

MANY SHATTERED CAREERS IN THE WAKE OF HARRY THAW'S TROUBLES

Evelyn Nesbit Says She Is One of the Many Victims of the Jinx.

Three of His Lawyers Have Been In Serious Trouble; One Now In Prison.

Is there a Thaw jinx? Is there some subtle and mysterious influence which pervades the atmosphere about Harry K. Thaw and renders those who associate with him more liable to the misfortunes of life? asks the New York World.

The question has been called up by the failure of Deputy Attorney General Franklin Kennedy, who has made a wider study of the Thaw case than any other man in the attorney general's office, and who devoted most of his time for the last two years to an effort to get Thaw back to Matteawan, to take any part in the last proceedings before Justice Hendrick.

At last reports Mr. Kennedy was in Buffalo recovering from a nervous breakdown which he experienced soon after the conclusion of Thaw's conspiracy trial last March.

Not long after the beginning of the conspiracy trial Mr. Kennedy's friends began to see signs of nervousness on his part. They became more and more pronounced until after one of the arguments before the appellate division. Attorney General Woodbury sent for him and advised him to take a complete rest. Kennedy went away without leaving word of his destination,

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Photo by American Press Association. EVELYN NESBIT THAW, VICTIM OF JINX.



Photo by American Press Association. LATEST PICTURE OF HARRY THAW.

and for days his office was making vain efforts to get in touch with him. Later he was found in a restaurant. It being apparent that he was still far from recovered he was persuaded to go to his home in Buffalo for a long rest.

Many Other Victims of Jinx.

Illness, however, is only one of the lesser evils that have followed in the trail of Harry K. Thaw. Other misfortunes that have befallen his associates have included death, state prison terms, the loss of positions, attempts at suicide, insanity and disgrace. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, who claims herself as one of the victims, says it is all due to the Thaw jinx.

Lawyers are among those who have suffered after association with the slayer of Stanford White. Two have gone to jail since serving Thaw, one as a direct result of that service and the other after enjoying the distinction of being the only lawyer to be engaged by Thaw at both of his murder trials. Two other lawyers who served him died soon after ending their connection with him, and one was disbarred as an attorney.

O'Reilly Incident.

A pathetic instance is that of Dan O'Reilly, who when he was retained as counsel at the first Thaw trial was a popular criminal lawyer in New York. He had been an assistant district attorney and as such had prosecuted the case against Samuel J. Kennedy, who was charged with the murder of Dolly Reynolds. Later he figured in the Nan Patterson case.

He served as a member of the Thaw counsel until Thaw had been sent to Matteawan. Later he appeared as personal counsel for Evelyn Nesbit Thaw. His final downfall then came in connection with the sensational robbery of Aaron Bancroft, an aged broker who was knocked down in the Produce Exchange building and deprived of \$85,000 worth of securities. O'Reilly figured in the negotiations for the return of the stolen property.

After one of the men involved had turned informer and made a statement implicating the lawyer in the attempts to dispose of the loot the once assistant prosecutor was charged in an indictment with having received stolen property. He was tried before Justice Davis in the supreme court, who sentenced him upon his conviction to five months in the penitentiary.

When he came from prison it was as a man broken in body and spirit. His old friends, of whom he had had a host, were shunned, and on Nov. 7, 1913, at the age of forty-four, he died.

Another lawyer whose association with Thaw was followed by death was Alfred Henry Lewis, who was better

known as a magazine writer. Lewis became interested in Thaw while the latter was in Matteawan and subsequently became engaged in a publicity campaign in his behalf.

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Photo by American Press Association. J. N. ANHUT, EX-THAW LAWYER, NOW IN PRISON.

escape. Acting on this advice, Thaw testified that he engaged the men who assisted him in his getaway. Lewis' death made it impossible to get from him his own version of the story.

At Thaw's first trial A. Russell Peabody was engaged by the slayer as his personal counsel. Peabody played a prominent part in all the proceedings and of the many lawyers in the case was regarded as the one best liked by the defendant. When he died in September, 1908, six months after Thaw's commitment to the asylum, the prisoner was deeply affected by the news.

Hartridge Disbarred.

One of those whose downfall is directly attributable to his connection with Thaw is Clifford W. Hartridge, a young lawyer, who acted as Thaw's counsel of record on the first trial. In 1910 he brought suit against Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw for \$93,000, which he claimed he had expended in behalf of Thaw.

In the course of the trial evidence was offered to show that about \$40,000 had been expended in keeping a number of women friends of Thaw out of the way. Hartridge lost the suit. At the conclusion of the trial Judge Holt directed that an investigation be made to determine whether or not Hartridge had been guilty of obstruction of justice. The matter was finally taken up before the appellate division in disbarment proceedings brought by the Bar association.

Mrs. Hartridge Dies.

Even more tragic than the fate of Hartridge was that of his wife. In October, 1907, the lawyer called at police headquarters and reported that Mrs. Hartridge had disappeared. A search was immediately begun which included the morgues of a dozen cities. It was suspected for a time that she had committed suicide. In the following July a woman died in the Homeopathic hospital in Pittsburgh who, it was afterward learned, was Mrs. Hartridge. It then developed that almost

from the day of her disappearance she had been living at Pittsburgh, where she had gone to await the death which she knew she was to suffer from a disease.

Another lawyer who has reason to curse his connection with Thaw is John N. Anhut, who went to New York city from Michigan after serving a term there as a state senator. He was admitted to the New York bar. Up to that time no breath of scandal had ever attached itself to his name, and he was fast building up a circle of friends both in and out of the legal profession.

He went to live at a hotel in White Plains, N. Y., where he was at the time of Thaw's hearing before Supreme Court Justice Keogh. The prisoner obtained a meeting with the young lawyer, and it was not long before the latter was employed by Thaw.

J. N. Anhut Indicted.

During the habeas corpus hearing Dr. John W. Russell, the then superintendent of Matteawan, was living at the same hotel and was introduced to Anhut. Finally Anhut received, through one of Thaw's agents, \$25,000, which the young lawyer called a retainer, but which it subsequently developed was to be used in attempts to bribe the authorities to let Thaw out of the asylum.

In probing the scandal which followed the authorities heard a great deal of contradictory testimony. Summoned to Albany, Russell told the governor that William F. Clark, secretary of the Sulzer inquiry commission, had told him the governor wanted Thaw out; that he had been offered \$25,000 by Anhut.

Clark charged that the "prison ring" was making money out of pardons, that \$25,000 had been paid to Russell by Thaw and that \$11,000 had been paid back when the "ring" became alarmed.

There was a public inquiry, during the progress of which Dr. Russell re-



Photo by American Press Association. THAW'S DEVOTED MOTHER, MRS. MARY COPLEY THAW.

signed his post as superintendent of Matteawan. The governor's inquiry was followed by a grand jury investigation, which resulted in the indictment of Anhut for attempting to bribe Dr. Russell.

Anhut was placed on trial, Dr. Russell being one of the chief witnesses against him. On May 12, 1913, he was convicted of attempted bribery and a week later was sentenced to a term in state prison of from two to four years. He was released on bail pending his appeal, but the conviction was subsequently affirmed, and he is now serving his sentence. His conviction was followed by his disbarment.

Dr. Russell's Statement.

Dr. Russell claimed that he had twice been offered a bribe of \$20,000 to issue a certificate that Thaw was sane and that he had both times refused it. If the jinx was active in his case it contented itself merely with bringing about a set of circumstances that got the superintendent a lot of unpleasant notoriety and caused his retirement from his official position.

Howard Barnum, the guard who was at the gate on the morning that Thaw made his escape from the asylum, lost his job as the result of being there, though it was denied that there had been any connivance between him and the alleged lunatic.

While Thaw was in the Tombs he became friendly with Raffaele Gascone, who was charged with a double killing in Mulberry street. The two men played checkers and cards together and exchanged confidences. The friendship was interrupted when Gascone was sentenced to die in the electric chair. With the help of Albert T. Patrick, Gascone managed to get a new trial, which resulted in acquittal. A year later he was shot in the little wine shop which he kept at 108 Mulberry street.

As far back as 1900 there are evidences of the strange fatality which has followed the Pittsburgh millionaire. It was then that he was spending his income in making a splurge along the Paris boulevards. A dispatch in 1900 told how six months before the Comtesse Louise de Mortane, a pretty widow and member of the provincial aristocracy, had tried to commit suicide because Thaw would not marry her. She recovered from the grief, however, for she was next reported as contracting for a private submarine boat in which she announced her intention of making her home.

"Big Dick" Butler and four others who helped Thaw escape from Matteawan do not consider themselves victims of the jinx. It is true they had to stand trial on a charge of conspiracy, but they were acquitted. They also got \$5,000, it was reported.

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PROGRAM OF EXAMINATIONS
FOR
Common School Certificates.

July 26, 27 and 28, 1915.

Princeton Court House and Millaca

Monday, July 26th.

- A. M.—8:00 Enrollment.
- 8:30 Professional Test.
- 9:30 Penmanship.
- 10:00 Arithmetic.
- P. M.—1:15 Geography.
- 2:45 Composition.
- 3:45 Reading.
- 4:40 Spelling.

Tuesday, July 27th.

- A. M.—8:00 U. S. History.
- 9:45 English Grammar.
- 11:30 Music.
- P. M.—1:15 Physiology-Hygiene.
- 2:45 Civics.
- 4:00 Agriculture.

Wednesday, July 28th.

- A. M.—8:00 Enrollment.
- 8:30 Geometry.
- 10:15 Physics.
- P. M.—1:15 Algebra.
- 2:45 Physical Geography or General History.
- 4:15 Drawing.

If Professional Test consumes less than 60 minutes, Spelling and Arithmetic may begin not to exceed 30 minutes earlier.

If Composition, Reading, Physiology-Hygiene or Civics do not require the full time, the remaining time may be used for the subjects that follow.

GUY EWING, County Superintendent.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF Farmers State Bank

of Long Siding, Minn. At close of business on June 22, 1915.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$17,562.31
Overdrafts	66.85
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	5,782.93
Taxes	5,345.53
Due from banks	\$4,256.72
Cash on hand	2,548.12
Total cash assets	6,804.85
Checks and cash items	62.40
Paid out for expenses, etc., in excess of earnings	674.74
Total	\$30,944.14

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock and surplus	\$12,500.00
Deposits	18,434.14
Total	\$30,944.14

Amount of reserve on hand, \$6,804.85

Amount of reserve required by law, 1,064.30

STATE OF MINNESOTA, ss.

We, Roy Quimby, president, and O. L. Bue, cashier, of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ROY QUIMBY, President.

O. L. BUE, Cashier.

Correct: J. H. HILL, (Two Directors)

Attest: L. C. PETERSON, (Two Directors)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of July, 1915. HENRY GOELM, Notary Public, Millie Laas County, Minn. My commission expires July 23, 1921.

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NOTICE.

Persons holding county warrants numbered as follows:

ROAD AND BRIDGE.

5524	5506	5507	5533	5535	5541	5501	5534	5526
5501	5483	5538	5527	5541	5593	5539	5528	5545
5506	5540	5529	5498	5638	5841	5530	5536	5843
5502	5545	5457	5527	5542	5531	5464	5545	5534
5521	5519	5545	5544	5533	5598	5504	5555	5593
5494	5549	5540	5535	5524	5492	5547	5507	5595
5505	5468	5537	5515	5490	5554	5538	5517	5547
5502	5505	5505	5540	5513	5505	5550	5529	
5505	5516	5505	5525	5540	5526	5534	5507	5517
5539	5522	5546	5580	5549	5526	5534	5507	5517
5535	5515	5533	5525	5505	5488	5510	5518	5461
5525	5503	5502	5535	5514	5530	5588	5409	5493
5531	5525	5492	5529	5470	5519			

COUNTY REVENUE.

5500	4044	4998	4824	4949	4938	4900	4924	4943
4798	4904	4927	4944	4724	4390	4928	4947	4738
4288	4982	4915	4348	4333	5213	5225	4755	4828
4950	4960	4369	4901	5231	4963	3998	4994	4959
4988	4737	4011	4929	5242	4740	4912	4970	4952
4822	4919	4971	5244	4812	4914	4972	5247	4817
4739	4961	4728	4890	4915	5212	4951	4892	4925
5513	4963	4730	4358	5214	4964	4271	4832	4951
4901	4826	4948	5215	5249	4897	4902	4956	5355
4895	4829	5217	5256	4897	4948	5220	4343	4922
4318	4955	5257	4891	4340	4958	5358	4896	4330
5282	5259	4950	4927	4973	5090	4956	4930	5225
5281	4708	4933	5235	5262	4351	4253	5217	5353
4819	4355	4981	5264	4889	4336	4946	5235	5298
5287	5230	5405	5391	5282	5267	5298	4346	5406
5290	5725	5288	5289	5327	5407	5235	5736	5529
5300	5337	5395	5641	5738	5270	5201	5296	5394
4974	5742	5271	5302	5381	5402	5342	5728	5272
5303	5255	5435	5345	5743	5273	5304	5341	5404
5644	5790	5274	5305	5333	5399	5654	5513	5575
5307	5334	5400	5665	5801	4392	5306	5332	5401
5666	5811	5276	5308	5339	5645	5672	3889	5277
5309	5300	5646	5673	5772	5278	5310	5338	5540
5676	5790	5379	5311	5340	5631	5651	5757	5280
5312	5222	5392	5682	5766	5381	5313	5320	5373
5684	5738	5294	5314	5284	5374	5678	5612	5238
5685	5363	5372	5983	5753	5285	5316	5387	4943
5677	5781	5296	5317	5385	5393	5679	5690	5287
4954	5361	5286	5387	5394	5391	4957	5294	5643
5680	5784	5289	4977	5395	5351	5343	5738	5519
5229	4975	5652	5642	5777	5291	5310	5227	5397
5289	5714	5295	4976	5369	5553	5752	5606	5292
5297	5615	5284	5675	5515	5284	5322	5370	5655
5686	4356	5295	5689	5328	5658	5694	4944	5296
5323	4988	5559	5708	5384	5940	5963	5386	5941
5687	5386	4743	5280	5399	5946	5949	5739	5943
5681	5809	5948	5892	5927	5967	5962	5731	5959
5691	4350	5950	5956	5776	5868	5976	5779	5963
5678	4347	5895	5277	5903	5896	5980	5902	5673
5961	5773	5785	5711	5774	5914	5783	5788	5919
5950	5803	4303	5973	5862	4709	5682	5795	4899
5914	5223	5916	5389	5917	5685	5778	5982	5923
5865	5788	5798	5926	5905	5938	5676	4337	5964
5832	5782	5884	5904					

will please present the same to the county treasurer at Princeton, Minn., for payment. Interest on the above numbered warrants will cease thirty days from and after this date. Dated at Princeton, Minn., July 7, 1915. OTTO HENSCHEL, County Treasurer, Millie Laas Co.

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