M'KAY MURDERED JURY'S VERDICT

Coroner's Investigation Brings that Conclusion in Feud Case.

FATAL BLOW WAS SEEN.

Decision Reached Was Against Testimony that It Was All an Accident.

A new crime was added to-day to the long list of unsolved murder mysteries of the last few months.

The Coroner's jury decided that Robert McKay was killed by a blow "struck by a person unknown to the jury."

Friends of McKay assert that he is a victim of the Harlem gamblers' feud.

Only one witness saw the fatal blow struck. He is unable to identify McKay's assailant.

Saw the Blow Struck.

This witness is William A. Howlett, of No. 1712 Park avenue, who testified yesterday. Howlett says that on April 5 he was passing Rourke's saloon, at One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street and Park avenue, and saw McKay and another man standing on the sidewalk quarrelling.

Suddenly the unknown man hit McKay a terrific blow on the nose. McKay fell, his head striking the sidewalk with a sound that Mr. Howlett says could be heard half a block away.

The man who struck the blow, Howlett says, walked into the saloon, took off his coat and went behind the bar.

Corroborative evidence was furnished to-day by Mr. Howlett's daughter. She testified that her father came home greatly affected and said that he had just seen a man murdered.

Testimony contradictory to this was given by former Commissioner of Jurors Weide. He swore that he saw McKay fall and that there was no one within fifty feet of the man at the time.

There was much more evidence of this character, but the jury evidently believed that McKay was a victim of the Harlem gamblers' feud.

It is said that the Kennedy crowd threatened to "do up" McKay because he had befriended McDonnell.

Mr. Howlett testified after the police, Rourke and Rourke's bartender Mullally, had agreed that McKay had been in the saloon, had walked out unaccompanied and had fallen down. Then came Mr. Howlett, of whom Rourke and Mullally had not known. His testimony caused them to twitch in their chairs.

They were compelled to stand up in order that Mr. Howlett might determine whether either of them was McKay's assailant. He said that both were about the size of the man that struck McKay, but he could not swear to the identity of either.

WHIDDIT'S WILL A REAL PUZZLE.

COURTS LIKELY TO HAVE TROUBLE CONSTRUING IT.

Contains Apparently Conflicting Clauses as to Disposition of Small Estate.

A puzzle in the form of a will in behalf of Lucretia O. Whiddit, of Goshen, N. Y., and described by her as the wife of her late husband, William Wall Whiddit, of No. 1235 Hoe avenue, Bronx, was filed to-day. The will, which disposes of property valued at $4,000, reads:

"On the 7th day of April, 1902, before me appeared sound in mind, has declared before me this day that all his possessions in personal and real estate, the real estate situated in and known as No. 89 Lander street, in the city of Newburgh, N. Y. The personal property in New York City in banks. My wife, Lucretia O. Whiddit, during her life retains the property in Newburgh, N. Y.; after her death the property reverts to my three children equally. The personal property deposited in the banks as follows, Astor Bank about $1,200. About $700 in the German Savings Bank. To my daughter Jennie Pope I give and bequest what has been my care in my last illness, one thousand ($1,000.00) and the rest of money in bank after my funeral expenses is to be equally divided between my daughter Ella Terwilliger and son William Wall Whiddit, jr. I also give and bequest the stock, fixtures and good will of my business, 46 Fourth ave., New York City to Miss Hellenbeck."

DAVID LEWI'S WILL.

All His Property Left to Widow, Children and Sister.

The will of David Lewi, the wholesale merchant of No. 194 Chambers street, who was found dead in his office Sunday afternoon a week ago, was filed today, with a petition signed by his daughters, Nina and Emily.

Mr. Lewi left $100,000 worth of real estate and considerable personal property. He bequeathed his home, a fine brown-stone mansion at No. 534 West One Hundred and Forty-eighth street, and $12,500 to his widow and $500 to his sister, Eva Lewitus, who is still in Bohemia. The personal property will go to the five children and give each about $8,400.

Norwegian Cabinet Resigns.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, April 16.—At to-day's session of the Council of State, the Norwegian Premier, Johannes W. C. Steen, resigned, and the other Ministers then placed their portfolios at the disposal of the Crown Prince, Gustaf, who is acting as Regent. Later the Regent invited C. C. Berner, the President of the Storthing, to form a new Cabinet.

NEWS At Home TOLD IN TABLOIDS Abroad NEWS

LOCAL

SHEPARD TO SPEAK.

In the Harlem Casino to-morrow night Edward M. Shepard in a speech will give his opinion of the first four months of the Low administration in office. Prominent Democrats will be present.

BUTLER'S INSTALLATION.

Final arrangements and the complete list of noted people who will attend the installation of Nicholas Murray Butler as President of Columbia University next Saturday have been completed.

MISS STONE HERE APRIL 28.

Miss Ellen M. Stone's lecture in New York will take place in the Broadway Tabernacle Monday evening, April 28. Rev. Dr. Jefferson, the minister who was Miss Stone's pastor in Chelsea, Mass., will preside.

FAREWELL, GRAND OPERA!

Nearly all the most desirable seats for the farewell performance of grand opera on Monday night have been sold at high prices. Acts from the most successful operas of the year will be given.

VICTIM OF GAS DIES.

Esther Zicker, of No. 182 Ludlow street, died in the Gouverneur Hospital at 9:30 o'clock to-day. She was taken to the hospital on April 7, suffering from accidental gas poisoning.

BIG DEMOCRATIC DINNER.

One of the largest Democratic dinners of the winter and spring will be given by the Harlem Democratic Club tomorrow night at the Harlem Casino. The speakers will include a list of notable Democrats. Edward M. Shepard will attack the shortcomings of the reform administration.

ZENAS W. BLISS DIES.

The death of Zenas W. Bliss, of Staten Island, has just been reported from El Paso, Tex., where he went recently in try to recover his health. Before the Civil war he was a great abolitionist. He leaves a widow and four children.

MANUFACTURER DISAPPEARS.

Louis L. Rupp, a manufacturer of dress and millinery novelties at No. 177 Grand street, has been mysteriously missing for a week. His wife, who lives on the Fingerboard road, in Clifton, S. I., received an unpostmarked letter from Rupp on Sunday telling her not to worry, and that he would not be back, although he was all right. It is thought that Rupp was embarrassed financially. He told his employees last Wednesday that they need not return.

TELEGRAPH

NEW OIL FIELD.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., April 16.—Great excitement prevails at Jellico, Tenn., over the fact that oil was struck within the city limits at a depth of 1,000 feet.

DID NOT CARE FOR HER BABY.

PERTH AMBOY, N. J., April 16.—Mrs. Hattie Fatherslit, of Cranford, is under arrest for abandoning her baby, a few weeks old, on a street corner. She told the police she did not care for the child.

WORK OF ART FOR SALE.

CHICAGO, April 16.—The Marquis Townshend, who is here, advertises that he will sell for $100,000 "The Beliesarius" painting by Salvator Rosa, of the sixteenth century, which is in his collection at Raynham Hall, Norfolk, England.

MINES CLOSED BY STRIKE.

TARENTUM, Pa., April 16.—Three hundred miners of the West Penn District are on strike here and all the mines are shut down. The town is filled with miners, but everything is quiet and no trouble is feared.

FOUND BRIDE ON THE ROAD.

ST. LOUIS, April 16.—Mrs. Mary Hart was a widow when she started for Japan from New York. John Tait, an old friend, left Hot Springs to head her off here. She is now Mrs. Tait. Her husband will accompany her to the Orient.

THREE BURNED TO DEATH.

FRANKFORT, Mich., April 16.—Mrs. Wallace E. King and her two children were burned to death at their home in Wallin, a village fifteen miles from here, early to-day.

SHE GOT WARRANT, BUT LET PARKER GO

HE REFUSED TO APOLOGIZE FOR STRIKING HER.

Miss Kramer Told Her Landlady the Man Claimed They Were Married.

Miss Jessie Kramer, of Washington, D. C., was the complainant in the Butler Street Court, Brooklyn, to-day against Randolph Flemming Parker, a former Washingtonian, who now boards in Brooklyn and works at No. 19 Liberty street, Manhattan.

The young woman, who is only seventeen years old, charged the young man, who is but little her senior, with having struck her in the face last Sunday night at the home of Mrs. Russell Phillips, Fourth street and Sixth avenue, Brooklyn. Miss Kramer is visiting there.

When the case was called the girl told Magistrate Tighe that if Parker would apologize she would not prosecute.

"Won't you apologize?" she asked the young man, feelingly.

"Madam, do your worst," was the stern retort.

Thereupon the girl wept and, refusing to prosecute anyway, left the court.

Mrs. Phillips said later that Parker called at the house Sunday night and said Miss Kramer was his wife. He insisted on her going away with him, and when she refused they quarrelled.

The girl apparently doesn't know whether she is married to him or not. She told Mrs. Phillips that last September she went to Baltimore with Parker. He took her to a court, where some sort of ceremony was gone through with, and since then Parker has insisted that the girl is his wife. He followed her to Cape May and later to Brooklyn, trying to make good his claim.

Parker said nothing about this in court.

DR. CLENDENIN'S KIDNAPPING WARNING FROM WOMAN LETTER-WRITING CRANK?

Resemblance of Case to Rowayton Scandal Makes Investigators Think Maniac Responsible for Letters.

MURIEL, THREE AND A HALF YEARS OLD.

GABRIELLE, EIGHT AND A HALF YEARS OLD.

Is the Rev. Dr. Clendenin the victim of a woman with a letter writing mania?

Those who have investigated the strange circumstances surrounding the threatened effort to kidnap the Westchester minister's two daughters are beginning to suspect that he is.

Since the Rowayton school scandal, where the wife of Principal McClellan confessed to having written scores of indecent letters to as many respectable persons in the Connecticut town without any motive save the insane desire to write letters, this peculiar disease has been prominently before the public mind.

The Clendenins have been threatened by letter several times, always in the handwriting of a woman. This last missive warning them of the threatened kidnapping was evidently written by a woman, and as no clue to a real attempt to steal the children has been unearthed by the police, attention is being paid now to this later phase of the mystery.

At the same time vigilance in watching over the two girls is not being relaxed. The minister has armed guards about his place and all suspicious looking persons are kept at a distance.

In addition to the guards retained by Mr. Clendenin, Capt. Walsh, of Westchester station, has assigned Detect Doty to accompany the children whenever they go out for a walk.

On receipt of the letter Mrs. Clendenin, while greatly alarmed, said nothing about it among her acquaintances. Yet on Sunday at church, a woman, whom Mrs. Clendenin thinks is a very warm friend to her, approached her and told her of a dream she had had on three successive nights.

The woman said that the last time she saw the vision was the night before. She saw two men seize the Clendenin children while they were on the street, throw them into a cab and drive away with half the village of Westchester yelling after them.

Mrs. Clendenin refused to say today who this woman was.

The letter of warning was written by a woman, apparently. It was in the old style of handwriting.

Little attention would have been paid to the letter by Dr. Clendenin or the police but for the fact that previous attempts to visit injury on the clergyman had been foreshadowed by similar anonymous communications.

In August, 1899, fire was started in St. Peter's Episcopal Church at Westchester by an incendiary. It was one of the oldest churches in the State, having been built more than two hundred years ago, and in its records were grants from King George.

A week later, following a batch of anonymous letters, Dr. Clendenin's barn on the old Greeley estate, at Chappaqua, was set on fire. Kerosene had been poured around the front and rear doors of the barn, and the empty bottle was left behind by the miscreants.

BIG FIGHT OVER RICE WILL; ADAMS HINTS AT NEW ONE.

Lawyer for Patrick Vainly Demands Delay—Short and Meyer Refuse to Testify.

In spite of the objections made in the name of Albert T. Patrick by Lawyer John D. Tomlinson, Surrogate Fitzgerald to-day ordered the contest over the will of Millionaire Rice to proceed.

David L. Short and Morris Meyer, who signed the will of 1900 as witnesses, and who testified in the Patrick trial that Rice had signed the document, refused to testify today on the ground that it might incriminate them and injure them in their trial on the charge of forgery.

There was one more surprise before the case got fairly started. Charles T. Adams, a legatee under the will of 1900, and who testified in the Patrick trial that the 1900 will was a forgery, joined in the request of Mr. Tomlinson for a postponement. He said he took this action because he knew Mr. Rice had intended to make a codicil to his will of 1896.

The Fight Started.

As soon as the case was called Mr. Tomlinson asked for a postponement, arguing that it should not go on while Patrick was in Sing Sing and Short and Meyer were awaiting trial for forgery. These men, he said, would refuse to testify.

Mr. Hornblower, John M. Bowers and De Lancey Nicoll, representing beneficiaries under the will of 1896, contended that the case should proceed.

Then Charles T. Adams, who is a lawyer, astonished everybody by advocating a postponement.

Mr. Hornblower asked if he advocated the probate of the 1900 will and declared that Adams was trifling with the Court.

It was getting disagreeable for Adams, but he smoothed things out by stating that Rice had told him he was going to change his 1896 will by a codicil, and he was in court to ask for an adjournment pending a search for the promised codicil.

Mr. Adams, who was an attorney for Rice at one time, showed this letter from the millionaire, but will not reveal the contents of the codicil he drafted:

New York, Oct. 5, 1897.

Charles T. Adams, No. 32 Nassau street, city.

Dear Charley: I wish to make some changes in my will by codicil. Shall take from some and give to others. I believe it is only a simple statement of the change desired. But I do not wish to make any mistake. Will you kindly give me a little instruction upon the matter?

My health holds remarkably good for a person of my years, and I hope yourself and family are enjoying the same, with many other blessings. With kind regards to you all, I am, yours truly,

W. M. RICE.

In a memorandum made in red ink on this letter sheet and dated Oct. 7, 1897, Adams says: "Called on Mr. Rice Oct. 6 at 500 Madison avenue and drafted a codicil to his will."

GETS MURDER JURY AND RECORD IN 33 MINUTES.

Jersey Court Makes Swift Work of That and Hearing Prosecution.

It took a New Jersey court just thirty-three minutes to-day to get a jury in a murder trial.

There wasn't any fuss about it at all. The first talesman was called at 10.07 o'clock, and one after another they were piled into the jury box until 10.40 o'clock, when the twelve had been selected. Then the trial began.

The case was that of Pedro Hernia, charged with the murder of Bernard Cantor in Hackensack on March 4. He went into Cantor's butcher shop and asked him for five cents' worth of dog meat.

Floods the day before had cut off all meat supply and Cantor had given all his meat to starving families.

Cantor told Hernia he had no meat and offered him some bones. Hernia insulted him and went out with the remark, "I'll cut you up and feed you to my dog."

He came back in a few minutes and shot the butcher in the presence of his young wife.

Justice Dixon, famous in New Jersey for the rapidity with which he dispenses justice, is presiding at the trial.

GOING TO CHARLESTON.

Gov. Odell and Staff to Be Present on New York Day, April 23.

ALBANY, April 16.—Gov. Odell to-day ordered the members of his staff to meet him at Charleston on April 23 to participate in the exercises on New York State Day at the Charleston Exposition.

The staff will leave New York City on a special train on April 21.

HAUBERT REAPPOINTED.

President Sends in His Nomination as United States Marshal.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The President sent to the Senate today the following nomination among others:

Charles J. Haubert, United States Marshal Eastern District of New York.

Mr. Haubert is the present United States Marshal of the district. His office is in Brooklyn.

HOW THEY MANAGE.

Doctors' Wives Trained to Arrange Things.

Sometimes the wife of a doctor can bring her husband around when he don't know exactly how to help himself. The wife of a certain well-known physician in Washington, D. C., concluded that coffee was the cause of the doctor's sleepless nights. She says, "He would retire and lie for hours unable to sleep a wink. I thought perhaps he was nervous from the coffee which he drank at his meals and suggested that he try Postum. To my surprise he objected most decidedly. I said nothing, but the next morning made Postum Coffee instead of the regular coffee and gave that to the doctor. I made it according to directions and it had a beautiful coffee color and flavor. He drank his cup and remarked that the coffee was unusually good that morning and asked for more.

"From that time I served him Postum at every meal, and in the course of a week or two he showed such remarkable signs of improvement in health and strength that I told him he had been drinking Postum from the time he had begun to get better.

"You never saw such a surprised man. He said, 'Well, if the good coffee I have had is Postum, and leaving off regular coffee has made such a change in my health, I never want any other kind in my house.' Since then he regularly prescribes Postum to many of his patients and with good results." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

CABLE

DOUMER RESIGNS POST.

PARIS, April 16.—The Governor-General of Indo-China, M. Paul Doumer, has resigned his office and will return to France.

EDWARD'S DINNER TO POOR.

LONDON, April 16.—King Edward's dinner to the poor of London to celebrate his coronation has been fixed by the borough Mayors for July 5.

ACCEPT OUR INVITATION.

PARIS, April 16.—The United States embassy has received notice that Count Rene de Rochambeau and Count Gaston Salaune de Lafayette have accepted invitations to be present at the inauguration of the Rochambeau monument at Washington May 24.

KAISER TO HONOR RICHTER.

BERLIN, April 16.—Capt. Richter, of the Kronprinz Wilhelm, who conveyed Prince Henry to America, will be decorated with the Order of the Red Eagle of the fourth class.

RECEIVED BY M. LOUBET.

PARIS, April 16.—President Loubet yesterday received James H. Hyde, President of the Federation of the Alliance Francaise in the United States. He congratulated Mr. Hyde on his recent election to the newly formed federation and thanked him for his good work in propagating the love of the French language in the United States.

EDITOR AND DUELLIST DEAD.

PARIS, April 16.—Aurelian Scholl, the well-known author, journalist and duellist, died here this morning as the result of an operation. He was born at Bordeaux July 13, 1833, and was best known as the editor of the Echo de Paris.

WASHINGTON

TO STUDY SCHOOLS ABROAD.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—It has been decided by the Executive Committee of the Carnegie Institute to take advantage of President Gilman's trip abroad to study the best schools of Europe.

OFFICERS TO GO TO GERMANY.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Emperor Williams's suggestion to this Government to send three army officers to Germany to observe the fall manoeuvres will be adopted. The officers have not yet been selected.

OLD VERMONT BID IN.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—L. F. Hunt, of Melrose, Mass., was the highest bidder for the old receiving-ship Vermont, now at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, offering $15,658.

GOVERNOR'S ISLAND PLAN.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The report of the Board of Officers appointed to prepare a plan for the improvement of Governor's Island, New York, has been handed to Secretary Root. The plan involves the expenditure of millions.

COOL TOT OF FIVE SAVES BABY'S LIFE.

HE PULLS LITTLE FELLOW AWAY FROM DANGER.

If five-year-old Jacob Goldstein had not been a brave little chap to-day his baby brother Harry would have been scalded to death.

The mother of the children left her flat at No. 133 Watkins street, Brooklyn, to go to the grocery store. Jacob and Harry were playing in the kitchen alone.

Harry got a cane and stuck it in a pot of boiling water on the stove. He tried to tip the pot over and succeeded in spilling some of the water on his arms.

Jacob heard his yells and running to him dragged him back before the full flow of the pot struck him. Harry was badly burned on the arms, but his condition is not dangerous.

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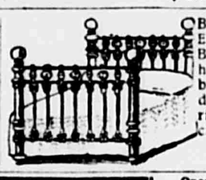

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