

### SHOT TAYLOR, WIFE AVENGED, HE SAYS

Part of Husband's Confession in Letter Made Public by Los Angeles Police.

### CALLS IT ACT OF JUSTICE

Long Missive From Atlantic City Bears Only Initials—High Film Man Involved.

LOS ANGELES, March 6.—A brief part of the ten page handwritten letter purporting to be a confession to the murder here February 1 of William Desmond Taylor, film director, mailed to the Los Angeles Police Department from Atlantic City February 27, and received in this city March 4, was made public tonight by David L. Adams, captain of detectives. The part made public read: "We South Americans always take care of our women. We are hot-headed and see that swift justice is meted out to those who wrong us. I killed the —, and even this is a mild description of the man who, hiding behind a polished manner, won the regard of many women, only to cast them aside when tired of them, for a new plaything."

This is the only part of the document which has been made public and the only part to be read by other than officials, Capt. Adams stated. He said that a newspaper had been permitted to photograph the section quoted to make a comparison of handwriting.

Detectives were busy to-day checking statements contained in the "confession" from Atlantic City and in another letter received by the police soon after the slaying.

The previous letter, it was said, and the confession contained identical statements as to persons, times and places, and the former was considered from the viewpoint of its apparent contribution to the latter.

An examination by experts of the Atlantic City communication, which was written upon the stationery of a well known hotel there, proved it was not written by Edward F. Sandis, missing former butter-secretary to Taylor, it was stated.

This confirmed a previously announced view of his detectives, they said, as Sandis so far as known, is not married, while the confession, they added, was made by a husband. They stated that the letter said the man's wife had first engaged in an affair with Taylor, only to be "scorned" by him later.

The confession, according to Capt. Adams, was signed by initials only. He declined to make these public, but it was said they were those of a man who previously had been considered by the police in connection with the murder and who occupied a prominent place in the motion picture industry.

ATLANTIC CITY, March 6.—Chief of Police Miller said tonight that his department had not been asked to investigate the mailing of the alleged "confession letter" giving details of the murder of William D. Taylor, motion picture director, slain at Los Angeles.

County Prosecutor Edmund C. Gas-331, Jr., and Postmaster William Loudenslager said they were without information regarding the letter.

### BOSTON WOMEN SMOKERS MIMIC NEW YORK, HE SAYS

Author of Bill Barring Them in Hotels Declares Law Will Check Immorality in Future Generations—Many Protest Move Before Committee.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

BOSTON, March 6.—There was a red hot fight at the State House to-day over Representative Schulman's bill proposing to prevent women smoking in public by fining every hotel proprietor \$100 who permitted women to smoke on his premises.

The proponents of the measure insisted that women smoke in public just to attract attention, that college girls smoke more than working girls, that smoking among women causes family rows, that it undermines women's morals, impairs their health, leads to drinking and immorality, and that the sight of women smoking has had a bad effect on the morals of children.

The opponents maintained that if it was bad for women to smoke it was bad for men as well, that it was not a matter for legislation, but rather for the church, and that such prohibition on smoking would tend to increase the habit.

Although there were women at the hearing only one participated in the debate and she was for the measure. The other women were content to listen as the men fought over the merits of the bill. Mrs. Carl Scheffel of Brookline, speaking for the bill, said: "If the

women are in favor of suffrage let them suffer, but don't let them smoke." A handful of Boston society women, aping the modes of their "silly New York sisters" are solely responsible for the smoking habit which now threatens to undermine the morals and health of the young women here, declared Mr. Schulman. "Girls of 15 are smoking in public in some of the tea rooms of this city. The women are smoking not because they like it but because it has become a fad; because it is 'the thing to do,' because it is 'smart.' The habit is vile, vulgar and dirty. Some women smoke for the purpose of attracting attention. All immoral women smoke. It has been the cause of many family rows."

Miss J. Kjellstrom, representing the Personal Liberty League, opposed the bill, asserting the proposed law was unnecessary as "no decent woman smokes." "Why always pick on the hotels?" said W. W. Davis, representing the Hotel Men's Association, in opposing the bill. "Why, whenever there is a desire to reform things, do the reformers feel called upon to pick on the hotels? Why not make a law ordering policemen to arrest all women seen smoking?"

### DIVORCE IS GRANTED TO MRS. ZELLA CORBY

Woman in Case Guarded by Court Decision.

Justice William P. Platt of the Supreme Court in White Plains handed down an order yesterday granting an interlocutory decree of divorce to Mrs. Zella E. Corby against Robert L. Corby, secretary of the Fleischmann Yeast Company and part owner of the Corby Baking Company of Washington.

Mrs. Corby was formerly Miss Zella Elliott. She was married to Corby in Washington on February 19, 1905. There is nothing in the public records on file in White Plains to identify the woman named as respondent. Justice Platt's order does not state the amount of alimony allowed.

### ALLEGED WIFE SLAYER UNDER HEAVY GUARD

Kidnaping Tip Causes Frady's Removal to Jail.

MIAMI, March 6.—Acting on a "tip" that Edgar C. Frady, Chicago automobile man, who is alleged to have shot and killed his wife here a week ago, was to be kidnaped from the hospital where he is recuperating from self-inflicted wounds and taken to Cuba aboard a yacht, Sheriff Allen late to-day had Frady removed to the county jail and a special guard placed about the building.

The Sheriff received information, he said, that Chicago gunmen had been imported and that the plan only awaited nightfall.

Immediately upon receiving the information the Sheriff had Frady removed to jail. Two men armed with automatic shotguns stood guard over him in the jail to-night and an armed guard patrolled the grounds.

### LORILLARD SPENCER DIVORCED IN SECRET

Wife's Action, Based on Non-Support, Is Conducted in Court Whispers.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

Newport, March 6.—Mrs. Lorillard Spencer obtained a divorce from Major Lorillard Spencer in the Superior Court here before Justice Capotosto to-day on the ground of non-support.

The action came as a surprise as it was not known a petition had been filed. It was left off the printed docket of the court.

The testimony, which was entirely by deposition, was whispered to the Judge behind his desk and was not audible to any one else in the court room, the case itself being heard without being announced.

Major and Mrs. Spencer had not lived together for some time, but they were apparently friendly at the Casino last summer. They have one young son, Lorillard Spencer, Jr., a student at St. George's School.

Mrs. Spencer was Mary Rideley Sands and is the daughter of Mrs. Frederic P. Sands and a sister of Mrs. Roland Dickson and Miss Elizabeth Sands. Major Spencer is a son of Mrs. C. Lorillard Spencer, who owns Chastelux, a summer villa here. He was decorated for gallantry in the late war. He is an expert aviator and before being wounded was prominent in athletic sports. He always has been one of the head officers in the Boy Scouts organization. Major Spencer is not here at present, but Mrs. Spencer is at her Newport home, 20 Rhode Island avenue.

Another divorce heard to-day was that of Mrs. Margaret Winthrop Haight of New York against Lieut.-Col. Charles Sidney Haight, U. S. A., now at Washington. This was granted on non-support. Mrs. Haight has lived here for several years.

### MAINE WOMEN LOSE MAYORALTY FIGHTS

Defeated in Saco and Bath by Decisive Votes.

SACO, Me., March 6.—Dr. Laura Black Stockney, city physician, failed to-day to realize her ambition to become the first woman Mayor of a New England city. As the nominee of the Republican party in a normally Republican city, she was defeated by Walter J. Gilpatrick, Democrat, who served as Mayor in 1911.

Mr. Gilpatrick has been spending the winter in the South and did not come home to campaign on his own behalf. The Democrat carried nearly every ward.

Mrs. Lois T. McKiever, heading an independent ticket, was defeated for Mayor by one more than an even thousand votes by former Mayor Joseph Torrey in the annual city election at Bath. The vote was 1,359 to 338.

### ONE SOLDIER MISSING IN PLATTSBURG FIRE

PLATTSBURG, March 7.—Seven buildings at the Plattsburgh Barracks were destroyed by fire early this morning. One hour after the flames were discovered the fire department, assisted by approximately 1,000 soldiers, still was combating the flames which at that time threatened the hospital.

One soldier had been overcome by smoke and another was reported to be missing.

### Sea Serpent and the C-7 Are One to the 'Record'

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The legislative grind in the House was halted to-day to correct an error in the Congressional Record which brought a recollection of summer resort advertising in the dull seasons. "On page 50 and so of the Record," said Representative Lanham (Dem., Tex.), the complainant, holding aloft a bound volume of the Congressional daily, "I am made to say that they have not lost any of the hellum out of the sea serpent in any of its flights. I did not say sea serpent; I said C-7, which is some different."

### BRIBE PAYER FAILS TO PICK KENNEALLY

Tammany Man's Counsel Move to Have Extortion Indictment Dropped.

Saul Bickman, Long Island City builder, whose testimony before the Grand Jury was instrumental in the return of an indictment for extortion against William P. Kenneally, former vice-chairman of the Board of Aldermen, failed yesterday to identify Kenneally as the man to whom he had paid a bribe.

The occasion was a hearing before Justice Wasservogel in the Supreme Court on motion of counsel for the former Tammany politician and labor representative to inspect the minutes of the Grand Jury which returned the indictment. Justice Wasservogel will place Mr. Bickman on the stand to-day to be cross-examined about his recent affidavit swearing that Kenneally was the man to whom he had paid \$3,000 to call off a strike on one of his building operations.

The builder originally testified before the Grand Jury, in the course of the Lockwood committee's investigation into the building trades, that he had paid Kenneally when he was a delegate for the Steamfitters and Helpers Union. He subsequently was indicted with Robert P. Brindell, building trades "czar," now serving a prison sentence.

Martin Conboy and George Z. Medalle argued for inspection of the minutes. Mr. Conboy said the indictment obviously was a mistake and should be dismissed. Timothy N. Pfeiffer, Deputy Attorney-General, said if Bickman originally made a mistake the State had no further desire to prosecute.

Stanley M. Richter, Deputy Attorney-General, suggested that Bickman look carefully at every one in the court room to see if the man to whom he had given the bribe was there.

The builder spent several minutes scrutinizing all persons in the room. Although Kenneally was sitting in a prominent place Bickman failed to recognize any man he had formerly seen in that connection.

"When court adjourned and Richter and Kenneally passed in the corridor, the latter said: "Why don't you act on the level? You know you're in wrong." The Deputy Attorney-General replied by saying "the law would attend to that."

### 'REFORMERS' BORE WOMAN MINISTER

Miss Ulrich Doesn't Approve of Attacks on Stage, Screen and Books.

Miss Helene Ulrich, Manhattan's only woman minister, disagrees with the recent pulp attacks upon the stage and current agitation as to the morals of stage people. Speaking yesterday in her office at the Church of the Divine Paternity, Central Park West and Seventy-sixth street, where she was ordained as a Universalist minister last Friday, Miss Ulrich, now "The Reverend," said:

"I am certainly not in sympathy with attacks upon the stage and its people. I believe absolutely in the stage as one of the greatest possible mediums for widespread good, and I think the present condemnation of it is greatly overdone. There are undeniably a number of plays in New York right now that are not helpful to people, but I don't think this can be blamed on public taste. When people are fed a lot on a certain food they get to depend on it. We need a general inner reform that must come from individuals themselves, and I am tired of so-called 'reformers.' I don't believe in the specific condemnation of any one thing of the stage, the 'movies,' or current literature."

"As to 'flappers,' their virtues or deficiencies, the whole subject is a matter more of talk than anything else. More attention is called to it than it is worth. I have been asked so often since I came to New York a month and a half ago, what I thought of flappers and whether I approved or disapproved of them, that the questions and the word itself are getting really tiresome, and the flapper herself I feel I know nothing about, for until I came here from up-State I had never heard the word, and even now it is hard for me to grasp just what a flapper is, or supposed to be, and I can't give any clear idea of what it means to me, unless a general term for a 'young thing.' A minister of our church recently in New York on a visit kept getting after me to point out a flapper to him, and it was a long time before I saw any girl who I thought might fit."

Turning to the subject of birth control, Miss Ulrich said:

"I enthusiastically believe in it, and I approve of birth control advocates. I feel strongly that knowledge upon any and all subjects affecting society is desirable, and a thing not to be feared but welcomed. I not only disbelieve that the exercise of birth control would tend toward race suicide, but believe it would produce a better race. And quite aside from all that, I feel this was about it: if there are people, a man and wife both, let us say, who do not want to have children, and do want to have dogs, by all means let them have dogs!"

"I believe it quite possible that there will some time be a union of churches, but not for a very long while, and then only if people have achieved a tolerance for one another's differing views greater than any tolerance that now exists. My own pet ambition in my ministerial work is to bring about just such understanding in my own church between strongly contrasted classes of people, between the rich and the poor, for instance, and between the educated and the uneducated. That is hardest of all in a great city. I look forward to my work at our Divine Paternity Mission at 247 East Fifty-third street, for there I can preach to grown-ups, while my work here at the church is mainly with the children."

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