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MOTHER THAW HASTENING TO CHEER HARRY

Prospects of Her Appearance This Evening Revives Prisoner's Spirits

HE SITS MOROSELY IN ASHES OF HUMILIATION

Strong Testimony Today Adding to the Adamantine Wall of Hereditary Insanity in the Family—One of His Aunts On Paternal Side Inmate of a Madhouse—Testimony of the Doctor Who Committed Her to the Institution Admitted Over Jerome's Strong Objections. Whist Club Employee Tells of Queer, Crazy Conduct of Thaw a Few Days Before He Killed White. Old Mrs. Thaw on Way to New York.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, Jan. 15.—Harry Kendall Thaw went to the court room today to face the most terrible ordeal of his life, cheered by the news that his mother, Mrs. William Thaw, would arrive from Pittsburg during the session to aid and sustain him. This he hopes will turn the battle to save him from the electric chair for the murder of Stanford White.

Mrs. Thaw has been very ill but has been anxious to come to the trial. Despite her critical condition she is expected to take the stand. Thaw was practically deserted on the first day of the trial by the defense. Martin Littleton, his counsel, ruthlessly tore the veil from the family skeleton to prove hereditary insanity. Not a relative was there to support the prisoner. How hard they had striven to prove this was shown by the number of witnesses they had collected. Mrs. Harry Thaw has been forced to withdraw from the Thaw row since the beginning of the real trial.

Absence of Evelyn From Court Room
Evelyn Thaw had been shut out of the court room when the taking of testimony began as she is to be a witness for the defense.

Mrs. Carnegie was the only woman member of the Thaw family, with the exception of Evelyn Thaw, to be in court to comfort the prisoner. Therefore the absence of Thaw's sister, aroused comment in the court room. It was said at first she was ill, but finally it was learned she had decided not to come because she did not care to listen to testimony in regard to the taint of insanity in her family. Mr. Littleton is introducing more witnesses to establish the chain of evidence showing that Thaw was insane when he killed White.

Miss Belle Morehouse Lawrence, who taught the prisoner when he was but a child, told about the marked peculiarities of the prisoner, which she recorded in a diary and which proved a most interesting feature of the evidence.

Thaw was insane as a child, insane as a schoolboy and insane at Monte Carlo in 1897 according to witnesses who testified on behalf of the defense.

The Testimony in Court Today.
New York, Jan. 15.—Three women substantiate Martin W. Littleton's contention that Harry K. Thaw was insane at the time of the shooting arrived at the criminal courts building before court opened.

One of the trio was Miss Hattie Pierce, a neighbor of the Thaw family at Pittsburg, who testified at the first trial to the signing of Thaw's will. Miss Margaret Voorhees, an actress, residing at the Caledonia Hotel, was another of the witnesses. The feature of her testimony was not made known by counsel for the defense and the witness kept under close guard to prevent her from being interviewed. Christopher Briggins, steward of the whist club at 26th street and Madison avenue, another new witness, was also present. It was at this club that Harry Thaw played whist and made the acquaintance
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A Snapshot and Sketch of Thaw Jurors and Their Names.



This is a snapshot by a Hearst News Service staff photographer of five of the Thaw jurors. From left to right are Gremmels, Carey, Naething, Rupprecht and Doolittle. Sketches of the other jurors are shown: No. 8, McHugh; No. 6, Arrowsmith; No. 11, Devole; No. 9, Howell; No. 10, Burch; No. 5, Holbert, and No. 12, Hopper.

E. C. DUNCAN RESIGNS AS REV. COLLECTOR

Appointed by Judge Pritchard He Resigned as Collec- tor Today

THIRD RECEIVER IS THE COURT'S CHOICE

Judge Pritchard, When Petitioned to Name Additional Receiver, Stated He Would Select a Man Without Suggestion From Any Interest. Mr. Duncan Gave Bond And Has Entered Upon His Duties—Appointment Created Sensation Here And is Universally Approved. Most Important Office Given a North Carolinian in a Quarter of a Century, it is Said—The Receiver Will Continue to Live in Raleigh.

Last evening at 6 o'clock messages were received in Raleigh announcing that Judge Jeter C. Pritchard yesterday in Richmond appointed Hon. Edward Carlton Duncan, a third receiver for the Seaboard Air Line Railroad.

Today Mr. Duncan is in Washington, where he will resign his present position of collector of internal revenues for the eastern district of North Carolina. Judge Spencer B. Adams, republican state chairman, left Greensboro last night and joins Mr. Duncan in Washington today. It is expected that Mr. Duncan will hand his resignation to the president today and his successor will be named at the same time.

The selection of Mr. Duncan as receiver is undoubtedly a personal choice of the court. When the Seaboard Air Line went into the hands of receivers Judge Pritchard named S. Davies Warfield, of Baltimore, and R. Lancaster Williams, of Richmond, receivers. They represent, it is said, the rival Ryan and Williams interests respectively. January second application was made by bondholders and others for the appointment of a third receiver and Gustave Ober, a Baltimore banker, was suggested. However, Judge Pritchard continued the petition and stated that if he granted the request he would name a man who would represent the court and be the choice of the court, independent of any suggestions. Hence his selection of Mr. Duncan as receiver for this vast railway system, in which millions are invested, stretching from Richmond to the Florida coast. The compensation for the receivers will be fixed by the court, and report here has it that if the usual allowance in such cases is made the receivers will receive about \$25,000 each per annum.

Last night numerous messages were received here showing the deep interest the selection of Mr. Duncan has created. Mr. Duncan gave bond as receiver yesterday in Richmond and held a conference with the other receivers before leaving for Washington. Mr. John Skelton Williams gave out a statement to a Richmond paper to the effect that he was pleased with the choice Judge Pritchard had made.

Mr. Duncan has lived in Raleigh for the past ten years and will not change his residence. The man who has received perhaps the most lucrative and influential appointment ever given a North Carolinian was born in Carteret county 45 years ago. He was captain of a steamboat at Beaufort, and still holds his license as such. In the management of the estates of both grandfathers he made a reputation as a fine business man. President Harrison appointed him collector of the port of Beaufort in 1889 and he served four years. In 1894 and again in 1896 he was elected to the legislature and is the only republican who has carried Carteret county since the Civil War. In that legislature Mr. Duncan was the staunch friend of Judge Pritchard. President McKinley, on February 1, 1898, appointed Mr. Duncan collector, the position he now holds. Mr. Duncan has been delegate to the past three republican national conventions and is now national commit-
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POLICE PUZZLED IN WHITMORE MURDER CASE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, Jan. 15.—The disappearance of two witnesses in the case of Theodore Whitmore, charged with the murder of his wife, Lena, is puzzling the police of Harrison and Hudson county, N. J.

Sadie Williams, one of the women who lived in the house occupied by the Whitmores, at 239 Adams street, Brooklyn, left that place yesterday and has not been located since. Another woman who has given information to the police concerning the Whitmores previous to and subsequent to the murder of Christmas night, cannot be found.

To add to the troubles of the authorities, several anonymous letters, most of them from women, apparently, have been received by them. Some of these letters were addressed to Whitmore. One, post-marked Newark, advised him to confess or the writer would tell all she knew.

When the grand jury meets today Prosecutor Vickers will ask for Whitmore's indictment for the murder of his wife, whose body was found in the Lamp Black Swamp in Harrison the day after Christmas.

**The First Turbine
VESSEL IN COASTWISE
TRADE A SUCCESS**

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, Jan. 15.—The steamship Creole of the Southern Pacific Company, the first vessel of the turbine type to be entered in the coastwise trade, arrived yesterday from New Orleans. She is of 10,000 tons displacement, and although she encountered stiff gales and very high seas on her way from the Florida Straits to Cape Hatteras, she did not ship a spray and sailed so steadily that on one day only was it necessary to have the racks on the tables.

The passengers, among whom is Rear Admiral Coghlan, were enthusiastic over the qualities of the liner, especially the almost total absence of vibration.

Wilmington Gets Firemen.
(Special to The Evening Times.)
Winston-Salem, N. C., Jan. 15.—Wilmington will again get the firemen's convention, the executive committee last night so deciding. Asheville and Salisbury were bidders, but Wilmington had the best proposition.

HOKE SMITH SAYS IT WILL BE TAFT SURE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 15.—Addressing the Atlanta freight bureau at its annual banquet, Governor Hoke Smith expressed the opinion that the republican party would nominate Secretary Taft for the presidency next year. He inferentially congratulated himself that he had Roosevelt and Taft for comrades in the anti-railroad campaign.

"Mr. Taft, who I hope will be the republican nominee for president, has been a leader in this work and Mr. Bryan, who will in all probability be the candidate nominee for president, though he has suggested the possibility of government ownership of railroads, really advocates national and state legislation."

**TO SELL TAR
HEEL BUILDING**

Governor Glenn and Col. Joseph E. Pogue left last night for Washington, where today they are negotiating for the sale of the North Carolina building at the Jamestown Exposition.

"This building is one of the handsomest on the grounds and cost approximately \$23,000.

As yet no purchaser has been found for it, though there are several prospective buyers.

The governor will return to the city Friday morning.

AOKI IS AGAINST JAP. MIGRATION

Honolulu, Jan. 15.—A local Japanese newspaper prints an interview with Viscount Aoki, late Japanese ambassador to America, in which he is quoted as follows:

"I don't approve of manual laborers going to America. They cannot expect, after Japan's long isolation, to establish themselves in any western country. Destiny and opportunity are in Asia—in Korea and Manchuria."

Viscount Aoki is also opposed to Japanese seeking naturalization in America as citizenship is only needed by those who contemplate permanent residence.

WHOLE FAMILIES EXTERMINATED In The Boyertown Horror-Over 200 Were Lost

Out of 167 bodies dug out of the remains of the building up to this morning only ten of them can be identified. So Badly Charred Are the Remains of the Victims, Town and Townspeople Stunned.

UNIDENTIFIED VICTIMS STAND NO FOOLISHNESS

Robbing the Dead—Gross and Scandalous.
(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Boyertown, Pa., Jan. 15.—The Pennsylvania state police are on guard at the doors of the four morgues in which lie the charred bodies of the 168 victims of the Rhoades Opera House fire at which identification of the remains began today.

Because of an effort made to rob the dead of jewels and trinkets, Coroner Strauss is admitting to the morgue only five persons at a time and the work of singling out their relatives by the sorrowing survivors is slow.

Early today another victim was added to the long list of dead. He was Jacob Johnson, who, though rescued from the vortex of the panic had inhaled the deadly flame. He alone, of all who perished, is at his home.

The others, swathed in white linen, lie in long rows in the morgues, while above them bend weeping men and women seeking, too often in vain, for knowledge of their dead.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Boyertown, Pa., Jan. 15.—It is estimated today that 200 persons, two-thirds of them women and children, perished in the fire that consumed the Rhoades Opera House.

Already 167 bodies have been dug out of the ruins, and of that number only ten are recognizable.

Men are still at work today seeking more. The exact number of dead is not known. It is simply known that
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THE TREASURY PORTFOLIO Cortelyou, It is Alleged, Cer- tain to Get Out Soon.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, Jan. 15.—Again the story of Secretary Cortelyou's resignation from the cabinet is afloat. The local correspondent of a New York morning paper asserts positively that the secretary resigned at the close of a stormy private session with President Roosevelt, following a cabinet meeting some time ago.

The dispatch says: "Mr. Cortelyou's tenure of office in the cabinet was made impossible by the quarrel which he had with President Roosevelt, following representations made to the president of Mr. Cortelyou's alleged interference with the Taft plan of campaign. Immediately after that Mr. Cortelyou left the treasury department and went home, explaining that he was sick of the grippe."

"Since then he has recovered from the grippe but has not been near the department. He has attended cabinet meetings and after each of them has tried to persuade the president that he was as much entitled to the support of the administration for the presidency as Mr. Taft. In each case he has entirely failed. The result of his failure is his resignation."

"Cortelyou felt he had a right to be a candidate for president, and acted on that belief. His best friend and lieutenant, Mr. Hitchcock, of the postoffice department, went into the south to gather delegates and succeeded. President Roosevelt found that this activity was interfering with the Taft boom and gave the Cortelyou a jolt in his letter to the federal office-holders and in his public letter reiterating that he would not accept another term."

"The jolt was so pronounced that it caused Mr. Cortelyou to break into unaccustomed profanity, in that he said he had 'had a d— rough time of it.'"

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