E. Sinnott, who was a reporter in this city.

**She Would.**

"I'm going up to interview your wife," said the society reporter. "Do you suppose she'll talk?" "Do I?" replied the husband. "Why, she'll be talking when your twenty-second edition comes out."

**A Vacancy Filled.**

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An American physician says that while in England he saw a vaulted tomb in a London cemetery which had the following inscription engraved on the door:  
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**Decline of the Bath.**  
One strange feature in the advance of civilization has been the decline of the bath. Washing in the golden age of Greece and Rome was a fine art, and baths were built with as much care as temples. There has been a revival in this century of public baths, but from an aesthetic point of view they cannot compare with those of a barbarous age. This is not an age of washers.—London Lady.

**Should Have Said Shoes.**  
"Miss Backbay," said Mr. O'Bull, who had been strolling along the country road with the lady, from Boston, "I suppose your feet are very dusty. Permit me"—  
"Sir!" cried the precise young woman witheringly. "How dare you!"—Philadelphia Press.

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