

THAW-SANE ENOUGH, AVERS MR. JEROME

Argument for the People in the
Famous Trial.

COURTROOM IS CROWDED

District Attorney Changes His View
of Stanford White.

OFFERS NO EXCUSES FOR HIM

Mr. Littleton, in Closing for the De-
fense, Calls Abe Hummel a
Snake and a Rat.

Conceding that Harry K. Thaw may have had irrational outbreaks now and then during the thirty-six years of his life, District Attorney William Travers Jerome, in his plea for the conviction of Stanford White's slayer today, declared there was absolutely nothing in the case presented to the jury to show that Thaw was so insane the night of the tragedy that he did not know the nature or quality of his act or that the act was wrong. The prosecutor followed this, however, by signifying very plainly that he believed justice would be served if the defendant should be found guilty of some lesser degree of criminal responsibility than murder in the first degree.

NEW YORK, January 30.—District Attorney Jerome made the final argument for the state today at the trial of Harry K. Thaw for the killing of Stanford White. Mr. Jerome at the outset told the jury that they must keep before them all the while the point at issue, and that was whether or not Thaw was sane when he killed White on the Madison Square roof garden. It made no difference as to what Thaw's action at other times may have been. If they were of the opinion that Thaw knew that he held a revolver in his hand, that it was White whom he was shooting and that he knew that his act was wrong they must bring in a verdict of murder in the first degree.

At the early stages of his argument, too, Mr. Jerome dwelt a considerable time on the lesser degrees of crime, and pointed out circumstances that might bring the killing under the class of cases that call for a verdict of murder in the second degree or manslaughter. He quoted from a decision of the court of appeals to show that he was not bound to go out and prove that the defendant was sane there was no burden upon the defense.

The decision, he said, set forth that partial or incidental insanity could not be pleaded as a defense as that the attorneys for the prisoner must have something more stable on which to base their plea.

A good deal of the morning session was taken up by the prosecution ridiculing the evidence as to Thaw's insanity. They said that the psychiatrists spoken of as a child, he said, which might have been cured by that most effective of medical treatments, a good spanking. He would not say that the psychiatrists spoken of by his nurse and his kindergartner teacher showed that he was insane on the Madison Square roof garden on the night of June 25, 1906. Neither was this shown from the fact that Thaw had kicked over his breakfast accidentally from his floor in Washington, D. C., or that he lived in London and Monte Carlo, or that he lived in Rome.

All through his address of the forenoon Mr. Jerome's tone seldom went beyond conversational pitch.

Privileged Spectators.
There was another great crush at the Criminal Courts building today to hear District Attorney Jerome make the closing address for the people in the Thaw case. When the doors were opened the chamber was found to be already filled with specially privileged spectators. Justice Downing was late in getting down town, and it was some time after the usual hour set for convening when he took his place on the bench.

Evenly Nesbit Thaw and Joseph Thaw were the only members of the defendant's family present when the defendant made his argument at 11 o'clock. He declared his case had been handled by him with some difficulty, as he was not generally a matter of importance to attend to at the same time.

THE ALDRICH BILL

Financial Measure Reported
to Senate.

EMERGENCY NATURE OF IT

Amendments Intended for More
Money in a Stringency.

A TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY

Secretary of Treasury Must Approve
Recommendation of Controller
of Currency for Issue.

Senator Aldrich, chairman of the Senate committee on finance, today favorably reported his bill providing for an emergency increase in the national bank circulation. The report was authorized at a meeting of the committee held today at which all the republican members present voted in favor of the bill, and all the democrats voted for the Bailey substitute. Senator Hansborough, who favors a central bank scheme, was not present, and his vote was unrecorded. The only democrats in attendance were Senators Teller, Bailey and Daniel. Senator Tallaferro, who is absent in Florida, was reported as voting for the Bailey substitute. Senator Money also was absent and his vote was unrecorded. Mr. Aldrich said he would call the bill up for consideration Monday, February 10.

Mr. Aldrich said he made this announcement as to time so that senators might have an opportunity to prepare for the discussion of the bill. He said that the committee had under consideration some amendments to the bill relating to railroad bonds and probably would suggest them at a later day. He explained that the bill was the bill of the majority of the committee, and that the members of the minority might have a substitute to offer later. He also added that his correspondence with the interstate commerce commission upon the subject of railroad securities would be presented as a document.

Mr. Aldrich said that if the finance committee proposed to submit a written report on the banking bill he wished to reserve the right on behalf of the majority of the committee to do the same hereafter.

Mr. Aldrich replied that it had not been customary to submit reports in such cases, but he expected to explain the measure on behalf of the committee. In that case Mr. Bailey said it would not be necessary to reserve any right for a report.

Summary of the Bill.

Various amendments which have been published from time to time appear in the bill, although in general character the bill remains the same as when introduced. There has been an effort on the part of the committee to emphasize the emergency nature of the act that is proposed, and to this end various amendments are inserted in the bill which are intended to cause speedy consideration of the bill by the Senate. The following amendments are inserted in the first section of the bill in lieu of the original section:

"The controller of the currency shall transmit immediately the application, with all the facts and circumstances connected with the same, to the Secretary of the Treasury who shall, if in his judgment necessary conditions in the locality demand additional circulation, approve the same, and shall cause the same to be printed and fix the amount within the limitations herein provided of the additional circulation notes to be issued under the provisions of this act shall be made as equitable as practicable between the issue of the existing law and the issue of the currency power to fix the time and amount of issue when application is made, according to his judgment and at his discretion."

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Limit of Issue.

The clause of the original bill fixing 75 per cent of the market value of the national bank and railroad bonds as the limit of the issue of notes against them has been amended so that railroad bonds alone are to be taken at 75 per cent of their market value. Notes may be issued against deposits of municipal and county bonds up to 90 per cent of their market value.

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There is an amendment making it the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to obtain information with reference to the circulation and character of the municipal and railroad securities authorized to be issued under the provisions of the act, and he is required from time to time to furnish information to national banking associations as to such bonds as would be issued under the act.



BELLING THE CAT.

RAILWAY TRACKS TO PLAZA

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DIVIDED IN OPINION.

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CHARGES DISMISSED

Baltimore Grand Jury Rejects Detec-
tives' Claim Against Goffe.

BALTIMORE, Md., January 30.—The grand jury has dismissed the charges against Alfred Constantine Goffe, a partner of Antonio Lanasa in the Goffe Steamship and Importing Company. Goffe was charged by the detectives with being one of the conspirators who met at the home of the late Harry Thaw at the residence of Joseph Di Giorgio, was perfected. Goffe is a Jamaican, and at his preliminary hearing he testified that he did not speak Italian.

VANDERLIT GETS THE FLAG.

Purchases Old Glory That Floated
From Man-of-War Chesapeake.

LONDON, January 30.—The flag of the American man-of-war Chesapeake, captured in the fight with the British ship Shannon in 1813, was put up at auction in this city today and sold for \$4,250 to a dealer named Partridge. It is reported that Partridge acted for Cornelius Vanderlitt.

MAUD GONNE LOSES SUIT.

French Superior Court Rejected Ap-
peal in Divorce Case.

PARIS, January 30.—The superior court today rejected the appeal from the finding of the lower court brought by Mrs. McBride, better known as Maud Gonne, the "Irish Jew of Arc," who sued her husband, Maj. McBride, for an absolute divorce. The legal separation decreed by the lower court was confirmed by the superior court. Mrs. McBride brought her first action in the summer of 1906 and was then granted a judicial separation from her husband, who was a prominent member of the Irish brigade of the Boer army during the South African war. This tribunal refused to grant her an absolute divorce on account of her Irish nationality.

COLLAPSED IN COURT.

Sensational Incident of the McDon-
ald Trial at Chicago.

CHICAGO, January 30.—At the trial today of Mrs. Doris McDonald, charged with the murder of Webster S. Guerin, Policeman John Donerty told of finding in the desk of Guerin one of the bullets from the revolver held by Mrs. McDonald at the time of her arrest. On cross-examination the defense demanded to know why he had carried the bullet in his pocket for ten months without saying anything about it.

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KING WINTER IS BACK

Plays a Return Engagement in
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MERCURY WAY BELOW ZERO

How Would You Like to Be the
Coal Man?

BOSTON IS NICELY ICED UP

Chicago Is Not So Cold, But the
Rest of the Northwest Has
the Shakes.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

NEW YORK, January 30.—A cold wave that came whirling out of the north-
west yesterday afternoon and sent the mercury tumbling was very much in evidence today. At sunrise this morning the official thermometer registered 6 degrees above zero. At 10 o'clock it was 2 degrees warmer.

The coldest day of the winter was reported from upstate points, being very severe in the Adirondack region. The most frigid spot was Mount in the Bronx, where the mercury dropped to 37 degrees below zero. At Owl's Head it was 34 below, and at Malone 30 below.

Western cities reported cold weather. Chicago 4 degrees above zero, and Buffalo 6 above. Cincinnati had it comparatively warm, however, with a temperature of 17 degrees above. It was generally fair in the northern part of the country.

The icy blasts which swept down on the city sent the mercury tumbling to the lowest point of the present season. The mercury brought to 12 degrees below zero, and even death came to some.

Patrick Allen, who for forty years had been a horse and carriage driver, succumbed to cold and exposure just as he was about to finish his night's work and tumbled from the platform of his car into the street. He was taken to the hospital in a dying condition.

John J. Harrington, a news dealer, was found lying in a roadway in the Bronx, his body frozen that he died soon after being taken to a hospital.

A man who said he was Ginter Empel, twenty-one years old, was found lying in a roadway in the Bronx. He had slipped on the icy pavement and sustained a fracture of the ankle. He was found in a hospital in a critical condition. Sixteen-year-old Charles Jackson, who was also found in a hospital, is a result of exposure.

From 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when the temperature stood at 30 degrees above zero, the cold increased steadily until 7 o'clock this morning, when the mercury stood at only 6 degrees above. A high wind came with the cold wave.

Zero Weather in New England.

BOSTON, January 30.—New England today was in the grip of a cold wave which was particularly welcomed by the ice dealers, especially those in southeastern New England. A stiff gale blew all last night, and incoming shipping not only showed the effects of the butting, but some of the vessels were badly ice-bound.

In some parts of Connecticut the thermometer registered 12 below zero. Ice harvesting this morning was a long time before the low temperatures paid in years. The crop so far has been light.

Eastern Pennsylvania Around Zero.

PHILADELPHIA, January 30.—The coldest weather of the winter in eastern Pennsylvania was experienced today when the temperature in the mountain regions went below the zero mark. The minimum temperature in this city was 11 degrees below zero. The weather in the western part of the state is warmer than that in the east.

32 Degrees Below Zero.

CHICAGO, January 30.—The coldest weather of the season came to Chicago yesterday. The mercury peaked at 12 degrees below zero, and the government thermometer registered two-tenths of a degree above zero. In the suburbs lower temperatures were reported. Many Chicago street thermometers recorded 5 degrees below. Charity associations today began preparations to alleviate the sufferings caused by the cold weather.

Reports received from the northwest show that Bay's temperature was 14 below; Madison, 10; Duluth, 28; St. Paul, 22, and Milwaukee, 6. Superior, Wis., was the coldest point on the lake, with thermometers there registering 32 below zero.

Zero Weather in Maryland.

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HAGERSTOWN, Md., January 30.—Zero weather prevailed at a number of points in this section of Maryland this morning, there having been a decline of 30 degrees in the temperature since yesterday. Today is the coldest of the winter, the thermometers ranging from 8 to 10 above in Hagerstown. All small streams and ponds are frozen over and indications point to a fine harvest of natural ice.

Firemen Suffer Intense Cold.