

HARRY K. THAW MAKES SENSATIONAL ESCAPE FROM MATTEAWAN ASYLUM

Murderer of Stanford White Now at Liberty and Grave Doubt is Expressed as to Whether he Will be Recaptured.

POWERFUL AUTOMOBILES AND FIVE MEN AIDED NOTORIOUS PRISONER TO GET AWAY.

Ran Through Gate When Watchman Opened It Early Sunday Morning to Admit Milkman—Automobiles Waited Across Street to Receive Him and Rush Him Out of State at 70 Miles an Hour—Believed to be Bound for Europe.

Matteawan, N. Y., Aug. 17.—Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, escaped from the Hospital for the Criminal Insane here at 7.45 o'clock this morning. A dart for liberty through an open gate, a dash in the open door of a powerful automobile that stood quivering outside and a flight like a rocket for the Connecticut state line, thirty miles away, accomplished his escape. Tonight he was still at large, and the hospital authorities felt certain that he was outside the state. Once beyond the state boundaries Thaw is free. Only months, perhaps years, of litigation can bring him back to Matteawan, and then only in one event—that he be adjudged insane in the state to which he has fled.

Five confederates manned the car in which Thaw escaped, and a big black limousine which trailed it past the asylum gate. Police have their descriptions and the names under which they registered at a local hotel Friday night, and are seeking them.

Thaw Bound to Europe.

The hospital authorities believe Thaw has fled to the shore of Long Island Sound and boarded a yacht with steam up, to rush him to Europe. A reward of \$500 for Thaw's apprehension has been offered by Dr. R. F.

C. Kelb, superintendent of the asylum. Howard H. Barnum, the attendant at the gate past whom Thaw flashed in his break for freedom, is under arrest, and other arrests are expected to follow in the rigid investigation begun by Dr. Kelb.

The shades were drawn in the dormitories and the inmates were getting their second sleep when Thaw left his room this morning. He was fully dressed. The milkman's cart was rumbling on the road outside as he walked through the storeroom and into the outer court, or yard, of the asylum grounds. Barnum, sole attendant at the rear gate, was pacing back and forth when Thaw closed the storeroom door behind him, and apparently did not grasp the significance of Thaw's early rising.

Thaw a Trusty.

Long years of residence at the asylum and repeated declarations by Thaw that he would never attempt to obtain his freedom except by legal means had established the madman's status as a "trusty." There was little out of the ordinary in his appearance even at so early an hour in the courtyard, and if Barnum saw him—as to this no one, save the hospital authorities, could say tonight, and they refused to talk—he raised no question.

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ARMED BANDIT HOLDS UP PULLMAN CAR PASSENGERS

Fast Passenger Train Scene of Thrilling Robbery Near Kansas City—Robber, Unmasked, Secured \$106 and Escaped.

Kansas City, Aug. 18.—A bandit who boarded a Pullman car of the St. Louis and San Francisco passenger train known as the Meteor, at the Union station here tonight, held up four of the passengers on the car soon after the train left for Oklahoma and Texas. The robber escaped by jumping from the train.

The bandit had purchased railroad and Pullman tickets and entered the train as a regular passenger. The train had passed scarcely beyond the limits of the city when, suddenly, the man stood up and flourished a pistol, demanding that the other passengers on the car give him their money and valuables.

The passengers, in compliance with his demand, held up their hands, and four men readily surrendered their pocketbooks, containing \$106. The man

evidently intended to rob all the passengers on the train, but probably planned to enter other coaches, but he became startled when he discovered that one of the passengers at the end of the car had disappeared while his attention was concentrated on pocketing the money he had received.

Evidently believing that the train car would rush in on him in a moment, the bandit backed out of the coach and hurrying through another car to the platform, jumped to the ground.

The bandit, who was unmasked, was about five feet, eight inches in height. He was well dressed in a blue serge suit and a new straw hat. There was a scar on the left side of his face which appeared to have been made recently.

The bandit fired one shot in the air before he swung from the train.

TAKES STEPS TO SAFEGUARD THE CADETS

Minister of Militia Prohibits Sale of Liquor or Tobacco at Aldershot While Cadets are There.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, August 17.—The Minister of Militia has taken energetic action in regard to a situation which has arisen in the campgrounds at Aldershot, N. S.

Three companies of the permanent force have been in camp for some time at that place, and during the period when the active militia were not in camp they were allowed the use of their canteen. A cadet camp, however, is commencing there today, and apprehensions have been expressed that liquor, cigarettes and tobacco would be procurable at the campground while the boys were in camp.

Col. Hughes has issued instructions that neither liquor nor tobacco in any form may be sold in the camp and after sunset today all such articles found in the campgrounds are to be seized and confiscated by any militia officer of any description who discovers such articles.

GERMANY HAS DECIDED NOT TO TAKE PART

Will Have No Exhibit at Panama Exposition—Too Polite in Answering, One Paper Says.

Berlin, Aug. 17.—A majority of the Berlin newspapers this morning print the government's decision not to participate in the Panama-Pacific exposition without comment. The Deutsche Tages Zeitung, the official organ of the Agrarian league says:

"There are many in Germany who will not be pleased by the over-polite manner in which the government has excused itself from participation in the exposition. Judging from former experiences it will not make the desired impression on Americans either."

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MEXICO WILL CONSIDER THE U. S. MESSAGE

Foreign Minister Makes First Announcement of Policy as to Note Brought by John Lind.

Mexico City, Aug. 18.—Frederico Gamboa, the Mexican minister for foreign affairs, tonight gave out the first statement made by any Mexican official regarding the message sent to Provisional President Huerta by President Wilson, through his personal representative ex-Governor John Lind. The foreign minister said the Mexican government would give consideration to the communication, and after duly discussing it would make a reply.

This procedure is contrary to opinion held generally here the past week regarding the Mexican government's attitude, it being assumed in view of General Huerta's note of August 6, in which he characterized Mr. Lind as being persona non grata, unless he brought proper credentials and recognition of the Huerta administration, that any message the ex-governor brought would be ignored.

The newspapers of Mexico City have editorially and in their news columns their bitterness toward the United States. This is emphasized by the caricatures published of Mr. Lind, "Uncle Sam," and Dr. William Bayard Hale, but toward ex-Governor Lind personally there is manifested a feeling that is almost friendly. The public and officials appear to have conceived for him a personal liking, which is reflected in the newspapers.

Mr. Lind remains wholly uncommunicative to the public, however, being fixed in his determination not to discuss politics with unofficial Mexicans.

SULZER'S "OFFICIAL" ACTS NOT LEGAL, SAYS OPINION OF A NEW YORK COUNSEL

Impeached Governor Signs Requisition for Delivery of Prisoner But Lawyer Declares it is Worthless.

New York, Aug. 16.—Archibald R. Watson, corporation counsel of New York, late today advised Patrick A. Whitney, Commissioner of Corrections, against delivering a prisoner to police officers from Connecticut on a requisition signed by William Sulzer, as governor of New York.

Commissioner Whitney, in a detailed statement, had asked for an opinion on the proper course to pursue in view of the controversy at Albany between William Sulzer and Lieut. Governor Glynn over the governorship. After going at length into the law and the facts of the case as presented to him by Commissioner Whitney, Mr. Watson concluded his opinion in these words:

"My conclusion is that you would not be justified at the present time in delivering up a person lawfully in your custody under a warrant in the form issued and executed as you have described."

The requisition was signed by William Sulzer the day following the finding of the articles of the impeachment; the opinion says that "it is necessary to note that the impeachment of Governor Sulzer was found during an extraordinary session of the legislature."

AVIATOR GIVES UP PLAN TO FLY AROUND ENGLAND.

Yarmouth, Eng., August 17.—Harry C. Hawker, who started from Southampton yesterday on a hydro-aeroplane tour of the coasts of England and Scotland, but who was taken ill when he arrived here in the afternoon, after two fast flights, is so seriously indisposed that he will have to give up the effort. Sydney Pickles will take Hawker's place and resume the flight tomorrow.

ESCAPED PRISONER REARRESTED

Clatham, Ont., Aug. 17.—James Steadman, who escaped from the county jail here on Wednesday evening, was taken prisoner last night at his home in Burton. For three days and nights he was without either food or drink. Young Labadie, who escaped with Steadman has not yet been captured.

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HARCOURT SCENE OF BAD FIRE

Ten Dwelling Houses and Several Barns Burned on Saturday.

LOSSES HEAVY AND INSURANCES LIGHT.

Screen of Trees Surrounding Dr. Fairbanks' House All That Saved Entire Village from Destruction—Statement of Losses and Insurance.

Special to The Standard.

Harcourt, N. B., Aug. 16.—Ten dwelling houses, in one of which was a clothing store, and seven or eight barns, all in the centre of this thriving village, are in ashes, as the result of a fire which caught about noon in Sankey Call's house, occupied by his mother, Mrs. Mary Call, and the family of his brother, George. Sankey Call is in Maine and George in Saskatoon. The fire was well advanced before it was discovered having, as is supposed, started near the fire upstairs.

In the high wind the fire soon caught the houses on either side and destroyed them. Houses adjoining these shared the same fate, and then the fire jumped Main street and destroyed four more dwellings and their outbuildings, the last to go being Buckley's house and store.

Neighboring men worked like horses and gradually checked the flames. There is no water supply in the village except from the wells and intercolonial railway tank, and the day was exceedingly hot and dry.

Dr. Fairbanks' house and office on the West Side, and David Johnston's blacksmith and dwelling on the East Side were screened by trees, which helped to save them. Had they gone the whole village, including the two churches and many stores, would have been swept.

Postmaster Dunn's house, adjoining the post office, caught many times as fast as the others, but was saved by his determination not to dis-

miss anything. His furniture, valued at \$800 and cash \$300, insurance \$350.

Miss Annie Campbell, house and barn valued at \$400; insurance \$500. Her lodger, Rev. R. Hensley Stavert lost much of his valuable library.

Sankey Call, house and barn; about \$900; lost nearly everything; no insurance.

Mrs. James Carter, Millerton, vacant house valued at \$700; Miss Bernice Pride, house and barn valued at \$1900, part of furniture over \$500, and about \$150 cash, insurance \$1000.

Mrs. Mary Vathen, house and barn worth \$1000; insurance \$600. The house was occupied by Thomas Lamkey, who saved his furniture.

Mrs. James Buckley, dwelling, store and barn filled with hay and some farming implements; value of property \$1200. Also boots and shoes and clothing owned by Wm. F. Buckley. Mrs. Buckley's insurance was \$500 on the building and none on the furniture, some of which was burned.

F. Buckley had \$1000 insurance on his stock, much of which was lost.

Mrs. George Holmes, of Vancouver, lost the Powell House, and barn worth \$600; no insurance; most of her furniture destroyed, on which there was no insurance.

Mrs. Archibald Ferguson, dwelling and barn; \$1200; insurance \$600. Much furniture lost; no insurance.

George W. Macaulay Dead in Boston as Result of Accident Sustained During Vacation in Camp.

Special to The Standard.

Boston, August 17.—George W. Macaulay, a leading lumber merchant of this city, died of blood poisoning at his home in Brookline yesterday. Recently, at his summer home in New Hampshire, he fell over a dress suit case and injured his leg. An apparently slight scratch developed gangrene.

Mr. Macaulay was born in Moncton, N. B., in 1855. He was well known to St. John lumber manufacturers.

SIR IAN HAMILTON POINTS OUT WEAKNESS OF CANADA'S MILITIA

THOUSANDS OF TONS OF ROCK BEING TAKEN OFF SITE OF POST OFFICE

Inspector General of Overseas Forces Makes Recommendations for Improvement.

URGES COMPULSORY TRAINING OF BOYS.

To Bring Forces Up to Standard Will Require 4,900 Additional Officers and More than 180,000 of Other Ranks—Strong Reserve Force of Vital Importance.

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Ottawa, Aug. 16.—The report made by General Sir Ian Hamilton, inspector general of the overseas forces, upon the military institutions of Canada has been received by Colonel the Hon. Sam Hughes and the government.

The following is a summary of General Hamilton's chief recommendations:

- 1—Increase in the instruction staff of the active militia.
- 2—Localization of instruction in divisional areas by means of provisional schools.
- 3—Dependent on 2, abolition of central schools for infantry and cavalry.
- 4—Increase in the remuneration of officer instructors.
- 5—Direct engagement from outside sources of some of the regimental instructors.
- 6—Increase in the peace establishment of the active militia.
- 7—Institution of a minimum strength for units of the active militia.
- 8—Amalgamation of weak units.
- 9—Sixteen days' paid training for rural corps as well as for city corps.
- 10—Training of rural corps at other times than during camping period.
- 11—Consideration of alternative policies affecting the permanent force.

(a) wider dispersal of permanent force units as the active militia increases, or (b) concentration of permanent force units and their employment as units.

12—Assimilation of permanent force units if concentrated to the regular model.

13—Interchange of permanent force and regular units.

14—Creation of adequate war reserves of arms, ammunition, clothing, equipment and stores.

15—Scientific treatment of horse registration in peace.

16—Institution of a national reserve.

17—Preparation of classified muster rolls of men liable and fit for service.

18—Organization on paper of a reserve militia.

Where Weakness Exists.

In connection with the recommendation for adequate reserves Sir Ian Hamilton states that the most serious deficiencies are as follows:

284 guns and howitzers for the field army, 64 are under orders. Ammunition for the same, 287 machine guns, 50 are under orders, 37,000 rifles, 18,000 are on order, 140,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, 150,000 sets of service dress, 100,000 sets of full equipment, 150,000 sets of trenching instruments, a large amount of harness and saddlery. With regard to deficiencies in peace establishments, he states that the most serious are as follows:

Forty-eight batteries of artillery, 34 ammunition columns, 8 field troops and companies of engineers, 2 infantry battalions, 11 telegraph and wireless detachments, 15 companies of army service corps, 7 field ambulances.

The foregoing deficiencies exist in regard to the scheme which was adopted some time ago of having the Canadian army, if mobilized for war, organized in a field army comprising seven mounted brigades, six divisions, three mixed brigades and lines of communication units, together with garrison troops for Halifax, Quebec and Esquimaux.

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TIMELY DISCOVERY PREVENTED WRECK

Bridge and Railway Ties Ablaze at Palmer's Pond—Found by Men Chasing Escaped Jail Birds.

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Dorchester, N. B., Aug. 16.—There was a narrow escape from being another wreck at Palmer's Pond here this morning. About ten o'clock Mr. Jerry Holland and Ralph Howson, who were scouring the country for the escaped jail birds discovered that the railway bridge at Palmer's Pond was on fire.

The wind was blowing a gale and fanning the flames around the hard pine sleepers under the rails, destroying the sleepers. They got buckets as rapidly as possible and fortunately were able to extinguish the fire before any trains crossed the bridge. Several sleepers were considerably damaged. Mr. Holland reports that in a few minutes longer the top of the bridge would have been destroyed.

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SEND VALUABLE HORSE TO SIR IAN HAMILTON

Friends Purchase Animal the General Rode While Here and Ship it to Him—Cables Delight.

FALLING OFF IN CHEESE EXPORTS TO BRITAIN

Cut in United States Tax on Canadian Product May Further Decrease Shipments to Old Country.

WESTERN PHYSICIANS URGE ASYLUM REFORM

Calgary, Aug. 16.—That insanity is not a crime, although the government in error, treats it as such, was the contention of several speakers at the convention of the Alberta Medical Association. The tendency of homeosteaders is to place patients in asylums and the obsolete methods of handling such cases, with no good results was discussed and a resolution committing the association to western asylum reform, was adopted.

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