

# WIDOW PLANNED TO KILL SWINDLER EDGAR JACKSON BEFORE SHE SHOT HERSELF

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## JACKSON, WHO GOT FORTUNE OF WOMAN SUICIDE



E. R. JACKSON

Edgar Jackson, who was indicted for the murder of his wife, Mrs. Berry, is making vast profits from Florida colonization schemes in Cleveland, O., and would settle all claims and quash the court proceedings here.

From some source which she never revealed to Miss Wilson, Mrs. Berry learned a month ago that Jackson was to be indicted on a trial and would probably be convicted. It was then she bought the .25-caliber revolver which Jackson ridiculed as a toy.

"The next day I had a mad when she learned that Jackson was really to be indicted, and there was no chance of getting any of her money back," said Miss Wilson to-day. "She came to me one day after I had gone to bed and tried to show me with the little revolver, she said she wanted to kill me and then kill herself. I took the revolver away from her and hid it. Then she suggested that we turn on the gas and die together. I took her out of that room, but she caught her easily."

"Mr. Jackson came up and paid us our last money for expenses two weeks ago. He still insisted that he would never come to trial and told us of negotiations he said were under way looking to a settlement of the case against him. But he had lost his power to convince Mrs. Berry; she knew the end was near."

"On last Monday morning she studied and left the house. She was gone five hours. While she was out I found she had taken \$10 from the housekeeping fund. I have since learned that she went downtown that morning and bought the revolver with which she killed herself."

"Mrs. Berry, contrary to custom, began to look at the papers last week and on Tuesday she learned that Jackson was to be called for trial the next day. She telephoned him and he made an appointment to meet her at the Vanderbilt Hotel for luncheon on Wednesday."

"That morning while we were getting ready to go to the Vanderbilt I heard the sound of a revolver shot in her room. The door was locked, she wouldn't let me in for a long time, and at last said I had not heard a revolver shot but the sound of a trunk lid slamming. I know now that she fired the revolver to see if it would work."

"There was a jam of people in the Vanderbilt. If Mrs. Berry had attempted to shoot Mr. Jackson she might have killed other people. She didn't use her revolver and Mr. Jackson hastened away and went back to his trial."

"Mrs. Berry read of Jackson's conviction in the morning papers of Saturday. The news utterly crushed her. And yesterday she was found dead in her room with a bullet wound through her head."

"It was at first thought she had shot herself twice because two chambers of the revolver were empty. Miss Wilson's story of the happening of Wednesday morning explains the second empty chamber."

"Miss Wilson says she doesn't know how she got to bury Mrs. Berry. Jackson guarantees the funeral expenses or she can sell or mortgage the furniture."

"The suicide of Mrs. Berry is said by E. B. Dennison, an attorney who aided the District-Attorney in preparing the case against Jackson, to be the fourth death due to the operations of the concern known as the Jackson Brothers Realty Company, No. 577 Fifth Avenue, Charles B. Clark, a Yale graduate, killed himself in an uptown hotel on Thanksgiving Day, 1911, after losing \$1,000 in the Jackson venture."

"There was another suicide, the circumstances of which Mr. Dennison cannot recall, and a third, a schoolteacher dropped dead when she found that \$1,000 she had entrusted to Jackson had been lost."

"Jackson was convicted of inducing Mrs. Mary Griffith of Akron, O., to invest \$500 with him. It was all the money she had. The security he gave was property to which he had no title."

### JACKSON ARRAIGNED ON NEW INDICTMENT IN DINGLEY SWINDLE.

Edgar Jackson, showing no trace of emotion over the suicide of Mrs. Berry, was arraigned before Justice Goff today to stand trial on an indictment charging him with defrauding Harry M. Dingley, a son of former Congressman Nelson P. Dingley of Maine and others out of nearly \$1,000,000. Assistant District-Attorney Moss said he wanted the Dingley indictment set down the calendar because of a new indictment found last Friday.

The last indictment charges Edgar Jackson, Clarence T. Day, who is under arrest at Springfield, O.; C. J. C. Clark, who was arrested on Friday as he was leaving the witness stand after testifying to Jackson's good character, and one other man of defrauding Dr. George T. Leeds of Yonkers out of \$200,000. It is the intention of the District-Attorney to push the trial of this indictment.

E. B. Dennison, a lawyer who helped the District-Attorney get evidence against Jackson, has been the nemesis of Edgar Jackson for nearly two years. It is due to his efforts that the Jackson concern was broken up and Edgar Jackson was convicted.

In 1908, 1909 and 1910 Dennison was a salesman for the Jackson firm, which had options on property all over Long Island. He didn't like the Jacksonian methods and quit. Edgar Jackson and his brother Olin went to the District-Attorney and submitted evidence upon which an indictment was found against Dennison.

The charges were investigated and found to be baseless. Dennison was honorably discharged, and at once contacted himself to the task of seeking

### APPRAISAL OF ESTATES.

Francis Hendricks Leaves Property Estimated to Be Worth \$134,848. Deputy State Comptroller transmitted the following appraisals of estates under the Inheritance Tax law to-day to the Transfer Tax Office of the Surrogate's Court:

Julia A. O'Neill (died March 4, 1912), total estate \$1,500; net estate after deductions for expenses of administration, \$88.

J. H. Downing of California (died June 25, 1910), gross estate in New York, \$24,000; net, \$2,777.

James Moran (died May 28, 1909), gross estate, \$1,901; no deductions.

Caroline Van Haren of Paterson, N. J. (died May 16, 1911); assets in New York State \$4,400. No deductions.

Albert Halme of Chicago (died Sept. 28, 1909); assets taxable in New York State \$15,930; net value \$18,861.

Roanoke Friendlander (died Jan. 27, 1911); gross estate \$2,079; no deductions enumerated.

Hanko Guggenheim (died Feb. 25, 1912); total estate \$5,240; net \$4,981.

Mary O'Reilly (died July 2, 1912); total estate \$1,176; net \$8,809.

William J. Murray (died May 9, 1909); total estate \$1,183; net \$1,858.

Miss Harman Myers of California (died Nov. 23, 1909); gross value of New York assets \$12,554 net \$13,023.

Francis Hendricks (died March 17, 1912); gross estate \$134,848; net \$124,853.

Morris Strouse (died Sept. 9, 1910); total estate \$4,736.

Frances M. Snider of New York City (died Nov. 10, 1910); total assets \$43. Deductions for debts and expenses of administration, \$107; leaving a deficit of \$28.

Amelle Abraham (died Dec. 20, 1905); total estate, \$6,600; net, \$1,350.

Ann Dugman of New Jersey (died Oct. 4, 1910); New York assets, \$1,000; Net, \$1,350.

Lazarus Blaine (died May 8, 1912); gross estate, \$40,124; net, \$46,060.

William Maher of Connecticut (died June 21, 1909); New York assets, \$1,000; net, \$16,132.

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