

MAKES BURIAL ROBE; DIES AS SHE PROPHESIED Woman Sees Her End; Reaper Comes

Wife in Good Health, with Kind Husband and Baby Girl, Has Presentiment of Coming Doom

Special to The Herald. ST. LOUIS, Feb. 4.—A presentation of her own death came to Mrs. Alma Larkin of East St. Louis months ago.

She was not ill, and to others there seemed no reason why she should not live many years to bless her husband and baby girl. But she had read what was to be, and, week after week, busied herself in preparations for the final chapter—death and burial.

Asked Husband to Buy Burial Lot

Her husband did not share her confidence in the presentiment. She asked him to go to Mount Hope cemetery and select a pretty lot. But he would not.

"Time enough," he said, "to do that when the lot is needed. God grant that will be many a year yet."

She answered only with a smile, sad and yet serene, and pressed him no further at that time, though later her request was repeated and denied. That was three months ago.

For a time following this incident she kept her thought of death locked in her own bosom. No one else, she knew, could understand the certainty she felt, so she waited tranquilly until the day should all but arrive.

A month ago she went to Quincy, Ill., on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Enoch.

Before leaving she asked her husband for money with which to buy clothes. Thinking she had abandoned her brooding over death, the happy husband gave her the money she asked for.

It was grave clothes she wanted—clothes for her burial. They were all to be white, pure and dazzling and snowy. Nothing about them, not a ribbon or so much as a fragment of lace that was black. Nothing somber.

Neither was there to be any gayer color. Only the white, typical of purity and of peace.

These garments were made in Quincy by the sisters, Mrs. Enoch humoring the mood of Mrs. Larkin.

Affectionate Parting with Sister

At last the wardrobe of death was complete and the sisters said farewell. Their parting was affecting, tender, but tranquil, just as Mrs. Larkin's deportment all had been ever since the day when she realized first that death had set his seal upon her.

Only tears shone in the sisters' eyes as they clung to each other in a last embrace. Mrs. Larkin came back to East St. Louis with the white funeral garments, laundered and folded carefully, packed in her trunk.

She knew then that there must be no more delay. The time was growing short and death was just ahead. Again she asked her husband to buy the cemetery lot. Again he refused. She asked him, too, to purchase a coffin for her, and described the kind she wanted—white velvet—all white, like the clothes she had made at Quincy. But Mr. Larkin, relieved of the thought, would not buy the coffin either.

But, firm in her own foreknowledge of the future, she told him in detail of her wishes regarding the funeral. These were the pallbearers she named: E. F. Golding, Miss Myers, George Ridgely, E. C. Rudecil, Dr. A. Godejahn, George Bates, F. B. Smith and M. Millard.

She was a member of the Pythian sisters and she requested that they have charge of the funeral. She was a devoted member of the First Methodist church, prominent in religious work and devoted to the church itself. She requested that Rev. J. E. Harmon, pastor of that church, be asked to conduct the funeral exercises.

About a week ago, after days of patient waiting for the summons, she was taken ill. Her husband caused her to be removed to the Henrietta hospital in East St. Louis. There, day by day, she grew weaker. Life was ebbing away.

The Minstrel

"Behold in me a minstrel, old and ethal. But blithe withal, the North Wind chants. The forest is my harp, and when I play The snowflakes dance."

—Catholic Standard and Times.



GIRL SHRINKS ORDEAL Little Evelyn Thaw grows paler day by day as the time approaches for her to take the witness stand.

She will be at the mercy of a determined prosecutor who realizes the weight of the story she will tell the jury and he will leave nothing undone to get it out of her.

Young Mrs. Thaw's life will be as an open book to District Attorney Jerome when he takes her in hand and begins to ply her with questions. His detectives have traced her life from early girlhood. She is now but 23 years old, but has lived the life of three those years.

"She will tell you with her own lips the reason why she declined to marry Harry Thaw when he first asked her to become his wife," Attorney Gleason has promised the Thaw jury.

"Suffice it to say that the reason had to do with an experience in her life associated with Stanford White."

It is this part of the story which will be the crucial feature of the defense. What young Mrs. Thaw has to tell the world when she takes the chair she has told no one but her husband and his lawyers. They alone know the story which is to be unfolded to the jury as the wife's share in the plea for his life.

SANTA BARBARA ASKS FOR RATES

COMMISSIONER LANE HEARS COMPLAINTS

Coast City Believes It Should Get Same Terminal Tariffs as Los Angeles and Other Seaport Cities

By Associated Press. SANTA BARBARA, Feb. 5.—Franklin K. Lane, interstate commerce commissioner, held a meeting in the rooms of the Santa Barbara chamber of commerce today and heard testimony bearing upon the protest of Santa Barbara merchants against the Southern Pacific railway, charging the railroad corporation with unjust and unlawful discrimination against the city of Santa Barbara and its citizens in maintaining local freight rates to this city on shipments from the east instead of making this a terminal point.

The cities of Marysville, San Jose, Los Angeles and San Diego are pointed out in the complaint as cities which were receiving terminal freight rates and which were in no wise entitled to them more than Santa Barbara.

The Southern Pacific resisted the contention, claiming that Santa Barbara had no water competition such as the other points named enjoyed; hence was not entitled to the same rates.

A crowd of about fifty Santa Barbara citizens attended the hearing. About a dozen witnesses, comprising wholesale and retail dealers in produce, groceries, hardware, furniture and general merchandise, were called and testified to the facts set forth in the complaint.

Both the railroad and the complainant citizens were represented by counsel. Nearly the entire session was consumed by the introduction of evidence by the protesters, the railroad putting on but one witness today.

The hearing was adjourned at 5:30 p. m., to convene again at Ventura tomorrow morning. At that time the railroad will put several witnesses on the stand to support its defense.

Complaints Are Similar

The Santa Barbara and Ventura complaints are similar in character, and it is likely that they will be decided together by the commission when the matter is finally submitted to it in Washington.

The testimony offered by the business men of Santa Barbara at today's hearing served to show that the merchants of the city were so discriminated against by the railroad that they were unable to deliver certain commodities to the local consumer at the same figure quoted the consumer in Los Angeles and the three cities mentioned.

The local merchants pay the local rate from Los Angeles in addition to the terminal rate. As an instance, another alleged injustice, it was also established that the local freight rate from Los Angeles to Santa Barbara was considerably higher than the rate from Los Angeles to Lompoc, a point fifty miles north of Santa Barbara, and that much longer haul.

The railroad attorneys met this with the claim that eight or nine years ago there was water competition at Lompoc, and that the rate had never been altered, although such a change was in the course of preparation.

It was shown that because of the terminal rates allowed Los Angeles, jobbers there were enabled to enter Santa Barbara territory and secure business which otherwise the local merchants would have secured. Also, manufacturing plants in Santa Barbara, and business of other sorts had been restrained and crippled by the lack of terminal rates here.

It was shown that the freight charges on certain commodities brought from the east via Panama, San Diego and Los Angeles were the same at Santa Barbara as at Los Angeles and San Diego. The attorneys for the defendant brought out by cross-examination of witnesses that the depth of the water at this port was not sufficient to allow the steamship companies having larger vessels to make this a port of call, and therefore there was not actually any material water competition, hence the ground for claiming the right to terminal rates.

FINDS WEDDING RING IN RABBIT'S STOMACH

Special to The Herald. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 5.—While cleaning a large rabbit he had killed during a gunning trip near Snow Hill, Larkins, George E. Donovan of Camden found a wedding ring in the animal's stomach.

His hand hit against a hard substance during the cleaning, and an investigation revealed the ring. It contained the initials E. J. P. Mr. Donovan will try to find the owner.

Bright objects are known to attract rabbits, who frequently swallow them, but how a wild animal got a wedding ring is a mystery, unless its owner lost it while passing through field or woodland.

INSANE IMPULSE LED THAW TO KILL DOCTOR SAYS MADNESS WAS BEHIND DEED

Jerome Fights Desperate Half-Day Battle to Shake Witness' Testimony—Knowledge of Surgery Surprises All

(Continued from Page One) at the table and to whom he did not speak; that this man then held the pistol above his head and walked quietly toward the elevator; that he gave up the pistol without resistance and did not make any attempt to escape, and that he said:

"He ruined my wife, and that he immediately afterward said to his wife: 'I have probably saved your life; I ask you, sir, upon your judgment as an expert, whether you are able to give an opinion touching the sanity of the man who made that answer?'"

"I can," said Dr. Wiley. "Will you express that opinion?" "I believe that that man—" interrupted Mr. Jerome. "You must give an opinion."

"My opinion," said Dr. Wiley, "is that the man who committed the act described was suffering from insanity."

Defines Hereditary Insanity The witness was asked to define hereditary insanity, which he did, but when a question by Mr. Gleason as to the influence of hereditary insanity was asked, it was objected by Mr. Jerome.

Dr. Wiley said that in hereditary insanity the common blood would flow through brothers and therefore a cousin, the son of an uncle of the defendant, might follow the same hereditary influence.

"Are you acquainted, as you sit there, with the form of insanity which the law of this state defines and excuses for crime?" asked Mr. Jerome.

"Then your opinion upon the question you have answered was given as a scientific man. You had in mind the various forms of mental aberration which scientific men meet together and discuss?"

"Yes, and from my own application of the medical knowledge on the subject."

Mr. Jerome asked the witness if he really considered himself an expert. "I feel that I have had experience," began the doctor.

"That is not the point. Are you an expert? We don't know whether you are or not."

"I think I am competent—" "Are you an expert?" shouted Jerome.

"I am an authority," Dr. Wiley replied.

Doctor Is Positive After Dr. Wiley said he was an authority he was asked by Mr. Jerome if he was willing to go on record, before the world in this case as a scientific man after merely witnessing Thaw's action on the street car in Pittsburg, and from description of his killing of Stanford White as saying that Thaw was insane.

Dr. Wiley replied with decision, "Yes."

Asked by Mr. Gleason if in his opinion the defendant at the time of the crime knew that it was wrong, the witness replied "yes," and started an explanation which was stopped by Mr. Jerome and Mr. Gleason.

The former objecting to the explanation and the latter endeavoring to stop his witness when the question was again put to him he answered "no." Dr. Wiley explained that a person might know what he was doing and yet be entirely in the control of an irresistible impulse.

"In other words," commented Mr. Jerome, "we have a sort of volitional insanity."

"That is possible, coupled with a morbid impulse."

"An act is morbid if it is insane?" "Yes."

And a man may know the nature and quality of his act, know that it is wrong and against the law, and yet be swept away by an emotional impulse?" "Yes, by an impulse over which he has no control."

"What evidence of delusion was there in the hypothetical question put to you by counsel for the defense?" asked Mr. Jerome.

The witness started to answer. "Wait a moment," commanded the district attorney. "Let's go over this thing again. Give us the substance of the hypothetical question on which you based so important an opinion in this case."

In repeating the question the witness inadvertently admitted that he had taken into consideration his knowledge of the case outside of the question.

MOTHER LOVE WINS The disregard which Thaw's mother, whose social ambitions once knew no bounds and whose daughter is the wife of an English earl, now feels for all the things that once seemed sacred and dear when they stand in the way of life and liberty of the son on whom she has lavished fortune after fortune, is illustrated by the fact that not only did she consent to the plea of insanity through heredity but will actually take the stand to offer whatever testimony is within her power to help make this defense of insanity a tangible thing.

Those who have followed the case since the trial began have shown the greatest respect for the heart-broken, sorrow-burdened mother, and they frankly express sympathy with her over the ordeal of the witness chair.

Mrs. Thaw is willing to make any sacrifice that lies within her power to be enabled to make this appeal to the twelve men who hold the fate of her boy in their hands.

Mr. Jerome wanted to know if Dr. Wiley believed in Christian science. The doctor did not answer directly, but was pinned closely to the question by Mr. Jerome. He finally replied that he did not.

Witness and Lawyer Clash This line of questioning soon led to a wordy clash between the attorney and witness, in which Mr. Jerome interrupted Mr. Jerome with a loud exclamation: "Did I ask you that? Did I? Answer me."

"No."

"Upon what in the hypothetical question did you base your conclusion as to the insanity?"

"By the fact that the man, sitting with a party, suddenly arose and without provocation—"

"Is there anything in the question about provocation?" Jerome interposed.

"No," Dr. Wiley replied, with a show of feeling. "It was the manner of the man, and the witness raised his hand in a peculiar way—"

"Stop," shouted Jerome angrily. "Is there anything in the question about peculiar?"

The witness admitted there was not. "The remark to his wife, 'I have probably saved your life,' was another reason for the conclusion," said Dr. Wiley.

"Did it occur to you that after firing three bullets into the body of his victim the man held his revolver aloft to indicate that his deed was done, that there was to be no further killing and that he wanted to avert a panic?"

"That entered into the calculation."

"Did motive have no bearing?" "Yes; I read in the papers and I read in the newspapers."

The witness was silent. "Didn't this man raise his hand and his revolver to indicate there was to be no further killing?"

"Possibly. But as I was saying—"

Jerome Rebukes Witness "Will you refrain from volunteering information for which I do not ask? Answer my question and nothing else. I have had to ask this many times and I don't want to have to do it again. When did you get here?" asked Mr. Jerome.

"Wednesday."

"And you talked with counsel?" "Yes, about the case."

"About the hypothetical question?" "The witness fairly shouted the answer. He also flushed angrily.

"Is not jealousy the dominant element in the mind of every man who kills from jealousy?" asked Mr. Jerome.

"There may be other elements."

"Stop that volunteering; answer my question. Tell us some more of your conclusions from the hypothetical question," he requested.

"The time, the manner and the place chosen—"

"No," My argument is that it was not chosen.

After bringing in every possible change in the pneumogastric nerve, Mr. Jerome passed on to the tests of insanity by the light of the eyes.

"Do you know of the Argyle-Robinson test of light?" "Yes."

"Where did you ever hear of it?" "I don't recall."

"Did you ever hear of such a thing before I asked the question?" The witness hesitated.

"Where," said Jerome, "in any book in God's whole wide world did you ever read anything about the Argyle-Robinson test of light?"

Dr. Wiley did not reply. "Did you ever examine this defendant as to his sanity?"

"No."

"Can you determine whether or not a man is insane by looking at him?" "No."

"Did you ever converse with Thaw?" "No."

"Do you think it right for you to come here and give an opinion that a man is insane when you have not submitted him to any examination?"

"I have given my opinion of a hypothetical question, not upon an examination."

"Are you willing to stake your reputation on that opinion?" "I came here as a material witness of fact, and I have been converted into an expert witness without any preparation."

Describes Insane Acts "What do insane people usually do after killing a person?"

"Satisfaction and relief, and a declaration of fact. Thaw's declaration to his wife that he had probably saved her life was a very suspicious circumstance."

"Do you know that her life was not in danger?" "No, I assume it was not."

Mr. Jerome concluded his examination of Dr. Wiley and Dr. C. H. Bingham, a Thaw family physician from Pittsburg, who was called as the second witness for the defense.

Mr. Bingham knew Harry Thaw for thirty years and his mother for the same length of time.

"Did you attend Harry Thaw in his infancy?" "Yes."

"What disease do you first recall?" "St. Vitus' dance."

On cross-examination Mr. Jerome had not a word to say for Dr. Bingham repeat that Thaw was 7 years old when he suffered from St. Vitus' dance. The witness was then released.

Dr. John T. Deemer of Kittanning, Pa., was called as the next witness in the Thaw trial. He attended Thaw as a boy.

Dr. Deemer was not allowed to testify in the trial as to insanity of Thaw's relatives, Justice Fitzgerald calling for more authorities before he would allow the evidence to go before the jury.

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Special to The Herald. TOLEDO, O., Feb. 5.—Charles Dove of Batton, O., accused of mailing a scurrilous letter by the postal authorities, was released by United States Commissioner Gaines from the county jail on \$100 bond, furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dove of Paulding county. Mr. Dove explained to the federal authorities that he and his wife had walked nine miles from Batton to Paulding, O., to reach the Clover Leaf train for Toledo. Neither of the country folk had ever been out of Paulding county and never been in a city. They were amazed at street cars, automobiles, and stood dumfounded in front of the six-story Nicholas, which was characterized as some supernatural creation.

"What? Go in there?" exclaimed the woman when Joe Binehart, elevator operator at the federal building, exclaimed, "Going up." "Why, that's a fireplace. Of course it takes a big one for a big building like this," continued the surprised Mrs. Dove. Then, after being convinced that she would save time and energy by entering the cage, she acquiesced.

"Geese whittlers! I didn't know they moved whole floors at a time in city buildings. Well!" and Frederick Dove just looked perplexed. The pair, happy over the release of their relative, left for Batton.

Kept His Promise Young wife—When we took this flat you promised to enlarge it for us. Landlord—Well, madam, I did. Didn't I scarp the wallpaper off and put on paint instead?—Boston Transcript.