

Is Thaw Capable Of Advising Lawyers

The Prisoner's Counsel Believe That They Can Conclusively Prove That He is at Present in His Right Mind and Able to Direct His Affairs—Letter Written to Delmas Submitted and Affidavits of Counsel.

New York, March 23.—The Thaw trial stands adjourned until Wednesday next, as directed by Justice Fitzgerald, after a brief session of the court yesterday, but by 2 o'clock today, as per Justice Fitzgerald's instruction, counsel for the defence must file affidavits controverting those submitted by District Attorney Jerome to the effect that the prisoner is of unsound mind and incompetent to consult his lawyers. The defence is already prepared with this evidence, and this afternoon it will file with the clerk of court along with the affidavits, a letter of Thaw's bidding Delphin M. Delmas to take charge of his case and follow such a course as he deems best. The defence considers this letter strong proof that Thaw is capable of advising his lawyers.

The circumstances under which the letter was written are said to have been these:—The second day of the defence, which was shortly after the trial began, it almost broke down, owing to the District Attorney's savage onslaught upon its first medical witness, Dr. Wiley. There was a con-

ference among Thaw's lawyers, and it is reported that at the time Mr. Delmas told Thaw that if the then confused state of his defence last night he would not speak for the outcome of the trial. Upon learning this Thaw wrote to Mr. Delmas asking him to take charge. Mr. Delmas will accompany the letter today with an affidavit by himself that his client is well able to consult his counsel, and that he has done so since the trial began.

Messrs. Hartbridge, Gleason, Pike, Peabody and O'Reilly will submit similar affidavits. The last two will set forth that they have sat behind Thaw in the court room every trial day, and that they have visited him often in the toms, and that on all occasions he has been capable of forming sane judgments as to the conduct of his case and in expressing them.

The alienists for the defence will offer affidavits in kind.—One of them has made an examination of Thaw as lately as last Wednesday, and his conclusions will be stated in his affidavit. Among the alienists affidavits will be one by Dr. George H. Shields,

who has not testified in the case but who has sat with Thaw during the trial. Further to strengthen their contention that the prisoner is sane and competent, counsel will file a series of notes and memoranda written by Thaw to them during the trial. It has been thought that some of his relatives would make affidavits, but it was learned last night that they will not do so.

In his attempt to show that Thaw is insane, District Attorney Jerome filed with his affidavits a number of letters written by Thaw to J. Donnellson Lyon, his banker in Pittsburgh. Some were written prior to White's death, and some of them subsequent. They were made public last night through Assistant District Attorney Garvan. The letters are odd specimens of correspondence, being in the main disconnected sentences, with not a few misspelled words, yet they apparently show an appreciation of the practical matters of life. The Pittsburgh man was leading before shooting White. The contention of Mr. Jerome, is, however, that their incoherence and other characteristics show that the writer is not sane.

BANK TRANSFER EARLY NEXT MONTH

The Peoples Bank Likely to Be Merged With Bank of Montreal Before President Randolph Returns.

President Randolph of the Peoples Bank of New Brunswick is now in Hot Springs, Arkansas, on a trip for the benefit of his health. Mr. Randolph is not likely to return to this city before the middle of next month, having gone to the Hot Springs after a long illness. Mrs. Randolph is spending the winter before Mr. Randolph returns to the city. It is likely that the transfer of the Peoples Bank by which it will be merged with the Bank of Montreal, will take place. According to recent statements of the bank managers it is not known here just when the transfer will take place. However, it is not expected to take place on April 1st, but probably during the first two weeks of the coming month.

When the transfer does take place it is the intention to close up the Bank of Montreal's agency on York street and the Peoples Bank building on Queen street will be used and is likely to be remodeled at an early date or perhaps enlarged.

Thus far the bankers have not been informed as to who will be transferred from this city or who will remain here. Mr. J. W. Spurden, manager of the Peoples Bank, will be the Manager of the Bank of Montreal and about May 1st will occupy the residence now occupied by Mr. M. S. L. Ritchey, who will be transferred from this city to some other agency.

NEW COTTON MILL LARGE CAPITAL

Montreal, March 23.—The Wabasso Cotton Company has been formed in this city, with a capital of \$1,750,000, to be in operation in January, 1908. The mill will be erected at either Three Rivers, Ottawa, St. Johns, Que., or Sherbrooke, according as the promoters are able to make suitable terms with the municipal authorities. C. R. Whitehead, who was manager of the Moffmorcotton Mills up to the time of its inclusion in the Dominion Textile Company, and who has since been joint manager of the Textile Company, has resigned his former position. The promoters state that the new concern will not be a competitor of the Textile Company, but will make a higher grade of goods, such as are now imported from England.

Tom Holmes Married.
Trainer Thomas E. Holmes, who has a large stable of racing horses in the city, was married at Marysville last evening to the young woman from Sussex who has been visiting here for some weeks past. They will live in the city and Tom's friends drank wine at his expense last evening.

ENGLISH ORGANIST FOR CATHEDRAL

Appointment Has Been Made and Newcomer Will Be Here Next Month—President of Kings to Preach.

Bishop Richardson has returned from St. John, where he was on a confirmation tour after attending the funeral of the late Archbishop Neale at Woodstock and this morning confirmed the report that a new organist has been appointed to succeed Prof. Powell at the Cathedral. The present incumbent having accepted the position of organist at the Anglican church at Smith's Falls, Ontario.

The name of the new organist is not known by the Cathedral authorities, he having been appointed by means of cablegrams through Mr. Ayer, a well known musical authority in London, England. All that is known is that the appointee is an Englishman, about thirty years of age and of exceptional ability. He is expected to sail from England about the middle of April and it is likely that he will take up his new duties about the 1st of May.

At the Cathedral to-morrow Rev. A. J. Boulden, president of King's College, will be the preacher at the morning service, while Bishop Richardson will preach at the evening service.

The president of King's will be heard with interest. He has remained in this city as a guest at the Queen Hotel since the recent inter-collegiate debate.

CASES HEARD IN COUNTY COURT

At the County Court yesterday, the case of J. Frank Grant vs. Shadrack Stairs was settled by the parties without trial. Solicitor General Jones acted for the plaintiff, while Mr. O. S. Crockett, M. P., was the attorney for the defence.

Mr. John R. Dunn, of Gagetown, appeared in the case of McDonough vs. Colter, and after reading affidavits showing that the plaintiff was unable to attend court on account of illness asked that the case be stood over until the 1st of May, and that it be struck off the jury docket and be made a non-jury case. Mr. J. D. Phinney, acting for the defendant, agreed to stand and the case was accordingly stood over until that date.

No other business coming before the court, Judge Wilson adjourned the court sine die.

New Brunswick Medical Council.
The annual meeting of the Council of Physicians was held at the Queen Hotel last evening, those in attendance were:—Dr. E. T. Purdy, Moncton; Dr. J. M. Deacon, Milltown; Dr. Thomas Walker, Dr. P. R. Inches, Dr. J. P. McInerney, Dr. H. G. Addy, Dr. Stewart Skinner, St. John; Dr. E. T. Gaudet, Memramcook. The regular routine business was transacted. The doctors returned to their homes this morning.

THE DUNBAR CO. LOOKING FOR SITE

People of Gibson Will Do Anything Possible to Encourage Firm to Locate There.

There is a great deal of discussion regarding the site of the Dunbar iron works of Woodstock, who are talking of locating at Gibson. Some claim that they intend going to the old Gibson foundry opposite the I. C. R. station, providing that they can get more land in connection with the building. Others say that the large tract of land belonging to the Walter McFarlane Estate, near the Sunny Bank cemetery, on the branch line of the C. P. R., would be a more suitable place, being more central, and more land can be had in that locality. Of course, on the site of the old foundry they would be nearer water facilities, while the railroad passes within five feet of the door.

As the Dunbar concern is a large one perhaps they will be unable to get a suitable site at Gibson. They, however, should be encouraged, as an establishment of this nature and the business of the Dunbar Machine Company would be a great boon to this part of the Province.

ENTRIES FOR INDOOR MEET

The following entries for the indoor sports at the Arctic Rinkway next Monday evening have been received:—

40 yards dash.—Rutter, Clynick, Knox, Kenney, city; Day, Dunphy, Wood, Rutledge, Bridges, Baird, Clark, Kingston, Curry, Patterson, Woster and Morrow, U. N. B.
220 yard dash.—Wetmore, Boyer, P. N. S.; Kenney, Clynick, Rutter, Knox, city; Day and Bridges, U. N. B.; Cass, McKay, Sterling, High School.
440 yard dash.—Clynick, Kenney, Rutter, city; Wetmore, Alexander, Dibblee, Boyer, P. N. S.; Bridges, McLean, Morrow, U. N. B.
1 mile run.—Clynick, Knox, McLean, city; Curry, Alexander, Orchard, Brooks, Clark, U. N. B.
40 yard hurdles.—Rutter, Clynick, Rutledge, Wood, Wetmore, Curry, Baird and Brooks.
High jump.—Alexander, Boyce, and Dibblee, P. N. S.; Geo. Wandless, city; Baird, Rutledge, Patterson, Spicer, McDonald, U. N. B.
Pole vault.—Wandless, city; Lank, Wetmore, Baird, Rutledge, Woods, McGill, U. N. B.
City relay team.—Rutter, Clynick, Knox, Daley.
College relay team.—Rutledge, Bridges, Brooks, Woods.
Interclass relay race between seniors, juniors, sophomores, freshmen, High school vs. Normal school.

TERRIBLE SHOCK OF ELECTRIC CURRENT

Electrician Got His Hand in Contact With Copper Part of Switch Board

SHOCK OF TWELVE THOUSAND VOLTS.

Hand and Arm Burned Black, Face and Foot Scorched, a Nervous Wreck

ARM WILL HAVE TO BE AMPUTATED.

Physicians Cannot Account for the Man Being Alive to Tell the Tale.

Niagara Falls, Ont., March 23.—With his right hand and arm black with his face and left foot scorched and his whole nervous system a wreck, William Reid lies in the general hospital a puzzle to physicians and electricians, who cannot understand how he remains alive. Reid is employed by the Canadian Niagara Power Company as switch board operator. Yesterday afternoon while on duty he got his hand in contact with the copper part of the switch and received a shock of twelve thousand volts. The current burned his right hand and arm right up to the shoulder and escaped from his body by the other arm and one leg, both of which as well as his face is scorched. The shoe was burned off one foot. Reid is expected to recover, but his right arm may have to be amputated.

THE HAPPENINGS AROUND GIBSON

Gibson, March 22.—The funeral of the late Mrs. S. A. Davidson took place on Thursday and was quite largely attended. Rev. D. H. Simpson conducted the service, music was rendered by the choir. John G. Adams was the undertaker in charge.

Rev. R. H. Boyer is confined to his home suffering from a relapse of la grippe. Miss Lottie Davidson, who has been visiting friends in Marysville, has returned home.

Mr. Wm. Minnie, who has been sick with la grippe, is able to be out again.

The little daughter of Mr. J. Stickle, who has been quite ill, is decidedly better.

Mr. Perley Bailey, who has been visiting his brother, Mr. Harry Bailey, has returned home.

Miss L. Webb, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. H. Smith, of Fredericton, has returned home again.

Mr. H. Davidson is being congratulated upon the arrival of a young son.

Mrs. E. Dennison, of Marysville, was calling on friends in this place one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McGill, was visiting friends at Newcastle Bridge this week.

Mr. H. Bailey intends leaving for a trip to Little River in the near future.

Mr. Hiram Bradley, accompanied by his wife and daughter made a flying trip to Rustigornish one day this week.

It is rumored that there is to be a driving party down river tonight.

Bishop Richardson at St. John.

In St. John's Church, St. John, West, last evening, 26 candidates were confirmed by Bishop Richardson. 11 males and 15 females. The Bishop delivered an address before and after the confirmation ceremony. The large congregation after the service assembled in the school room and tendered the popular bishop a reception after an address of welcome had been read to which the bishop made a suitable reply.

Girls at Basket Ball.
There is to be two games of basket ball at the Y. M. C. A. tonight. The first one will be the final game of the city league and will be between the 2nd Normal School and the High School. The second game will be a struggle between two teams of girls representing the High School.

The Crucifixion Chorus will have a rehearsal at the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Hartland Pastor Hurt in Collision

Rev. C. T. Phillips Painfully Injured in Recent Railway Accident at Debec—Struck His Head Against Projection—Still Kept in Bed.

St. John, March 23.—Rev. C. T. Phillips was painfully injured in a railway accident at Debec a few days ago. Rev. Mr. Phillips left his home in Hartland on Monday night's express for Woodstock, to attend a meeting of the executive of the Baptist Association. He was standing talking to a number of friends who were to get off the train at the Junction when the collision came. Mr. Phillips was violently thrown down the aisle, striking the back of his head against a projection of one of the seats. This shock came when he was in rather poor health, after just coming through a severe attack of grippe.

Medical aid was summoned and it was found that Mr. Phillips was so shaken up that a continuation of his journey was impossible. He remained at Debec until Tuesday and was then sent to his home. The doctors have ordered him to remain in bed for at least two weeks. As yet Mr. Phillips condition is not greatly improved. On Friday the injury to his head seemed to be more painful than at any previous time.

MR. FLEMMING ON THE BUDGET

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The Premier has pictured the growth that is to follow the construction of this road and the G. T. P. Hon. Mr. Tweedie said last year there was no use talking of young people taking up new land in the province. I want to say that the day has passed when the young men of New Brunswick will take up wilderness lands. Western opportunities are too great. Although these big propositions—the Central road, the International, etc.—all have been claimed to be in the interests of the province, there has been nothing of that one thing which will do more than anything else for the province, namely development of the coast. The development of St. John's, if we can devise a scheme, will give better facilities and increase its population to 100,000 or to 150,000; the young men will not be leaving New Brunswick for other provinces. The development of St. John's means the opening of opportunities in the province. The government has been able to pledge provincial credit for other things, but has given no great encouragement to St. John.

ST. JOHN BILL CIVIC ELECTIONS

The House last evening resolved itself into committee for the reconsideration of the bill relating to civic elections in the city of St. John. Mr. Lantaulum requested that the further consideration of the bill might be deferred till Wednesday next, in order that the opinion of the citizens might be obtained on the amendment prepared by the sub-committee of the Municipalities Committee, providing that the Common Council might at any time by a two-thirds vote provide for a plebiscite on the question of reducing the number of aldermen or dividing the city into districts, and the scheme so decided upon should come into force at the next annual election, and any order that the Council should at any time pass should have the same force and effect as if enacted by the Legislature. This was agreed to, and progress reported.

Mr. Lantaulum took this course after Mr. Hazen, leader of the Opposition, had strongly condemned the proposition made by the Premier. Mr. Lantaulum and others to railroad the bill through the House in its original state without giving the people of St. John an opportunity to express their views.

The F. B. Band March.

Mr. E. A. O'Brien, president of the Fredericton Brass Band, has received a letter from Sgt. George Offen R. C. R., at Halifax, and bandmaster of the old 71st Regt. Band in this city, enclosing the manuscript parts of a very attractive march which Mr. Offen has lately composed and which he has dedicated to the Fredericton Brass Band and called the F. B. Band March. The many friends of Mr. Offen and the band in this city will look forward to with interest to the time when the march will be played in public for the first time by the band.

The Indoor Track Meet.

The next great attraction at the Arctic Rinkway will be the indoor track meet next Monday evening, on which occasion a programme of good events will be pulled off, including a 40, a 220 and a 440 yards dash, 1 mile run, putting the shot, high jump and a hurdle race. There will also be a relay race. Several teams representing different societies have already entered for the different events and some good sport is promised.

Occupying His New Home.

Mr. Stanley B. Ebbett, assistant manager of the New Brunswick Telephone Company, is occupying his new residence on Charlotte street. Mr. R. W. Lee is occupying the flat in the W. H. Bradenburgh house on Carleton street recently occupied by Mr. Ebbett.

The Governor Has Arrived.

Lieut. Governor Tweedie arrived by the I. C. R. express this afternoon from Chatham. Mrs. Tweedie is expected later. On Tuesday afternoon, from 4 until 6 o'clock, they will hold their second public reception at the Queen Hotel.

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, March 23.—Maritime—West to north winds, fresh until night fair and cold today and on Sunday.