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## CRAZY PLEA FOR HARRY THAW

### Statement In Regard to Condition.

#### CHAT WITH REPORTERS

##### Says His Physical and Mental Condition Are Good and Never Were Better—Feels Better Since Making Statement.

York, July 12.—Harry Thaw yesterday reiterated the statement made by him Tuesday to the effect that he is not insane and that no lunatic commission would be appointed to take him into the state of his mind. For this purpose he asked permission of the newspaper men immediately after he had breakfasted, and they were taken into the prison to meet him. After greetings had been exchanged, Thaw said that he had asked to see the warden as he wished to emphasize to them to give the widest publicity to the statement he handed them in the evening, denying that he was insane, or that a lunatic commission would be appointed to inquire into his state of mind.

His physical and mental condition is good and never were better," said Thaw. "I had to fight pretty hard with my lawyers to be permitted to make the statement that I did make. I felt that I wanted my position made plain. I told them that it would make me feel at my peace of mind. I could not rest easy until I had given out my statement."

Speaking of his mother's return to the country, Thaw said:

"I am with all the other members of my family, was anxious that mother should remain in Europe. She is suffering from rheumatism and went to the purpose of taking a trip to Schinznach, Switzerland, and the fact all of us, wished her to take the train before returning home. Of course, I shall be glad to see her, but I cannot help wishing that she remained in Europe for her own good."

During his talk with the newspaper men, Thaw took occasion to explain his failure to take advantage of the permission to go into the prison yard to exercise.

"The reason I was not in the yard was simple enough," he said. "I spent my day, when not engaged with my lawyers, in reading and writing letters. As a true I was fatigued, but not more than I have been frequently. As a fact, I did exercise in the empty corridor, which I had to myself while the prisoners were in the yard."

When Thaw bade the newspaper men goodbye he told them that he had thoroughly enjoyed the chat and added that to talk with any one besides his lawyers, doctors and prison officials, was "like getting a whiff of fresh air from the outside."

## Slight Wreck on the Southern.

Columbia, S. C., July 12.—Southern Railway passenger train No. 3, southbound, was derailed Tuesday afternoon 2 miles north of Furman. Four negroes, one passenger, and three employees of the dining car service were slightly injured. All of the injured are able to proceed with the train. The engine of the train except the engine left the track. Trains are being detoured for the Atlantic Coast Line to Yemassee, and thence over the C. & W. to Hardenville. No. 34, from Savannah, arrived here four hours late. The cause of the accident is unknown.

## American Whist League

Boston, July 12.—The first business session of the sixteenth annual congress of the American Whist League was held Tuesday at Hotel Somerset. The delegates of the clubs of the league, and the delegates of the newspaper and the organ of the league, offered an address of welcome. The delegates of the newspaper and the organ of the league, offered an address of welcome. The delegates of the newspaper and the organ of the league, offered an address of welcome.

## PASS TO THE SEA.

### Southwest Pass Building for Sea-Going Vessels.

New Orleans, July 12.—A description of the building of the great southwest pass, at the mouth of the Mississippi river, was made Tuesday by Clinton D. Sears, engineer in charge of this work, in his annual report.

Southwest pass is the second and largest of two deep channels built by the government through the delta of the Mississippi. South pass, which is at present the only inlet for ocean-going vessels being the other. Work on the new pass, which began December 31, 1903, has up to date produced a channel about 65 feet wide, and 15 feet deep, at an expense of \$2,001,893. The report estimates that it will cost an additional \$2,500,000 before the channel is 1,000 feet wide and 35 feet deep, its required dimensions.

The work includes the building of jetties, which by confining the current between them and thereby increasing the speed of flow, tend to keep the channel clear of deposit. The east jetty has been extended a distance of 21,700 feet, and the west jetty 16,148 feet. Another portion of the work is the checking up of other outlets of the river so as to divert all the water possible through the two commercial gateways. The report estimates that \$15,000 a year is needed to maintain the South pass, an increase of \$50,000 over the sum hitherto spent for this purpose.

## Train Flagged at Pitt's Brink.

Richland, Ga., July 12.—An electrical storm visited Richland and vicinity and considerable damage was done. A deep fall on the Seaboard Air Line railroad one-half mile east of town was washed out and but for Clinton Dennard would have caused a disastrous wreck. Dennard, who lives near, ran out and flagged the westbound passenger. When the train was stopped the engine was within 2 feet of the yawning chasm. Crops were badly damaged. Lands washed and the Elberth peaches which are now being shipped from here, were almost totally destroyed.

## Preacher Slays Brother-in-Law.

Mangum, Okla., July 12.—Rev. J. L. Rea, pastor of the Mangum Christian church, shot and probably fatally wounded George A. Stephens, his brother-in-law a farmer, and then cut his own throat. Rea, although badly wounded, may recover. Rev. Rea and his wife had separated. Mrs. Rea going to the home of her brother on a farm near Mangum. Stephens went to the minister's house and asked for his sister's belongings. The men quarreled, and Rea fired at Stephens with a shotgun. Rea formerly lived at Midlothian, Tex. He came here four years ago.

## Steamer Goes Ashore in Fog.

North Sydney, B. C., July 12.—The Elder-Dempsey line steamer Angolia, bound from Mexico for Montreal, via North Sydney, went ashore at Balerine, near Louisburg, N. C. No further particulars have yet been received, the vicinity being without the means of telephonic or telegraphic communication. It is supposed that the steamer struck during a fog. The coast at that point is very dangerous. Tugs have been sent to her assistance from North Sydney and from Louisburg. The Angolia registers 1,311 tons, and is in charge of Captain Thomas.

## Fell 165 Feet to Death.

Chicago, July 12.—After 20 years' experience as a "steeple Jack" James H. Glenn's time came Tuesday. The rigging to which he was heading on the top of a smoke stack at Thirty-sixth and Butler streets, gave way and he fell 165 feet to his death. Mr. Glenn, who was 46 years old, had suffered more than twenty falls in his career as a steeple climber.

## Suspended from Stock Exchange.

New York, July 12.—The suspension of William S. Alley, a member of the Stock Exchange, was announced on the floor of the exchange Wednesday. Mr. Alley's suspension was due to a judgment for \$12,000 on a note of \$100,000 which he had signed on Tuesday.

## FILIBUSTERED TO DELAY CONNOR BILL

### Mr. Flynt, of Spalding, Held Floor of House Two Hours.

#### FINALLY RULED OUT OF ORDER

##### It Is Said by Friends of Measure that Mr. Flynt's Filibustering Will Gain Votes for the Bill—No Legislation Accomplished at Morning Session.

Atlanta, July 12.—The house of representatives met at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, after having held a morning and afternoon session on Tuesday with but little accomplished in the way of legislation.

Parliamentary procedure was thoroughly exploited, all to the effect that it rests with the speaker of the house to close irrelevant debate when he sees fit, an exercise of power which the speaker, in view of the constitutional right of any member to be heard upon any proposition, is reluctant to exercise.

Immediately after the usual routine of the opening Mr. Flynt of Spalding, obtained the floor at 10:15 o'clock upon a motion to adjourn until five minutes after 10 o'clock this morning. Mr. Flynt obtained the floor under this pretext, his real object being to defeat the consideration of the bill by Mr. Connor, of Bartow, to appropriate \$100,000 for the establishment of an agricultural college at Athens. Mr. Flynt obtained the floor just subsequent to the motion of Mr. Felder, of Bibb, to take the bill in question from the table, and talked from 10:10 o'clock in the morning until noon, promptly at which hour the speaker ruled that the gentleman from Spalding was out of order. In that his remarks were irrelevant and out of order, violating rule No. 1 of the house.

The balance of the morning session was taken up by the call of the yeas and nays upon different propositions to adjourn Mr. Flynt addressed himself to an essay upon patriotism, asserting that the house had never in its history adjourned on July 10, 1906, and that it owed itself this treat after Mr. Hall, of Bibb, had robbed it of the enjoyment of the Fourth of July. He was frequently interrupted by questions, Mr. Knight, of Berrien, being his faithful lieutenant, to give him breathing time, but he held the floor until noon, when the speaker ruled that under rule 1, which invests the speaker with power to suppress irrelevant debate, he was declared out of order.

Said a prominent supporter of the bill which Mr. Flynt succeeded in defeating the consideration of: "Let him talk all he wishes to; he but gains votes for the bill and we have 122 votes checked up in its favor and its passage is assured."

An afternoon session was held, upon motion of Mr. Wright, of Floyd, commencing at 3 p. m. at which the bill of Mr. Blackburn, of Fulton, to establish a police patrol in each militia district of the state, was considered in the committee of the whole house, adopted by substitute as amended, and reported to the house with the recommendation that it do pass.

Pending further consideration of the bill, as reported by substitute and amended, was in order.

The bill, as reported by substitute and amended, provides for the establishment of a rural police patrol in each militia district of the state, such to be established upon the recommendation of the grand jury in each county. The bill was amended so as to provide that the police patrol should consist of a captain and not less than two or more men to be selected and appointed by the grand jury in each county, who should have the power to patrol the militia district, and is effective in each county of the state only upon the recommendation of a grand jury.

Mr. Blackburn, the author of the bill, made an able speech in its support, claiming that the purpose of the bill was an effort to protect the women of the state in the same manner

cheered in his short speech, and the probabilities are that the bill will pass the house with an easy majority in its favor.

The amendment of Mr. Rainey, of Senley, that each patrolman be provided with four rattling guns and six bloodhounds, was voted down by a vote of 68 to 52.

## Senate Wants Lieutenant Governor.

A bill was passed Tuesday by the state senate favoring a lieutenant governor by a vote of 32 to 5. Those who voted against Senator Wheatley's bill were Senators Adams, Graybill, King, Miller and Steed. The bill as passed is simply for a constitutional amendment providing for a lieutenant governor. If it is passed by the lower house the amendment will then go before the people of Georgia for ratification. If the bill is passed by this year's session of the legislature, it will be placed before the people for ratification at the approaching primary.

According to the bill, the lieutenant governor shall be ex-officio president of the senate. It does away with the senators' election of their own president. He will be elected directly by a vote of the people.

## Arnold's Slayer Acquitted.

Memphis, Tenn., July 12.—David A. Chambers, a plantation manager of HUI house, Miss., who on March 28 shot and killed Sam B. Arnold, a former bookkeeper on the plantation of which Chambers was the manager, was late Tuesday evening acquitted of the charge of murder. The killing of Arnold occurred in the buffet of a prominent local hotel. It was shown at the trial that domestic troubles in the Chambers household in which, it was alleged, Arnold figured, prompted the killing.

## Fever Appears in Havana, Cuba.

New Orleans, July 12.—Reports from Havana to the Louisiana state board of health say that two cases of fever, suspected to be yellow fever, were found in Havana Tuesday, and that one case of yellow fever developed at Nipa, Cuba, which was at first reported as suspected, was announced as paludic fever in the dispatches. The reports come from Louisiana health inspectors stationed in Cuba.

## Woman Is Dead at Age of 115.

Columbus, Ga., July 12.—Venus Wardlaw, a negro woman 115 years of age, died on the Schley place, in Chattahoochee county, a day or two ago. She was the oldest person in this section of the state. In slavery times she was the property of the late W. T. McHyde, who bought her in Charleston in 1828.

## He Avenged His Sisters.

Seattle, Wash., July 12.—George Mitchell, who shot and killed Franz Edmund Croffeld, leader of the sect known as "Holy Rollers," in this city, alleging that Croffeld had defamed and wronged his two sisters, was found not guilty by a jury. The defense was insanity.

## Battle Is Fought by Moonlight.

Davis, I. T., July 12.—A fight by moonlight which lasted over an hour, and in which perhaps a thousand shots were fired, occurred near here, resulting in the death of two men and the serious wounding of six others. The participants were negroes. Deasburg Brigg was kept up during the night, but the fight did not reach its deadly climax until 3 a. m.

## Negro Killed by Train.

Atlanta, July 12.—Will Crawford, a negro switchman employed by the Southern railway, was run over and killed by a switch engine in the Inman yards at about 10 o'clock Tuesday night. It is not known whether Crawford was unaware of the engine's approach or was caught in the tracks.

## Big Priorities Ordered.

Montgomery, Ala., July 12.—By order of the United States court, made Tuesday, the properties of the Louisville and Nashville steamship company will be sold at public outcry at Birmingham, October 1. There is one hundred and thirty-five thousand shares of the company.

## ATTEMPT TO KILL ADMIRAL CHOUKIN

### Who Is Commander of Black Sea Fleet.

#### THE ADMIRAL WAS WOUNDED

##### He Has Been Blamed for His Severity and It Was to His Treatment of the Crews that Mutiny on Battleship Kniaz Potemkine Was Attributed.

Sevastopol, May 12.—An attempt was made at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon to assassinate Vice Admiral Choukin, commander of the Black Sea fleet.

The admiral was wounded and taken to a hospital.

Vice Admiral Choukin has been blamed for his severity, and it was to his treatment of the crews of the ships under his command that the mutiny on board the battleship Kniaz Potemkine in June and July last year was attributed.

The admiral displayed considerable activity in attempting to capture the mutineers at that time and in suppressing the sailors' mutiny at Sevastopol in November last.

An attempt was made on the life of the admiral on February 9th, last.

## Fell Seven Stories to Death.

Atlanta, July 12.—Dropping from a window on the eighth floor of the Equitable building, J. L. Dorgott, a tailor, met instant death Tuesday afternoon about 6 o'clock. When Ernest Woodruff, president of the Atlanta Ice and Coal company, left his office in the Equitable building late Tuesday afternoon and went to his motor car on Pryor street he found seated there a coatless man, wearing a black derby, and in an apparently comatose condition. Mr. Woodruff drove the man out, and he, smiling, walked through the Pryor street entrance of the building to the elevator. He entered the car with two or three other passengers, and directed the elevator man to take him to the eighth floor. Arriving there, he walked to the north side of the building, and seeing a radiator at the window, climbed over it, lay at full length upon the broad sill and there, at that airy and dangerous position, went to sleep.

## Created Considerable Excitement.

Oyster Bay, July 12.—Edward Moore who claims to have been a sailor on the battleship Kentucky, created considerable disturbance here Wednesday when he called up Bagmore Hill on the telephone and announced that he was ready to take charge of the president's secret service force. From the telephone Moore made a circuit of the Oyster Bay saloon district, informed several of the saloon keepers that their licenses were invalid and that he would return to make arrests just as soon as he got his secret service uniform. His tour of the saloon district was interrupted by a policeman who took him into custody on a charge of intoxication.

## Board Adopts Report.

New York, July 12.—Princes Ivoff and Volkinsky are here trying to persuade the senate congress which is considering the famine situation to participate in the government relief work, but the majority of members are not inclined to assume any responsibility so long as the bureaucratic control the work.

## Sign Modus Vivendi.

Santiago, Chile, July 12.—A telegram from Lima Tuesday announced that a modus vivendi between Peru and Colombia has been signed obrogating the protocol of September, 1905, and instituting a new arrangement providing for the armies of both countries.

## Acted in Self Defense.

Atlanta, July 12.—The verdict of the coroner's jury in the inquest held over the body of Charles E. Black, was that Royal A. Charles, who did the killing, acted in self defense. Mr. Charles was thereupon liberated by the coroner.