

**SAYS THAW MAY BE FOUND INNOCENT**

"He Certainly Was Not Responsible" Declares Expert on Law Interpretation.

FORMS OF INSANITY SHOWN.

"It Delusion That Wrong Is Right Is Complete Murderer Cannot be Punished," Is Lawyer's Deduction.

From the opening address of the defendant's counsel in the trial of Harry K. Thaw for the killing of Stanford White and the examination of witnesses it appears that the only real defense will be insanity, and that the form of insanity relied upon will be insane delusion—that is, an insane delusion that White had ruined the defendant's wife, or an insane delusion that the homicide was an act of Providence, and the defendant the agent of Providence in committing it. There is also some intimation that questions as to irretrievable impulse and emotional insanity may arise. In view of this outlining of the defense to be of interest to our readers to publish the following statement of the law procured from Mr. William L. Clark, the author of a number of works on criminal law, and reviewing editor of the "Cyclopedia of Law and Procedure," known as "Cyc." He says:

"To say that a man is guilty of no crime in New York if he kills another while insane, although true as a general proposition, is too indefinite. It is meant to be a defense, and it admits of degrees and appears in various phases; and it is necessary to go further still and ascertain what is meant by the term 'insane' as used in the law of this state on insanity as a defense differs from the law in some of the other states.

**COMPLETE INSANITY.**

"Under the Penal Code of New York (sections 20 and 21), as under the law in all other states, a man is not responsible for a homicide committed while insane, if the insanity was such that he did not know the nature and quality of his act or did not know that it was wrong. On the other hand, to exempt from responsibility in New York, although it is otherwise in Alabama, New Hampshire, and some of the other states, the insanity must be such as to have the effect, in this state section 20 of the Penal Code declares that 'an act done by a person who is an idiot, imbecile, lunatic or insane, is not a crime.' But section 21 provides that a person is not excused from criminal liability as an idiot, imbecile, lunatic, or insane person, except upon proof that, at the time of committing the act, he was laboring under such a defect of reason as either, (1) not to know the nature and quality of the act he was doing, or (2) not to know that the act was wrong. Section 23 provides that a morbid propensity to commit prohibited acts, existing in the mind of a person who is not shown to have been incapable of knowing the wrongfulness of such acts, forms no defense to a prosecution therefor." These provisions prescribe the only test of insanity as a defense in criminal cases known to the law of New York, and therefore, although a man may be insane, if he is sane when he kills another, and although medical experts may agree in so testifying, he is nevertheless criminally responsible. If, however, he is defective or perverted mental condition, he knew the nature and quality of his act and knew that it was wrong, People vs. Crist, 168 N. Y. 25; People vs. Stryker, 181 N. Y. 255. Whether he was insane to such an extent is a question for the jury. The defense must introduce some evidence of insanity, but if it does, then the jury, in order to convict, must find that his sanity beyond a reasonable doubt.

**INSANE DELUSIONS.**

"In order that insanity may be successfully set up as a defense in a prosecution for homicide, it is not necessary that the defendant shall have been totally insane on all subjects, but monomania, or an insane delusion, may be sufficient to exempt, although on all other subjects the accused may have been perfectly sane. Whether or not in New York must be determined by applying the test laid down in section 21 of the Penal Code above quoted; and therefore an insane delusion is a defense, if it proves such as to prevent the accused from knowing the nature and quality of his act, or from knowing that it was wrong, but not otherwise. People vs. Taylor, 138 N. Y. 398. The rule as to this subject is very substantially as follows: 'If the defendant is partially insane, that is, subject to insane delusions as to certain things, but in other respects sane, he is not criminally responsible for the homicide, if he was excusable or justifiable in case the facts were as his delusion leads him to believe them to be; but if the homicide would not be justifiable or excusable under those circumstances, the delusion is generally held not to free him from responsibility.' To illustrate: If a man kills another under the influence of an insane delusion that God has commanded him to do so, he is guilty of no crime, for, instead of knowing that the act is wrong, he believes it is right. Of course, whether he did kill under the influence of such a delusion is a question for the jury on the evidence. The same is true if a man kills another under the influence of an insane delusion that the other is in the act of attempting to kill him (the slayer) or to inflict grievous bodily harm, for if such were really the case, the homicide would be justifiable. And the rule also applies if a man kills another under an insane delusion that the killing is necessary to save his wife from death or great bodily harm, for he has the same right to defend his wife as he has to defend himself.

"On the other hand if a man kills another in revenge under an insane delusion that the other has inflicted a serious injury to his character or fortune, he is fully responsible, for even if the supposed facts were true, they would not justify or excuse the homicide. And the same is true if a man kills another in revenge of a jealous passion under an insane delusion that the other has ruined his wife or is attempting to take her from him, for such facts, if they really existed, would not justify or excuse the homicide. There must, to exempt from responsibility, be a direct connection between the monomania or delusion and the homicide, and care must be taken to distinguish an insane delusion from the erroneous conclusion of a sane mind, which is no defense.

**IRRESISTIBLE IMPULSE.**

"It is held in Alabama, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, and a number of other states, that a man is not responsible for a homicide committed under the influence of an insane irresistible impulse, although he may know the nature and quality of his act and that it is wrong, on the ground that medical experts practically agree that such a mental condition may exist as the result of genuine insanity, and if it does in fact exist, in any case, then the person laboring under such an impulse is in so far as criminal responsibility is concerned,

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**EMOTIONAL INSANITY.**

"Mere emotional insanity, so called, where the person knows the nature and quality of his act and that it is wrong, is no defense anywhere, and is expressly excluded in New York by the provisions of the penal code quoted above. If a man under the influence of excitement, passion, or frenzy, caused by anger, jealousy, the passion of revenge, or any other cause whatever kills another, when he has sufficient mental capacity to know the nature and quality of his act, and that it is wrong, he may be guilty of murder in the second degree only, because of the absence of the elements of deliberation and premeditation, which are necessary to murder in the first degree, but he is not exempted entirely from responsibility, even though his excitement or passion may have been apparently uncontrollable; and it has been held, even though he may have been laboring under some mental defect, rendering him more liable than a perfectly sane man to yield to the influence of such excitement or passion. 'This rule, however, does not exclude as a defense genuine insanity, as distinguished from mere turbulence of passion, merely because it was produced by anger, jealousy, revenge, or other like cause. If it was genuine insanity, whether total or merely partial as in case of delusion, and prevented the accused from knowing the nature and quality of his act, or from knowing that it was wrong, it is as complete a defense as like insanity produced by any other cause; and if there is any evidence tending to show such genuine insanity, it is within the exclusive province of the jury to determine whether, as a matter of fact, it did exist.

**THAW NOT RESPONSIBLE.**

"Referring to the case of Harry Thaw, who is now on trial in New York for the murder of Stanford White, it seems that the defense is based on the law that he may be innocent, and the homicide merely a great misfortune. He is certainly not responsible, if, by reason of genuine insanity at the very time of the homicide, he was unable to know the nature and quality of his act, or from knowing that it was wrong. Whether he was insane to such an extent is a question for the jury. The defense must introduce some evidence of insanity, but if it does, then the jury, in order to convict, must find that his sanity beyond a reasonable doubt.

"In order that insanity may be successfully set up as a defense in a prosecution for homicide, it is not necessary that the defendant shall have been totally insane on all subjects, but monomania, or an insane delusion, may be sufficient to exempt, although on all other subjects the accused may have been perfectly sane. Whether or not in New York must be determined by applying the test laid down in section 21 of the Penal Code above quoted; and therefore an insane delusion is a defense, if it proves such as to prevent the accused from knowing the nature and quality of his act, or from knowing that it was wrong, but not otherwise. People vs. Taylor, 138 N. Y. 398. The rule as to this subject is very substantially as follows: 'If the defendant is partially insane, that is, subject to insane delusions as to certain things, but in other respects sane, he is not criminally responsible for the homicide, if he was excusable or justifiable in case the facts were as his delusion leads him to believe them to be; but if the homicide would not be justifiable or excusable under those circumstances, the delusion is generally held not to free him from responsibility.' To illustrate: If a man kills another under the influence of an insane delusion that God has commanded him to do so, he is guilty of no crime, for, instead of knowing that the act is wrong, he believes it is right. Of course, whether he did kill under the influence of such a delusion is a question for the jury on the evidence. The same is true if a man kills another under the influence of an insane delusion that the other is in the act of attempting to kill him (the slayer) or to inflict grievous bodily harm, for if such were really the case, the homicide would be justifiable. And the rule also applies if a man kills another under an insane delusion that the killing is necessary to save his wife from death or great bodily harm, for he has the same right to defend his wife as he has to defend himself.

## FILIBUSTERING STARTED IN SENATE

Bacon and Tillman Object to Attempt to Force Adoption of Report on Immigration Bill.

WANTED TIME TO READ IT.

South Interested in the Labor Question Where There is a Scarcity of Cotton Mill Hands.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The sudden development of a full-fledged filibuster resulted today in the senate when an attempt was made to force the adoption of the conference agreement on the immigration bill. This report carries a provision intended to bring about a settlement of the Japanese-California school problem and speedy action was desired by administration senators.

Expressing sympathy with this object, yet regarding the report with suspicion on other points, Messrs. Bacon and Tillman first endeavored to have action delayed until tomorrow, that they might study the report. When this was refused, the filibuster began. Mr. Bacon held the floor two and a half hours. Mr. Tillman said he was prepared to make a 10-day fight on the floor against the report, because he objected to being run over as with an automobile.

Mr. Bacon objected on the ground that the report changed existing law in respects which he believed on hurried examination would deprive southern states from obtaining even the meager labor supply from abroad, which was available under the present immigration laws.

A truce was declared until tomorrow at the suggestion of Senator Spooner, when the report will again come up for consideration. Administration senators interested in the adoption of the report were alarmed by apparent Democratic hostility. All of the Democratic leaders, when questioned as to their attitude disclaimed the adoption of a party policy in regard to the report, and the senators making the objections insisted that they were actuated wholly by resentment of what they thought was an attempt to force immediate action. Senator Blackburn, chairman of the Democratic steering committee, said he felt sure there was no disposition to filibuster against the report beyond carrying it over until tomorrow.

Senators Bacon and Tillman made similar statements. They agreed that the restriction of immigration provided in what is familiarly known as the "Japanese code clause" is of great importance. They could not say what their attitude would be. It was made plain, however, that they would consider the report overnight and then if the act was wrong, they would vote against it. If it was genuine insanity, whether total or merely partial as in case of delusion, and prevented the accused from knowing the nature and quality of his act, or from knowing that it was wrong, it is as complete a defense as like insanity produced by any other cause; and if there is any evidence tending to show such genuine insanity, it is within the exclusive province of the jury to determine whether, as a matter of fact, it did exist.

The session was begun with an extended address by Senator Reed Smoot in defense of the right of Reed Smoot to his seat as senator from Utah. The agricultural appropriation bill also was considered. The conference developed early over the conference report on the immigration bill. Senator Dillingham, in charge of the report, was impetuously by Senator Bacon to allow the matter to go until tomorrow. Mr. Dillingham expressed a willingness to do this provided unanimous consent could be had that a vote be taken on it before adjournment. Mr. Tillman, however, objected to fixing a time for the vote, saying that he did not want to be put in a corner. After he had read the report, and by tomorrow morning, he thought that a time to vote might be fixed. Mr. Dillingham changed his request to vote Saturday before adjournment, but this arrangement was blocked by Mr. Tillman.

Immediate consideration of the report was then pressed by Mr. Dillingham. "Well, Mr. President," declared Mr. Tillman, "I have been in the senate 12 years, and I have never seen anything gained by an effort to drag on the senate, and even the people who are not willing to fight and not spoiling for a fight can be very easily aroused and driven into the attitude of hostility."

Mr. Tillman made a point of order against what is known as the passport regulation. The provision is considered to be in the interest of adjusting the California Japanese problem, and Mr. Tillman declared the matter presented in the amendment was extraneous to any matter within the jurisdiction of the conference committee.

Senator Lodge opposed Mr. Tillman's point of order. "That is the point of order would lie to the amendment was contended by Senator Cullerton, but he believed the matter should be submitted to the senate for its vote.

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### THAW CASE.

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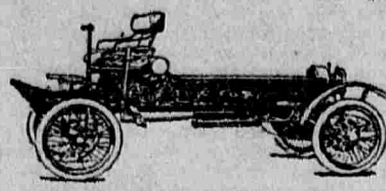
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