

Thaw in Attempt to Gain Freedom

Counsel Making Effort to Have Him Adjudged Legally Competent.

New York, Jan. 3.—Bartholomew E. Coyne, a New York lawyer, who for several years has represented Harry K. Thaw, today definitely confirmed reports that his client, the slayer of Stanford White, now in a Philadelphia asylum, would soon seek his freedom.

New York, Jan. 3.—District Attorney Banton, informed of Harry K. Thaw's reported intention to take steps to have himself declared sane that he might face charges pending against him in New York, announced last night his office would vigorously prosecute the two indictments against him should he gain his freedom.

New York, Jan. 3.—Counsel for Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White and since 1917 confined in Kirkbride's asylum in Philadelphia, are seeking to have him adjudged legally competent, says a copyright story from Philadelphia appearing yesterday in the New York Sun.

If freed Thaw's counsel hope to obtain for him restoration of his personal fortune, now estimated at nearly \$1,000,000, according to the story. Then he would proceed to New York and surrender there to face charges of having beaten a boy—charges of which his counsel hope to clear him.

Action to Be Taken Soon. According to the newspaper story legal proceedings will be started within two weeks in the common pleas court in Philadelphia to have Thaw adjudged legally competent. There overtures would be made to the New York authorities in order that Thaw might surrender. His counsel will seek to arrange bail and an early trial.

Thaw stands accused here of having lured Frederick Gump, Jr., son of a Kansas City manufacturer, to a New York hotel and with having beaten his naked body savagely with a whip after having locked the boy in a room. The specific charges are kidnapping and second degree assault. Conviction would carry a long term in Sing Sing, indelented with Thaw is George C. O'Byrne, a companion.

The article states Thaw's defense will be that he was adjudged insane at the time he was alleged to have committed the acts of which he is accused, but that he now is sane.

Killed Stanford White. Son of a Pittsburgh millionaire, Thaw in June, 1906, shot and killed Stanford White, noted architect, in the midst of a crowd of diners on the roof of the old Madison Square Garden. Thaw's grievance was based on a confession he said had been made to him by his wife, who was Evelyn Nesbit, a chorus girl, regarding White's relations with her prior to her marriage.

Thaw won a nine-year fight for freedom, carried through the courts of New York, New Hampshire and Canada. First he was acquitted of the charge of murder, but declared insane. Then in June, 1915, after he had escaped from an asylum and had been brought back from Canada, he was declared sane and freed.

Philadelphia, Jan. 3.—Former Judge James Gay Gordon, counsel for Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, mother of Harry K. Thaw, indicated today that any attempt to have Thaw released from the Pennsylvania hospital for mental and nervous diseases would be opposed.

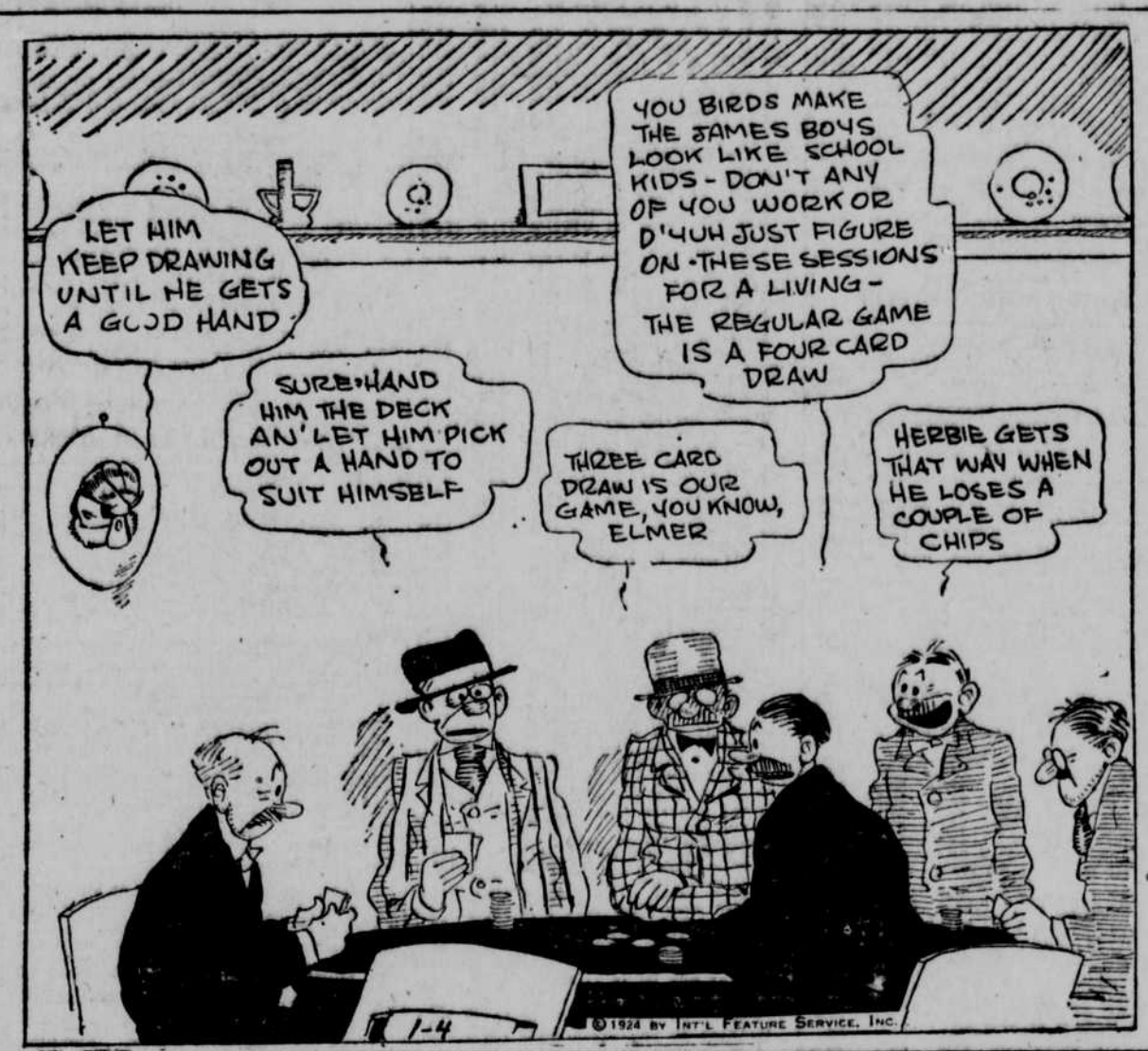
Thaw to Settle With Boy Victim

New York, Jan. 3.—Confirmation of reports that Harry K. Thaw would seek his freedom from a Philadelphia asylum to face charges of having lured Frederick Gump, Jr., of Kansas City in a New York hotel in 1917, today was followed by announcement that Gump would agree to settle a \$50,000 civil damage suit against Thaw out of court and indications that he would let the criminal charge lapse.

Shortly after Bartholomew E. Coyne, a New York lawyer representing Thaw, had confirmed reports that he would soon institute in the Pennsylvania courts proceedings to have his client declared sane, he went into conference with Frank P. Walsh, representing young Gump, whose father is a wealthy manufacturer. The announcement concerning the civil suit settlement then was made by Walsh, who said that his client was married two months ago and now was living in California.

EDDIE'S FRIENDS

The Fellow Who Insists on a Four Card Draw



Seine Overflow Pours Onto Paris

Flood Threatens Disaster—Waters Encircle Public Buildings.

Paris, Jan. 3.—The flood in the Seine is assuming the proportions of a disaster to sections of Paris and its environs. The river rose 15 inches in the 24 hours ended at noon today, adding to the considerable damage already done in the suburbs and along the river in the departments of the Seine and Seine-et-Oise and causing the city itself to suffer seriously. Many buildings along both banks of the river, notably the ministry of foreign affairs and the ministry of finance, have had their cellars flooded and today a small army of workmen—masons and bricklayers—began walling up the entrances to the chamber of deputies and foreign ministry to prevent further ingress of the waters.

The river is rising fast and gaining steadily on the pumps being feverishly worked to keep the subways from being flooded and the water from further encroaching on the river banks. The first fatality in the Paris region from the flood occurred today when an automobile attempting to cross a street along the river at Conflans was carried into deep water by the current and the car and its driver swept away.

Paris, Jan. 3.—With railway stations closed, public buildings isolated and suburbs flooded, the River Seine continued to rise today, threatening Paris with the worst flood in history. The river at noon had reached 21 feet and ten inches, the highest in history and in 1920.

The water has cut off electricity in the Invalides district. Clerks in the ministry of finance worked feverishly transferring documents and files from the basement to the second floor.

Official flood stage readings and weather forecasts are being broadcast by the Eiffel tower wireless station. Warnings are being sent to residents of low lying suburbs. Many people are homeless in the suburbs and tremendous property damage has been done. There have been no casualties.

Milk Inspection Still Thorough

Although the salary of the city dairy inspector was cut recently from \$150 to \$75 a month, by the elimination of a state fee of \$45 a month, Council Bureau still has a comprehensive system of milk inspection.

S. S. Rygh, state inspector, is operating with Dr. B. A. Moore, city inspector, in the work, and regular tests of milk are made. Mr. Rygh is food and retail inspector, inspector of weights and measures, and also dairy inspector for Harrison and Potawatamie counties.

Man's Frozen Feet Are Saved

Harvey Brunson, taken to Mercy hospital from police station in Council Bluffs yesterday, suffering from frozen feet, was reported improved Thursday morning. When he was taken to the hospital Police Surgeon Kelly believed it might be necessary to amputate both feet. Today he said amputation probably will not be necessary. Brunson froze his feet while beating his way into town on a freight train. Cotton has the same composition as wool.

New York Day by Day

Writer Wins and Loses Divorce

By O. O. McINTYRE. New York, Jan. 3.—Fifth Avenue has a crowd of brisk early morning walkers who flood the sidewalks before pedestrian and vehicular tides are unloosed for the day. It is aristocracy plus—the same crowd that formerly made the five o'clock parade hour popular.

The walkers start out about 7 in fair weather. While their forebears sold fish and potatoes, they are butlers, waiters, and valets, and are in cloak and suits, gents' hose and impeccable pants. It is the hot-polit—the raucous rabble—they seek to avoid. There is much of the air of the musical comedy stage. A wigged butler swings open the giant grilles doors of a mansion. The master saunters out much in the manner of the juvenile's entrance with "So this is Paris!"

He wears the morning coat, striped trousers and in many instances the top hat. His gloves are carried in the same hand that carries the cane. It is easy to see he is on display. There are hundreds of other who are seeking to achieve the same effect.

Of course, there are some in golf clothes and riding suits. They are while before starting out to the links or to the bridge path. The girls are mostly in morning coats. They do not walk with the men. Indeed, nearly everyone walks alone.

There is bowing—sometimes a woman's chat—but it is singularly free from the intricacies of the ordinary run of folk who live in the same neighborhood and meet often. It is true that as a class the rich—particularly those along Millionaire's Row—are early risers, despite the popular conception.

There are very few mansions where breakfast is served later than eight o'clock. Girls who lounge about until afternoon, in bed and dawdle over a novel until dusk belong strictly to the world of Broadway and environs. The daughters of the rich are early risers.

The morning walk on the avenue is usually from about 59th Street to 42nd. Rarely do the strollers go below 42nd or above 110th.

In a recent musical comedy there was an actor whose only line was: "There's a man down stairs who says he's Solomon Isaac." For weeks he rehearsed his part. Other members of the cast suggested he make indications here and there and intimated his great opportunity had come. On the opening night he stood in his wings mulling over and over his line. "There's a man down stairs who says he's Solomon Isaac." As the time came for his cue an electrician passed him and the actor got mixed up in the electric wires. In untangling himself the electrician shouted to him: "There's your cue." The actor rushed out on the stage and shouted: "Solomolax."

Mourning may be carried somewhat to extremes. One of the late-in-the-afternoon has a window filled with cigarette made of black paper with shiny black tips which he calls "cigarettes for mourning."

The Green Groom club is now installed in its own home on West Forty-eighth street. It is a club whose membership is composed of artists, writers and stage folk. One of the purposes of the club is to help the aspiring artist to recognition. Each year they will give a play something like the Friar's Frolic and Lamb's Gambol; only the winners are known will appear. One of the rules of the club is that no member shall bring anyone into the club that he would not bring into his own home. There has been quite a desertion from other clubs to the new organization.

Park avenue is New York's spio and span Champs Elysee—filled with spinning imported cars and gilt edged kitchennette Pullmanette apartment-ette aristocracy. Apartment houses are known by numbers only. What trade there is, is signless. And yet beggars find it the most difficult street in the world in which to eke out a livelihood.

Writer Wins and Loses Divorce

Judge Vacates Decree Granted Nina Wilcox Putnam—Questions Residence.

By Associated Press. Providence, R. I., Jan. 2.—Judge Chester W. Barrows of the superior court today entered an order vacating the divorce granted yesterday to Nina Wilcox Putnam Sanderson from Robert J. Sanderson until such time as she shall appear in person and satisfy the court she has been a resident of this state for more than two years prior to October 16, 1923.

Judge Barrows also sent a letter to P. Francis Cassidy of Woonsocket, attorney for Mrs. Sanderson, stating that if the court does not hear from her client within a reasonable time it will feel that it is its duty to lay the facts before the attorney general for suitable action.

Mrs. Sanderson, claiming neglect to provide, was granted a divorce decree yesterday by Judge Barrows, but the decree was vacated when a newspaper informed Judge Barrows that Mrs. Sanderson had not maintained a legal residence in Providence for two years as required by the statutes.

Neither Mrs. Sanderson nor her husband appeared in court. The action was conducted on deposition. Mrs. Sanderson asserted in her deposition that she had lived in Providence "a little more than three years." The newspaper told the court that she had "lived" here a little more than a year and a half, and that she actually had spent only a small part of that time in Providence.

In recalling his decision, Judge Barrows declared that he did not propose to have fraud perpetrated in his court and that he would conduct a full investigation of the claims made in the plaintiff's deposition.

Mr. Sanderson was the novelist's second husband. They were married in November, 1918. Her first husband, Robert Faulkner Putnam, died in 1918.

Judge Barrows was informed that Mrs. Sanderson had a country home at Madison, Conn., and that her name was on the voting list there in 1921 and 1922.

In a magazine article last year Mrs. Sanderson referred to Mr. Sanderson as follows: "I got me a new husband, an A-1 edition, that pulls a lot of my most spontaneous lines, and quick as he says them I run in the other room and write them down before I forget them. He's a big help to me."

3 Bound Over in Trunk Robbery

Identified as Trio Who Took Man's Savings by Witness. Walter Grace, 2168 G street; Emmet O'Neil, 4226 South Twenty-third street, and Steve Carroll, 2530 Z street, were bound over to the district court on \$1,000 bond each in South Omaha municipal court this morning for the robbery of a man's trunk in the home of Mrs. Barbara Wibicki, 2620 K street, Monday and stole a trunk containing \$2,042.50 in cash, after beating members of the family.

Charles Syto, a roomer in the Wibicki home, was the star witness for the state. He identified the three men as those who entered the house. Several witnesses called by the defense testified to seeing them elsewhere about the time the robbery occurred.

STELLA DALLAS

By Olive Higgins Prouty.

Described by her husband, Stephen Dallas, because of her vitality and vivaciousness, Stella Dallas, with her daughter, Laurel, lived in a fashionable hotel in Milhampton. Mrs. Dallas was a widow, and her daughter, Laurel, was a girl of 17. She was the friend of Mrs. Morrison, a friend, while he would rob her to become, where she meets an old admirer, Alfred Mann, with whom she is to be married, and whose attentions she is to receive as a bride is away.

(Continued From Yesterday.) It was fully 10 minutes before the second bomb exploded. The letter immediately underneath Miss Fillingbrown's was a note from the proprietor of the King Arthur. The proprietor of the other apartment he would be unable to accommodate Stella the following season. He had rented her present apartment, he explained, to a party who had offered almost double the rent she was paying, and there would be no other space available.

Stella got up and walked over to the window. She looked out at the street. She held herself under better control, and stood staring out into the street below. What did it mean? What had she done? Why were people so kind to her? The other apartment she had seen? It wasn't as if there were other apartment hotels in Milhampton. The King Arthur was unique. The other places were boarding houses, pure and simple. All sorts of people lived in them. She could not more take Laurel to a boarding-house than send her to a public school. Good heavens, this was a serious situation! Stella had received blows before, but the combination of these two, occurring both at once, and striking such vital parts of the anatomy of her social position in Milhampton, she knew would prove fatal. A wave of physical sickness swept over her.

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