

Whole Police Force Hunting for Maniac Woman Slayer

FEAR LUNATIC MAY CONTINUE ATTACKS

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The watch will be continued tonight. Several officers detailed in Government buildings here will also aid in the hunt.

Find Hat in Yard.
One of the first tangible clues to fall into the hands of the police was a blue felt hat, found this morning in the back yard of the house at 1337 L street, where Miss Lillian Hood, was shot and probably fatally wounded.

The hat is now at police headquarters. According to statements by Martin Roth, a roomer in the house in question, the hat was knocked from the head of the maniac when he ran into a clothesline as he made his escape.

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Inspector Grant expressed the opinion that the hat was of the \$3 grade.

May Be Two Men.
While already convinced that the perpetrator of the series of crimes was one and the same man, the police may probe into the theory that the man who shot Miss Martha Geagan at 1312 Connecticut avenue and Miss Lillian Hood at 1337 L street did not choke Miss Florence Fowler at 1511 L street.

Miss Geagan described her assailant as wearing a derby hat. The man who entered Miss Fowler's room is described as wearing a soft hat. The hat in the possession of the police and found at the home of Miss Hood is a soft felt hat.

There is also a question as to why the man did not shoot Miss Fowler, but was content to choke her.

The path of the wild man, according to the police, was from 1312 Connecticut avenue down the avenue to L street, and then to 1511 L street. His next and last stop, so far as known, was 1337 L street.

Was Five Blocks Distant.
While the detectives were answering a call to the Geagan boarding house on the avenue, the wild man was choking Miss Florence Fowler, five blocks away, on L street.

No sooner had detectives reached the Fowler home than another call came that a woman, Miss Lillian Hood, had been shot just two blocks down L street.

The question has arisen, why did not the maniac shoot Miss Fowler, if he was the same man who attacked Miss Hood.

A box of eggs which mysteriously disappeared from the top of an ice box at 1119 Fourteenth street northwest, and was found today, intact, by the police in the alley at the rear of 1337 L street, is connected by the police with the maniac responsible for the series of early morning tragedies.

Saw Negro Leaving.
The family residing on Fourteenth street were notified by the police. They said that early today a noise was heard in the house and on investigation a negro was seen leaving the house.

Asked what he was doing in the house at such an early hour, the police were told that the negro said he was looking for some one, and had made a mistake.

The negro was described as being of medium height, stockily built and wearing a dark overcoat and dark soft hat.

MADMAN CALLED A WOMAN HATER

Hatred of women was the probable cause that prompted the attack of the maniac upon three Washington homes before daybreak today, in the opinion of Major Raymond W. Pullman, Superintendent of Police.

"Every member of the Police Department is scouring the District for the capture of the maniac," declared Major Pullman to The Times.

"The man is a dangerous lunatic. That is the opinion of every one of our experienced detectives. It would appear that the maniac's motive for shooting and attempting to kill the women is that he bears a hatred for boarding-house keepers or all women in general. He appears to be of a degenerate type of criminal.

"We are losing not a moment in trying to arrest this dangerous man. Every avenue of escape is being covered. Police authorities of all cities near Washington have been telephoned and telegraphed to be on the lookout for the maniac and to arrest

any suspects arriving in their cities from Washington. "I have enlisted the aid of the Home Defense League and its members will co-operate with the Police Department in scouring the city tonight to investigate every bit of evidence that might tend to produce the lunatic. "I am also going to ask the Federal Watchmen's Association to assist us in scouring the city for the man."

CASE INTERESTING TO MENTAL EXPERT

That the attack of the maniac upon the three Washington women presents an interesting phase of insanity is the belief of Dr. William A. White, superintendent of the Government Hospital for the Insane.

Dr. White was puzzled today when asked by The Times just what sort of mental derangement, in his opinion, the mad man responsible for the three assaults may be suffering from. "It would be impossible for me to say," said Dr. White, "just what the man's trouble is, without a thorough study of his case. He might be suffering from any one of half a dozen different maladies, all of which would have the symptoms exhibited by him.

"It may be that it is hate for all women which he is showing by attacking members of the sex. Or it may be that the animal in him has gained the upper hand, driving him to bestiality which causes him to shoot his victims."

DETECTIVES TRAIL MANIAC SUSPECT

Inspector Clifford L. Grant, chief of detectives, received a clue this morning which he believes will result in an arrest. Information was furnished the inspector by a man who stated he saw an individual acting strangely in the vicinity of Twentieth and M streets northwest about 5 o'clock this morning. The man was approached by Inspector Grant's informant but ran. "The man was between thirty and thirty-five years old, five feet four inches tall, of medium build; smooth, round, pale face, and high forehead," said In-

spector Grant. "He wore no hat, but had on a three-quarter cut overcoat. For apparently no reason, when seeing my informant, he turned on his heels and disappeared.

"We are leaving no stone unturned in trying to capture this man, whom we believe may be the maniac who shot the two women."

Inspector Grant stated that he believed the maniac was a moral degenerate, possessing homicidal tendencies.

"In my opinion, the would-be slayer," said the inspector, "is mentally unbalanced and probably suffers from a grudge he holds against women."

Official records of the Police Department are also being searched to find histories of men arrested in the past who have manifested hatred toward women.

"Every possible angle which might tend to identify and result in the capture of the assailant of the women is being worked out," said the inspector.

EMERGENCY HOSPITAL HEAD SAYS ASSAILANT IS CRAZY

That the attacks upon three Washington women today were the result of a disordered mind cannot be doubted, according to Dr. J. Ward Mankin, superintendent of Emergency Hospital, who operated upon Miss Lillian Hood and Miss Martha Geagan, the girls shot by the maniac.

Dr. Mankin said this morning he believed the assailant of the women was evidently insane.

BROWNLOW ASKS HELP OF CITIZENS

An appeal for help from every citizen in aiding the police to track down the maniac who this morning entered three Washington homes and made attacks upon sleeping women was made today by Commissioner Brownlow.

Commissioner Brownlow said the police will welcome co-operation from any source. He said: "I am sure that every citizen will

do everything in his power to assist the police, or to catch this dangerous maniac. It is impossible to believe that he is anything other than a madman.

"The Police Department is exerting every effort, and I am sure Major Pullman and his men will appreciate co-operation from any source."

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