

HARRY THAW BANKRUPT.

Erisoner's Attorney Files a Voluntary Petition in Bankruptcy—Assets Are \$128,912.38 and Liabilities \$42,140.43—Pittsburg, Aug. 7.—A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed after 3 o'clock to-night in the United States Court by Attorney Charles Morschauer, of New York, representing Harry K. Thaw, of this city, who is now confined in the Dutchess county, New York, jail.

In the petition Thaw states that his assets are \$128,912.38 and his liabilities \$42,140.43. Roger O'Mara, a well-known Pittsburg detective, and personal friend of the Thaw family, was appointed as receiver. His bond was placed at \$200,000 and John Newell and James W. Platt, two prominent business men of this city, became security for Mr. O'Mara.

The most interesting information given regarding the proceedings is to be found in the petition asking for the appointment of a receiver in which it is alleged that the action is taken for the purpose of preventing his property being dissipated in litigation over claims, many of which are unjust. The figures in the bankruptcy show that this refers to lawyers and doctors.

Thaw states that he is confined in jail in Dutchess county, New York, and is likely to be there for some time. He says some of his creditors have commenced suits against him and others are contemplating similar action. He is unable, he says, to give the litigation his attention, owing to the confinement. The papers were received by E. M. Underwood, receiver in bankruptcy of the United States Court for Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, who happened to be in this city the local receiver, W. R. Blair, being absent for a few days. The papers will be presented to Mr. Blair when he returns.

Loans amounting to \$191,500 from his mother, Mrs. William Thaw, are not disputed. Among the disputed claims are the following: John B. Gleason, New York, \$50,000; Hartrick & Co., New York, \$50,000; J. J. Graham, Newburg, N. Y., \$2,954; Dr. Hammond, New York, \$1,000; Dr. Wagner, Binghamton, N. Y., \$4,040; Dr. Jolliffe, New York, \$5,245; Dr. Jones, Morristown, N. J., \$6,000; Martin W. Larrison, New York, \$8,000; Dr. Hamilton, New York, \$12,000; Dr. Dana, New York, \$1,600.

His wife are exaggerated, says Thaw. Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Aug. 7.—Harry K. Thaw, when interviewed in jail to-night regarding the bankruptcy proceedings instituted in Pittsburg, said that he had already spent \$200,000, and that there are additional claims amounting to \$200,000 more. His assets, he says, included \$20,000 cash.

Continuing, Thaw said: "It is a business necessity due to the heavy expenses which I have been under during the past year or two. New York and additional bills and claims, many of them exaggerated. To pay these as they are presented would entail the result that I could not pay all, and some just creditors would suffer. It is to prevent exactly such injustice that the bankruptcy laws were created and I consider that by becoming bankrupt I insure justice to all."

FLEET NEARS AUCLAND.

Supply Ship Arrives in Port and the Fleet is Expected to Arrive Soon—Ships Are Pitching Heavily in a Rough Sea.

Auckland, N. Z., Aug. 7.—10 p. m.—The supply ship Colusa, attached to the Atlantic fleet, from Honolulu, July 31st, arrived here this evening. She received the following through wireless communication with the fleet: "Yesterday and to-day August 6th and 7th the fleet has been subjected to moderate gale with a rough sea. This morning the weather was the heaviest encountered since leaving Hampton Roads."

"The ships are pitching heavily. A portion of the wireless apparatus was knocked down at 8 a. m. We increase our speed to 11 knots and expect to reach Auckland on schedule time."

"There will be no fleet evolutions to-day on account of the weather. The vessels keep their formation and distance easily."

"The position of the fleet at 8 o'clock last night, August 6th, was 21 51 south latitude and 178 west longitude. Distance from Auckland 350 miles."

Two Killed by Lightning in Eastern Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia, Aug. 7.—Two persons were killed and two others severely injured by lightning during a severe electrical storm that swept over eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey today causing much havoc. Robert Helmreich, a farmer, was struck and instantly killed near Lehigh, Pa., while working in the field, and Walter Cattell, aged 15 years, was struck and killed near Glassboro, N. J. His sister, Mabel, and Rebecca Turner, were also struck and severely injured, the latter being in a serious condition. Cattell's sister and Mrs. Turner were standing under a shed watching the lightning when a bolt hit the peak of the roof and ran down a corner, across the floor and through the shed where they were standing.

Henley Bogatta Opens.

St. Catherine, Ont., Aug. 7.—The opening day of the Henley Bogatta proved to introduce to aquatic sports a splendid array of junior fours. The entry list for this event was heavy. The heats showed that the best crews were the Dons, Toronto, the Argonauts, the Argonauts, of Toronto, and the Grand Turks, of Montreal. In the finals the Dons won by a narrow margin from the Argonauts. The Detroit Boat Club won the junior single in the record time of 1 minute, 1 second. For the first time since this event was entered in the Henley list the Argonauts, of Toronto, failed to carry off the premier honors. Ryan and Cameron, of the Dons, Toronto, won the junior doubles. Sheehan, of Buffalo, won the junior singles in a walk.

Heavy Rainfall at Boston.

Boston, Aug. 7.—From a meteorological standpoint to-day was "black Friday" in Boston, the city being visited this afternoon by the heaviest electrical disturbance in years. The storm lasted for nearly an hour during which time the rain gauge at the United States weather bureau registered a fall of 1.45 inches. In the brief space of three minutes the rainfall was half an inch and during twenty minutes more rain fell than descended upon the city during the entire month of June. The storm was a combination of cyclones and cloud-bursts, with an accompaniment of almost incessant thunder and flashes of lightning.

NO REDUCED FARES.

Owing to Low Passenger Rate in Nebraska, the Western Passenger Association Refuses to Grant a Special Rate to the Bryan Notification Meeting—A Discrimination Against the Party, Says Chairman Mack.

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BALLOON STANDS TEST.

Captain Baldwin Makes a Successful Flight of Nearly Five Miles—Makes From Twelve to Twenty Miles an Hour.

Washington, Aug. 7.—"We sighted the enemy," these words were shouted by Captain Baldwin at Fort Myer to-day as he piloted his military balloon to the ground after making a successful flight of nearly five miles in an effort to demonstrate the usefulness of an airship in war time. To-morrow at 5 o'clock Captain Baldwin will be ready for the first official speed trial.

Blowing from the ground like a monster bird of the air, slowly but buoyantly, at 8:21 o'clock this evening the aerial ship built for the United States army was headed into the westerly wind by Captain Baldwin. A complete circle was described, the balloon rising gradually to a height of 200 feet. Again pointing to the west, and attaining an estimated speed of twelve miles an hour, the ship voyaged in a direct line for nearly two miles. The trip back was made with the wind, which was blowing at the rate of seven miles an hour. The throttle was thrown open a little wider by Mr. Curtiss, and the ship flew along at a speed of eighteen or twenty miles an hour.

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