

TRANCE STORY OF WIFE RIDICULED BY PROSECUTOR

Hypnotist Made Mrs. Hitchcock Put His Theory in Words, Is Argument.

MAY REPEAT ODD TEST.

Dr. Van Gieson Offers to Demonstrate Confession Before Board of Alienists.

According to Assistant District-Attorney Du Vivier, who has been assisting at the inquiry into the sanity of Mrs. Charlotte Hitchcock, the woman accused of killing her husband on Nov. 20 last and then shooting herself nearly to death, the remarkable hypnotic experiment of Dr. Ira Van Gieson, head of the Pathological Bureau of the Board of Health, is not considered seriously.

Woman Who, in Hypnotic Trance, Told of Husband's Suicide, and the Hypnotist



CHARLOTTE HITCHCOCK.

DR. VAN GIESON

"Impossible and Ridiculous."

"The story of Dr. Van Gieson is herently impossible and ridiculous. I believe that Dr. Van Gieson got Mrs. Hitchcock into such a condition of mind that she became susceptible to his own theory of the case, which he had worked out in his own mind. You can't tell me you can hypnotize a person by holding a candle before his eyes. Then there is no testimony that will justify the theory of her alleged statement.

No Further Experiments.

"The commission finished its work at midnight and the next step in the case will be the filing of its report with Judge Foster. No further hypnotic experiment will be permitted, and the testimony of Dr. Van Gieson, as well as the other testimony in the case, will be dealt with in the commission's report."

Could Not Have Shot Himself.

Dr. Jean Riegelman, Coroner's Physician in the Bronx, who viewed the body of the slain Hitchcock an hour after the tragedy, stated today that in his opinion the hypnotism test by Dr. Van Gieson was worthless.

Described Double Tragedy.

Mrs. Hitchcock was hypnotized by the Board of Health expert on June 10 in the Tombs. She was placed in a chair tilted back a little, and the room was darkened. Dr. Van Gieson held a candle above her head, so that she sat with raised eyes, looking at it. He stood behind her. When he believed she had lapsed into a subjective state he commanded her to close her eyes; then put out the candle and said: "Recall the events of that night; recall the scene, be vivid, you will tell the doctor what happened." He made no suggestion of any kind, but presently in low, hoarse, mechanical tones Mrs. Hitchcock spoke.

"I went out and got a steak," she said, her voice falling to a whisper. "What next?" asked the doctor. "I cooked it," she replied. "My husband came in with a bag of apples, fifteen or sixteen of them. We ate the steak; then Bob read a magazine, then we smoked."

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"Then Bob said," she resumed, "I am in a daze, I don't know what I am doing. You and I must go on a long voyage, we must cross over the river over the Jordan." Then he read to me a chapter out of the Testament. After another longer lapse Mrs. Hitchcock continued: "He then took from his pocket a summons and made me sign a writing, saying I was to blame. Then he shot me three times. I went into the kitchen and my doctor was on the floor put out the fire. Then I crawled back on my hands and knees. I tried to take the gun from him and it went off. He bled it again. Our dog tried to stop him, too."

"What next?" asked the doctor.

"Then he stood up in bed and shot himself twice," she said. "Now dropped the gun on the bed and pulled the bedclothes up about himself. Then he hid the gun under the bed. I saw him and I said, 'Why, did you say you had?' Tell the doctor."

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CANCER PATIENT LEAPS TO DEATH FROM WINDOW

Man Displaying Police Shield and Revolver Makes a Scene After Suicide.

Paul Pleck, checker in a Broadway cafe, was passing through East Eighth street early today when he saw a bare foot protruding from the second-story window of No. 219. A second foot appeared and then a woman's head. "Say, what are you trying to do?" Pleck called up.

The woman quickly withdrew her head and feet, but a second later she reappeared. For an instant she balanced on the sill and then deliberately plunged out into space. Her body crashed against the street railing and fell into the airway.

Pleck rang the bell and kicked on the door, and the occupants of the house helped him carry the injured woman back to her room. She was Mrs. Elizabeth Sandiman, sixty-seven years old. For several years she had been suffering from cancer, and had often threatened to jump from the window. Her husband, David Sandiman, said he did not think she meant it. Mrs. Sandiman was conscious when Dr. Sheldon, of No. 94 East Sixtieth street, arrived, but she died an hour later.

Shortly after the woman fell three men and a woman staggered through the street. They were singing "A Hot Time" and stirring everybody out of bed. Some one called to them to keep quiet and the men and woman stopped suddenly and squared off for fight.

Paul Pleck was entering his home, a furnished-room house at No. 223, when the woman pointed him out. "There's the man who insulted us," she cried, and the three men ran for the steps.

Pleck had disappeared, and the men rang the bell. After a few minutes Mrs. Jeanie Stein, a little five-foot woman, and the landlady opened the door.

"What do you want?" she demanded. "We want the man who insulted us, and we are going to get him if we have to go through the house," declared the leader.

"You'll not come in here," declared Mrs. Stein. "I won't, won't I?" declared the man. "Well, what do you say to this, and this?" and he displayed a policeman's shield and then a huge revolver. "I'll guess not," said the man, and he backed out and disappeared. "He didn't frighten me at all," said Mrs. Stein today. "I know he is a coward. No man would point a revolver at a woman unless he was."

SAYS MRS. MILLS TOOK WOMAN'S DIAMOND RINGS

Waiter Chief Witness in Case That Has Unset Woodland Beach.

CAMPERS IN COURT

Defendant's Husband, a Policeman, Acts as Her Legal Adviser.

The Woodland Beach village of campers crowded into Magistrate Handy's court at New Brighton today to hear the case of Mrs. Anna Cassille against Mrs. Estelle Mills, and the story of how two diamond rings and \$55 disappeared during a tea party, in the cafe of one of the Beach hotels.

Pretty Mrs. Mills had spent the night in the Stapleton police station, and her summer trunks were somewhat bedraggled today. Her eyes were big and red with tears. Her husband, a former New York policeman stood by her, and acted as her counsel.

Mrs. Cassille was the first witness. "On Aug. 24 Mrs. Mills invited me to the hotel to have a drink," she said. "I asked for something soft, but Mrs. Mills urged me to take whiskey, and I consented. We had three drinks and then I lost my senses."

"Do you mean you were drunk?" asked the Magistrate. "Oh, no," exclaimed Mrs. Cassille. "I was just tipsy."

"Well, anyway," continued Mrs. Cassille, "when I came to I missed my pocketbook with my rings and money. Mrs. Mills said she would keep them for me until I was all right. Then she said later she didn't know anything about them."

Bernard Sehor, a waiter, said he served the women three or four times. They drank whiskey each time. "Mrs. Mills took it all right and it did not hurt her, but the other woman lost her senses," he declared.

The waiter swore he saw Mrs. Mills take Mrs. Cassille's purse. Mrs. Mills took the stand herself and said she did not know anything about the pocketbook or the diamonds and money. She denied ever having seen them.

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DOG BITES A GIRL, CHASES BATHERS AT CONEY ISLAND

Policeman Slightly Injured Before He Captures and Kills Animal.

A small black and white mongrel dog today terrorized the Thompson's Walk section of Coney Island on the beach front, and after severely biting three-year-old Lillian Schromack, daughter of Herman Schromack, a restaurant keeper, jumped into a crowd of bathers and scattered a score or more of women and children.

The Schromack child was playing on the platform in front of her father's establishment when the dog trotted up and without warning snapped at her. She tried to fondle the animal, but the dog bit her in the face, and then fastened its teeth in her left arm.

The restaurant man was brought out of his place by the child's screams. He was able to release his child only after he had beaten the cur over the head with a piece of heavy rubber hose. The dog then fled in the direction of the beach.

There were between twenty-five and thirty persons, mostly women and children, bathing at this point of the beach at the time. The dog jumped among them, biting and snapping, scattering them. The cries of the frightened women brought Policeman Gilmartin, who after chasing the dog for two blocks, was himself bitten in the leg.

The patrolman finally captured the dog with a noose and dragged the animal to the Coney Island police station, where a Health Department man shot it.

There was no indication that the dog was mad, but in view of the recent cases of rabies Dr. Lang, of the Reception Hospital, after examining the wounds of the Schromack child, advised the parents to take further precaution by having the treatment of the child's wounds in Manhattan, which was done.

The dog had a collar and a tag, but its owner was not located.

DETROIT TIGERS WILL FIGHT SUNDAY LAW.

DETROIT, Sept. 1.—Manager Hugh Jennings and nine members of the Dutch American League baseball team were arraigned today in the Police Court on the warrants issued against them yesterday, charging them with violating the Sunday observance law by their game at Bennett Park last Sunday with Cleveland. All of the men pleaded not guilty and demanded separate jury trials. They were bound over until Sept. 13 on their recognizances. Pitcher Killian was the only member of the team whom a warrant was issued who did not appear in court today.

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THREE WHO WERE DROWNED IN JAMAICA BAY.



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MURPHY ESCAPES BING & BING BANG

Indictment on Their Charge of Attempted Extortion Is Dismissed.

District Attorney Jerome appeared before Judge Crain in General Sessions today and asked for the dismissal of an indictment charging attempted extortion found a few weeks ago against Charles Murphy, of the plumbing contracting firm of Keeffe & Murphy, No. 134 Lexington avenue.

Mr. Murphy, the District Attorney said, had clearly shown that the indictment was not just because in the actions alleged to constitute the offense he betrayed no criminal intent.

A firm of contracting builders and real estate operators harmoniously dealt Bing & Bing preferred the charge against Mr. Murphy. Mr. Leo Bing swore to the complaint.

It appears that Murphy did a big job of plumbing in a house on West End avenue for which he was not paid. The house passed into the control of Bing & Bing through the foreclosure of a mortgage. Murphy, unable to collect from the original owners, turned to Bing & Bing, who refused payment. The plumbing contractor promptly exercised his influence and succeeded in causing strikes of plumbers on two other houses which Bing & Bing were constructing under foreclosure clauses for time.

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