

## CO-ED SLAYING CHARGE PUSHED AT ASHEVILLE

Hotel Employee Confesses to  
Shooting Girl on  
July 16.

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announced that he would ask a  
grand jury convening next Monday  
to indict Moore.

### Trial Within Week

"We'll try him within the week  
and have this murder cleared up in  
less than five weeks after it oc-  
curred," he said.

Another Negro employee of the  
hotel, Banks Taylor, a pantry boy,  
provided the clew that caused Moore  
to confess.

Taylor told the sheriff Thursday,  
after keeping quiet three weeks in  
fear of becoming involved, that  
Moore owned "an old Spanish  
pistol." Ballistics experts already  
had determined that the gun that  
killed Miss Cleverger was of a cal-  
iber not manufactured in the United  
States, so Brown questioned Moore  
again.

Two New York detectives came  
here Friday to help him. One was  
John Quinn, who a few months ago  
was credited with a major part in  
finding the slayer of Mrs. Nancy  
Evans Titterton, short story writer  
who was raped and murdered in her  
New York apartment. The other  
was Sergt. Thomas Martin of the  
New York Homicide Squad.

### Suspect Trembled

The sheriff, Quinn, and Martin  
went to Moore's room.  
"What did you do with the pistol  
you killed the girl with?" Sheriff  
Brown abruptly demanded.

Moore trembled visibly, the off-  
icers said. He attempted no evasion  
about the gun, but tried to lay the  
slaying upon another Negro hotel  
worker.

"The gun's under that porch  
there," Moore said, pointing at a  
corner of his three-room, tumbling-  
down house. "But I didn't kill her.  
I didn't know nothin' about it.  
Roddy killed her," he said. He had  
lent the gun before Miss Cleverger  
was slain to L. D. Roddy, a Bat-  
tery Park Hotel boy. Roddy re-  
turned it, he said, after the killing.

The policemen arranged a unique  
inquisition to break his story.

### Dictaphone Used

In a room at police headquarters  
they concealed a dictaphone. Then  
they put Moore, Roddy and Taylor  
into the room together and ostensi-  
bly left them alone.

"You boys talk this over and de-  
cide who's lying," Sheriff Brown  
told them. "I'll be back in 30  
minutes."

Roddy had been told that Moore  
accused him of having had the gun  
the night Miss Cleverger was slain.  
He and Taylor went to work on  
Moore together. The policeman re-  
fused to reveal details of what was  
said, except that Taylor said to  
Moore:

"There's no use you bein' a damn  
fool and singin' about that thin' any  
longer. The sun's out and you  
didn't loan your gun to Roddy."

"They got so mad they were al-  
most ready to fight when I opened  
the door again," Sheriff Brown said.

"Moore was washed up. I'll talk  
he said right away.

### Dictated Confession

He dictated a confession to a  
stenographer, then went to Miss  
Cleverger's hotel room and re-  
enacted the crime for photographers.

Miss Cleverger was killed at about  
1 a. m. She and her uncle, Prof. W.  
L. Cleverger of North Carolina State  
College at Raleigh, had gone to their  
rooms early in the night, but the  
girl, after donning pajamas, sat up  
writing letters and making an entry  
in her diary.

"I never had no money," Moore said.

"I went to 224 (Miss Cleverger's)  
room, and it was unlocked. I  
opened the door and went in. She  
was on the bed. The bed was light  
on.

"What do you want?" she asked  
me.

"I thought this room was unoc-  
cupied, I told her.

### Says Girl Screamed

"If you don't leave I'll call the  
officer," she told me. She got up and  
started towards the door. When she  
got about 18 inches from me she  
saw the pistol. She screamed. I  
shot her.

"She sank on the floor on her  
knees and I hit her in the face with  
the pistol butt. She screamed again.  
I hit her in the face again.

### "I did not attack her."

A medical examiner previously  
had expressed belief that Miss  
Cleverger was criminally attacked,  
but the sheriff said today that he  
believed she was not.

## MADDEN-NOTTINGHAM LEGION POST ELECTS

Orville G. Drake is the new com-  
mander of Madden-Nottingham  
Post 348, American Legion.

Other officers elected were Harry  
A. Lorber and Barney H. Fears,  
vice commanders; Ralph R. Mc-  
Creary, adjutant; George W.  
Carpenter, finance officer; the Rev.  
Charles R. Libsby, chaplain;  
Claude A. Howson, sergeant-at-  
arms; Joseph A. Clinton, athletic  
officer; Preston E. Thompson,  
Americanization officer; the Rev.  
Lance A. Mantle, child welfare of-  
ficer; Orville G. Robinson, publicity  
officer; and Bayard C. Marsh, Pop-  
py Day chairman.

## KING EDWARD AT SEA

By United Press  
BELGRADE Aug. 10.—King Ed-  
ward VIII of Great Britain boarded  
his chartered yacht Nahlin today at  
Sibenik, on the Adriatic coast of  
Yugoslavia, for a Mediterranean  
cruise.

Arriving from Zagreb, he was  
greeted enthusiastically by the popu-  
lation and crew of the many  
yachts in the harbor. The king  
waved his hand and smiled in  
acknowledgment.

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## MISS ASTOR IN NEW LOVE TANGLE (A MOVIE)



## THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

### MARY AND MATE DETERMINED TO CONTINUE TRIAL

Film Moguls' Efforts to  
Settle Custody Case  
Futile So Far.

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 10.—Holly-  
wood emerged cautiously from its  
silence today in a strenuous, last  
minute effort to settle the Mary Astor  
-Dr. Franklyn Thorpe child cus-  
tody fight.

Leading figures of the pictures,  
seeking to protect the reputations of  
high-priced stars and the moral tone  
of the industry, had but a few hours  
to overcome the reluctance of the  
principals. Trial of the case in  
Superior Court was scheduled to re-  
sume at 10 a. m. (12 noon, Indian-  
apolis time) with Miss Astor the wit-  
ness.

Miss Astor and her former  
husband, Dr. Thorpe, were reported un-  
willing to accept anything but com-  
plete victory, no matter what the  
revelations or the scandal continued  
name-calling in court might bring.  
Victory in either case would mean  
complete custody of their 4-year-old  
daughter, Mary.

The three-day examination of Miss Astor  
will continue when court con-  
venes, also the bitter fight over the  
admissibility of Miss Astor's diary,  
in which her former husband  
charges she rhapsodized extra-  
marital loves for the future edifica-  
tion of her daughter.

Hollywood heard from several  
authoritative sources that the office of  
Will Hays, supreme dictator of  
morals, has been

the movies, was pulling strings in  
a determined move to temper the  
battle, for the general good of the  
films.

Another peace effort was under  
the personal supervision of Irving  
Thalberg, who a few years ago was  
the "boy genius" of Hollywood, and  
his beautiful wife, Norma Shearer.

Thalberg, now the head man at  
M-G-M studios, informed the press  
through his secretary, that "was  
interested, as every one is, in bring-  
ing about a settlement of the  
matter."

It was believed the movie mag-  
nates asked Thalberg to intervene  
as mediator. It was known that  
Thalberg talked with Miss Astor  
and other persons connected with  
the case.

### Kaufman Called

George S. Kaufman, Broadway  
playwright with whom Miss Astor  
admitted an affair, was scheduled  
to appear in the courtroom today  
in answer to a subpoena. Dr.

Thorpe's attorneys wish to prove  
through Kaufman that it was the  
actress and not Dr. Thorpe, who  
wanted the divorce obtained by the  
doctor in 1933.

Terms of the divorce constitute  
part of the present struggle and will  
be settled after the end of the  
child custody case in a second court  
action. Miss Astor gave Dr. Thorpe  
custody of the baby and a property  
settlement in exchange for freedom.  
Now she wants return of the  
child, a re-settlement of property  
and an annulment instead of di-  
vorce.

It was said that Kaufman may  
have a chance and not answer his  
subpoena. His lawyers reportedly  
have told him that technicalities  
free him of the obligation. They  
pointed out, it was said, that he is  
not a resident of California, and, in  
addition, the subpoena was served on  
Catalina Island, off the California  
coast.

### Didn't Renounce Rights

Instead he specifically stated in  
his manifesto:

"I do not renounce any of my  
rights. They are more than mine.  
They are the accumulated store of  
history. I am only suspending the

### ALFONSO WAITS RECALL, READY TO DEFY DEATH

Bravery of Deposed King  
Proved in Hectic Reign,  
Simms Says.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS  
Special-Edited Foreign Writer

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—It's  
turn of fortune's wheel returns Al-  
fonso XIII to Spain, as cryptic  
cables from Europe infer will be  
the case. He is said to have driven the  
entire distance himself, making it in eight  
hours. Considering it was pitch  
dark, a winding, mountainous road  
and none too good in spots, it was a  
remarkable and a courageous feat.

But courage is one thing the ex-  
King never lacked. In one decade,  
after 1902, he faced assassination  
no less than 10 times.

Should Alfonso return to reclaim  
the crown—which, to his way of  
thinking, belongs not only to him  
but to the past and to the future—  
it would be an act of deliberate and  
consummate courage. He can not fail  
to know that somewhere among the  
millions of anarchists and other ex-  
treme radicals to whom he is as a  
red flag to a bull, death is waiting for  
him. Already he has escaped 10 times.

Born a king, Alfonso mounted his  
throne at 16. An attempt was made  
on his life that very day. In 1903-4  
three more tries were made. In  
May, 1905, while he was driving  
through Madrid with President Lou-  
is Pasteur, a bomb was thrown at him and  
a number of his bodyguards were  
killed and wounded.

He was then 19. The following  
year, also in May, he was married.  
A bomb was thrown at the royal  
bride and groom on their way from  
the church to the palace, killing  
some 20 people and injuring many  
more. The bride's wedding veil was  
spattered with blood. The super-  
stitious shuddered and said the  
dynasty was doomed.

Several times after that, by bomb  
and machine attacks were made to  
end his days. In 1910, as he sauntered  
through the Madrid streets, a man  
fired at him. Wheeling his horse,  
Alfonso rode his would-be assassin  
down, then he went on his way.

Such is the man the rumor has  
"speeding" about Europe conferring  
with this high official and that the

exercise of the royal power." But  
inasmuch as the people of Spain  
seemed to want to try another form  
of government, he added, he would  
retire and give them a chance.

Slipping out of the palace by a  
back door, he leaped into a power-  
ful Hispano-Suiza and made a dash  
for Cartagena, 325 miles away. He  
is said to have driven the entire  
distance himself, making it in eight  
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