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TELLS STORY OF LIFE

EVELYN NESBIT THAW ON THE STAND IN DEFENSE OF HER ACCUSED HUSBAND.

RELATIONS WITH STANFORD WHITE

ACCUSES MURDERED MAN OF ACCOMPLISHING HER RUIN WHEN MERE GIRL.

New York, Feb. 7.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, the wife of the man charged with the murder of Stanford White, took the witness stand in defense of her husband and told the story of her relations with Stanford White, the famous architect, who was killed by Harry Thaw.

The story was a simple narrative, told in a girlish way, and in its midst the young woman broke down and cried and could proceed only with difficulty.

"It was in September, 1901," said Mrs. Thaw, who appeared but a slip of a girl in the big witness chair, with her hair caught low on her neck and tied with a big black ribbon, "when Mr. White invited me to another of the parties I had attended with him. I had been left in his care by my mother, whom he had sent to Pittsburgh. I was just past sixteen years old.

"This night, when I got to Mr. White's studio in Twenty-fourth street, there was not anybody there. Mr. White said: 'Well, well, they all seem to have turned me down.' He said, 'Never mind, we would eat alone.' Later I said I must go home. He said he wanted to show me another part of the house and we went into a bedroom with mirrors all round. 'He gave me more champagne. Then everything became whirly and black. When I came to my clothes were all off. I screamed and screamed, but he kept telling me to stop, saying, 'Its over, its all right.'"

Told Same Story to Thaw.

The girl told the story to the twelve men in the jurybox, she declared, just as she related the incident to Harry Thaw one night in Paris late in 1903, when he had asked her to become his wife, and she had told him she could not. He pressed for a reason and it was then that she told him all. When she had concluded she said he knelt beside her, picked up the hem of her skirt and kissed it.

She had been sent to school in New Jersey in 1902 by Stanford White, became ill there and had to be submitted to an operation, the nature of which the doctors did not tell her. Thaw came to see her at the hospital and said she could be taken abroad to recuperate. She went to Paris with her mother and Thaw and it was in Paris that Thaw made his first proposal of marriage.

Going back to her earliest girlhood the prisoner's wife told the entire story of her life—how she was brought to New York by her mother and posed for famous artists to earn money for the family support. She also took a place in the chorus of a musical show and it was while there she met White. Mrs. Thaw was still on the stand, her direct examination uncompleted, when the day was done. Once during the afternoon she was excused for an hour while Lawyer Frederick Longfellow was sworn to fix the date of certain letters written to him by Harry Thaw subsequent to the revelations Miss Nesbit had made to him in Paris.

CONTINUES HER STORY.

Mrs. Thaw Brings Narrative Down to Date of Wedding.

New York, Feb. 8.—Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw continued on the witness stand during the day at the trial of Harry K. Thaw, her husband, carrying forward the narrative of her life from the point where she had left it off the previous afternoon.

The story began with the period immediately following her return from Europe in October, 1903, and was brought down to the return of the girl and her husband to New York after their honeymoon trip in 1905, when, she said, Stanford White had called to her on the street and attempted to speak to her.

After her marriage with Thaw, the witness said, they took a trip through the West. While in Pittsburgh, she said, she had lived at the home of her husband's mother. She related how she had persistently refused to marry Thaw before she finally did so. Her refusal, she said, was because of her reputation.

At the opening of the afternoon session Mrs. Thaw testified that one day in White's studio Jack Barrymore, the actor, asked her if she would marry him. She replied she did not know. Mr. Delmas then asked Mrs. Thaw if Thaw had told her the fate of other girls "at the hands of this man White."

District Attorney Jerome immediately objected to any further "defamation being thrown upon the dead, who have no chance to answer." Justice Fitzgerald ruled that further competent evidence as to Thaw's insanity should be introduced before continuing the present line of testimony and Mr. Delmas declared he was ready to submit the proof.

MRS. THAW STEPS ASIDE.

Insanity Expert on the Stand in Murder Trial.

New York, Feb. 11.—After an interesting but not sensational morning session of less than two hours' duration it was agreed by counsel engaged in the trial of Harry K. Thaw that Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, the wife of the defendant, should definitely step aside for the time being to permit of the introduction of competent testimony tending to show the alleged unsound condition of the prisoner's mind.

Mrs. Thaw was permitted to tell but little because of objections of Mr. Jerome. She did, however, declare that Thaw only carried a revolver while in New York city. One of the few bits of testimony Mrs. Thaw was allowed to give was regarding the note she passed to her husband at dinner in the Cafe Martin the night of the tragedy. Mr. Jerome agreed to produce the slip of paper, which has been held by him. It was identified by Mrs. Thaw and read by Mr. Delmas as follows:

"The b— was here a minute ago, but went out again."

The "b—" meant the "blackguard," Mrs. Thaw said, and referred to Stanford White.

Dr. Charles Wagner, superintendent of the state hospital for the insane at Binghamton, N. Y., followed Mrs. Thaw on the stand. Dr. Wagner said when he first examined Thaw in the Tombs the latter was suspicious and feared he would be declared insane.

Answering a hypothetical question asked by Mr. Delmas Dr. Wagner said that Thaw did not know his act was wrong.

TO AVERT BLOODSHED

FOUR GOVERNMENTS ACTING IN UNISON TO SETTLE CENTRAL AMERICAN TROUBLE.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Costa Rica and Salvador have joined their efforts to those of the United States and Mexico to prevent a war in Central America as the result of the present friction between Honduras and Nicaragua. Senor Calvo, the minister to Washington from Costa Rica, had a conference with state department officials relative to the subject and was able to assure them that his government, after communicating with that of Salvador, had undertaken to intervene to the extent of making representations to the opposing governments calculated to induce them to refrain from hostilities.

It appears that the question of national pride is a large factor in the problem. Each side feels that in view of the bloodshed that has taken place on the borders only war can satisfy the demands of honor. It is the purpose of the four governments that are now acting in conjunction in the interest of peace to convince the would-be belligerents that their honor would not be aspersed by submitting their differences to peaceful adjudication. Honduras has accepted this view and it now remains only for Nicaragua to yield to this influence.

KILLED BY INFERNAL MACHINE.

Justice of the Peace at Paterson, N. J., the Victim.

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 9.—Robert Cortese, a justice of the peace, was so shockingly wounded in his office by a bomb sent to him by express that he died.

His son Robert, aged seventeen, who was standing beside him when he opened the deadly machine, was injured seriously.

The explosion tore a hole five feet deep and ten feet in circumference through the floor of Cortese's office. The room was shattered and buildings for two blocks were shaken as by an earthquake.

Not long ago a gang of his countrymen robbed Cortese's father of \$1,500. He went after them with such relentlessness that one of the criminals is now in the state prison under a five-year sentence.

ASKS CORTELYOU TO ACT.

President Would Close Mails to Papers Printing Details of Thaw Case.

Washington, Feb. 12.—The following statement was given out at the White House during the day:

"The president has communicated with Postmaster General Cortelyou to know whether it is feasible to bar from the mails the papers that give the full disgusting particulars of the Thaw case. He does not know whether it is feasible, but if it is he wishes it done."

CALLS FATHER HEARTLESS.

Princess Louise of Belgium Complains of Leopold's Treatment.

Paris, Feb. 11.—Princess Louise of Belgium, the divorced wife of Prince Philip of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, in an open letter published in the Matin, complains bitterly of the heartless fashion in which her father, King Leopold, has abandoned her, even allowing the heritage which she derived from the late queen mother to be seized for debt.

DR. SIMPSON ACQUITTED.

Declared Not Guilty of the Murder of His Father-in-Law.

Riverhead, L. I., Feb. 7.—The jury in the case of Dr. J. W. Simpson, charged with the murder of his father-in-law, returned a verdict of not guilty.

THREATENS TO QUIT

CHIEF ENGINEER STEVENS OPPOSES CONSTRUCTION OF CANAL BY CONTRACT.

Determined to Sever His Connection With the Work if Any of the Bids Now Under Consideration Are Accepted—His Position Causes Delay in Deciding the Question of Accepting One of the Offers Made.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The administration has been brought face to face with the alternative of rejecting all bids for the construction of the Panama canal by contract or losing the services of Chief Engineer John F. Stevens. This is the reason for the delay of President Roosevelt, Secretary Taft and Chairman Shonts of the canal commission in acting on the Oliver bid. An effort has been made to get Mr. Stevens to change his mind, but he has continued obdurate and the indications are that the administration will accede to his request and the construction will be continued by the government.

This information in regard to the position taken by Mr. Stevens comes from a source that cannot be doubted, but it has created some surprise on account of testimony given by Mr. Stevens before the senate committee on interoceanic canals a year ago. He then said that he favored

Building the Canal by Contract.

He was of the opinion that contractors would be in a better position to deal with the question of laborers. Since then he has gone over the canal plans carefully and he now expresses the belief that the canal can be constructed by the government within a period of ten years. His friends have advised him that if a contract is let for construction he will be robbed of the credit of building this great waterway. Frequent exchanges of cablegrams between Washington and the isthmus have resulted in a demand by Mr. Stevens for the acceptance of his resignation if the contract is awarded.

It is asserted by certain senators who have taken an unusual interest in all matters relating to the canal that if one of the bids for canal construction is accepted it will mean that the administration has determined to dispose of Mr. Stevens as the director of the canal construction.

OIL KING'S IMMENSE GIFT.

Donates \$32,000,000 to General Education Board.

New York, Feb. 8.—The immense sum of \$32,000,000 is the crowning gift of John D. Rockefeller for the purpose of promoting the general cause of education. This stupendous gift was made to the general education board, the body specially created by congress four years ago to administer the Rockefeller charities in the cause of education.

Added to the \$11,000,000 which the head of the Standard Oil trust already had placed at the disposal of that body it makes a grand total of \$43,000,000.

Ultimately, it is said, the fund of the general education board is to be raised to \$50,000,000 through donations by other rich men, friends of the Rockefeller who are interested with him in his charitable enterprises.

Of the \$32,000,000 one-third is to go into the permanent endowment fund of the general education board and two-thirds is to be applied to certain specific purposes by the direction of John D. Rockefeller or his son, John D., Jr.

Just what these specific purposes are was not made public, but in a general way it was stated that the interest on the fund is to be used in helping colleges and schools, not only in the South but in all parts of the country.

WANAMAKER HOME BURNED.

Loss on Building and Contents About \$1,500,000.

Philadelphia, Feb. 9.—A fire, entailing a loss of \$1,500,000, destroyed Lyndhurst, the handsome country home of former Postmaster General John Wanamaker at Shelton Hills, near Jenkintown.

The estate consists of thirty acres of ground. The house, which in the main was of English style of architecture, stood on a hill about 350 yards back from the famous old York road. The Wanamaker art gallery contained some of the rarest prints and most valuable paintings in existence. Mr. Wanamaker and his family have been at their winter home in this city and the country place was in charge of a caretaker.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

Opposition Parties Well in the Lead in Russia.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 7.—The opposition parties are well in the lead in the elections in European Russia, having, on the basis of the returns up to noon, twenty-four seats in parliament assured and seventy-six practically certain. The Conservatives have five assured and thirty-nine probable. The returns from the Caucasus and Siberia, which are only beginning to arrive, indicate that the Social-Democrats and perhaps the Social-Revolutionists dominate the deputations. In Poland, everywhere outside of the cities, the Nationalists have been victorious.

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