

USED GUN SILENCER TO MURDER THREE AND KILL HIMSELF

Herman Auerbach, Reduced From Riches to Poverty, Almost Wipes Out Family.

SON ALONE IS SPARED.

Daughters and Wife Slain Before He Turned Gun on Himself.

An autopsy will be held to-day on the bodies of Herman Auerbach and the wife and two pretty daughters he killed before committing suicide in the early morning hours yesterday with a repeating rifle, equipped with a Maxim silencer and dum-dum bullets, in their eight-room apartment on the seventh floor of Elberon Hall, at No. 336 Central Park West, near Ninety-ninth Street. It was the first time a silencer had ever been used by a murderer.

The coroner and police have cleared up to their satisfaction the few puzzling features of the quadruple tragedy and agree with the dead man's relatives and friends that his act was due to temporary insanity, brought on by imminent poverty after a life of prosperity that at one time put him in the millionaire class.

These he killed as they slept: Mrs. Clair Levy Auerbach, thirty-four, his second wife; Beatrice Auerbach, eighteen, a stenographer, and his older daughter by his first wife; Daisie Auerbach, sixteen, a clerk, and younger daughter by his first wife.

Auerbach, the suicide, was forty-nine years old, and a son of David Auerbach, wealthy candy manufacturer, of No. 200 West One Hundred and Twelfth Street.

The bullets Auerbach used were of the soft-nosed, "mushroom" variety, used in hunting big game, and all of them were "dum-dums," which accounted for the size of the wounds they made in their victims' heads. The deliberate way in which he went about the murder was indicated by the empty shells. He had neatly stacked the three on a desk in his

room before using a fourth cartridge on himself.

The Maxim silencer on the stubby rifle used by the slayer was so effective so one in the big apartment house, not even Lester, the fourteen-year-old boy he spared, with only a thin wall separating him from his sisters, knew what had happened for several hours. There is no way to determine who was the first to be shot. The younger girl's bed was nearer the door. Auerbach may have killed her first, or he may have crept in between the twin beds of his daughters and shot the older first.

The plan to wipe out his family had apparently been germinating in Auerbach's mind for some time. Nine days ago he took home a .44-calibre magazine rifle with the silencer attachment. He told his wife it was "to relieve them of their troubles," but the only significance attached to the sinister statement was that he intended, as he explained, to become interested in the manufacture of the silencer and make a fortune.

Up to about five years ago Auerbach was a member of his father's candy firm. It is understood he owned \$175,000 for his interest and went into the real estate business. For a time he did well and acquired a number of valuable properties, including Elberon Hall, where he lived. Then his luck turned and gradually his holdings were wiped out. His loss on Elberon Hall was \$40,000. His difficulties were serious at the beginning of the European war, which made them worse.

Patrolmen Sullivan and Shea were rushed from the West One Hundredth Street Police Station. Shea was the first to lift the rifle. He found three loaded shells still in the magazine. That fact deepened the mystery of the sparing of the son. Instead of killing the boy, the father left a note under his door asking him to notify relatives.

OBITUARY NOTES.

Congressman-elect William M. Brown of Newcastle, Pa., a large property owner at his home, in New York and Cleveland, O., is dead at the McAlpin Hotel after a week's illness of pneumonia. He owned several apartment houses on Riverside Drive.

Dr. Louis A. Rodenstein, eighty-one years old, died yesterday at his home, No. 790 Riverside Drive. He was one of the founders of the Manhattan General (now the Knickerbocker) Hospital; was a Civil War surgeon, a former member of the Board of Education and a former police surgeon.

Henry W. Putnam, eighty-nine years old, and until he retired from business several years ago, the active head of the Chambers Street hardware business bearing his name, is dead at San Diego, Cal., where he had

made his home since his retirement from business.

The Rev. Cornelius J. Shea, chancellor of the Albany diocese of the Roman Catholic Church, died last night at the rectory of St. Joseph's Church, Green Island, N. Y. He was pastor of that church.

NOTES OF THE BRONX.

The Parents' Association of the Lone Star Battalion, U. S. B. S., held its opening meeting and installation of officers at the Auditorium of the Young Men's Hebrew Association, No. 1564 Boston Road, yesterday afternoon. The committee will give a

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(Quoted from yesterday's papers.)

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