

A Sensation Sprung by The Calling of Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw to Stand

To Surprise of Nearly Everybody Mrs. Thaw was To-day Called to Witness Stand. She Identified White's letter.

She Told Story of the "Pie Girl" and Other Alleged Victims of White. Problem of The Defense.

New York, Feb. 19.—The defense in the Thaw case having practically concluded the attempt to prove Thaw was insane at the time he killed White, now faces the problem of proving that this insanity was of a temporary nature and that he has recovered.

Thaw's counsel announced that Dr. G. M. Hammond and Dr. S. E. Clifton, noted alienists, will go on the stand today, following Dr. Evans. It is believed they will be called to show Thaw now sane.

A decided surprise was sprung by the stand immediately after the court convened. She looked pale and serious, appearing in the same simple dress as when she was first seen.

Delmas handed her a paper, asking if from the beginning to the end it was the handwriting of White. She said it was.

White's letter was handed to the witness. She identified each by an inclination of her head.

In all she identified forty-two letters. Mrs. Thaw testified that May MacKenzie told her Stanford White said the love between Thaw and his wife would not last, and that he would get her back.

She also said she had a second operation performed January, 1905, paid for by Thaw. She said Thaw told her her illness was due to White.

She said she had known May MacKenzie since 1901. Mrs. Thaw said she met White at Mae MacKenzie's bedside in 1904, and he attempted to embrace her.

"The Pie Girl." The nature of the operation undergone by Mrs. Thaw was not gone into. "Did you visit May MacKenzie at her apartments in 1904?"

"Yes." "While you were there did Stanford White come in?" "Yes." "Did you tell Thaw of anything that then occurred?"

"Yes, Stanford White spoke to me several times and I always answered yes or no. He then came over and started to straighten a bow on my hair. My hair was short, having been cut off at the time of the first operation. Then White tried to put his arms around me, and wanted me to sit beside him on the bed. I told him to leave me alone."

She said Thaw always attributed her ill health, necessity of the second operation, etc., to White, and said he told her he was going to take up White's affairs with Comstock.

She told him it would do no good and that lots of people would not believe the things about White on account of his personality.

died in poverty and disgrace. The witness said Thaw said White ought to be in the penitentiary. Mrs. Thaw identified a letter from Thaw to Comstock. In the letter Thaw described the studio in Madison Square tower, said it was filled with obscene pictures and should be raided. It also described the studio in 24th street, which she said was "consecrated to debauchery" and was used by a gang of rich criminals.

In this building the letter said were the famous red velvet swing and mirrored bedroom. "Workmen on the outside of the building," says the letter, "have frequently heard the screams of young girls."

The letter called attention to another place, saying: "You may also abolish another place at 122 East 23d street—a house used secretly by three or four of the same scoundrels. Young girls are taken there to perform felony. In one of the rooms is a fine French painting of a nude woman—a peculiarly infamous and suggestive picture."

"Pardon me for asking, Mrs. Thaw, but did not Thaw tell you that any of White's practices on young women were unnatural?" Mrs. Thaw flushed. "Oh, no!" she said. "They are unspeakable."

"Can you describe them?" "Yes." "Now you may take the witness," said Delmas to Jerome.

"I will ask permission to reserve the cross-examination of the witness until I determine whether a cross-examination is useful on the issues raised in this case."

"We will assent to that," said Delmas and Mrs. Thaw left the stand.

BOSTON'S BIG DOG SHOW. Boston, Mass., Feb. 19.—Hundreds of bow-wows made their bow in Mechanics building today at the opening of the twenty-third annual bench show of the New England Kennel Club.

Such a turnout of aristocratic canines Boston has never seen before. The exhibits come from many parts of this country and Canada and from Europe and include almost every breed known to the fancier.

Pointers and setters, fox hounds and beagles are much in evidence. The Boston terriers naturally lead the entries in point of number, there being about 250 of this breed on display.

Irish terriers and Scottish terriers are also numerous. The big dogs, such as the St. Bernard and great Danes, Russian wolfhounds and greyhounds, are likewise well represented. Judging began soon after the opening today and will be continued until the show comes to a close on Friday night.

DEATH OF MR. MCGHEE. Died While Out With Surveying Party Near Union—Was Brother of Zack McGhee.

Union, February 19.—Mr. Abner McGhee, who was out with a surveying party of the county and Western railroad, died yesterday about eleven o'clock at Mr. John Kendrick's about 16 miles northeast of here.

Mr. McGhee was taken ill only last Monday but grew rapidly worse, and on Wednesday his brother, Mr. J. Rutledge McGhee, who was bill clerk in the senate, was summoned to the home where he was taken from the surveying camp.

It was thought on Friday and Saturday that the crisis had past, but on Sunday morning early the news was received that he was again seriously ill and not expected to live during the day.



RETURNS TO OPERATIC STAGE.

Madam Gadski Has Joined the Metropolitan Opera Company. Quite the most important musical event of the week in New York has been Mme. Johanna Gadski's return to the operatic stage, as a member of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

Scarcely less interesting than the definite termination of the feud for two years existing between the prima donna and Herr Direktor Heinrich Conradi, is the fact that the role chosen for her reappearance was "Isolde"—the greatest of the Wagnerian roles and the ultimate test of an operatic soprano's title to highest recognition.

Even more significant still was the fact that it was Gadski's premier in the role, and indeed it marked the first time in America in which a great artist has sung "Isolde" without first having essayed the role in Europe.

A reasonable inference to be drawn from Gadski's unqualified success is that she, at the age of 36, is the legitimate successor to Terina and Lehmann—the two famous singers whose Isolde has hitherto been accorded first place in Wagnerian operatic history.

Those familiar with Gadski's successes in Munich and London in the Brunhilde roles—which, by the way, she is to sing in the course of her present engagement—could have entertained no doubts as to the likelihood of this week's triumph.

While the prima donna is to be heard this season in the Wagnerian operas only, it must not be inferred that she proposes to neglect her Mozartian repertoire or other works of the "bel canto" school. Gadski is by no means a one-sided singer, her repertoire extending quite as freely through the lighter Italian operas, as into the more exacting realm of Wagner.

At the close of her present season with Mr. Conradi, Mme. Gadski will fill a few concert engagements, returning to America next year for a limited number of operatic appearances and an extended concert tour under the direction of Loudon Charlton.

ICE BREAKS; 3 BOYS DROWN. Companions, Fearing Punishment, Keep Tragedy Secret Many Hours. Dixon, Ill., Feb. 19.—Fearing punishment because they ventured on brittle ice in the Rock River, contrary to the orders of their parents, William Barge and George Vernon for twenty hours kept secret the death of three companions. The drowned boys are John Hilbert, ten years, Ralph Schaffer, nine years, and Lauren Frye, eight years.

The boys went through the ice Sunday afternoon. Vernon and Barge could swim, and clambered back to the ice. "We tried every way to save the other boys," said Barge, "but they got away and sank. We agreed to say nothing about it, for fear we would be whipped."

Parents of the drowned boys had the police looking for them all night. Barge who was seen with them, when sharply questioned, told of the drowning. ONE ROOM IN MY HEART SHALL BE CLOSED. One room in my heart shall be closed, I said; One chamber at least in my soul shall be secret and locked!

I shall hold it my holy of holies, and no one shall know it! But you, calm woman predestined, with casual hands, You came with this trivial key, And ward by obdurate ward the surrendering lock fell back, And disdainfully now you wander and brood and wait.

In this room that I thought was my own I am now a stranger. —Arthur Stringer, in March Every-body's.

Doings of The Legislature

Scotland Neck Prohibition Question is Discussed at Length. A Great Number of Important Matters Taken Up.

By Bell Telephone. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 19.—Among the bills introduced in the House today was one by Lochart, to protect that fire insurance companies aid in paying for the material used in saving insured buildings.

By Lochart, for the relief of Mary A. Watkins and J. A. Henry, teachers of Anson county. By Douglass, to regulate the employment of railroad flagmen.

By Yount, to authorize electric lights for Hickory. By Yount, to improve the streets of Hickory.

By Dowd, to amend the revision, relative to the qualifications of dispensary commissioners. By Dowd, to prevent the sale of adulterated ciders in Mecklenburg county.

By Sharp, to direct the directors of the state normal and industrial college at Greensboro, to allow Mrs. McIver to retain her residence there. By Taylor, of Brunswick, to provide for the publication of the district apportionment of the public school funds.

By Doughton, to amend the machinery act as to assessments and collection of taxes. The Scotland Neck prohibition question was discussed most of the morning and a part of the afternoon in the House. Kitchin is leading the support of the bill, which provides for an election on prohibition or dispensary. Scotland Neck is now prohibition. At two o'clock this afternoon Dowd, of Mecklenburg, was speaking in opposition to the bill.

In the Senate. Among the notable bills introduced in the Senate today, was one by Pharr, to regulate the amount of baggage allowed passengers on trains. By Reid, to establish a school of technology at Spray.

By Howard, a resolution of sympathy for Senator Flemming over the death of his mother. By Buxton, a joint resolution to authorize the governor and council of state to expend the necessary money for the placing of the statue of Vance in the Statuary building at Washington.

Dickey, by request, a resolution urging the President to use his best effort to have the next Hague conference remain in session until world-peace is guaranteed for at least five years. The resolution passed a tonce. By Mason, to amend the charter of the Gastonia Cotton Manufacturing Company. This passed.

By Klutz, to compel prompt delivery of telegrams. The bill provides a penalty of \$100 for negligence in the delivery of telegrams. The Senate discussed this bill at length. A minority report, opposing the bill, was presented by Pharr and Hicks. The Governor's Message. A message from Governor Glenn was read today before both branches of the General Assembly. In his message the governor urged the passage of the bill for a teachers training bureau in eastern Carolina. He said it would not interfere with the Greensboro Normal, and that unless it was passed there would be much friction.

He also urged the need of a special school of technology and favored the bill establishing one at Spray. He advocates special legislation for Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga. He urged the enactment of a strong immigration law and the taking of every step possible to attract foreign capital. He advocated the re-establishment of an immigration bureau in connection with the agricultural department.

New Reichstag Was Opened

Emperor William To-day Opened the New Reichstag. Read Speech from Throne. Not a Socialist in the Body.

Berlin, Feb. 19.—Emperor William opened the new Reichstag, reading his speech from the throne. Referring to foreign relations, he said: "The general political situation entitles us to the assurance that peace will continue to be preserved."

The members of the Reichstag, in uniform or evening dress, assembled on the floor of the Hall, but there was not a Socialist among them. They refused to countenance the sovereign in any form.

The Empress attended by numerous princesses of the German ruling house, occupied the great box at the end of the Hall, while from another box the diplomatic corps surveyed the scene. The members of the Reichstag cheered as the Emperor and Empress entered the Hall.

SMOOT DEFENDS HIMSELF. Washington, Feb. 18.—Speaking in his own defense, Senator Smoot addressed the Senate on the general subject of Mormonism. He condemned polygamy in the strongest terms and declared emphatically he had taken no oath inconsistent with that that he had taken as senator.

He said a manifesto had been issued by the church against polygamy and recited the history of the church. He declared anyone who had married a polygamist wife since the manifesto should be prosecuted and, if convicted, punished according to the law.

Williams Resolution Favorably Reported. Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—The House committee on inter-State and foreign commerce decided to make a favorable report on the Williams resolution, providing that the Secretary of Commerce and Labor shall send to the House information he may have showing whether any railroad company owns, in whole or in part, any of the coastwise steamships or steamboat lines protected from foreign competition by coastwise laws of the United States.

IMMIGRANT STATIONS. Appropriations of \$70,000 Each for Three Southern Stations Provided. Washington, Feb. 19.—The House committee on naturalization and immigration decided to make a favorable report on bills providing an appropriation of \$70,000 each for immigrant stations at New Orleans, Galveston and Charleston, S. C.

W. L. Pepperman Resigned. Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—W. Leon Pepperman resigned from the position of Chief of the Washington office of the Isthmian Canal Commission to become Assistant to Mr. Shonts of the Interborough Metropolitan Company, of New York.

Mr. Wait's New Work. Norfolk, Va., Feb. 19.—H. M. Wait, superintendent of the Chattanooga division of the Queen and Crescent, has resigned to become superintendent of the Birmingham division of the Seaboard with headquarters at Birmingham.

General Winfield's Command. San Francisco, California, Feb. 18.—General Winfield S. Edgerly, who returned from the Philippines last week has been ordered to Atlanta to take command of the Department of the Gulf.

Night Sessions. Washington, Feb. 19.—The Senate has decided to hold night sessions on account of the appropriation bills.

STATESVILLE NEWS

Some Business Changes—Personal Notes of Interest. Statesville, N. C., Feb. 19.—Mr. P. A. Jones, who recently bought the grocery business of Mr. J. W. Marshall, in the St. Charles building, has sold that business to Messrs. R. M. Knox and W. J. Poston. Messrs. Jo Poston and Banner Knox will have charge of the business at the Marshall stand under the firm name of Poston & Knox.

Mr. Jones will continue his meat and grocery business in his present stand in the St. Charles building. Mr. T. A. Nash, salesman for the Williams furniture house, has been using crutches since last Friday as a result of stepping on a nail which penetrated his foot and passed almost through it.

Mr. Fred C. Booe, who recently resigned as ticket agent at the Statesville depot, has accepted a position with the Southern as telegraph operator at Fletcher, on the Spartanburg and Asheville division. Messrs. S. P. Egle and J. S. Alexander, delegates from the local lodge, went to Fayetteville yesterday to attend a State meeting of the J. R. O. U. A. M., which will be held today.

Geo. Church and Will Sells, two white men, engaged in a difficulty at the Statesville Cotton Mill Sunday. They submitted before Squire Sloan and were fined \$2.50 and half the costs each.

IN THE LEGISLATURE

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 19.—The House after long discussion in which Mr. Kitchin and Dowd opposed the bill to repeal a special act of 1905 for prohibition of Scotland Neck, the bill passed by a roll call vote of 64 to 29. Objection was made to the final reading and parliamentary figures. This question was in progress at 3 o'clock.

In Senate on motion, by Buxton, to table the bill to provide a penalty of \$100 for delays of telegrams prevailed by 18 to 17. The Holt bill for four months schools passed its second reading.

WILL SEND TO REFORMATORY.

Greenville, S. C., Feb. 19.—Ike and Bob Leslie, the youthful burglars, who were mentioned in this correspondence Monday, are still in custody at the county jail, awaiting commitment to a reformatory school, as soon as some school may be found to take them in. This State has no reformatory school, and seems an outrage to put these boys on the chain-gang or in the penitentiary.

SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY.

Local Transportation Between Norfolk and the Jamestown Exposition. Portsmouth, Va., Feb. 11, 1907. To Ticket Agents and Passenger Representatives:—

For your information, I quote below an article regarding the transportation facilities between Norfolk and the Jamestown Exposition Grounds, which should be of interest to our patrons who intend visiting the Exposition.

"Realizing that to a great extent, the success of an exposition depends on the efficient transportation facilities both local and otherwise, the Street Car systems of Norfolk and the surrounding cities of Tidewater Virginia, have approved plans for the expenditure of some \$700,000 for the general improvement of their various lines, which will insure a quick and reliable service between these cities and the Jamestown Ter-Centennial Exposition, to be held on the Southern shores of Hampton Roads, from April 26, to Nov. 30, 1907.

Foremost among these improvements, is a new and modern power-house, being erected by the Norfolk and Portsmouth Traction Company at an expense of \$150,000 which will supply power to all of the lines belonging to this company. An appropriation of \$500,000 has recently been made by the company for the improvement of its tracks, overhead construction, trestles, bridges, etc., and negotiations are being made by the company for the improvement of its tracks, overhead construction, trestles, bridges, etc., and negotiations are being made for the purchase of one or more steamers of 1,200 capacity to insure adequate services between Newport News, Old Point and the Exposition Grounds.

The Norfolk and Atlantic Terminal Electric Railroad is also spending a large sum of money on their lines. New cars have been ordered for all the local systems and a two and a half minute schedule will be maintained on all of the lines, running to the Exposition Grounds. Plans for a joint terminal station between the street car systems and the Tidewater Railroad has been approved, thereby giving a combined loading and unloading capacity of 20,000 people every hour. The Atlantic Terminal Railroad in connection with the Jamestown Boulevard Commission will change a portion of its line to center-pole construction, and in many points shorten the route by securing a more direct right-of-way for its tracks. The many water routes to and from the Exposition Grounds will carry their quota of visitors, and these in connection with the railroads, will adequately handle the crowds during the period of the Exposition."

CHARLES B. RYAN, G. P. A. L. SEVIER, Second V. Pres. Suits Against Standard. St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 19.—Arguments of the attorneys were begun before Special Commissioner Anothony today in the outer suit brought by Attorney General Hadley against the Standard, Republic and Waters-Pierce Oil companies. When the arguments are concluded Commissioner Anthony will prepare his report to the Supreme Court and it is possible that the case may be decided at the April term of court.

VERY ENTHUSIASTIC STUDENTS' MEET

Durham, N. C., Feb. 19.—The Students' Conference, which was in session in this city beginning Friday evening and closing Sunday night, was the largest annual meeting of the college Y. M. C. A. in recent years. The closing address was delivered by Dr. A. L. Phillips, of Richmond, Va., and was considered one that its equal has rarely ever been heard in Durham.

The committee at Trinity College who secured the speakers were certainly fortunate in securing such a splendid array of distinguished men, who delivered addresses at the different sessions. The assemblage of delegates was unusually large, and it proved to be an enthusiastic gathering. The address of Dr. H. L. McFlamme, on Sunday afternoon was very instructive and interesting. He is a returned missionary from India and at present is visiting the different colleges in the interest of the Students Volunteer Movement. The delegates returned to the different colleges and preparatory schools throughout the State Monday morning.

Mr. Sterling Ruffin, Sr., son of the late Chief Justice Ruffin, died yesterday afternoon shortly after 3 o'clock at his home in Hillsboro. Mr. Ruffin was well known throughout the State, and his death will be learned with much regret. He was eighty-odd years of age, and has been in feeble health for some time. Mr. Ruffin formerly resided with the late Duncan Cameron, at Farintosh, but during recent years he has resided in Hillsboro, where he is survived by a host of relatives. The deceased was also a brother of the late Judge Ruffin. The funeral was conducted this afternoon and the remains interred.

A very enthusiastic campaign is being conducted in Durham for the purpose of securing \$35,000 for the erection of a Young Men's Christian Association. The campaign has been in progress for several days and the public spirited citizens have been readily contributing, and it is evident that the committee will be successful in obtaining the necessary amount. Tonight at the Academy of Music there will be a grand rally for the purpose of re-joicing over the successful campaign. There will be number of speakers, and other regular exercises.

Invitations have been issued for the marriage of a very popular couple in this city and throughout the State. The contracting parties are Mr. Daniel Webster Horton and Miss Georgia Farthing. The event will be solemnized at the home of the bride's parents on the 5th of March, at 9 o'clock p. m. The wedding ceremony will be performed by Editor P. D. Gold, and the couple will reside in this city.

There was a very disastrous fire in Durham Saturday night, when the old factory of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company burned to the ground at a loss of \$5,000, the entire structure being totally destroyed. Since the destruction of the large brick structure in East Durham the old factory has been used for storage purposes, but fortunately was empty when the fire occurred. The building was fully covered by insurance.

SHERIFF LEVIES ON SPENCER'S STUFF. Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 19.—This afternoon the sheriff made a levy upon the personal property of Congressman Blackburn, consisting of household and kitchen furniture under an execution from Guilford Superior Court in a case entitled Cobb & Copening vs. E. Spencer Blackburn. The suit was brought to satisfy a claim held by Cobb & Copening against Mr. Blackburn for a board bill amounting to nearly \$200.

W. E. Holly, colored, who runs a store in Jonesboro, was arrested yesterday charged with retailing. The store owned by Jennings Bros. on the corner of Spring Garden and Mendham streets was entered by thieves last night and a large number of small articles were taken, also money to the amount of \$8. The entrance was made through one of the front windows.

Albert A. Kirkman, who has been with the Southern 25 years as telegrapher and for 18 years as train dispatcher has resigned his position and will go to Norfolk this week to accept a similar position with the Atlantic Coast line.

Sunday evening Mr. D. A. Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Elsie Ingold, both of this city, went to Danville, where they were married at the residence of Mr. W. G. Benefield. The couple returned to Greensboro last night and are staying at the Benbow hotel for a few days.

Death of Mrs. Hill. Shelby, February 19.—Mrs. Mary Hill the wife of our townsman, Mr. M. F. Hill, died today at their home on Marion street after protracted illness. She leaves surviving her, her husband and children as follows: Messrs. Jaywood and Guy Hill of New York, Mrs. Crowell of Lincoln, Misses Colon and Lucio Hill, and Mrs. John Black, and Miss Lilla Hill, of Shelby. She was 71 years of age.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon by her pastor, Rev. G. D. Herman, and the remains will be interred in the cemetery here.

The shorter a man is the longer he is willing to talk.

A man may walk right up without walking upright.