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EVELYN THAW CALLED TO THE WITNESS STAND

Wife of Prisoner is Telling Her Horrible Story All Over Again Today

OLD MOTHER TELLS HER PITIFUL TALE

The Proceedings of the Early Hours of the Court This Morning Taken Up By An Old Family Friend Who Testified to Lay the Foundation for the Wife's Story, and a Former Domestic in the Thaw Family— Evelyn's Entrance Into the Witness Box and the Broad Smile of Welcome With Which Thaw Greeted Her—Details and Incidents of Today's Proceedings in the Court Room.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Jan. 17.—When the trial of Harry Thaw was resumed today it was the plan of the defense to call the aged mother of the prisoner and to follow her testimony with that of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw.

It is the most critical day of the case. Thaw, racked and unnerved by the continuous disclosures of witnesses testifying to show him a mental weakling, went into court in a better mood than he has shown this week. He was at least cheered by the presence of some of his immediate family.

Mrs. William Thaw came from a sick bed in Pittsburg to aid her son in his fight for his life. Her condition has been, and is critical. Those near her say she is utterly broken in spirit and body.

As she alighted from the train, accompanied by a nurse, her steps faltered, her face was almost ashen and her hands shook. Mrs. George L. Carnegie, Josiah Thaw and Daniel O'Reilly met her. As Josiah Thaw rushed forward and embraced her, tears rolled down her face.

Today's Court Proceedings. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Alice C. Fletcher, of Washington, was called as the first witness in the Thaw trial today. She answered questions in a tone hardly audible to the jurors and her examination was continually interrupted on that account.

DOROTHY DIX ROASTS THAWS

Scores Pride and Arrogance of the New Rich

WOULD BE ABOVE LAW

First Verdict of January, Which Stood Seven for Death Sentence, "Shook the Fatuous Complacency Out of the Thaw Family," She Declares, "While It Made Outsiders Gasp at the Weak Defense When All This Material Now Produced Was At Hand—A Hot Roast."

(By DOROTHY DIX.) New York, Jan. 17.—The story of real interest and significance in the Thaw case is not the story of the killing of a bad man by a crazy youth. It is much more subtle than that.

It is the story of the pride and arrogance of a new-rich family so besotted with the vanity of wealth that one of its members believed he could do as he pleased, outrage decency, defy the conventions, and even commit murder, and that no one would dare to punish him. The attitude of the Thaws was precisely that of the French aristocrats before the revolution.

They expected to have to pay out a lot of money, of course, to get him out of this scrape, as they had paid out lots of money before to extricate him from unpleasant escapades. But they conceived of the trial as a violet-scented affair where the rigors of law would be tempered to the millions, and from which Harry Thaw would emerge with a romantic halo, a sort of St. George rescuing a maiden from a dragon.

As Mr. Littleton unfolds more and more of his evidence that Harry Thaw has always been weak-minded and abnormal from the very hour of his birth, and one reflects that he has not told one thing that Thaw's family have not always known, it makes even an outsider gasp with sheer horror to think of the chances it took with the pitifully weak defense that was offered when it held in its hands this impregnable barrier that the law itself has raised between the mentally incompetent and the consequences of his crimes.

Mrs. Thaw adores Harry with a very passion of maternal love and tenderness. His brothers and sisters have evinced unusual affection and loyalty to him in his trouble, yet they risked his life that the stain upon their name and the taint in their blood might not be made known to the world.

Today Mrs. Thaw, who has arisen from a sick bed to come to New York will make her final sacrifice upon the altar of mother love and tell all the things she has hidden in her heart so long of his slowness in childhood, the freaks of which he was guilty as a youth, of the brooding melancholy that grew on him as he became older, and of the fear and anxiety with which she watched him slipping over the borders of insanity.

RICHARD McCURDY RETURNING TO U. S.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Jan. 17.—Richard McCurdy, former president of the New York Mutual Life Insurance Company, is said to be on the ocean returning to New York, after an exile of many months. He is very old; he has gout and rheumatism and still suffers greatly from worry over the disastrous end of his long career.

Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw of To-day.



This photograph is from a snapshot taken by an Hearst News Service staff artist of Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, as she left the Tombs after the adjournment of court, which is trying her husband for the murder of Stanford White. It shows Mrs. Thaw as she appeared today. She was placed on the stand this afternoon to testify in her husband's behalf.

SHIP GOES DOWN WITH 30 SOULS

Little Hope That Any of Crew Escaped Alive

REVENUE CUTTERS HUNT

But They Fail to Trace the British Ship Hartfield, Capt. Stindson, From Liverpool to Valparaiso—Lifeboats and Wreckage Washed Ashore—Pounded to Pieces On the Reefs of Vancouver Island—Crew of Thirty All Missing.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Seattle, Wash., Jan. 17.—The British ship Hartfield, Captain Stindson, from Liverpool for Valparaiso and Seattle is doubtless a wreck on Vancouver Island, with, in all probability, the loss of thirty odd lives.

According to the advice, the cabin fittings and life-boats, with the name thereon were found on the shore. No bodies has yet been discovered. The Hartfield left Liverpool last fall. After discharging cargo at Valparaiso she cleared from there October 23 in ballast for Seattle to load wheat for Holfour, Guthrie & Company, for England.

Three United States revenue cutters left during the night to search for the Hartfield. The Hartfield is an iron vessel of 155 net tons. She was built in 1884 at White Haven for J. B. Walmesley & Company of Liverpool, and was 261.7 feet in length, 39.3 feet beam and 24.1 in depth.

SOUTHERN R'Y TO DISCONTINUE DURHAM DIV'N

(Special to The Times.) Durham, N. C., Jan. 17.—In pursuance of the policy of the Southern Railway to reduce expenses, one of the most important divisions on the line will be discontinued after the first of February.

The Durham division was established about thirteen months ago, and has supervision of the Southern from Greensboro to Goldsboro, with Clarksville and Chapel Hill included. With the discontinuance of the Durham division will go the officials and dispatchers as follows: Superintendent J. M. Bennett, W. M. Briggs, trainmaster; C. W. Anderson, roadmaster; B. P. Ketchem, chief dispatcher; A. H. Caldwell, office clerk, and Wingate Holloway, assistant.

This change in railroad circles was unexpected to the people of Durham at the present time. However, the Southern is making various changes, and over the entire system are reducing expenses at a rapid rate by taking off employes.

The Durham division is discontinued by change of yesterday, and after February first will be attached to the Danville division with headquarters at Danville.

Mr. J. M. Bennett, the superintendent of this division, will go to Winston-Salem division to succeed Mr. A. M. Smith; W. M. Briggs, assistant superintendent, also goes to the Winston-Salem branch, while Roadmaster Anderson, Train Dispatcher Ketchem and Chief Clerk Caldwell have not decided where they will go.

General Superintendent A. H. Westfall, who succeeded Superintendent E. H. Copeman, came to Durham yesterday in his private car and held a conference with officials of the local division. He left late in the afternoon, and during the morning nothing could be ascertained regarding his business in the city. He gave the necessary orders and instructed the employes that this division would be discontinued after the first of February.

SHE PLUNGED TO INSTANT DEATH DOWN 13 STORIES

Wild Leap from Window of High Class Hotel Today

HORRIBLE SUICIDE OF WOMAN OF WEALTH

Representative of Prominent Boston Family of Wealth and Influence Jumps From Window of Her Apartments on 13th Floor of the Fashionable St. Regis Hotel This Morning—When Picked Up Her Head and Face Were Battered Beyond Recognition—Had Been Suffering From Nervous Trouble and Under Care of Specialists—Mind Probably Unbalanced—She Had a Happy Home and Ill Health the Only Motive That Can Be Ascribed for the Rash Act.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Herbert M. Sears, of the prominent and wealthy family of that name, of Boston, today committed suicide by plunging from a window of her apartment on the thirteenth floor of the fashionable Hotel St. Regis to the Fifth Avenue pavement. She was killed instantly. Her head and face were so terribly crushed as to make her features unrecognizable.

Mrs. Sears had been at the hotel two weeks, coming from her home in Boston. She has been suffering from a nervous trouble and has been under the care of specialists for some time. During the temporary absence of the maid she raised a window and jumped to her death.

Mr. and Mrs. Sears occupied a handsome residence at No. 257 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston. She was Miss Caroline Bartlett, and, like Mr. Sears, was connected with one of the richest and oldest families in Massachusetts.

Mr. Sears belongs to all the prominent clubs of Boston and his family is well known in social circles here. The domestic life of Mr. and Mrs. Sears is said to have been very happy.

THE PARAMOUNT ISSUE DEFINED BY MR. BRYAN

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 17.—"The most far reaching, the paramount issue is not the tariff, railroad, labor, or money, but shall this government be run for the people, by the people, not by the few?" declared Mr. Bryan in his speech, delivered at 2 o'clock this (Friday) morning at the democratic dollar dinner banquet. Continuing he said:

"I do not know yet whether I shall be the candidate for president or not, but I have got to a point where, if the party goes fast enough to overtake me, I shall not strain myself to get away."

23 FOR PASTOR WHO INSULTED FEMALE FLOCK

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Keonaha, Mich., Jan. 17.—Rev. William McPieters, formerly pastor of a Washington, D. C., church, has been dismissed by the Presbyterian Church of this village because he called the women of the church "a flock of cackling parrots."

That remark was the only direct cause of his departure, but his congregation has been offended by many other criticisms contained in his sermons recently.

GORY RESULT OF A FAMILY ROW AT CHARLOTTE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 17.—Because Zachariah Gregory, an octogenarian, returned the blow which his wife planted on his face during a quarrel, his son, David E. Gregory, resented the attack on his mother and struck his father down with an axe. The old gentleman is not expected to live. The son has fled, and no effort has been made to arrest him.

DINNA YE HEAR THE SLOGAN?

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 17.—The democratic general committee of Erie county unanimously adopted resolutions endorsing William Jennings Bryan for president, and directing that the delegates to the national convention be instructed to vote for him.

BALTIMORE'S MASONIC TEMPLE BURNED TODAY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 17.—The Masonic Temple on North Charles street, near Saratoga street, was almost entirely destroyed by fire this morning. The exact amount of loss has not been made public. There was \$225,000 insurance on the building and contents. The burned structure was four stories high and occupied almost entirely by Masons.

A GOOD BILL, AND GOOD LUCK TO IT!

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Jan. 17.—A bill to require telegraph companies to put the time of filing and the time of sending, as well as the time of receipt, on all messages is being prepared for introduction in the house.