The THAW CASE: Dorothy Dix Talks About People In It.

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Mrs. Elizabeth M. Gilmer, who, as "Dorothy Dix," is one of the best known newspaper writers of the country, having a keen appreciation of human character in its various phases and a power to analyze and describe types that few in the profession possess, is back at her home in this city, after making the best of another opportunity of studying the figures in the great Thaw case, and Mrs. Gilmer, in conversation with a reporter yesterday, had some new and very interesting impressions to give.

Mrs. Gilmer attended both Thaw trials as a special writer for the New York American and the articles she wrote from time to time were eagerly sought by the public, and, being constructed on lines entirely different from the efforts of other writers and bearing the stamp of originality and deep thought they were considered among the few that struck the proper note, reached below the surface and made clear the dark sides of people and temperaments, as puzzling as the riddle Oedipus solved.

Mrs. Gilmer has made a thorough study of the Thaw case, predicted last year that Thaw would eventually reach the insane asylum, and that in time he would become a raving maniac. Although Mrs. Gilmer has attended in her professional capacity, the Czolgosz trial and all of the other famous trials of recent years, she inclines to the belief that the Thaw case, for real sensationalism and strangeness, eclipses them all.

Contradictions.

"The difference between the trial just completed and the first one was this," Mrs. Gilmer said, "the two sides completely shifted, pursued opposite courses to the plans first followed and each made a fight on the ground that the other had occupied, the defense this time taking the position that the prosecution had maintained last time—that Thaw was and is insane.

"This brought about many strange contradictions, not the least amusing of which, to the lay mind, was that the very evidence that had been used by the defense was used by the prosecution. For instance, during the last trial, to save her son from the electric chair, old Mrs. Thaw took the stand and told of one of her brothers being an imbecile from childhood; of another in the insane asylum; of her sister's son being an epileptic and crazy at present; of one of her husband's sisters being an epileptic, and of two cousins in the insane asylum.

"When she was through telling this Mr. Jerome merely hauled out an affidavit she had made at the first trial, in which she stated that there was no insanity in either family in an ascending line, but, on the contrary, her own and her husband's people were of a most vigorous intellect and literary distinction. At the top of the affidavit was written that it was made in answer to an application in the prosecution for a commission to examine into Harry Thaw's sanity. Mr. Jerome himself was so firmly convinced of Thaw's insanity at the first trial that he openly declared in court, as you recall, that it was an outrage to put the man on trial for his life, and at the recent trial he was perfectly consistent in only requiring the defense to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the prisoner was crazy. He said from the very beginning that he would not oppose the introduction of any honest evidence which went to show Thaw insane, and in this way, by not throwing any unnecessary obstacles in the way of the defense, greatly expedited the trial.

Lawyer Littleton.

"Among the new figures of interest was Martin Littleton, who succeeded Delmas as Thaw's leading counsel. Mr. Littleton is a southern man, was born in Tennessee, but moved to Texas when a lad of 9 years. Eleven years ago he went to New York a penniless lawyer, having lost all in some financial upheaval. Since that time he has made a meteoric rise, worn many distinguished honors, and served as the president of the Borough of Brooklyn. He is regarded as not only one of the most brilliant lawyers in New York, but as a spellbinder, and his ability was so appreciated that he was selected to make the speech nominating Judge Parker as a candidate for president of the United States on the democratic ticket. He first attracted attention by making the case of an obscure and friendless fellow, who was convicted twice of some offense and given a very heavy sentence. Littleton volunteered to defend the prisoner, and did so on the unique ground that a man cannot be put in jeopardy of life twice. He fought the case with such persistency and showed such thorough knowledge of the law that he attracted wide attention. He immediately leaped into prominence. Another famous case he had was the defending of Col. Mann in the notorious Town Topics scandal.

"Littleton is a young man, about 40 years old, very handsome, and with a magnetic personality. Success has not spoiled him; he is simple and unassuming, and as frank as a schoolboy. But he is also a man of great dignity, and while during the first trial the counsel allowed themselves to be pulled and hauled by the crazy whims of the Thaw family, Mr. Littleton, upon taking the defense in the second hearing, was emphatic in declaring to the Thaws that he would not serve unless he was allowed to make the insanity plea, which was the only logical and honest one, and that they should not interfere with him in any way. With him it was strictly a case of hands off, or nothing.

"That Thaw is still left at Mattewan, the New York asylum for the criminally insane, for the reason also due to Littleton's sound judgment, which prevailed with old Mrs. Thaw when everything else failed.

"Mr. Littleton is one of the southern men that have gone to the north to seek their fortunes of whom the south might well be proud. He is a typical southerner in looks and manner, but it is the new south, shorn of its frills, leaving just what is finest and best of the old stock.

"This was wonderfully shown in his speech, I thought. He held himself down to the most logical arguments, and beat in his points with a triphammer, when it was evident that he had the temptation of his life to drift into rhetoric, apthos and poetry. But every now and then in his argument there would be just a little passage of eloquence—just the flash of a meteor across a dark sky—that was as telling as it was beautiful. There wasn't a flight of oratory, however, by which he expected to ride to victory, as Delmas did, without the aid of established facts or irrefutable argument.

Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw.

"Evelyn was far more beautiful than at the first trial, because she has fattened up a bit, and a touch of plumpness given to her figure which becomes her. She is still the woman of mystery, and what she thinks and what she feels is as much a riddle as the Sphinx. She would sit all day in the courtroom with her face turned now at this and now at that angle, but always posed as if for a portrait, and in an attitude which left one speculating as to which way she looked. All of that, of course, was the result of years of association with Stanford White, who taught her to make the most of her beauty. She was dressed in the same little school girl dress—her skirt up to the top of her shoes—worn at the first trial, but somehow she seemed much more than a year older. She had matured marvelously, and her air of artless ignorance and innocence was gone. The first time she told the dreadful story of her life she seemed like a child babbling horrors she did not understand; the second time she seemed a woman who knew what she was telling, and her unemotional way of telling it seemed almost callous.

"What the future of this strange little creature, with her wonderful beauty and wonderful mind, because she is as clever as she is beautiful, will be an interesting thing to follow, for we have not heard the last of Evelyn Thaw. She has strange virtues as well as faults, and two of them at least are courage and loyalty. It is generally believed that before she went on the witness stand in the first trial the Thaws made a settlement of a large amount on her; but if they did she honestly kept her first bargain; she delivered the goods, spared not herself in the telling of her story and she told it a second time, which could not have been in the compact. More than that, during the eighteen months Thaw was in the Tombs she never missed a day in visiting him.

"I myself think she will eventually go back on the stage; and I shouldn't wonder if she made a great actress. I never heard any emotional actress do any work so fine, or tell any story so moving and dramatic as her first relation of her wrongs.

Harry Thaw.

"Thaw seems to have gone down both in mind and body during the year, and looked much more crazy this time than before. Undoubtedly, his entire mental eclipse is only a matter of a short time, and should the Thaw money get him out of asylum the Madison Square roof garden tragedy will be duplicated in some sort of a way. Personally, I don't believe the Thaws will make any effort to get him set free, because they would never draw another easy breath were he at large. Old Mrs. Thaw has broken down terribly under the strain, and will be glad to know that her son is where he can harm neither himself nor others. They will probably try to get him removed to some private sanitarium, as at Mattewan he is herded with common criminals, and has to sleep in a dormitory in which there are a crazy Chinaman and a negro lunatic.

"The Countess of Yarmouth was not present at his trial; she had troubles of her own. Mrs. Carnegie, Thaw's other sister, was there some of the time; but most of the time the Thaw family was represented only by Josiah.

"Everybody was pleased with the verdict, including Jerome, and I think everybody hoped that they had heard the last of the Thaw family. There will never be such another case in our day; one that so completely runs the gamut of human emotions and experiences."

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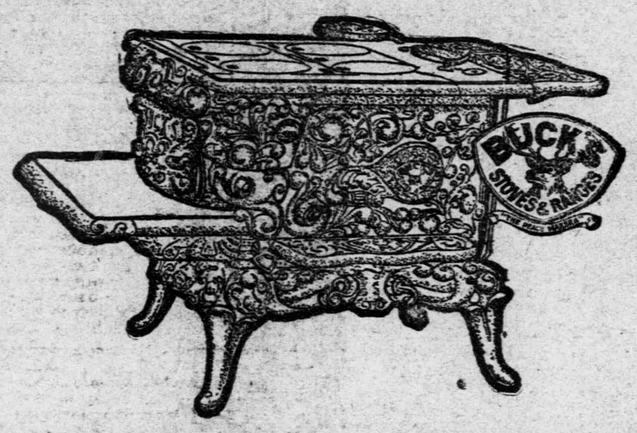

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