



## THAW IS EXAMINED

### Inquiry Conducted Behind Closed Doors.

### THAW SURE OF RESULT

### Lawyers for Defense More Than Satisfied With the Outcome.

### SCOPE OF INQUIRY LIMITED

### Investigation Is Into Mental State of Prisoner As Judged By Laymen and Experts Are Ruled Out—Procedure Baffles Jerome.

NEW YORK, March 28.—Harry Thaw for two hours, today, submitted himself to a running fire of questions of Justice Fitzgerald and the lunacy commission appointed, to determine his present state of mind. The examination was conducted behind closed doors and after an adjournment was taken until Saturday, tomorrow being Good Friday. No one connected with the hearing would discuss the details of the inquiry. Thaw went willingly and confidently before his judges and when the secret session concluded his attorneys appeared with smiling faces and declared they were more than satisfied with the course of the proceeding. Jerome hurried away from court, declining absolutely to say one word about the commission's work. The most important feature of the day's proceedings was to limit the scope of the inquiry to the exact language of the statute, to determine solely whether Thaw is able today to understand the nature of the court proceedings against him and is able to advise the counsel in rational manner. Jerome announced to the commission that all the medical experts he has employed had advised him that Thaw was suffering from a typical case of paranoia. He offered to adduce testimony to support this statement, but the commission waived it aside, saying the purpose of the inquiry was a very simple one and had to do, not with any classification of mental diseases, but with the prisoner's present state of mind as judged by the laymen. The commission got under way with a rush this afternoon and plunged at once into a personal examination of the defendant. District Attorney Jerome protested at first that he would not be able to proceed, saying he would like to have his medical advisors present. He finally stated that he would have no objection to the examination going forward providing he was permitted to reserve his cross examination. The court forthwith settled the matter of the presence of experts by excluding them from the room along with everyone else except the defendant, his counsel, Jerome and Assistant District Attorney Garvan. As to the cross examination by the District Attorney, the commission said that matter would be taken up when it was reached. It is stated that during most of the two hours Thaw was before the commission this afternoon the notes and letters he had written to his counsel since the trial began were under consideration. The commission asked him to explain the incidents of the trial which had called forth certain of the letters placed before the commission by Thaw's attorneys. It was said that Thaw answered the questions calmly and went into lengthy explanations of some of the notes he addressed to Delmas while his trial was in progress. Thaw's ex-

amination was not concluded today. The commission could not determine whether or not the physical examination of the defendant would be necessary. There was an intimation however that the commission would content itself with an observation of him during his mental examination. ■

### MILLIONAIRE SUICIDES.

#### William Proctor Dies of Self Inflicted Bullet Wounds.

CINCINNATI, March 28.—William A. Proctor, president of the Proctor and Gamble Co., and son of one of the firm's founders, died today from a bullet wound self inflicted at his home in Glendale a suburb of this city. Coroner Cameron began an investigation of the circumstances of the shooting and meantime refused to make any statement except that Proctor had died from a bullet wound. Proctor was widely known in business circles and was a prominent layman in the Protestant Episcopal church, to which institution he was a liberal giver. His wealth was estimated at many millions, most of which had been made by himself. He was noted for his cooperative schemes for the division of profits with employees.

### FIRE CONSUMES ROLLING STOCK.

EL PASO, Tex., March 28.—The general shops of the El Paso & Southern Railroad at Carrizozo, N. M., including the round house and carshops and five new engines were completely destroyed by fire last night, causing a loss of \$190,000. The fire originated in the tool room and is supposed to have caught from a cigarette of a Mexican laborer. About 150 men are thrown out of employment.

## REFUSE ARBITRATION

### Employees Say General Managers Must Make Terms.

### DELIVER ULTIMATUM TO THEM

### Only Way To Prevent Strike On All Railroads West of Chicago—Roads Favor Intervention By the Federal Government.

CHICAGO, March 28.—The controversy over the wage scale between the General Managers of the western railroads and their employees in the train service cannot be arbitrated. The only way in which the strike can be averted is for the officials of the road to make terms with the men. This is the ultimatum issued by the representatives of the trainmen's unions after a meeting tonight to consider the decision of the railroads asking the federal government to try to bring about a settlement by mediation along the lines provided by the Erdman act. The General managers tonight, admitted for the first time that the situation is very grave. The crisis is not intensified by the fact that no compromise has been effected with the 15,000 firemen whose representatives are here negotiating higher wages and an eight hour day. Another conference was held today between the General Managers and the firemen but without result.

Secretary Thompson of the General Managers' Protective Association said tonight that they were waiting to see what the government intended to do. He said he believed that when the labor leaders receive the word from Washington that the government had been asked to take a hand in the controversy they will look at the matter in a different light and be willing to submit to arbitration. Continuing, Thompson said "We are not looking for trouble, but we have made all the concessions we can afford under present conditions and as soon as the men become reconciled to this, the better it will be for every one concerned."

## TERRIBLE TRAIN WRECK IN CALIFORNIA

### Passenger Train Dashes Through Open Switch At Highest Rate of Speed.

### TWENTY-SIX KILLED AND HUNDRED WOUNDED

### Ten Cars Leave the Rails and Four are Smashed Into Pieces.—Helpless Italians in Day Coach and Smoker Impaled on Wreckage and Caught in Debris.

### FLORENCE ROBERTS THEATRICAL TROUPE IN ONE PULLMAN

### Train Wreck Is Unparalleled in History of Southern Pacific Company—Engineer and Fireman Discover Mistake Too Late and Jump For Lives Both Are Badly Scalded—Nearly All Killed Are Very Poor Italians—Only Two of the Number Killed in the Wreck Were Americans.

COLTON Calif., March 28.—Twenty six people were killed and about one hundred injured, many fatally, about the crew of the switch engine. Ten of the most disastrous wrecks in the history of the Southern Pacific Railroad. While running at a high rate of speed to make up for lost time, the west-bound passenger train from New Orleans to San Francisco ran into a switch which had been left open by the crew of the switch engine. Ten of the fourteen coaches left the rails and four of them were smashed into splinters. The dead are mostly Italians who occupied two of these cars, the smoker and the day coach, there being only two Americans killed, so far as is known, although several of those among the injured will die within the next few hours. Of about eighty Pullman passengers, only two received serious injury. One of the Pullmans which left the tracks, was occupied by the Florence Roberts theatrical company, but only two of the twenty two members of the company sustained injury. Miss Roberts escaped unscathed. The wreck was caused by the crew of the switch engine leaving the switch open. It is said that after the engine had passed through the switch the engineer remembered that the switch had not been rethrown and frantically whistled to the switchman who was in the yard

to close it. The signal was not given in time, as the switchman could not reach the switch before the overland plunged through. The engineer of the passenger, saw the impending catastrophe only the instant before he struck the switch. He had no time even to whistle a warning or set the brakes. He called to the fireman to jump and one from meach side of the cab, they both leaped from the engine. Neither was able to get clear and both were caught in the wreckage and terribly scalded. The engine ploughed a great distance along the right of way. The broken wreckage of the day coaches and smoker were hurled all over it. Helpless passengers imprisoned in wreckage called frantically for help, and those of the passengers who were not injured at once set about their rescue. Dozens were lifted from the wreckage and placed on the beds improvised from seats taken from the coaches and bedding taken from the Pullman.

Colton was the first place notified of the accident and hundreds of persons hurried to the scene, but it was half an hour before medical aid could be secured. The Italians in the day coach and smoker met a horrible fate. The helpless foreigners were terribly cut and torn to pieces.

Death came to a score of them instantly. Many were impaled upon pieces of wreckage. All of the dead are men excepting one, an Italian woman.

When informed that chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce Commission and Commissioner of Labor Nell were coming to Chicago to endeavor to effect a settlement of the trouble, Grand Master Morrissey of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, still the committee representing the men would hear and consider any suggestions coming from governmental sources, but that action would not be unreasonably delayed awaiting the necessary intervention. He also said the trainmen are not unmindful of the public's right in the matter and they are not going to do anything hastily. He said one thing is certain, though, and that is the men will not recede from their demands. If the government officials can persuade the railway officials to grant demands, everything can be adjusted, but unless this is done he does not see what can prevent a strike.

CHICAGO, March 28.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Richmond, Va., Mrs. C. H. Lewis was taken to the Virginia State Hospital, the victim of an accident which carried a moral for other women. She was in the yard, hanging the week's washing on a line and pinning the clothes up with ordinary pins. These she carried safely in her mouth until she sneezed suddenly and swallowed at least half a dozen of them. Since then she has suffered intense agony and at the hospital it is said her condition is critical.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The moment has not yet arrived when America and Mexico can intervene to stop the spread of the war in Central America. This was the decision arrived at in the conference of Secretary Root and Ambassador Creel today. It is feared that the collapse of the Bonilla government to Honduras and the consequent installation of a provisional government in accord with that of Nicaragua will result in a combined attack upon them by other Central American republics. Apprehension of

such a move has greatly alarmed the other states.

### AID FOR BONILLA.

HAVANA, March 28.—A report is current here that an expedition sailed from the vicinity of Santiago de Cuba lately to join the forces of President Bonilla in Honduras. It is said that there are some Americans in the expedition. A Honduran agent has been recruiting here for several weeks. The expedition was not a large one, for all its members embarked in a small sailing vessel.

### GENERAL CANTRO PREPARED.

CARACAS, via Port of Spain, March 28.—General Cantro telegraphs that he has raised an army of 5,000 men to meet the emergency in Venezuela, and that he has defeated all divisions of the revolutionists who invade the province of Achira from four directions. He reports the General Penabaz is disheartened and won't fight.

### LUMBERMEN AFTER PROTECTION

CHICAGO, March 28.—Lumbermen and lumber interests of the Middle West are to organize to protect themselves from mail order houses, that are ruining the trade of the lumber dealer and the lumber interests generally. This action is the result of a meeting of lumbermen representing the Middle West that closed here yesterday. Future action was left in control of a special committee. Operations of the mail order houses, especially in their sale of woodenware and other articles made from lumber, will be investigated. If sufficient evidence is found to issue a call for another meeting, the organization will be formed and the fight begun.

## PEASANTS BOLDER

### Many Are Killed in Conflicts With Troops.

### SITUATION IS AGGRAVATED

### Troops of Roumanian Government Active But Efforts To Suppress Agrarian Disorders Unsuccessful—Impossible to Ascertain Loss of Life So Far.

BUCHAREST, March 28.—The efforts of the government to suppress the revolt of the peasants have met with only partial success. Troops are now acting with increased energy. A large number of rioters were killed in the numerous conflicts with the soldiers, but as yet there has been no sign of permanent amelioration of conditions. On the contrary the rioters appear bolder and more determined, and today the situation is undoubtedly aggravated. It is still impossible to even approximate the loss of life since the beginning of the disorders, but there was good reason to believe that the reports have not been exaggerated.

### FEAR

### BODY SWEEP ELEVEN MILES.

Ashland, Ore., Mar. 28.—The body of Herman Henry, who was drowned March 17 while attempting to ford Emigrant Creek has been recovered.

It was found near Phoenix, having been carried 11 miles by the swift running stream. Searching for the body had been continued all week and today a large posse was out in spite of the raging storm. This young man, who was 20 years old, was returning to his work on a neighboring farm from a Sunday visit at the home of his parents. In attempting to ford Emigrant Creek on horseback, he was swept away by the current. The horse returning to the father's farm without a rider furnished the first intimation of the accident. The stream in which he was drowned is swollen by the recent rains.

## SEVENTEEN CONFESS

### Only One Supervisor Is Obdurate.

### IN THE BRIBERY CASES

### Detwiler Has Been Located Hiding Within a Few Miles of Toledo.

### BANK OFFICERS SUBPOENAED

### No Further Indictments For Graft Returned By San Francisco Grand Jury—Home Telephone Company Officials Examined Regarding Bribery.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—No indictments were returned today for graft or bribery by the grand jury. Only six witnesses were examined, three of which were Home Telephone Company officials and their examination it is said to have to do with the fund of \$300,000 said to have been sent to San Francisco by certain of the company's officers for use in bringing the Supervisors to grant the Home Company the competitive franchise in this city. The other three were officials and employees of the Pacific States Telephone Co., at the time the Supervisor's bribes are alleged to have been paid. When questioned at the close of the grand jury session as to the subpoenas served today on the officials of the Western and United States National Banks of this city Henry would not say what they would be expected to testify. Henry said he hoped to clean up the telephone bribery deals on Saturday, and to turn to the investigation of other felonies next week. It is impossible to even intimate at this time how long the investigation will last he added, it is alleged, that thus far seventeen of the eighteen Supervisors have confessed to the grand jury, their acceptance of bribes. It is stated that the only supervisor who has not confessed in exchange for a promise of immunity is George F. Duffy.

It is authoritatively stated that in addition to the indictments already returned against vice President Glass of the Pacific States Company, that the grand jury is now prepared to indict him for bribery, also to indict Supervisors Duffy, Furey and Sanderson. Detective Burns stated tonight that A. K. Detwiler is secreted within a few miles of Toledo, conferring with friends as to the advisability of giving himself up.

Burns said that his men know where Detwiler is and are prepared to produce him as soon as the prosecution is ready to attend to his case.

### FATAL PISTOL DUEL.

### Two Men Injured in Texas Town—One Fatally—Murderer Escapes.

COWIE, Tex., March 28.—In a pistol duel here last night between Walter and Robert Hargroves and in which he and Town Marshal John Adams and Constable John Walker on the other, an outcome of the recent shooting of Walker Hargroves and in which he believes the others were implicated, Walter received wounds which will prove fatal, and Adams was seriously wounded. After shooting, Walter Hargroves locked himself in his room and defied arrest. While a mob was forming with the evident intention of lynching him, Hargroves surrendered to the police. Robert Hargroves escaped.