

# THAW GIVES STORY OF DARING ESCAPE

## Defendant Had Two Reasons for Taking the Stand

### TAKES ALL THE BLAME

#### Claims Two Reasons for Taking the Stand—One Prove His Sanity, the Other to Take All the Blame for His Escape.

New York, March 11.—Harry Kendall Thaw went on the witness stand today and told the complete story of his escape from Matteawan. A dual purpose, his attorneys said, prompted him. He desired to convince the jury trying and his co-defendants on an indictment charging conspiracy that he had recovered his reason. He wanted also to take all blame.

Thaw testified that the men the state alleges conspired with him were not conspirators but men he had employed to assist him out of the state after he himself had effected his escape. He said he paid them \$6,000 for their services and gave Roger Thompson, who accompanied him to Canada "a present of \$1,000." The witness declared he thought he had a legal right to flee from the hospital as he believed himself sane and that had he remained there his reason ultimately would have been dethroned.

Thaw told his story after his attorneys had made many vain attempts to get into the record the testimony of a half dozen alienists and more than a score of laymen, who have had an opportunity to observe his actions. The presiding judge, however, refused to admit any more of this testimony than was necessary to show that Thaw had sufficient mental capacity to enter into a conspiracy.

One Defendant Dismissed. At adjournment tonight with Thaw still on the witness stand under cross examination he had four defendants instead of five. After the state had closed its case, Michael O'Keefe, on the motion of counsel, was discharged as no evidence had been adduced to connect him with the alleged crime.

Thaw testified later, however, he had five "employees." Special Deputy Attorney General Kennedy, in charge of the prosecution, considered that Thaw had so involved his four remaining co-defendants that he requested the court to cancel their bail bonds and confine them until a verdict should be reached. The court complied. The defense will be completed tomorrow and the case is expected to be with the jury before night.

Thaw still was suffering with rheumatism when he entered court today. It was late in the afternoon when he stepped briskly to the witness chair. At first he kept his gaze on the face of John B. Stanchfield, who was examining him. He appeared exceedingly nervous and began by answering questions in monosyllables.

After half an hour, however, Thaw began to talk more freely. The interest of the jurymen, who were sitting far forward in their seats so that they might better hear every word the witness said, seemed to give Thaw confidence, for from then on he went into lengthy explanation.

On cross examination Thaw several times showed signs of impatience with the manner in which assertive questions were asked him by Frank K. Cook, a deputy attorney general. Each time, however, he quickly became apologetic and said that he intended to answer Mr. Cook's questions to the best of his ability.

Thaw was called after his counsel had tried in vain to get into the record the testimony of alienists and others regarding his sanity.

Thaw's Own Story. In reply to questions Thaw said: "By August, 1913, I had come to believe that it would be an impossibility for me to get out by legal means. I was informed that the methods by which people usually got out would be unsuccessful in my case."

Thaw said he slept in a ward with a score or more persons who were insane. "When they would become violent," he went on, "they were put in straight jackets."

The prosecution's objections to that line was sustained. Thaw said he had been advised by Alfred Henry Lewis, a writer who had since died, that he would be violating no law in escaping, providing no violence was used to effect the escape.

"With that thought in mind, I decided to leave the institution," Thaw continued. "So I instructed H. A. Hoffman, one of my agents, to get me two automobiles. I told Mr. Hoffman that I wanted the automobiles placed and I fixed the hour at 7 o'clock. I knew the milk wagon arrived there at that time on Sunday morning."

"Did you believe yourself sane?" "I did."

"Did you intend to commit a crime?" "I was exceedingly particular not to commit a crime," Thaw continued. "I never saw any of these co-defendants before that morning. I gave the men in the automobiles their instructions and they carried them out. I wanted to get to Pittsburg without crossing the state of New York. That was why I started out to go around through Canada."

Direct examination ended, Thaw was cross examined by Deputy Attorney General Cook.

Did Not Authorize Plea. "Do you remember when you pleaded not guilty on the ground of insanity?"

# FRECKLES

### February and March Worst Months for This Trouble—How to Remove Easily.

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asked Mr. Cook. "Yes, I remember that," Thaw replied. "The plea was made by Martin Littleton, my counsel, but I did not authorize it. It was made without my permission."

Thaw was questioned about writs of habeas corpus he had sued out. He said former Governor Stone, of Pennsylvania, was among persons who had told him he could not hope to gain his liberty by habeas corpus writs.

"Where did you first meet a lawyer named Anhut?" asked Mr. Cook. "At Matteawan," replied Thaw. "Did you have a business relation with Anhut?"

Mr. Stanchfield's objection was sustained. Justice Page excluded any reference to Anhut's attempt at bribery—the idea behind the next several questions. Thaw said he had any number of people beside Mr. Lewis had advised him there was nothing illegal about his walking out to do so and did not "employ violence or corrupt any one."

"Who were the five men who came with the automobiles?" asked Mr. Cook. "I did not know them," replied Thaw. Thaw said he had instructed Hoffman, his agent, to have the Landulet at the gate and the big machine "at the bottom of the hill."

### ANOTHER NOTE NOW GOES TO CARRANZA

(Continued from Page One.) They are responsible, Americans will suffer by reason of the conduct of the Constitutional forces in the City of Mexico or because they fail to provide means of protection to life and property, will hold General Obregon and General Carranza personally responsible.

Therefore having reached this determination the government of the United States will take such measures as are expedient to bring to account those personally responsible for what may occur."

### IMPORTANT RAILROAD DAMAGE SUIT ON TRIAL IN RALEIGH

#### Young Man Asks \$25,000 for Loss of Leg on Southern Track.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Raleigh, N. C., March 11.—The Superior Court spent yesterday and today hearing the damage suit of William Sidney Davis vs. The Southern Railway Co. in which \$25,000 damage is asked for the loss of Davis' leg in an accident just beyond Boylan Heights in July, 1910.

Davis, then a lad of 14 years, was walking along the tracks of the Southern, when a through freight train passed, and he alleges was going at such speed that the suction of the passing cars drew him under the wheels, one leg being cut off.

The defense is that Davis was really a trespasser on the tracks and right of way of the company, and that it was not the suction of the cars, but the lad's own carelessness, that caused him to fall under the cars, and that warnings against trespassers had been amply given, so that the railroad company was in no way at fault in the injury that befell the boy.

Judge Frank Daniels concluded his charge to the jury at 3 o'clock, and the jury immediately retired with the cases. Manning & Kitchin are counsel for the plaintiff, and A. B. Andrews, Jr., is counsel for the railroad company.

### NEWBERN MERCHANTS SAY BUSINESS IS GOOD NOW.

#### Even Better Than a Year Ago in Some Instances—Farmers to Diversify.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Newbern, N. C., March 11.—Newbern merchants are of the opinion that the little financial depression which prevailed a few weeks ago, or rather a few months ago, has departed from this section and several of them have emphatically stated that their sales now are even better than they were during a corresponding period last year. While the farmers down in this section have depended largely upon the cotton crops, large numbers of them last season raised tobacco and as they received excellent prices for this, they have not been "in the hole" as badly as those who depended largely upon the cotton crop.

Tobacco crops next season will probably not be as large as they were during the past, the farmers realizing that they can glut the market with too much of the weed and practically all of them have decided to diversify their crops more than ever before, to plant a little of everything that can be sold on the local market, and indications now are that the approaching season will be one of the most successful that Craven and surrounding counties have experienced.

—By deed filed for record yesterday, A. C. Craft, Jr., transfers to Marcy C. Sharpless, for use and behoof of the children, lot on west line of 12th, 132 feet south of Meares, 33x150 feet in size.

Register for the charter election. Books open today, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

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# COMMENDATION FROM MAJOR GENERAL WOOD

## Letters Received by Companies of the N. C. N. G.

Capt. J. L. Shaw, of Lumber Bridge, Appointed Adjutant of Second Regiment—Four Men Dismissed from Raleigh Postoffice.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Raleigh, N. C., March 11.—A number of the companies of the North Carolina National Guard are receiving letters of special commendation from Major General Leonard Wood, commanding the Eastern Division of the National Guard, for the excellent showing made in the recent inspections by a representative of the United States War Department. These special letters to date are Company E, Third Regiment, Oxford; Company F, Third Regiment, Franklinton; Company L, Second Regiment, Lumber Bridge.

Adjutant General Young says there are a number of the other companies that will receive these letters of commendation and that it is a fact that the companies of the North Carolina National Guard are in the finest condition as to efficiency as well as equipment that they have ever been.

Col. W. C. Rodman, of the Second Regiment, has appointed Capt. J. L. Shaw, of Lumber Bridge, as adjutant of the regiment in the stead of Capt. N. R. Morgan, of Goldsboro, who has resigned on account of removal from the State. Capt. George K. Freeman, now of Goldsboro, but recently of Wilson, has been appointed in the stead of Capt. Shaw as assistant inspector of small arms. On account of these changes, an election by Company K, Wilson, has been ordered to elect a successor to Capt. Freeman with the Wilson company.

Shake-Up in Raleigh Postoffice. Bart M. Gatling, Raleigh's new postmaster, has been instructed from Washington to dismiss from the service in the Raleigh postoffice William M. Brown, Bedford Brown, S. W. Eason and Braxton Creel, respectively superintendent of mails, assistant superintendent of mails and clerks in the Raleigh postoffice. This order is the result of investigation of charges made and investigated some time before Willis G. Briggs completed his term as postmaster. Thomas Adams is to get the place as superintendent of mails and Everett C. Wilkie as assistant superintendent.

Found Dead in Bed. At the State's prison this morning

# BALTIMORE FEDERALS NOW AT FAYETTEVILLE

## Otto Knabe and Main Body of Players Arrived Yesterday

Fourteen Players Arrive, to be Followed by Seven Others—Many Newspaper Men in Party—Bender and Duncan Along.

(Special Star Telegram.) Fayetteville, N. C., March 11.—Otto Knabe and the main body of his Baltimore Federal League players, arrived here on the Palmetto Limited today to go into spring training for the Federal League season. Among the players, who numbered 14, are "Chief" Bender, formerly of the Philadelphia Athletics; "Mike" Duncan, Carolina's old star outfielder; Frank Smith, who pitched for Raleigh in the days of the Virginia-Carolina League, and Jack Quinn, who got his start with Richmond in the Virginia League.

Seven other men will report from their homes, including George Suggs, of Kingston. In addition to the players John Rudderham, trainer; Emanuel Daniel, of the Baltimore News; C. T. Gibbs, of the Evening Sun; Rodger Wippen, of the American; C. Starr Matthews, of the Sun; Mrs. James Walsh, wife of the famous third baseman; two photographers, and a couple of Baltimore fans, were members of the party.

Night Corporal W. R. Campbell was found dead in his bed. He had been in the service of the prison as a guard for 20 years. The remains were sent this afternoon to Carboanton for interment.

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### Ten Years' Misery Ended.

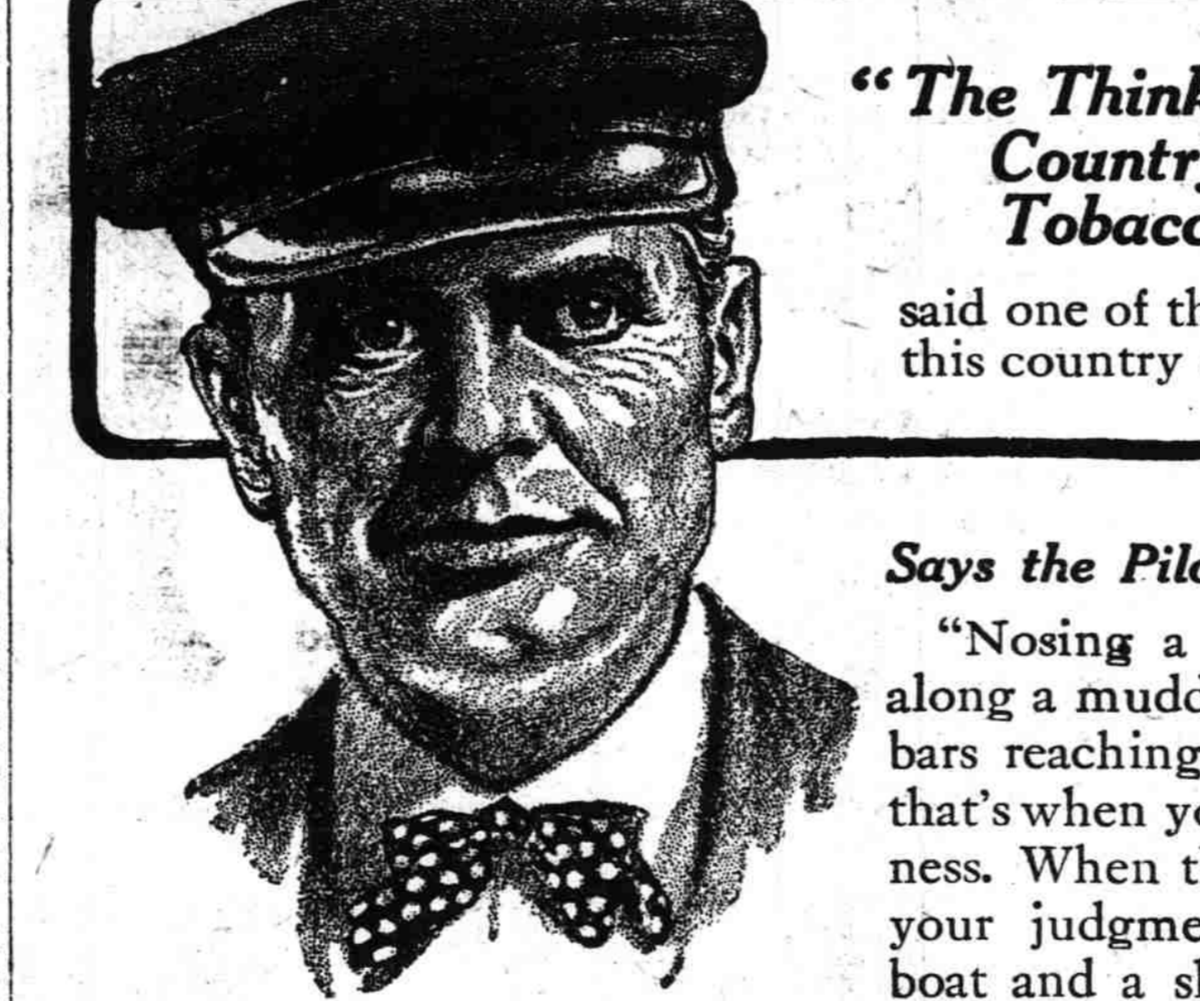
J. T. Chambers, merchant, Jonesboro, Ark., writes: "Foley Kidney Pills cured me of a ten-year standing case of rheumatism. I suffered miserably. A friend told me of being cured; so I used them, and they cured me, too." Most middle aged men and women are glad to learn that Foley Kidney Pills afford a way to escape sleep disturbing bladder weakness, backache, rheumatism, puffiness under eyes, stiff and swollen joints and other ills attributed to kidney troubles.

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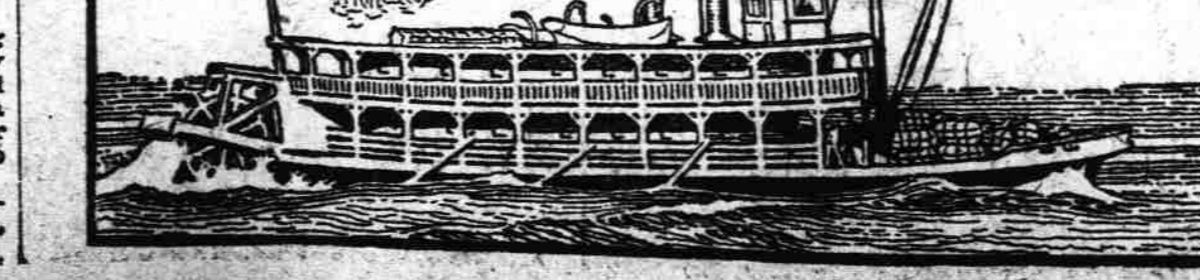
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MRS. H. J. ARNETTE DEAD. Wife of Well Known Coast Line Man Dies in Richmond. (Special Star Correspondence.) Rocky Mount, N. C., March 11.—The sad information of the death of Mrs. H. J. Arnett was conveyed to friends in this city last night, her death following a brief and extreme illness in a Richmond hospital. Mrs. Arnett formerly lived in this city and her husband had for a number of years been in the employ of the Atlantic Coast Line. In this city he held the position of chief clerk to the general superintendent. More recently they have lived in Richmond, where Mr. Arnett is in the service of the same company. The deceased was 27 years old and her naturally beautiful voice highly trained caused her to be regarded as one of the most prominent vocalists in this section.

### FEDERAL COURT IN WILSON.

First Term to be Held in County Court House in April. (Special Star Correspondence.) Wilson, N. C., March 11.—The first term of the United States court for Wilson is to be held in April. The government inspector has recommended the use of the Superior court room, tendered by the county commissioners, and this arrangement will be made until the erection of the Federal building. The commissioners have also agreed that the county officers, sheriff and clerk shall serve the Federal court. Judge H. G. Connor will preside.

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