

EXPERTS TESTIFY THAT THAW IS NOW SANE MAN

Hearing Not Unlike Proceedings
of Two Homicide
Trials.

JEROME TAKES CHARGE OF CASE THROUGHOUT

Creator of the "Brainstorm" also Feat-
ures in the Inquiry into the Sanity
of the Slayer of Stanford White, Who
Is Seeking Freedom.

White Plains, N. Y., July 26.—Allentown today began their slow march across the stage in the Thaw case. The efforts of Stanford White's slayer to obtain his release from the Mattawa asylum for criminal insane are culminating in the testimony of the experts called to prove him sane, and when they are through the prisoner will take the stand himself. His attorney, Charles Morahan, said today that he might put Thaw on tomorrow morning, but he may not reach the stand until Wednesday.

In two respects the hearing today was a reminder of the two homicide trials which Thaw underwent. District Attorney Jerome, of New York, at the request of the attorney general's office, appeared in court and took entire charge of the state's case. Mr. Jerome and Thaw sat so close together that their chairs touched, but if the prisoner had any fear of the man who prosecuted him, his face did not show it. All but one of the witnesses were Thaw's today and his equanimity was undisturbed. At times he and the New York district attorney chatted and smiled like old friends reunited.

The other familiar feature of the hearing was Dr. Britton B. Evans, of the New Jersey state insane asylum, at Morris Plains, famous for his introduction of the term "Brainstorm." Dr. Evans was on the stand when court adjourned and probably will continue his testimony tomorrow morning.

Dr. Evans testified that Thaw has not now and never has had the particular kind of insanity known as "paranoia," which the state and county authorities contend still afflicts him.

The oldest practicing physician in White Plains and one of the youngest, also testified. Both said that Thaw was mentally sound. Dr. Henry Ernst Schmidt, aged eighty, qualified as an alienist, while the younger man, Dr. Wm. J. Meyer, testified in his capacity of White Plains jail physician, which gave him numerous opportunities of seeing and talking with the prisoner. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw did not come to White Plains today. Mr. Jerome said that she was still under subpoena and might be called for cross-examination after Thaw testifies. Dr. Evans said today that during a personal interview with Thaw in the jail here, the prisoner declared that his wife's assertion on the stand weeks before last that Thaw had threatened to kill her, was false. There is expected to repeat this on the stand and the state may call his wife to make the charge once more.

During the cross-examination Mr. Jerome asked Dr. Schmidt: "You say now to that man is fit, in your opinion, to be turned loose in this community without any restraint whatever?" "I do," replied Dr. Schmidt.

AUTO HIGHWAY MUST COME HERE, SAY BUSINESS MEN

Determined Effort to Bring
It Here Now Under Way.
Three Routes from Roanoke to Salisbury to Choose from.

New York-to-Atlanta National Road to Go By the
Piedmont Route Is Decision
of Committee in New York.

A committee from the chamber of commerce appointed by President Sternberger yesterday to act in conjunction with the publicity committee of the Auto Club of Guilford County, will meet in the chamber's rooms at nine o'clock this morning to take definite steps to secure the coming to Greensboro of the "New York to Atlanta Highway." It is expected that a delegation of High Point citizens headed by Mayor F. N. Tate, will attend the meeting to cooperate.

A meeting has been called for next week of the county commissioners of Guilford, Forsyth, Davidson and Rowan counties to take active steps in aid of the movement.

For some time there has been agitated a movement of the building of a great national highway from New York City to Atlanta and ultimately to New Orleans, similar to the one now in existence from New York City to Chicago. The New York Herald and the Atlanta Journal, backed by the automobile builders, began a series of investigations, sending out from the two cities "scout cars" to determine the best route. The matter has been urged before Congress and a bill, carrying a large appropriation, has been introduced and passed by the United States House of Representatives.

Three routes have been proposed, the "Capital to Capital" route, following as the same line, the line between Richmond, Raleigh and Columbia; the "Piedmont" route, passing through the upland sections of the state; and the "Mountain" route, following the mountain ridge, via Bristol and Chattanooga.

Last Saturday, the committee sitting in New York decided the Piedmont route. From New York via Gettysburg and Harrisburg, down the Valley in Virginia to Roanoke, thence to Salisbury and then on. Practically the only part of the route left open is the gap between Roanoke and Salisbury. To fill this gap are proposed three routes:

Let from Roanoke to Madison across the mountains to Winston, to Salisbury and Roanoke to Danville, Lynchburg, Bedford, Greensboro, Oak Ridge, Winston, Barber Junction to Salisbury. 2d. Roanoke, via the Virginia cities to Greensboro, to High Point, to Lexington, Thomasville, to Salisbury. A sub-committee appointed by the committee in New York will be over the routes proposed in August, preliminary to the great run in October, in which over two hundred cars will participate. Of the first route, experienced automobilists consider if impractical, and in view of the advantages possessed by the other two routes as will be explained later to be unworthy of serious consideration. It is true that the distance is shortened by fifty miles, but the roads that have to be negotiated, combined with other disadvantages, will very likely bar it.

Of the second route, as well as the

WHAT NATIONAL HIGHWAY MEANS TO GREENSBORO

It means the building of a great national highway, extending from New York to Atlanta, and ultimately to New Orleans, over which will pass thousands of automobiles and tens of thousands of tourists annually.

It means the advertising of Greensboro over all the world, as it will necessarily be, with its ample hotel accommodations, the stopping place of thousands of visitors.

It will mean as much, if not more, to the city and its environment, what the building of a railroad did to a community fifty years ago.

third, there stand out five points that will appeal with force to the committee. These are:

First, almost a continuous stretch of either macadam or ridge roads, which are almost as good as macadam nearly the entire distance.

Second, the line runs along a procession of populous cities and towns, nearly all of which have facilities for repairing, there being garages in nearly every town and city passed.

Third, the farmers and other people possessed along both routes are well acquainted with automobiles and would not subject passing ones to the annoyances that might possibly be encountered along a less traveled highway. This point is of peculiar significance to those who have been subjected to needless difficulties, so often arising from the ignorance of the countryside to the auto.

Fourth, there will be found abundance of accommodations in all of the large cities and towns, which cannot be found on the "mountain" route, in the matter of excellent hotel accommodations.

Fifth, it is along the main line of the Southern railway and the long distance telephone and telegraph lines, insuring quick communication, if needed, with all points.

With regard to the third route, the one via High Point and Lexington, it may be pointed out that there was some dissatisfaction found by the "scout cars" last spring with the roads in Davidson county. It may also be remarked in passing that this dissatisfaction was quickly forgotten, according to a gentleman who accompanied the party, when they reached the excellent macadam roads of Guilford county. It is proper to say here, also, that the Davidson county commissioners have promised to put their roads in perfect condition for the run in October and but for a flaw in the law, a bond issue of a half million dollars would have passed before this for permanent work. As it is, regardless of the decision in this case, they propose to push their road improvement work until the county is covered, as is Guilford and others, with a network of good roads.

It is imperative that Greensboro secure the building of this highway through this county. The advantages are obvious as to how they need going into here. A great national highway from the metropolis of the nation to the great cities of the south, will be constantly alive with passing traffic. The direct financial gain, not to mention the incalculable value of the advertising this community will receive will be enormous. There will be thousands of visitors annually passing through and, differing from the tourist on the railways, will have abundant opportunity to observe the country and will, almost perforce, stop over in the largest places for a night or a day.

The other cities along the various

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REPUBLICANS OF VIRGINIA TO MAKE A STRONG FIGHT

Will Begin at State Convention
to Build Up a Strong
Organization.

STRONG STATE TICKET WILL BE NOMINATED

Party Will Endeavor to Carry Out President Taft's Desire for an Active Opposition in the South—Hopes for Big Gains.

Newport News, Va., July 26.—Encouraged by President Taft's desire for an active opposition in the south, Virginia Republicans are determined to begin at the state convention which will be held here July 28 and 29, the work of building up an organization in the hope of a Republican victory in Virginia at the next national election.

It was expected Secretary Nagle of the department of commerce and labor, would attend the convention and deliver the principal address to the delegates, but Mr. Nagle wired today from New York that he would be unable to attend. He has been urged to reconsider his decision and when Representative C. B. Bassom Slump, the state chairman, arrived here tomorrow from Washington Mr. Nagle's reply probably will be awaiting him.

In event of Secretary Nagle's final declination Representative McKinley, of Illinois, will take his place, in all probability. Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Labor McLaugh also has been invited to address the convention.

By putting up the strongest state ticket they can muster on a platform endorsing the party declaration of the last national convention, the Taft administration and the Aldrich-Fayne tariff bill and containing planks on all five state issues, the Republicans will prepare for an active fight during the approaching gubernatorial campaign. Next year when the congressional elections will be held candidates will be put in the field in each of the ten districts and strong efforts will be made to increase the party representation in congress now centered entirely in Representative Slump. Mr. Slump says that the Republicans of the state hold strong hopes of carrying Virginia for the national ticket in 1912.

As the situation now stands, A. P. Gillespie of Tazewell, lawyer and cattle raiser, is expected, will be nominated for governor by acclamation. Candidates for all the state offices will be put in the field.

The liquor question probably is the liveliest issue in Virginia at this time, as the Anti-Saloon League has been making a strong fight for state-wide prohibition. Both of the two candidates contesting for the Democratic nomination for governor are favoring local option with the understanding, however, that they would sign a prohibition bill if passed by the legislature. Mr. Slump says that the Republican convention probably will advocate local option and the adoption of the county unit system in local option counties.

The state Republican platform also will contain planks advocating the election of state corporation commissioners by the people and the creation of two boards to reorganize the present system of taxation in the state, according to Mr. Slump.

Becomes Successor to Clemenceau



M. BRIAND, FRANCE'S NEW PREMIER.

PRESIDENT TAFT WILL ATTEND THE ATLANTIC WATERWAY COMMISSION

Promises to Visit Norfolk During
the Gathering in
October.

AT WORK ON THE CANALS

Washington, D. C., July 26.—President Taft today accepted an invitation to attend the convention of the Atlantic Deep Waterways Association to be held at Norfolk, Va., November 17-20. The President expects to be in Norfolk November 19. The following day he will go to Hampton Normal Institute to deliver an address. The convention originally was set for October, but the date was changed to suit the President's convenience.

The delegation which extended the invitation included Senator Simmons, of North Carolina; Representatives Small, of North Carolina; Maynard, of Virginia, and Moore, of Philadelphia.

The delegation invited the President's attention to the project known as the Boston-Beaufort waterway, with its extension to Key West and along the Gulf of Mexico to New Orleans. The project calls for an inland passage by water through existing canals and rivers a distance of about 1,800 miles down the Atlantic coast.

Work has begun on a section of this waterway between Norfolk and Beaufort, N. C. The work of constructing a canal through Cape Cod also is under way. The principal argument in favor of the continuance of the inland passage is the avoidance of outside danger points around Cape Cod, Cape Hatteras and the several shoals along the coast.

NEW CRITICISM CALLS FORTH CRITICISM FROM A RALEIGH MINISTER

Dr. Pittinger Says That Dr. Elliott's
Recent Pronouncement is Ter-
rible on Christianity.

SOME COLLEGES CULPABLE

Raleigh, July 26.—The Rev. I. McK. Pittinger, D. D., rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, declared during the Sunday morning service that a thing had happened during the past week that had astounded the Christian world and that called for a protest from all church people. It was the pronouncement or prophecy of a so-called "new religion" by Dr. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard. He regarded this as the worst attack that has been made on the Christian religion in a century. It was an especial source of humiliation and sorrow to him that this heresy should have been pronounced under the auspices of a theological school of the Episcopal Church. The Christian religion would continue to grow and work out its saving influence in the world in spite of such attacks from "high places." There was one special good that he sincerely hoped to see come from the incident. That was the deserved death of the so-called canon nineteen that was particularly enacted into church law at the last general convention in Richmond to let down the bars so that men generally could be invited into the channel. He did not know how it was that Dr. Eliot was taking part in this service, the opening ceremony for which was by the bishop of Michigan. It was passing strange that a man of such evident belief should have been called on to speak in this theological school of the church. He hoped this incident would prove a death knell for the proposed canon nineteen, and that nothing more will be heard of it. The Episcopal Church, he said, would go on and Christianity would move forward, but it is a sickening thing for such statements to be published from such learned sources and under such high church auspices. Under the circumstances one could but feel some concern for the church. It was, he said, something of a coincidence that just at the time he read Dr. Eliot's address he was re-reading Bishop Elliott's wonderful lectures "The Life of Our Saviour." He felt that little harm could come from such attacks as Dr. Eliot's, as long as there were such crushing answers to them as embodied in the wonderful book by Bishop Elliott. Dr. Pittinger mentioned the reported biblical teachings that are being taught in many of the universities and colleges of the country. No one expected much else from the University of Chicago, but that such charges could be laid at the doors of really reputable institutions of learning was alarming. He rejoined that none of these charges applied to the North Carolina or Virginia institutions, and appealed that these home institutions be patronized.

Arkansas League Opens Season.

Little Rock, Ark., July 26.—The Northeast Arkansas League, composed of four cities, Jonesboro, Marion, Paragould and Newport, opened its season today. The season will run until September 25.

ENGLAND GIVES FRENCH AVIATOR WILD RECEPTION

Remarkable Demonstration in
Honor of Man Who Flew
Over the Channel.

HERO WORSHIP PROVES WEARYING TO HIM

Numerous Honors and Medals Await
First Man to Fly Across the Channel.
de Lambert Will Make a Trial Flight
Today.

London, July 26.—Louis Bleriot, the Frenchman who made history yesterday by flying across the English channel from Les Baruaques to Dover, a distance of twenty-one miles, in the remarkable time of a little less than half an hour, and his famous little monoplane, both reached London today, the former to receive the monetary fruits of his achievement in the shape of a check for \$5,000, and the latter to be placed on exhibition in the financial advantage of both a London hospital and the enterprising proprietor of the only American department store here.

The famous aviator is finding hero worship much more trying to endure than the strain of navigating the air. Remarkable scenes were again witnessed at Dover this morning when M. Bleriot returned there to attend a civil reception in his honor. The Frenchman was mobbed by the enormous crowds and the police had to come to his protection, no savor were the enthusiasts to greet him at those quarters. Bleriot fever seems to have seized a large part of the populace of London. Those unable to see the flyer himself have been besieging the store where the compact little monoplane is installed among other traveling requisites, the machine being so small that it looks like a large toy, rather than the practical flyer which enabled its daring manipulator to carry out his epochal feat.

Numerous honors and medals are awaiting M. Bleriot on this side of the channel. The aviator will bring a gold cup offered by Captain Wyndham for the first flight across the English channel. It will be presented to the French aviator at the Aeroplane Club dinner on August 8.

Aeronautical experts here regard M. Bleriot's feat as a vindication for the monoplane type of machine over the bi-plane. The Frenchman's machine carries a greater weight in proportion to its plane surface than any other type, which is considered a great advantage.

At a luncheon at his hotel M. Bleriot was presented with the \$5,000 prize won by him. He was handed the one thousand pounds in bank notes in a splendid silver cup.

It was announced at the luncheon that

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FAMOUS BANK CASES AT ASHEVILLE ARE AT LAST BEING TRIED

Officers of Bank That Failed 12
Years Ago Are Now on Trial
For Conspiracy.

THE JURY EASILY SECURED

Asheville, July 26.—Denying a motion for postponement by the defendants' counsel, Judge Newman, in the United States district court this morning called for trial the case of the United States against William E. Brevise and Joseph Dickerson on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the first National Bank of this city, which failed July 29, 1897. After a jury had been selected with astonishing speed, an adjournment was taken at 1:30 until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, when District Attorney A. F. Holton, who with Judge, will conduct the government's case, will outline the basis of prosecution to the jury.

Judge Newman, appearing for the defendants, asked for a continuance of ten days or two weeks, urging the inability of his clients to be ready for trial because they had not been permitted to examine the bank's books, and were therefore not acquainted with the particular charges on which the government bases its action. It was alleged that the books had been in the keeping of the district attorney since the bank closed. The district attorney replied that every fact in the case had been before juries four times in twelve years, and that he had never heard of these applications to examine the books, only when he was out of the city.

In denying the motion for continuance Judge Newman said that full opportunity would be given to the defendants and counsel to examine the books as the trial progressed. When the jury had been selected court adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

WIFE SLAYER KILLS SELF IN POLICE STATION

Brings Letter to Officers Telling of Disposition of Woman's
Body and Shoots Self Through Mouth.

New Bedford, Mass., July 26.—In a state, bordering on insanity, said to have been brought about by drink and the fact that his wife had refused to live with him, Robert M. Fanning, aged twenty-eight years, came to the police station here from his home in Westport, early this morning and, after producing a letter in which he had written of having murdered his wife, shot himself in the head, causing instant death.

Following directions given in the letter, Lieutenant Thomas W. Comstock and other officers went to Westport, about seven miles from here, and at a spot indicated, about half a mile from her home, found the body of Mrs. Fanning, who apparently had been killed with a hatchet. Fanning arrived at the police station in his automobile. He was in such a condition that it was with difficulty that he could make himself understood. He produced a letter from his pocket and after making several futile attempts to read it himself, handed it to Lieutenant Comstock. After the lieutenant read the letter he asked: "What do you want me to do about it?" "Just this," was the reply, and Fanning with quick motion produced a big revolver, placed the muzzle to his mouth

and fired. He fell dead instantly. Mrs. Fanning had told her husband last night that she would no longer live with him. The couple went for a walk to confer on the matter and Mrs. Fanning did not return.

Fanning was the son of Robert Fanning, a rubber mill overseer at Olneyville, R. I. The son formerly was a rubber worker. He did not inform his parent when he married. Mrs. Fanning was about twenty-eight years old. She had been married three times, first when she was sixteen years old. She was a daughter of Captain George Hall, who is reputed to be a man of some property. The police say that there had been considerable ill feeling between Captain Hall and his son-in-law in regard to the management of the former's property and Captain Hall states that Fanning had threatened to shoot him.

Mistrial for Alleged Slayers.

Sneedsville, Tenn., July 26.—For the second time a jury today made a mistrial in the case of Riley and Tillman Mills, charged with the murder, more than a year ago, of their stepmother. Mrs. Mills was shot from ambush while in her bedroom preparing to retire. The defendant brothers promptly gave bond this afternoon in \$1,000 each.

MISSING COURT CLERK ARRESTED IN JAMAICA

WILL NOT FIGHT EXTRADITION ON
THE PART OF THE AMERICAN
GOVERNMENT.

Nashville, Tenn., July 26.—Foy W. Dulaney, former circuit clerk of Washington county, Tennessee, and charged with embezzlement of large sums from that office, is under arrest at Kingston, Jamaica. The information was conveyed to Governor Patterson tonight in a telegram from the state department at Washington. It is stated he will not resist extradition.

Dulaney disappeared from Johnston City about five weeks ago, leaving an alleged shortage of some \$20,000 and private debts of a similar amount.

TWO GEORGIA FARMERS MARKET NEW COTTON.

Macon, Ga., July 26.—Two Georgia farmers today marketed new crop cotton, J. W. Averill selling a bale at Quitman and Deal Jackson one at Albany. The latter is a negro farmer and has held the "best bale" record for ten years. Jackson sold his first bale last year on July 17.

WOULD MAKE RIDING ASTRIDE BY WOMEN CRIME

Georgia's Weird Legislature Shows Usual Evidence of the Near-
ness of Dog Days in Freak Bill By Rural Member.

Atlanta, Ga., July 26.—Any woman in the state of Georgia who rides astride will become a felon if the bill introduced in the House today by Representative Wright, of Stuart county, becomes a law.

The statesman from Stuart never saw a woman ride astride until he came to Atlanta. He was shocked and horrified by the sight of a pretty girl in divided skirts whirling along on the back of a mettlesome horse. So he hid him in his chambers and prepared this bill.

"Be it enacted by the legislature of Georgia, that on and after the passage of this act, it shall be unlawful for any female over the age of twelve years to ride astride any horse or mule or ass or other animal of both sexes upon any street or road or public highway or any other public place with the state. Provided, nothing in this act shall be construed to prohibit the riding astride of any female circus performer within a tent or other enclosure."

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