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## FLINGS ASIDE THE SHIELD OF HIS NAME TO SAVE HIM

I am Not His Wife and His  
Children and Mine  
are Nameless

SUPREME SACRIFICE  
FOR HER FALSE LOVE

Isabelle Phillips, known in Asheville as Mrs. Samuel J. Taylor, lays bare a story that bids her of all a woman holds most dear to save the man that all believed to be her husband from the penalty of bigamy—“Forgive Me, for God's sake,” she writes Taylor's sister, “if I am going to lead a better life, I love you all and am sick with sorrow.”

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Asheville, N. C., March 25.—To save the reputation and honor of the man she loved and his lawfully wedded wife, Isabelle Phillips, known in Asheville as Mrs. Samuel J. Taylor, has made a strange confession, in which is revealed the story of her unfortunate life.

Isabelle Phillips is the mother of Taylor's children. She has lived with him for ten years. She has been a good mother and a loving helpmate. Taylor ran away some time ago with Gertrude Clontz, a pretty and popular 17-year-old girl, of Canton, N. C., to whom he was married at Greenville, S. C. A warrant for bigamy was issued against him. His bride was brought back to her parents and Taylor fled.

Every effort was being made to find him and bring him to justice, when Isabelle Phillips made her confession that she had no lawful claim to the name she has borne in Asheville.

Brands Himself and Goes.  
She has placed all the blame upon herself. With a brand on her name, she has disappeared, leaving her children to those who will care for them well. The letter is addressed to Taylor's sister. It reads:

“Dear Alice:—I am so sorry I have to make this terrible confession to you, but I hope and pray that you will forgive me. Sam said that to save me from disgrace he would make believe we were married for a while and then we would go and get married and it would be all right.”

“He put it off from time to time, and now it is all gone to ruin and I am in more disgrace than ever, and I have brought trouble to all of us. But please forgive me, for God's sake, and I, for His sake, am going to live a better life. I am going to take care more for your pity and forgiveness, for I love you all and am sick with sorrow.”

“If I never see your face any more, please think of me the best you can.” (Signed)

“ISABELLE PHILLIPS.”

### MILITARY ORDERED TO ESCORT THE PRISONER.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Alexandria, Va., March 25.—Every precaution will be taken by the Virginia authorities to prevent a possible demonstration against George Meigs, alias William Johnson, colored, who is being held in the city jail, October 29, 1906, will bring before Judge Barley and a jury in the Alexandria corporation court Wednesday morning. Governor Wainwright through Adjutant General Anderson has ordered Company L, Second Regiment of Fredericksburg under command of Captain T. M. Larkin, as well as a escort to City Sergeant R. H. Cox of this city, who will today bring Meigs to the Alexandria county jail at First and Third streets.

### TILMAN CALLS TO SEE W. J. BRYAN

Chicago, March 25.—United States Senator Tillman spent several hours in Chicago yesterday on his way to South Carolina. He went to the Stratford Hotel to call upon William J. Bryan. Senator Tillman explained his visit to Chicago by saying he came to visit friends in the middle west. He laughed about his last visit to Chicago, when an attempt was made to prevent him delivering a lecture.

Such visits will occasionally occur in the future, he said, “and will not be helped. The more agitation, the more success. In a tea pot and far too much northern politics occasioned the trouble.”

## COMMISSION OR NO COMMISSION

Justice Fitzgerald Will Decide Tomorrow

### ALL IS NOT YET SERENE

Delmas and Peabody Sprint to Thaw's Cell and Then Go Scooting Out in Frenzied Fashion—Delmas Goes to Booth and Does Some Frenzied Telephoning to Somebody.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, March 25.—The decision of Justice Fitzgerald as to whether Harry K. Thaw is capable of consulting his counsel, and therefore sane enough to stand trial for the murder of Stanford White, will be handed down tomorrow.

“No jury will convict Thaw, in view of the testimony brought out by the district attorney in his efforts to prove him insane,” said one of Thaw's lawyers today. “In the letters from Thaw to Delmas commenting on and suggesting certain procedure in the court of his acquittal show that he has a thorough grasp on the case, and is therefore capable of standing trial. It is hardly probable that a commission in insanity will now be appointed.”

Despite the denial of Thaw that another breach had occurred among his lawyers, there was renewed evidence today that all was not harmony.

A Russell Peabody, of the eastern camp of lawyers, appeared at the Tombs for his daily visit to Thaw half an hour before the time set by Justice Fitzgerald for receiving any briefs that either side might desire to file in the fight over the motion of Jerome for the appointment of a lunacy commission for Stanford White's slayer. Peabody was on Murderers' Row, talking through the cell bars to his rich client, when D. M. Delmas, of the western wing, arrived in a great hurry and was shown upstairs.

It was the second visit Delmas paid to the prisoner. He seemed to be perturbed. A few moments after he went to Thaw's cell, Peabody came bolting down and hurried away in the direction of the office of Clifford W. Hartridge, his law partner.

Delmas talked earnestly with Thaw for ten minutes. Then he came scooting through the warden's office at a faster gait than anybody ever saw the dignified little Franco barrister travel, and dived into a telephone booth, where, with his high hat on the back of his head, he did a lot of frenzied telephoning.

It looked very much as if there was a race about to reach some person or persons of influence. The guess was hazarded that each group of lawyers was endeavoring to get in touch with Mrs. William Thaw, the prisoner's mother.

### THE JUSTICE RULES IN FAVOR OF RINGER HERMANN.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, March 25.—The doctores roared heavily this morning at the opening of the seventh week of the trial of Representative Ringer Hermann of Oregon, before Justice Stafford in criminal court No. 1, when the court, on the objection of Attorney Worthington for the defendant, refused the admission of an alleged memorandum, as evidence of the presentation of \$5,000 to former Senator Mitchell.

In excluding the alleged memorandum Justice Stafford said: “I think it was the government's duty to have offered the memorandum in the direct examination, and, no witness being offered, I think the government ought not to open the subject again.”

Death of Mrs. McAllister.  
(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Baltimore, Md., March 25.—Mrs. Alice McAllister, daughter of the late Thomas Bailey, who built the famous Baltimore Clipper ships between 1830 and 1850, and who saw Fred Douglass, the negro slave boy taught his letters in the ship yard, died at Pocomoke, Va., yesterday.



This picture from new and hitherto unpublished photo of Countess of Yarmouth, sister of Harry K. Thaw.

## THE PRIDE OF SPENCER OPENED FIRE ON FLYER HIDDEN BY HIS WIFE

Formal Opening of the Y. M. C. A. Attempt to Stop Auto Owned by Shonts

### M. C. A.

A Monument to the Manliness of the Southern Railway—An Address by President Finley—Other Events of the Opening.

(Special to The Evening Times.) Salisbury, N. C., March 25.—President W. W. Finley of the Southern Railway, formally opened the Spencer Y. M. C. A. Saturday evening following an informal reception lasting from 2 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon. With him were Vice President H. B. Spencer, general counsel Alfred Thom Land and Industrial Agent M. B. Richards, Moses Polson, C. J. Hicks, and H. O. Williams. Mr. Finley's secretary also being with him.

The Spencer Y. M. C. A. is one of the handsomest structures along the line of the Southern, certainly there is nothing to compare with it in the matter of beauty when the size of cities is taken into consideration. There are 35,000 people there and the building and lot would have represented an investment of \$5 each had they erected it. The edifice is the splendid manliness of the Southern, about twenty thousand coming from its hands.

Mr. Finley's address at night was the occasion of a large assembly. In the afternoon all of the distinguished visitors made short speeches. The president read his address from manuscript, the important note running through it being the interdependence of the employers and employees upon each other.

## Girl Who Supplanted Her in His Affections

Strange Friendship of the Wife for the Girl Her Husband Kidnapped. The Two Unite to Shield a Most Unworthy Man.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, March 25.—A girl, supposed to have been abducted, was found yesterday where she had been hidden by the wife of the alleged abductor. Both wife and young girl profess to love the man and will make every effort to shield him from punishment. The girl is fifteen years old and her name is May Walters.

The police had been searching for her since March 14. She was thought to have been abducted by friends of John H. Clark, who is now in jail. She was found in Mrs. William McKemie's flat on Oakley avenue, by Detectives Swynne and Creed from the Grand Crossing police station.

Mrs. Clark, wife of the man in jail, is under arrest at the station on a charge of abduction. In spite of the fact that the girl by her own admission had been the means of alienating the affections of Clark from his wife, Mrs. Clark befriended her and both of them endeavored to shield the man. Mrs. Clark is 20 years old and the mother of a 3-year-old boy. Both she and the Walters girl still profess their love for Clark.

When in the beginning of his trial his lawyers tried to build a case of hereditary insanity they were met with Thaw's scorn and indignation. Otherwise I have been assured, Delmas and O'Reilly, Peabody and Hartridge, have found Thaw sensible and willing to avail himself of every other circumstance that would render him blameless in the jury's eyes.

He was quite willing that it should be brought out that he was of a nervous and emotional temperament; that certain children's diseases had in boyhood affected him with St. Vitus dance and all that, but that his crime was brought about through taint of ancestry he would not listen to.

Under Terrific Stress.  
Thaw wants his jury to know what he suffered and then to say whether it was improbable that the sight of Stanford White at Martin's and again at Madison Square that night might not have set his brain in turmoil that for awhile he forgot the laws of man, forgot the difference wrongfulness of taking a human life and for a time believed himself fully the victim of a terrible villain from earth.

Down deep there has always been a feeling with the public that Thaw would ever go to the electric chair. If this jury should convict him, there has been the belief that the Thaw family prison would crumble and before the higher courts in all humanity would come his mother, brothers and sisters, saying here a sad, horrible story of a mad ancestry, exposing all secrets as a last resort for the saving of an unfortunate.

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## GLENN ORDERS TROOPS TO BE HELD IN READINESS

BETTER DEATH THAN THE CELL  
Give Me Freedom, Else Let Me Die

SUCH IS THAW'S DEMAND

And His Proud Old Mother, Burning With Indignation, Has Declared That All Statements of Harry Thaw's Springing From a Stock Tainted With Madness, Are Lies.

(By CHARLES SOMERVILLE.)

New York, March 25.—Backed by his family and his lawyers and himself most insistent of all, Harry Thaw seeks to stand squarely today for execution or disgrace, for freedom or for death, as the result of his killing of Stanford White.

The Thaw affidavits on which Judge Fitzgerald was ready to render a decision today are as torches by which Thaw deliberately attempts to burn all bridges behind him so that he cannot retreat to the protecting walls of an asylum for the insane, but must march boldly forward to meet whatever lies at the end of his trial for murder—acquittal or death.

Never had the situation in the great trial been so tragic as it, therefore, becomes today.

It must be clearly understood that the present lunacy commission proceedings have nothing to do with whether Thaw was insane or not when he killed Stanford White. They are only to decide if Thaw is insane now, for an insane man may not be legally tried for any offense. As soon as Thaw should be cited at the asylum for the criminal insane he would have to go back on trial for his life. But acquittal under such circumstances is almost certain. A jury, knowing that a man had been honestly declared insane once will give him the benefit of the belief that he was also insane when he committed the crime of which he may be charged. Such acquittals have been almost invariable.

Against It From First.

But Thaw from the first refused to seek this avenue of escape from his position of deadly peril. His plea has always been that the story of Stanford White's crime that reached his ears from the woman to whom he had given his greatest love made him suffer so terribly that any other normal man, undergoing such stress of agony, would have been made temporarily insane to the point of shooting White to death. This is the basis on which he seeks his jury to acquit. This is the basis on which he has believed he will be acquitted with a firmness that has been unshakable. Lawyers who tried to tell him otherwise were discharged. Offers of compromises made from a district attorney's office that believed it was being called upon to try an insane man for himself were ignored.

Thaw has stood squarely and consistently on his original position that “any other man would have been driven to do what I did, and under neither the law of man nor God am I to be held responsible.”

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Heavily Ironed Walker Is Taken From the Train to the Courthouse

PRISONER'S COUNSEL ASK FOR MORE TIME

Plea for a Continuance of the Case to the Next Term of Court Refused by Judge Webb—Counsel Confront While an Armed Guard Faces Below the Window, Watchful of the Negro—Walker Pleads Guilty of Manslaughter—His Counsel Weeps Still in Consultation at 2:30 This Afternoon.

(Special to The Evening Times.) Fayetteville, N. C., March 25.—Superior court is in session, Judge Webb on the bench. Tom Walker, indicted for the murder of Chief of Police Chason and Officer Lockamy, was brought here at noon over the Raleigh & Southport Railroad from the penitentiary, where he had been held for the protecting walls of the train was run on the track to a point opposite the court house, whence Walker, heavily ironed, was carried straight to the court room by Sheriff Watson and deputies.

Judge Webb assigned as counsel for the defense ex-Judge Burton and Mr. J. W. Bolton. To the bill of indictment, Walker, through Judge Burton, pleaded not guilty of murder but manslaughter.

“Is the state ready,” asked Judge Webb.

It was, but the defendant's counsel asked a conference with the prisoner, who was again shackled and carried into a side room and guarded by an armed officer standing on the ground outside beneath the window.

At the end of an hour's conference, counsel and prisoner entered the court, when Judge Burton stated that in a case of life and death the duty of counsel to client required more time for preparations than he believed in the present state of feeling, the case should be continued to the next term of court. Finally he asked time for further conference to 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Judge Webb, in granting this, instructed strongly that there would be no continuance of the case.

Major John C. Mann, commander of the light infantry battalion, has instructions from Governor Glenn to hold the command in readiness for any possible trouble.

### JAPANESE ENGINEERS STUDY CONDITIONS HERE.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, March 25.—Four Japanese structural steel experts and engineers sent by the Japanese government to make a hasty study of conditions in the United States, England and Germany with the view of placing a ten million dollar order for machinery and steel plant equipment are in this city and are stopping at the Waldorf-Astoria. They will sail Wednesday for Europe and will return later to visit the steel plants in this country.

### Collision of Steamers.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Dover, Del., March 25.—The mail steamship Lord Warden collided today at Osted with the mail steamer Henrietta, both were damaged. The Lord Warden seriously. No casualties.

### BODY FOUND—WAS BOY MURDERED?

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Detroit, Mich., March 25.—Hearing evidence of murder, the dead body of Fred McKenna, the 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. David McKenna, of 14 State street, was found this morning in a snow-bank in the rear of the residence of E. L. Ford, in course of construction on Park avenue, near Woodward street. The boy had been missing since Sunday noon, and his father spent all Sunday afternoon in scouring the vicinity for him.