

SHOT SIMPSON IN FEAR, SAYS MOTHER-IN-LAW

Aged Mrs. Horner, Held Under Bail, Tells of Threats by Dentist.

HAD DEMANDED MONEY.

Estranged Wife Never Thought of Divorce Suit, Her Mother Asserts.

After Mrs. Ella Horner, the aged widow who shot her son-in-law, Dr. James W. Simpson, at her home in Northport, L. I., last Monday, had been held to answer in bonds of \$500 today, she made the first public statement that has come from her since the wounding of the Manhattan dentist.

First, though, her lawyer, Roland Miles, informed the reporters that no questions must be put to his aged client regarding the actual shooting. This being promised, the newspaper men asked the woman why she feared Dr. Simpson.

"For several reasons," she answered. "As you all know, Dr. Simpson shot and killed my husband more than two years ago, and while he claimed it was an accident and secured an acquittal, I felt that he entertained a bitterness toward me and toward his wife, my daughter, Betty, and I testified against him at the trial, and subsequently my daughter refused to live with him.

"I fear Simpson's coming. I'll very recently we did not dare to remain overnight at our home, but stayed at the homes of neighbors. We never left the house, even to go to the stable to feed the horse, without first locking up. We were afraid that if we did not take that precaution my son-in-law might get in during our absence.

"He came to Northport last September, and meeting his wife in the road, tried to hit her. She refused to talk to him. He followed her home and sat on the front porch."

Mrs. Horner was reminded of Dr. Simpson's statement that he had come from New York to Northport to talk with his wife regarding her plans for getting a divorce when the mother shot him.

"I never heard my daughter mention a divorce," said Mrs. Horner. "My daughter had received several threatening letters from him, some of recent date. In all of these letters he demanded money."

Mrs. Horner, who had been under bond at her home on the Vernon Valley road, was taken before Justice of the Peace Hawkins, at Northport, today. She appeared perfectly calm. Although her counsel she waived examination and was held for the Grand Jury on the charge of shooting Simpson.

Justice Gaylor Fixes Bail. Leaving Hawkins' office, the widow, with lawyer Miles, District Attorney Furman of Suffolk County, and Constable Hansen, entered an automobile belonging to Murray S. Brown, a friend. The party were driven to the summer home of Supreme Court Justice Gaylor, at Sea View. The Justice fixed bail at \$500. It had already been arranged that the daughter, Mrs. Simpson, would become surety.

District Attorney Furman was told that Simpson, who is at Roosevelt Hospital, in this city, with a bullet still in his body, had said that if he recovered he would refuse to testify against his mother-in-law.

"If Dr. Simpson survives his injury I shall insist that he appear against me," said Mr. Furman. "I will see him once. I will finish this case against Mrs. Horner with the same energy which I employed in the prosecution of Simpson after he killed her husband."

FOUGHT WITH FISTS AT COURTROOM DOOR. Brother of Young Man Sent to Elmira Attacks Probation Officer.

Two bearded men closed in and battled a la Queensberry outside the door of Part II, Special Sessions, today and gave a lively exhibition for several seconds before policemen pried them apart. One of them was Dr. Stern, a probation officer, and the other Max Stein, brother of a youngster who had just been sent back to Elmira.

Dr. Stern dragged Stein before Judge Mulqueen and charged that Stein had insulted that he had taken money, and was biased in the case against Stein's brother.

Clad Only in Gauze Skirt and Jewels as Salome, Miss Hoffmann Insists Her Dance Is Real Art

Her Hot-Weather Costume Makes Seasoned First Nighters Gasp, but Act Itself Is Free From Suggestion.

"True, I wear only a gauze skirt and my jewels, but I mean my 'Vision of Salome' dance for art—don't laugh!—real art! I don't mean it to be shocking."

Little Gertrude Hoffmann made her eyes very big, and looked very, very serious indeed, as in her dressing room at Hammerstein's her dressers relieved her of the jewels.

For Salome, shown the front door by the critics when she tried to break into New York via grand opera, has quietly snaked around to the back door of vaudeville, shedding her none too generous raiment as she came. And here she is, more "shocking" than ever, and still asking to be taken seriously.

Broadway is agog over the high temperature costume in which Miss Hoffmann appeared in her imitation of Maude Allan's classic dance originally produced in London at the Hammerstein Roof on Monday night.

This Is Her "Costume." Miss Hoffmann's Salome costume consists specifically of one pair of flesh-colored silk trunks, reaching from the waist half way to the knee; one skirt of black gauze, gold embroidered at the bottom, and reaching to the ankles; a girdle of pearls and brilliants, breastplate and decolletage of pearls and emeralds, with ropes of pearls looped to the girdle, and necklaces and armlets of brilliants and jade. A diadem and a red wig complete the costume. Neither tights nor sandals are worn, the arms, limbs and torso being entirely bare.

After the first gasp, when the heavy velvet curtains were drawn back to disclose Miss Hoffmann, the audience of first-nighters refused to credit their senses. The dim blue light of the really magnificent setting of the courtyard of Herod's palace half disclosed the semi-nude figure of Salome. From the first sinuous movement of the dancer's arms the gasping contest began, and it left the theatre only with the audience.

Anxious to See for Themselves. The rumor spread like wildfire along Broadway, and Hammerstein's was packed yesterday with those who wanted to be shown. They were there with startling frankness. They came away convinced there was "nothing to it"—the costume, that is.

Miss Hoffmann does not give all her pack of tricks away at the first glance. The black skirt acts as a delusion and a snare to the eye. The longer you look the more there is to see, for it whirls and twines and flashes, it reveals and conceals in a manner infinitely more alluring than mere unveiled limbs could be. Through it gleam the naked feet and dazzling limbs of Salome, above it rises her body, its skin magnificently scornful of even paint, the jewels alone—well!

And she isn't railed! In fact, the audience is so spellbound with the stage picture, with the gliding, gesturing dancing of Salome, they forget even the exotic costume. Miss Hoffmann leaves nothing to be desired in the ethereal grace of her movements. Her feeling was frankly for the physical rather than the psychological Salome, but never has a body been outlined in gesture with such grace.

She's as naked as truth, and just as unembarrassed, just as little bold, uttered without one suggestion of coarseness. No thought of impropriety comes across the footlights, and from the character of the breathless attention Miss Hoffmann receives it would seem none fails to be impressed to play it just as long as they want to see. I feel it is the biggest, the most serious thing I have ever done," Miss Hoffmann said. "Not big enough yet, nor serious enough, because they call it only an imitation."

"I watched Maude Allan carefully and then, as she created Salome, I tried to Maude Allan creating Salome, which is the more difficult art—to reproduce one's personality or to reproduce two at once? Imitation forces one to put aside her own personality, which not all American actors do. I want 'The Vision of Salome' to be taken seriously, not as an exploit in sensational costuming.

"And, anyway, the dress isn't any cooler to dance in than anything else. I can tell you!" exclaimed the audience, who were as wrapped a Turkish jewel around a steaming brow and bowed her interlocutor out.

TRY TO LYNCH MAN WHO ATTACKS GIRL. Only a policeman with a club, and a temptation to use it, saved an emaciated youth, who ran toward the Wallabout Market. The girl followed a crowd of husky marketmen tripped Walsh and were beating him black and blue when Policeman Grimes, of the Flushing avenue station, ran up. He managed to pry Walsh away from his assailants and dragged him, cowering, subjectly, to the station, where he was locked up on the girl's complaint.

DIED FROM ABSCESS OF BRAIN. Robert Rocchi Had Fired a Bullet Into His Skull. Robert Rocchi, thirty years old, of No. 44 West Thirty-sixth street, died today in the Bellevue Hospital from an abscess of the cerebellum or lower part of the brain, the result of his having fired a bullet into his skull behind the left ear on May 21.

On that day he was taken from his home to Bellevue, and Prof. George Stewart trephined the skull and located and removed the bullet.

The man was in good shape until a week ago, when he began to fall. It was found by Dr. Stewart that the cerebellum was entirely enveloped with an abscess, but nothing could be done to save him.



GERTRUDE HOFFMAN in "A Vision of Salome"

CALLED BIGAMIST, HOLDS MARRIAGE WAS NOT LEGAL

Von Helden, With First Wife Helping Him, Puts in Novel Defense to Charge.

Just before the close of the trial of Haoul Von Helden, an alleged bogus German nobleman, on the charge of bigamy, was concluded this afternoon before County Judge Platt, at White Plains, his lawyer, David H. Hunt, introduced the novel defense that the marriage of the accused man to Emily Brombach, known as Wife No. 2, was illegal. In fact, he contended that it had not taken place with the consent of Von Helden.

He said that the couple had visited a minister who is now dead, at the instance of the mother of the prisoner's second wife, and that he signed a book, but that he did not know what he was doing.

Emily Brombach was not produced as a witness, because her father has sent her to California to escape, he says, the infatuation for Von Helden.

Lawyer Hunt told the jury that it was not the second wife, as the prosecution alleged, was being shined against, but the prisoner, through the instigation of the girl's mother, who had been "importuning him to get a divorce from wife No. 1."

A number of gushing love letters written to Emily Brombach were submitted in evidence by Leo Parsons, the assistant District Attorney of Westchester County, in which the prisoner declared his love for Wife No. 2.

Mrs. Von Helden, wife No. 1, who is fighting for her husband's liberty, was in court today with her four children, two of whom are nine-month-old twins.

SIX MINERS DEAD AND SIX MISSING AFTER EXPLOSION. Others Taken From Ruined Colliery in Pennsylvania Not Expected to Live.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., July 15.—One of the worst mine accidents in the history of the lower section of the anthracite coal fields occurred this afternoon at Williamsstown, in which twelve men are reported to have been killed and as many more so badly injured that it is thought that several of them will die. The accident is believed to have been caused by an explosion of gas, but those who have thus far been taken out have not been able to give a connected story of the accident.

Six bodies have been taken out, and six men are still in the mine. The known dead are James Bowman, Charles Rickett, John Whittle, Beyerly, Stakum and Arthur Hawk.

Ten others were removed from the mine badly burned and torn by the force of the explosion, and it is feared several of them cannot survive. It was with great difficulty that rescuing parties could get down into the shaft, and there is little hope of the six men still in the burning workings being rescued alive. They may have been killed instantly.

The Williamsstown Colliery is operated by the Susquehanna Coal Company, and the employees who were in the ill-fated workings were all residents of Williamsstown and immediate vicinity.

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FOUND HANGED; LICENSE TO WED CHILD IN POCKET

Man a Supposed Suicide Now Thought a Victim of Lynching Mob.

DOVER, Del., July 15.—The finding of the body of William Williams, a well-to-do farmer, aged sixty years, hanging to a tree yesterday has excited the suspicion of the villagers of Maryland and Templeville, across the Maryland line, near where the body was found, because of peculiar circumstances surrounding the death of the farmer.

Some persons are inclined to think the man was lynched. When the body was found it was believed that Williams had committed suicide, but an examination of the corpse disclosed on the head of a wound which appears to have been made by some blunt weapon. There were also bruises on the body indicating that the man had been subjected to violence before he died.

In a pocket of his coat was found a marriage license to wed a thirteen-year-old girl. The name on the license is Elizabetha White. After the death of his wife, about a year ago, Williams secured the father of the little girl as a tenant for his farm and he went to live with relatives.

Williams visited a daughter near Crumpton, Md., last Saturday, and after leaving her home he was not again seen until the body was found. The fact that Williams had procured a license to marry the young girl was not known to any of his friends.

SUFFERED WITH AN ITCHING RASH

On Hands and Arms in Blisters as Large as Hazelnuts—Face Became Badly Swollen and Could Not Work—Grew Worse But Was

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