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Thaw

It is a disgrace to a great State, this story of Harry Thaw. Not much doubt exists that he was a scapegrace in youth. Not much doubt exists that the man he killed was a creature of the type not to be missed overmuch. Had it not been for the Thaw millions, there is little doubt that Thaw would have met the fate decreed to murderers. As it was, he was acquitted of murder on the ground of insanity and ordered committed to the asylum for the criminal insane. Again, had he not been heir to millions, there is little doubt he would have remained in Matteawan, forgotten until death released him.

However, money tempts all men. Thaw has been a "meal ticket," a source of ill-gotten gain for years. Lawyers, alienists, grafters of high and low degree, have fought like buzzards over a portion of the Thaw fortune. Court proceedings galore, bribed officials, private detectives, all had a hand. The slimy trail has spread over a great State and now is extended to the Dominion of Canada.

There is a measure of justice in the claim of Thaw's mother that it is time that Harry ceased to serve as a source of "easy money" for a horde of grafters. If he is now sane, it were better if the papers were not full of Thaw and his escapades. Frankly, we would be glad if the legal snarl now in process of unravelment in Quebec were untangled in such a way that Harry Thaw never returned to New York state.

Plain Facts

While he and his friends may regret that it may happen that Martin H. Glynn was thrust into the governorship in such a way as he has been, nevertheless his course since the Assembly voted impeachment of William Sulzer has been one to commend him as a man of sound sense and superb mental poise. He has steadily waved aside all suggestions that he employ physical force to emphasize his claims to his office or to do ought of a spectacular, hysterical or flamboyant nature. He has proceeded on the even tenor of his way, doing only such things as were absolutely necessary and waiting the verdict of the court of impeachment which meets on September 18th.

Whether the Assembly was inspired by this motive or that, matters not. If Governor Sulzer's course has been all it should be, he need not fear the result of the impeachment trial. If it has not, then he must bear the consequences and all the hysteria of misguided friends will not save him. His cause is safe with the judges of the court of Appeals presiding in the tribunal. Inasmuch as they sit in impeachment, how futile it is to talk of ante-impeachment court proceedings? It is inconceivable that the court of Appeals would hear such a case when its members were scheduled to sit in impeachment a few

days later! There is no use in waxing hysterical. Governor Sulzer will not be "railroaded." He will have a fair trial and be given every opportunity to present his side. If he is innocent, he will be acquitted and triumphantly vindicated. He will then resume his official status, and be one of the greatest men in the country. His best hope if he and his misguided friends will but see it, is in the impeachment court not in trying to evade appearance before it on technical legal quibbles.

Cardinal on Suffrage

We do not suppose that the militant suffragettes or even the superficial-minded and mentally flippant persons who advocate women's suffrage will concede any fitness, any superior thought in Cardinal Gibbons' latest utterance on the suffrage question. Nevertheless, it makes manifest that his Eminence has given much study and thought to the problem, also that his ideal of the Christian woman is in full accord with that held by the chivalrous Southern gentleman of the old school, now unfortunately so much a matter of tradition and held worthy only of embodiment in certain classes of fiction. It is equally unfortunate that this type of fiction is not listed in the latter-day "best sellers." However, we reproduce the views of Cardinal Gibbons if only for the benefit of those who entertain similar opinions:—

"Well, suffrage will come, of course. I guess it is inevitable. The views I speak are solely mine, not those of the church, which has not passed on the question and probably will not," the Cardinal said.

"My opposition has been misunderstood. I disbelieve in a woman's voting, not because I hold her mentally or morally inferior—far from it. But I am an old-fashioned man, and my ideas on the subject are those of older fashions, when woman was content in working out her ideas in her home, among her children.

"I always have thought women would work greater good in citizenship in being great and good mothers than in being great and crooked politicians. "Women are different nowadays. They apply their energies and infinite capacity with entire seriousness to such things, and motherhood somehow doesn't seem to be as popular as the God-given right once was."

The Manly Act

It is, well in this "day of pride and intellect, impatience of restraint, lack of humility to read often and ponder well the following lines by that great American Catholic layman, Dr. Orestes A. Brownson:—

"I never performed a more reasonable, a more manly act, or one more in accordance with the rights and dignity of human nature, though not done save by divine grace moving and assisting thereto, than when I knelt to the Bishop of Boston, and asked him to hear my confession and reconcile me to the Church; or when I read my abjuration, and publicly professed the Catholic faith. For the basis of all true nobility of soul is Christian humility; and nothing is more manly than submission to God, or more reasonable than to believe God's word on His own authority."

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Catholic Order of Foresters, Columbus, H. A. Eckman says— "We most cheerfully recommend the play to all Catholic societies and assure them that the play is all that is claimed for it. It was under our auspices for the week of Nov. 18th."

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