

EVELYN THAW'S PITIFUL STORY

Chorus Girl Wife of Harry Thaw Revealed Her Life to Jury

GIRL CHOKED WITH EMOTION

Told of Her Wrongs at Hands of Stanford White Whose Life Finally Was the Forfeit—Thaw's Frame Shook.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.) New York, Feb. 7.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw told her story today. To save the life of her husband, charged with the murder of Stanford White, she told the world the innermost secrets of her soul, a portrayal for which a sanctuary were a more fitting place than the crowded, gaping court room. It was the same story she told Harry Thaw in Paris, in 1903, when he asked her to become his wife, the confession of one who felt there was an insurmountable barrier to her ever becoming the bride of the man she loved. In the big witness chair she appeared but a slip of a girl and she told the pitiful story of her eventful young life in a frank, girlish way. When tears unbidden came to her big downy eyes, and slowly trickled their way down her scarlet cheeks, she strove in vain to keep them back. Though the lump in her throat at times seemed about to smother her, she forced the words from the trembling lips and by a marvelous display of her staggering ordeal, she shook off a depression which once threatened to become an absolute collapse. As the young wife unfolded the narrative of her childhood, and told the story of her struggles of herself and mother to keep body and soul together, of how gaunt poverty stood ever at the door, and how she finally was able to earn a livelihood by posing for photographers and artists, she won the murmured sympathy of the throng which filled every available space in the big court room. Then came narration of the wreck of that girlhood at 16 years of age. It was the story of her meeting with Stanford White, the story of the sumptuous studio apartment whose dainty exterior gave no hint of the luxurious furnishings within; of a velvet covered wing in which she could swing until the slippers tossed crashed through the paper of a Japanese parasol swung from the ceiling; the story of a glass of champagne, of black and whirling sensations and of mirrored bedroom walls. In short, she told all the story about her unfortunate relations with Stanford White, who was later to be killed by her husband. The stillness of the crowd which was big, bustling, showing and snarling over some especially coveted seat when court convened, was its own tribute to the effect of the girl's story. Into the narrative there entered nothing of the woman of the world. A girl in face and figure, Mrs. Thaw was still a girl as she withstood an ordeal which might well have started into terror a woman of mature years. In the narrative she injected many little touches of a young girl's hopes and disappointments. Of her early life she related how her mother had gone from Pittsburg to Philadelphia to secure assistance and how she and her brother Howard, the brother who has been in court many days, but not once has gone near his sister, were placed on a train by friends and sent to their mother. She recalled that the two little travelers had trouble with the conductor, who wanted to put their cast out of the car. But, she naively added, they held fast possession to it. Just the same. She told of her arrival in New York, of her life there, and eventually of the acceptance by her mother of the girl's refusal invitation of a girl of the theatre to meet some of her friends at luncheon. The girl's mother told Evelyn's mother they were people in New York Society and perfectly proper, else she would not let her girl go with them. "Was Mr. Thaw excited when you told him these things?" "Yes, he was excited, and walked up and down the room. We sat up all night. He said it was not my fault, that no one could blame me, and that I was only an unfortunate girl and that he didn't think any the less of me; he would marry me anyway." "Did he offer to marry you again?" "Yes, and I told him that if I did marry him the friends of Stanford White would laugh at him and laugh at me as they suspected our relations if they did not know." The witness told Thaw that it would not be well to marry on account of his family. He persisted that he wished to marry her. Mrs. Thaw declared Stanford White was at the Cafe Martin the night of the shooting. She and Thaw dined there and she saw White. Mrs. Thaw said the note she wrote her husband in the Cafe Martin related to Stanford White. This evidence was later stricken out. Mrs. Thaw gave testimony corroborating that of other witnesses as to the details of the shooting of Stanford White. Mrs. Thaw said she sat in the seats with Mr. Truxton Beale and Mr. McCaleb. Her husband went to the back of the theatre, she said. He was away about 15 minutes, when he returned and took a seat beside her. "How long did he remain at your side?" "About half an hour." "What was his manner then?" "It seemed to be the same as ever." "Did you talk about anything special?"

CANAL CONTRACT HANGING FIRE

Chief Engineer Stevens Threatens to Resign if Private Contract is Let.

IT WILL ROB HIM OF GLORY

President Disposed to Accept W. J. Oliver's Bid. But Will Take Fortnight to Make Up His Mind About Matter.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.) Washington, Feb. 7.—The Administration has been brought face to face with the alternative of rejecting all bids for the construction of the Panama canal by contract or losing the services of Chief Engineer John F. Stevens. This is the reason for the delay of President Roosevelt, Secretary Taft and Chairman Shonts of the Canal Commission in acting on the Oliver bid. An effort has been made to get Mr. Stevens to change his mind, but he has continued obdurate and the indications are that the administration will accede to his request and the construction will be continued by the government. This information in regard to the position taken by Mr. Stevens comes from a source that cannot be doubted, but it has created some surprise on account of testimony given by Mr. Stevens before the Senate Committee on Inter-oceanic Canals a year ago. He then said that he favored building the canal by contract. He was of the opinion that contractors would be in a better position to deal with the question of laborers. Since then he has gone over the canal plans carefully and he now expresses the belief that the canal can be constructed by the government within a period of ten years. His friends have advised him that if a contract is let for construction he will be robbed of the credit of building this great waterway. Frequent exchanges of cablesgrams between Washington and the Isthmus have resulted in a demand by Mr. Stevens for the acceptance of his resignation if the contract is awarded. It is asserted by certain Senators who have taken an unusual interest in all matters relating to the canal that if one of the bids for canal construction is accepted it will mean that the administration has determined to dispense with Mr. Stevens as the director of the canal construction. Secretary Taft held a conference today with the President regarding the Panama canal contract for the purpose of determining upon a course of procedure. The President and the Secretary had before them the complete bid of William J. Oliver and his associates for the construction of the canal. After the conference Secretary Loeb gave out the following statement: "The bid of the Oliver-McDonald-Pierce combination has been received and examined and meets the formal requirements. Mr. Paul D. Cravath, on behalf of his clients, the McArthur-Gillespie combination, has requested a hearing before final action is taken. In addition to granting the hearing the Secretary of War and the Isthmus Canal Commission will make as thorough an examination as possible in the qualifications, experience, business standing and achievements of Mr. Oliver and his associates, and into the responsibility of the sureties. Secretary Taft and the Commission will probably need a fortnight to complete full examination of the bid and report to the President." Secretary Taft later in the day made known to Mr. Oliver in the result of his talk with the President and framed a letter to Judge O'Brien, Oliver's counsel, informing him just how the matter stood. This letter stated, among other things that the President was very much inclined to give the contract to Mr. Oliver and his associates, but that he would not surrender his right to reject all bids even after the further hearing has been given to the McArthur-Gillespie combination. Mr. Oliver left here tonight for his home in Knoxville. TO LET UP ON RAILROADS. Rumor From Washington Helps Prices On New York Exchange. (By Wire to The Morning Star.) New York, Feb. 7.—A hesitating and irregular advance broadened out in the final hour of today's stock market into a more animated and comprehensive rise than has occurred at any time since the decisive downward tendency of prices set in. The inspiration for the moment came largely in rumors of Washington origin of a new development there that would relieve the corporation world from the sense of hostility on the part of the administration of the government. Up to that time there were long periods of lethargy in the trading and the same lack of follow-up to the movement that has left the market without definite tendency for several days. There was an absence of the weakness in individual stocks which has been an unsettling influence in recent markets even when the general tendency was upward, and this was in favor of the market. Prospects for the proposed increase in freight rates which are being canvassed extensively in the railroad world gave a subject for continued discussion. This served to counteract to some extent the showing of decreases to net earnings of railroads by reason of increased operating cost, which has now become a general tendency. Give me the girl with ravishing eyes, And sweet, red lips; She is better than mansions of stone, Or temples of brick, For joy and pleasure there will be, If she takes Rocky Mountain Tea. J. H. Bunting Drug Co.

LIFE SAVERS WERE HELPLESS

Unknown Schooner Ashore at Hatteras Went to Pieces During Night

HER ENTIRE CREW PERISHED

Were Clinging to Masts and Were Probably Frozen to Death Before Ship Was Swallowed Up—Bound to Wilmington.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.) Norfolk, Va., Feb. 7.—The unknown three masted schooner driven ashore during Tuesday night on the southwest corner of the inner Diamond Shoals off the treacherous Hatteras coast, went to pieces last night and when life savers from the Hatteras and Creed's Hill life saving stations arose at day break today to renew their efforts to rescue the crew of the vessel there was no trace of the ill-fated schooner to be seen. There seems to be no doubt whatever of the loss of all the crew, who were seen yesterday clinging to the rigging of the ship frantically displaying signals of distress, but whose rescue by the life savers was prevented by the elements. The position of the vessel as seen yesterday after she struck on the shoals would lead to the impression that she was bound southward. The vessel is believed to have carried a crew of from eight to ten men, and possibly more, and those who were not washed overboard and drowned are believed to have been frozen to death while lashed to the masts and rigging before the vessel went completely to pieces and everything went into the ocean. The three-masted schooner M. V. B. Chase, owned by Pendleton Brothers, of New York, bound from that port for Wilmington, N. C., with a cargo of salt, was due off Hatteras about the time the wreck there was reported. Mr. Pendleton fears that the vessel wrecked may be his. The schooner William H. Bailey, which loaded coal at Newport News for the South, is said also to have been due off Hatteras about this time. It is thought that the identity of the vessel may eventually be ascertained by the washing ashore of wreckage. Up to a late hour tonight nothing could be learned at Cape Hatteras to identify the schooner that was lost on Diamond Shoals last night. FORAKER SLAPS AT ROOSEVELT. Overman Causes Him to Allude to Booker Washington as Senator. (By Wire to The Morning Star.) Washington, Feb. 7.—Five witnesses were examined today in the Brownsville inquiry before the Senate Committee on Military Affairs. All were members of Company D, of the discharged battalion of negro soldiers, except the last on the stand, former Sergeant Luther T. Thornton, of Company B. He testified that when aroused by the firing on the night of August 13, he was under the impression that the barracks were being fired upon by people of the town, and that a similar opinion was expressed by other members of his company. He said the reports of fire arms sounded to him like revolvers and shot guns. He told of the call to arms, and of the inspections, of hearing that company C's gun racks had been broken. He was cross-examined sharply about the possibility of a soldier getting out of the reservation in the night without being detected and said this could be done, but he did not think the man could get his arms and get out. It was pointed out that the witness replied that this ammunition had to be accounted for in inspections and if any were used the loss would be discovered. He said he had not heard that bullets from army ammunition had been found in the town until after the arrival of Major Blockson to make an inspection for the War Department. Sergeant Fraser was recalled, and he corrected his testimony of yesterday by saying that he had surrendered his ammunition at Fort Reno instead of at Fort Brown. He said he had noticed his error in a newspaper report of the proceedings. The next witness called for by Senator Foraker was Winter Washington, and Senator Overman asked if he said "No," said Mr. Foraker, "Booker Washington is too busy attending to his Senatorial duties to come here." He referred to the interest of Booker T. Washington in the question of having a negro appointed to the general position in Ohio, patronage which had been regarded as belonging to the Senators from Ohio. There was nothing unusual in Winter Washington's testimony. He was a member of Company D, and his story was not unlike those told by his former comrades. His idea of the Brownsville affair, however, was that "Mexican greasers and Texas cowboys" had done the shooting in order to make trouble for the negro soldiers. The other witness was Sergeant Reese, who was called for cross examination and Corporal A. H. Lockout. Nothing of importance was brought out. Emma Pearch killed his wife in a very sensational manner in Petersburg, Va., last December 31 by shooting her to death while she was visiting a neighbor, was tried yesterday and sentenced to eighteen years in the penitentiary. PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS. Pazo Ointment is guaranteed to cure any case of Itching, Eiland, Bleeding, or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days or money refunded. 6c. Removal Sale of Shoes and Slippers at Peterson & Rulfs. fe 8-11

ENORMOUS GIFT BY ROCKEFELLER

Standard Oil Magnate Donates \$32,000,000 in Lump to General Education Board.

MAKES HIS GIFTS \$43,000,000

Donation Was Made Through John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and Was Great Surprise—Greatest Prize Ever Contributed to Education.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.) New York, Feb. 7.—An announcement was made late today that John D. Rockefeller has given the general education board \$32,000,000. He had previously given the board \$11,000,000. The gift is intended to assist in the work of the board throughout the country. The Education Board is designed to help educational institutions. The gift is in the form of \$32,000,000 worth of income bearing securities, the largest single prize ever handed out for educational purposes. Mr. Rockefeller's contributions to the work now amounts to \$43,000,000. The General Education Board, apparently, was not prepared for this gift, which was announced simply in this letter: "General Education Board, New York City. "Gentlemen: My father authorizes me to say that on or before April 1, 1907, he will give to the General Board income bearing securities, the present market value of which is about \$32,000,000 one-third to be added to the permanent endowment of the Board; two thirds to be applied to such specific objects within the corporate purposes of the Board as either he or I may from time to time direct, any remainder not so designated at the death of the survivor to be added also to the permanent endowment of the Board. "Very truly, "JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR." Most of the members of the board were surprised at the announcement and amazed at the size of the gift. Dr. Butterick, the secretary, said he did not know the gift was to be made until he received the letter. Other members did not know of the donation until the letter was read. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., acting for his father, appeared shortly after the meeting was called to order, and handed the letter to the secretary, Dr. Wallace Butterick. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., remained throughout the session of the board. Asked if he had anything to add to his letter, he replied he did not believe he could add anything of importance to it, as the letter explained itself. Members of the board, when asked what the "specific purposes," referred to in Mr. Rockefeller's letter meant, said that it was in the line of educational work, and was intended, in their opinion, to give Mr. Rockefeller the right to direct the disposition of the fund to such institutions, within the province of the board as he may deem proper. The elder Mr. Rockefeller is not a member of the board, but his son is a member and the active director, doubtless, will come from him. The board voted to accept the gift, and in appreciation drafted a letter of acknowledgment to the elder Mr. Rockefeller. No gifts of this great fund are intended to be given State educational institutions. Certain colleges will be selected for donations or endowments, forming a chain of educational institutions across the continent. It will become a question of the survival of the fittest, it is said, for which it is claimed a better and higher standard of education will result. On the maps in the William street office of the Rockefeller fund the colored pins marking the institutions will seal the fate of many a college and work out our original plan. From the income of the Rockefeller fund of eleven millions contributed to the fund, the Rockefeller fund has already been made to eighteen colleges in Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania, amounting to a total of \$1,077,500. As a condition of receiving these gifts the colleges are raising the further total sum of \$3,262,500. In the State Senate of South Carolina last night, the prohibition bill was killed 30 to 1. The anti-State dispensary bill was taken up and a test vote showed 23 to 17 in its favor. It has passed the House by two-thirds majority and will pass the Senate to-day. This means that the State dispensary will be abolished and that counties which now have dispensaries will be permitted to vote whether they want them continued under county control. The jury in the case of Dr. J. W. Simpson, on trial at River Head, Long Island, N. Y., charged with the murder of his father-in-law, returned yesterday a verdict of not guilty. Removal Sale of Shoes and Slippers at Peterson & Rulfs. fe 8-11

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