

McArdle Girl Almost Won Her Mother's Escape

Doped Fellow Traveller to Carry Note of Warning, and Outwitted the Detectives.

Marion McArdle, under arrest in Cleveland for alleged complicity with her mother in the murder of her stepfather, Dan Kaber, almost frustrated the arrest of her mother by Cleveland detectives in New York.

En route from Cleveland to New York on a New York Central train, she discovered that she was shadowed by three Cleveland detectives, who were confident she would lead them to her mother.

According to these detectives, the girl decided not to go to her mother. Instead, she "ramped" a rich New York manufacturer, with whom she picked up an acquaintance in the dining car by offering him her butter, and asked him to deliver a note for her upon arrival in New York. In this note, the contents of which the manufacturer did not, of course, know, the girl informed her mother of the police search.

The police followed the girl when she left the train at 125th Street, but got no trace of the mother. After three days of fruitless search, the Cleveland detectives asked aid of the New York police and Mrs. Kaber was found at the home of Mrs. Verma Smith, a Christian Science practitioner, who was ignorant of her identity.

Marion's arrest followed that of her mother. The manufacturer was called frequently to police headquarters and questioned. He established his innocence with difficulty and has foresworn all train flirtations for all time.

WOMAN'S CONSCIENCE BARED KABER KILLING, SAY CLEVELAND POLICE

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Cleveland, where detectives are now working on evidence pointing to the deaths of several persons who had

taken medicine prescribed by Mrs. Colavito.

The Kaber murder case is one of many angles. It has not yet been solved, although the Prosecuting Attorney, Edward Stanton, is in possession of a sheaf of confession. At this time the confessions made by Mrs. Brickel, Mrs. Colavito, Marian McArdle and a fortune teller named Mrs. Matthews, who has not been arrested, point to the conclusion that Kaber was murdered by two men who hid in his home.

Kaber was killed about midnight on July 18, 1919, and the surrounding circumstances, which will be touched upon later in a history of the case were more dramatic and involved than even the most daring writer of fiction or fashioner of plays or scenarios would try to put before an audience.

That murder night is worth a story in itself. But—and here is a point that is likely to make this case at any time even more sensational than has been thus far experienced—police investigators who have followed every shred of evidence do not believe that Kaber was killed by a man. Briefly they reason along these lines:

ELEMENT OF ABNORMALITY IN THE CRIME.

There was in the crime the element of abnormality. Mrs. Kaber, according to the confessions of persons who heard her speak of her husband, detected him for reasons for which might better call for the analysis of neurologists than of an ordinary detective or prosecutor.

Mrs. Colavito has sworn that Mrs. Kaber asked her to exert some spiritual influence on her husband which would make him more desirable as a spouse and that Kaber was given some sort of a decoction, which Mrs. Kaber complained was ineffectual.

Kaber was accused from sleep by persons who entered his room. He was stabbed twenty-four times in the lower abdomen. Only three of the punctures penetrated the intestines. The doctors certified that he died from shock and loss of blood. The wounds were not in themselves necessarily fatal.

The police point of view is that if a man hired by Mrs. Kaber to kill her husband had undertaken the job he would have struck for the heart or some fatal spot and hastened away. One of the policemen on the case said to-day that there was an element of fiendish ferocity in this crime which took it out of the class of a mere murder for hire.

Against this is a statement by Kaber before he died that he was

stabbed by a man. Chief of Police P. F. Christensen of Lakewood, the Cleveland suburb in which the crime was committed, asked Kaber point blank if a woman had not stabbed him.

"It was a man with a cap on," said Kaber, "but my wife hired him." On the other hand there is evidence that a woman accompanied the two hired assassins to the house and was with them in the cellar until Mrs. Brickel, Marian McArdle, a maid nurse and a girl guest of Marian McArdle had retired on the night of the murder. It is pretty well established that this woman was not Mrs. Kaber, who has a pretty stiff alibi as to that phase of the murder.

The only way to clear up the identity of the woman in the house with the murderer is to capture the men. Detective Hal Mooney of the Cleveland force, who has had unusual success in solving Italian murder mysteries, is devoting all his time to this task and a message from him that he has met with success in the case of one, if not both suspects, is looked for at almost any time.

In a later article some hitherto unpublished history of how the crime was conceived and carried out and hidden for two years will be told; as a matter of fact it might still be one of the unsolved murder mysteries, although police and private detectives had been employed upon it unceasingly, but for the troubled conscience of old Mrs. Brickel.

From all accounts she was an estimable woman. Her daughter, Eve Catharine, thrice married, was wild

from childhood. The mother stood by her even when the daughter frankly confessed that she had planned to kill her husband and even after the husband had been killed.

Finally, after Mrs. Brickel made her confession to a woman detective, the woman made a long statement to Prosecuting Attorney Stanton yesterday, giving the confession of Mrs. Brickel in detail, but the statement of the detective, whose name is withheld by the authorities, is not as interesting as the way she got it. This, too, is worthy of treatment separate from the recital of routine developments of the course of the solution of the mystery.

The Colavito woman is now an outstanding figure in the case. It has been established that she had as strong a reputation as a woman able to invoke the ill will of the spirits that she was able to frighten off people in the Italian colony who were bent upon going to law against others who were Mrs. Colavito's clients. Mrs. Kaber, who was an habitual patron of fortune tellers and mystics, became associated with Mrs. Colavito through a series of incidents which were, it would seem, directed by some diabolical influence, for if Mrs. Kaber had not met Mrs. Colavito, Dan Kaber might still be alive.

Germany Has Good Wheat Crop.
BERLIN, June 15 (Associated Press).—The 1921 wheat crop of Germany will be of "better than average volume," says a statement issued to-day by Food Controller Herms, who also stated that for the first time since the war the country finds itself with grain on hand on the eve of a new harvest.

LOCATE KABER'S VALUABLES GIVEN TO HUNTED MAN

In Mrs. Colavito's Confession They Were Part Pay for Work of Assassins.

CLEVELAND, June 15.—A diamond ring and watch owned by Daniel P. Kaber, which are said to have been turned over to one of his assassins by his widow, Mrs. Eva Catharine Kaber, as part payment for his murder, have been located by the police, and it was predicted the articles would be in their possession within a few hours.

The police refused to say whether the ring and watch are still in possession of one of four men said to have been hired to commit the murder, for which Mrs. Kaber, Mrs. Mary Brickel, her mother, Miss Marian

McArdle, her daughter, and Mrs. Erminia Colavito, a mid-wife, are under indictment. Mrs. Colavito declared the two articles were given to the man by Mrs. Kaber in her presence, according to the police.

The four women under indictment were the only ones being held early to-day in connection with the murder. The fifth woman, who had been in custody since Friday, was released late last night after being questioned by County Prosecutor Edward Stanton and Chief of Police Frank W. Smith.

Austria to Ask U. S. for More Time.

PARIS, June 15.—Application to the United States to defer demand for payment of her claims on Austria will be made by the Austrian Government, it was learned here to-day, while the League of Nations will solicit the same concessions from other creditors. The only direct claim of the United States amounts to \$24,000,000 for 200,000 tons of flour.

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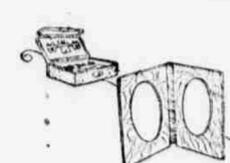
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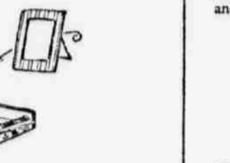
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