

WIFE TERRIFIED BY THAW'S ESCAPE FROM MATEAWAN

Uniformed Police Guard the New York Hotel Where Former Chorus Girl Lives

SPOUSE IS SURE HE PLANS TO KILL HER

Many Others Need to Fear for Lives While He Is at Large, She Says

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The air. They were going 70 miles an hour. They were 10 minutes out of Matteawan.

Stormville marveled at their speed and watched them melt away in the dust of the state road.

The limousine had been left behind. At the speed which the black car traveled through Stormville it should have reached the state line within half an hour.

PURSUIT IS ABANDONED

Barnum's breathless declaration at the asylum brought Doctor Kieb to his feet like a pistol shot. Within a moment he was standing at the telephone, and as Barnum poured the story into his ears he repeated it over the wire to police headquarters.

Matteawan became the center of a widening ripple of telephone and telegraph alarms as Doctor Kieb planned pursuit. He might as well have tried to chase a 12 inch eel. The car started at the high power of the car in which Thaw made his flight, the nearness of the Connecticut state line and the inferior power of the eastern part of the car. Flannigan shouted, "He was near Fishkill village and going 60 miles an hour. I saw him coming and just had time to crowd my horses close over to one side of the road. He'd have hit me sure, but I let him keep on, he'll break his neck."

Flannigan recognized Thaw, he said, sitting on the rear seat of the big black car. The limousine was trailing the big car. Flannigan said, Doctor Kieb, realizing the futility of the chase, called it off and went back to Matteawan.

NO CLEWS TO AUTOS

Before starting Doctor Kieb notified District Attorney Conger, Sheriff Hornbeck and County Judge Hasbrouck. The county authorities telephoned to points in the eastern part of the county. None of the towns near the state line was able to give any information about the two cars. The last definite news was from Stormville. After Thaw left Stormville he had two routes open to the Connecticut line, one by way of Ludingtonville, Carmel and Brewster to Mill Plains, five miles beyond Brewster. The other was by way of Pawling to the state line. The latter is the best road for an automobile.

The road by Brewster would have taken him over a rough country part of the way and would have been more liable to have caused his halt by telephone. Just before Brewster is reached there is a back road leading to the Connecticut state line and which would have taken him away from all observation until the Connecticut line was reached. Which road he took no one knew.

According to the account given by Doctor Kieb, when Barnum opened the gate to allow the milkman to enter he let it remain open and, so far as Doctor Kieb could judge, had quietly stood by and allowed the prisoner to walk out. It was impossible to obtain an interview with Barnum, as he had been placed in custody by the hospital authorities. Doctor Kieb's personal reward of \$500 for Thaw's apprehension is in addition to the \$10 usually given by the state in such cases.

RELAYS OF AUTOS LIKELY

A rigid investigation, begun without delay, inclined Doctor Kieb to the belief that Thaw planned flight on a yacht Long Island sound and that if he reached the yacht it was by relays of automobiles stationed along the road to throw pursuers off the trail.

This investigation, however, the fact, Doctor Kieb added, that four of the men who aided Thaw came to Matteawan in the black touring car last Friday and registered at the Holland hotel, as Roger Thompson, Richard D. Beetle, Michael O'Keefe and Eugene Duffy, all of New York. No more powerful car has ever been housed in a local garage.

The fifth man aiding in Thaw's escape, according to the investigation, came to Matteawan yesterday. He joined the group at the Holland hotel under the name of Thomas Flood of New York. He is said to have driven the big car when Thaw escaped.

The four men who arrived Friday were described as rather sporty individuals by William Gordon, proprietor of the hotel. They spent their time mostly in the barroom, where they made a game of free spenders. Gordon talked considerably with the four men, especially Thompson, who appeared to be the leader. He had a talk with Thompson yesterday which caused him to open his eyes wide when he heard of Thaw's escape.

IMPATIENT AT DELAY IN HOTEL

"Thompson had been drinking pretty much the night before and had started in again this morning. Mr. Gordon said, "He talked about a great many things and seemed to have a large fund of information. I wondered what his line of business was and asked him. "He waited for a long time before he answered. Then he said: "My business is helping good fellows who have gotten into trouble."

The men came down from their rooms at 6:45 o'clock this morning and paid their bills. There was a considerable wait before the cars were ready and at this time the men became impatient. Finally they drew up at the front entrance and Flood took the wheel of the touring car. Two of the men got into the back seat. The other two departed in the smaller car. The automobiles proceeded leisurely along Main street in the direction of the asylum.

Employees at the garage say the smaller car could not possibly develop a greater speed than 50 miles an hour. This apparently accounts for its not being seen when the big car whirled through Stormville.

Barnum has an excellent reputation. His friends are strong in their belief that he did not aid in Thaw's escape. He is about 67 years old and at the hospital he was looked upon as one of the most trustworthy men in the institution.

RETURN NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE

Barnum had not been particularly friendly with Thaw. In fact, he appeared to dislike him. He told his friends frequently that Thaw makes trouble

Tobacco Is Germ Killer Smoke Sterilizes Mouth

PARIS, Aug. 17.—Recent experiments by physicians demonstrate the efficacy of tobacco as a germ killer. Doctors Lantini and Sartory state their experiments show that in five minutes tobacco will kill all the microbes in the saliva and completely sterilize the mouth.

for all of us and keeps the place in a turmoil."

Thaw's escape was explained by the fact that he constantly declared he would not accept freedom unless it came by legal process. The hospital authorities, as a result, had given him liberties which many other prisoners did not enjoy. In fact, he has been regarded as a "strut" for some time.

The asylum housed Thaw not as a murderer, but as an insane person. The jury which sent him here acquitted him of the murder of White on the same ground as caused his incarceration in the hospital for the Criminal Insane—that of insanity. Hence he could not be brought back to New York for the murder charge.

He could not therefore be arrested in any other state for extradition, the hospital authorities said tonight, as he is charged with no crime. In this view, the hospital authorities were supported by Dr. Austin Flint, the expert of New York, who testified in all the criminal proceedings against Thaw. Dr. Charles Kennedy of New York, who has appeared several times as Thaw's counsel in the various insanity hearings, and by other lawyers.

WIFE IS TERRIFIED BY THAW'S ESCAPE

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Uniformed police stood guard tonight at every entrance to the hotel where Evelyn Nesbit Thaw is staying. Always fearful of her husband, she showed her terror to a marked degree on learning that he was at large. Her mother, Mrs. Charles J. Holman, was frightened even more than she and urged Mrs. Thaw to go into seclusion until Thaw is found.

"Harry has threatened to kill me," Mrs. Thaw said, "and I believe my presence in New York prompted him to escape. Four years ago he told me, 'I suppose I'll have to kill you next.' Many men will have cause for fear now that he is free. He considers Doctor Austin Flint his worst enemy and undoubtedly will try to make trouble for us."

"The state of New York has a great deal to answer for in this case. What Harry Thaw has been allowed to do in Matteawan is an outrage to think of—bribery, connivance and keepers bullied by all the power of his money. And now he is allowed to escape. I suppose \$20,000 or \$30,000 looks pretty good to some people."

"One thing is certain, Harry won't stay in hiding long. He'll be heard from soon. A few drinks make him a raving madman, and when that happens he'll head straight for New York. He's crazy to get here and he won't be able to stay away. I have made up my mind, however, not to worry. If anything is going to happen, I can't stop it. I am awfully glad my baby is in London, though, and I think he'll be safe there."

"It's pretty hard to tell what Harry will do now that he's free. Harry is crafty. I think he has it in mind to start some legal action. He certainly took into consideration conditions in Albany, and I think he'll be ready for the moment. He knows the mixup between the governor and the legislature made the time just right for such an attempt."

"There's another man besides Doctor Flint who has cause to fear Harry. A lawyer named Delafield told Harry's mother that Harry was crazy long before he shot White. Harry never forgave him. He always threatened to do something to him. He's terribly revengeful. He had that way of his before he killed White. In fact, Harry's trouble with Stanford White started over another girl long before he met me."

Mrs. Thaw refused to name the other girl. Private detectives have been placed in the hotel to reinforce the uniformed police outside, but police officials refused to detail central office detectives to guard her. The other 10,000 policemen have orders to arrest Thaw on sight.

A general alarm for his apprehension was sent out by police headquarters every precinct. The police acted on request of the Matteawan asylum authorities.

Within half an hour after the general alarm had been sent out, uniformed men and detectives were on duty at ferry houses, railroad stations and transportation thoroughfares entering the city. The police of Hoboken also were notified and requested to aid by watching the railroad terminals and ferries.

ESCAPE IS ANOTHER SENSATION IN CASE

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—The spectacular escape of Harry K. Thaw from the state hospital for the criminal insane in Matteawan adds another act to the sensational tragedy that had its beginning in New York on the night of June 25, 1908. On that occasion, in company with his young wife, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, and two friends, Thaw went to the Madison Square garden to witness the opening performance of a musical comedy.

Near the close of the performance Thaw left his seat and began to pace back and forth in the aisle behind the seats occupied by Stanford White, an architect of international fame, and his son. The elder White was 53 years old, and in his distinguished career had stamped on many of New York's finest buildings the mark of his artistic genius. Madison Square garden itself was one of the architect's triumphs, and he had a studio in its tower.

In this setting Thaw drew a revolver and fired three bullets into Stanford White's body. The architect died almost instantly. It is believed he did not see his slayer. The police acted on request of the Matteawan asylum authorities.

In the ensuing confusion no one made an effort to intercept Thaw, who for a moment stood over his victim's prostrate body. Then he walked to the elevator of the roof garden, where he met a house detective and handed over the revolver without resistance.

Thaw was then arrested, and while the officer's hand was on his shoulder Mrs. Thaw rushed up to her husband and placed her arms around his neck. Thaw assured his wife that it would be "all right" and not to worry.

To this Mrs. Thaw rejoined: "I didn't think you would do it that way," she added, "Never mind, Harry, I'll stick to you through thick and thin."

That at the time of the tragedy was 27 years old and was known as the young spendthrift millionaire from Pittsburg. Thaw's father, was a poor mechanic in Pittsburg, and then made small ventures in coal lands with increasing good fortune. He was said at one time to be the wealthiest individual owner of the Pennsylvania rail-

TART SKITS IN EMPRESS THEATER Actors Sketched by The Call's Cartoonist

DOROTHY HAWTHORNE IN "DOROTHY'S PLAYMATES"



GRACE CAMERON ONE OF THE HAWAIIAN DUO



A NIGHT IN CHINATOWN SCENE FROM "ON THE ROAD" FROM TEASHERS TRAINED DOGS

Miss Grace Cameron, styling herself "The Dolly Dimples Girl," carries off first honors at the Empress theater this week in a repertoire of popular songs. Another big hit, particularly with the young folks, was "Dorothy's Playmates," presented by James Maxwell and company. Other acts that round out the bill and lend balance to it are: Harry Leander, cyclist; Roberts, Hayes and Roberts, conversationalists; Ash and Shaw in "A Night in Chinatown," the Roshiers with trained dogs, and the Turkish sisters, oriental dancers.

road. When he died his estate was said to be worth \$40,000,000.

By the will Harry K. Thaw was allowed \$2,500 a year, but his mother increased this to \$50,000 annually.

Evelyn Nesbit married Thaw in Pittsburg April 4, 1905. She was noted among artists for her beauty, and had had been in turn model and actress.

With Thaw in the Tombs, a legal fight to free him began with the weight of his family's millions behind a formidable array of counsel. His first trial resulted in a disagreement. At the second trial the jury acquitted him on the charge of murder on the ground that he was insane when he shot White, and Justice Dowling committed Thaw to Matteawan as an insane criminal.

SPENT \$200,000 FOR FREEDOM He entered the asylum February 8, 1908. Since that time he has spent a sum estimated at \$200,000 in efforts to have Thaw declared sane and set at liberty.

In May, 1908, Supreme Court Justice Morschauser decided against an attempt to release Thaw on habeas corpus proceedings. In June, 1909, a similar writ met the same adverse result, this time before Justice Miller. The case then went to the state court of appeals, which sustained the decision of the lower court.

A third effort in July, 1912, resulted in Justice Keogh agreeing with the other supreme court justices that Thaw was still insane.

There was a scandal recently over attempts to change Thaw's release through the attempted bribery of Doctor John W. Russell, former superintendent of the Matteawan hospital. An inquiry resulted in the indictment of John N. Anhalt, a young New York attorney employed by Thaw. On May 17 Anhalt was found guilty of offering Doctor Russell a \$20,000 bribe and sentenced to two to four years in Sing Sing.

The present Matteawan superintendent, Dr. Raymond C. Kelb, was appointed after Doctor Russell resigned.

Jerome Hears News LAKEVILLE, Conn., Aug. 17.—The news of the escape of Harry Thaw from Matteawan broke in upon the guide of the weekend visit of William Travers Jerome, former district attorney of New York, at his summer home here. Mr. Jerome conducted the state's cases against Thaw, and since retirement from office had been retained on different occasions to oppose Thaw's efforts to obtain release from the institution. Regarding the escape, Mr. Jerome said:

"I have no statement to make or comment to offer. I know nothing of the facts, as I have at the present time no connection with the Thaw case. There is no reason why I should say anything and I am in possession of no facts."

Mr. Jerome was asked as to Thaw's legal status now that he is out of New York state. The former district attorney said he was unable to answer this, as Thaw's status would be governed by circumstances.

Thaw's Brother Surprised

BAR HARBOR, Me., Aug. 17.—Benjamin Thaw and his family of Pittsburg are stopping at a hotel here. Mr. Thaw learned of the escape of his brother, Harry, from Matteawan asylum from a newspaper man today, but refused to discuss the matter. "This is the first that I have heard of it," he said. "I know nothing about it. I have not seen Harry recently and have been here for some time. I do not wish to be quizzed about the affair. I have no information other than what

MOTORISTS BOOST WELL FOR PORTOLA

Auto Party Spends Morning in Santa Cruz Surf; Barbecue at Big Trees

Tourists From Bay Counties Depart for Homes Late in the Day

HAWAII TO SEND BIG CROWD FOR PORTOLA

Islands Will Have No Float, but Plan Delegation, Says Dougherty

James Dougherty, who has returned to San Francisco from a tour of the United States on behalf of the Mid-Pacific carnival, has been appointed resident Portola commissioner for Hawaiian territory to direct the participation of the islands in the Portola festival next October. He will cooperate with William T. Rawlins of Honolulu, who was recently appointed resident athletic commissioner.

Dougherty said yesterday at the Hotel Stewart that Honolulu will not only enter a float typical of the island attractions, but will send up a big delegation for the festa.

The Portola committee announced that two more countries, Venezuela and Colombia, have endorsed the festival through the action of their consuls in San Francisco. Joseph L. Eastland, consul for Venezuela, and Francisco Valencia, consul for Colombia, have accepted places on the special committee composed of consuls.

John Steven McGroarty, historian and author of the Mission play, will be the guest of honor at a luncheon given tomorrow at the St. Francis by the Portola festival committee. He will speak on phases of the career of Don Gaspar de Portola, discoverer of the bay of San Francisco, who is one of the characters in the Mission play given in San Gabriel the last two years.

THREE GOVERNORS ALL LATE TO CONFERENCE

Executives Expected at Redding, and Good Roads Boosters Meeting Marks Time Waiting for Them

REDDING, Aug. 17.—Governor Lister of Washington, Governor West of Oregon, and Governor Johnson of California, who are on their way to Eureka to attend a good roads meeting, the object of which is to unite the three coast states in an effort to establish trispartite highways, did not arrive here today as planned. Governor Lister and Governor Johnson will arrive here tomorrow. Governor West is entering California by way of Grant's pass and Crescent City.

PARK SUICIDE LEAVES NOTE TO CREMATE BODY

H. J. Doyle of Petaluma Found Near Chain of Lakes With Bullet Through His Head

"Please have my body cremated in Cypress Lawn cemetery," wrote H. J. Doyle of Petaluma on a piece of paper which he placed in the lap of his coat. Then he shot himself through the head in Golden Gate park near the chain of lakes. The note was dated last Friday.

Doyle appeared about 40 years old. The body was found yesterday by John E. Madigan, 707 Van Ness avenue. Addressed and stamped in Doyle's coat pocket was a letter to Miss Florence Ewing, 163 Steele street, Denver. Only 15 cents was in his purse.

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