

## THAW DISMISSES HIS ATTORNEYS

They Insisted on the Insanity Plea. It is Said. While He Opposed It.

"I AM THE BOSS," HE SAID.

He Declined to Place Himself Absolutely in Hands of His Lawyers.

New York, July 14.—Mrs. William Thaw, mother of Harry K. Thaw, accused of the murder of Stanford White, returned to New York on the steamer Kaiseress Auguste Victoria. The passengers did not land until nearly 5 o'clock this afternoon, and it was then too late for Mrs. Thaw to visit her son in the Tombs.

Mrs. William W. Thaw was accompanied on her trip from England by her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Carnegie. Mrs. Thaw was soon closeted with Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, wife of the prisoner. Their meeting was said to be most cordial.

J. B. Gleason, of counsel for Thaw and chaplain Wade of the prison, went out on the cutter which met the vessel and came on the bay on the Kaiseress with Mrs. Thaw. It was said tonight that Harry Thaw has dismissed the law firm of Black, Olcott, Gruber & Bonyne, and that the firm of which former Gov. Frank S. Black is the head, will not defend the young Pittsburger in his trial for the killing of White.

The dismissal, it is said, was the culmination of a number of arguments Thaw has had with various members of the law firm over the question of a defense. Judge Olcott, who has been an active member of the firm in connection with the case all along, insisted that insanity be made the chief point in the defense. It is believed, while Thaw insisted in equal if not greater emphasis that he would not stand for the insanity plea.

While there have been numerous arguments between Thaw and Judge Olcott on this question, there was no open break, it is said, until Friday afternoon, when, according to the authority upon which the story is based, Thaw, during a verbal combat with Judge Olcott in the Tombs, became enraged and wound up a tirade by telling his lawyer flatly that the firm of Black, Olcott, Gruber & Bonyne no longer were his counsel.

"I am the boss," Thaw is declared to have said, after Judge Olcott had given it as his ultimatum that Thaw should place himself absolutely in the hands of his physician, and submit entirely to the judgment of the jury as to the best manner of conducting his defense; and "I will not stand for the insanity plea," the prisoner added, Judge Olcott then left the prison. It is said, and today received a letter, according to the story, from Thaw, which the younger man put in writing his dismissal of the firm.

A member of Judge Olcott's firm, who questioned about the matter tonight, said:

"Our firm was not engaged by Harry Thaw, but by the law firm of Deland & Longfellow, who are counsel for Harry Thaw's mother and were counsel for Thaw's father during the latter's lifetime. They retained us to take charge of the criminal end of the case. We have been obliged in making our plans for the defense of young Thaw to go along lines in the hands of his physician, rather than that I do not care to talk just now."

It is said another cause for the disagreement between Thaw and his counsel arose out of the payment of certain bills Thaw contracted in the Tombs after his arrest, as a prisoner. A noticeable disagreement between Thaw and Olcott's firm came one day last week, when Thaw issued a statement to the newspapers, with Judge Olcott's consent, denying that he was insane and declaring that that would not be the defense when his case came to trial. Judge Olcott, in speaking of this statement, said:

"Yes, I permitted Harry to make the statement, he pestered me so much that I had to."

Thaw was angry when he heard of this, and the next day he called in the reporters and made a verbal and still stronger statement along the same lines, about Judge Olcott's consent or even knowledge. It was Judge Olcott's threat that he would sue Thaw if he saw this second statement in the newspapers, and it is said that he laid down the law to Harry Friday afternoon, and, according to the story, received his dismissal as Thaw's legal representative in connection with the murder trial. Dist. Atty. Jerome, accompanied by two of his assistants, Messrs. Garvan and Nutter, left for the south tonight, to be gone three days. It is reported today that the district attorney wanted to interview Joseph L. Gurnea, of Chicago, as to some details of a dinner party at which Thaw was present, but this was later denied by Mr. Garvan.

NEW ATTORNEYS ENGAGED.

New York, July 15.—Mrs. William Thaw was prohibited today by the prison rules from visiting her son, Harry Kendall Thaw, in the Tombs, but it was announced that she will see him some time tomorrow, probably in the afternoon.

It was the first meeting of mother and son since the tragedy on the Madison Square roof garden, when Thaw shot down Stanford White. Mrs. Thaw returned from Europe yesterday.

Mrs. Thaw is stopping at the Hotel Lorraine, at which Clifford W. Harbridge, who has become chief counsel to the prisoner since the latter's unexpected

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dismissal of the law firm of Black, Olcott, Gruber & Bonyne was present. What was transacted is not known, and Mr. Harbridge declined afterward to say what changes, if any, were contemplated in the line of defense.

In speaking of the case today, Mr. Harbridge said that while he retained young Thaw was in "an awful hole," he did not believe that any jury would ever convict him of anything.

"I feel as sure of that," said the attorney, "as I do that I am standing here. I would stake my soul on it."

Previous to making this statement Mr. Harbridge had explained that for years he had been a personal and even intimate friend of Thaw, and it was as such that he originally was called into the case.

As to the reasons leading up to the decision on the part of Thaw to discontinue with the services of Black, Olcott, Gruber & Bonyne, Mr. Harbridge said he could not speak at this time.

"Judge Olcott is a personal and professional friend of mine and it would not be fair to him or to Harry to talk about that phase of the case until I shall have had an interview with Judge Olcott," he said, "and he has tomorrow and get from him the results of his work of the last two weeks or more."

Mr. Harbridge then said to the reporters:

"I want a full and frank understanding with the men who are going to follow this case for the newspapers. I wish first of all that nobody shall be misled and that no stories detrimental or untrue as to either side shall get into print, and be credited to the counsel for Harry Thaw. As it is, many stories have been printed that have hurt the case in the minds of the public and the friends of both persons most concerned in the affair. All that we want is the truth. It will come out in good time."

From a suggestion made by Mr. Harbridge it is evident that both Thaw and his wife are anxious to make some kind of a statement, for the new chief counsel said that among other plans he had in mind was one promising that Harry and Mrs. Thaw should write out for him whatever they think or feel that the newspapers should know and he would pass on the article, and if he approved them, would give them out to the newspaper men. It is known to those who have talked to Thaw and his wife that there are several subjects on which both wish to speak, but their lips have been sealed by their counsel. These subjects deal in good part with Thaw's life and family relations.

Mr. Harbridge refused to give a hint as to the line the defense would take.

"It would be months before the case would be brought up for trial anyway," he said. "I do not look for the trial before November, or more probably December."

MAY NOT ACCEPT DISMISSAL.

New York, July 15.—Through Abe Gruber of the firm of Black, Olcott, Gruber & Bonyne, it was learned yesterday that the firm has not as yet decided to accept Harry K. Thaw's dismissal as final. Gruber is going to have a talk with Thaw's mother.

"We were not hired by Harry Thaw," but by Mr. Deland, acting for Mrs. William Thaw," said Gruber. "We shall say this matter before her and then may have something to say in regard to the matter."

Clifford W. Harbridge, Thaw's personally appointed counsel in chief, announced yesterday that the dismissal of Black, Olcott, Gruber & Bonyne by his client had been accompanied by the severance of the ties that bound Lewis Deland to the case.

As far as Thaw is concerned, there now remain of the lawyers at one time counsel for Thaw, only Mr. Harbridge, John Gleason and Lewis Deland & Longfellow, of the firm of Deland & Longfellow, Lewis L. Deland is not a member of this firm. Frederick P. Deland is not a member of its firm.

This is the official list as furnished by Mr. Harbridge. He is a big, broad-shouldered man, and once pulled in a Yale crew. He talks pretty freely about Thaw's case in some ways yesterday, showing that he was not a client had taken. When asked about the suggestion that Thaw's action might be cleverly planned move to make people believe him insane, Mr. Harbridge said:

"That course is not so. The suggestion of that comes from the district attorney's office. Mr. Thaw's letter speaks for itself. Mr. Olcott and his firm were engaged by Mr. Deland, who represented that at first, Mr. Deland, I believe, is no longer retained by Mr. Thaw."

Mr. Harbridge declared that the insanity plea had been positively forbidden by Thaw and added:

"As I stand here a man, Harry Kendall Thaw will never be convicted of anything. I would stake my soul on it. He is a sane fellow, and refused to take advantage of any baby act such as pleading insanity when he declares that he is sane. All that he wants is to be tried by a jury of his peers in just the same way any ordinary man accused of a similar crime would be tried. He does not want to be regarded as entitled to any consideration because he happens to come from a wealthy family."

Had you ever represented Thaw before in a legal capacity?"

Mr. Harbridge thought for some little time before replying:

"No," he finally replied, "but I have advised him on several occasions."

"Is it true that you devoted yourself particularly to the practice of civil law, and that you have little experience in criminal matters?"

"To all intents and purposes, yes. Most of my practice is in the civil courts. I know something, however, of criminal law. For instance, I defended Dr. Winter, a Brooklyn physician, who was held as an escaped lunatic."

"Is that the only experience you have had in criminal practice?"

"Oh, no, I just mention that case."

"Will you then conduct the case yourself?"

"Probably not. I will look over the ground for several days and the probabilities are that I will then employ some other firm of lawyers to take charge of the conduct of the case. In the meantime I shall have the same assistance of my partners, Mr. Pemberton and Mr. Gleason."

"Isn't it possible that ex-Judge Olcott's firm will be called into the case again?"

"No, it is not. It is out of the case for good."

According to Mr. Harbridge the insanity experts whom Mr. Olcott has retained will be kept under restraint by him.

"I believe that is no more than right, after the services of those gentlemen have been engaged," said Mr. Harbridge. He refused, however, to say just what use, if any, would be made of their services.

## FOR CESSATION OF PELAGIC SEALING

Negotiations for That Purpose Carried on at Washington Nearly Concluded.

NO KILLING AT PRIBYLOFS.

The Victoria and Hakodate Fleets Are To Be Purchased and Sealers Indemnified.

Victoria, B. C., July 15.—According to advices received here, negotiations being carried on at Washington for the cessation of pelagic sealing on the basis of the purchase of the Victoria and Hakodate sealing fleets and indemnification of the pelagic sealers for the loss of their industry, have been almost concluded. Sir Henry Darnley, British ambassador, and the United States secretary of state reached an agreement, it is reported, and a commission will be appointed with one representative each from Great Britain, Canada and the United States to work out the details of the agreement for the preservation of the seal herds.

When a treaty has been drawn up negotiations will be commenced with Japan, Russia and other nations more especially those interested in sealing. One condition of the sealing settlement, it is understood, will be the cessation of all seal killing on the rocks of the Pribyloff islands for at least one year, except such as may be necessary for the support of the natives. It is believed that Japan will join with the other two nations more directly interested in pelagic sealing in this government. Several years ago a representative was sent from Japan to Washington, and a similar arrangement was then discussed and the Japanese representative agreed to it, provided that Great Britain would also prohibit pelagic sealing.

The cessation of seal killing in rookeries of Bering sea, even for one season, together with the prohibition of pelagic sealing following the purchase of the schooners and indemnification of the hunters, will cause a material advance in the price of seal skins, which are already quoted at higher prices than they have brought in the history of sealing.

The United States representative in the negotiations, it is understood, contended for the complete cessation of pelagic sealing, and to this end the sealing vessels and outfits will be purchased and the owners indemnified for loss of business. The British representative, Sir Henry Darnley, is said to have contended for the cessation of killing on the rookeries for a period and it is stated acquiescence to this condition was absolutely necessary to prevent the failure of the conference as it was put forward practically as an ultimatum.

H. M. S. Shearwater left today for Bering sea to engage in sealing patrol duties during the pelagic sealing season, which commences on Aug. 1.

BAD RELIGIOUS CONFLICT.

That Between Mariavits and Catholics Resumed.

Sedlice, Russian Poland, July 15.—The Mariavite-catholic strife has again been resumed, on the occasion of the return of the church recently captured by the Mariavites in the village of Kremkow. After the return of the church in the Catholic it was again attacked and recaptured by the Mariavites.

The conflict was less deadly than brutal. The wounded were most horribly maltreated—beaten, hacked with hatchets and axes, strips of their flesh being torn out, teeth and ears missing, and eyes gouged out. The fighting lasted until a detachment of dragons arrived on the scene. Two persons were killed and six wounded.

NEW TERRORIST PARTY.

One Styling Itself the "Red Squadron" Formed at Raku.

Baku, July 15.—A new terrorist party styling itself the "Red Squadron," is spreading anarchistic propaganda in this section. The members of this party say the present is no time to bandy words, but to answer the oppressions of the government with the death of a tyrant. They circulate call upon workmen to "speak the language of the cartridge and the bomb."

BURNED TO DEATH.

Three Men as the Result of a Drunken Revel.

Allentown, Pa., July 15.—During drunken revel among Slavonian laborers at Poppleton at midnight last night a fire broke out, which resulted in the death of three men. Eight frame houses were destroyed and Stefan John Evonke, aged 35, his son Michael, aged 23, and Michael Tebutz, aged 21, were burned to death. Another man had his back broken in jumping from a second story window. The loss is about \$100.

ROBBED OF \$15,000.

Nickel river, Russia, July 15.—The representative of the Russian government, who was on his way to the bank Saturday, was waylaid and robbed of \$15,000 one of the robbers was captured and the soldiers shot another. The remainder of the band escaped.

NO NEW RUSSIAN LOAN.

St. Petersburg, July 15.—The report that Russia contemplates a new loan abroad is officially denied. The denial adds that Russia will apply only to the home market for the relief of the distressed population.

COULDN'T SWIM, DROWNED.

Elk Grove, Cal., July 15.—Antonio Nevix, aged about 40 years, was drowned in Graham's pond, three miles southeast of Elk Grove, Sacramento county, Sunday. He had gone bathing with several companions, and when he entered the water it was supposed by those with him that he knew how to swim, but it soon became apparent that he was not able to do so. He sank from sight and, although a search was made for the body, it had not been recovered.

AUTO ACCIDENT IN JUTLAND.

London, July 15.—The Daily Mail's Copenhagen correspondent says that a motor car conveying an American millionaire named Angola, his wife and a party of friends, collided with a two-

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horse vehicle at Skorby Hill near Aarhus, Jutland. All the passengers were seriously injured, the horses were killed and the motor was wrecked. Two of the women of the party, the correspondent adds, are not expected to recover.

SOLDIERS' UNION.

Being Organized in Russia to Guard The Constitution.

St. Petersburg, July 15.—At a meeting held today at Gatchina, 20 miles from St. Petersburg, attended by three of the guard regiments, an officer addressed the men on the subject of the soldiers' union, which is being organized in accordance with their usual custom. He pointed out that the league was democratic and was being organized for the purpose of guarding the constitution and establishing constitutional institutions and to prepare the army to come over to the people when they were ready and armed for resistance. The soldiers received the speech with much applause and showed eagerness to join the union, which is already very strong in southern and southwestern Russia, Siberia, the Caucasus and Turkestan. Today's meeting was the first step toward organization in this locality.

PRESIDENT AT CHURCH.

Cranky Mrs. Esac Was There to Demand an Interview.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 15.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt attended service this morning at Christ church in accordance with their usual custom. Mrs. A. L. Esac, who has made frequent visits to Oyster Bay for the purpose of obtaining an interview with Mrs. Roosevelt, went to the church and demanded that she be shown to a seat immediately behind the presidential pew.

This was refused and she was taken to a seat on the opposite side of the aisle, where she remained for a short time, and then went outside, where she waited until the president drove away without making any attempt to approach the carriage.

DOUBTS TREPPOFF INTERVIEW.

London, July 15.—In an interview with the Telegraph's Aix-les-Bains correspondent Count Witte doubted the authenticity of much of Gen. Trepoff's interview of July 6 concerning conditions in Russia. "He is alleged to have stated," said the former Russian premier, "that the present alarming condition in Russia was caused by the mistaken action or inaction of the government during the last two years. He cannot deliberately have spoken thus, because the policy condemned was largely shaped by himself. His views always were favorably considered and often carried out. He never indicated by acts that he abhors the policy which he professed to advocate as alone salutary. As Gen. Trepoff is a reasonable man, I must decline to accept his alleged public self-flagellation as genuine."

Count Witte reserved his opinion on most of the present conditions in Russia, and refused to reply to the questions cast upon his premiership, saying that personal recriminations would be particularly harmful at present. However, he dwelt on his financial policy, which has been "tested severely and proved strong."

DROWNED IN THE WILLAMETTE.

Oregon City, Or., July 15.—Mrs. Mary Parks and Miss Annie Hartman, both of Portland, were drowned in the Willamette river this afternoon while bathing in front of Magdon's park, one mile north of here. Mrs. Parks and L. S. Dodge, the other member of the party, made a vain attempt to rescue Miss Hartman and had a narrow escape. Miss Parks, who was a place of safety near shore, was half-crazed with excitement and ventured out to the aid of her husband and friends and was drowned. The bodies were recovered in less than half an hour after the accident, but attempts at resuscitation failed. Miss Hartman was engaged to be married to Dodge.

LOOKS LIKE MURDER.

Seattle, Wash., July 15.—The body of Kristian Johnson, of Ontario, was found this afternoon lying beside the railroad track in a secluded nook. A brick is supposed to have been used by his assailant. The head was badly crushed. No clue to his assailant has been found. His mother lives in Ontario. He was working in Vancouver for a month before he came here. He is supposed to have been killed in a drunken brawl.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE.

Omaha, Neb., July 15.—The fifteenth annual convention of the Baptist Young People's union of America closed tonight with a consecration service conducted by W. H. Gostwick of Chicago. This preceded an address by A. K. De-

blois, L. L. D. of Chicago on "Our Response to God's Gift of Power." The auditorium was crowded during the service.

TROOPS ATTACK PEASANTS.

Voronezh, July 15.—Troops stationed at a refinery at Orlovskoye today attacked a party of peasants bent on destroying the building. One officer was killed and many of the peasants were wounded.

EVERY ZULU KILLED.

Johannesburg, July 15.—The Sunday Times, describing the destruction of a Zulu impi in the Home valley says the royal levies so thoroughly completed the work of the Transvaal men that they did not let even a wounded Zulu escape. Finding that the Zulus would not believe that Chief Bambata was dead, his head was cut off and exhibited for two days. It was then buried.

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