

MRS. FEROLE FACES DEATH IN THE CHAIR

First Woman Convicted of Murder in Greater New York Since 1898.

JURY IS OUT THREE HOURS

Martha Place Last to Be Executed—Case Is Like Marie Barbier's.

The first verdict of murder in the first degree against a woman returned by a jury in Greater New York in more than a decade was rendered yesterday in the Bronx county Supreme Court. Mrs. Martina Ferole was found guilty of the murder of her lover, Carmelo Canestra, whom she stabbed to death on the night of October 29 last.

The last conviction of this kind was that of Mrs. Martha Place, who killed her stepdaughter in Brooklyn in 1898 and was executed more than a year later. The present case is similar to that of Marie Barbier, who cut the throat of her guest in 1896 and was acquitted after two trials. Heart interest stories were just then becoming a feature of certain newspapers, and Marie was made a heroine and eventually married under the auspices of one of her journalistic sponsors. Mrs. Place was put to death after every possible influence had been brought to bear upon Gov. Roosevelt.

Mrs. Ferole is a widow 45 years old and lives at 429 Morris avenue. Canestra, a peddler, lived with her, and according to the woman had promised to marry her. When he did not keep his promise she planned to kill him and told Conner Healy that Salvatore Perrigno of 272 West 146th street helped in the arrangements. The peddler was lured to the station on the bridge at 140th street and Park avenue.

Mrs. Ferole plunged a carving knife into his heart. The knife broke off at the handle with the force of the blow. The murder was traced to Mrs. Ferole by the knife handle and she finally broke down and told why she had killed Canestra, making much of the fact that he had refused to marry her because she would not give him the sum of money he demanded.

The trial began five days ago before Supreme Court Justice Vernon M. Davis. The jury was out three hours and fifteen minutes. Mrs. Ferole looks older than she really is. She became hysterical after she realized what the verdict meant for her.

Martha Place, jealous of her stepdaughter, a girl of 22, planned to kill both her and the girl's father, William W. Place. On February 7, 1898, she split the head of the girl with an axe as she lay asleep and then poured vitriol into her mouth and over her face. That night she started the fire which burned her husband and knocked him down with the axe as he entered the house. He managed to get away and to reach safety before she could strike him again.

During her trial and afterward all sorts of anecdotes were made in her behalf. The Society for Political Science appealed to the Governor. Women sent individual appeals and held club meetings at which there were protests against the infliction of the death penalty. Insanity experts tried to point out that she was suffering from one form or another of dementia. Gov. Roosevelt held her and refused to commute the death sentence.

Marie Barbier killed Domenico Cataldo, her bootblack admirer, by gutting his throat. She was found guilty and sentenced to die, but a new trial was granted and she was acquitted. Her name and the fame of her exploit ran through the public prints for weeks. Museum managers offered engagements at high salaries. She was finally married in the Tammany Club to the Italian-born district of Francesco Paolo Bruno. The members of the club had not known what their club was being used for and they howled with rage after the wedding.

STRANGE OELRICHS AGREEMENT BARED

Despite Contract Appraisal Shows Schwab Bought Worthless Stocks.

SECRECY SOUGHT BY ALL

Deceased Partner's Interest in Business Is Valued at \$411,267.

Documents and testimony submitted to Transfer Tax Appraiser John T. Martin in fixing the value of the estate of Gustav H. Schwab, member of the firm of Oelrichs & Co., agents for the North German Lloyd Line, became public yesterday in spite of efforts by the Schwab estate and Oelrichs firm to keep them secret.

They disclose an unusual partnership agreement which began with the establishment of the business in 1793 by Casper Maier. The concern has been known as Oelrichs & Co. since 1851. At the time of Mr. Schwab's death, in 1912, he and Hermann Post were surviving partners of the firm, having been members since 1876 and 1882 respectively. The late Hermann Oelrichs was also a member.

The features of the appraisal of Mr. Schwab's estate in view of the unusual partnership agreement were his ownership of many securities found to be of no value by Appraiser Martin and the fact that he held many worthless notes. The makers of some of the notes were not known to Gustav Schwab, executor under his father's will, who described the business of the maker of a note for \$3,000 as "borrowing money."

The Oelrichs partnership agreement said: Each partner pledges himself to the use of due economy in his personal expenses, which he promises to restrict to such sums as may be approved by the board of directors or share of the profits of the business.

The conservative principles which have guided the business since its foundation and have successfully carried it through many mercantile crises will be rigidly adhered to. All stock speculations on the part of the firm or the partners are absolutely forbidden, and no speculative purchases shall ever be made without the full consent of each partner.

The agreement also provided that the name of the firm should never be used to endorse notes or other documents for accommodation, and that no member of the firm should endorse notes without the consent of the other partners. No member was permitted to accept a directorship in a bank, trust company, insurance, realty, railroad or industrial company.

Without the consent of the other partners, all differences between the partners will be settled by arbitration. The good will of the firm passed to the survivors. The assets of the Schwab estate included a claim of \$86,517 against the Reynolds Ice Machine Company, of which the deceased's son, Gustav, was treasurer. The estate estimated the claim as of no value, but it was appraised at \$7,074.

The appraisal shows that Mr. Schwab's interest in his firm was estimated at \$411,267, of which \$85,768 was his share of 75 per cent. of the firm's assets in 1912. A deduction for Mr. Schwab's share of the firm's bad accounts amounted to \$13,592. At the time of Mr. Schwab's death the firm had \$1,075,885 invested in securities of twenty-five railroad and industrial corporations.

M'ADOO LOOKS INTO POST OFFICE TITLE

Apoints H. Snowden Marshall to Investigate Proposed Subway Easement.

CITY HOPES TO GET LAND

Curran Resolution Before Aldermen Urges Recovery of Property.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, who has held up since last January the city's plan to run the subway under the Post Office, has appointed H. Snowden Marshall, United States Attorney, counsel for the Government in determining whether the Government's title to the plot on which the Post Office Building stands would be affected by the easement.

Mr. Marshall and his assistant, John C. Knox, spent the day yesterday studying the conditions whereby the Federal Government took title to the property. They found but one possible obstacle to granting the request of the city.

In the deed of 1867, when the Board of Aldermen transferred title in the property to the Federal Government, is a clause stipulating that any building erected on the property must be used for either post office or Federal court purposes, or both, and if at any time this clause is violated title reverts to the city.

There is a possibility that the easement privileges might violate this clause of the title and invalidate the Government's right to the property, but if this point becomes so serious as to be a real danger the Board of Aldermen may be asked to pass a resolution or ordinance which would avert it.

The Public Service Commission has asked for an easement permitting the subway to run thirty feet below the basement of the Federal Building. The subway cut at this point would be forty feet wide, and the engineers of the commission do not believe that it would injure the Federal Building at all. It has been said that Secretary McAdoo believes that the Federal Government may wish some day to acquire the building on the plot, but it is doubtful that the city would permit this, as the land is wanted to form part of the civic center.

Alderman Curran introduced a resolution of the board yesterday requesting the members of Congress from this city to approve the suggested appropriation of \$200,000 for the renovation of the Federal Building and to try to have it restored entirely in order to restore City Hall Park to its original condition as a dignified and beautiful setting for the seat of the city government.

ALDERMEN REPORTED DEAD IN WAR OVER YOUNG GIRL

Sixty-four American Negroes Among Victims of Guatemalan Fight.

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 15.—A dispatch received here from Puerto Barrios, Guatemala, says that jealousy over a beautiful Indian girl led to a race riot in the Quirigua district last week in which sixty-four American negro employees of the United Fruit Company were killed, more than that number wounded, and many Indians slain.

The number of Indian dead is uncertain, as the Indians carried off the bodies of their dead. The death list among the negroes is based upon the number of bodies counted, although it is believed many more lie in the jungles or were swept off by the river Mantarraya. The arrival of a large force of troops finally quelled the rioting after it had lasted three days.

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Being the mortgage of foreclosure and sale, duly made and entered in the above entitled action and bearing date the 17th day of April, 1914, the undersigned the referee in said judgment named, will hold public auction at the Esplanade Hotel, Room No. 14-16 Vesey Street, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on the 27th day of May, 1914, at 2 o'clock noon on that day, by HERBERT A. SHEPHERD, Auctioneer, directed by said judgment to be sold, and therein described as follows:

That certain lot of land, with the building thereon erected, situate in the City of New York, in the Borough of Manhattan, between 125th Street, between 8th and 9th Avenues, and bounded as follows, viz:

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