

Democratic Watchman

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Thaw Declared Providence Forced Him to Shoot.

PURSUED HIM BY LEGAL MEANS

Alienist Testifies Prisoner Told Him He Hoped to Bring Architect to Trial and Humiliate Him—Will and Codicil Admitted in Evidence.

New York, Feb. 19.—"This man (meaning White), the dead man, this creature, the beast, the blackguard, sought to take the virtue of every pure-minded woman that came into the sphere of his observation. I tried to save them with all my power, but I could not."

"I never wanted to shoot at the creature; I never wanted to kill him; I never had desire to do him physical harm. I knew he was a vile creature, devouring the daughters of the fathers and mothers of New York, of America, but I did not want to kill him. I wanted to bring him to legal trial. I wanted to bring him before a court so that his infamous life would be exposed to the public and he would be brought to justice."

"But it was not to be so. Providence took charge of him. This was an act of Providence. If I had my own way he would have suffered the humiliation which comes with laying bare such a vile and infamous life before the court and public."

This is Harry K. Thaw's own story of the killing of Stanford White. It was told by him to Dr. Britton D. Evans, the alienist, last August in the Tombs. Dr. Evans repeated the prisoner's words to the jury which is trying Thaw for his life.

District Attorney Jerome fought hard last week against the introduction of this evidence, which the defense believes is conclusive proof that Thaw did not know his act was wrong. Once the testifying physicians had declared that in their opinion Thaw was insane at the time he made the statements to them, however, the rules of evidence permitted the introduction of the prisoner's words.

In further buttressing their contention that Thaw was insane when he killed Stanford White, the defendant's counsel succeeded in placing before the jury the will executed by Thaw the night of his marriage in April, 1905, and a codicil to the will executed at the same time.

Again Mr. Jerome fought the evidence, but he significantly withdrew his objections after Dr. Evans had given it as his expert opinion Thaw was insane at the time he executed the will. The fact that the district attorney seems disposed to let in testimony of every character provided there is a preliminary opinion from the witness that the man was of unsound mind at the time to which the testimony refers, was taken as further indicating that Mr. Jerome may at the psychological moment, if he deems his hand strong enough, demand the appointment of a commission to pass upon Thaw's state of mind at the present moment.

Thaw's Will Read.

The will and the codicil, as read to the jurors, was offered in evidence as cumulative testimony of Thaw's mental unsoundness prior to the killing of White. In his will Thaw provided that his executors set apart a sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of investigating his death in case of a violent or suspicious end, and for the prosecution of the persons suspected of having had a hand in his taking off. In the codicil Thaw left to a lawyer in Pittsburgh the sum of \$7500 to be used in securing legal redress from Stanford White and one other person, whose name was not allowed to be read, for the benefit of four young women who, Thaw declared, had been the victims of "degrading assaults" in a house "furnished and used for orgies by Stanford White and other inhuman scoundrels."

The names of the four young women were mentioned by Thaw, but were not made public. Thaw also bequeathed sums of \$2500 each to Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, Anthony Comstock and a lawyer named in his codicil, to be used in discovering further alleged misdeeds by Stanford White and securing redress for the women.

The trial entered its fifth week. The opening of court found Attorney Delmas again in his accustomed place at the head of Thaw's counsel table. During the day there was no surface indication of the storm which it is said raged among counsel for the defense during the latter part of last week after the trial had been adjourned because of the death of Juror Bolton's wife. Mr. Bolton was early at the criminal courts building and said that he felt perfectly able to go with the trial. It was decided that the jurors should not again be confined until they finally retire to make up their verdict.

Thaw Complained to Jerome. Dr. Evans, who has been by far the most important witness for the defense among the medical experts, detailed at great lengths his conversations with Thaw in the Tombs. He told of how Thaw declared that his lawyers and physicians were in a conspiracy with the district attorney to "railroad" him to an asylum and prevent his case from coming to trial. He declared that "they wanted to close this matter up." Thaw told the physician that in his attempts to bring Stanford White to justice he had complained to District Attorney Jerome

and that the latter had told him to let the matter drop; that there was nothing to it. He also complained to Anthony Comstock and to a detective agency.

Lively Cross-Examination.

District Attorney Jerome cross-examined Dr. Evans briefly on the one point of his opinion that Thaw was of unsound mind at the time of executing his will. The prosecutor and witness flashed fire at the first contact and there was every indication that when Mr. Jerome undertook Dr. Evans' cross-examination in general the proceedings would be as lively and interesting as any ever heard in a local court room. Dr. Evans met the preliminary attacks boldly, and seemed as ready with his wits as the district attorney. This was illustrated when Mr. Jerome in a tone of aggravation asked the witness: "Well, what can you say?"

"There are many things I could say, but I am not permitted to say them," retorted the physician amid laughter.

ITALIAN SHOT AND CUT TO DEATH

"Black Hand" Murder at Glenside, Near Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Feb. 18.—Thoroughly convinced that the murder of an unknown Italian under unusual circumstances late Saturday night, near Glenside, a suburb, was the result of a "Black Hand" plot, the police authorities here have been asked by the Montgomery county officials to help run down the murderers. The Italian was inveigled to a lonely spot on the road to Glenside, not far from Edge Hill, where there is an Italian settlement. There he was set upon and shot many times. His body was then hacked and cut in a most inhuman manner.

The murdered man, whose clothing was of good texture and whose general appearance was not that of a laborer, rode out toward Glenside on a trolley car from Germantown to the scene of the murder, with seven men, who are believed to have planned his death. The eighth man left the car and apparently started toward the Italian settlement in Edge Hill, when Peter Rollo, a watchman on the hall-road, saw the seven men pitch upon the murdered man. A number of shots were fired, and the unknown struggled with his assailants until his coat was torn from his body. The murderers fled, and when the suburban police examined the murdered man they found that he had been cut on the head and body with a hatchet and slashed with a stiletto.

JAP WORKMEN BARRED

San Francisco School Controversy Is Now Settled.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Japanese children are to be admitted to the white schools of San Francisco, under certain restrictions; skilled and unskilled laborers coming from Japan are barred from the mainland of the United States, and American laborers, skilled and unskilled, are to be excluded from Japan. This is the basis of the agreement between President Roosevelt, Secretary Root, Mayor Schmitz and the San Francisco school board as an adjustment of the anti-Japanese agitation brought about by the segregation of Japanese children in the schools of San Francisco. The agreement means that the schools of San Francisco will be conducted in the same manner as they were before the board of education adopted the resolution last October providing for the segregation of the Japanese, except that adult Japanese who are in primary grades must continue to attend the Oriental schools and that Japanese children under 16 years of age will be admitted to the classes with white children of their own ages.

KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Axle On Car Broke and Occupants Were Thrown Out.

Wellsboro, Pa., Feb. 16.—Hiram Pickering, of Tioga, was killed and Dr. S. P. Hakes was severely hurt in an automobile accident on a bridge over the Elk Horn creek, a tributary of the Tioga river. Pickering and Dr. Hakes, who is president of the Orange National bank at Tioga, were making a sharp turn in the road to take the approach to the bridge, when an axle on the motor car broke. The machine crashed into the bridge rail. Pickering was tossed over the abutment and fell upon his head. He died without regaining consciousness. Dr. Hakes was also tossed from the automobile, but he escaped with several lacerations and contusions.

39 DEAD IN MINE EXPLOSION

Casualty List in Mexican Disaster May Reach 70.

Monterey, Mex., Feb. 19.—A dispatch to the News from Las Esperanzas, Coahuila, says that 39 men are known to be dead and 12 injured as a result of an explosion of gas in the coal mine at that place. The list of dead and injured may be extended to 70, as that number of men are believed to have been in the mine at the time of the accident.

Mrs. J. D. Rockefeller Ill.

Augusta, Ga., Feb. 16.—John D. Rockefeller, who has been here for a month, left suddenly for New York on receipt of a telegram announcing the dangerous illness of his wife. He was not accompanied by any of his family. He had expected to remain until after the winter had passed.

Went Insane Over Thaw Trial.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 19.—Violently insane over the Thaw trial, Joseph Lerdolph, of Janesville, Wis., was taken to the Mendota asylum. Lerdolph talks only of the Thaw trial and says he has \$100,000 to help out "Evelyn and Harry."

TWENTY DEAD IN WRECK

147 Others Injured When New York Central Electric Train Was Derailed. New York, Feb. 18.—Twenty dead, two fatally hurt and 145 others more or less seriously injured, is the result of the wreck of an electric express train on the New York Central railroad at 205th street and Webster avenue. Of the large number of injured, 50 are, according to hospital and police reports, seriously hurt. Most of the others are suffering from lacerations or shock and will recover.

The train was made up of five coaches and was drawn by two motors. At Woodlawn road the four tracks run through a rocky cut and take a sharp curve. When the train reached the curve it was running 48 miles an hour. Both motors and the smoking cars swung safely around the curve, but the cars following left the rails and plunged over on their sides with a terrific crash, tore up the tracks and after sliding 100 yards collapsed in one mass.

The rear car, containing more women than the others, suffered the greatest as it overturned, and before the breaking of the coupling released it from the cars ahead it was literally torn to pieces and broken bits scattered for 100 feet across Woodlawn avenue.

During this distance men, women and children who had escaped uninjured in the overturning of the cars were dragged to death. For the entire distance the track was lined with the dead and dying. In being dragged along the cinders and coal dust had been so ground into their faces and the exposed parts of their bodies that it was with difficulty that the rescuers could tell whether they were white or black. Many of them had their clothing torn off and were almost nude when found.

JUDGE PAXSON'S WILL INVALID

Testament of Ex-Chief Justice of Pennsylvania Set Aside.

Philadelphia, Feb. 19.—The absence of necessary subscribing witnesses caused Judge Penrose in the orphans' court here to declare invalid a clause in the will of the late ex-Chief Justice Paxson, of the supreme court, bequeathing \$1,500,000 to charity. The will provided that \$100,000 be set aside for the founding of an agricultural school for boys. After the death of the widow the residuary estate was to be applied to the same charity. Mrs. Paxson died shortly after her husband. Two nephews contested the will, which was properly drawn, but Judge Penrose held that the bequest failed because the document had not been witnessed by two persons as required under the act of 1855. Edward E. and Henry D. Paxson are the chief beneficiaries under the decision.

WOMAN KILLED BY DYNAMITE

Two Children Also Badly Injured in Explosion Which Wrecked Home.

Lebanon, Pa., Feb. 16.—Mrs. Zeller, the wife of John Zeller, of Annville, near here, was instantly killed by an explosion of dynamite at her home, and their two children, Lydia, aged 13 years, and Mary, aged 5 years, were so badly burned and lacerated that there is little hope of their recovery. The house was wrecked. Zeller placed three sticks of dynamite in the stove to thaw and went to work, neglecting to tell his wife that the dynamite was in the oven.

Lydia, the elder of the children, was fearfully cut about the face and body and was terribly burned, her clothing having been ignited by the explosion. Mary, the other child, had a large gash torn in her back, and there are cuts and bruises from her head to her feet. Her clothing also caught fire, and she was badly burned.

BLACK HAND MEMBERS HELD

Eighteen Italians Must Face Charges of Robbery and Attempted Murder.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Feb. 16.—Eighteen Italians of the 23 captured at Brownstown, near Pittston, on Thursday last, were held on the several charges which have been preferred against them; five of the 23 were discharged from custody, and four others who have since been arrested were committed to jail to await a further investigation.

The hearing was held in the corridors of the county prison, at which time there was unfolded a tale of robbery, attempted murder and general terrorism that proved astounding to those unfamiliar with the actions of the Black Hand element in the upper end of this country. Witnesses testified that the order had a membership of 500, with branches at Buffalo, Rochester, New York city, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and a half dozen other cities.

Grief For Wife Killed Him.

Belair, Md., Feb. 19.—Rev. William Francis Brand, D. D., for many years rector of St. Mary's P. E. church, at Emmorton, Harford county, died, aged 93 years. He failed to rally from the shock and grief caused by the death of his wife about a week ago. Dr. Brand was born in New Orleans, but came to Maryland when a young man. He was ordained to the priesthood of the Protestant Episcopal church in 1844, and was probably the most widely known clergyman of his denomination in Maryland.

Blast Oddly Roasts Him Alive.

Allentown, Pa., Feb. 18.—As Felix Sandys, a cement worker at the Lehigh Portland Cement company's West Caploy plant, was broiling meat at the open door of a large rotary cement kiln, a blast in a nearby quarry caused a great quantity of coal dust to fall from the rafters of the building. The coal dust, coming in contact with the open fire, caused an explosion, which roasted him alive.

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"	1.75	"	1.50	"	2.50	"	2.25
Boy's	3.50	"	3.15	"	1.75	"	1.50
"	3.00	"	2.70	"	1.50	"	1.25
"	2.50	"	2.25	"	1.25	"	1.10
"	2.25	"	2.00	"	1.00	"	90
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"	1.75	"	1.50	"	1.00	"	90
"	1.50	"	1.25	"	.90	"	80
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