

NEWS OF A WEEK
TOLD IN BRIEF

MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS GATHERED FROM ALL POINTS OF THE GLOBE.

GIVEN IN ITEMIZED FORM

Notable Happenings Prepared for the Perusal of the Busy Man—Summary of the Latest Home and Foreign Notes.

THE THAW TRIAL.

Harry Thaw's mother arrived in New York to testify in his defense. More evidence as to his irrational actions was presented.

After the state had presented its direct case against Thaw, and Assistant Attorney Garfield had characterized the killing of Stanford White as "pre-meditated, deliberate and cowardly murder," Martin W. Littleton, for the defense, made the opening plea for the prisoner. He promised new evidence to prove that Thaw had been insane from his boyhood.

The two principal witnesses in the Thaw trial were Prof. Charles H. Koehler of Winona, Minn., who acted as instructor to Thaw in the Wooster (O.) university in 1886, and Mrs. Amy Crosette of San Maeto, Cal., who attended Thaw as a trained nurse at Monte Carlo in 1897. They both told of the young man's eccentricities and declared that his manner always was irrational.

Some of Thaw's alleged eccentricities, revealed for the first time, were related at his trial by Christopher Bagian, steward of the New York Whist club; by Miss Matilda Stein, a telephone operator, and by Per August Wefer, a former butler in the Thaw household.

MISCELLANEOUS.

In a terrific ten hours' engagement in a ravine near Settat, Morocco, between a French column under the command of Gen. d'Amade, and a column commanded by Moulai Rachid, one of the chiefs of Moulai Hafid's forces, the French gained a splendid victory in the face of heavy odds, succeeding in dispersing the enemy and occupying Settat.

Edward S. Whittaker, inspector of police in New Orleans, fired two shots at J. M. Leveque, editor of the Morning World, because that paper had criticized him severely.

After one of the bitterest fights in its existence the New York county Republican committee adjourned without having imposed Gov. Hughes or any other candidate for the presidential nomination.

The Western Bank & Trust company of Dallas, the largest savings deposit bank in Texas, was placed in the hands of a receiver, all its quick assets having been exhausted by a long run.

The British ship Hartfield, from Liverpool to Seattle, is believed to have gone down with all on board off the west coast of Vancouver island.

A petition in bankruptcy was filed at Denver, Col., by Orman & Crook, railroad contractors. The total liabilities are given as \$741,136 and the total assets as \$1,282,774.

Mrs. Lydia K. Bradley, one of the richest women in Illinois, died at Peoria, Ill., aged 92. She was particularly known for her philanthropy, having endowed the Bradley Polytechnic institute.

John C. Guinn, a millionaire mine owner, 65 years old, was severely beaten and robbed at his home in Georgia City, Mo., by robbers who first cut the telephone wires.

H. R. Drew, a prominent real estate man and one of the pioneer residents of Minneapolis, Minn., died.

E. H. Harriman was directed in a decision given by Judge Hough in the United States circuit court to answer all questions propounded to him by the interstate commerce commission except those relating to the purchase of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroad stock in connection with the dividend of August, 1906.

The Lake Carrington association, in convention at Detroit, Mich., placed its trial record as opposing the diversion into the Chicago sanitary canal of water enough to make it a commercial waterway.

Fire in East St. Louis destroyed an elevator, a grain storehouse and some freight cars, the loss being \$150,000.

Mrs. Eliza Matsen of Duluth, Minn., confessed that she murdered her husband.

Ezekiel Gregory, an aged farmer, was slain by his son in a quarrel over a horse.

Misses Annie and Maggie Wade, sisters of Oak Park, Ill., went insane at Ocean park, near Los Angeles, Cal., as a result of the financial depression.

The British steamer Tolesey was wrecked on Cape Race, the crew being saved.

Two members of the Japanese cabinet resigned and the resignation of all was narrowly averted, the trouble being over the budget.

Smokers entering the Nixon theater at Flushing, Pa., started a panic that was quieted by the efforts of a detective.

Vandals have stolen and ruined \$25,000 worth of pictures, furniture and bric-a-brac in the home of F. P. Earle in New York. Mr. Earle is in Italy.

Robert Macay & Son, members of the New York stock exchange, failed for \$1,500,000.

Secretary Taft has written a letter to the president recommending an increase of the width of the Panama canal locks from 100 feet, as at present planned, to 110 feet.

Emmett R. O'leary, a well-known New York lawyer, fell dead of a pro-
perty.

Over 165 persons were killed and many injured at Boyertown, Pa., when the opera house burned. The explosion of a moving picture tank started a wild panic; oil lamps were upset and blew up and the floor collapsed. The victims were mostly women and children and belonged to the leading families of the town.

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The special grand jury which was sworn in to investigate the conduct of certain banks in New York county returned two indictments against William R. Montgomery, president of the Hamilton bank.

A serious earthquake occurred at Geronives, Hayti. A few houses were destroyed and others were damaged. No loss of life has been reported.

At their annual meeting in Detroit the Lumber Carriers' Association of the Great Lakes decided that it would be impossible to operate their boats during the coming season at the same expense and under the same conditions as prevailed during 1907. It is predicted that there will be a great labor struggle.

The Maple-Leaf mills at Kenora, Ont., were destroyed by fire. The elevator, in which was stored over 300,000 bushels of wheat, was also destroyed. The loss was \$1,000,000. insured.

Oil-producing firms at St. Petersburg received news from the Caucasus of the opening of a mammoth oil gusher in the Bibi-Eyvan field at Baku, flowing at the rate of 120,000 barrels a day.

Farmers in Stanley county, South Dakota, were plowing during the first week in January.

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J. Gilman Chouteau, 72 years old, a descendant of the founder of St. Louis, who was born in 1836, in the first house erected in the city, died at the hotel at which he had been living for 22 years.

Marvin R. Reynolds, 20 years old, night clerk at the Oliva apartments hotel in Joplin, Mo., was killed, and Mrs. and Mrs. John E. Stephens were seriously injured by an explosion of natural gas.

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