

THAW IS SHAMMING; OBSERVERS BELIEVE

Laughs and Answers Question, After Appearing Unable to Understand It.

NEW YORK, March 2.—Persons who were present at the examination of Harry K. Thaw by three alienists in Philadelphia, Tuesday, are firmly convinced that Thaw is shamming mental incapacity and that there is no reason, physical or mental, why he should not be returned to New York for trial immediately.

Dr. Menas S. Gregory will deliver to the district attorney today the report of himself and Drs. Smith Ely Jelliffe and George H. Kirby, who examined Thaw. The nature of the report has not been revealed, but it is expected, it coincides with the belief of Assistant District Attorney Black, an immediate demand will be made on the Pennsylvania governor for Thaw's extradition.

Only One Sign of Weakness. Thaw appeared to be fairly strong physically. The New Yorkers found him walking around in a gray dressing gown. His stride was firm. His face was somewhat pasty, but by no means emaciated. His only sign of weakness came at the end of an hour's examination when, as the visitors were going, he threw himself on the bed.

A curious fact about his mental examination as described by a layman, was that he frequently had, or pretended to have, much difficulty in answering the simplest question, yet replied to more difficult queries quickly.

Once Dr. Gregory asked him to place his right hand to his ear. Thaw did not seem to understand. Dr. Gregory, looking searchingly at him, soon began to laugh. Thaw kept up his air of non-understanding a few seconds longer; then he too laughed in a way that made it plain he had known all the time what was wanted of him.

Known Values of Coins. A coin was placed in his hand and he said it was a nickel. It was. Then he designated another coin correctly. He was asked how he knew the difference. He replied that he did not know. He had no difficulty in naming the months of the year in their order and then backward.

Thaw spoke with little difficulty. When asked in the middle of the examination if he was tired, he replied that he was not.

A curious fact, Mr. Black said, is that the New York prosecutor has not been able to find a lawyer in Philadelphia who will help New York State to get Thaw back. Two prominent lawyers who were approached, Mr. Black said, declined to serve.

TO REPEAT PATRIOTIC PLAY

Interior Department Actors to Give "Continental Congress" Tonight. The "Continental Congress" will be presented tonight for the second time at the Casino Theater under the auspices of the employees of the Department of the Interior.

The patriotic spectacle of the opening of the first Continental Congress was given last night by the amateur actors of the Interior Department. The play represents the story of the American nation from the assembling of the first congress to the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Tomorrow the play will be given in the afternoon, with a final performance at night. Among those who occupied boxes last night were the Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Lane, the Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. McAdoo, the Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. Houston, Mrs. Lansing and Miss Lansing, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Crane.

CONCERT TODAY

BY THE U. S. SOLDIERS' HOME BAND ORCHESTRA, STANLEY HALL, AT 8:30 P. M. JOHN S. M. ZIMMERMANN, Director. March, "Neutrality"; "Bernard Irish Overture"; "Beauties of Erin"; Bennett Intermezzo, "Amerinda"; "Smith Selection, 'The Girl at the Helm'"; Hubbell Fox trot, "The Kangaroo Hop"; Morris Waltz suite, "Her Little Highness"; De Haven Characteristic, "Camping on the Old Swane"; "Buster"; "The Star-Spangled Banner."

GAIN TO BUSINESS

IF U. S. JOINS WAR

City Bank of New York Sees "No Reason to Apprehend Sudden Reaction."

NEW YORK, March 2.—What would be the effect of a declaration of war? Everybody wants to know. The question is answered by the National City Bank, the largest financial institution in the United States, in its March review and forecast of economic conditions, as follows:

"There is no reason to anticipate that a declaration of war by this country would have any immediate effect upon the business situation other than that resulting from additional stimulus.

"The Government has already entered the market for equipment and supplies, and is committed to great expenditures upon the army and navy, but doubtless its orders would be increased and expedited.

Enormous Demands. "The experience of other countries, and our own as well, shows that war makes enormous demands upon the industries, hence there would be no reason to apprehend a sudden reaction from the present activity.

"The danger would be from the other side, that is, from an over-stimulus in certain directions at the expense of normal development. The industries of this country are already working to capacity, and it is difficult to see how they could do more.

"Under such conditions Government orders would crowd private business to the rear, create new demands for labor and materials, and probably raise costs to a higher level.

"Enlistments would necessarily aggravate the scarcity of labor, and the amount of business in sight would be likely to stimulate further construction for the enlargement of industries.

Advantages of America. "These are the inevitable economic derangements caused by war, and in some degree we have already been experiencing their effects.

"War is not recommended by any one who understands its economic effects as a means of increasing the wealth of a country, but, if war must come, it is certain that the United States is more fortunately situated to withstand it, and has greater resources with which to prosecute it than any of the countries which have sustained such marvellous exertions for now two and one-half years."

WILL WELCOME PLUMBERS.

Master plumbers and steamfitters who come to Washington for the inaugural will be welcomed at the headquarters maintained for members of the craft in room 544 Munsey building. The headquarters is maintained through co-operation of a number of manufacturers of plumbing and heating goods. Information about Washington will be available to visitors and efforts will be made to show men engaged in the business special attentions.

TRACTION HEADS TO MAKE REPLY SOON

Their Preference Is for Negotiations With Employees, Not Union.

While no official statement has been made, it is understood that after inauguration officials of the Washington Railway and Electric Company will informally advise representatives of their employees that they are ready to discuss the terms of a proposed new working agreement.

In its reply to the employees' request for a conference the company made it unmistakably plain that it had had no dealings with the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees, Local 688.

At the union's headquarters it was stated that the employees' response to the company's reply contained a request for the naming of a day for the beginning of the conference. Union officials said today there would be no breach of the present agreement by the men. This agreement does not expire until March 11.

Representatives of the union were busy today enrolling new members of the organization. Among the members enrolled this week are said to be a number of employees of the Potomac Electric Power Company. The union claims to have more than half these employees in its ranks, and the new working agreement submitted by the organization demands an increase in pay of 10 cents an hour for all of the power company's workers.

CAN'T ABUSE OPERATORS

Court Holds Discourtesy Reason for Discontinuance of Service. NEW YORK, March 2.—The long arm of the law has reached out and tweaked the nose of that ill-tempered person who vents his spleen on the telephone operator.

The upstate Public Service Commission had the pleasure of administering the tweak. A precedent is doubtless established in the decision rendered by this body, on the complaint of Morse M. Frankel, secretary of the Mediator Publishing Company, of 121 Canal street.

Frankel complained that the service of his two office lines had been stopped. The New York Telephone Company offered in answer evidence to show that for more than two years Frankel had indulged in telephonic abuses: It was alleged also that Frankel had called phone girls "bums" and had expressed the hope that they would "break a leg." Frankel's service was discontinued, after which, it was asserted, he made a practice of calling from pay stations and annoying operators.

IS A WASHINGTON PATENT ATTORNEY

Andrew Smith Surprised at the Benefit He Received from Plant Juice.

The question of combating the modern scourge of the present day—stomach trouble and its attending ills, liver, kidney trouble and rheumatism—has been solved by the new herbal stomach remedy, Plant Juice, a remedy that not only eradicates the

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As the days pass by more and more people are coming to realize the truth of this statement, as attested by the signed testimonials of well-known local people who have been restored to health.

Take, for instance, the case of Mr. Andrew Smith, who lives at No. 1290 Eye street northwest, and is a well-known patent attorney of this city and prominent in business circles. He stated:

"For months I have been in a terribly run-down condition from rheumatism and catarrh. My stomach was in such a weak condition that I could not digest my food, and it fermented in my stomach and caused gas to form. I was nervous and could not sleep well at night, had headaches, poor circulation, and did not have any ambition or energy to do my work. I had heard so much about your Plant Juice and the numbers of people who had been benefited by it, that I got a bottle to try it. I am surprised at the improvement I had, as I can now eat well and am able to sleep the night through, have good circulation and am not as nervous as I was."

Such words as these and those of many others which have been printed here have wide influence, for they come from men of standing and integrity who have given Plant Juice a fair trial and have been greatly benefited.

The Plant Juice Man is at the People's Drug Store, corner of Seventh and E streets northwest, where he is daily meeting the local public, and introducing and explaining the merits of this remedy.

On Saturday he will remain at the store until 10 P. M. to meet those who are unable to call during the day.—Adv.

GERMANS REPEL BRITISH ATTACKS

Berlin Reports Hand-to-Hand Trench Fighting Near Souchez.

BERLIN (via Sayville wireless), March 2.—Hand-to-hand fighting featured a German repulse of British attacks on trenches east and southeast of Souchez, today's official statement asserted.

Between Ypres and Arras the war office said several reconnoitering advances of the enemy were without result.

In the fighting around Souchez twenty prisoners and one machine gun were taken.

"In the Ancre sector," the statement continued, "there were repeated clashes in the forefield of our positions. There and during the clearing of English positions near Sully thirty prisoners and three machine guns were brought in.

"West and South of Riga between Miasloli and the Naroc lakes and Shtshara and the upper Sereth there was a temporary increase in fighting activity," the statement said.

BRITISH ROUT TURKS

Retreating Army Flees in Confusion Beyond Kut. LONDON, March 2.—The Turkish retreat from Kut has become a great rout, according to official dispatches from the Mesopotamian front today.

Pursuit is being continued by the victorious British forces out of Kut. The statement said the Turks, in great confusion, had passed through Anziyah on Tuesday, and that since February 23, 4,300 Turks had been taken prisoners by the British.

FRENCH REPEL RAIDERS.

PARIS, March 2.—Two German raids, occurring simultaneously, west of Soissons, last night were repelled with loss, today's official statement said.

The French raided a German trench in the Argonne near Vaquois and brought back prisoners. There was an artillery duel in progress today at Avocourt woods.

ROUMANIANS FORCED BACK. PETROGRAD, March 2.—German pressure forced Roumanian defenders of a height occupied yesterday near Rekosca, on the Jacobeni-Kimpolung high road, to withdraw, today's official statement said.

PASTOR CHARGES ASSAULT

Asserts He Was Struck by Street Car Conductor. Rev. Dr. Earle Wilfley, pastor of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church, said today he was undecided as to whether to sue for a warrant for the arrest of the conductor of the Capital Traction Company, who, he charges, assaulted him while he was leaving the car at Fifteenth street and New York avenue northwest yesterday.

Dr. Wilfley said he asked the conductor for a transfer. Not being sure that the conductor heard him, the minister said he repeated the request, whereupon the conductor is said to have replied: "I heard you the first time, and I'll give it to you when I get ready."

"As he was leaving the car, Dr. Wilfley says, he told the conductor he was a minister and had defended the street car men from his pulpit when they were on strike last March.

Dr. Wilfley charges that the conductor replied with an oath and struck him. The conductor followed him to the street, and struck him again. Dr. Wilfley said he dropped his suitcase and umbrella to defend himself, but the conductor got back on the car.

LAYS OFF SHELL MAKERS

Baldwin Works Completes Shell Contract for Britain. PHILADELPHIA, March 2.—Eighteen hundred men employed by the Baldwin Locomotive Works in making 13-inch shells for the entente allies were laid off today because of completed contracts, according to an announcement by the company.

Within the next six months other foreign contracts for war munitions will have been completed.

DOG SEEKS MASTER; STAMPEDES PUPILS

Kicked At as He Sniffs, He Bites Six Children in Newark School. NEWARK, March 2.—Tony Simator's dog felt lonely yesterday with no one to play with, so he went to the Newton street public school, where his seven-year-old master is a pupil, looking for Tony. He tried the yards, but couldn't find Tony there, so at length he essayed the mysteries of the building.

Through the corridors he roamed, but was unable to detect his owner and playmate. Finally he entered a classroom where there were many children of Tony's age. He began the search, carefully sniffing each child. Finally a little girl saw him and screamed. Other children became excited, and finally there was a hullabaloo that almost frightened the dog out of his wits.

He Nipped One. The dog wanted only Tony, but Tony wasn't there to protect him from the unfriendly feet of the others. Strange children stood between the dog and the door beyond which the dog hoped to find Tony and safety. So he nipped one child and dashed out.

There was another big room in which he might find Tony. Somewhat excited over the recent experience, the dog dashed inside, to find the uproar repeated. This time he had to bite two children to get to the door. He made the bites as soft as possible to achieve his end.

By this time the school children were wildly alarmed; this fact increased the fright of the dog. He ran into another room; children jumped from their desks and ran at him, kicking. He nipped three little girls to teach them they should not kick at him when he meant no harm.

Then a woman teacher, Miss Rosina Hennegan, picked him up by the scruff of the neck and dropped him into a closet, where he was kept until

WOMAN SHOTS BURGLAR

Puts Bullet into Him, as She Had Promised. WASHINGTON, Pa., March 2.—"Don't move or I'll shoot your head off," said Mrs. Thomas Edwards, of Brownsville, as she leveled a revolver at a burglar who entered her home last night.

The burglar thought Mrs. Edwards was bluffing and moved. The trigger snapped, a bullet sped on its way and hit the robber. He leaped from a second-story window and by the time Mrs. Edwards could summon assistance he had made his escape.

Mrs. Edwards had a large sum of money in the house, and it is supposed the burglar knew it. When she heard the man enter the house she arose from her bed, got a revolver, tiptoed to the room in which he was, and suddenly switched on the electric lights.

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