

INTEREST IN THAW TRIAL

DETAILED REPORTS READ HERE

An Observer Man Finds That the Charlotte People Are Very Much Concerned About Harry Thaw and His Wife—Some Persons Believe That He Should Go to the Electric Chair on General Principles, While Others Want to See Him Acquitted—Men and Women Keep Up With the Newspaper Accounts of the Trial—The Fight Between Jerome and Delmas Attracts Many Who Would Not Be Interested in It Under Ordinary Circumstances.

"What do you know this morning?" asked an Observer reporter of a Charlotte woman yesterday. "I know little of local interest, but I can say a thing or two about the Thaw case."

"That's all right," explained the newspaper man, "our citizens are keeping up with the trial. Tell me all you know about it."

"I think that they should break Thaw's neck."

"Because he killed Stanford White in cold blood, I have been to New York for months and months at a time and knew White. He is said to have been just as bad as he is pictured, but Thaw had no business killing him. It is wrong to take a life."

"Then you do not believe in the unwritten law?"

"Not in this case."

The reporter moved on. The next person he met was a man of the world.

"That is an interesting story that you have in The Observer this morning," declared the fellow with a serious solemn face.

"What, about the new hotel?"

"No. The Thaw case."

"O. I haven't read it yet," admitted the reporter.

"Yes, sir. It is all right. If that girl tells the truth Thaw did right to kill Stanford White."

"Why, White was a man of affairs; a brilliant scholar; a famous architect, while Thaw is nothing more than a wealthy, weak-minded, good-for-nothing spendthrift."

"Yes, my dear fellow, but he has a heart and is entitled to the same rights under the law that White had. You know I can't tolerate the well-to-do man, the learned man, who marries a wife, keeps a home and rears a family just for the name of the thing and then, for a pastime, preys on young girls. Therefore, I say that if Evelyn Thaw tells the truth White deserved death at the hands of the man who made her his wife."

"This man went his way."

"What do you think of Evelyn Thaw's story?" asked a young painter, who had just lifted his dripping brush from a bucket of paint and was about to apply it to the wall in front of him.

"It is very interesting to say the least," answered the meandering scribe.

"It shows to me, Ain't that Delmas, the California lawyer, a honey-per-looler? I thought old Jerome was going to put Thaw in the electric chair, when that other guy, Gleason, was conducting the case, but he'd struck a man now. Gee, if I had the dough I would go to New York and hear that trial!"

"I guess you are like everybody else, you think that Thaw should be electrocuted?"

"Who, me? Not on your tin type—I think the jury ought to turn him loose. He did a good day's work when he shot Stanford White. There's no doubt in my mind but that his sweet Evelyn went wrong with the architect, but she was just a baby. I know old guys just like that fellow White. They pass for Piety itself, but when you run them down in the dark they are just like other crooks. I'm painting and a pulling for Harry Thaw. He's a sorry bloke, but he can love just as hard as anybody else."

"As the newsgatherer started off the painter shoved his brush, sent it gliding back and forth across the ceiling."

When the reporter entered the Mullen Chronicle man quit his machine and said: "Are you through with that New York Sun? I want to read the Thaw trial."

"What do you think of the Thaw case, anyway?" asked the newsgatherer.

"It is getting lively. The Associated Press story in The Observer this morning gave me a thirst for details."

"I see. You are interested in the woman in the case?"

"I am to an extent. I feel sorry for her. She is so young. But ain't she plucky?"

"Yes, and as pretty as she can be."

"But, let me tell you how I feel about that trial. I had no idea that I would become interested in it at all, when it first opened, but District Attorney Jerome made me sit up and take notice when he got up and Wiley, the Philadelphia expert, who suffered so under his cross-examination. I have seen pompous experts on the stand and the lawyers never fail to flay them."

"I have watched Jerome's political career with much interest, and was sorry when he fell so flat in his race for the nomination for Governor of New York, but I had not considered him as a criminal prosecutor. I thought that he conducted his rigorous examination well, but, on reflection, I have decided that Gleason, who butted in and took the lead of the counsel for the defense, became rattled and let Mr. Jerome have his own way. Everybody felt disgusted with his conduct of the defense."

"I had about decided to get the trial but now, that Mr. Delmas, the California Napoleon, has taken a charge of the case for the defendant and has shown that he is able to meet Mr. Jerome at every turn, and make the fight interesting for him, my interest has been revived."

"It is no longer merely a case of sentiment, but a battle between giant lawyers. Hundreds of people in this community will read every line of the lengthy report he has put up with the sparring of Jerome and Delmas. Jerome and Delmas are able, aggressive and learned, but there is a difference in temperament. Jerome is quick tempered, impulsive, while Delmas is calm, dogged and gentle mannered. I care but little about Thaw and his girlish wife, but I shall enjoy the contest between Jerome and Delmas. It has been said that Thaw gave Delmas \$100,000 to cross over from California to New York and defend him. It begins to appear as if Harry knew what he was doing."

The foregoing interviews and snapshots will serve to show how much interest the public in Charlotte is taking in the Thaw trial. Some would hang Thaw for general reasons, but others are willing to put their hands on the scales and look at the case from his viewpoint. Two out of every three men that one meets in the hotels or about the street would acquit him.

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MOVING PICTURES SUNDAY.

Some interesting views to be shown at the First Baptist Church Tomorrow Afternoon.

The services at the First Baptist Sunday school to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock will be unusually interesting. In addition to a special selection by the orchestra, and a solo by Mr. R. M. Usher and one by Mr. J. L. Townsend, the following views of the Holy Land will be exhibited:

Jaffa, the Ancient Joppa; House of Simon, the Tanner; Tower of Ram-leh; Jerusalem—Approach to the Jaffa gate; Damascus gate; David's street; Robinson's arch; Stables of Solomon; Jews' walling place; dome of the rock (Mosque of Omar); dome of the rock (interior); David's judgment place; mosque of El Akas; Mount of Olives and Gethsemane; St. Stephen's gate; Via Dolorosa; arch of Ecco Homo; church of the Holy Sepulchre; the tomb of Christ in the church of the Holy Sepulchre; interior of the tomb of Christ; Golgotha, Calvary; the City of David; Mt. Zion; Group of Lepers; tombs of the Kings; tomb of the Virgin; garden of Gethsemane; east wall and golden gate; chapel of the Ascension; Bethany—From Jericho road; house of Mary and Martha; Jerusalem—From Mount of Olives; Pool of Siloam and Isaiah's tree; potters' field; tomb of Absalom; tomb of Rachel; Panoramia of Bethlehem; Bethlehem—Church of the Nativity; Church of the Nativity (interior); field of the Shepherds' Watch; Hebron—Panorama; an ancient threshing floor; the Dead Sea; a ford on River Jordan; Ruins of Jericho; Mount Maranatha—The Mount of Temptation; Shechem; Nablus; Jenin and the Plain of Esdraelon; Nazareth—Panorama; altar of the Church of the Annunciation; fountain of the Virgin; Hagia street view; Cana of Galilee; lunch by the way; Damascus—A street view; scene of Paul's escape; group of Bedouins; Beirut—the public square.

BUILDING INSPECTOR NEEDED.

Fire in Double Veneered Brick Residence Calls Forth Comments by a Leading Insurance Expert on the Need of a Building Inspector.

"The need of a competent building inspector was strikingly evidenced Wednesday night by the fire which occurred in the double-veneered house at the corner of Church and Sixth streets," remarked a prominent insurance expert to an Observer reporter yesterday. "The building was almost finished, the plasterers having just finished their work. The workmen employed in putting the finishing touches had kept a not fire burning all day Wednesday. When they left that night they failed to put it out. There was but one layer of brick at the back of the fireplace and, strange to say, just behind that one layer of brick was a section of weatherboarding. The fire burning during the day had dried out the wood until it was like tinder. The prolonged period of heat at last ignited the wood and it began to burn. On the outside of the weatherboarding was another layer of brick which constituted the veneered surface exposed to the street. The flames were thus confined between two layers of brick, about 4 inches apart. After slowly burning from the first floor to the roof, the fire leaped across to the lathe partition in the attic and thus freed from the confining walls, began to gather headway. Fortunately someone discovered the blaze by the tell-tale smoke and the alarm was sounded. The firemen had a hard time of it, for it was a most difficult matter to get at the seat of the flames. After a prolonged fight, however, the fire was extinguished."

"Don't understand me to say that veneered houses cannot be constructed in a safe manner. They can if the proper attention is given them. There is a tendency among builders nowadays to seek to finish their work as quickly as possible. This seems to be the spirit of the age. It is dangerous and should be counteracted if possible. The brick veneered house, to which I referred, is a handsome structure and, I daresay, safe in almost all particulars. But there was gross carelessness in putting in a wooden partition separating the inner and outer layers of brick even if there was another layer of brick to be put in later when the grate was installed. The proper article to use behind a fireplace is something incombustible. When the fire occurred Wednesday night, I believe it was a little after 12 o'clock, there was no one living in the house. If it had happened a few weeks later, however, it would have endangered human life and might have resulted disastrously."

"A building inspector, whose duty would be to inspect all houses within the city limits while in course of erection, would result in great saving. Charlotte needs an officer of this kind. Just as she does a milk inspector. I believe that this matter should be presented to the board of aldermen as a special officer delegated for this purpose. Had there been such an officer to look after this building the wooden partition in the rear of the fireplace would never have been allowed to be put in. It would have been ordered removed and thus eliminated the danger."

THE DATE OF TRIAL SET.

Local Cotton Mill Men to be Tried in Full Instance—The Small Civil Suit to be Disposed of First.

Judge James E. Boyd has appointed Tuesday, the 26th instant, as the date for the trial of the case of the United States vs. Moore, E. A. Smith, E. C. Davis, T. M. Costello and S. H. Sargent, local cotton mill men charged with the violation of the alien contract labor laws in importing certain immigrants into this country. There are three cases pending, two civil suits and one criminal action. The smaller civil suit, involving penalties aggregating \$21,000 will be the first tried. This will be called in Greensboro, the 26th of this month, this date having been set at the request of the attorneys on either side. The second civil suit for \$52,000 and the criminal action will be taken up after this case is settled. The defendant mill men are represented by Messrs. W. W. Tipton, T. C. Guthrie and E. T. Gauster, of the local bar.

No More Cases of Smallpox at the Ridge.

The following statement from the physician in charge of Oak Ridge was received last night: "There have been no other developments of smallpox here and no suspected cases since yesterday. The students have practically all been vaccinated, even the children there has been successful vaccination within two years. Only a few students (some 15 or 20) have left, the others have got down to a resumption of studies and are being vaccinated entirely to have subsided."

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"Don't trifle with a cold," is good advice for prudent men and women. It may be fatal in the case of a child. Frequent colds, and dry, warm clothing are the proper safeguards against colds. If they are maintained through the changeable weather of autumn, winter and spring, the chances of a surprise from ordinary colds will be slight. But the ordinary light cold will become severe if neglected, and a well-established fever cold is to the germ of diphtheria what honey is to the bee. The greatest menace to child life at this season of the year is the neglected cold. It is a cold which, if neglected, will, if slight or severe, the very best treatment that can be adopted is to give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is safe and sure. The great popularity and immediate sale of this preparation has been attested by its remarkable cures of this ailment. It never results in pneumonia when it is given. For sale by R. H. Jordan & Co.

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