

THE THAW JURY NOW HAS SEVEN MEMBERS

Two More Were Accepted Out of
the Fifty-One Talesmen
Who Were Examined.

WORK IS GROWING MORE DIFFICULT

Men Who Do Not Want to Serve
Have All Sorts of Excuses to Of-
fer—Thaw is Getting More Accus-
tomed to His Surroundings and is
Looking Better.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Fifty-one
talesmen were examined in rapid fire
order today in the effort to complete
the jury which is to try Harry K.
Thaw for the killing of Stanford
White, and at the end of the day's
session two names had been added
to the jury roll, making seven in all.
One hundred and one talesmen have
thus far been examined. That there
is increasing difficulty in finding
men who are willing or competent to
serve was evidenced by the fact that
on the first day of the trial three
jurors were sworn from among nine-
teen talesmen, one of them being ex-
cused by the court. On the second
day three jurors were selected from
among thirty-one talesmen, while to-
day it required the winnowing of
more than one-fourth of the special
panel of two hundred men to secure
two members of the necessary twelve.
The names are Harold R. Faire, a
printer and publisher, who is the only
unmarried man thus far selected.
Faire is not more than twenty-eight
or thirty years of age. The second
new juror is Malcolm S. Frazer, a
dealer in underwear. He is perhaps
forty years of age and is married.
Early in Mr. Frazer's examination
it became apparent from the manner
of his answers that he would make
a juror satisfactory to both sides and
there was no surprise when he was
accepted. Faire was registered as
No. 6 and Frazer as No. 7 in the trial
panel. This panel, as it grows, im-
presses the followers of the case
more and more favorably.

Don't Want to Do Jury Duty.
Excuses formed by the talesmen
to avoid jury duty in the case are
growing more varied each day. Man
after man declared today that his
opinion as to the guilt or innocence
of the accused was so firmly fixed
as to admit of no change by reason
of any testimony that might be ad-
duced. District Attorney Jerome
tried to convince the talesmen that
newspaper stories were not the same
as sworn testimony before a court,
but his efforts were generally un-
successful and challenges for cause
were sustained by the court. Of the
fifty-one talesmen examined today
only three were preemptorily reject-
ed. The state challenged a talesman
named Nesbit, who stated, however,
that he was in no wise related to
Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, wife of
the defendant. The calling of Mr.
Nesbit and his examination attracted
much interest, the most eager lis-
tener being young Mrs. Thaw.

The defense used the preemptory
challenge on Harris M. Fletcher, who
declared that while he would carry
an opinion into the jury box he was
sure he could lay it aside and rest
under a fair and impartial verdict.
The second preemptory challenge by
the defense was directed against
Sol. Levy, a tobacco dealer.

Thaw Getting Accustomed to It.
Harry Thaw seemed much more ac-
customed to his surroundings and
for the first time gazed interestedly
into the crowd in the court room,
which was limited to talesmen and
newspapermen. He seemed to be in-
terested in the reporters' table and
tried to read the large type account
of the trial in a paper on the table
of a writer. He seemed to have a
much better color today, although his
wife was paler, the whiteness of her
face being intensified by the thin
blue veil she wore in place of the
customary white tulle affair.

Was Tedious Work.
The work of going through the
jury list was extremely tedious. Some

color was thrown into the day's
proceedings, however, by a talesman
named Ketchum who said he was
connected with an electrical supply
and supplemented this with the de-
claration that while he was not op-
posed to capital punishment in first
degree murder cases, he was opposed
to the use of electricity in that con-
nection. Ketchum when asked if he
knew Stanford White replied:
"I am glad to say I did not." An-
other feature of the day was the num-
ber of the talesmen who had known
Stanford White. At one time three
men in succession asserted that they
had been so well acquainted with the
architect as to make them unsuitable
as jurors. There will be no session
tomorrow, the court adjourning late
today until Monday morning. It is not
customary for Supreme Court justices
to sit on Saturday in this city in the
meanwhile the seven jurors will be in
the custody of bailiffs.

Mrs. Thaw, Senior, Didn't See Evelyn
Mrs. William Thaw, mother of the
defendant was in court today, having
fully recovered from the indisposi-
tion which kept her indoors yesterday.
She was accompanied by her daugh-
ter, Mrs. George Lauder Carnegie,
the two having preceded some
minutes by Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw
and her constant companion, May
McKenzie. The prisoner's wife still
wore the plain dark blue suit in
which she has appeared in on every
day of the trial.

The Countess of Yarmouth did not
attend the trial today, owing to a
cold. Edward and Joseph Thaw were
early in their seats. When the elder
Mrs. Thaw came into court she seemed
oblivious of the presence of the
prisoner's wife in the next seat. The
latter assisted her mother-in-law,
however, in removing her fur-lined
cloak. When Harry Thaw entered
the court room from the door lead-
ing to the prisoner's pen he passed
his mother's chair and reaching over
with his right hand grasped both of
hers. She looked up quickly and
caught her son's smile. Mrs. Harry
Thaw gave her husband an earnest
look of greeting and during the ex-
amination of the first talesman of
the day, she assumed her customary
attitude leaning well forward in her
seat, eager to catch every answer to
questions put to them by the district
attorney or by the leading counsel of
the defense.

Thaws All Lunch Together.
The seating arrangements of the
few members of the family were
changed after the recess. During the
morning Thaw's mother and wife sat
side by side. Mrs. Carnegie took the
seat next the prisoner's wife for the
afternoon session, the elder Mrs.
Thaw taking a place one seat remov-
ed. All the members of the family
attending the trial lunched together
in the clerk's office, thus avoiding
the crowd which gathers every day
in the hope of seeing some of the per-
sons more prominently connected
with the case.

Has Convicted One Man
Counsel for Thaw were informed
today that Henry C. Harney, the fifth
juror accepted, had acted as a juror
in case of Edward Pekars, who was
convicted of murder of the first de-
gree. Pekars' plea "as insanity and
several alienists testified that he was
mentally unbalanced when he mur-
dered a woman from whom he rented
a room. The verdict was guilty and
Pekars was sentenced to death. Sub-
sequently the sentence was commuted
to life imprisonment.

Daniel O'Reilly, of counsel for
Thaw, was quoted as saying today
concerning juror Harney: "We went
on the assumption that a man who
has voted to put a man to death on
one occasion will never vote for the
execution of a second man. We
wanted him on the jury, Mr. Harney's
jury said the man was not insane,
but it was proved before Gov. Hig-
gins that he was insane and the Gov-
ernor saved him. We believe that
Mr. Harney will never convict another
man."

Mrs. Thaw's Mother's Statement.
PITTSBURG, PA., Jan. 25.—The
Pittsburg Leader publishes an in-
terview, today, with Mrs. Chas. J.
Hollman, mother of Mrs. Evelyn
Nesbit Thaw in which Mrs. Hollman
denies that she intends going to
New York to become a witness for
the prosecution, or even as a spec-
tator at the Thaw trial. In the in-
terview Mrs. Hollman says:
"I wish you would deny that I
am seeking vengeance. Never has
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AUTOIST HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

Marriott Was Driving Machine at
Rate of Mile in 30 Seconds
When a Ridge Was Struck.

BOTH ROLLED OVER AND OVER

Attempt to Lower the Record for a
Mile at Ormond Nearly Ends Fat-
ally—Ray of Brooklyn Rides a
Motor Cycle a Mile in 44 25
Seconds.

(By Associated Press.)
ORMOND-DAYTONA, BEACH,
FLA., Jan. 25.—Fred A. Marriott,
while driving the cigar shaped steam
racer at a rate of two miles a minute
in an effort to break the world's
mile record today struck a slight
ridge of hardened sand on the beach.
The force of the blow lifted the front
wheels of the racer from the ground,
disarranged the steering gear and
pitched the car after a leap through
space, on its side. The momentum of
the car caused it to roll over and over
with the helpless driver pinned fast
in the hood. The frame work of the
car was splintered to fragments, the
machinery twisted out of all sem-
blance and the boiler hurled fully fifty
yards down the beach.

Fortunately the fuse plug blew out
of the boiler and let the steam es-
cape, thus doubtless saving the life
of Marriott, who lay unconscious
across the front wheels with the
wreckage of the machine piled about
him. He was carried to the club
house where examination showed
that no bones were broken. The
scalp, face and hands and arms were
gashed and torn. At 3 o'clock Mar-
riott had revived, and told his story
of the accident placing the blame on
the fact that his car, going at such
terrific speed, made the slightest
sand ridge impossible to negotiate.
Mrs. Marriott was notified immedi-
ately after the accident. Mrs. Mar-
riott's time for the mile made just
previous to the accident was 29 25
seconds, 1 25 seconds slower than his
time last year.

Perfect weather and beach condi-
tions favored the last day of the rac-
ing on the Ormond-Daytona tourna-
ment.

The Other Events.
There were four events on the
card, including Marriott's attempt to
reduce the record of 28 15 seconds,
for the mile. The other events are
a five-mile club championship for
amateur drivers only, and special
match races at one, six and twelve
miles.

The six mile handicap for amateurs
was won by Laughlin in a 30 horse
gasoline car in 7 minutes 33 35 sec-
onds, actual running time. Laughlin
had a handicap of one minute and
six seconds. The special 12 mile
event between an English and an
American touring car stripped was
won by Hutton in the English car in
13 minutes 12 25 seconds.

William Ray of Brooklyn establish-
ed a new mile record for two cylinder
motor cycles. His time was 44 25
seconds.

STOPS ANTI-FLIRTING CRUSADE.

**Russian Doctor, Who Had Woman Ar-
rested, Committed to Bellevue.**
NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Dr. Lazare
Wischniewetzki, who was arrested a
week ago, on the complaint of a
Brooklyn woman, whom he had ac-
cused in a street car of indecent con-
duct, has been committed to Bellevue
Hospital.

Wischniewetzki, who is a Russian
and a graduate of Heidelberg, is in-
sane, in the opinion of Assistant Dis-
trict Attorney Murphy, who has been
investigating the case.
A number of women have com-
plained to the district attorney's of-
fice that they had been unfortunate
enough to meet him in a street car,
and that they had been insulted by
charges made by him.
When Wischniewetzki was ar-
ranged before Magistrate Baker, in
the Tombs Police Court, he admitted
that he made it a practice of riding
around in the street cars, and de-
claring that women were in the habit
of doing indecent things.

BANGS CAN'T HAVE PANAMA CONTRACT

Seems to be Some Doubt Whether
he Can Carry Out the
Financial Obligations.

OLIVER, HIS PARTNER, IS ALL RIGHT

And It is Likely That He Will Enter
Into an Arrangement to Carry Out
the Contract With the McArthur-
Gillespie Company Which Also Bid
for Work.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—
As a result of an extended confer-
ence at the White House tonight it
was decided to reject the bid of Ol-
iver and Bangs, who proposed to com-
plete the construction of the Panama
canal for 6.75 per cent. of the total
cost in so far as Anson M. Bangs,
of New York city is concerned.
While no official statement was
given out at the White House it can
be authoritatively stated that if Wil-
liam J. Oliver of Knoxville, Tenn., can
enter into a satisfactory arrangement
with some other contractor, who is
financially responsible, he will be
given the contract for the construc-
tion of the canal. The fact that Mc-
Arthur-Gillespie Co., of New York,
whose bid for construction was 22.5
per cent, were represented at the
conference leads many of the inter-
ested parties to believe that a commis-
sion may be formed between them
and Mr. Oliver.

It is known that the McArthur-Gil-
lespie Company has convinced Presi-
dent Roosevelt and Secretary Taft of
its financial responsibility and that
after a thorough investigation, the
canal officials have expressed satis-
faction that Mr. Oliver is able to car-
ry out his end of the agreement. The
question of rejecting all bids was dis-
cussed at the cabinet meeting today
and a decision was practically reach-
ed at the conference tonight.

Secretary Taft will make known to
Mr. Oliver the decision and if the
arrangement is satisfactory to Mr.
Oliver, he probably will be given sev-
eral days in which to arrange an
agreement with the McArthur-Gil-
lespie Company or some other con-
tractor who can deposit the required
cash security. On the other hand if
Mr. Oliver refuses to consider the
contract after the rejection of Mr.
Bangs, the canal commission will im-
mediately issue a call for new bids.

Who Mr. Bangs is.
Anson M. Bangs was the contrac-
tor for the Soo canal locks. He is
president of the Federal Construction
Company of New York, capitalized at
\$2,000,000.

Mr. Bangs is a brother-in-law of
John F. Gaylor, of the firm of
Greene and Gaylor, who were implicat-
ed with Capt. O. M. Carter in the Sa-
vannah, Ga., harbor engineering
fraud case. This fact, however, it is
stated had no influence with the can-
al commission in rejecting Mr.
Bangs as joint contractor with Mr.
Oliver.

After the adjournment of the cab-
inet meeting today Mr. Oliver left
for New York and it is admitted by
his representative that he will sub-
mit a proposition to the McArthur-
Gillespie Company to join him in sub-
mitting a proposal to the canal com-
mission in place of the bid submitted
under the firm name of Oliver and
Bangs.

U. OF V. TO HAVE AN ALUMNUS FOR COACH

Hammond Johnson, a Brilliant Play-
er, Named by the Advisory Board
for the Place.

(By Associated Press.)
RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 25.—The ad-
visory board of the General Athletic
Association of the University of Vir-
ginia tonight voted to establish the
alumni system of coaching in con-
formity with the expressed wish of
the faculty, and elected Hammond
Johnson, of Norfolk, field coach for
the season of 1907.
Johnson is one of the most brilliant

players who ever represented Vir-
ginia on the gridiron and for two
seasons has been awarded a place
on the all Southern team. The sys-
tem of coaching in future will follow
closely that in vogue at Yale.

COL. J. H. MINETREE DIES VERY SUDDENLY

Purchasing Agent for the Southern
Railway and Had a Splendid
War Record.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—
Col. Joseph M. Minetree, General
purchasing agent of the Southern
Railway died at his residence in
this city today after a week's illness,
resulting from blood poison.
He was at his office about a week
ago when he became suddenly in-
disposed and took to his bed im-
mediately upon his arrival home.
His condition became grave.
All of his children were at his
bedside when he died except two
sons who were on the way. Col.
Minetree had a conspicuous war re-
cord. He joined the Forty-first Vir-
ginia regiment of Confederate troops,
served under Robert E. Lee and
Stonewall Jackson, became a Lieuten-
ant colonel shortly after the open-
ing of the war and was commended
for gallantry in the battle
of Gettysburg. He was 67 years old
and a native of Petersburg, Va.

ALMOST HUNDRED MILLION APPROPRIATED FOR NAVY

Committee on Naval Affairs Cuts
Down the Department's Estimate
By About \$19,000,000.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—
Mr. Foss of Illinois, chairman of
the Committee on Naval Affairs,
reported the naval appropriation
bill to the House today. The bill
carries \$96,167,155, being about \$19,
000,000 less than asked for by the
department estimates. According to
the report submitted with the bill
it will require 37,283 men to man
the active fleet as it will stand
when the vessels now authorized
are built. The first reserve num-
bers 3,309 and those on shore sta-
tions 1,219 making a grand total
of 41,911. The appropriation for
smokeless powder is the same as
last year.

COLLECTION OF LIQUOR BILLS IN SOME STATES

House Committee on Judiciary Will
Report Favorably Measures Intro-
duced By Mr. Brantley.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—
The House Committee on Judiciary
decided today to make a favorable
report on the Brantley bill, making
intoxicating liquors a special class
in interstate commerce and forbid-
ding the collection of money on
C. O. D. shipments of such liquor
in states where the sale of liquor
is forbidden by the state laws.
This bill is not as broad as the
Littlefield bill, which the committee
reported a few days ago, and it is
believed by Brantley to be a meas-
ure which will not be found uncon-
stitutional. The measure does not
attempt to interfere in any way with
the transportation of liquors in probi-
tion states, but deals only with
the actual collection of the purchase
price of liquors.

FOUND MERRIMAC'S ANCHOR?

Special From Norfolk Tells of Re-
markable Discovery.

(By Associated Press.)
NORFOLK, VA., Jan. 25.—As the
result of her running aground of some-
thing in Hampton Roads yesterday
a fishing schooner was the inno-
cent cause of the discovery and re-
covery of the lost anchor and chain
of the Confederate armor clad Mer-
rimac or Virginia, the last name
given her by the Confederate gov-
ernment and under which she fought
during the civil war the famous bat-
tle with the Monitor that revolution-
ized the naval warfare.

Convent Loses Priceless Relic.
BALTIMORE, MD., Jan. 25.—The
treasured relic of Catholicism, part
of the cross on which Christ was
crucified, and which had been handed
down to the Dominican Sisters for
centuries, was this morning destroy-
ed in a fierce and exciting conflagra-
tion which burned the convent and
chapel of the Dominican Sisters at
Irvington, Baltimore county.

DO NOT WANT NAVAL OFFICERS TO LOBBY

Bill to Prevent it Introduced in
the United States Senate
by Mr. Hale.

BLOCKED FOR AWHILE BY BACON

He Thought That It Was a Move-
ment to Extend the Autocratic
Powers of President Roosevelt and
Upon His Objection It Went Over
Till Today.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—
Resolutions to check naval officers
from "lighting a fire under Sena-
tors and members to compel the
enactment of the naval personnel
bill at this session," were presented
in the Senate today by Mr. Hale
and after causing a snappy debate
of short duration, went over for
further consideration. Mr. Hale's
resolution cites the President's or-
der forbidding government employ-
ees to "lobby" and direct an inquiry
by the Secretary of the Navy to
ascertain whether the order is being
violated.

Mr. Bacon opposed the resolution
as a restriction on the right of
petition. He had the same objec-
tion to make as to the executive
orders referred to. "It does not
sound like the twentieth century to
me," exclaimed Mr. Bacon. "These
arbitrary orders of the President
have too much the sound of auto-
cratic or unrestrained rule issued to
hiredlings and not freemen."
Mr. Bacon maintained that the
executive orders referred to affected
the fundamental right of 200,000,000
persons.
On Mr. Bacon's objection the
resolution went over under the rule
until tomorrow.

ANOTHER HILL ROAD HAS TO SHOW CAUSE

Parent of the Great Northern Sys-
tem in Danger of Losing
Its Charter.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Jan. 25.—Quo-
warranto proceedings were brought to-
day by Attorney General Young to
compel the St. Paul Minneapolis and
Manitoba railroad company to show
cause why its charter should not
be forfeited and Chief Justice Start
of the Minnesota Supreme Court
ordered the writ to be issued di-
recting that a return be made on
April 2nd next. This company,
formerly known as the Minnesota
and Pacific Company, is really the
parent company of the Great North-
ern railway company and the Great
Northern is joined in this issue as
it is the owner of the Manitoba com-
pany's stock. The complaint goes
into all the transactions of the
Great Northern railway company
with its constituent companies, form-
ing the "merger" known as the
Great Northern railway company.

ALFONSO WILL TRY CONSERVATIVE CABINET

Decides That He Has No Alternative
Except to Recall Senor
Maura.

MADRID, SPAIN, Jan. 25.—With
five Liberal Ministers wrecked in
eighteen months, owing to the irre-
concilable differences between the
leaders, King Alfonso today decided
that he had no alternative except to
recall Senor Maura, the ex-premier
and leader of the conservatives and
ascertain what a strong conservative
cabinet can accomplish.
The religious issue has been the
root of all the dissensions. Senor
Maura promptly submitted a list of
new ministers and King Alfonso ap-
proved it.
Ex-Premier Ministers Rios, Molt
and Miniguez believed that Spain
was not ready for a radical campaign
against the religious orders and the
church generally, upon which Senor
Canalejas, ex-premier of the Chamber
of Deputies and head of the new party
known as the Extreme Liberals in-
sisted. The accession of Senor
Maura to power is regarded as a
sweeping victory for the clericals
and is likely to arouse a revolutionary
spirit.