

COMMITTED TO NORWICH JAIL

Dwight L. Miner, North Stonington Youth, Under Murder Charge—Hearing Before Justice Chapman Monday Afternoon—Prisoner Can't Explain How Revolver Was Discharged—An Impassive Witness of His Brother's Death—Mother Blames It on Wild West Literature.

When complaint of E. Frank White, grand juror, Dwight L. Miner was arraigned before Justice Charles E. Chapman in the town hall in North Stonington, Monday afternoon, charged with the murder of his brother, Herbert O. Miner, whom he shot and killed at the Miner house at Pendleton Hill, last Friday. The accused was held by Coroner Brown after a careful examination and report made to Hadial A. Hull, state attorney for New London county. The state attorney being busy with cases at the residence of the superior court in New London, deputized Judge Herbert W. Rathbun to represent the state in the Miner case. The complaint of necessity is a mass of legal verbiage, all of which means that the charge against Dwight Miner is murder, the degree to be determined after trial in the superior court. The town hall was filled with spectators during the hearing, and considerable local interest is shown in the case.

The accused is seventeen years of age, and Charles N. Brown was appointed guardian ad litem, in the absence of his parents, at the opening of the hearing. In answer to the charge the accused pleaded not guilty.

Dr. Michael H. Scanlon, of Westerly was the first witness called and testified that he was called to the Miner home at Pendleton Hill, last Friday, shortly after noon. He said that Walter Pittman accompanied him all the way and two others who resided in the vicinity of a part of the way. Upon arrival at the Miner house he went through the room of the kitchen and saw Herbert Miner dead sitting in a chair by the stove, and Dwight Miner was sitting directly opposite. Witness asked who killed Herbert, and Dwight said he did. Witness asked where the revolver was and Dwight said behind the chair and upon request handed it to witness. Dr. Scanlon put the revolver in his pocket and subsequently turned the weapon over to Deputy Sheriff Casey. The witness said he was informed that it was impossible to get Dr. Harrington or any other doctor from the vicinity, and so witness questioned Dwight in detail. Dwight said that early in the morning he was fooling with his brother with an unloaded revolver, and then went to bed and stayed there a couple of hours. After the first fooling he re-loaded the revolver, and then he took the charges out and commenced fooling again. He said that he had loaded the revolver and put it back in the holster. Then there was more fooling and witness said that Dwight said his brother Herbert was shot. Dwight said he took the revolver out of the holster and pointed it direct at his brother, but he did not tell how the revolver happened to be discharged, but supposed he pulled the trigger.

Witness asked Dwight if he had trouble with his brother Herbert, and Dwight said he had about six weeks ago, but did not tell what the trouble was. Witness stayed there about an hour and while there the father and grandfather of the boy came in. The bullet hole was in the right and the bullet pierced the heart. The father asked that Herbert be placed in the bed, which was done, but witness warned all in the house not to touch the body.

Dr. Robert E. Harrington testified he was medical examiner of the town of North Stonington. He arrived at the Miner house at 3:30 in the afternoon. He examined the body and was of opinion death occurred about three hours previous. He found the wound just to the right of the median. He said he remained there about an hour and a half. He made another visit, with Coroner Brown, on Saturday, and made an autopsy. He introduced a probe about two inches and found bullet in the heart, and the lower lobe of the left lung and the upper part of the rib. Witness did not recover the bullet.

Deputy Sheriff William M. Casey testified that he took custody of Dwight Miner at 3:30 Saturday afternoon. Dwight said the shooting was an accident, that he was fooling with Herbert and did not know how revolver was discharged. Dwight said he was fooling with Herbert and did not know how revolver was discharged. Dwight said he was fooling with Herbert and did not know how revolver was discharged.

J. Oscar Miner, father of accused, testified that he lived in the town of North Stonington and that he had a pleasant time together, and were talking of the number of spokes in the wheel. Both boys slept together. Dwight told to bed first. The boys were both up between six and seven o'clock Friday morning. Witness, after breakfast, went into the kitchen, chopping and left the boys in the house. Witness testified he was summoned from the woods by a messenger telling him Dwight had shot Herbert. He hurried home about one o'clock and found Dr. Scanlon, Mr. Pittman and a few others there. Dr. Scanlon told him that Herbert was dead. Mr. Miner said it was a terrible surprise to learn that Dwight had killed his brother. Dwight had read novels considerably and smoked cigarettes, but never knew him to drink a drop of liquor. Dwight had never told him any trouble until the present affair, he said. Before the doctor went away the dead body was taken from the chair and placed in a bed, but was not otherwise disturbed. Witness said he had often warned Dwight to stop reading those novels and to stop fooling with firearms.

Ella Maria Park Miner, mother of accused, testified that she did not know just when her husband went out on the morning of the shooting. Dwight and Herbert did not always go to bed together, but they did for six or eight nights, while her daughter-in-law was sick, and have since that time. Last Friday morning, Herbert and Dwight did not go to work. Dwight was fooling around with his gun, just before the shooting. As she had done many times before, Dwight went to the small box, but he did not go. He gave no reason for not going; had been gone, said the witness. This awful affair would not have occurred, Mrs. Miner said, she was in the parlor when she heard the report of the fatal shot, and had been there about fifteen minutes. She supposed Dwight had been fooling with the revolver, for she knew Dwight did not intend to kill Herbert. Dwight picked up the revolver in a holster and frequently pointed at others in the house, telling them to hold up their hands and deliver in a playful way, saying which time the revolver was usually unloaded. When witness came out of the parlor after the shot was fired and heard Herbert say "I'm shot," Dwight said nothing, but looked for the wound on Herbert.

Witness testified she heard Dr. Scanlon, questioning Dwight, and that his response was as she has reported. Dwight had been made bullets several days ago over the house, she said. After the shooting witness went to a neighbor's. When witness came back, when she went away Dwight was looking for the wound, and when she returned, she saw him sitting down, and she said he did not mean to shoot his brother Herbert. The boys have always been very friendly. They had some trouble in July, but Dwight never told her of it; her little son Willie told her of the trouble. Dwight had been out late nights fooling with his gun, and she believed that that was the cause of the trouble. He had been a constant reader of the kind of literature for over six years and remained up nearly all night reading the newspapers. The boys had no trouble with each other, and the feud had been dead about three months. He made a second call and before the arrival of Dr. Scanlon, who came while witness was there, Dwight was not crying during his visit, but he said he could not tell how the bullet went through Herbert's body. Witness testified that she saw the shooting was an accident and that he did not mean to shoot Herbert.

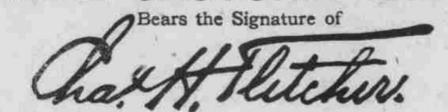
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By selecting Bradford on the banks of the Pawcatuck river as the site of a plant now in course of construction, which will cost about \$1,000,000, the Bradford Dyeing association has demonstrated that the water of the Pawcatuck is well adapted for dyeing purposes, and before deciding to locate there the water in many other places was carefully analyzed and found to be of the best quality and undense in quantity. It is therefore not surprising that other like concerns, even of smaller capacity, should seek available locations along the river.

As has been before stated in this correspondence, the Fall River firm of Cravager & Biscaday, dealers in mill machinery and factory property, have an option on the extensive plant owned by the Western Woolen company, and commonly known as the Arnold mills, a part of which is located in the town of Stonington, and the rest in the town of Westerly. During the past week, surveys have been taken, measurements of the property contiguous to the manufacturing plant on both sides of the river, and it is said, with a view to increase the size of the mill property with special reference to houses for employees. The Fall River firm is not in the manufacturing business, but it is said is acting as agent for a party that is planning to establish a big bleachery there and independent of the great plant at Bradford, which is owned chiefly by English capitalists, who already own fourteen bleacheries in England, the home concern being in Bradford, England.

The firm having option on the Arnold property will not confirm the report that a bleachery is to be established there, until fact give any information in regard to the nature of the property, aside from the assurance that the valuable property will be left for a comparatively short period and that the operating concerns would add materially to the industrial importance of Westerly.

Brenin Cravager, who was convicted by a jury for the murder of Joseph Brigham, a woodchopper, of South Kingston, was called up for sentence Monday before Judge Charles Lee, at the session of the superior court for Washington county. Cravager is alleged killed Brigham while asleep in bed beside the window, by shooting through a window, the aim being guided by a lighted lamp in the bedroom. The evidence against Cravager was circumstantial. Subsequently Attorney A. T. L. Ledwidge of Westerly made motion for a new trial on the ground that the verdict was against the law and the evidence, but the motion was denied. Since conviction, Cravager has been in the Providence county jail. The assistant attorney general in court, Monday, gave a general review of the case, and Attorney Ledwidge made the case for remission.

Judge Lee sentenced Cravager to the Rhode Island state prison for the balance of his natural life. The case was heard before Judge Rathbun last November and the motion for a new trial was denied.

Elizabeth Johnson, who came to Westerly from the south, and is sick and liable to become a town charge, was committed to the state asylum Monday, by Ellery C. Barber, overseer of the police.

The body of Natalie Balarda, who shot herself in the head at his home in Downer street, Sunday night, was taken to Memorial hospital, New London, and died there, arrived in Pawcatuck, Monday afternoon.

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