

# The TRAGEDY of FAURE and the PEARL NECKLACE

## AS REVEALED IN THE MEMOIRS OF MME. STEINHEIL



PARIS—Events pass rapidly in these days, and are quickly forgotten. The French Panama canal scandal is already an ancient history. One must make an effort to recall the Wilson affair under the presidency of his father-in-law, Jules Grevy. Dust is settling on the records of the "affaire" that set all France by the ears and enlivened the partnership of all civilization—the Dreyfus case. We were reminded of it only the other day by the fact that Captain Dreyfus had just entered the army. The Faubourg incident, contemporary with this great army scandal, has left no ripple of its wild excitement, and Mme. Humbert lies entirely forgotten in her grave. Events do pass rapidly, especially in the French republic.

Some of these events, however, especially, are recalled to mind by Mme. Steinheil's "My Memoirs."

**Murders in the Impasse Ronsin.** It may be well, in view of the ease and rapidity with which the world forgets nowadays, to recapitulate the main points of this "cause celebre," a common double murder for the sake of robbery on the surface, but below it fraught with all the dangers of still another exposure of rank corruption in the highest circles of the French government.

On the morning of May 31, 1908, Remy Couillard, the man-servant in the household of M. and Mme. Steinheil, in the Impasse Ronsin, Paris, found his mistress tied hand and foot to her bed, and with a rope around her neck that might easily have caused strangulation. He called for help, further investigation showing that Steinheil herself, a fairly well-known painter, had been strangled in an adjoining room, while, finally, Mme. Japy, Mme. Steinheil's mother, was found in a third room, done to death in the same manner.

Mme. Steinheil, the only survivor of what had evidently been a triple attempt at assassination, told a circumstantial story of having been awakened in the night by three men and a woman, who tied her and ordered her to reveal the hiding place of her money and jewels. The men, she said, were dressed in long, black garments of a peculiar shape, and wore no less peculiar felt hats, with broad brims and peaked crowns. The woman was red-haired and wore a dark cloak. The quartet used two dark lanterns, so that their victim had but an indistinct view of them.

for this is what her book is, is an able piece of work. Written with great apparent frankness, so far as her own mode of life is concerned, it has, at the same time, certain reticences, notably in her suppression of the names of all but the greatest of her lovers in the government and the magistrature. It explains many things that mystified the prosecution and the world at large, but on the other hand, adds some new mysteries to the case, which certainly give the book all the qualities of a first-rate detective story—minus the solution. These new mysteries will be touched upon later on. It may be well here to review briefly Mme. Steinheil's own account of her childhood and marriage.

Marguerite Japy was born on April 16, 1869, at Beaucourt, a village near Belfort and the German and Swiss frontiers. Her father was a rich man, the owner of a manufactory, her mother the daughter of an innkeeper at Montbelliard. Mme. Steinheil pictures the home life of her parents and her own childhood as an idyl of love, happiness and innocence. Lombard, on the other hand, who no doubt, drew his data from the investigations of the French department of justice, had it that both parents were gross sensualists and addicted to alcoholic excesses, holding them responsible for the precocious depravity of their daughter. Mme. Steinheil was accused. There was also mention of an illegitimate child born to her in her teens.

In July, 1890, Marguerite Japy married Alexandre Steinheil, a man nearly twenty years her senior, a painter of some merit, but of a retiring disposition, which prevented him from shouldering his way upward in the world. He was a nephew of Meissonier, and poor. The young couple settled in Paris, the wife, according to her own account, being a dutiful and affectionate housewife, and her husband's maternal interests in every possible way. Eleven months later their daughter and only child was born, Mme. Steinheil leaving the conjugal roof shortly afterward on account of some offense on her husband's part, which she does not specify, but leaves to the reader's imagination. She consented, however, to a formal reconciliation for the sake of their child, at the request of M. B., a famous lawyer and attorney general, who appears to have been the first of a bewildering long succession of her elderly, rich and influential friends.

**All Sought Her Influence.** "My salon was more crowded than ever before. Invitations were showered upon me both from quarters friendly with the government and from quarters in league with the opposition. My 'friends' were legion, and I became a power without making enemies—were greater flatterers than the others.

"Then there were men who tried to persuade me of this, that or the other, so that I should my turn as president, and those who tried to trap me, men whose entreaties were disguised threats, who tried to know what I knew, and who did not seem to realize that their very attitude revealed quite plainly their shameless schemes. Some of them, indeed, were ready with new suggestions, and insisted in their demands that the criminals be brought to justice. She appealed to the Paris press for assistance in the matter, then, in November, 1908, brought an accusation against the servant, Couillard, and against the son of her cook, Alexandre Wolff, implicating Mme. Wolff, an old and trusted servant, as an accessory before the fact. The evidence against Couillard consisted of a pearl from one of Mme. Steinheil's stolen rings, which was found in his pocketbook. She admitted later that she had placed it there herself, in order to frighten him into a confession.

The accused persons were promptly discharged from custody, but by this time Mme. Steinheil had involved herself in such a network of falsehoods and contradictions, especially in connection with the stolen jewelry, which yet was found to be still in her possession, that suspicion was fully aroused against her. On the night of November 25, 1908, she confessed her complicity in the murder, and was arrested, subsequently retracting the confession. Her trial was not begun until November of the following year, and ended in her acquittal.

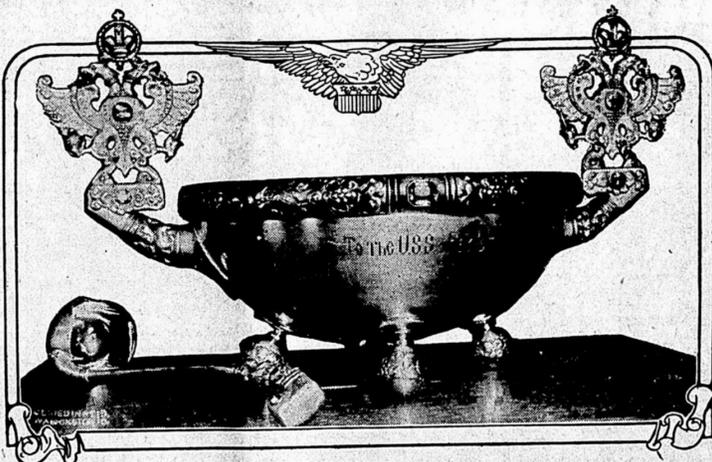
**Famous "Steinheil" Case.** This is, in brief, the story of the "Steinheil case," which was conducted with brutal frankness so far as a general exposure of the woman's immoral life was concerned, but with extreme circumspection whenever it threatened such upon her relations with several magistrates, and, most of all, with the deceased president of the republic. Marguerite Steinheil was shown to be the latest of a long line of historians of her group, who had opportunities would have been infinitely greater had she lived, under an emperor or a king. One of her minor troubles was a study of her as a typical case of deification. Lorraine. He compared her with Phryne.

Mme. Steinheil's autobiography, "Some Left," Two adjoining claims are known as "On Time" and "Late." An odd case is shown in the name of the Hoodiebug claim, which was located by an Irishman and a German and intended by the latter to be called Heidelberg. When the Irishman had forgotten his partner's selection of a name and said it was something like Hoodiebug, which, for convenience was the name recorded. "The Prodigal Son" lived up to its name by the hand of his partner, who returned east at the best of his father, who had furnished the funds for the venture.

Some of the gulches have names that refer to incidents in the lives of their prospectors. "Two Dits" was named because a placer miner declared his first painful work yielded about "two bits" (25 cents), while one gulch expressed the idea of its locator's mind when he named it, "Go To." Then, there are "Poorman's Gulch," "Crooked Arm," "Poverty" and "Prosperity."

**STORY IN NAMES OF MINES** Lucky and Unlucky Prospectors Have Contributed to History in Cognomens. Behind the names of many of the mines there lies a wealth of romance and history—pathetic and ludicrous, grave and gay. The Black Hills, perhaps, furnish as many characteristic examples of the peculiar circumstances in which claims have been named as any other district in the country. One of the best known mines in the southern hills is "The Holy Terror." In the early days this claim was located by an old miner who had worked for years without success. This party, however, was a most difficult one. In a largeman returned home the Catholic he day that he had located and bring appears his wife asked week of you, my dear," and her dry elicited an indignant view of the country. "I know," had christened it "The

## HANDSOME GIFT FOR A NEW DESTROYER



This is a photograph of the magnificent punch bowl presented to the new torpedo boat destroyer Beale by Madame Khammetoff, wife of the Russian ambassador and daughter of Lieutenant Beale, for whom the vessel is named.

## AWAKE FOR 30 YEARS

### Man's Eyes Open Since Stricken With Sorrow.

#### Spends His Nights at Work and Explains of No Weariness—Furnishes Puzzle Physicians Cannot Solve.

Trenton, N. J.—Having been without sleep for thirty years, Albert E. Herpin, a Trenton man, at last complains of feeling weary. Mentally he experiences no weariness, but he says he has no lassitude day or night. He has been awake longer than any man in the world. Herpin enjoys the visits of these experts, as many of them remain with him for nights. He says he never believes he will sleep again.

### WOMAN REFUSES HER LEGACY

#### Flances of New York Man Turns \$20,000 Over to Heir-at-Law.

Newburg, N. Y.—When Cornelius L. Waring, Republican politician and lawyer of this place, was stricken with paralysis 18 months ago his engagement to Mrs. Margaret Parker was formally announced. Waring improved, but was stricken and died March 20 last. His will was admitted to probate April 2 and by it he practically cut off his family, leaving but small bequests to them, while to Mrs. Parker, his fiancée, he gave \$5,000 and made Mrs. Julie H. Coles, who lives in the Amidon apartments, New York city, residuary legatee for nearly \$20,000.

### GIRL OF 16 WEDS MAN OF 60

#### Old Sultor Wanted to Wed Daughter of Former Sweetheart—Couple Caught Elop.

Scranton, Pa.—How an old man disappointed in love twenty-five years ago planned to fill the void in his heart with the sixteen-year-old daughter of his old sweetheart was pathetically told in the police court here when James Leary of Nichols, N. Y., faced Magistrate W. S. Miller on a charge of abducting Irene Lunn from her home in the same village.

### GERM IS SLAIN BY HOT AIR

#### French Physician Discovers New Method Which May Revolutionize Treatment.

Paris.—A remarkable new treatment of diphtheria has just been communicated by the distinguished physician, Robert Rendu, to the Lyons Medical association.

In the course of his experiments with the bacilli of this disease Dr. Rendu found that they were extremely sensitive to heat, and he was able to kill them in fifteen minutes at a temperature of 59 degrees centigrade (122 degrees Fahrenheit) or in one minute at 80 degrees (176 degrees Fahrenheit).

To apply such heat to the mucous membrane in the throat in which diphtheria microbes congregate, the inhalation of hot air seemed a possible method, and in experiments with himself the investigator found to his own surprise that he was able without any difficulty to inhale air at 100 degrees or the boiling point (212 degrees Fahrenheit) for two minutes at a time.

Cases in which this treatment has already been tried on diphtheritic patients are stated to be completely successful, but some doubts exist as to the hot air or the serums, applied at the same time.

### Calls Raw Sulphur Pure

#### United States Appraisers Hold Japanese Product Must Pay \$4 a Ton Duty.

Washington.—Sulphur emitted by the geyser craters of Japan in an almost pure state is refined sulphur in the meaning of the tariff law, although the substance has been untouched by the hand of man. The board of general appraisers at New York, the treasury department is advised, has held that such sulphur is dutiable at \$4 a ton. The importers asserted it was entitled to free entry as crude sulphur.

The issue was raised over an importation from Bungo province, Japan, which was 99.98 per cent. pure, although it had been subjected to no artificial process. In that province there are, perhaps, a hundred geyser craters from which sulphur is emitted. The board held that it was immaterial whether the heat necessary to the refinement of sulphur was supplied through the existence of some abnor-

mal condition in the earth or by artificial means.

Firemen Take Lunatic From Pole. Easton, Pa.—Vincenzo Oreste, an Italian, who became crazed when he lost in a fire the money he had saved to bring his family to America, clambered to the cross trees of the city diaspole and sat there in a drenching rain. Firemen with their aerial ladder brought him down.

### MAN SILENT FOR 49 YEARS

#### Strange Sailor, Marooned in 1863, Refused to Talk, Read or Work—Had His Legs Severed.

New York.—Death has finally claimed "Gerome," a legless and silent forger of mystery, who was found marooned on the beach at Mink Cove, near Digby, N. S., in 1863. During nearly a half century the man had steadfastly refused to divulge the secret of his identity, his nationality or the reason of his abandonment by a strange vessel.

One afternoon in August, 1863, two fishermen saw an unknown schooner tack into the harbor. A boat was lowered over the vessel's side. The next day a man was found in a dory on the shelving beach. A bottle of water and a package of sea biscuit were within his reach in the boat. The man's legs had been severed and the wounds were still fresh, the work having been done apparently by a skillful surgeon. Nothing could be extracted from him and his silence was never broken.

### Idol Has Bad Reputation

#### Guatama Figure, Made of Carved Teak, Said to Walk Around the House at Night.

London.—For months past the attendants in the Indian section of the Victoria and Albert museum have kept observing eyes on a weird looking Guatama Buddha figure, which entered the museum a year ago with a sinister reputation. A lady sold to the museum authorities on account of its supposed uncanny ways in her house. So far the figure, which is made of carved teak and stands seven feet high, has exhibited no signs of unrest in its new home, but the attendants, prime with a knowledge of its past record, have not yet relaxed their attention.

Its history, so far as he knows it, was related recently by C. Stanley Clarke, the officer in charge of the Indian section. "The lady from whom we purchased it," he said, "told me that it belonged to her father, a sea captain, who acquired it in lower Burma about 1853. He sailed with it for England. Near Liverpool the ship caught fire and the superstitious sailors believed the Buddha to be the cause, threw it overboard."

"The ship was brought safely to harbor. Soon after the Buddha washed ashore near the vessel. The captain succeeded after great difficulty in recovering it, and the specimen of the figure belonged to him."

"When he died it passed to his daughter. Then the trouble began. Everybody in her house, she told me, had become frightened of the Buddha."

### SONGS CURING CRAZED MAN

#### Effect of Melodious Rendition of Simple Hymns Astonishes Los Angeles Physicians.

Los Angeles.—A girl's sweet singing is coming into vogue in the country hospital here the mind of a man demented. Where drastic medical treatment has been powerless to effect a cure, her melodious rendition of simple hymns and pastoral melodies is producing striking mental improvement.

The girl, a young nurse, is no coloratura soprano, nor, perhaps, could she tell C from G on a musical staff, but her songs are songs of sympathy, and for more than a week have been the only influence that has controlled the patient.

May Flynn is the nurse, a recent recruit at the county hospital, and Stephen S. Stephens the man, who, but for a brain jangled by wild delirium, is a specimen of the American workman.

Physicians and internes watching the effect of the girl's voice on the patient, declare that she holds out the only hope of his recovery.

### A MARVELOUS RECOVERY.

Mrs. Ray Trummer, 30 W. 3rd St., New Albany, Ind., says: "Kidney disease had rendered me a chronic invalid. I lay in bed unable to move hand or foot. My right limb was swollen to twice normal size. I looked the picture of death and my case puzzled the doctors. Kidney secretions were highly colored and loaded terribly. Marked improvement followed the use of Doan's Kidney Pills and in six weeks I was a well woman. My friends and relatives marvel at my recovery."

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### A MEDICAL ACHIEVEMENT.

For centuries medical science has been searching for a means of curing the various forms of rheumatism, gout, lumbago, sciatica, neuralgia, and other forms of rheumatoid disease. The only remedy that has been found to be effective is the use of salicylates. The only remedy that has been found to be effective is the use of salicylates.

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### WE CAN AND WE DO.

It has been demonstrated that we can have plays without words. It has been demonstrated that we can have plays without words. It has been demonstrated that we can have plays without words.

### THE MAN WHO WEARS A SILK HAT SHOULDN'T BUTT IN.

The man who wears a silk hat shouldn't butt in. The man who wears a silk hat shouldn't butt in. The man who wears a silk hat shouldn't butt in.

### THE MAN WHO STEALS OUR THUNDER IS NATURALLY UNDER A CLOUD.

The man who steals our thunder is naturally under a cloud. The man who steals our thunder is naturally under a cloud. The man who steals our thunder is naturally under a cloud.

### ABSORBINE

A big knee like this, but your horse may have a hump or sprain on his knee. A big knee like this, but your horse may have a hump or sprain on his knee. A big knee like this, but your horse may have a hump or sprain on his knee.

### DAISY FLY KILLER

PLACED IN THE PATH OF THE FLY AND IT WILL BE DESTROYED. PLACED IN THE PATH OF THE FLY AND IT WILL BE DESTROYED. PLACED IN THE PATH OF THE FLY AND IT WILL BE DESTROYED.

### THOMPSON'S EYE WATER

Quickly relieves all eye troubles. Quick relief for all eye troubles. Quick relief for all eye troubles.

### THE MAN WHO WANTS THE RIGHT OF HIS OWN MIND IS RIGHT AWAY.

The man who wants the right of his own mind is right away. The man who wants the right of his own mind is right away. The man who wants the right of his own mind is right away.

### PLEASE READ THESE TWO LETTERS.

The following letter from Mrs. Orville Rock will prove how unwise it is for women to submit to the dangers of a surgical operation when it may be avoided by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. She was four weeks in the hospital and came home suffering worse than before. Then after all that suffering Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound restored her health.

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### THERE NEVER WAS A WORSE CASE.

Rockport, Ind.—"There never was a worse case of women's ills than mine, and I cannot begin to tell you how I suffered. For over two years I was not able to do anything. I was in bed for a month and the doctor said nothing but an operation would cure me. My father suggested Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; so to please him I took it, and I improved wonderfully, so I am able to travel, ride horseback, take long rides and never feel any effects from it. I can only ask other suffering women to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial before submitting to an operation."—Mrs. MARGARET MERRITT, R. F. D. No. 3, Rockport, Ind.

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