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 Police Convinced Mrs. Carleton Killed Dr. Christler, Then Herself.

WIDOW TELLS STORY
 Mother of Dead Woman Refuses to Believe Daughter Did It.

HAVE, Mont., Oct. 29.—Details of the death of Dr. Margaret Carleton and the Rev. Leonard Jacob Christler, pastor of St. Mark's Church of the Incarnation, were recited by the ministers widow to a coroner's jury, which returned a verdict that the tragedy was brought about through temporary mental derangement of Mrs. Carleton.

Mrs. Carleton said she returned home about 10 o'clock Friday evening and found a light. Calling O. C. Hauge, a neighbor, she said, she asked him to stand on his front porch while she entered, she testified she found Mrs. Carleton, wife of Frank Carleton, former District Judge, destroying a picture of Dr. Christler and admonished her. "The witness said Mrs. Carleton 'seemed anything but in her right mind.'"

Finally, Mrs. Carleton said, she persuaded Mrs. Carleton to leave with her, walking toward the town's business section, where they met Dr. Christler, who was with the Rev. Dr. Chapman of Butte. Mrs. Carleton was left downtown, Mrs. Christler said, the others returning to the Christler home.

Mrs. Carleton returned to the house later, the widow said.

The witness hesitated in repeating the conversation, but in answer to a question replied that Mrs. Carleton said "that I (Mrs. Christler) had no place in Dr. Christler's life."

She said Mrs. Carleton made no threats, but she did most of the talking. Dr. Christler arose and started for his sleeping room, Mrs. Christler said, and Mrs. Carleton also arose as if to depart. Mrs. Christler said she had opened the front door with her back to Mrs. Carleton, who had followed Dr. Christler.

Then came two revolver reports, Mrs. Christler said. She turned to see Mrs. Carleton fall in the doorway of a small hall leading into the bathroom and into Dr. Christler's room.

Mrs. F. E. Martin, librarian, a friend of Mrs. Carleton, who lived in the same hotel, said she was called to Mrs. Carleton's room Friday night and found her in bed, suffering hysteria.

The Rev. Mr. Christler was there trying to quiet Mrs. Carleton, the witness testified.

According to Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Carleton told her she had taken an overdose of sleeping powders and had just awoken from a sleep of thirty hours. Mrs. Christler left after she had prepared food for Mrs. Carleton, she said.

"There was nothing unusual in the relations of the doctor and Mrs. Martin, who she lived in the room, Mrs. Martin said.

Dr. D. H. MacKenzie told of being called to the Christler home and of taking a revolver from the doctor's room. He said he took the loaded cartridges and one shell from the revolver and that one shell stuck in the cylinder.

Dr. Carl Poes, who was Mrs. Carleton's physician, as well as family physician to the Christlers, testified that an overdose of the sleeping powder Mrs. Carleton was said to have taken would produce a prolonged sleep and that awakening from it the victim would be in a haze and not responsible for her actions. He and Dr. MacKenzie testified to the opinion that from an evidence Mrs. Carleton was temporarily insane.

Mrs. Joseph Pyle, mother of Mrs. Margaret Carleton, in a statement night declined to accept the verdict of the coroner's jury.

Mrs. Pyle, who arrived yesterday from her home in Butte, spent this afternoon attempting to place together scraps of letters found in the waste basket in her daughter's hotel room and which she said were in Mr. Christler's handwriting.

She said she did not know whether she would be able to produce enough evidence to justify her in asking that the case be reopened.

"I do not believe," Margaret did it. I shall not be satisfied until I find out who owned the gun," Mrs. Pyle said.

EX-SCOTLAND YARD CHIEF DOUBTS MRS. GIBSON'S TALE

Sir Basil Thompson Tells of 'Identifiers' That Generally Bob Up in Noted Crime Cases—Criticizes Handling of Hall-Mills Inquiry.

Authorities investigating the Hall-Mills murder mystery should not place too much faith in the story of Mrs. Jane Gibson, according to Sir Basil Thompson, eight years head of the criminal investigation department of Scotland Yard, who arrived yesterday from London aboard the liner Caronia.

In regard to Mrs. Gibson's statement that she was able to identify a man and a woman alleged to have been under a crabapple tree on Phillips farm, near New Brunswick, N. J., on the night of the double-murder, Sir Basil said:

"After the commission of such a crime I have found there are many persons who seem to take a delight in the publicity of being an identifier. I can remember cases in which at least half a dozen persons described a fleeing murderer taking a train from a railroad station. Afterward it was proved that the person sought for never was in the vicinity of the time mentioned. "It would be difficult for any one, even a person trained in night observation, to distinguish and identify another person in a dark night when the person stood outlined for a few

GOLD WATCH GIVEN NEGRO SOUGHT AS HALL TIMEPIECE

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modern veins, and that is my answer to neighbors who decry me and say I am an imaginative liar."

Here Mrs. Gibson became so incensed over the reports given of her by some of her neighbors, who had stated that her story is entirely without foundation, that she became dramatic and said:

"They have the cross all fixed for me and they think they have me tied to it, but they haven't the hammer and they haven't the nails to nail me to the cross. I will stand by what I told the authorities."

These utterances give a fair idea of Mrs. Gibson as she is. She has some of the qualities of a dramatist and her story has grown more and more dramatic and more and more detailed as she has repeated it.

Her explanation of her act in withholding from the prosecutors the assertion that she returned to the scene of the crime after a lapse of hours and saw a woman weeping at the side of the body of Hall and Mrs. Mills is typical too. She said:

"I did not at first tell the authorities about my return trip to the Phillips farm at 1 o'clock in the morning, as I was afraid that when I got to the witness stand the counsel for the defense would demand to know how I knew the woman I saw there. I planned to tell them of how, because I was worried by what she had said in De Rusey's lane, I returned to the Phillips farm and there in the light of the then risen moon made out this woman at the crabapple tree, the same woman who I had previously seen here before. Perhaps I was afraid I had been pressed I would not have withheld these details of the second trip I made, but the prosecutor did not ask me for details."

"To those who say I lie, my answer is that my son will bear me out as to my having left the house a second time."

Says She Is Sorry for Mrs. Hall.

Mrs. Gibson's vision, which enabled her to see ahead as far as the witness stand, in a case that at best will not come to trial for months, is worth noting. She went on to say that she is sorry for Mrs. Hall and is sorry Mrs. Hall made the statement she did yesterday, that she had seen the man and woman on the night of the murder. Nevertheless, Mrs. Gibson says:

"I will tell on the witness stand just what I know, and I have not disclosed anything that I have not seen."

Somewhere in the negro quarter of this city, it developed to-day, there are characters who might throw light on the tragedy, but they have been frightened away by bungling detective work and important clues may have been lost. A little over a week ago a negro, Alex Williams, offered for sale a watch that he said to have closely resembled the one that Hall wore and which has never been found.

Williams lives in an alley off Burnet street. The story is rather vague and in the effect that two negroes, one of whom was Charlie Anderson, riding in an automobile, saw Williams and his wife at Monument square a week ago last Saturday night, and the Williams pair made it known they had a gold watch for sale. Then, according to Anderson, Mrs. Williams produced a small flashlight and the city of an automatic revolver, but the watch was said to be at the Williams home.

Anderson went there and says he saw the timepiece, which is described as "a 'Huntington' case affair of solid gold and apparently of some age. He learned that the Williamses wanted \$110 for the timepiece and exclaimed: "That's altogether too much for me." Mrs. Williams, he says, told him then that she got the watch in a trade with a relative in Newark.

Anderson works in a candy store and another employee there, Otto Von Till, asking him if he wanted to buy a watch. When he heard the story Von Till communicated with Detective Ferguson, who went to see Mrs. Williams, telling her in the straightforward way in which most detective work is done around these parts, that he was a detective. She said her husband had the watch and was out. She told him also that her husband got the watch in a skin game, according to Anderson.

Pawned Watch With Negro.

To-night Mrs. Williams said her husband got the watch from a white man who pawned it with him for \$5, and then redeemed it later. She denied having a clip for an automatic pistol, but acknowledged having a flashlight.

William O'Rourke, a contractor who lives at 14 Central avenue, has told the prosecutor that on the night of the murder, about 9 o'clock, he and his wife were driving into New Brunswick to attend the late performance of a motion picture house and saw Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Mills. He places the time some time between 8:30 and 9 o'clock.

DEADLY CAKE ICING MIXED BY EXPERT

Two Poisons Used in Sterrett Case, Coroner's Physician Believes.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 29.—Poisons mixed by an expert in the icing of the cake sent to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sterrett of Devon caused the death of the former and the dangerous illness of Mrs. Sterrett. That was determined to-day by Dr. Herbert A. Bostock, coroner's physician, of Norristown, following a post mortem examination.

Sterrett died at 8 o'clock last night at the Bryn Mawr Hospital. His wife is still in that institution. At first it was thought she also would die. Physicians said to-day there is now an even chance for her recovery.

Aside from the discovery that two poisons probably were used, investigators made no apparent progress in the effort to determine who sent the cake.

It was admitted that the authorities are not revealing all they have found out. Dr. Della Williams of Berwyn, who sent the couple to the hospital when they failed to respond to her treatment, refused to make public her conversation with Mrs. Sterrett when she reached the latter's home in Devon.

Relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Sterrett were questioned in the effort to learn whether there could have been any known enemy. The possibility of jealousy as a motive was discussed.

Relatives said Mrs. Sterrett was a nurse here she married Sterrett. She was employed at a hospital in Pittsburg.

Dr. Williams explained her reticence by saying she expects the case to get into the coroner's court and that she will do her talking there.

WILL APPLY ACID TEST TO WAR FRAUD SUITS

Daughter Says Action Will Be Taken When Justified.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., Oct. 29.—Preliminary investigations into approximately 425 wartime contracts disclose that either civil or criminal suits will be necessary if the Government is to recover even a part of the huge sums paid out as a result of fraudulent or improperly executed war contracts, the Department of Justice announced to-day.

These "questionable transactions" are now being handled by war transaction attorneys throughout the country. Most of them, approximately 250 cases, were said to have originated in the War Department, seventy in the Navy Department, fifty in the shipping board and about thirty from miscellaneous Federal agencies and bureaus which functioned during the war.

"Legal civil action will be taken in every case in which it has been discovered that fraud, collusion or dishonesty was practiced," Attorney-General Daugherty declared, adding that "while great numbers of cases indicate on their face the worst kind of fraud and thievery the Government cannot go into court until it has established absolutely that its case will stand the acid test."

SHOT RIDDLED BODY FOUND IN CHELSEA

Feet Protruding From Bag in West Twenty-second St. Disclose Tragedy.

Riddled with bullets and wrapped in a burlap bag the body of an unidentified man was found early yesterday morning by Patrolman Pasquale Sommas of the West Thirtieth street station in the gutter in front of 328 West Twenty-second street, in the Chelsea district.

The feet of the slain man were observed protruding from the bag, which covered the body above the thighs. Patrolman Sommas called an ambulance from the New York Hospital. The body was still warm when Dr. Thompson, the ambulance surgeon, arrived. It was taken to the morgue.

The fact that little heavy traffic traverses the Chelsea district at night led Detectives Sheehan and Foley to conclude that the man was slain in another section of the city and his body dumped out of an automobile at the spot where it was found. Automobile tracks were near the body. Six bullets had been fired into the man's chest. His right shoulder was broken, indicating, detectives think, that he fought his assailants.

An employee's tag of the Foundation Company, bearing the number 371, was found in the dead man's clothes. Detectives summoned more than a dozen workmen from a job being done by the company at 53 Maiden lane. They were carried to the morgue but were unable to identify the body as that of one of their co-laborers. Identification is expected to-day when offices of the company open.

Residents of the Chelsea section, near where the body was found, heard no shots fired early Sunday.

FALL FROM HORSE KILLS THOMAS P. MARSHALL

Polo Player's Neck Broken at South Orange Show.

Thomas P. Marshall, aged 28, of 92 Mountain avenue, Montclair, polo player and horseman, died early yesterday in St. Mary's Hospital, Orange, N. J., of injuries suffered Saturday when he fell from a horse while taking a jump at the annual horse show of the Orange Lawn Tennis Club, South Orange. His neck was broken.

Mr. Marshall was the son of Dr. Robert Marshall of Newark. His mother was Miss Mary Cecilia Nevins, daughter of Thomas A. Nevins, a pioneer in the development of public utilities in New Jersey. His father died when the boy was 4 years old. Mrs. Marshall took him to Ireland, where he remained until eight years ago. Mrs. Marshall remained. She died last April. She was the owner of the race horse Velocity, which won many prizes on the European turf.

Mr. Marshall was a member of the all Irish polo team in 1912 and 1913, also of the polo team of the Essex County Country Club. He owned several jumpers. He leaves his wife, two children and two brothers, Robert and John W. Marshall, who live at Seventy-ninth street and Riverside Drive with their uncle, Thomas Nevins, banker, of 120 Liberty street.

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