THINK MRS. RANKINE TOOK LIFE DESPITE STORY OF MEETING

Suicide Theory Grows Though Woman Says She Saw Widow in Ritz Lobby.

Despite the continued dragging of the East River and the pursuit of other clues by the police, the disappearance of Mrs. Annette Norton Rankine remained to-day as deep a mystery as ever. J. M. Nye, the former Secret Service man in charge of the private search for her, inclines to the belief that she ended her life, and that most of those who have reported seeing her since last Friday, the day of her disappearance, are mistaken.

In one case, however, he is in doubt. One woman who knew Mrs. Rankine well when she lived in Connecticut and since, says she saw her last Saturday walking in the lobby of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. She spoke to Mrs. Rankine, she said, but received no reply. She did not think this strange, because she knew Mrs. Rankine sometimes was moody.

The only value of the woman's information, if it is correct, is that it would show Mrs. Rankine was alive twenty-four hours after she disappeared. Her friends never knew her to go to the Ritz, however, and no one could be found at the hotel who recalled seeing a woman answering her description.

Several new elements were injected into the problem, however. It became known that Mrs. Rankine on leaving the offices of the Association for the Improvement of the Condition of the Poor, Fourth Avenue and 22d Street, where she was, despite her riches, a daily volunteer worker, stopped her limousine at the store of A. G. Spalding & Bros., No. 523 Fifth Avenue.

Louise Closser Hale, an actress, who was an intimate friend of Mrs. Rankine, told of this last night to reporters at the Belmont Theatre, where she is starring in "Miss Lulu Bett."

"Could it have been," asked Miss Hale of the newspaper men, "that Mrs. Rankine went to Spalding's to buy or to learn where she could buy a revolver? I am quite sure she often meditated taking her life, and I offer that explanation of her mysterious visit to the sporting goods store."

This suggestion fits with the fact, known to the police also, that Mrs. Rankine, on re-entering her car at her hotel, No. 14 East 60th Street, without having actually entered the hotel, and ordering Clouting to drive her toward Second Avenue, inquired of the chauffeur if he knew of a good pawnshop.

BOWIE ENTRIES.

RACE TRACK, BOWIE, Md., April 7.—The following are the entries for to-morrow's races:

FIRST RACE—Claiming; for maidens; two-year-olds; four furlongs.—Mabel A., 112; Mozzey, 112; Little Aimee, 112; Mildeal, 112; *Loveliest, 107; Kittie Warner, 112; Black Track, 112; The Cigarette, 112; Mary D., 112; Fictile, 115; Baby Vamp, 112.

SECOND RACE—Claiming; for maidens; three-year-olds and up; six furlongs.—Mandalay, 116; Toreador, 106; Navajoe, 106; *Streamer, 101; General Cadoria, 110; Orbit, 106; Polygamist, 111; *Nomant, 101; Dr. Stevenson, 109; Gold Forle, 106; *Little Nisco, 106; *Eastward Princess, 99. Also eligible Mountain Dew, 111; *Lemnore, 101; Punchiello, 116; aHelicorne, 116. aMarshall entry.

THIRD RACE—Claiming; for three-year-olds; seven furlongs.—Rosier, 112; Penney Polly, 101; *Gallot, 102; Mr. X., 107; Morning Face, 102; *Outsider, 102; General Agramonte, 105; Mary Head, 109; *Lady Stella, 92.

FOURTH RACE—Claiming; for four-year-olds and upward; six and one-half furlongs.—King John, 121; Promsands, 113; Sagamore, 110; Talisman, 115; Brisk, 112; Equator, 109; Argil 99, 109, 115; Anthionis, 110; *Heroverse, 102.

FIFTH RACE—The Bennings purse; for four-year-olds and upward; one mile.—Fleet, 115; Lady Love, 110; Nadialma, 105; Tentalma, 112; Freeform, 105; Desmond, 110; Smart Guy, 105.

SIXTH RACE—Claiming; for three-year-olds and upward; one mile and a sixteenth.—Administrator, 115; Harwood, 112; Mary Eff, 95; Kilkenny, 112; *Pallatine, 110; Almoo, 112; *Thistle Queen, 105.

SEVENTH RACE—Claiming; for three-year-olds and upward; mile and a sixteenth.—Ben Harrison, 115; Oswlawn Belle, 102; *Beter, 102; Tom Brooks, 115; Toss Up, 98; Swift, 110; *Rebo, 107.

*Apprentice allowance claimed. Track fast.

Two Held for Theft of Books.

Albert Fisher, forty-two, of No. 515 Park Avenue, Orange, N. J., a salesman, and Roy Chamberlain, thirty-two, of No. 2783 Eighth Avenue, a carpenter, charged by Geoffrey Childs of the Alexander Hamilton Institute with the theft of $5,600 of books, were held on his recommendation in only $500 bail in the Essex Market Court to-day because, Mr. Childs said, they were aiding in the recovery of the books.

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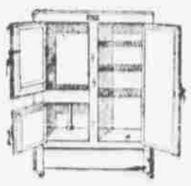

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