

PUBLIC MAY NOT HEAR  
EVELYN THAW'S LIFE STORYTestimony Likely to Be  
in PrivateJerome and Prisoner's Coun-  
sel Appeal to Judge to Ex-  
clude Press and Spectators  
from Court Room--Decis-  
ion Monday--Actress Wife  
on the Stand.New York, Jan. 17.—A series of sur-  
prises brought the Thaw trial near a crisis  
today. Both Evelyn Thaw, the wife, and  
Mrs. William Thaw, the mother of the  
defendant, were on the witness-stand and  
just as the former was about to relate  
the story of her life as she told it  
to Thaw in Paris, in 1903, District At-  
torney Jerome arose and suggested that  
in the interest of public morals all persons  
save those immediately interested in the  
case, be excluded from the court room.

Mrs. Harry K. Thaw.

During the recital of what he termed "a  
horrible tale." The motion included the  
representatives of newspapers as well as  
the public generally. Attorney Martin M.  
Littleton, of the defense, joined in it to  
shield the young woman from hundreds of  
curious eyes, and said that so far as the  
constitutional right to an open hearing  
was concerned, he was ready to waive that  
point in any irrevocable manner the court  
might suggest. Proceedings were sus-  
pended until next Monday morning when Jus-  
tice Dowling, who is presiding, will an-  
nounce his decision.The district attorney's suggestion was a  
distinct surprise and called forth the re-  
mark by Justice Dowling that it would  
have come with greater force at the first  
trial.

## Jerome Hurls Objections.

When Mr. Jerome arose, it was gener-  
ally believed that he was about to combat  
the admissibility of young Mrs. Thaw's  
testimony on the ground that it could not  
have a very serious effect upon the  
mind of the man who subsequently became  
her husband, inasmuch as the homicide did  
not occur until three years thereafter. Mr.  
Jerome had previously objected to Mrs.  
Thaw's detailing conversations she had  
with Thaw three years prior to the trag-  
edy, but Justice Dowling ruled that the de-  
clarations of the defendant were admissi-  
ble on general principles and without any  
reference to the Wood case, under which  
the evidence in dispute was admitted last  
year, and Mr. Jerome had been expected  
to ask a construction of this year."I will not except to your honor's rul-  
ing," said the district attorney, as he took  
his seat after his objection, "for the state  
has no power of appeal."  
Then Mr. Jerome attacked the witness  
in another way and by standing immedi-  
ately in front of her and objecting to  
practically every question which Mr. Lit-  
tleton asked in his preliminary examina-  
tion as to her early history,  
cut her recital from the effective  
narrative form it assumed last year. The  
hundred fragments. Many of the ob-  
jections, based on irrelevancy and immate-  
riality were sustained by the court. When  
these failed, the prosecutor was ready  
with others until the testimony was fairly  
lorn to shreds and had entirely lost the  
many little touches of interest which were  
a part of the recital last year when no  
objections were offered.Mr. Jerome said his objections were  
intended to bar all stories about pet tales  
and "a lot of other stuff" which had no  
place in the trial.The day, however, was one of good pro-  
gress for the defense. The elder Mrs.  
Thaw, pale and weak from her recent ill-  
ness, was assisted to the witness chair and  
repeated a large part of the testimony  
she gave a year ago. Her appearance and  
the sincerity of her evidence as she told  
of her son's strange conduct after meet-  
ing Evelyn Nesbit and hearing her story,  
had a marked effect upon all who later  
ed. On account of her weak condition,  
her examination was interrupted by con-  
sults to be resumed some time next week,  
when she will tell of Thaw's infancy. Dis-  
trict Attorney Jerome's manner while she  
was on the stand was all defense and  
it was his suggestion which led to the re-  
spite in her ordeal. But when the young  
wife took the stand, the change was mark-  
ed. Jerome glanced her from the very  
first and his objections were fairly shout-  
ed in her ears. Well accustomed to court  
usage from her former experience, the  
young woman was not at all daunted by  
as to each objection. When they were  
sustained she was silent; when over-ruled  
she was ready with a response.Effective testimony was given at the  
morning session by Miss Alice C. Fletcher  
of Washington (D. C.), long a friend of  
the Thaws, and a frequent visitor at their  
home. She said she had known Evelyn  
Thaw for twenty-six years and he had al-  
ways impressed her as irrational. Miss  
Catherine O'Neill, who nursed Thaw as a  
boy, from his third to his tenth year, ad-  
duced her evidence to that already ad-  
duced as to erratic conduct and tendencies  
of the defendant.Two doorsmen at the police station  
where Thaw was confined the night of  
the tragedy, repeated their testimony of  
last year about Thaw's irrational appear-  
ance and his complaining of noises that  
did not exist.  
The trial may be concluded in two more  
weeks.

"Boo, boo!"

"What's the matter, John?"

"Got caught stealin' apples at Mr. Binx's."

"Did he treat you?"

"No, made me eat the apples. Boo, boo!"

"Exchange."

NEWCASTLE'S BONDED  
DEBT IS \$175,000One Bank Holds \$87,000 of Them  
to Secure a Loan—Forty-four Court  
Convictions Last Year, All "First  
Offences."Newcastle, N. B., Jan. 17.—The regular  
meeting of the town council was held  
Thursday night, Mayor Miller in the chair.  
Ald. Allison, Byles, Clark, T. A. Clarke,  
Falconer, Morrison and Russell  
were present.The finance committee's annual report  
follows in part:  
"At the close of 1906 unsold town of  
Newcastle bonds amounting to \$72,000 were  
held by the Royal Bank of Canada, as  
security for advances for the town. Dur-  
ing the year \$18,000 of these were with-  
drawn and sold and \$35,000 of the recent-  
ly authorized \$40,000 supplementary de-  
bentures, second issue, were issued and  
hypothecated with the Royal Bank of Can-  
ada as collateral security for balance un-  
secured debenture loans and for a new  
loan of \$27,000 covering an overdraft on  
Dec. 31, 1906, of \$20,770.8. This loan has  
not since been increased, this being the  
first year since incorporation that the  
town's disbursements have been within its  
receipts, although all the town property  
was kept in the usual good repair and in  
some cases materially improved or added  
to. The town, however, has obligations  
belonging to 1907, amounting to about \$4-  
500."Notwithstanding the financial string-  
ency of the past year and a total new as-  
essment of \$21,600, the amount of de-  
fault taxes is now only about \$800 over the  
corresponding period of last year, as may  
be seen by examining the two years' re-  
ports."In no year since incorporation has suf-  
ficient assessment been made to cover the  
interest on the town's debentures. Last  
year, however, the larger part of said in-  
terest was assessed for, and by making full  
provision in 1908, the town will be placed  
on a sound and businesslike financial basis  
and the last cause for further increase in  
taxation be removed, unless our citizens  
should again decide to bonus new indus-  
tries or go heavily into further civic im-  
provements."The town's indebtedness is covered by  
the following bonds:  
Local improvement.....\$ 20,000  
Water works and sewerage..... 60,000  
Electric light..... 16,000  
Supplementary water works and  
sewerage, second issue..... 35,000  
\$175,000"Of the bonds the following have been  
sold:  
Local improvement.....\$20,000  
W. W. and Sewerage..... 50,000  
Electric light..... 1,000  
Industrial..... 17,000  
\$88,000"The remainder are hypothecated with  
the Royal Bank of Canada as collateral  
security for loans totalling to about their  
face amount."On recommendation of same committee,  
a bonus of \$75 was granted Police Magis-  
trate Malby for Scott act work during  
the past year. The police report for 1907  
showed a total of 44 convictions, the  
sixty-eight arrests.The Scott act report for 1907 was as fol-  
lows:  
"Fifty complaints were laid during the  
year—twenty by John Menzies, twenty-  
nine by J. H. Ashford, and one by James  
Murphy. The two appeals taken previous  
year had been won by the town. The  
fifty complaints had resulted in forty-four  
convictions; five cases had been dismissed,  
and one dropped."Net fines from police court had been  
\$161.50; from Scott act cases, \$1,978.90."  
On motion of Ald. Morrison and J.  
Clark, the following by-law was adopted:  
That section 3 of the electric light by-  
laws pertaining to the discount of fifteen  
cents per month on accounts paid before  
the 10th day of each month be repealed,  
with all amendments thereto, and that the  
following be substituted:"1. A discount of thirty-three and a  
third per cent, will be allowed on all ac-  
counts paid within ten days after the first  
day of the month in which such accounts  
shall have become due."2. That a rent of fifteen cents per  
month be charged for meter on all ac-  
counts of less than \$1 per month, and no  
discount be allowed on any account  
less than \$1 per month, same to take ef-  
fect from Jan. 1, 1908."John Cassidy, special tax collector, was  
appointed treasurer at \$50 a year.MAINE RUM FATAL  
TO FORMER P. E. MANGeorge W. Ferris of Oldtown Locked  
Up for Drunkenness Died in Cell.Bangor, Me., Jan. 19.—George W. Ferris,  
of Oldtown, who was arrested here Sat-  
urday night for drunkenness, was found  
dead in his cell Sunday morning. Death  
about 9 o'clock this morning. Death was  
due to alcoholism.Ferris was thirty-five years old. His  
wife is thought to be in P. E. Island, where  
he went from Brunswick. His father, James  
Ferris, lives at Stanley Bridge (P. E. I.). Both have been in  
prison.MAINE LUNATIC  
BRAINS ANOTHERThomaston, Me., Jan. 19.—Edward M.  
Smith, known as "Buckpot" Smith, aged  
seventy years, a life prisoner, was murder-  
ously assaulted and killed early today by  
Nesbit Brown, aged twenty-three years,  
of Gray (Me.), sentenced to the prison  
for twenty years for rape, and who had  
served four years of his sentence.  
The assault occurred at 7.30 o'clock,  
while the men were filing back up the  
stairs from the bath rooms, where they  
had been cleaning up. Brooks, unknown  
to the keeper, had secured an iron bar  
from one of the beds. When he  
reached a turn of the stairs, when he  
was momentarily out of sight of the keep-  
ers, he suddenly drew out the bar and  
clubbed Smith, who walked in front of  
him, over the head. Smith dropped in  
his tracks, and several blows were rained  
upon his head by the insane youth. The  
man's skull was fractured, and although  
removed to the hospital department, there  
was no hope of saving his life.AMHERST MAN  
TAKES HIS LIFEE. Bideu, Well Known Mer-  
chant, Despondent Over Ill-  
Health, SuicidesAmherst, N. S., Jan. 17.—Great sorrow  
was caused here this evening when the re-  
port became current that E. Bideu, one  
of the town's best known and most high-  
ly respected citizens, had met death at  
his own hands.Mr. Bideu, who for some months had  
been in poor health, has only recently been  
able to attend to his business. He left  
home about 3 o'clock this afternoon and  
went to his place at business on Victoria  
street where nothing unusual was noticed  
by his employees, who left for their tea  
about 5 o'clock.Oscar Killian, his son-in-law, having an  
engagement with Mr. Bideu about 5.30,  
called at the store and was surprised to  
find the place locked, but supposing Mr. Bideu  
had gone to the house, he went into a  
nearby drug store and telephoned, but  
found that this was not the case. He re-  
turned to the store and tried to force the  
door but, failing, he called Police Officer  
Carter and the two of them gained an en-  
trance through the back door and were  
horror-stricken to find his lifeless body lying  
in a pool of blood.Dr. Hewson was summoned and reached  
the scene about 7.30 and pronounced life  
extinct about two hours. The following  
jury were summoned: C. I. Hillson, fore-  
man; J. N. Page, James Corney, W. B.  
Andrews, Allan Archibald, D. C. Mc-  
Leod, D. D. St. Paul, E. Blair, Geo. Har-  
rison, Robert Mitchell, D. D. Betta, E. H.  
Keith and J. S. Coates. After hearing  
the evidence of Mr. Killian and others the  
jury rendered the following verdict:Suicide, Says Jury.  
That deceased came to his death by a  
shot in his right temple from a revolver  
discharged by his own hand, causing in-  
stant death, the act being committed while  
in a fit of despondency.The revolver, which was a new one,  
was lying at his side, only one chamber  
of the five being empty.The deceased was about 60 years of age  
and came here from Digby about sixteen  
years ago and with his sons started busi-  
ness as a manufacturer of candy, later he  
added ice cream parlors and had an exten-  
sive business in this line. While in Digby  
he was for some years deputy sheriff and  
also represented the town for some time,  
and was very popular with all classes, in  
politics a Conservative, and in religion an  
Anglican. His wife, who was a Miss  
Douglas, of Fredericton (N. B.), survived  
him, also one daughter, Mrs. Oscar J.  
Killian, who with her husband, have been  
residing here for some time, and three  
sons, Harry, in Cobalt (Ont.), Her-  
bert, in Elk, Nevada, and William A.,  
commercial traveler, for all of whom much  
sympathy is expressed by the town.The body will be taken to Digby,  
where burial will take place Tuesday  
afternoon.HEADLESS MAN IDENTIFIED  
AS CAPT. HARRY P.  
SMITH SOMEONE ELSEBody Now Thought to Be That of  
Captain Nelson A. Mills Who Was  
Lost With Schooner Richard S.  
Leaming.Nantucket, Mass., Jan. 18.—The headless  
body found last week on the shore of Nan-  
tucket island is now believed to be that  
of Nelson A. Mills, of Barnegat (N. J.),  
who was captain of the schooner Richard S.  
Leaming, lost on Long Shoal with her  
entire crew on December 17, 1904. The  
body of the schooner's papers on board  
led the coroner to make a report declar-  
ing it to be the body of Captain Harry P.  
Smith, who was registered as the  
schooner's master, but it has now been  
learned that Captain Smith was not on  
board the vessel and that his place for the  
voyage from Windsor (N. S.) was taken  
by Captain Mills. Captain Smith is now  
running on one of the United Fruit Com-  
pany's steamers out of Boston.Today the coroner received a letter from  
the wife of Captain Mills saying that she  
believed the body is that of her husband.  
J. A. Mills, a special tax collector, was  
appointed treasurer at \$50 a year.MONCTON SCOTT ACT  
RAID SUCCESSFULMoncton, N. B., Jan. 17.—The police this  
afternoon raided Maxime Melanson's bar-  
room at the lower end of the city and this  
time were successful in finding a quantity  
of liquor. Some ten bottles of brandy and  
whisky and a keg of brandy were secured  
and carted to the police station. Melan-  
son was recently convicted of Scott act  
violation, and is now serving thirty days  
in jail.George Watson and Andrew Melanson,  
residents of thirty days yesterday and to-  
day, were taken to Dorchester.The recent stir in Scott act circles has  
made liquor dealers very cautious, and  
only those who know the ropes are now  
able to secure a drink.DESPONDENT MAINE  
WOMAN SUICIDESLewiston, Me., Jan. 19.—The body of a  
woman who was found hanging by the  
neck under the stairs in the summer cot-  
tage of Rev. H. M. Lowe, on the shores  
of Androscoggin Lake, in Leeds, when Mr.  
Lowe went to his cottage yesterday to  
look after it for the winter, was today  
identified as Miss Florence Bigelow, aged  
forty-six, of Greene (Me.).The reason for the suicide is despond-  
ency, due to the death of Miss Bigelow's  
parents, some time ago, and the breaking  
up of her home in Greene. For the past  
year or two the woman had been living  
at various points in Leeds, Leeds Centre,  
and Lewiston.The woman had two brothers who re-  
side in Boston—C. H. and Benjamin R.  
Bigelow.DRUGGED AND ROBBED  
IN NEW YORK THEATREJewelry and \$70 Taken from Woman  
by Girl Who Gives Her Poisoned  
BonbonsVICTIM'S HUSBAND TOO LATE  
Suspect Is Under Arrest.New York, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Robert Fox,  
155 Sicks avenue, New Rochelle, whose  
husband is a buyer in the fur department  
of a Broadway department store, was  
drugged and robbed by a chance woman  
acquaintance in a Broadway theatre last  
Saturday. Since then she has been dan-  
gerously ill in her home, and it was not  
until yesterday afternoon that the at-  
tending physician would give any assur-  
ance that she would survive. The poison  
was administered in a bonbon.Last night a young woman who said  
she was Alice Moran and gave an address  
in Caldwell avenue, the Bronx, was ar-  
rested on suspicion of being the thief.Mrs. Fox occupied a box seat in the  
theatre, sitting beside a young, hand-  
somer dressed woman. They got into con-  
versation, in the course of which the  
young woman expressed admiration for a  
bracelet Mrs. Fox was wearing.Mrs. Fox took it off and gave it to the  
young woman who said she was Alice Moran  
and gave an address in Caldwell avenue, the Bronx, was ar-  
rested on suspicion of being the thief.The young woman did not offer to re-  
turn the bracelet, and Mrs. Fox asked for  
it. The stranger said she would keep it until  
Mrs. Fox came back. The latter replied  
she might not return, and the bracelet  
was handed to her. Then Mrs. Fox got so  
much worse she was glad to avail herself  
of the young woman's proffered aid to reach  
her home. When Mrs. Fox reached home  
she found the bracelet and learned who she  
was, after which Mrs. Fox was asked by  
telephone to come to the theatre at once.The bracelet, which she thought the young  
woman left the room, and with her, appar-  
ently, went Mrs. Fox's silver mesh hand-  
bag, containing much valued jewelry, a  
bracelet, \$70, a pair of pearl earrings, several  
pearl pins and some trinkets.Mrs. Fox, in the care of a physician  
at her home, is now recovering, but a  
hotel, and during Saturday night and Sun-  
day morning her death was expected at  
any moment. On Sunday she was taken  
home.PARTY LINES ON  
THE NORTH SHORE

(Fredericton Clearly).

Mr. Pugsley has not only failed in his  
efforts to manipulate and direct the  
Liberal party in the approaching federal  
elections, but his action has been met by a  
pretty general protest from the rank and  
file of the party, his associates, and the  
authorities of authority to speak for the  
party in matters of federal concern. The  
Liberal party in this county on the whole  
has been positively shocked by the conduct  
of the party in the approaching federal  
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