

THAW FAMILY MADE HARD FIGHT

DETAILS OF STANFORD WHITE MURDER RECALLED BY SLAYER'S ESCAPE.

CRIME OCCURRED IN 1906

Jury in First Trial Disagreed, but Second Action Resulted in Verdict That Murderer Was Insane—Numerous Attempts Made to Secure Release From Asylum at Matteawan.

New York, Aug. 17.—The theatrical escape of Harry K. Thaw from the state hospital for the criminal insane at Matteawan adds another act to the sensational tragedy that had its beginning in New York city on the night of June 15, 1906.

Near the close of the performance Thaw left his seat and began to pace back and forth in the aisle behind the seats occupied by Stanford White, an architect of international fame, and his son. The elder White was 70 years old, and in his distinguished career had stamped on many of New York city's prominent buildings the mark of his artistic genius.

Thaw was then arrested by a policeman and while the officer's hand was on his shoulder Mrs. Thaw rushed up to her husband and placed her arms around his neck.

To this Mrs. Thaw rejoined: "I didn't think you would do it this way," and she added, "never mind, Harry, I'll stick to you through thick and thin."

Spendthrift Millionaire. Thaw at the time of the tragedy was 27 years old and was known as the young spendthrift millionaire from Pittsburgh.

A. W. Thaw, the father, was a poor mechanic in Pittsburgh and then made small ventures in coal lands with increased good fortune. He was said at one time to be the heaviest individual owner of the Pennsylvania railroad.

By the will, Harry K. Thaw was allowed \$2,500 a year but his mother increased this to \$50,000 annually.

Evelyn Nesbit married Thaw in Pittsburgh on April 4, 1905. She was noted among artists for her beauty and had in turn been model and actress.

Long Legal Fight. With Thaw in the toils, a long legal fight to free him began with the weight of his family's millions behind a formidable array of counsel.

At the second trial the jury acquitted him on the charge of murder on the ground that he was insane when he shot White and Justice Dowling committed Thaw to Matteawan as an insane criminal.

He entered the asylum February 8, 1908. Since then the Thaw family has spent a sum estimated at \$200,000 in efforts to have Thaw declared sane and set at liberty.

In May, 1908, Supreme Court Justice Morschauer decided against an attempt to release Thaw on habeas corpus proceedings. In June, 1909, a similar writ met the same adverse result. This time before Justice Mills. The case then went to the state court of appeals which sustained the decision of the lower court. A third effort in July, 1912, resulted in Justice Keogh agreeing with the other supreme court justices that Thaw was still insane.

There was a scandal recently over alleged attempts to engineer Thaw's

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EDITOR SHOT LAWYER WHO BORE NO WEAPON

Quincy, Cal., Aug. 17.—Evidence at the coroner's inquest tonight over the body of Attorney J. A. Boyle, who was shot and killed last night by T. G. Hall, editor of the Plumas National Bulletin, showed that Boyle was unarmed and that the two men did not engage in a revolver duel, as first reported.

According to witnesses, Hall fired five shots at Boyle, three of which took effect. One shot went wild and the other is believed to have been discharged with the pistol pointed downward, so that the bullet went into Hall's own leg.

Hall is under surveillance at home while his wound is being treated.

Impressive His Farewell Banquet for Howard Elliott at St. Paul



LEFT TO RIGHT—L. J. BRICKER, GENERAL IMMIGRATION AGENT; E. L. HARTIGAN, REPRESENTING OPERATING EMPLOYEES; I. B. RICHARDS, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT, TACOMA; C. W. BUNN, GENERAL ATTORNEY; G. T. REID, ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT; MR. ELLIOTT, PRESIDENT; MR. HANNAFORD, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT; MR. SLADE, THIRD VICE PRESIDENT; THOMAS COOPER, ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT; W. C. ALBEE, DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT; H. A. GRAY, COMPTROLLER; C. A. CLARK, TREASURER; J. G. WOODWORTH, TRAFFIC MANAGER.

At the farewell dinner tendered to President Howard Elliott of the Northern Pacific by officers and employees of the company at the Saint Paul hotel, St. Paul, Saturday evening, August 9, there were 250 members of the organization present representing the various departments and coming from territory reaching from the Atlantic to the Pacific. A special train was operated from Seattle to St. Paul for the accommodation of the officers and employees along the line and this arrived in St. Paul, Saturday morning the 9th, carrying 125 people.

The banquet room at the Saint Paul hotel was specially decorated for the farewell dinner, a feature of the decoration being Northern Pacific and New York, New Haven & Hartford trademarks, electrically lighted over the speaker's table joined by a sign 30 feet long on which electric lights blazed forth the parting message of "Goodbye and God Bless You."

HARRY THAW MAKES A BOLD ESCAPE FROM MATTEAWAN INSANE ASYLUM

Matteawan, N. Y., Aug. 17.—Harry K. Thaw, the slayer of Stanford White, escaped from the hospital for the criminal insane here at 7:45 o'clock this morning. A dart for liberty through an open gate, a dash into the open door of a powerful automobile that stood quivering outside and a flight like a rocket for the Connecticut state line, 30 miles away, accomplished his escape.

Five confederates manned the car in which Thaw escaped and a big black limousine which trailed it past the asylum gate. The police have their license numbers and the names under which they registered at a local hotel Friday night and are seeking them.

The hospital authorities believe Thaw has fled to the shore of Long Island sound and boarded a yacht, waiting with steam up, to rush him to Europe.

Reward Offered. A reward of \$500 for Thaw's apprehension has been offered by Dr. R. F. C. Kieb, superintendent of the asylum, Howard H. Barnum, the attendant at the gate past whom Thaw flashed in his break for freedom, is under arrest, and other arrests are expected to follow in the rigid investigation begun by Dr. Kieb.

The shades were drawn in the dormitories and the inmates were getting their sleep when Thaw left his room this morning. He was fully dressed. The milkman's cart was rumbling on the road outside as he walked through the storeroom and into the outer court, or yard, of the asylum grounds. Barnum, sole attendant at the road gate, was pacing back and forth when Thaw closed the storeroom door behind him and apparently did not grasp the significance of Thaw's early rising.

Years of residence in the asylum and repeated declarations by Thaw that he would never attempt to obtain his freedom except by legal means had established the madman's status as a "trustee." There was little out of the ordinary in his appearance, even at an early hour in the court, and if Barnum saw him he raised no question.

The Escape. A six-cylinder touring car, black, and 60-horsepower, followed by a limousine, also black, roared lazily along the road as the milkman drew near the gate. Thaw, standing a few feet away, apparently unconcerned, waited till Barnum unlocked the gate and swung it wide to let the milkman enter. At the same moment the two cars drew up on the further side of the road, opposite the gate, and stood still, their engines throbbing.

As Barnum stepped aside for the milkman to drive inside the grounds he heard the gravel crunch beneath Thaw's feet and, looking up, saw the madman flash past him straight for one of the cars. With a shout Barnum started in pursuit, but a flying leap

landed Thaw safely within the car. The wheels were slowly turning before the keeper had fairly reached the roadway. They were throwing up a cloud of dust before he had gone 20 feet.

Down the roadway the cars sped in a whirling cloud of dust that quickly blotted them from sight. For a moment Barnum shaded his eyes with his hand and watched them; then, with the first great blot on his career of 20 years as keeper, he dashed madly back into the grounds and locked the gates.

"Thaw's gone—escaped!" he shouted, bursting into Dr. Kieb's presence. And in a moment the hunt was on.

The great black car flashed like a thunderbolt through Stormville, 10 miles east of Matteawan, along the road to the Connecticut line. Early risers, in the little hamlet, saw three men—and Thaw—crouching low to escape the sweep of their rush through the air. They were going 70 miles an hour. They were 20 minutes out of Matteawan.

Stormville marveled at their speed and watched them melt away in the dust of the state road.

The limousine had been left behind. At the speed by which the black car traveled through Stormville he should have reached the state line within half an hour.

Barnum's breathless declaration at the asylum brought Dr. Kieb to his feet like a pistol shot. Within a moment he was standing at the telephone and as Barnum poured the story into his ears repeated it over the wire to police headquarters.

Matteawan became the center of a widening ripple of telephone and telegraph alarms as Dr. Kieb planned pursuit. He might as well have tried to chase

a 12-inch shell. The 10-minute start, the high power of the car in which Thaw made his flight, the nearness of the Connecticut state line, toward which Thaw was heading, and the inferior power of the pursuing cars, disfigured against him and made the chase hopeless. Five minutes' ride away he met William A. Flannigan, a liver-trader, who recognized Thaw, he said, sitting on the rear seat of the big black car. The limousine was trailing the big car, Flannigan said. Dr. Kieb, recognizing the futility of the chase, called it off and went back to Matteawan.

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At the other end of the hall the Northern Pacific and New Haven trademarks were worked out in flowers and between these a large floral piece bore a replica of Dr. Elliott's signature. A happy feature of the dinner was the presentation of a diamond bracelet of American beauty—roses to Mr. Elliott by the girls employed in the St. Paul headquarters. A large table also made by the dining car department of the road and presented to him. This bore a miniature reproduction of Mr. Elliott's private car

the "Yellowstone" which he has used on the Northern Pacific, and private car "2007" which he will use on the New Haven road. An inscription on the cake read, "We love you, and they will love you." Red, white and blue electric lights protruded from the cake and illuminated it beautifully. It is said that never before has a railway officer been honored such an elaborate banquet by so many representatives from such a wide range of territory.

According to the account given by Dr. Kieb, when Barnum opened the gate to allow the milkman to enter he let it remain open and, so far as Dr. Kieb could judge, had quietly stood by and allowed the prisoner to walk out. It was impossible to obtain an interview with Barnum, as he had been placed in custody by the hospital authorities. Dr. Kieb has offered a personal reward of \$500 for Thaw's apprehension in addition to the \$50 usually given by the state in such cases.

A rigid investigation began without delay. Dr. Kieb tonight to the effect that Thaw planned flight on a yacht in Long Island sound and that if he reached the yacht it was by means of automobile stationed along the road to three persons off the trail.

This investigation disclosed the fact, Dr. Kieb added, that four of the men who aided Thaw came to Matteawan in the black touring car last Friday and registered at the Helford hotel as Roger Thompson, Richard D. Beeble, Michael O'Keefe and Eugene Duffy, all of New York city. No more powerful car has ever been housed in a local garage.

The fifth man aiding in Thaw's escape, according to the investigation, came to Matteawan Saturday. He joined the group at the Helford hotel under the name of Thomas Flood of New York city. He is said to have driven the big car when Thaw escaped.

The four men who arrived Friday were described as rather sporty individuals by William Gordon, proprietor of the hotel. They spent their time mostly in the barroom, where they made it none as free spenders. Gordon talked a bit with the four men, especially Thompson, who appeared to be the leader. He had a talk with Thompson Saturday, which caused him to open his eyes wide when he heard of Thaw's escape.

Thompson had been drinking pretty much the night before and had started in again that morning, Mr. Gordon said. He talked about a great many things and seemed to have a large fund of information. It was noted that his line of business was and asked him:

"He wanted for a long time before he answered. Then he said: 'My business is helping good fellows who have gotten into trouble.'"

The five men came down from their rooms at 6:45 o'clock this morning and paid their bills. There was a considerable amount of money in the cars when they left. The men became impatient as they drew up at the hotel entrance and they took the wheel of the touring car. Two of the men got into the back seat. The other two left in the smaller car. The two automobiles proceeded leisurely along Main street in the direction of the asylum.

Employees at the garage say the smaller car could not possibly develop a greater speed than 30 miles an hour. This apparently accounts for its not being seen when the big car whirled through Stormville. Nobody here, however, saw the two men registered by their right names.

RABID JOURNAL SAYS HALE IS SPY

AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE IN MEXICO IS MARKED FOR POSSIBLE EXPULSION.

PAPER AFTER HIS SCALP

Would Invoke Constitution Against Alleged "Pernicious Foreigner"—Lind's Mission Is Regarded With More Moderation by Certain Elements in the Government Service.

Mexico City, Aug. 17.—Popular interest in the outcome of John Lind's visit to Mexico as the personal representative of President Wilson was revived today by the efforts of a portion of the local press to secure the application of article 33 of the constitution to Dr. William Bayard Hale, who for some time has been investigating conditions in Mexico on behalf of the United States government. Article 33 is the clause that provides for the expulsion of "pernicious foreigners."

Independents Aroused. The Independents, which is extremely rabid in its attacks on him, suggests editorially that President Huerta expel Dr. Hale, who is characterized as a spy and declared to be working to bring about intervention.

In the week that has elapsed since Mr. Lind arrived in the capital, public sentiment toward him has been much modified and opinion of his mission is not all of the government officials are as ready to summarily reject his propositions as was indicated before he reached the capital. There is reason to believe that whatever the Mexican reply will be, it will be made within two or three days and that by the end of the week Mr. Lind will be on his way to the United States.

Unchanged. Washington, Aug. 17.—The Mexican situation continued apparently unchanged today, with President Wilson and Secretary Bryan awaiting the Huerta government's reply to the preliminary note delivered by John Lind to Foreign Minister Gamba outlining the position of the United States. Mr. Bryan let it be known that he expected no reply for a day or two.

The fact that Mr. Lind has established relations with the Huerta government through Minister Gamba following repeated declarations which almost amounted to a repudiation of President Wilson's personal representative, leads officials here to take a hopeful view of the situation.

Representatives of the constitutionalists here are watching developments with keenest interest. If Huerta is disposed to accept that part of the American proposal looking to elections that element may come into the negotiations.

The Mexican constitution prohibits the holding of a general election during a period of insurrection, to comply with President Wilson's desire for a free and fair election, something would have to be done to induce the constitutionalists to consent to a truce.

So far, it is stated officially that the administration here has had no communication directly with the constitutionalists.

The reopening of telegraphic communication between Juarez and the City of Chihuahua was announced to the state department today by the receipt of a message from American Consul Letcher, confirming the previous report from the consul at Juarez of the safety of the American Hulse family, whose perilous situation led Senator Peñrose to address the senate last Friday.

ANOTHER PLOT.

London, Aug. 15.—The Daily Express asserts today that the government has adopted precautions in consequence of the discovery of another conspiracy in Egypt to murder Lord Kitchener, British agent and consul-general in Egypt.

EXCLUSIONISTS CALL LAND LAW DEFECTIVE

San Francisco, Aug. 17.—California's recently enacted alien land law is declared to be "meaningless and ineffective" in the report made public today by the executive committee of the Asiatic Exclusion League. It was announced that the report would be sent to civic, political and labor organizations throughout the entire country and an effort will be made to incorporate it in the Congressional Record.

The report favors the enactment of a federal statute excluding Japanese from the United States and states that a colonization of California by Japanese similar to that of the Hawaiian islands is imminent under present conditions.

CONGRESS IS SETTLING DOWN WITHOUT HOPE OF VACATION

Washington, Aug. 17.—Congress committees, also issued a statement relating to the hesitancy of some democrats to accept the bill as now written. Indications that the senate democrats propose to make a bill of their own are increasing and efforts to commit them to any currency bill or definite policy failed at the caucus last Thursday night.

The democrats in the Baltimore convention promised tariff and currency reform. The promise to revise the tariff downward, Mr. Henry, said, was practically an accomplished fact, while the redefining of the currency promise is "just beginning."

Representative Henry said that slow progress on the currency measure was natural in view of existing conditions. The real battle over the make-up of the currency bill will begin this week with the consideration of the measure in the house, democratic caucus under what is known as the five-minute rule for amendments.

Most of the representatives who have been absent for weeks have returned and are ready to take up the currency legislation whenever the caucus finishes with the bill. Meanwhile the house has adjourned until Tuesday when the caucus-approved bill will provide authority for granting rights of ways for the \$75,000,000 Hatch-Hitchey water supply project for San Francisco will be the pending business.

Tariff consideration will be continued this week by discussion of the sugar schedule, the chief contention in the tariff bill. Democratic leaders insist that the free sugar proposal will carry, despite rumors of possible defections from the party standard. Senators Russell and Thornton of Louisiana will vote against the administration schedule but the leaders do not fear that any western senators, upon whom minority leaders cast frowning eyes, will support any proposed amendment.

Howard H. Barnum, the attendant under arrest, is a man of excellent reputation. His close friends are strong in their belief that he did not aid in Thaw's escape. He is about 57 years old and for 20 years has been employed at the hospital, where he was looked upon as one of the most trustworthy men in the institution.

Barnum had not been particularly friendly with Thaw. In fact, he appeared to dislike him. He told friends on more than one occasion that "Thaw makes trouble for all of us and keeps the place in a turmoil."