

Lunacy Commission Resumes Investigation As to Thaw's Sanity

Dr. McGuire was Called to Testify as to Thaw's Mental Condition while in the Tombs. He Declared Him Sane.

A Number of Persons, Including Prison Chaplain Testified Thaw Converses in Rational Manner Since Trial Began.

New York, April 2.—The Thaw lunacy commission resumes today. Justice Fitzgerald's instructions to the jury to report Thursday morning are taken to mean that the justice expects the commission to conclude by Wednesday evening.

It is reasoned, therefore, that the commission will not spend much time hearing the State's alienists. Evelyn Thaw was perturbed over being subpoenaed to appear today, fearing she would have to testify against her husband.

Dr. McGuire Testified. Dr. McGuire, the Tombs physician was the first witness before the Thaw commission.

They Think Thaw Sane. Dr. McGuire was asked about the book in which he kept the record of the prisoner and which Jerome produced before the commission Saturday. He said the book contained mostly hearsay matter and but few original entries by himself.

Dr. McGuire said on cross-examination he had never made any special examination of Thaw to determine his sanity. He had been refused permission to be present at Thaw's examination by the alienists for the case on June 28th.

Dr. McGuire said he had not talked with Thaw regarding his trial or his mental condition. Their conversations had been confined to current topics. Michael J. Delahanty, the prison guard, who attended Thaw at his trial, said Thaw always talked in an understandable way and appeared rational.

Chairman McClure wanted to know if the witness thought Thaw had had a good day when he used the expression he had a good day.

"Yes, sir, it impressed me that way." Frank J. Sheridan another of Thaw's guards, said he had never seen Thaw do anything irrational.

Cross examined by the district attorney, the witness said he had never discussed White with the prisoner. "Did you ever hear him say anything about being St. George rescuing Virgins from the red dragons?" asked Jerome.

"No, sir." Mrs. Emily S. Walker, probational officer of the court of special sessions, and a constant visitor to the Tombs, said she had talked with Thaw many times prior to and during the trial. His talk and manner of speech were always rational.

Rev. John Armstrong Wade, chaplain in the Tombs, never noticed anything in Thaw's facial expression which suggests irrationality. Thaw's conversations were rational and at some times seemed unusually keen.

Jerome asked Mr. Wade if the first conversation he had with Thaw after his arrest was rational or irrational.

Thaw tugged at Hartridge's coat sleeve and said in an audible whisper: "Object to that." Hartridge did so, but the question was allowed.

"His conversation at that time," said the chaplain, "was irrational." Rev. Luke J. Evers, who conducts the Roman Catholic services in the Tombs, declared he had discussed many topics with Thaw, including religion, and always found him rational.

Dr. Hamilton Called. Jerome then called Dr. Hamilton, who was allowed to testify. Dr. Hamilton testified that in his opinion, Thaw is not capable today of understanding the nature of the charges against him or of rationally advising his counsel.

Dr. Hamilton said that Thaw suffers from chronic delusional insanity—otherwise known as paranoia.

Identification by Palate. Vienna, April 2.—Dr. Drager, an army surgeon, who has made a special study of methods of identification recommends identification by the shape of the palate.

He maintains that it is far more efficient than finger print identification.

Two of Winston Salem's Banks Consolidated. Winston-Salem, N. C., April 2.—Announcement has just been made public today of the consolidation of the People's National Bank and the Piedmont Savings Bank, of this city.

The latter bank is merged with the People's National Bank, making its assets \$2,000,000.

Women of temperament are often women of temper.

Educational Conference Being Planned For

Raleigh, N. C., April 2.—Henry E. Fries, of Winston-Salem, spent the day conferring with Governor Glenn and State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner with reference to an educational campaign and preliminary arrangements for a conference on education in the South, to be held at Southern Pines beginning April 9th, under the direction of the Southern Education Board.

Governor Glenn, Mr. Fries and State Superintendent Joyner are the campaign committee of the board for North Carolina.

They declare the outlook is especially bright, both for the Southern Pines conference and the general education campaign work in the State.

Superintendent W. O. Buckner, of the Southern Express Company, and General Manager Jno. Blue, of the Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad Company, held a conference with the corporation commission today with the result that the express service will be inaugurated on the Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad at once, to include the whole system.

The road has been without express service in the past. Governor Glenn went to Holly Springs today to deliver an address in connection with an educational rally.

He left before the council of State had time to present the report on the application for the pardon of the White brothers, slayers of Russell Sherrill. Council agreed on the case last night, but decided to make no announcement until the report was submitted to the Governor.

KILLED WIFE AND BABE. Young Man Murdered His Young Wife and Babe, Then Blew Out His Own Brains.

Winchester, Va., April 2.—Details of a shocking tragedy which occurred at Flint Hill on Saturday, reached here today. Henry Foster, a young farmer, while out walking with his wife and their two-months-old baby suddenly drew his revolver and shot and almost instantly killed both of them.

Poster then turned the weapon upon himself and blew out his own brains. No reason for the deed is known.

Floor of Church Fell During Funeral Service

Spartanburg, S. C., April 2.—The floor of the Macedonia church fell through with a crash during the funeral services of the Rev. J. M. Brown, former pastor of the church.

Men, women and children rushed for the doors, praying and shouting and causing a stampede among the congregation.

Several women fainted and were trampled upon, sustaining painful injuries, although no fatalities have been reported.

PETITION FOR REMOVAL. Asks That Dispensary Board of Richmond County Be Removed—Grounds for Petition.

Columbia, S. C., April 1.—A petition has been filed with Governor Ansel, asking him to remove from office the Richmond county dispensary board of control on the ground that they have violated the law in permitting Charles Narey to operate a bottling establishment.

The petitioners are Messrs. J. B. Letton and H. E. Watts, who also head bottling permits from the board. The Richmond board is composed of John J. Cain, contractor; B. M. English, farmer; and George W. Taylor, country merchant.

Under the Carey-Cochran act all bottling establishments in operation when that act went into effect on February 16th, 1907, holding a license from the State dispensary board of directors were continued as bottling plants upon the payment of a license set forth in the act.

At that time Letton and Watts were running bottling establishments in Columbia, but neither had ever obtained a license from the State board or directors. Charles Narey, a former bottler, had a license but his establishment was not in operation. He had resigned as beer dispenser about ten months or more ago and had sold, it is alleged, his plant. However, he put in his application to the board, alleging that he held the license and was entitled under the law to operate his plant as a beer bottler. The board recognized the right of Narey as well as of Letton and Watts, and all three of them have since begun operations as beer bottlers. Now Letton and Watts, through their attorneys, Bellinger & Welch, bring this action before Governor Ansel to have the county board removed for the alleged violation of law in permitting Narey to operate his plant.

Governor Ansel has taken no action on the petition, of course, and if he does act he will doubtless give the county board the right to be first heard. The attorney for the county board is Mr. John P. Thomas, Jr.

One of the privileges of being rich is not being afraid to carry an old cotton umbrella that bulges in the middle like a sack of flour.

There is more or less gas about a legal light.



Case of Greene and Gaynor

Argument of Appeal Before U. S. Circuit Court Resumed. Council claim Public Opinion had Been Injected into Trial.

New Orleans, La., April 2.—The argument of the Greene and Gaynor appeal before the United States Circuit Court of Appeals was resumed by A. A. Lawrence, for the defense, who continued his speech.

Lawrence argued first that public opinion had been injected into the trial of this case in Savannah by the trial judge in his address to the jury.

Exception was taken to this address. The trial judge was said to have told the jury that this was a case in which the whole people, and among them the jurors themselves were directly concerned, and that the people of the United States were as much interested as would be the people of the counties where the jurors resided if an indictment were pending charging some one with the embezzlement of all the taxes raised in those counties, for a particular year.

This address, the counsel said, was calculated to inflame the minds of the jury against the defendants.

In another exception it was claimed that the court in its charge, argued to the jury took the facts from jury, prejudiced the jury against Greene and Gaynor, coerced the jury and abridged the right of the defendants to have the counsel argue their case.

The closing sentence of the court's charge was excepted to. The court was said to have told the jury that the defendants were at no disadvantage; that if the court or jury made any mistakes of law or facts the errors could be corrected readily upon appeal.

It was argued that this gave the jury the fit of the doubt of law or facts to the government.

Discussing the statute of limitations, counsel claimed the indictments were found more than three years after the latest acts charged against Greene and Gaynor, and that indictment for these offenses were barred at the end of three years.

During these three years, it was argued, the defendants were at their well-known domiciles without concealment, were in the jurisdiction of the court which had jurisdiction in these offenses, and could have been arrested by the government at any time.

WARSHIPS PASS STRAITS. Japanese Warships Bound for Hampton Roads Passed Straits.

Aden, Arabia, April 2.—A dispatch received from the Island of Perim in the Strait of Bab-el-Maneb, (at the entrance to the Red Sea), announced that two Japanese warships, bound for Hampton Roads, passed there this morning.

New Teller at M. & F. Bank. Mr. Harvey Moore, formerly of the Southern Cotton Oil Company, of this city, who resigned his position about six months ago to accept the management of the company's branch office at Concord, has been elected teller of the Merchants' and Farmers' National Bank.

Fifty Peasants Killed in Encounter With Troops

Nizhni-Novgorod, Russia, April 2.—The Agrarian disorders have broken out in Sergachevsk district. In an encounter with the troops yesterday fifty peasants were wounded and a rural guard was killed.

Somehow there is more fun in an old pipe and a pair of slippers your wife won't let you wear except when she is away and don't know it, than in deaming you are floating around in heaven.

To Begin Prosecutions Under Pure Food Law

Washington, April 2.—The Department of Agriculture is making preparations to begin prosecutions under the pure food law at an early day, and Dr. Wiley, under whose directions as chief of the bureau of chemistry the work will be conducted, has given instructions to his inspectors to secure as soon as possible samples on which the accusations will be based.

The offending establishments have generally been located, and nothing remains to prepare a basis for the proceeding, except to obtain specimens of the articles alleged to be adulterated or impure.

DAVIDSON NEWS. Ball Team Defeated Lenoir College Saturday—Will Play University Today.

Davidson College, April 1.—Davidson defeated Lenoir College Saturday evening in a slow game of baseball by a score of 12 to 2. Walker pitched for the home team and kept the visitors down to a very few hits.

Misses Fanny Bland Graham, Grace Cranford, Irving Harding and Marie Sloan of the Presbyterian College are spending the Easter holidays at home.

Miss Maude Vinson, of Converse College, is also spending the Easter holidays at home.

Miss Gladys Summers, who has been teaching in Chattanooga, Tenn., is visiting her parents at this place.

Davidson plays the University of North Carolina today and the boys on the campus that did not go to Winston to see the game are very anxious to hear what the score will be. Both teams are confident of victory and the game is expected to be one of the best ever played on North Carolina territory.

In the Philanthropic Society Saturday night the following were elected on the magazine staff for 1907-08.

R. A. McLeod, assistant business manager; associate editors, L. R. Scott and H. S. Shaw, of class 1908, Dixon and W. W. Martin, of class 1909.

Elections In Many Cities

Great Interest is Felt in Result of Chicago Municipal Election. Elections Being Held in Nebraska and Wisconsin.

Chicago, April 2.—Not in many years has there been held in Chicago a municipal election more important or far-reaching than that begun today.

Besides the election of city officers the people will decide the street car question which has kept the city in agitation for ten years.

The Democrats assert the belief that Dunne will be elected mayor, while the Republicans claim Busse will have a large plurality.

The polls close this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

In Nebraska Cities. Omaha, Neb., April 2.—Outside of Omaha and Lincoln, all the cities and towns in Nebraska are holding municipal elections.

Elections in Wisconsin. Milwaukee, Wis., April 2.—An election is being held here for the election of a Supreme Court Justice.

Letter Causes Big Sensation

Letter of Harriman, in Which he Says President Asked Him for Campaign Funds Stirs Sensation.

New York, April 2.—A sensation was created by the publication of a letter written in December and addressed to Sidney Wasster of New York, and signed "E. H. Harriman."

Following is the letter: "About a week before the election in autumn in 1904, when it looked certain that the State ticket would go Democratic, and was doubtful as to Roosevelt himself, he, the president, sent me a request to go to Washington to confer upon the political conditions in New York."

"I complied and he told me he understood the campaign could not be successfully carried on without sufficient money, and asked if I would help them in raising the necessary funds, as the national committee, under control of Chairman Cortelyou, had utterly failed in obtaining them."

"I explained to him that I understood the difficulty here was mainly caused by the up-State leaders being unwilling to support Dewey for re-election to the United States Senate; that if he, Dewey, could be taken care of in some other way I thought the matters could be adjusted and the different contending elements in the party brought into alliance again. We talked over what could be done for Dewey, and, finally, he agreed if found necessary he would appoint him Ambassador to Paris."

"With the full belief that the president would keep this agreement, I came back to New York, sent for Treasurer Bliss, who told me that I was his last hope and that they had exhausted every other resource. In his presence I called up an intimate friend of Dewey, told him it was necessary in order to carry New York State that \$200,000 should be raised at once, and if he would help I would subscribe \$50,000. After a few words over the telephone the gentleman said he would let me know, which he did probably in three or four hours, with the result that the whole amount including my subscription had been raised."

Harriman's letter said in conclusion: "Ryan's success in all his manipulations has been gone by the adroit mind of Elihu Root and this present situation has been brought about by a combination of circumstances which has brought together the Ryan, Root, Roosevelt element."

President Gives it the Lie. President Roosevelt gave out a statement in reference to the letter of E. H. Harriman. He characterizes the statements made in the letter, that the President requested Harriman to raise a fund for the republican campaign, as a "deliberate and wilful untruth—by rights it should be characterized by even shorter and more ugly words."

President's Statement. The President's denial was continued.

A Tremendous wave was Encountered by Neptune

By Associated Press. New York, April 2.—A tremendous wave, which the captain believes resulted from an earthquake under the bed of the ocean, was encountered about three hundred miles off the Atlantic coast of South America February 26 by the steamer Planet Neptune.

During the few moments when the Neptune was struggling with the great wave the sea in all directions was covered with foam, and the water whirled and dashed in all directions.

Fire Destroyed Entire Manufacturing Block Near Salisbury Depot

One of Most Spectacular Fires in History of City visited Salisbury, Wiping Out Five Manufacturing Plants.

The Loss is Roughly Estimated at \$25,000. All Trains Were Blocked For an Hour. The Principal Losers.

Salisbury, N. C., April 2.—One of the most dangerous fires in the history of this city broke out this morning at 7:45 o'clock, and raged until 9:30, destroying the entire manufacturing block just east of the passenger depot, located on the old Lanier lot.

The fire originated in the wood-working plant of Hartman & Gaither, starting from the engine, and being first discovered in the roof, and in a short space of time the flames had spread the entire block.

Five manufacturing plants were completely destroyed, entailing a loss, roughly estimated, at between \$25,000 and \$50,000. The buildings were not extensively built and the loss in the destruction of the buildings will probably not amount to over \$12,000.

V. Wallace & Sons, owners of the buildings, are the principal losers, along with George R. Martin, contractor, whose supplies were burned, and the Barber Buggy and Wagon Manufacturing Company.

The fire was exceedingly hard to check on account of the low water pressure, the lack of sufficient hose and the strong wind. At one time there were as many as six buildings burning.

It was thought the fire was under control at 8:30, but it soon broke out anew. All trains here were held up for an hour on account of the fire.

A Later Report. Salisbury was visited this morning at 8:30 o'clock by one of the most disastrous fires that has occurred in several years. Property estimated to be worth \$30,000 or \$40,000 went up in the flames, including five buildings and almost their entire contents.

The origin of the fire is thought to have been in the cabinet and repair shop of Hartman and Gaither, in one end of the big three-story frame building used as the Barber Buggy and Wagon Company's store room. From there the flames spread rapidly to the adjoining building occupied by the Lanier distillery, immediately opposite the Southern passenger depot, thence to that of George H. Martin, contractor, next to a two-story dwelling and then to another small building, making five in all.

Tatum's lively stable caught fire twice but the blaze was put out each time.

The flames got beyond control of the Salisbury fire department and Spencer was called upon for aid. The two departments soon got the fire under control.

The lines of horse running across the railroad tracks tied up the passenger trains for several hours.

Mr. Preston Swink, of the Salisbury fire department was overcome by the heat and had to be removed to his home.

The buildings were owned by Messrs B. Wallace and Sons. The insurance on the property will not near cover the loss.

CHINESE STUDENTS COMING. Will Visit Jamestown Exposition and Study Military Affairs.

San Francisco, Cal., April 2.—On the liner Slerbia, due here about May 3, are coming a number of Chinese military officers who have been detailed by their government to attend the Jamestown Exposition, for the purpose of studying military and naval affairs.

The delegation will include Colonel Li Ting Hain, Major Heia Coling Chen and Captain Wang Yem Him.

St. Louis Automobile Show. St. Louis Mo., April 1.—A monster parade of motor vehicles was held today to mark the opening of the St. Louis automobile show, which is to hold forth all the week in the big Jai Alai building.

The success of the exhibition is already assured as the exhibitors include all the prominent motor car manufacturers of America and also a number of European firms. Besides the automobiles and auto accessories, there are exhibits of motor boats, motor cycles, motor buggies and motor commercial vehicles.

San Francisco, April 2.—The board of supervisors removed its secretary, Senator Keane A. Reuf, the appointee.

A Heavy Freeze In The Trucking Belt

Norfolk, Va., April 2.—There was a heavy freeze in the Norfolk County trucking belt last night. The damage to early potatoes, peas and beans is said to be very great. The fruit crop has also suffered to a considerable extent.

President Talks More. Washington, April 2.—"So much for what Harriman said about me personally," says the President, in concluding his first letter to Sherman. Far more important, the President regards the additional remarks which Sherman said Harriman made to him when he asked him if he thought it was well to see "Hearstism and the like" triumphant over the Republican party.

"You," says the President, "inform me that he told you that he did not care in the least because those people were crooks and he could buy them," and other similar remarks.

This the President says was doubtless partly in boastful, cynicism and partly in the burst of bad temper, but it showed in the President's opinion cynicism and deep-seated corruption which he denounces in strong words.

Mother, Children Were Probably Burned Alive. Morganton, April 2.—A strange story has just reached here in connection with the fires that have raged on the South Mountains, near Burkemont, last Saturday a number of lumbermen who had been into the mountains and were on their return, came to the home of Mr. Singelfelt, a cripple, living several miles from town. The lumbermen were in formed by the wife of Singelfelt that her husband had mysteriously disappeared and could not be found.

As the fires in the mountains were drawing near the Singelfelt house the men advised Mrs. Singelfelt to take her children and flee for safety, but all in vain.

Following this, news has just been received that the Singelfelt home was destroyed by fire and that no trace can be found of either Mrs. Singelfelt, children or her missing husband.

The supposition is that the mother and children were burned to death while they slept.

CONGRESSMAN GROW DEAD. Spent Many Years in the House and Was Prominent in All Public Matters. Binghamton, N. Y., April 1.—Former Congressman Galusha A. Grow died at his home at Glenwood, Pa., yesterday afternoon as a result of the general breakdown, attributed to old age.

Mr. Grow was elected to Congress from the Wilmot district of Pennsylvania as the youngest member of that body in 1851, and after retirement from public life for nearly forty years he re-entered the House of Representatives as Congressman-at-large from Pennsylvania fourteen years ago.

When he retired four years ago, his public service in the House extended over the longest period, although not continuous service, of any man who ever sat in that body.

During the ante-bellum days he was one of the best known in the United States and in 1864 he came within one vote of being nominated for Vice-President in place of Andrew Johnson, who became President on the death of Abraham Lincoln.

Mr. Grow was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives in 1861 and occupied that position during the first two years of the war, until his retirement from Congress in 1863.

Mr. Grow's greatest public service was as the "father" of the Homestead act, through which measure many acres of Western farm lands were opened up for settlement by homesteaders, an act which has been credited with doing more than and other one thing for the development of the great West.

Grow was the last surviving member of a family of six children. He was never married.

BIG HOTEL ON FIRE. Guests of Saranac Hotel, New York, Forced to Flee Down Fire Escapes.

New York, April 2.—The Saranac Hotel, at Broadway, near 42nd street, is on fire.

The guests are climbing down the escapes.