

LOUISE VERMILYA MAY DIE OF HEART DISEASE AT ANY MOMENT; UNDERTAKER BOYSEN SUMMONED

Weak Points in Woman's Statement of Own Defense—Mrs. Vermilya Lived With Smith as His Wife.

* HOW R. T. SMITH DIED *
* "I found Smith on his hands *
* and knees. *
* "Soon Dr. L. L. Hertel ar- *
* rived. *
* "He went into the room *
* where Smith lay. He felt his *
* pulse; then whispered some- *
* to Mrs. Vermilya. I could not *
* hear what he said. I said: *
* "Doctor, aren't you going *
* to do something for this man? *
* He has been lying that way *
* half an hour!" *
* "And the doctor said: *
* "Yes—get an undertak- *
* er!" *
* —From affidavit of Mrs. L. *
* Maisack, 2908 Vernon avenue. *

Louise Vermilya is suffering from heart disease. She may die at any minute.

Another such fainting spell as she suffered after telling her story yesterday almost certainly will mean her death.

This is the announcement of Dr. Bert J. Montgomery, assistant jail physician.

The officials at the jail confess themselves unable to explain Mrs. Vermilya's frequent relapses.

According to all the laws of medicine, her stomach ought to

be so far recovered from the effects of the arsenic she swallowed Saturday as to be capable of digesting food.

Yet the woman has been unable to eat any food since she was imprisoned in the jail hospital, is always complaining of irritation in her stomach and calling for ice water.

Moreover, she repeatedly has suffered extreme attacks of nausea.

These things, say the officials at the jail, are not as they should be. They indicate an abnormal condition of the stomach, and in other circumstances would point to more poison having been taken since Saturday.

But there never has been a minute since Mrs. Vermilya has been in jail that she has not been watched closely. Even when she is asleep, a woman is always on guard over her.

When her sisters, Mrs. Buckholz and Mrs. Eschwege visited her yesterday, they were closely watched. The only time they were permitted to touch Mrs. Vermilya was when they kissed her. And two nurses were standing on either side of the accused woman then.

The added announcement that Mrs. Vermilya is suffering from heart disease, that an attack of nausea may kill her, is causing great uneasiness among those in charge of the woman.

Mrs. Vermilya is so weak to-