Evelyn Thaw's Admissions Under Jerome's Probing Leave Her Characterless but Have Not Weakened Husband's Defense

Ugly Truth About Herself Doesn't Affect Story Told Thaw.

PROVES HER VERACITY.

Open Confession of Sins Part of Ordeal Willingly Undertaken to Save Husband.

By Nixola Greeley-Smith

TO-DAY is the second of the three days' armistice declared between William Travers Jerome, for the people of New York, and Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, for Harry Thaw.

Monday morning will mark the renewal of the battle between the prosecutor and the wife for the life of Harry Thaw.

Meantime the young woman who left the witness stand Thursday on the verge of nervous collapse is steadying herself to meet the new onslaught that the next forty-eight hours will bring, and the District-Attorney is doing his best to find new flaws in the girl's evidence with which to confuse and overwhelm her as he has not yet been able to do.

What this duel is to avail in the verdict of Harry Thaw's jury I yet fail to perceive. Unless Mr. Jerome proves that Evelyn Thaw did not tell her husband the story of wrong at the hands of Stanford White, which the defense claims maddened him to crime, the truth or falsehood of that hideous recital has no bearing on the issue involved. To prove Mrs. Thaw untruthful will not demonstrate that her husband is not insane.

THAW'S DEFENSE UNIMPAIRED.

Mrs. Thaw's cross-examination so far has injured her—it seems to me rather ruthlessly—without hurting Harry Thaw.

If any mantle of illusion wrapped this young woman in the public eye, Mr. Jerome has stripped it from her, leaving the ugly truth of her admitted liaison with Stanford White exposed. The idealist may change his viewpoint on the Thaw case as the result of the sordid details which Mr. Jerome wrenched from the young woman's unwilling lips. Minds that caress fancies and shrink from facts are aghast at Mrs. Thaw's frank confessions.

To me she remains what she has seemed from the beginning—the child that was not given a chance; the frail reed bent to hideous purposes because it grew in a quagmire of vice and knew nothing else.

"I could forgive her the first incident with White," said a woman yesterday, "but I can't explain her subsequent association with him."

THE WOMAN WITH A CHAMELEON SOUL.

But the moral weakness, the plastic mind of Evelyn Nesbit's untrained childhood, to me explains everything in her past. She had apparently a chameleon soul that took on the color of its surroundings, that let itself be loved by the man who was present, that let itself be poisoned against the man who was absent. Under good influences, I think, she would have been good, but the evil which was all about her stamped her nature, perhaps, indelibly.

Every woman's heart is an empty vase which the first man she loves may fill with sweetness and delight, or with the bitterness of death; may place upon heaven's altar or shatter in satanic sacrifice. Every woman sees her soul for the first time in a man's eyes, and as those eyes are good or evil, so is the image they reflect.

Perhaps little Evelyn Nesbit did not love Stanford White. But it is apparent from her testimony as to his "wonderful personality" that she admired him. And his strong nature determined what hers should be.

It is said this man, who built beautiful houses for man as a life work, destroyed the temples of God as a recreation, uprooted every flower of innocence and purity that came within his vandal clutch.

NO MONUMENTS TO SLAUGHTERED INNOCENCE.

The good he did, if good it can be called, was not interred with him, but will live in marble and granite for hundreds of years, so long as the beautiful buildings he designed stand in New York. There are no monuments over the graves of slaughtered innocence, no stone marks the tomb of a young woman's illusions. So the evil that he wrought will never be reckoned, and the memory of it will not survive the Thaw trial it brought about a year. Of all the many lives tributary to his, he alone has found peace—he alone is free from the consequences of his evil passions.

And the child-woman, victim or vampire, sinner or sinned against, despoiler or despoiled must pay the devil's debt.

THREE PORTRAIT STUDIES OF EVELYN THAW AND THE ARTISTS WHO DREW THEM

EVELYN NESBIT THAW BY ALONZO KIMBALL — MRS. THAW BY C. ALLAN GILBERT — M. STEIN'S PICTURE

CHICAGO FLYER IS HURLED INTO RIVER AND 54 ARE HURT

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was taken to the Altoona Hospital in a critical condition. Samuel F. Nixon, of the well-known theatrical firm of Nixon & Zimmerman, of Philadelphia, is among the injured. Frederick A. Busse, postmaster of Chicago, was in one of the cars that plunged into the river, but is reported to have escaped with no serious injury.

Nearly all the fifty-four passengers on the train were in their berths, and it is a mystery how any escaped with their lives. The train left New York at 3.55 P. M. yesterday, and had not been able to make schedule time. On the steep down grade the engineer was going at reckless speed in order to make up lost time and reach Chicago in the regular eighteen hours allotted to it.

The telegraph lines were torn down when the train left the track and communication with railroad headquarters was delayed for nearly an hour.

The Chicago and New York Special, eastbound, arrived on the scene soon after the accident occurred, and the crew and passengers turned out and gave their attention to caring for the injured. Those seriously injured were taken to the Altoona Hospital in a relief train.

A few were taken to the Memorial Hospital, Johnstown, but the greater number, whose injuries were slight, continued their journey westward on a special train made up and sent out from Pittsburg to take the place of the wrecked flyer.

Without clothing and exposed to the elements of one of the coldest nights of the year, the sufferings of the passengers for a time were extreme. The arrival of the train from the West and the prompt response of the doctors from Johnstown and South Fork saved them from suffering serious consequences from the extreme cold.

There were only four women on the train and one of them escaped practically unhurt.

Emil Paur, conductor of the Pittsburg orchestra, and William H. Hall, a well-known Pittsburg attorney, who were travelling together, escaped serious injury.

Postmaster Busse is the leading Republican candidate for the mayoralty of Chicago.

Busse is a close friend of President Roosevelt, who is anxious for him to win in the mayoralty fight. The President is said to have told him to let the Post-Office go and look after his campaign. Owing to a bitter fight between the Dunne and Harrison wings of the Democratic party the Republicans believe their prospects of electing a Mayor very good this year.

Frank L. Brown, manager of the injured, is president of Brown, Wilson & Co., financial agents, of No. 111 Broadway, New York. He was not seriously injured and will continue on his way to Chicago.

In the early reports the name of Frank H. Hubbard, manager of the Waldorf-Astoria branch of the Charles G. Gates & Co. brokerage house, was given as one of the passengers who had been seriously injured. Later it was learned that Mr. Hubbard was not a passenger on the train.

Give Thanks For Escape.

The Rev. Edgar Cope, rector of St. Simeon's Episcopal Church, of Philadelphia, escaped with little injury although the car was completely demolished. He attributed it to the will of Providence. He even got all his clothing, and when the passengers of the wrecked train finally sought shelter in a relief train sent to their assistance, he held a short service of prayer and thanks in which every man and woman able to do so participated. When all had been safely quartered on the train the minister addressed the passengers thus:

"Let us give thanks to God that all of our lives have been spared," and then there was a profound silence and for a few minutes the minister gave a prayer of thanks to God that He had been so merciful.

George S. Wood, of the Colonial Theatre, Chicago, was a passenger on the train and said:

"I want to say to the credit of these women that they acted nobly," said Mr. Wood. "There was no crying or hysterics by the three women on the train and a girl whose name I did not learn. I managed to get the women fixed up, giving one of them my overcoat. I felt pretty sorry for them because they were in their night clothing and when the accident occurred their wearing apparel was strewn in every direction.

"The experience of rolling down that embankment was simply awful. I did not know if we were going down the side of a mountain or what happened. I was asleep and it appeared to me an age before that car finally struck bottom. It landed with terrific force breaking the car into splinters, and how any of us escaped death is a mystery. Really I am surprised that I am alive to tell the tale."

Vice-President Pryer, of the Wabash Railroad, was a passenger on the train. Mr. Pryer was going to St. Louis. He escaped without serious injury.

CLEAR DROP OF 30 FEET AND A ROLL OF SEVENTY.

A. E. Virtz, a Pullman conductor of the wrecked train, reached his home at No. 184 Lexington avenue, Jersey City, this afternoon. He showed no outward signs of having been hurt, and when asked if he had received any injuries said he did not care to talk about the matter.

He said the accident he believed was caused by the spreading of the rails on a curve. He said it was a left curve and that the cars went to the right when they jumped the track. He said the Pullman cars made a clean drop of about thirty feet and then rolled down the embankment to the water, a total distance of about 100 feet.

NEW ORLEANS ENTRIES.

FAIR GROUNDS, NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 23.—The entries for Monday's races are as follows:

FIRST RACE—Mile and a sixteenth; selling: $400.—Baleful, 115; Little George, 103; Elsinore, 107; Doro, 113; Captain Taylor, 112; Refined, 100; Dry Dollar, 105; Chase, 106; Rockingham, 110; Impertinence, 110; Donna Elvira, 107; Blue Dale, 110; Dimmock, 101.

SECOND RACE—Four furlongs; two-year-olds; purse $400.—Coincidence, 107; Lattice, 112; Dew of Dawn, 112; Gresham, 102; Luke Foster, 94.

Third Race—One and one-eighth miles; selling: $500.—King of the Valley, 116; Ball the Cat, 116; Amberstick, 112; Judge Travis, 116; Asterisk, 121; Marlin, 109; Aulex, 106; Sanction, 121; Sheriff's Belle, 114; Small Lady, 109; Don't Ask Me, 114; Horseradish, 109; Brilliant, 116; Water Dog, 116; Harry Stephens, 116.

Fourth Race—Seven furlongs; handicap; $600.—Ruckem, 88; *Elementary, 110; Rapt on, 112; *Odyssey, 97; *Peter Sterling, 112; **Monaco, 90; **Oberon, 92; Dargin, 97; Fenian, 94; *Melody entry; *Brown entry; **McClernand entry.

FIFTH RACE—One mile and seventy yards; selling: $400.—Ivanhoe, 109; St. Noel, 109; Reddy, 97; Flaxman, 104; Bonscherd, 102; Lemon City, 99; Sailor, 101; Ruby Royal, 102; Royal Breeze, 91; Knight of Kansas, 95; Delmore, 101.

SIXTH RACE—Six furlongs; purse $400.—Incantation, 123; Kealy, 123; Telescope, 123; Lionelek, 128; Juggler, 121; Jerry C., 121.

SEVENTH RACE—One mile and seventy yards; selling: $500.—Red Coat, 99; John Melville, 99; Old Stone, 109; Abjure, 91; Donna, 106; Bitter Hand, 100; Colonsay, 102; Henry C., 105; Elder Brown, 94; Flagstaff, 100; Quaggy, 96; Masker, 87.

THE INJURED.

BAKER, W. E., of Chicago.
BEAR, N., Chicago; serious.
BAUER, ——, Lafayette, Ind.
BAUER, THOMAS, Lafayette, Ind.; serious.
BERTS, A. E., No. 184 Lexington avenue, Jersey City; bruised about head and body.
BROWN, FRANK L., President of the Brown & Wilson Company, financial agents, New York and San Francisco; head and right hand injured.
BROWN, VIRRE, Chicago; said to represent the Illinois Steel Company; rescued; Altoona Hospital.
BUSSE, FREDERICK A., postmaster of Chicago and candidate for Mayor; badly bruised; Altoona Hospital.
GARNETT, G. T., Jersey City, porter; right arm and right leg contused.
CLIN, JOHN T., Joliet, Ill.; fractured rib and punctured lung; probably fatally injured.
COME, E. O., Chicago; with Postmaster Busse; serious.
DAVIS, J. M., No. 180 Buffalo avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.; contusions of the head.
DAWES, Congressman B. G., of Ohio, who was cut on the ear; returned to Washington.
DICKENS, CHARLES, Chicago; body bruised.
DUNTLEY, W. O., Vice-President and general manager Chicago Pneumatic Company, Chicago; scalp wound and left hand hurt.
FAIR, HERAMN, theatrical manager, Milwaukee; body bruised and abrasions.
FEISLER, JOHN, Jersey City; Pullman conductor; serious.
FLEMING, S. B., Port Wayne, Ind.; lacerated hand and contusions.
FOX, CHARLES E., Chicago; serious.
FRANSCAIL, MARGARET, nine years old, Tacoma; contusions on the head and body bruised.
FRANSCAIL, Mrs. PAUL J., Tacoma, Wash.; lacerated wound of foot.
FREEMAN, W. H., No. 360 Pearl street, Brooklyn; bruised about legs and body.
GATES, E. C., No. 924 National avenue, Fort Schott, Chicago; slightly hurt.
HARRISON, M. C., Pittsburg; contusions of head.
HENDERSON, LIGHTNER, Chicago; civil engineer and member of the firm of Purdy & Henderson.
IRMAN, FELIX, Philadelphia; wealthy real-estate broker and theatrical capitalist; back and hand hurt; serious.
KERN, J. J., Chicago; formerly State's Attorney for Cook County; serious.
LEHR, LEO A., Chicago; slightly hurt.
LEIB, Mrs. LEO A., Chicago; slightly hurt.
M'ARTHUR, A. W., Rahway, N. J.; laceration above eye.
MARSHALL, F. O., Chicago.
MELLON, GEORGE B., Chicago; serious.
MILLER, MRS. ELLA, New York; right arm hurt and other injuries.
MURPHY, F. J., Joliet, Ill.; contusion on calf of leg and body bruised.
NIXON, SAMUEL F., Philadelphia; theatrical manager; head and shoulder bruised.
O'DONNELL, W., New York; serious.
RONE, W. H., of New York, porter on one of the coaches; condition serious.
ROGERS, F. T., Chicago; cut on head and bruised.
ROTHCHILDS, Miss IRVIA, Chicago; slightly hurt.
SAMUELS, WILFORD, Elgin, Ill.
SINGER, M. H., manager of La Salle Theatre, of Chicago; serious.
SMITH, Mrs. M. H. SANFORD, Rye, N. Y.; slight bruises.
URION, A. R., chief counsel for Armour & Co., No. 106 East Fortieth street, Chicago; lacerated scalp, contusions of hip and back.
VIRIS, A. E., Jersey City; Pullman conductor; fractured rib.
WOOD, GEORGE S., manager of the Colonial Theatre, of Chicago; condition serious.

N. Y. CENTRAL CENSURED FOR DEATHS OF SEVEN.

ALBANY, Feb. 23.—The New York Central Railroad Company is charged with gross negligence in a decision rendered to-day by Coroner Ray, of Albany, who conducted the investigation into the cause of the accident in the railroad yards at West Albany on Jan. 22 last, when seven workmen were killed and several injured. The accident resulted from an engine colliding with a caboose filled with workmen.

The Coroner finds the New York Central "grossly negligent in conveying human beings over freight tracks instead of over passenger tracks."

The railroad company is also criticized for having in its employment "men of insufficient experience in charge of some of the switches in the yards at West Albany."

District-Attorney Addington said today that he would present all the facts connected with the investigation to the Albany County Grand Jury, which meets in April.

EVELYN THAW NOW FEARS SURPRISE FROM JEROME.

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knows that should he be sent to Matteawan on the grounds that he has hereditary insanity it will be practically impossible for him to be released; that he will spend the rest of his days in the mad-house. Lawyers say that it will be next to impossible for his relatives with all their great fortune to open the asylum doors.

Should the District-Attorney determine to have a commission examine into Thaw's sanity his purpose no doubt will be to prove that the Pittsburg millionaire is a paranoiac; that his disease has developed and that he is incurable.

A new expert witness was brought to light to-day when it was learned that Dr. Hugo Shultis, of Sheffield, Mass., was coming to New York to testify for the prosecution.

Dr. Shultis at one time had a large practice in New York. He knew Mrs. William Thaw as a child, having been her family physician. His testimony will, it is said, go to show that there is an insanity taint in the Thaw family.

Between now and Monday Mr. Jerome and Mr. Garvan will go over the testimony of Evelyn Thaw as far as it has gone under the cross-examination, to get into concrete form all of the contradictions and inconsistencies. Each of these the young woman will be called upon to explain.

Thaw's wife is almost a physical wreck after her ordeal under Jerome's cross-examination. She looks years older than she did a week ago, and she is completely unstrung. Nevertheless, she will be put on the witness-stand again on Monday, and the chances are that she will be there the entire day.

FIRE THREATENS TOWN.

DEXTER, Me., Feb. 23.—Several business houses on the west side of Main street were destroyed by a fire which started at midnight.

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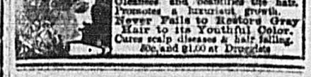

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LOST, FOUND AND REWARDS.

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