

THAW CASE NEARS THE END

Argument Will Begin Wednesday and Verdict is Expected Friday Night.

HUMMEL AFFIDAVIT READ IN FULL

Contradicts Testimony of the Indicted Attorney and Tells of Alleged Cruel Treatment of Miss Nesbit by Mr. Thaw.

NEW YORK, March 18.—When the Thaw trial was adjourned today there remained but four expert witnesses to be examined before the taking of evidence closes. Three experts were disposed of today in a little more than an hour, so it is generally believed the last word of evidence may be uttered in the famous case tomorrow. In that event the summing up by Mr. Delmas for the defense will begin Wednesday morning. District Attorney Jerome will proceed immediately with his charge to the jury, or he may defer it until Friday, unless the unexpected happens. There should be a verdict by Friday night.

The case for the people was finally closed today by the introduction of the much discussed Hummel affidavit, which was read in full to the jury. The affidavit proved a surprise only in the severity of the assaults Thaw is charged with having inflicted on Evelyn Nesbit, when, according to Abe Hummel, Miss Nesbit would not sign papers accusing White of having drugged and ruined her. In this affidavit Miss Nesbit charges Thaw with having attacked her with a cowhide whip while she was stopping at an old castle in the Austrian Tyrol and having her bare skin until she became faint from the pain and swooned. He repeated the attack the next day, according to the affidavit, and afterward in Paris he beat her half hour intervals throughout one day, leaving off only when she would faint away and could no longer understand what was happening. Miss Nesbit is alleged to have sworn in the affidavit that she was in daily fear for her life and that Thaw acted as a demented person during some of the assaults.

Affidavit Contradicts Hummel. The affidavit was in some ways a direct contradiction of Hummel's recent testimony on the stand. In order that the jury might not prevent him from telling the story of the making of the affidavit, he stated positively that he was not acting as Miss Nesbit's attorney when he drew up the affidavit, that he was acting solely in the interest of Stanford White and that no legal action was contemplated in behalf of the young woman who is now Harry Thaw's wife.

There was considerable surprise, consequently, when Mr. Jerome today read the opening words of the affidavit, which were: "Supreme court, county of New York: Evelyn Nesbit, plaintiff, against Harry Kendall Thaw, defendant.

It is said the action contemplated when the affidavit was made the recovery of certain property, which it was alleged that Thaw had wrongfully taken from the girl. In dictating the affidavit, Hummel referred to himself as Miss Nesbit's attorney, she being represented to have said:

"I have received certain letters and cablegrams from Thaw, which I have turned over to my attorney, Mr. Abram H. Hummel."

The affidavit is also endorsed "Howe & Hummel, attorneys for plaintiff." Delmas Begins Sur-Rebuttal. When Mr. Delmas began introducing testimony in sur-rebuttal, he introduced first of all the record in the trial and confession of Hummel of the charge of conspiracy. He started to read the entire record, but had not reached the remarks Mr. Jerome made at the sentencing of Hummel, and which Mr. Delmas wanted to present to the jury, when Mr. Jerome said he would admit the entire record without objection. Mr. Delmas then said he would save the district attorney's references to Hummel for the defense's summing up.

Next Mr. Delmas put on the stand three policemen who saw Thaw the night of the tragedy or early the morning after, and they all declared that he either looked or acted irrationally. To two of them he complained of hearing young girls' voices. The witnesses admitted on cross-examination that there were seven women of the street in the station house the night Thaw was there and they were making considerable noise, but could not be heard from Thaw's cell.

Three Experts for Defense. After this testimony had been presented Mr. Delmas passed to the final stages of the trial by introducing the first of seven alienists employed by the defense, three of the experts being new to the case. Dr. Greene M. Hammond and Dr. Smith Ely Jelliffe, who have been in the case from the first, and Dr. W. A. White, superintendent of the Government Hospital for the Insane at Washington, were today's witnesses, and all were interrogated on the hypothetical question framed by the district attorney. All three of the experts declared Thaw was mentally unbalanced at the time he killed Stanford White; that he did not know the nature or quality of

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his act, and did not know that the act was wrong. None of the three would classify the form of insanity from which they said the defendant was suffering. Tomorrow the experts will be Dr. Evans and Wagner, who heretofore testified for the defense, and who will be asked to give an opinion on Mr. Jerome's long question, and Dr. Charles W. Pilgrim of Poughkeepsie, president of the New York State Lunacy commission, and Dr. Gregory, superintendent of the Psychopathic pavilion at Bellevue hospital.

LABOR FEDERATION MEETS

Executive Council Discusses Progress of Work Outlined by the Minneapolis Convention.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—At the meeting of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, which began here today, President Gompers reported on the work outlined by the Minneapolis convention relative to the efforts to be made for the organization of the yet unorganized workmen, the conferences held for harmonious and co-operative action among the trade unionists on the continent of America and legislation both in congress and the several states as well as in Canada, Porto Rico and Cuba. He laid stress upon the effort made to secure information and to the abolition of child labor and upon the improved conditions secured by the trade unions for the working people.

Secretary Morrison submitted a report for the five months since the close of the federation's fiscal year, showing an increase of more than 50,000 members as compared with the corresponding five months of last year. He reported that exclusive of the funds of the affiliated national unions which have exclusive control over their own finances there is \$18,114 in the federation treasury.

BOYS CAUSE FATAL FIGHT

New York Man Beats Annoyers and Friends Interfere, Striking Mortal Blow.

NEW YORK, March 18.—A crowd of mischievous boys was indirectly responsible for the arrest early today of David Stanhoff, Jr., of Brooklyn on a charge of having murdered his friend and next door neighbor, John Hoffman. According to Stanhoff's story, he was returning home just after midnight, when he came upon Hoffman beating two boys in front of his house. Hoffman was in a fearful rage, he said, and when Stanhoff remonstrated the other man turned upon him. Stanhoff declares that he was forced to fight to defend himself. One of his blows knocked Hoffman down and as he fell his head struck the stone curb, fracturing his skull. He died soon after being taken to a hospital. Stanhoff was immediately arrested.

RUEF CASE IS CONTINUED

No Further Action Until Supreme Court Passes on Writ of Error Monday.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—Upon request of the prosecution, the trial of Abraham Ruef, charged with extortion, was postponed today by Judge Dunne until March 25, in order to await the action of the United States supreme court at Washington on the writ of error granted to Ruef by Judge Hoobar. The writ of error will come up in Washington Monday.

The case against Chief of Police Dinan and Ruef, in which the two are charged with conspiracy, was continued by consent of both sides until next Monday morning. It was agreed by both sides that Mayor Schmitz be kept arraigned and will plead to the indictments. The cases against Supervisors Nichols, Peter M. Duffy and Max M. Alder were continued in Judge Lawler's court to April 1.

POLITICS AMONG BOWLERS

President Bryson, Candidate for Re-election, Opposed by Garry Hermann.

CONTEST IS LIKELY TO BE CLOSE

Vanderzede of Chicago Makes Highest Score in Individual Class by Rolling 311—Several Changes in the Rules.

ST. LOUIS, March 18.—The political side of the seventh annual tournament of the American Bowling Congress came to the front today for the first time, although the championship contests for individuals, two-men and five-men teams have been in progress on the alleys at the Crescent rink since Saturday night. The executive committee of the congress met and canvassed recommendations to be made to the general meeting, while the arrival of a strong Cincinnati delegation last night gave impetus today to the campaigning for the place for holding the next tournament and for the next president of the congress.

President R. H. Bryson of Indianapolis is a candidate for re-election. His only opponent, thus far, is Garry Hermann of Cincinnati, president of the National Base Ball commission. The contest is expected to be close, and if the balloting on Thursday results in a deadlock, there are several prominent bowlers being spoken of as probable dark horses, to be sprung on the convention as a surprise.

The political maneuvering, however, has not distracted interest from the actual bowling and the hall was well filled throughout the day and night. The program included contests in all three classes and some very good scores were made. Vanderzede of Chicago established a new high mark for the present tournament by rolling 311 in the individual class.

Meeting of Executive Committee. The executive committee of the American Bowling Congress held a meeting this afternoon, presided over by President R. H. Bryson of Indianapolis, and took action on a number of amendments and new rules submitted, which will go before the general business meeting of the congress when it convenes Wednesday.

A number of amendments and recommendations reported by J. W. McCoy of Chicago, who was appointed a committee of one to learn what could be done relative to the advisability of accepting applications for membership to the congress as well as entries to national tournaments from bowling associations in Mexico and Canada, were recommended by the committee.

An amendment to the rule providing that gutters shall be from nine to nine and one-half inches wide was recommended.

Bar to Special Teams.

Amendments offered by Secretary Samuel Karpf of Newport, Ky., designed to change the rules to prevent the entry to a national tournament of teams organized but a month or more previously for that express purpose and then disbanding immediately following the tournament, were recommended by the committee.

An amendment was recommended to make rule 11 read that in all national and city tournaments the order of bowling the events shall be decided by the local schedule committee.

The committee disqualified the entries of Dinkelman of St. Paul and Babe of Cincinnati as having been previously mentioned in the annual report of Secretary Samuel Karpf and submitted and accepted. It showed that the number of clubs now affiliated and composing the national organization totals 1,253, with an estimated individual membership of 24,300.

Scores of Two-Men Teams.

The American Bowling Congress today morning began a week's steady work, the schedule for each day opening at 10:30 a. m., and continuing until midnight. Today's program comprised bowling by two-men teams, five-men teams and individuals. The opening event was the contest of the first night of twelve two-men teams. The five highest scores made by the first night of twelve two-men teams resulted: R. B. Co., Chicago, 1,084; Terre Haute, Terre Haute, Ind., 1,069; Duffy, St. Louis, 1,042; Grand No. 2, St. Louis, 1,020; and the five highest scores made by the second night of twelve two-men teams resulted: Olympic, St. Louis, 1,106; Spierman, St. Louis, 1,104; Sportsman Planters, St. Louis, 1,082; Dan Miller, St. Louis, 1,013; and only eight men in the contest. The night of two-men teams, which ended that class for the day, the three highest scores resulting: Steinmiller and Leppert, South Chicago, 1,041; Champ and Collins, Karpf, Newport, Ky., 1,026; and David and Leppert, South Chicago, 1,000.

Vanderzede Leads Individuals.

The Chicago bowlers who participated in today's individual matches completely distanced all other contestants, gaining nine out of the ten highest scores rolled by the first three squads of twelve men. Vanderzede, representing the Drexel team of Chicago, made the high individual score thus far in the tournament by turning in a card of 311 pins. His work was consistent, his first game netting 130, the second 28 and the third 93. Vanderzede's total is 25 pins short of the tournament record.

Following are the ten highest scores made by the first thirty-six individuals: Vanderzede, Chicago, 311; Lucher, Chicago, 308; Davy, Chicago, 307; Shogren, Chicago, 307; Carlson, Chicago, 304; Sanders, St. Louis, 304; Leppert, Chicago, 303; Bliven, Chicago, 302; Rosendahl, Chicago, 302; Mountain, Chicago, 302; Former National Champion Martin Keefe of St. Louis disappointed his friends by rolling only 300 in this individual competition.

Following are the ten highest scores made by the last three flights of twelve men each, in today's individual class: H. Schlenk, St. Louis, 306; E. B. Wilder, St. Louis, 304; C. H. Baustenberg, St. Louis, 303; Q. H. Vance, Terre Haute, 302; E. L. Canfield, Chicago, 302; W. H. Brewinshaw, St. Louis, 302; M. Kern, St. Louis, 302; J. Burns, Chicago, 302; C. Hoffmann, St. Louis, 301.

Five-Men Team Scores.

The following are the five highest made by the first flight of five-men teams consisting of twelve entries: North Turnverein, Cincinnati, 2,678; Blue Ribbons, Erie, Pa., 2,537; Quirks, Chicago, 2,536; Three M's, Turgo, 2,535; Royals, Anderson, Ind., 2,485.

Tennis Play at Boston.

BOSTON, March 18.—Two former champions Charles E. Sands of New York and Northrup Crane, Jr., of this city, won the 120 matches which opened the fourteenth annual tennis championship today, at the Tennis Club in Boston. Crane won from his clubmate, Austin Pitter, 6-0, 6-1, while Sands put out J. J. Cairnes, also of this club, 6-0, 6-1. The contest was a match Cairnes found Sands at the top of his game, while the local man was not up to his average. Sands will meet Pierre Lacillard, Jr., tomorrow morning, while Crane will play Foxhall P. Keene in the afternoon.

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