

## SENSATIONAL CHARGES SAY COUNTY HOSPITAL FORCES POST MORTEM

A sensational indictment of conditions in the County Hospital is contained in affidavits sworn to following the death of Harold Wallace in that institution recently.

The affidavit makes the deliberate charge that Warden William O. Chapman tried to turn the body over to Julius R. Butzow, an undertaker at 2109 Ogden avenue, who also happens to be a lodge brother of the warden.

There is also a charge of enforced post mortem examination made by the internes of the County Hospital for the sake of experience.

Post mortems are supposed to be only held in coroner cases to establish definitely the cause of death. This is done in anticipation of legal or criminal action.

According to stories told by relatives of persons who have died in the County Hospital, all the patients who are about to die are made to give written permission for the embryonic doctors at the hospital to hold post mortem examinations.

Charles P. Bradley, an undertaker at 1429 W. Madison street, says that he often gets bodies from the county that are practically empty shells. Before the authorities release the bodies they are hacked and dissected for the benefits of the students, according to Bradley.

The story of Wallace illustrates the methods of Warden Chapman. In an affidavit sworn to by William Gibbons, 2204 S. State street, a close friend of Wallace, who died on Dec. 10, Gibbons said that Dr. Woods tried to make him sign a paper giving them permission to post Wallace's body by saying it was a coroner's case and the body would be posted anyway. This statement of Dr. Woods was later proven false by records of the coroner's office.

Finding he could do nothing with Gibbons and Mrs. Stout, Dr. Woods

then put the proposition up to William Acton, another friend of Wallace.

Acton finally signed the permission to hold the post mortem after Dr. Woods tried the same game on him, telling him that the coroner's doctors would post the body if the County Hospital doctors didn't.

Undertaker Bradley is authority for the statement that patients are made to sign post mortem permission while they are in a delirious condition. And then when the patient dies the body is immediately shipped to the dissecting room.

However, when they cannot get the patient's permission they work on the credulity of his friends or relatives after he is dead. And Acton's affidavit shows that they will even go as far as misrepresentation in some cases in order to cut up the body.

In the case of Wallace, Warden Chapman received a telegram from one of Wallace's relatives in Canada instructing the warden to arrange for the burial of the body and to send the bill.

Immediately afterwards a second telegram arrived explaining that arrangements had already been made with Bradley to bury Wallace. It took about five trips to the hospital to get the body for Butzow, to whom it had immediately been sent.



### MURDERED IN HOTEL

Nels Elmer Ohman, Duluth, Minn., was murdered and robbed of a large sum of money in the Stockholm Hotel, 463 W. Chicago avenue, today.

His throat had been cut by a razor which was found near the body when a maid at the hotel discovered it today. Ohman arrived at the hotel Sunday night. He was on his way back to Sweden with a great deal of money.

His suitcase was ripped open and the contents taken.