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DELMAS' ELOQUENT PLEA

Terrible Arraignment of Stanford White and Mrs. Thaw's Mother

TRIAL NEARING ITS END

Jury is Ordered Locked Up Until Trial Ends and in View of This Justice Fitzgerald's Charge is Expected as Soon as the District Attorney Concludes the Case Probably Reaching the Twelve Late in the Evening—Delmas Makes Striking Appeal to Sympathies of the Jurors, Basing Argument Solely on Story of Evelyn Thaw, Denouncing Her Mother in the Bitterest Terms and Dealing With White in the Most Scathing Terms.

New York, Special.—The trial of Harry K. Thaw, charged with the murder of Stanford White, is nearing the end. Attorney Delphin M. Delmas, the California advocate, Monday afternoon began his closing address to the jury and after he had spoken for more than two hours and a half, an adjournment was taken until Tuesday morning. Mr. Delmas expected to conclude before the luncheon hour is reached. District Attorney Jerome will make the closing address of the trial on Wednesday and Thaw's fate should be in the hands of the jury by Wednesday evening.

Justice Fitzgerald ordered the jury locked up until the end of the trial. In view of this, the judge's charge to the jury undoubtedly will be delivered immediately, the district attorney concludes. The latter says his speech will occupy not more than three or four hours.

Declaring he would not base his plea upon the "unwritten law" because his client found ample protection in the written statutes of the State of New York, Mr. Delmas made a striking appeal to the sympathies of the jurors and so far as he progressed the subject of Thaw's insanity at the time he committed the homicide was not even hinted at.

Mr. Delmas based his argument solely upon the story of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw. With flushed cheeks, but dry eyes, that young woman heard her life history repeated to the men who are to judge her husband and bowed her head as her mother was named in the bitterest terms and tones the eloquent lawyer could command.

"Even a beast protects its young," he declared with scornful emphasis, "but this unnatural mother deserted her daughter in this city of millions to be betrayed by a false friend, to be lured into a gilded palace and there left the victim of a gray haired man, wounded, bleeding and devoured."

Mr. Delmas went with great detail into the life Evelyn Nesbit had led up to the meeting with Harry Thaw. In all of his remarks he referred to her as "this child," for he said she was, to-day. He told of Thaw's great love for her and his effort to rescue her from "the clutches of Stanford White," whose achievements in his profession, the attorney declared, were an aggravation of his crime.

Mr. Delmas before beginning his attack on Evelyn Thaw's mother poured out a torrent of denunciation upon the architect who became the victim of Thaw's pistol. He accused him of the "crime of rape," and then declared that President Roosevelt had

said in a message to Congress that such a crime should be visited with death. This was one of the suggestions which Thaw himself made to his counsel for his summing up speech—one of the suggestions which played so important a part in the proceedings before the lunacy commission.

Mr. Delmas declared that God heard the cry of the fated child upon which Stanford White had fixed his gaze and had determined should be his. He quoted from Scripture that "he who afflicts a fatherless child shall perish," and declared that Providence had sent Thaw to avenge the wrong.

The attorney declared that Thaw was his wife's only protector—that he came into her life when she was on the downward path, told her that no matter what the world thought of her she was to him an angel. He took her to be his wife, ready to share the burdens that a mother had helped to place upon her daughter.

Mr. Delmas accused Mrs. Nesbit of having lived upon the wages of her daughter's ruin. He sought to picture to the jury what he termed the sinister surroundings in which the girl had been reared and in doing so he mercilessly attacked the mother. Mr. Delmas rose to the highest point of his address when he told the jury that the girl's mother was the one who had furnished District Attorney Jerome with the arrows with which to wound the daughter on cross-examination—a cross-examination which he declared would live long in the annals of criminal history, but which left the girl's story unshaken in all its essential details.

That Evelyn Nesbit's story was true and was told to Harry Thaw formed the subject of argument for more than an hour. Mr. Delmas declared the only evidence the district attorney had to bring against the girl was the "unassailable affidavit" procured by Abraham Hummel, speaking of Hummel Mr. Delmas again drew heavily upon his bitterest invective declaring that it would require more than the word of a perjured man to send Harry Thaw to an ignominious death.

Mr. Delmas then gave a resume of Evelyn Nesbit's life from her birth in 1884 to the time she met Stanford White. Continuing, he said:

"Brave and courageous, we find this child of 15 or 16 years of age, rushing in the day time from studio to studio, earning \$16 to \$18 a week, and at night appearing upon the boards and earning an equal salary."

"At this time we find a man whose hair was tinged with gray, who had an excellent wife and an accomplished son, fixing his eyes upon the fated child and determining to make her his. To win her he had none of the graces or principles of the honorable suitor. He introduced himself to her family in the guise of an influential friend. He won his way into the confidence of the mother and established himself in a parental and protecting attitude in the family, and when his footing was sure he persuaded the mother to absent herself from the city, assuring her that the child would be safe in his hands and telling her how fortunate it was that there was such a protector to watch over her. In one of those dens fitted up with all the beauty and taste which this man of genius possessed; into one of these dens this child was lured and found herself alone with this man, old enough to be her father, the man who was her protector.

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Harriman Unable to Appear.

New York, Special.—E. H. Harriman was unable to appear in police court to testify against Frank W. Hill, his former secretary, who is under arrest charged with making public the now famous Harriman-Webster letter, and the hearing which had been set for Monday was adjourned until next Saturday. Hill's bail was reduced from \$2,500 to \$1,000.

Current Events.

At a special meeting of the Roosevelt Republican Club a Hamilton county, Ohio, resolutions were passed endorsing the Roosevelt administration and pledging support to the candidacy of William H. Taft for the presidency in 1908.

Demurrers filed by the New York Central and Pennsylvania Railroads against the indictments charging them with granting concessions to the Standard Oil Company by an arrangement in violation of the Elkins act are overruled in the decision handed down by Judge Hazel in the States Court.

The Southern Pacific Railroad has announced, through its general superintendent, that union men may expect no promotion.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., will not give up his Bible class.

The circuit court of Taylor county, West Virginia, has confirmed the action of the lower court in naming G. H. A. Kunst, of Grafton, receiver for the personal estate of the late Adolphus Armstrong, who left a \$500,000 estate. He bonded in \$100,000.

NORTH CAROLINA CROPS

Condition of Crops as Given Out by the Department of Agriculture.

The weather crop bureau of the Department of Agriculture for the North Carolina section gives the following summary of conditions for the week ending Monday, April 8.

The week began cold and windy. On Tuesday, April 2nd, the minimum temperatures were below freezing over the entire State. The lowest temperature reported was 26 degrees in Buncombe county on the 2nd. Ice formed in many places, and frost from light to killing was general. Considerable damage was done in the western counties, but less in the central and eastern counties. On Wednesday the temperatures rose, and the highest generally occurred on Friday, April 5th. The highest reported was 81 degrees on the 4th in Madison county, and on the 5th in Randolph county. The last portion of the week was again cool. The temperature averaged about 6 degrees below normal. The week was fair until Friday evening when rain began which continued in most places Saturday and Sunday. The rainfall averaged above normal somewhat, and was heaviest in the interior of the State.—A. H. Thiessen, Section Director.

Extending To Asheville.
Asheville, Special.—The Tennessee & North Carolina Railroad, which runs from Newport, Tenn., to Waterville and Mount Sterling, N. C., twenty miles, will, it is reported, build an extension to Canton, N. C., and also from the other end of Newport to Knoxville, Tenn. There are rumors that the Louisville & Nashville Railroad is back of this movement, although it is said that the Southern Railway may be concerned. Recently parties interested in the Champion Fibre Company, which is building a large pulp mill at Canton, arranged for the construction of the Pigeon River Railroad from Canton to Sunburst, seventeen miles, but it is said that the extension of the Tennessee & North Carolina will cover the route of the proposed independent line and will render its construction unnecessary. The route will be along the Big Pigeon River. In this connection it is said that the Louisville & Nashville Railroad is probably interested in the movement, as it desires to enter Asheville, N. C. Both the Southern and the Louisville & Nashville are reported to have been doing considerable engineering work recent years around Canton and in adjoining counties.

Killed His Own Son.

Wilson, Special.—A preliminary hearing was held Saturday morning in the court house on the case of the State against Nathan Moore, who was jailed here charged with the murder of his 19-year-old son, Nathan Moore, Jr. As the prisoner is a popular and well-known farmer, and the circumstances of the killing are so horrible a large crowd attended the hearing before Magistrate W. R. Wood. The State's witnesses were examined by Solicitor C. C. Daniel and the evidence in substance was as follows: Moore, senior, on returning home found his son Nathan absent. He learned that he was at a neighbor's house 200 yards distance. He went there and saw his son with a friend, John Ellis, asleep under a buggy shelter. Moore picked up a square pint bottle and approached his son. As he did so his son raised up and Moore beat him over the head with the bottle and kicked him. There was true evidence after the young man had been carried in the house his father struck him with a chair. Before young Moore died he told his sister that his father had killed him. The evidence is very strong and convincing. Moore was a high-tempered man and it is thought that he did the act in a fit of temper. He pulled a gun when Sheriff Sharp arrested him, but saw it was useless to resist and surrendered. The solicitor asked that the hearing be continued until next week so physicians could make a post-mortem examination. Bail was refused Moore in the meantime. The prisoner did not go on the stand or offer any witnesses. Superior Court meets next month and then the case will probably be called then. There is a great deal of excitement over the murder.

Will Build Again.

Enfield, Special.—It has been decided to rebuild the Enfield Knitting Mills, recently burned. The company will erect a one-story structure of brick and cement, 40 x 160 feet, with fireproof in center, making two rooms 40 x 80 feet each; dyer rooms, 20 x 50 feet; boiler room, 20 x 20 feet; each department cut off by automatic fire doors. There will be installed to begin with 100 knitting machines for the production of double-knee ribbed hosiery, 400 dozen pairs daily. The company will issue \$20,000 of common stock and \$10,000 preferred 6 per cent stock.

New Hotel in Kinston.

Kinston, Special.—On or about June 1, Mr. J. A. McDaniel will open in his splendid three-story building near Caswell monument, a modernly equipped hotel which will be run on both the American and European plans. The name selected for this hostelry is "The Caswell," in honor of Richard Caswell, North Carolina's first governor.

Firebug in the House.

Salisbury, Special.—The home of M. C. Quinn, in this city, was discovered to be on fire about midnight Sunday night and parties who broke the door down to get in found Charles McCormick, a negro seceder in the kitchen. He was arrested for setting the building on fire and it is expected he will be tried for arson. He is held without bail for the preliminary hearing. The house was saved by heroic work. McCormick hails from South Carolina. It is claimed that he bore ill will to the Quinn family on account of the discharge of a cook.

Oak Ridge Drug Store Burned.

Kernersville, Special.—News reached this place of the destruction, by fire the drug store and stock of drugs, Paddison & Holt at Oak Ridge, six miles north of this place. The origin of the fire was not learned, neither the amount of fire insurance carried. The owners were, Dr. J. R. Paddison, a prominent young physician of that place and J. Harvey Holt, son of Prof. M. H. Holt of Oak Ridge Institute.

NORTH STATE NEWS

Items of Interest Gleaned From Various Sections

FROM MOUNTAIN TO SEASHORE

Minor Occurrences of the Week of Interest to Tar Heels Told in Paragraphs.

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Monazite Plant Closed.

Shelby, Special.—The British Monazite Company, a branch of a London firm, have closed down their plant, three miles east of Shelby. This property was purchased a little more than three years ago from L. W. Campbell for \$40,000. An expensive concentrating plant was erected and put in operation. However, Mr. Stewart, the engineer in charge, for reasons of his own, decided for the present it would be better to close the plant, whereupon he cabled the company in London, and they sent out Mr. Leech, their consulting engineer, who with Mr. Stewart agreed to close down. Mr. Stewart and Mr. Swan, his assistant will return to their home in England later.

Will Move On Jamestown.

High Point, Special.—The High Point manufacturers expect to be well represented at the Jamestown Exposition, and to this end are already engaged in getting out samples to be placed on exhibition and literature giving desired information to those who are looking this way. In addition to this the Enterprise of this city is getting out a large number of a sixty page booklet of High Point and her manufacturing interests, which will be distributed gratuitously. It will be a handsome souvenir, containing forty carefully views and some twenty pages of reading matter.

Driveway Delayed.

Salisbury, Special.—Work on the public driveway to the Federal Cemetery in Salisbury, for which an appropriation of \$15,000 was recently made by Congress will not begin for several months on account of securing a title to the right of way from the Southern Railway Company. The title to the property rests in the North Carolina Railroad Company and the stockholders of that company will have to grant the right of way at a meeting to be held in July.

Fired By Lighting.

Wilson, Special.—Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock, while a storm was raging as in mid-summer, lightning got in its work on the premises of Richard Shackelford, who resides near Saratoga, in this county. It is supposed that a bolt of lightning struck the stables first. The flames soon communicated with the barn. In the stables there were four horses and four mules. One of the horses and two of the mules were cremated. One horse was injured slightly, but will recover. The two mules that were rescued were maimed for life.

Store Burned.

Asheville, Special.—The store, building and stock of merchandise, belonging to Fletcher and Roberts, at Fletcher's ten miles from here, were destroyed by fire. Probably \$300 worth of goods were saved, the total loss is several thousand dollars with \$2,500 insurance. The post office at Fletcher's was located in the burned building. Most of the post office property was saved. The origin of the fire is not known.

New Bank At Ramseur.

Ramseur, Special.—The new bank will open its doors for business April 10th. The new building next to the hotel, which is nicely decorated, and of brick, has just been completed. It presents a handsome appearance, and supplies the bank with attractive and commodious quarters. W. H. Watkins, Sr., is the president of the institution and R. J. Smith, of Greensboro, is cashier.

WILL SOON BE OPEN

Arrangements Complete For Great Jamestown Show

PRESIDENT A BIG ATTRACTION

Opening Exercises, Beginning at Sunrise April 26, Open With Salute of 300 Guns by the Norfolk Light Artillery Blues Commemorating the 300th Anniversary of the First English Settlement in America.

Norfolk, Special.—President Roosevelt is to be the feature of the opening day of the Jamestown Tercentennial Exposition, the official programme of which was announced. The opening exercises, which take place Friday, April 26, will begin at sunrise by a salute of 300 guns by the Norfolk Light Artillery Blues commemorating the 300th anniversary of the first English settlement of America.

The President will reach the exposition grounds at 11:30 o'clock, after passing on the Mayflower through columns of saluting foreign and American warships in Hampton Roads. He will be escorted to the reviewing stand on Lees Parade, in the rear of the auditorium building. The speech-making feature of the programme will begin at once, and in the open air should the weather permit. An invocation by the Right Rev. Alfred Magil Randolph, bishop of the diocese of southern Virginia, and a brief introductory address by Harry St. George Tucker, president of the Exposition Company, will precede the President's remarks. When President has concluded he will press a gold button, and immediately the machinery of the great show will be in motion, a thousand flags will be unfurled on the Exposition buildings and a salute of the nation will be fired by the foreign and American ships in the roads and by the garrison at Fort Monroe. At the conclusion of the salute the Exposition band will play the "Star Spangled Banner," the troops will "present arms" and the concourse will stand with uncovered heads.

The parade of soldiers and sailors of the United States under Major General Frederick Grant, will be the next feature. The President will review the troops from a grand stand, where also will be gathered the honored guests of the occasion, including the diplomatic corps, the official committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the Governors of States, 20 of whom have accepted invitations to be present.

The day will close with a reception to President Roosevelt, between 5 and 6 o'clock.

Pittsburg is in Danger.

Pittsburg, Pa., Special.—J. W. Arras, of the United States engineers corps, who has charge of building the dams in the Ohio and Allegheny rivers in this vicinity, has submitted a report to the government, in connection with the recent flood here in which he says Pittsburg, like Johnstown, is in danger of devastation some day by a flood causing the loss of thousands of lives and millions of dollars worth of property. Mr. Arras reports that when the catastrophe occurs it will come with just as little warning as did the one in the Conemaugh valley.

Serious Accident.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—The expected happened Saturday morning at 10 o'clock when street car No. 24 of the Highland Park line and Seaboard passenger train No. 133 collided at the Brevard street crossing, one passenger, Mr. Wiley Howard, having his skull fractured and left forearm broken. Mr. Lee Martin, conductor of the car, having both legs fractured, besides sustaining other injuries from which he may die and three other passengers being more or less badly hurt. This is a particularly dangerous crossing, and no one is surprised at the terrible occurrence.

Theodore D. Buhl Dead.

New York, Special.—Theodore D. Buhl, president of the Buhl Malleable Iron Works, of Detroit, president of Detroit Bank, and also of the firm of Parke, Davis & Co., chemical and drug manufacturers, dropped dead on the street near the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, where he had been a guest. Death was due to apoplexy. Mr. Buhl was one of a group of steel magnates, multi-millionaire and prominent in banking circles in the Middle West and the East. His body will be sent to Detroit for interment.

Ex-Police Chief Assassinated.

Havana, By Cable.—Jose A. Yala, ex-chief of police of Guinez, Havana province, was assassinated at Guinez Wednesday morning. The crime apparently was political as the victim led the governmental forces in the vicinity of Guinez during the August revolution, thereby incurring so much enmity that he went to Mexico, from which country he had just returned. The assassin, who was a member of late rebel army, escaped.

DEATH IN TORNADO

Several Persons Killed in Severe Southern Storm

A SERIOUS LOSS OF PROPERTY

Fearful Tornado Visiting Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama Sweeps 300 Miles and Leaves Much Destruction in its Wake.

New Orleans, Special.—A score of persons were killed by a tornado, which swept over 300 miles across portions of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. Parts of four towns were devastated with damage exceeding \$50,000. The wind damaged property crops and telegraph wires throughout its course.

The tornado began at Alexandria, La., soon after 1 o'clock Friday morning, killing and injuring three and seriously injuring 13 others. Soon after daylight it neared the Mississippi river killing five persons at Jackson, La., while at Bayou Sara, La., at least a dozen others are reported killed. There was one fatal injury at Jackson.

The tornado next appeared at Carson, Miss., where great property damage was done and disappeared about noon near Selma, La., the inhabitants saw whirling clouds rise into the air as they crossed the river. A negro was reported killed near Selma.

Victims of the Storm.

The known dead:
At Alexandria, La.:
M. O. Brick, white.
Matthew Dunn, white.
Ora Dudley, colored.
Lydia Harding, colored.
At Jackson:
Three female inmates of asylum.
Two negroes.
At Bayou Sara:
Several negroes.
At Feliciana Parish, La.:
Mrs. C. L. Collins.
At Jackson, La.:
Mary Lea.

Alexandria, a town of about 16,000 inhabitants, had a fearful experience. When the tornado struck the electric lights went out, the craking of falling buildings could be heard above the noises of the wind and vivid lightning flashes showed such sights as an empty iron mountain passenger train rolling over and over. A heavy hailstorm added to the general discomfiture. The main portion of Alexandria escaped the worst of the tornado, which cut a path through the northern part of the town, a residence quarter. About a score of homes were demolished, 50 were damaged and altogether about 100 buildings were wrecked, including several business houses. A freak of the wind drove a small section of a house into an empty passenger coach, wadding two bodies almost inextricably together. In the woods about the town the tornado cut down trees and small cabins in a narrow line about nine miles long. Several houses were blown down at Pineville and injuries were reported. The hail did much damage to crops.

Insane Asylum Wrecked.

At Jackson, La., the insane asylum was wrecked with a loss of about \$20,000. In addition to three female inmates many others were injured. Mrs. Lee's residence was blown down and her daughter was severely injured. Two negroes were killed on a nearby plantation, while reports from the surrounding country indicate that there was probably more loss of life.

At Bayou Sara several passengers on the steamer Betsy Ann had a thrilling escape. The Betsy Ann was severely wrecked. While breaking timbers from the steamer and from the shore flew through the air the crew got all the passengers safely ashore.

At Carson, Miss., the Mississippi Central Railroad depot was blown down, also a church, a school house, two business buildings and several cabins.

From Carson the storm crossed the State line into Alabama, where it began to lose much of its destructive power. Details are slow as many wires are down.

Stranded off Pablo Beach.

Jacksonville, Fla., Special.—The 60-foot two-masted launch Charlotte Casse, said to be owned by Paul Casse, Wilmington, N. C., was found stranded on the beach 16 miles below Pablo Beach, with no one on board. It is believed that her owner and party were aboard for a cruise and ran into the severe gale of a few days ago, washing the overboard. This discovery of the launch was reported to the vice consul here.

Seven Killed in Freight Wreck.

Veracruz, Mex., Special.—In a collision between two freight trains on the Mexican Railway (old Vera Cruz) road between Rincón and Tamarindo seven men lost their lives and traffic was blocked for 11 hours. Several persons were injured. The cause of the wreck is not known. The dead included both engineers, Americans. The others were Mexican trainmen.

Late News In Brief

MINOR MATTERS OF INTEREST

The historic Rising Sun Tavern, in Fredericksburg, will be sold at auction.

Attorney before the Interstate Commerce Commission argued the legality of the mergers of the various railroads in the Harriman system.

The German Anarchist Congress met in an open field.

Earthquakes have caused a panic in the Island of St. Michael's, Azores.

The question of disarmament is dividing the powers which will send delegates to the Hague Peace Conference.

Niagara protests against the attempt of the United States' representative to stop the bombardment of Amalpa.

A \$2,000,000 Pennsylvania Capital contract may be void, former Governor Stone it is said not having signed it.

Charles M. Schwab announced that the Bethlehem Steel Company would build more warships for the United States Government.

Fire did much damage in the Meadon tunnel terminal New York.

Secretary Taft has decided to bar liquors from the Canal Zone.

The brewery strike in St. Louis ended.

A settlement of the controversy between the Western railroads and the trainmen seems in sight.

Bishop Hoss announced the appointments for the Baltimore Southern Methodist Conference at Staunton.

The bodies of Henry Foster, a young farmer, and his wife were found in a fence corner near Flint Hill, Rappahannock county.

W. B. Pedigo, Republican was elected Mayor of Parkersburg, W. Va. The Republicans also carried Clarksburg by a good majority.

Secretary Cortelyou has decided to redeem \$43,000,000 of the 4 per cent, and refund \$50,000,000 in new 2 per cent bonds.

Capt. William Smith, of the Connecticut, was found guilty of neglect of duty and suspended for nine months.

Col. Charles B. Hall and Col. Earl D. Thomas are appointed brigadier-generals.

E. H. Harriman's statement that he raised \$250,000 for the campaign of 1904 at the request of the President was denounced by the latter, and an interesting controversy precipitated.

James J. Hill resigned the presidency of the Great Northern Railway and became chairman of the board of directors.

Congressman H. T. Rainey, of Illinois attacks the commissary department in the Canal Zone as furnishing evidence of graft.

E. J. Demarest, a wealthy resident of New Orleans pleaded guilty to violating the State law in having cashed a \$45,000 lottery prize about a year ago. He was fined \$100. The prize was issued by the Honduras National Lottery Company.

President Roosevelt declared his belief that Harriman and other financiers are in a conspiracy to defeat the Administration's policies, that Harriman wanted Depew made Ambassador in order that Harriman might be appointed United States Senator.

President Finley, of the Southern Railway declared that rates are the result of economic laws, and the railway management is not responsible for making them.

As the result of the examination held on March 14, a number of consular appointments have been made, including the following: Edward J. Norton, of Tennessee, consular at Assunton, Paraguay; Lucien Momin, ger, South Carolina, consular clerk and vice and deputy consular general at Boma, Congo Free State.

Fred A. Busee, Republican, was elected Mayor of Chicago over E. F. Dunne, Democrat.

News of the death in Hong Kong of Bishop James N. Fitzgerald, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was received last week by the Methodist Book Concern in this city. Pleurisy was the cause of death. The bishop's home was in St. Louis. The remains accompanied by his wife, daughter and son, will be brought on the Pacific mail steamer China.

At New Orleans United States District Attorney Marion Erwin concluded argument for the government in the Greene and Gaynor case on appeal from the United States Circuit Court at Savannah before the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals.

In New York thirty firemen, among them Chief Croker and Deputy Chief Guerin, were injured by falling debris and damage estimated at \$50,000 was caused by a fire in the five-story building at 159 Maiden Lane.

The Spanish government has decreed that in the event of Queen Victoria giving birth to a son he shall bear the title of Prince of the Asturias, the title given to the heir to the Spanish throne and first assumed in 1588.