

FIRST COMPLETE STORY OF THE PLOT TO RESCUE THAW

FULL STORY OF THAW PLOT; \$20,000 REPORTED PAID TO THOSE WHO AIDED FLIGHT

Under Plans Made Months Ago Ex-Assemblyman Butler Scouted Ahead of the Others to Look Over the Ground.

Details of the plot to liberate Harry Thaw from the Asylum for the Criminal Insane at Matteawan came to light to-day as the result of investigations by Evening World reporters. It has been established, as The Evening World announced exclusively yesterday—all day, in every edition—that former Assemblyman Richard J. Butler engineered the plan and that he was assisted by "Educated Roger" Thompson, a Times Square chauffeur; Eugene Duffy, "the Mayor of Ninth Avenue," a crosby of Butler; Michael O'Keefe, who is said to be Butler's brother-in-law, and Thomas Flood, a chauffeur who owns his own car.

Evidence that the plot to release Thaw which was successfully carried to a conclusion Sunday morning was formed long ago was obtained to-day from an innocent witness. This is Mrs. Moore, a visitor from out of town at the home of Roger Thompson, the chauffeur of the Packard touring car which played such a prominent part in the escape of Thaw.

Thompson, a clean living, ambitious young fellow, resided with his mother, who is employed in an expert capacity in a downtown department store, at No. 4 Hancock place in Harlem. Mrs. Thompson was not at home to-day when an Evening World reporter called. Mrs. Moore, the visitor, was the sole occupant of the neat little apartment. VISITOR SAYS CHAUFFEUR WAS ON "BIG JOB."

"I don't know where Roger is," said Mrs. Moore, "but his mother is not worried about him. He has not been home since Friday. Mrs. Thompson has heard from him, she told me, but whether by telephone or letter I do not know.

"About a month ago Roger told his mother that he would be sent from the city on a big job at about this time. He expected that the job would be profitable to him. When he left on Friday he told his mother he was going on the job he had spoken to her about."

Butler was in town last night, but not at his home, No. 32 West Twenty-seventh street. He is reported to have attended the "The" McManus outing at College Point yesterday. Last night he was in constant telephonic communication with his wife, who is a capable, intelligent young woman. At 9 o'clock Mrs. Butler and her flock of little children, carrying suitcases and bundles, left the Butler domicile and dropped out of sight. They met the husband and father somewhere and the whole family is missing to-day.

A short time before they left Butler talked over the telephone with a friend. The conversation had been arranged by Mrs. Butler.

"I wasn't mixed up in this Thaw thing," Butler declared. "Some of those guys up around Downing's are trying to put me in bad."

"What's the use in trying to deny it?" queried the friend.

"I do deny it, just the same," said Butler, "and I'm going to beat it for a while."

LOT FOR THE ESCAPE ARRANGED MONTHS AGO.
The plot that worked out so smoothly and successfully on Sunday had been in existence for months. Somebody in the background held the bankroll, and there were many disputes between this mysterious person and the men who were to do the actual work. It is stated on good authority that \$20,000 was fixed as the price and \$10,000 was offered. A compromise is believed to have been reached between these figures. Gossip around the West Shore ferry house, at the foot of West Forty-second street, from which Flood and O'Keefe operated taxicabs, has it that the price paid by somebody representing the Thaw family was close to \$20,000.

That there was a plan on foot to liberate Thaw has long been a matter of common report in Longacre Square as a place frequented by chauffeurs. A scheme was perfected to kidnap Thaw at the Hotel Astor when he was in New York last spring as a witness in the case of John Nicholas Anhalt, the lawyer, who was sentenced to Sing Sing for attempting to bribe Supt. John Russell of Matteawan Asylum, who was later removed by Gov. Sulzer. Several plans were formed to get him out of the asylum, but something intervened every time to prevent their execution. The money used came from the Thaw fortune. All that remains to round out the episode of the plot is to discover the identity of the person who acted as the intermediary between the Thaw millions and Butler and to find how Thaw, supposedly under constant surveillance in the prison asylum, was kept so closely informed on the details that he was able to play his part in the es-

IS WOMAN INFERIOR TO MAN? * * * Tenth Article of a Series.

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PLOTTERS WHO AIDED THAW ARE KEEPING UNDER COVER

Whitman's Office at Request of District-Attorney of Dutchess County Makes Special Efforts to Find Butler and Chauffeur.

At the request of Assistant District-Attorney Koenig, who called at Police Headquarters this morning, Deputy Police Commissioner Dougherty sent out detectives to search for and arrest Richard J. Butler and Roger Thompson, the chauffeur, both of whom are known personally or by sight to nearly all of the Central Office men. The charge against them is conspiring with Harry Thaw and aiding him to escape from Matteawan Asylum.

Mr. Koenig asked the active aid of the police at the solicitation of District-Attorney Conger of Dutchess County, who is anxious to get hold of Butler and Thompson, whom he regards as the ringleaders of the plot, in order to learn from them, if possible, who employed them. Mr. Koenig also asked that Michael O'Keefe, Eugene Duffy and Thomas Flood be arrested, but Butler and Thompson are the persons wanted most particularly, **POLICE HELD BACK AT THE START.**

While a general police alarm was sent out yesterday afternoon calling for the arrest of all five of the accused men, no attempt appears to have been made to arrest Butler. There are men at Headquarters who should have been able to go out and pick him up last night as easily as catching a subway train. It was not until the District-Attorney's office made a direct request that the Detective Bureau got busy, Butler has had plenty of time to get away.

Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, Harry Thaw's mother, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. George L. Carnegie, and a woman traveling companion, left New York over the Pennsylvania Railroad at 9:25 o'clock this morning from the Thaw country home, Elmhurst, at Cresson, Pa. Dr. Britton D. Evans, medical superintendent of the New Jersey State Insane Asylum at Morris Plains, saw Mrs. Thaw before she started, but said he had not decided to go to Cresson. In case Harry Thaw should show up there, Dr. Evans will hasten to act as medico-legal adviser of the family in any legal proceedings that may come up.

TRIED TO SERVE SUMMONS ON MRS. THAW.
Just as she was stepping into her car at the hotel door a private detective, H. M. Diamond of No. 8 Nassau street, attempted to serve a summons on Mrs. Thaw in the suit of Attorney John B. Gleason, who is seeking to obtain \$53,000 counsel fees for his services in the last attempt Thaw made to win his freedom in the courts. Mrs. Thaw brushed the paper aside, but it fell at her feet and Diamond declared she had been legally served. The summons is returnable before Judge Holt in the United States District Court in twenty days.

DIGGS PUT BLAME OF RENO TRIP ON WARRINGTON GIRL

Testifies White Slave Charge
Could Not Have Been Made
but for Her Actions.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—When the trial of Maury I. Diggs, charged with violation of the Mann white slave act, was resumed, it was generally believed that taking of testimony would be concluded before the afternoon adjournment, and that the case probably would go to the jury some time to-morrow.

Diggs took the witness stand in his own behalf shortly after the proceedings began. Many women were in court. Mrs. Diggs was waiting to testify after her husband has told his story.

Diggs was extremely voluble in his testimony. He wanted to leave Sacramento alone, he testified, but Miss Warrington insisted on accompanying him.

"You're not going away to leave me, are you?" he asserted she exclaimed.

It was Miss Warrington, too, Diggs asserted, who persuaded Miss Norris to take the party, when she demurred.

"Did Miss Warrington once call Caminetti a 'piker'?" asked Attorney Davlin, "because he refused to go to San Francisco, saying he needed the money it would cost to pay his wife's hospital bills?"

"Yes, she said that," replied Diggs. "And she added: 'We have framed it all up and you must go.'"

Responding to another query, Diggs stated that Caminetti told him Mrs. Caminetti had been before the Juvenile Court to have the quartet prosecuted and their affairs broken up.

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