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TEN CENTS A WEEK

EVELYN THAW WOULD NOT TELL OF THREAT

Little Woman Is as Pretty, Petulant, School-Girlish and Well-Dressed as Ever.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., July 14.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, as pretty as ever, petulant and school-girlish and dressed in the familiar blue which she affected so much during the trial of her husband, Harry K. Thaw, for the murder of Stanford White, was on the stand for more than an hour before Justice Mills in the supreme court here yesterday, subpoenaed by the State in its fight to keep Thaw in the asylum for the criminal insane at Matteawan.

But for the absence of the dainty ebon collar, which Mrs. Thaw wore so much during both of the murder trials, she appeared yesterday much the same as she did when Jerome was trying to send Harry K. Thaw to the electric chair.

And though called by the State in an endeavor to prove Harry Thaw irrational, what Roger Clarke, the deputy attorney-general drew from her lips yesterday created a rather favorable impression for her husband. She was excused from the stand shortly after 4 o'clock, but was re-subpoenaed by the State and will probably appear again today.

Upon the ultimate outcome of Evelyn Thaw's testimony the State's fight largely rests. Mr. Clarke tried hard yesterday to get her to admit that Thaw had threatened her life when she visited him on one occasion after his commitment to Matteawan. But turning appealingly to the court, she repeatedly refused to answer his questions, and after clash between counsel, Justice Mills ruled that he would hold the conversation in which the threat is supposed to have been made a confidential one between husband and

wife, and therefore privileged until the State presented proof to show that Daniel O'Reilly, the New York lawyer who was present at the time was then not acting as counsel for both Mr. and Mrs. Thaw. She was excused after identifying a number of papers in her husband's handwriting.

Aside from Evelyn Thaw's appearance, which was the sensation of the day, the testimony was much like that of Monday—accounts by witnesses called by Thaw's counsel, all of whom attested to his apparent soundness of mind.

The eagerness to see Mrs. Thaw was just as intense as when she appeared daily at the criminal court's building. When she left the stand such a crowd followed her that she had to take refuge in the district attorney's office.

On the stand she was reluctant to answer Mr. Clarke's questions and had to be instructed to do so a number of times by the court. The tears came to her eyes once when Justice Mills ruled against her, and she turned to him and said petulantly:

"I guess I will have to obey, for I cannot afford contempt proceedings, or go to jail. My husband is not paying me anything now, and I haven't enough money to hire counsel."

Perhaps the most favorable bit of testimony for Thaw yesterday was that of Frank Toomey, his body guard for five or six months at Matteawan. He said that Thaw had exhibited no irrational tendencies during that time.

The State's representatives announced yesterday that they had retained Dr. Austin Flint and Dr. Carl F. MacDonald, who, with Dr. Amos B.

MISS CLEM HAMPTON

Was Re-Elected Director of the N. E. A. at Denver.

The Daily News of Denver, Col., has the following interesting notice of Miss Clem Hampton, who is director for Florida of the N. E. A.:

"A Southerner to the core, and not so much the educator that she does take pride in the fair complexion and light fluffy hair not characteristic of the natives of her State—that is Miss Clem Hampton of Florida, the one woman on the board of directors of the National Educational Association and of the department of education at Tallahassee.

"If there is any phase of the educational work, from the kindergarten to the management of the National Educational Association, that Miss Hampton does not know her numerous friends in the association, conventions of which she has been attending for fifteen years, are not cognizant of the fact.

"Being a Southerner, Miss Hampton does not have a decided leaning toward woman in politics.

"I think all women should vote on educational matters," she said decidedly when asked her opinion on the matter. After a moment reflection she added: "But I am not sure that I would want them to vote on educational matters in Florida so long as the colored people have the right of franchise. It would never do to allow the colored women who have no education at all, and who understand nothing about such matters, to vote."

"From one end of Florida to the other Miss Hampton is known by white and colored alike by reason of her position in the department of education. And she says that wherever she travels, to foreign climes or to some other States in the Union, she is always glad to get back to the 'sand, mosquitoes and flies of Florida.' She is a niece of Gen. Wade Hampton, who fought in the Civil War with the gray, and who was a grandson of Gen. Wade Hampton of the Revolutionary war.

"Gen. Hampton of the Civil War was a South Carolinian who rose from private to major-general, and commanded all Lee's cavalry and later Johnston's. After the war he was prominent in the politics of his State, serving first as Governor and later as United States Senator, in which position he was succeeded by Senator Ben Tillman."

CONDITION OF CHILD

BAFFLES PHYSICIANS.

PENSACOLA, July 14.—Physicians are almost baffled over the condition of Little Marguerite Konetohy, who was shot through and through with a .38-calibre revolver nearly a week ago, the bullet twice penetrating her intestines, but yesterday morning she appeared to be rapidly recovering, and shows but little the effects of the wound, which nearly always proves fatal. The girl could not be operated upon for over twelve hours after receiving the wound, and in addition had to be brought about thirty miles for the operation. A portion of the trip had to be made in a wagon and over half of it over a log road to reach the L. & N. Still she has rallied remarkably from the operation and unless unforeseen complications arise will recover from the wound.

Mayor's Court Wednesday.

There were three cases before Mayor Davis on Wednesday, as follows: Joe Robinson and Henry Givens were each fined \$2 and costs for riding a bicycle on the sidewalk, while Jeff Simons was taxed \$10 and costs for running a dray without a license.

Baker of Matteawan, will make up the State's trio of alienists along lines agreed upon by counsel Monday. The mental examination to test Thaw's sanity is to be conducted in open court by the lawyers prompted by the experts.

HE CANNOT REMEMBER NUMBER OF HIS WIVES

Noted Bigamist Says He Deserted Trade Because He Could Make Money Marrying Women.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14.—Christian C. Johnson, sentenced Monday at San Jose to seven years in the penitentiary for bigamy, is reported to have confessed that he is the mysterious "John Madison," wanted in many parts of the country for matrimonial ventures and systematic abducting of a number of women under promise of marriage.

Johnson's alleged confession, however, is full of inconsistencies, greatly at variance with statements he has made since his arrest in this city last week. He declared that he has been married to so many women that he cannot count them off-hand.

"In 1906," he says, "I quit my business of buying horses and from that day to this time I have been making my living by marrying and making love to women, getting their money and then deserting them."

One of his most amazing feats, according to his own confession, was making love to ten women at one time in Portland, Ore. While he admits that his marriages were part of a "get-rich-quick system," Johnson declares that in every instance he spent the money he received upon the victim herself.

Johnson declares that he was born

in Germany and coming to this country in the 70's secured a post with the United States Government buying horses for the army on commission. This took him all over the country. At first, he says, he was a woman-hater because he had been separated from a sweetheart in Germany who died later. He married the first of his many wives in Springfield, Mass., in 1905. She was Mrs. Mary Brown.

"I married only one woman under the name of John Madison," Johnson declared. "Her name was Jones—if I remember rightly—Ada Jones. I got \$1,800 from her because she said she loved me. I could have got \$50,000."

From the most of the women, Johnson says, he obtained money or jewelry or both. Johnson left yesterday in custody of a deputy sheriff, for San Quentin prison, where he is to serve a seven-year sentence.

Of eighteen women whom Johnson married, according to the confession, seven are from California, four from Missouri, two from Oregon and one each from Kansas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Illinois and Massachusetts.

The woman from Tennessee was Mrs. Bertha King of Memphis, and the one from Arkansas, Mrs. Birdie King of Fort Springs.

J. U. Sammis Is Elected Grand Exalted Ruler Elks

LOS ANGELES, July 14.—Detroit was selected by acclamation for the meeting place of the Grand Lodge of Elks in 1910. St. Louis and Portland, Ore., practically withdrew.

J. U. Sammis of Lemars, Iowa, last night was elected grand exalted ruler of Elks over Garry Hermann of Cincinnati.

The vote for grand exalted ruler was extremely close, Sammis receiving 592 votes, and Hermann 529.

The main contest of the session was over this election.

In a statement regarding the publication of a letter he had written to Sammis, R. L. Holland, present grand exalted ruler, complained that unfairness had been shown in giving out only such portions of it as made it appear he had endorsed the candidacy of Sammis.

The only other contest was over the office of grand exalted lecturing knight. Harry Walter of Philadelphia lost to J. D. Jones, of Scranton, Pa.

Detroit was selected as the place

for the holding of the reunion in 1910.

Other officers elected: Leading knight, Warren G. Sayres, Wabash, Ind.; secretary, Fred C. Robinson, Dubuque, Ia.; treasurer, Edwin R. Leach, New York; trustee, Perry A. Clay, Denver; tyler, Charels L. Dicker, Bonndji, Minn.; inner guard, A. M. Taylor, St. Augustine, Fla.

The balloting for grand exalted loyal knight resulted in no election. Another ballot will be taken today.

In the annual report of Grand Exalted Ruler Holland the establishing of an orphanage for children of deceased Elks is submitted to the grand lodge without recommendation.

The situation of the present Elks' home at Bedford, Va., was condemned by the grand exalted ruler, who suggested that a new home be built in some other city.

The report condemns the use of membership in the Elks' order for pleasure and urges the expulsion of any member so abusing his membership.

Knights Pythias Parade the Streets of Asheville

ASHEVILLE, N. C., July 14.—With a torchlight parade which took forty-five minutes to pass a given point, the second day's proceedings of the ninth biennial convention of the imperial palace, Dramatic Order of the Knights of Khorassan, closed last night in a spectacular manner. The parade was featured by the presence of many marching clubs and drum corps from distant States. After the parade a costume ball was given at the Battery Park Hotel. Belated specials arrived yesterday morning and yesterday afternoon to swell the D. O. K. K. representation already here.

and additional trains are expected to reach here this morning in time for the competitive drills to be held on Biltmore Green this afternoon.

At the business session yesterday afternoon the rules were suspended and William Beatty of Toledo, Ohio, was elected imperial prince of the Dramatic Order, Knights of Khorassan, by acclamation. The other national officers will be elected in regular order at this morning's session. Toledo was chosen as the convention city for 1911.

Today's program includes a ceremonial session at the auditorium.

Negro Killed His Wife, Brother-in-Law and Self

WILMINGTON, N. C., July 14.—A special to The Star from Burgaw, N. C., says that early yesterday Walter Williams, colored, 35 years old, living near that place, shot and instantly killed Henry Hayes, his brother-in-law, his wife, Mary Williams, and then himself.

Williams and his wife had not lived happily and three weeks ago agreed on a peaceful separation after dividing their personal effects, the man leaving for Georgetown, S. C. He returned Sunday, however, and

attempted a reconciliation, and upon its failure, yesterday morning tanked up on a so-called prohibition beverage and repaired to a brick yard where his brother-in-law was at work and fired upon him, killing him instantly. Then going to the home of his wife he shot her to death through the right breast. Reloading his gun he emptied the contents of both barrels into himself, dying two hours later.

Williams charged his brother-in-law with undue interference in his domestic affairs.

Pensacola Man Mangled By Monster Leopard Shark

PENSACOLA, July 14.—A special from St. Andrews says that while out late Monday afternoon Henry Munson, a well-known resident of that place, was attacked in the bay by a large leopard shark, which injured him to such an extent that he is hardly expected to live. Mr. Munson had waded out from shore in the bay a distance of about twenty-five yards and was in about three feet of water when the shark made its first lunge at him. He fought the shark and called for help, but so quick was the

shark in its attacks that the man was almost disemboweled, when the crew of a fishing smack leaped into the water and with oars and spikes fought off the hungry shark. The latter followed the men with the wounded man clear to the water's edge, and frequently made attacks upon them, but was beaten off each time. But for the quick arrival of the rescuing party Mr. Munson would have been killed by the shark.

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