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JURY DECLARES HARRY K. THAW IS A SANE MAN

Twelve Men Vote Slayer of White
to Be of Sound Mind, but His
Freedom Waits on Judge
Hendrick.

COURT DECIDES ON FRIDAY
Will Then Announce Whether Order
Sending Defendant to Mattea-
wan Stands.

CROWDS GO WILD WITH JOY

NEW YORK, July 14.—Harry K. Thaw today was declared sane by a jury, which for nearly three weeks listened to testimony given in the supreme court here before Justice Peter Hendrick. Forty-eight minutes were consumed and two ballots were taken in reaching a verdict.

Justice Hendrick on Friday morning will announce whether the commitment upon which Thaw was incarcerated in the state hospital for the criminal insane at Matteawan shall be vacated, thereby giving to the slayer of Stanford White the liberty for which he has fought in the courts for nine years.

Judge Warns Crowd.
It was at the end of a day of addresses by counsel and the charge of the justice that the jury retired. While the twelve men were deliberating the crowd in the court room and about the court house was augmented by scores of people who believed that a verdict quickly would be found. Shortly before 4 o'clock a balliff came from the jury room and informed Justice Hendrick that a verdict had been reached. The doors immediately were locked and Justice Hendrick, ascending the bench, warned the spectators that any demonstration would be met with severe punishment.

Then the jury came in. In reply to a question by the clerk of the court whether a verdict had been reached, the foreman handed over a sheet of legal paper, which was passed to the justice on the bench. Justice Hendrick read it and handed it back to the clerk.

"Gentlemen of the jury," said the clerk, "the question you have been asked is this: Is Harry K. Thaw now sane? Your answer is yes."

Despite the warning, several persons stood up in front of their seats. The court room burst like a dynamo. Justice Hendrick and a dozen court attendants rapped for order.

Kisses Mother.
Meanwhile Thaw, who until the verdict was announced, sat at the counsel table with his chin resting in a handkerchief, had turned around and grasped the hand of several of his counsel. Then he went to where his mother was sitting a few feet away and, throwing his arms about her neck, kissed her twice. Mrs. Thaw at the same time patted her daughter, Mrs. George L. Carnegie, on the shoulder. Thaw later shook hands with his half-brother, Joseph Thaw.

The verdict recorded, John B. Stanchfield, chief counsel for Thaw, made a motion that the commitment signed by Justice Dowling following a verdict of insanity, which was returned by the jury at Thaw's second trial for the murder of White, be vacated.

Justice Hendrick asked Deputy Attorney General Becker what he had to say to such a motion. Mr. Becker, in reply, requested time in which the state might prepare an appeal. Justice Hendrick granted the request, but he had not minded the lawyers' delay. He had not given his decision, and that consequently it had not been finally decided which side might desire an appeal. He then set 11 o'clock tomorrow morning as the time when he would receive briefs and hear arguments in his chambers upon the motion to dismiss the commitment. The jury was discharged and then court adjourned.

Shakes Hands with Jurors.
As soon as the jury was dismissed, Thaw crossed to the box and shook hands warmly with each of the men. His (Continued on Page Two, Column Five.)

RUSE TO DECEIVE THE ENEMY—How the big guns are disguised to protect them from the sight of the enemy airship scouts.



HEDRICK SLAIN BY UNION SOLDIERS, SWEARS VETERAN

Captain McCoum Testifies Father of
Mrs. Pease Shot as Spy and Made
to Dig His Own Grave by
Executioners.

NOT VICTIM OF BANDIT CREW
Pioneer, Who Was Cause of Four
Being Arrested on Murder
Charges, Tells Story.

LONG SOUGHT FOR TREASURE

Bedford, Ia., July 14.—William Hedrick, the father of Mrs. Margaret Pease and George Hedrick of Des Moines, was not murdered by bandits in Taylor county, Captain L. S. McCoum of Bedford declared today. Instead he was shot by a squad of union soldiers in 1862, who suspected the Missourian to be a spy of the rebels within their lines.

Captain McCoum is a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars. A squad of soldiers in the northern army caught Hedrick in Taylor county. They suspected him of being a spy. The captain declared, and after making him dig his own grave, shot him to death while he was standing on its edge.

The soldiers were in command, the says, of Captain Flick, grandfather of Attorney S. J. Flick, who is handling the defense for the four Taylor county pioneers.

Samuel Anderson, the aged pioneer who was the cause of four of his neighbors being brought into court on charges of murder in connection with the so-called Siam murder and treasure chest case, testified.

Anderson followed John A. McKenle of Omaha on the witness stand at 11 o'clock and his evidence was expected to take up the greater part of the afternoon. The witness' story on the stand did not vary greatly from that which he told in public statements recently. He detailed his almost continuous efforts during the last twenty years to dig up a treasure chest on his farm, which was the scene of the alleged murder and robbery of Nathaniel Smith, a Missouri cattlemaster, and his son in 1862.

An important development of the day was when Mrs. Elizabeth Benson of Dover, O., the widow of Jonathan Dark, who is alleged to have figured in the Siam farm murder and robbery case, told Attorney General Cosson that her sister, Mattie Collins McAlister, was acquitted of the murder of Jonathan Dark at Independence, Mo., on the plea of insanity.

Mrs. Benson is to take the stand for the defense and it is said, deny the statements of her other sister, Mrs. Maria Collins Porter, the state's chief witness.

Mrs. Porter Clears Up Points.
Before Anderson began his story, Mrs. Porter resumed the stand and cleared up points passed over in the hearing last night.

A new clue to the identity of Smith's daughter was furnished Attorney Hulman, who received a letter from Kansas City. A woman who signed herself as "E," told of a relative named Nathaniel Smith, who went to Kansas City from Indiana at the close of the civil war. He invested heavily in land in and about Kansas City, holding it for speculation.

A year or so later he sold the land and with his small fortune started for Taylor county, Iowa, ostensibly to buy cattle. He never returned.

Attorney Flick representing the defendants, brought forth a dramatic answer from Mrs. Porter, when on cross-examination he referred to the fact that Dr. C. B. Huntsman, Dr. A. E. Golday and Jonathan Dark, who, the witness claimed, were participants in the murder of Smith, had since died.

"You can repeat what those dead men said, can't you?" he asked, "but you cannot repeat what these living defendants said."

"Yes, I can," replied Mrs. Porter quickly, as she pointed a finger at Samuel Scrivner, one of the defendants.

"Sam Scrivner said, 'Let's divide the money now, and Jonathan Dark said, 'No, let's wait.'"

Scrivner smiled at this.
Date of Murder Revised.
Mrs. Porter, in her testimony last night, fixed the date of the alleged murder of Smith and his son as some time after the death of her father, Floyd Collins, in September, 1860, "probably in 1871." The warrants on which the four defendants are held charge that the crime was committed in 1862. Attorney Hulman said these would be amended.

John A. McKenle, an Omaha attorney, who is assisting the prosecution, followed Mrs. Porter on the stand and told of having seen the tombstone of Floyd Collins in Siam cemetery. He said this tombstone gave the date of Collins' death as September 2, 1870.

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RAILROADS BADLY WASHED BY RAINS

Twelve Bridges on Wabash Between
Omaha and St. Louis Give Way
Before Flood.

CROP LOSS WILL BE HEAVY

The rains throughout eastern Nebraska, western Iowa and northwestern Missouri Tuesday afternoon, night and Wednesday have resulted in damages of fully \$1,000,000 to the roads operating out of Omaha, according to local railroad officials. They are of the opinion that the damage to crops in the storm area will be an additional \$1,000,000, and perhaps considerable more.

As a result of the torrential rains during the last twenty-four hours, bridges along the railroad lines have been washed away. Along the valleys of the streams for miles on either side the rich agricultural lands are under water to a depth of from one to six and nine feet. In these sections where there are many thousands of acres of corn and small grain, it is asserted that crops are totally destroyed, that in many localities it will be days before the water will run off and that then it will be too late to replant.

Roads to South Inoperative.
There was not a road operating trains between Omaha and Kansas City and St. Louis, though late in the afternoon the Missouri Pacific resumed service.

West of the Missouri river the damage sustained by the railroads was insignificant as compared with that through Iowa and in western Missouri. From Fremont to Norfolk, all along the Elkhorn valley, the water was up to or over the tracks. The bridges withstood the floods, but in many places the grades were softened and badly washed.

Many Acres Under Water.
A conservative estimate by Northwestern officials indicates that up the Elkhorn valley fully 10,000 acres of crop is under water. Some fields only a few inches, while in others the water is as many feet deep.

The main line of the Omaha road from above Blair, all the way to Sioux City, and where it is built on the lowlands, is under water. The bridges remain intact, but the track is badly washed. The same conditions maintain across from Emerson to Norfolk, and on the Hartington and Bloomfield branches. Through this section of the state, corn and small grain on the rolling land is badly washed, much of it being torn out by the roots and carried into the lowlands below. All the streams are out of their banks and some of those that at low water are only a few feet wide, have now spread out from one-half to a mile over the valleys.

Down the Missouri and for twenty-five to forty miles back in the state, it is asserted that conditions are even worse than farther north, the rain having been heavier and continued longer.

Reports to the railroads indicate that from late Tuesday afternoon around Plattsmouth, Nebraska City, Auburn, Peru, Brownville, Wesping, Water, Verdun, Stella and a dozen other towns in the southern part of the state, the precipitation was from four to eight inches and, owing to considerable of the land being rolling, the water rushed through the fields in torrents, tearing out the grain and turning all ravines and small streams into rivers.

Farmers Lose Heavily.
All through the southeast part of the state, including Cass, Otoe, Johnson, Pawnee, Richardson and Nemaha counties, the loss to farmers, it is asserted, will be unparalleled in the history of Nebraska.

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WILL SEND PROTEST TO GREAT BRITAIN

State Department Will Make Representations
Regarding Delay
of Meat Cargoes.

THIRTY-ONE SHIPS DETAINED

WASHINGTON, July 14.—After conferences with representatives of the leading American meat packers today State department officials said formal representations would be made to Great Britain for the release of neutral meat cargoes detained by British naval authorities. The character of the representations has not been decided.

The packers complained that despite assurances of expedition of their cases before the British prize court not one of their cargoes had been released so far. They said thirty-one American, British and other ships carrying the American meat products consigned to the Scandinavian countries were held up. Postponements of which they have previously complained, they said, were continuing without reason, to the hardship of the packers.

Saloon Keeper at Pinedale, Wyo., is Murdered with Axe

PINEDALE, Wyo., July 14.—(Special.)—Richard Grant, 64, was murdered in his saloon, the Fremont, some time between midnight and 6:30 o'clock, yesterday morning, the murderer splitting his skull with an axe and then hacking his body in a score of places. No crime in the history of the "upper country" of Fremont county so excited the population as has this one, and the murderer, if he can be identified, will be summarily dealt with if he is caught before Sheriff L. B. Gaylord arrives, if, indeed, the presence of the sheriff could prevent violence.

The instrument showed off the top of his head and his brains splattered out upon the bar and floor. After dealing the fatal blow the murderer went around the bar to where the body lay and again and again hacked the limbs and trunk. The surrounding walls, bar and floor were splashed with blood until the room resembled a slaughter pen. When Allison entered the blood was just beginning to congeal, indicating that the crime had not been committed long previously.

The safe of the saloon and the cash register were rifled, but there is a suspicion that the murder was not with the motive of robbery and that the money receptacles were emptied merely to cause belief that a robber had done the job.

Grant's body was found by Roy Allison, an employe, when the latter entered the saloon at 6:30 o'clock. It was lying behind the bar, where Grant had fallen when he was struck with an axe or maul. The instrument showed off the top of his head and his brains splattered out upon the bar and floor. After dealing the fatal blow the murderer went around the bar to where the body lay and again and again hacked the limbs and trunk. The surrounding walls, bar and floor were splashed with blood until the room resembled a slaughter pen.

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Austria Tried for Peace With Serbia

ROME (Via Paris), July 14.—A semi-official announcement published in Rome to the effect that when Italy's entrance in the conflict appeared inevitable Austria-Hungary first attempted to make a separate peace with Serbia and then tried to conclude an armistice which would allow it to remove its troops from the Serbian frontier is causing a deep impression in Italy.

Although these negotiations only leaked out in the present semi-official announcement, considering the caution of the Italian foreign office, it is taken by the Italian press to indicate that the Italian government possesses the proofs of its assertions.

STRIKE MAY TIE UP LARGE ARMS PLANT

President of Company Says Dispute
Between Unions is Stirred Up by
German Sympathizers.

MACHINISTS TO MEET FRIDAY

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., July 14.—The strike situation at the plant of the Remington Arms company, where union organizations are disputing matters of jurisdiction, and which threatens, unless settled, to involve several thousand iron workers in the city and to tie up shipment of war munitions, was close to a standstill today.

Labor leaders present in the city did not look for any important developments pending word from Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who has been asked to intervene in the trouble, or the mass meeting of machinists set for Friday night, when the question of a general strike in the city will be taken up.

The bone of contention, the labor men say, is the matter of the affiliation of the millwrights employed by the Stewart Construction company, which is working on new buildings for the arms company, both the carpenters and the metal workers claiming them. The dispute is said to be, in one form or another, a trouble of long standing which has come to a head at the present time, and the labor leaders declare it is purely a matter between the unions and not due to outside influence.

Major Walter W. Fenfield, U. S. A., retired, head of the arms company, expressed the belief that the difficulties are due to the work of German sympathizers who wish to hinder the shipment of war munitions.

"There is not the shadow of a doubt," he said, "that this whole thing is the work of Germans or German sympathizers. I am not speaking from hearsay or suspicion. I have good reasons to know just what I am talking of."

Chicago Painters Will Arbitrate.
CHICAGO, July 14.—Complete labor peace in Chicago was in prospect today for the first time in years with the announcement that the painters and metal workers, who have been on a strike for more than two months, had agreed to arbitrate.

More than 10,000 union painters will be affected by a settlement. The striking electrical workers also are expected to agree to arbitration of a wage controversy.

Employers and labor leaders also are of the opinion that labor peace in Chicago promises to be lasting as a result of recent successes in arbitration in the street car men's strike and carpenters' strike.

MALVERN PACES GO OVER ON ACCOUNT OF RAIN

MALVERN, Ia., July 14.—(Special.)—More than one and one-half inches of rain fell here last night, making the race track so heavy that the races have been postponed one day, lasting over Thursday and Friday.

STOP OFF AT THE
OMAHA
THE GATE CITY OF THE WEST
Let us repeat that though
The Bee originated and inaugurated the "stop off" campaign we claim no patent on it. We again invite the other newspapers to take hold and boost with us.

VILLA COLUMN IS MOVING ON CAPITAL

Chieftain's Agency Says General
Obregon is Completely Isolated
from His Base.

FOOD IS REACHING THE CITY

WASHINGTON, July 14.—Another column of Villa forces meanwhile, according to advices to such agents here, is continuing the campaign toward Mexico City. After the capture of Queretaro yesterday, it is claimed they completely isolated Obregon from his base of supplies.

A statement issued by the agency on authority from General Villa wishes to deny emphatically the report that he is to relinquish his position as commander-in-chief in favor of General Jose Isabel Robles, or that there is any movement a-foot among his generals aiming at such action.

Carranza Will Build Tower.
General Carranza has ordered the erection of a wireless station at Chapultepec to insure constant communication between Mexico City and Vera Cruz. American Consul Silliman at Vera Cruz so reported today after having been in direct communication with the Brazilian minister in the capital.

Food supplies chiefly corn, are arriving in the city, Mr. Silliman added, and General Obregon has announced that he will give preference to supply trains over troop trains entering the city.

At a conference yesterday between the Brazilian minister, the British chargé and representatives of the Carranza forces, full guarantees of protection were given with the notice that there would be severe punishment for any infraction of the order. Consul Silliman also confirmed other dispatches from Mexico City that General Gonzales had captured the water works which has been cut off by the Zapata forces evacuating the city.

Another message to the State department said General Villa evidently had evacuated Augustus Calientes, the forces which had been in conflict with General Obregon's troops near that point proceeding northward. Communication by General Obregon to Augustus Calientes, the dispatch added, was expected to be established soon. There were no advices on the reported capture of Queretaro by Villa troops.

Promise of Amnesty.
General Carranza will issue an amnesty decree to Mexicans who return "to the true path." His agency here today received this dispatch from Vera Cruz:

"With reference to the occupation of Mexico City, General Pablo Gonzales will afford all kinds of guarantees to natives and foreigners. He has instructions from me severely to punish all crimes against property.

"Within a few days I will, in my capacity of first chief, issue an amnesty law in an endeavor to have those in error return to the true path and to restore peace and order in the republic."

Carranzistas Take Saitillo.
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., July 14.—Captures of Saitillo, Mexico, was claimed in a message from Nuevo Laredo received at the Carranza consulate early today. Details were lacking and no mention was made of the casualties on either side nor prisoners taken.

Saitillo was lost a month ago by the constitutionalist garrison under command of General Luis Gutierrez to Orestes P. Leyra, a Villa commander. Gutierrez was forced to retreat and await reinforcements. These were sent him by General Trevino, and with a force of 2,000 men he moved on the lost stronghold.

Three White Men is Shot Down by Posse Negro Who Killed

MACON, Ga., July 14.—A posse of citizens and county officers today shot and killed Peter Jackson, a negro accused of killing three white men near Cochran, Ga. The negro had barricaded himself in his home and defied the posse who, according to reports received here, blew up the house with dynamite. Jackson, it was stated, continued firing after his house was dynamited, and he then was shot down.

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Three White Men Killed by Negro

MACON, Ga., July 14.—Three white men are dead today at Cochran, Ga., in Pulaski county, and a posse estimated to number several hundred farmers, heavily armed, has surrounded the home of a negro farm hand who is alleged to have shot and killed the three men. The negro has barricaded himself in his home.

James Jackson, the negro, at last reports, had succeeded in holding off the posse.

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GREAT ARMIES IN GALICIA ARE ON DEFENSIVE

Russ and Teuton Hosts Near Kras-
nik Apparently Each Waiting
for the Next Move by
the Other.

FIGHTING ON THE WEST LINE

French Statement Says Ground Lost
to Germans in Argonne Forest
Has Been Regained.

TURKEY IS READY TO QUIT

BULLETTIN.
GENVA, Switzerland, July 14.—(Via Paris.)—The Italians have captured two miles of Austrian trenches in the Carnic Alps, according to a dispatch received today by the Tribune from Villach, an Austrian town on the river Drava, fifty-two miles northwest of Laibach.

LONDON, July 14.—For more than a week the Austro-German offensive in Galicia and Poland has been hanging fire, while the Russians, their center having fallen back on a more advantageous line in the heights to the north of Krasnik, apparently are awaiting the next move of the Teutonic forces.

Fresh ammunition and reinforcements may bring a sudden revival of activity in this war theater, but meantime the western front, by reason of uncertainty as to which side plans a general offensive, will offer the greatest possibilities of interesting developments.

The French claim their front in the Argonne forest after being dented by a violent attack made by the army of Crown Prince Frederick William, has been restored, the net result being a venture for the Germans; but the strength of the offensive at this point is in question, with analysts on both the Argonne or the Woerwe districts will not be selected for a general German offensive rather than the battle grounds in Flanders.

Many reports from Balkan sources revive the rumors that Turkey is weary of (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

The Day's War News

BATTLE LINE IN FRANCE is furnishing for the moment the only news of pronounced military activity. The German struggle for Verdun is regarded by observers on the side of the entente allies as less in earnest, with analysts on both the Argonne and the Woerwe. Latest French reports record a check for the German crown prince in his attacks in the former region.

ALMOST COMPLETE SILENCE veils the situation in the eastern war theater.

ROME REPORTS the situation along the Austrian front unaltered. The latest Austrian statement says there have been several artillery engagements and that an infantry attack was repulsed near Rediguglia.

GERMAN ENGINEERS are strengthening the defense of Constantinople on a huge scale, according to advices through Mytilene received in London.

GERMAN THREAT at Verdun has resulted in an important gain of ground, according to the current official statement from Berlin.

LATEST FRENCH official statement claims that German attacks in the Argonne were definitely stopped.

FIGURES GIVEN OUT in Berlin show the sinking of forty-two merchant vessels by German submarines during the month of June, the tonnage of destroyed shipping, including fishing craft, totaling 125,000 tons.

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