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THAW'S CRAZY WILL TO BE OFFERED

Effort to Be Made to Introduce It as Evidence on Monday

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Law Does Not Permit State to Combat Stories of Relations of Thaw's and White, as Told by Evelyn Nesbit—Mrs. Thaw to Go on Stand Again Monday, But "Tattlings" Are Halted.

New York, Feb. 9.—It is expected that Delmas, of counsel for Harry K. Thaw, will make a vigorous effort on Monday to introduce Thaw's will in evidence. It is said to be a remarkable document, and is believed to be strongly relied upon by Delmas to show the effect upon Thaw of the stories related to him by Evelyn Nesbit. It is said to have been written on loose sheets of paper, partly typewritten and partly in handwriting, with many interlineations.

According to a report today, the will is expected to show Thaw feared assassination, and that in it he ordered that the sum of \$50,000 be devoted to prosecution of the assassin, or investigation of his anticipated assassin. Among other provisions is one setting aside the fund of \$75,000 for the care of women whom he believed to have suffered thru Stanford White. The names of these women are reported to be given in the will. It is also reported the will contains provision for the education of Howard Nesbit and Mrs. Thaw's mother, and that allowance is made for the care of Evelyn's mother during her life. The income from the remainder of the estate is bequeathed to Evelyn.

The Thaw will is dated April 4, 1905. Counsel for Thaw today not only declined to make public the text of the will, but declared that the alleged provisions in it made public, were inaccurate.

The report was published here today that a large fund had been collected in the city to clear White's reputation by the injury inflicted by the story of Mrs. Evelyn Thaw. The story lacks confirmation. Another report published, declared that Thaw will be put on the witness stand in his own behalf, to testify that since his wife told him her story, as related in the court, he had been visited by visions, which warned him that his wife's life was in danger from White. This report is also unverified.

Jerome Has Hard Task

The nature of Jerome's cross-examination of Evelyn Thaw, was the principal subject of the discussion today. The district attorney has a difficult problem to face. With the truth or falsity of the stories the witness has testified that she told her husband, he has nothing to do. The statement that she told him these things Jerome cannot possibly disprove. His strongest chance in the cross-examination is to make her stumble in the story as she has told it with the gentle guidance of her husband's attorneys, or to compel her to admit telling him other things about her past life which would tend to minimize in his mind the effect of the story of her relations with White. He can introduce evidence, if he has it, generally affecting her credibility as a witness, but as for the main statements in her testimony—the stories which made her recital perhaps the most striking ever heard in a court in this city—White himself, if he were alive, could not go on the witness stand and deny them. At the point in the case is not as to the truth of these stories, but as to their effect on Thaw's mind.

This fact was impressed on the jury yesterday, when the court, at the request of Jerome, informed the jury that under the law, the prosecution could not introduce evidence with the object of disproving any statement that Mrs. Thaw has made, except the statement that she told her husband all the things she has testified to.

No More "Tenderloin Tattlings."

That Jerome will strenuously object to further introduction of what he termed the "tattlings of the tenderloin," was plainly shown late yesterday, when he claimed, and was sustained by the court, that as yet there has been no evidence to show that Thaw is now, or ever was, insane, and that until this was shown, any more of these stories would be entirely immaterial. This ruling by the court may bar any other stories that Evelyn Thaw may have told until such time as it has been shown there is a reasonable doubt as to the proper balance of Thaw's mind at the time of the shooting. If this is done then the district attorney is likely to open for the admission of almost anything that Thaw may have told his wife or she told him, or that he heard in any other way, to that any extent might have contributed to unbalancing his mind.

Thaw's attorneys stated last night that Mrs. Thaw would again assume the stand Monday morning on direct examination, but to what she would testify they are not prepared to state. Mrs. Thaw appeared yesterday in the same costume she wore the day before. Her testimony was not so interesting or so convincing, for she was less direct in her manner of speaking and more dramatic in her delivery.

HEARING MAY DRAG THRU MONTHS

Brownsville Inquiring a Bigger Proposition Than Senate Anticipated

Witnesses Are Hard to Find

Subpoenas Out for Many Who Can Not Be Located—No One Implicated Thursday—Russia Appeals to America for Aid for Starving Peasants—Washington News.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The Brownsville inquiry by the senate committee may continue at intervals for several months. Many men for whom subpoenas have been issued have not been found. The investigation has proceeded far enough to convince the members of the committee that the only way to get at the bottom of the affair is by the slow process of examining every man to see what he knows. Thus far only a few members of Companies B and D have been on the stand. No evidence has been secured indicating that these men are guilty of the offenses charged against them.

WOMEN DISAPPROVE TESTIMONY.

Chattanooga Mass Meeting to Protest Against Thaw Trial Publicity.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 9.—A mass meeting of the women of the city will be held tomorrow, to protest against the publication of testimony in the Thaw trial.

FEMALE TERRORISTS

Women's University at Moscow Headquarters for Flying Group of Assassins—Arrests Made.

Moscow, Feb. 9.—The headquarters of a flying group of terrorists, from whence agents were sent out to execute the death sentences issued on General Count Ignatieff, Lieutenant General Pavloff, Major General Von der Launitz and S. A. Alexandrovsky, have been located in the Moscow female university. The police searched the university building and many nearby tenements, and arrested eight girl students and a number of men, but the leaders escaped. A number of bombs and sixty pounds of pyroxylin were seized at the university.

NINE KILLED AND TWO HURT.

Explosion Occurs During Test of New Torpedo Vessel.

Lorient, France, Feb. 9.—As a result of an explosion on board the torpedo boat number 333 of the French navy nine men are dead and two are injured. The boat, boat No. 333 was launched but a short time ago and at the time of the accident she was undergoing, prior to being placed in commission, her full power steam trial in the Roadstead. A technical naval committee was on board at the time.

NO ACTION IS LIKELY TODAY

Conference on Appointments May Not Be Decisive.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Much doubt was expressed yesterday among the members of the Iowa delegation whether the conference on Federal patronage would be decisive. Several members of the delegation take the view that all that will be done will be to talk over the situation and then adjourn to meet later. It was said by one of the leading members of the delegation that if no vote was reached today he believed the settlement of the patronage question would go over indefinitely and that it might be deferred until after March 4.

SAYS SHE IS BATHTUB VICTIM.

American Woman in Paris Declares Thaw Paid Her \$2,000.

Paris, Feb. 9.—The newspapers of Paris are devoting much space to the proceedings of the Thaw trial in New York, and as a result a number of persons are coming forward anxious to testify to Thaw's alleged escapades in Paris, which, they declare, can only be explained on the ground that he was insane. A woman from whom Thaw rented an apartment in this city has visited Consul General Mason and recounted numerous episodes of Thaw's stay. Another woman, who says she is an American, has informed the newspapers that she figured in the "bath tub incident," to which reference was made in Evelyn Nesbit Thaw's testimony Thursday.

Blaine's Old Nurse Dies.

Pittsburg, Feb. 9.—Keziah Jackson, a negro 84 years old, and once the nurse of James G. Blaine, died at Union, Pa., near here. At the time of James G. Blaine's birth in 1830, Keziah Brown was 8 years old, and from the time Blaine was 5 months old until he was 2 years old she looked after him constantly. When Blaine was six months old she went to school he was taken there each day by Nurse Jackson.

TO WED MRS. OELRICHS.

Rumor of Engagement of Millionaire's Widow.

New York, Feb. 9.—New York society is discussing the well defined report that Harry S. Black, one of the chief figures in the so-called sky-scraper trust, is engaged to Mrs. Theresa Oelrichs, the widow of Herman Oelrichs, and daughter of Senator Fair, of California.

TWO-CENT FARE BILL REPORTED

House Committee Presents Measure Which is Recommended For Passage

Two Cents on Class A Roads

Class B and C Lines Permitted to Charge 2 1/2 and 3 Cents—Different Classes Defined—Made Special Order for Next Tuesday—Senate Passes Bill for Inspection of "Baby Farms."

Special to Times-Republican.

Des Moines, Feb. 9.—The house committee on railroads this morning reported a committee bill for passage fixing the maximum passenger rates at 2 cents for class "A" roads, 2 1/2 cents for class "B" roads and 3 cents for class "C" roads. The bill designates class "A" roads as those whose net earnings are \$4,000 a mile or more, class "B" roads as those making from \$3,000 to \$4,000, and class "C" those earning less than \$3,000 per mile. The committee was excused during a greater part of the morning hour and the house remained in recess for some time waiting for the report, which was made at 12:30. The bill was made a special order for Tuesday morning next and was ordered printed in the journal.

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