

THE THAW TRIAL.

Evelyn Again on the Stand and District Attorney Jerome Resumes the Cross-Examination.

New York, Feb. 20.—Evelyn Thaw was the first witness called this morning. District Attorney Jerome resumed cross-examination. She betrayed agitation and evidences of nervousness, and answered slowly. Jerome produced several photographs of Evelyn when she was an artist's model. He questioned her regarding when they were taken. Jerome also questioned the witness about posing. She declared she never had posed with her breasts exposed. "I always posed with clothes on," explained Evelyn.

Jerome questioned her about the letters she received from White, bringing out the fact that fourteen letters written to Evelyn while she was abroad in 1903 are now in the hands of the defense, and hinting that others had been destroyed. Mr. Hartridge declined to produce the letters.

Thaw Killed White Too Soon—The Anti-Vice Society Was on His Trail and Would Have Brought Him to Justice.

New York, Feb. 23.—The declaration was made today by one of Thaw's attorneys that if Stanford White had lived a day longer he would have been exposed without Thaw's act. White planned giving a dinner the following night, and the Anti-Vice Society had discovered the fact and arranged with the police to raid the place.

The defense, it is announced, has two girls in reserve who were wronged by White in a similar manner to Evelyn, who will be put on the stand, if needed, to confirm the truth of her story.

Commenting on Evelyn's strong showing before the jury a lawyer declared it was because she told the entire truth. "Our advice to her on the cross-examination was to tell the truth. That's why Jerome couldn't shake her."

Jerome is expected to make an effort to have Thaw declared insane. His attorneys think pitiless examination of Evelyn was to draw out Thaw to make some demonstration in court which could be used as a basis for asking for a commission to determine his sanity.

Experts Believe Foundation is Laid for Inquiry Into His Condition Now—His Counsel Protests.

New York, Feb. 24.—Before the alienists for the People can give evidence to support Mr. Jerome in an application for a commission to inquire into the sanity of Harry K. Thaw, and thus suspend his trial for the murder of Stanford White, they will have to surmount one serious difficulty. They have had no opportunity of privately examining the defendant. All they have been able to do is to note his behavior in court and listen to the evidence of his own alienists and the reading of the extraordinary documents written by him.

Inquiry was made yesterday among experts on insanity who have not been connected with the trial as to whether observations of this sort would have any scientific value. On the whole, the opinion was that if the question to be determined is only the advisability of appointing a commission of examination the data before the District Attorney's alienists would be sufficient to allow them to swear to a reasonable doubt as to Thaw's mental condition.

Dr. Pearce Bailey was careful to state that he could not express any opinion upon the actual case, but in a general way he thought something of value might be learned by experts from watching defendant.

"A person might so conduct himself in a courtroom," he said, "that alienists who were observing him would be able, with reasonable certainty, to pronounce him insane. On the other hand, a person might be actively insane and still present no evidences of it unless submitted to a scrutinizing examination."

Another expert thought that alienists having had Thaw under observation four or five hours a day for several days a week in the last month, they would not have sufficient basis for a scientific opinion as to his sanity. But when to this is added the testimony of the doctors who can prove a hereditary taint and a neurotic condition in Thaw's infancy, the results of the physical examination conducted by the experts for the defense, their sworn statements that Thaw's writings show paranoid delusions, and that he was suffering from a "brain storm" on June 25, enough will be before the alienists to go a long way in forming their opinion.

Moreover, as the question to be put to them is likely to involve not a present condition of the defendant, but only the necessity of inquiring into it, it will be possible to answer in the affirmative with less evidence than if they had to declare whether the defendant is actually insane now.

Clifford W. Hartridge, chief counsel for Thaw, was not pleased yesterday by the printed intimations in the morning newspapers as to District At-

torney Jerome's change of attitude in prosecuting Thaw and the growing likelihood of a speedy application by Mr. Jerome for a lunacy commission. Mr. Hartridge chose to regard the published statements as to Mr. Jerome's attitude as inspired by the District Attorney for the purpose of influencing a result other than an acquittal. Last night Mr. Hartridge issued a statement in which he said that the supposed inspiration of newspaper statements by Mr. Jerome was "the most outrageous and unwarranted thing which has yet occurred in a trial remarkable for the number of false statements made about the defendant and his wife." The statement went on:

"It is not only necessary, to a fair-minded public, to call their attention to the fact that Doctors Demar and Bingham testified before Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw was put on the stand, in order to have that public appreciate that the District Attorney was not impressed so much with the value of their testimony in regard to insanity that they had revealed to the world the horrible, overpowering cause which culminated in a mind temporarily overturned at the time of the fatal act, that the testimony of these doctors became so remarkably important for the District Attorney's side.

"It is palpably unfair that the press of New York, which directly or indirectly might reach some of the jurors, should print statements purporting to give the District Attorney's attitude, but which, in reality, tend to influence a result other than that of acquittal."

In this statement, Mr. Hartridge calls attention to the fact that Mr. Jerome was not impressed by the value of the testimony of Dr. Deemar and Dr. Bingham until the story of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw had been told. At first the District Attorney objected altogether to the evidence of Dr. Deemar on the ground that it was irrelevant. However, it was admitted, and a good deal of other expert testimony was put in by Dr. Britton Evans and Dr. Wagner to show that the defendant was in an unsound mental condition for long periods.

Whenever the District Attorney brings his application for a commission of lunacy it will be resisted to the uttermost.

"We will fight it to the last ditch," said A. Russell Peabody yesterday, and Mr. Hartridge regarded the suggestion as an indication that the District Attorney feels he is engaged in a lost cause. Thaw, he declared, is no more insane now than he was at the beginning of the trial.

In answer to the published statements that Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw has received a large sum of money to go on the stand, a written statement was issued yesterday by Mrs. William Thaw through Mr. Hartridge. It said: "Mrs. William Thaw desires it understood that the statement that she or any of her family gave any money or any other inducements to Mrs. Evelyn Thaw for the position she has taken is untrue, unwarranted and unjust."

WINDING UP DISPENSARY.

Salary List Reduced From \$3,215 to \$1,137 Per Month—Mr. W. F. Stevenson Attorney.

Columbia, Feb. 22.—The commission to wind up the affairs of the State dispensary accomplished much yesterday in the way of preparation for the task before them. They selected an attorney to look after the legal end of their transactions, arranged for prompt checking up of the stock on hand by a force of men and have employed a force of inspectors for the retail dispensaries.

The attorney secured is Mr. W. F. Stevenson, of Cheraw.

The commission selected Mr. W. O. Tatum as general superintendent. Mr. Tatum will be responsible for the entire plant and its contents and is under a bond of \$25,000. He has served two terms as liquor commissioner and is thoroughly familiar with the workings of the institution.

Mr. Thos. E. Dickson, who has once before had charge of the stock as shipper and superintendent, has been made stockkeeper with a bond of \$2,000 and Mr. W. J. Powers has been made receiving and shipping clerk under bond of \$5,000. This is practically the same position now held by Mr. Powers.

The other appointments are practically the same, being as follows: Jos. L. Thorpe, chief clerk to commissioner; L. L. Bultman, H. F. Elliott, bookkeepers; Leonard Thorpe, assistant bookkeeper; T. W. Collins, billing clerk and bookkeeper. Mr. J. S. L. Thorpe is bonded for \$5,000. Miss Edna Barrigan is appointed stenographer. Mr. A. S. Trumbo is gauger and M. C. Coughman is revenue clerk. G. B. Pettigrew is night watchman. John Thomas, colored, is porter.

There were no changes made in the list of inspectors, who are to be allowed \$4 per day, and \$2 per day for expenses and mileage. They are N. B. Callison, M. W. Floyd, W. F. Lamar and R. W. Nichols. Chairman

Murray is given authority to employ others if necessary.

All of these mentioned are employed by the month only and no contracts are made. It might be mentioned that the salary list is cut down from \$3,215 a month to \$1,137 per month, a saving of \$2,078 monthly. This list included all departments.

The commission also decided to employ three stock takers at \$4 per day each who are under oath and their figures will afterwards be verified. A statement will also be made as soon as possible as to the assets and liabilities and the American Auto company will send experts to go over all accounts as soon as the work is far enough advanced for this.

FOR SWEET PROFIT'S SAKE.

Charleston's Police Force Will Now Enforce the Dispensary Law.

Charleston, Feb. 20.—Chief of Police Boyle detailed a special officer at the Clyde Steamship company's wharves today and gave the entire force special orders that no contraband liquors are to be imported or moved through the streets of Charleston and he made it plain to the police officers that the men who do not obey his instructions to the letter will be dismissed from the force.

In speaking of the matter today, Chief Boyle said that he realized the importance of the situation, especially at this time, and he feels that the police department will accomplish a great deal if it puts a stop to the importation and delivery of liquors to blind tigers and storing places about the city. The departure of Chief Constable Holmes and the breaking up of the force of constables made it necessary, said Chief Boyle today, that the police department should take a hand and proceed vigorously. While the constables were here with special instructions of the State authorities to stop importation and deliveries, the police department has not been as active in this particular line of action, but now the whole responsibility rests upon the police force and Major Boyle said that he and his force of officers and men are prepared and willing to meet the issue and the orders of Mayor Rhett will be carried out to the letter.

THE STATE LEAGUE.

Meeting to Reorganize Will be Held Thursday, the 28th—A Six-Club League Decided Upon.

The State league of baseball teams will hold a meeting here on the 28th instant, at which final plans for completing the organization of the league for the ensuing season will be perfected.

At present the outlook for a strong organization of a six-club league is very favorable. This league will be composed of towns within the middle and Pee Dee sections of the State, including Camden, Darlington, Orangeburg, Sumter, Florence and one other point not yet decided upon.

The plan for working up an eight-club league composed of four towns in the Piedmont and four towns of the Pee Dee section, has been abandoned, principally for the reason that the railway connections are poor and the distances between too great, making the scheme very impracticable.

Local enthusiasts are in receipt of communications assuring them that the towns proposing to enter clubs in the new league, will have representatives here at the meeting on the above date.

At this meeting all the preliminaries will be arranged and the election of a new president, vice Mr. H. S. Baird, resigned, will be held, in order that the local managers may enter at once upon the work of organizing their clubs.

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DISPENSARY COMMISSION.

Dr. W. J. Murray Made Chairman—Members Qualified and Gave Bond in the Sum of \$10,000, Each Member Signing Bond of Others.

Columbia, Feb. 21.—The commission to wind up the affairs of the State Dispensary held its first meeting yesterday and organized by electing Dr. W. J. Murray of this city president, and Mr. B. F. Arthur of Union secretary. The other members of the commission are: Messrs. Avery Patton of Greenville, John McSween of Timmonsville and C. K. Henderson of Aiken. They qualified and gave bond in the sum of \$10,000 each, every member signing the bond of the others.

There were two meetings held yesterday, one in the morning, when the board organized, and another in the evening at the capitol when the board went over the situation confronting them and mapped out the plans. There was nothing of general public interest in the meeting in the evening and it will probably be several days before the regular work begins. The men who are on the commission want a businesslike "wind-up" of the affairs of the institution and they showed it yesterday.

As soon as the organization was perfected a visit was made to the wholesale dispensary. Here Commissioner Tatum and those under him in the various departments have continued in charge of the bookkeeping since the governor closed all dispensaries. They will check up and will turn over everything as soon as the new commission is ready.

In the casual inspection of the dispensary it was found that about \$100,000 worth of whiskey bought by the former board was stored in one of the departments formerly used for glass. The bottles are at present stacked in the yards and the supply of whiskey takes up all the room available in the glass warehouse. This is a part of the large purchase made by the former board and afterwards held up by Messrs. Lyons and Christensen. Some of this was returned at the time, but some of it was refused by the liquor houses and was reported by Mr. J. E. McDonald, who was the special attorney appointed by the new board.

From the expressions by the commission it is evident that the whiskey house will be called upon to take this back. It is not wanted; in fact, there is a much larger stock than can be disposed of by them for some time, even supposing that some of it is sent to the county dispensaries on their organization.

The commission will today consider the advisability of employing an attorney to look into the legality of all claims and help them in the questions that arise. Expert auditors and others will also be used in clearing up the mass of documents that will be gone over. The commission will wind up the institution exactly as it would do any mercantile concern and the utmost care will be taken with every account.

They think that with hard work this might be done in six months, but this is only an estimate as they as yet only have an idea as the general business. One of the members stated last night that he would not agree to open one local dispensary in the State until all of the stock in the State dispensary and in all the local dispensaries could be checked over. He wishes to know every dollar of assets and of liabilities before any more is made.

The members of the commission stated last night that they had received information from Commissioner Tatum as to the general condition of the dispensary. They ordered him to begin stock taking at once. This will be done by representatives of the board and Mr. Tatum jointly. After this there will be other work to be done.

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