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| BATTLE FOR THAW＇S LIFE． Wife of the Millionalre Priwoner Is <br> Witaens for Defense． the fact of Stanford murder by Harry Kendall Thaw estab－ Iished in their minds；with the mur－ derer daily in their presence，self－pos－ sessed，unemotional，deeply interested In the movements of the machinery of law upon whith hiss future so largely depends，dutiful and courteous to his mother，graclous to his wife；with the knowledge that the father of this prince of fudolence and intemperance was a man of sufficient genlus，Indus：ry and accumen to accumblate a fortune of $\$ 10,000,000$ ，that the mother has been for years a ruling spirit in the social， relligious and phila thiropic circles of Pittsburg；that the daughters possessed sufficient attractiveness of mind as well as of purse to marry one an Eng． Ilsh earl of venerable title and the other a man or large business responsi－ bilities，；and that the prisoner himself was deemed by the administrators of his father＇s estate capable of handing his inheritance－with these things be－ roro then，the twelve jurors who nere for the murder which the committed <br>  fatal siots，but that the talat of fusan－ Ity runs through the family． <br> Plainly，from the attorney＇s opening plea，the Jurors are to belleve that the ctimax of derangement，the high tide of Thaw brain disturbance，was reach－ ed when White was slatn，and that since then the mind of the prisonce has returned to normal conditions， There is no contention of present in－ sanlty．Such a preposterous claim，in vew of the prisoner＇s attitude in court， might upset the whole defense，whitch is the act，but an lugenfous scheme of ar－ gument and testimony Intended only to prove irresponsibility，but to absolve from moral gulit．Insinuating Iy and purposefully laterwoven with this plan is the effort to keep con－ stantly before the sulads of the jurors the stains upon the character of the slatn man，especially In their relation to the wife of the murderer，so that while no actual defense based upon the ment is present．In the opeofing address for Thaw it was stated that his attor＊ neys，while relying upon insaulty as a sultictent and reasongble defense． would avall themselves of every de－ <br> fense allowed by the statutes． <br> All thlogs considered．the finanity defense has in it auch suggestive of the absurd，yet it furnislies a basis upon which to extablish at least a dis－ agreement．The defense is not re－ guired to prove that Thaw wax insane If it can estabish in the minds of a few of the jurors，or even of one，a rea－ sonable doubt of the defender＇s mental condition on the night of the murder it will secore a disacreement． <br> Here is what they are endeavoring to rove：That Harry Thaw comes of mentally taluted stock，because two of his father＇s consins and an aunt of his father were coninod in lusane any． tanily affiction manyfested itself when he was a chlld by his awaking sudden－ ly sud unnaturally from bis sleep；that this hereditary tendency not of his great love for Evelyn Nesblt，atter nis meet－ ing with her in 1001，was evolved a de－ lusion which had to do with Stanford White；that in the development of delusion he came to see in White not ouly an eneryy of himself and Evelyn Thaw but of all mankind；that when he killed white he believed himselt to be au agent for Providence．It was the disense of fis mind which instiled | defense was careful to bring out the fact that when Thaw asked Evelyn Nesbit to marry him she refused，＂be－ canse of an experience in ther life con－ nected with Stanford White．＂To elab－ orate this point the defendant＇s wifo herself was placed upon the stand． <br> Dr．C．C．Wiley，of Pittsburg，the neeted with the Dixmount Insane Asy－ lum，was called as the first witness for the defeuse．Dr．Wiley，in response to a question by Jolm B．Gleason of Thaw＇s counsel，sald the had devoted lis life to the study of insanty and served as an expert in a large number slon to stir up Dr．Wiley by asking him a maze of hypothetical questions， filled with medical terms．Each time Wiley seemed to grow more nervous over the cross－fire questioning．Wiley sald the never heard of the＂Romberg test，＂Jerome poked fun at him for his wildering fire until Dr．Whey became hopelessly confused． <br> Evelyn Nesbit Thaw，wife of Harry Kendall Thaw，charged with the mur der of Architect White，was called to The stand and told the story of hee $1 f$ In an effort to save her hushand from the electrle chair．She declared shit <br> In the evenlug of June 25 and that she wrote a note to her husband in re－ lation to White．This evidence later was strickeu out．The witness sald she refused to marry Harry Thaw in Paris in 1003 because of an incident in her ife connected with White． <br> Mrs．Thaw broke down and cried and conld hardy proceed as she related her his face buried in a handkerchief． Across the devious paths which they travel who＂play at dice with the dev－ il＂In New Yorik＇s half－world Evelyn Nesbit Thaw threw the baleful Hight of her experiences in wrong dolng， <br> with the evils that follow in Its wake， blackmall，perjury，slander，the pro－ curement of false testimony，extontion ant intimidation sprouted like polson－ tive，whille now and again names，re－ vealed or suggested，were illuminated by some swift turn or twist of the withered into ashes under that glaze． <br> For conviction，Attorney Jerome re lies upon the plain，uncontradicted proof of the murder amid the glitter and music of the Madzon Square roo？ garden；upon the tentimony in rebuttal calculated to impugn much of the de－ upon the contradictions of witnesses of defense In the cross－exammation；upon the testimony bearing upon the viclous past of Thaw；and upon the expert tes－ timony of eminent allenists who exam－ Ined Thaw famediately after the crime was committed and have observed him | At the conclusion of the testimony it Is expected will be beard two of the most eloquent arguments for and agalnst a human life ever beard in a New York court，when Jerome and Del－ mas will both try to convinee the Jury that tuls side has presented the strong． est proor． <br> The Thaw－White tragedy does not does it present any unusual underlying causes．It differs only from innumera－ ble commonplace murders in its set－ tings，to the environment to which its principals were accustomed，in the wore． <br> Yet，while the natural outgrowth of sin must be the same in the case of the the lnterest which has pervaded the trial of Harry Kendall Thaw for the murder of Stanford White is due pri－ victim were rich men．Beyond the shadow of the Sing Sing death chair， beyond the mound which covers the clay of White，there is the glitter of the Thaw millions and the reflex of the extravagance in which white，the <br> ORK OF MANY OIAIE LEGISLATURES <br> The Kansas Sonate passed the bill to abolish capital punishment． <br> A bill to prevent the combination of pese of fixing rates arbicrarily was in－ pess of fixing rates arbicrarily was in troduced in the New York Legistature． <br> The lower house of the Missouri Leg． ixlature passed a binvolinitung the man－ nfacture，sale or giving a way of cigarets or cizaret papers under a peanity of a fine of froma $\$ 50$ to $\$ 200$ ． Senator Litilepaize of <br> ginia Lerisilature introduced a $n$ resolution to Inveatigate Standard Oil operations in that sute and ascortuin the capital． pany has a lobby at the chen <br> The Missoari House of Representatives Tuesing passod the antitipping bill， 88 to 30 ．making it a misidemenmer，punish－ able by a fine of 85 to 8500 to give a tip to any walter，；oiter or other ser－ <br> The lower hoase of the Tennessee Leg－ islature has passed a bill making it ob－ ligatory for a judse．where a death sen－ repce is returned with mitigating circum－ stances，to commute the sentence to life imprisonment． <br> The lower house of the Minnesota Leg． istuturo at St．Paul ndopted a resolution directing the Speaker to appoint a com－ mittee to investizate the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce and the Duluth Board of Trade． <br> A bill was introduced in the Indiana on bachelors between 25 and 30 seazs old，$\$ 7.50$ between 30 and 40 ，and $\$ 10$ over 40 years，the money to be devoted in the sehool fund． <br> The California Senate struck out the Tnited States is attempting to interfare＂ in its resolutions on the Japuarese school guestion，and inserted instead＂federal geverament，＂and then passed the resolu． tions denouncing such interferrace as un－ warranted． <br> State Treasurer Berry of Pennsylvania his charges that approximately 85,000 ，－ hepart to the legisiature bas renewed 000 was realized on the finishing of the new capite：．He nays duplicate payments for the same work were made to different cctitractors to the amount of $\$ 250,000$ bignously worded so as to prevent fale bidding． $\qquad$ Fire deatroyed the wholenie stomen Mardware， and Thomas \＆Co，satfes，and silighty danaged the station of the Texas nnd Pacific railroad at El Puso，Texas，Losa |
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