

MRS. DUDEN TO TESTIFY TODAY

ALLEGED SLAYER WILL TAKE STAND IN DEFENSE

HUSBAND'S EVIDENCE SAID TO BE DAMAGING

Experts Discharge Revolver with Which Fatal Shot Was Fired and Will Report Findings Today

SAN DIEGO, March 17.—Mrs. Effie Duden will take the witness stand tomorrow and give her version of the shooting of Ben Sheffer, for which she is on trial for her life.

This announcement, made by Attorney Daney late this afternoon, is accepted as meaning the defense is nearly ended and that the defendant will prove its star witness.

Mr. Duden, husband of the prisoner, continued his testimony today, and it was generally favorable to his wife, although on cross-examination he made an admission or two that were regarded as somewhat damaging.

When Duden testified at the morning session today that the last shot, which was fired at Sheffer as he staggered down the steps of the Duden rooming house mortally wounded, was accidental, he allowed the prosecution to secure a decidedly advantageous point, according to the claims of the state's attorneys.

Tells How It Happened Duden testified that when his wife came out of the room in which Sheffer had just been shot into the hallway as Sheffer was going down the stairs, he (Duden) cried to his wife to stop, and that she did so suddenly that she stumbled and the gun was thus discharged.

The prosecution alleges it would have been a physical impossibility for the last bullet fired at Sheffer, the course of which has been traced by the place where it lodged and which missed Sheffer's head but by a narrow margin, to take the course it did except by having been fired by a man leaning far over the banisters and pointing the gun downward.

The theory of the prosecution now developed is that Sheffer was first meditatedly murdered, and that the last shot was fired at him as he staggered down the steps with his death wound.

It will be impossible, say attorneys for the prosecution, for the defense to show the last shot could have possibly been fired as it was traced by Duden. If the prosecution substantiates this claim the entire theory of self-defense set up by Mrs. Duden's attorneys will be greatly controverted.

Duden also made a damaging witness against his wife when he testified that she had said to the officers after the shooting: "I did it. I was afraid he would knock the revolver out of my hand and I shot him."

This was later toned down by Duden adding that Mrs. Duden had later said to him: "Jack, I just had to do it; he tried to kill me."

PROMINENT OIL MEN OF BAKERSFIELD ARRAIGNED

Two Men Bound Over on Charge of Assault to Commit Murder

BAKERSFIELD, March 17.—W. H. Schaffer of Selma and Herb Williams of this city, two prominent members of the Bakersfield Oil and Fuel company, were bound over to the superior court this afternoon on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit murder. Bail was fixed at \$2000.

S. F. Dixon, who, with J. I. Wagay of Los Angeles, is interested in a portion of section 18, township 28, range 28, in the Kern river oil fields, is the complainant.

FLORIST'S BLUNDER CAUSES TROUBLE



MISS HELEN GRANTLEY

THREE WHITE ROSES FAIL TO APPEAR

Young Woman Goes Sleuthing and Finds That Fiance Had Been Faithful—Florist Gets Joit

A blundering florist, three bunches of calla lilies instead of white roses, a belated telegram of appreciation, a weeping actress and a worried lover in New York—these were the elements in a queer comedy of errors which only yesterday was straightened out when Helen Grantley, now appearing in "The Never Never Land" at the Orpheum, stumbled upon the idea of asking the florist and getting an explanation that dried her tears.

Miss Grantley came from New York, where an anxious swain eagerly awaits her return, with a preacher already engaged. But the little lady pleaded for "one more tour," and he consented. However, he told her that he would be present in spirit at every city she visited and his sign manual would be three white roses. And she, on her part, was to wire him promptly upon discovery of the sign, and that was to be his reward.

No White Roses When Miss Grantley reached the Orpheum Monday she found her dressing room a tower of beauty. Strands of snail-like hair hung from chandelier to walls; great vases of pink roses ornamented her makeup tables and mounds of other blossoms intruded on every vacant space. Over each mirror, too, were groups of three callas. But in the whole assemblage of Flora's devotees was never a rose of white.

The little actress gasped at the magnificence of the floral extravaganza, forgetting that she was not in costly New York. Then she noted the colors and was suddenly amazed. Her maid by a frantic search of white roses. None was to be found; not a glimmer of one. She nearly fainted and the unbidden tears flowed copiously.

Also no telegram was sent. Why should there be a wire? There was no sign manual of his appreciation. All day Monday Miss Grantley mourned. All day Tuesday Miss Grantley mourned. And then on Wednesday, a slight tinge of anger arising, she had an inspiration.

She posted up to Manager Drown and demanded to know who had sent the flowers. Mr. Drown told her the orders for the flowers had been addressed to "the best florist in Los Angeles," which letter was thereupon delivered unopened.

Di did not know the florist's name? He did; and Miss Grantley was informed thereof.

The Plot Thickens To the florist's posted the actress lady. Oh, yes; he had such an order; flowers to the amount of so many dollars, paid for according to such and such a schedule. And he had filled the aforesaid order promptly; were the flowers not there?

"Oh, yes," said Miss Grantley; "lovely. But are you sure that you filled the order just as you got it?"

Mr. Florist was sure. "Are you sure it said nothing about any colors?"

"Mr. Florist was doubly sure. "Are you sure there was no mention of 'white roses'?" Mr. Florist came to. "White roses? Oh, yes; there was something about white roses. But, you see, madam, I had no white roses; they happened to be gone at this time. So I used pink ones; and where it said 'three white roses over the mirrors' I used callas. I thought they would do. They're white, aren't they?"

Whereupon the overwrought Miss Grantley burst into a combination of tears and laughter and made for the nearest telephone office.

"It was almost a tragedy," she said last night. "But it's all right now. Oh, just suppose he hadn't mentioned white roses in his order! And to think that florist thought white roses and callas were interchangeable!"

PANIC SCENES ON NORTH SPRING ST.

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All salesmen and salesladies will wear caps bearing the name Walter Harris Clothing Co. We appeal to the people to read the prices for yourself and be convinced.

Sale Positively Starts Today, March 18, at 9 A. M. Sharp. Will Last for Five Days Only

Panic Prices on Overcoats, Outing Suits, Cravenettes, Men's Single Coats, Men's Work Suits, Panic Prices on Furnishings

165 DOZEN ARROW BRAND COLLARS, not all sizes, but may be what you want. PANIC PRICE 40c A DOZEN

Panic Price on Boston Garters; 50c value; pure silk. While they last 13c

75c grade ribbed underwear; all shades and sizes. Panic Price 35c

WARNING To the Public All salesmen and salesladies will wear caps during the Great Panic Sale bearing the name WALTER HARRIS CLOTHING CO.

Panic Prices on Furnishings 50c pure silk handkerchiefs. Panic Price 19c

250 Dozen Men's 15c Hose Black and Brown Fast Colors Panic Price 4c

Panic Prices on Men's Clothing Men's suits which the average workman would grab at \$10 to \$12.50 will be sold during this Panic Sale at \$3.45

Panic Clothing Conditions on Spring Street I will say this much: If you buy a suit here and pay \$7.50 to \$8 and don't think it is a bargain at \$20 no questions will be asked. Same can be returned.

Panic Prices on Men's Overcoats Special lot long youths' overcoats, \$6 values. Special \$1.45

Special Notice The name of every person that ever made a purchase at this store has been kept since this store has been in existence as an inducement to bring these people back to visit this great sale.

Men's Pants At Panic Prices All pants which are odds and ends have been placed on one table: some worth as high as \$4. Panic Price 75c

Spring Street Is Dead! Panic Prices Boys' Suits 50 boys' suits as an inducement to bring the ladies here; regular \$2.50 value. Panic Price 69c

Spring Street Is Dead! Panic Prices on Shoes 4 cases Men's \$2.50 work shoes, special 95c

Money-Raising Sale on Men's Hats All Men's \$1.50 Sample Hats, only size 7. Panic Price 25c

Big Special Boys' 35c Grade Suspenders Panic Price 5c

Firemen's Double Breasted Flannel Shirts—Regular \$3.00 Value—Panic Price 85c

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