

ELDERLY MAN AIDED DOCTOR

By DR. LEWIS W. ALLEN

I was about 9:20 or later on Friday night when I was called to attend Mrs. de la Montanya. I was told that something horrible had happened at 1360 Jones street. I took an automobile and hurried to the place.

It was about 10 o'clock when I arrived. I found Mrs. de la Montanya lying on the floor, with a bullet wound in her head. There were powder burns about the wound. She was very far gone.

When I arrived there were present in the house Mrs. Patton, the maid and an elderly man, who was helping. It was no time for introductions, but I was given to understand that he was a man from the apartment downstairs and had been called in to aid.

I don't know just when that man left. About all I remember is that he went out and secured a medicine dropper and helped in other ways.

My opinion is that the wound was self-inflicted. It could well have been, judging by the nature of the bullet hole and the burned condition of the face about the wound.

I was told that Mrs. de la Montanya and Mrs. Patton were alone in the apartment at the time and that the shot was fired either accidentally or with suicidal intent. In short, what I was told is what appeared in the newspapers on the day following the shooting. I am positive that it was about 10 o'clock when I reached the house, and judging by the condition of the wound it had been about a half hour before that time. It was still bleeding and blood was flowing from the ear. I did not follow the course of the bullet. Nothing could be done for the woman. She was unconscious then.

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STORY TOLD BY HANFORD

just sinking off the couch back of the table to the floor. I hurried around to the other side of the table and she was lying in a heap on the floor. I picked her up as well as I could and put three or four pillows under her head from the couch. I found her still breathing. I managed to force some whisky into her mouth and she kept on breathing in a labored sort of a way. The other parties in the room heard and saw the shot as soon as I did and sprang out of their seats and moved toward where she had fallen.

Send for a Physician

As I picked her up Mrs. Patton came forward and we stood in confusion for a few moments, not knowing exactly what to do; then I told her to call for a doctor. I said I didn't know any by name and did not know whom to send for. She mentioned her doctor's name—I forgot what it was—and tried to get him, but was unable to do so. I then said, "Call up the St. Francis." She did, and the doctor from the hotel came up. It took considerable time for all this to happen. Finally the doctor arrived, and when he examined the woman carefully said it was impossible for the woman to live. He said we had better send for the ambulance to come. We telephoned, but it was very slow in coming; it seems to me it was half an hour from the time we telephoned that the ambulance arrived. It was just before the ambulance arrived that the doctor told me the woman could not live. As I heard the ambulance coming up to the place I concluded I had better go down to the hotel and let the matter remain until the next day. I thought that they were going to remove her to a hospital.

The next morning when I saw the statement that was made in the paper, Whittemore and I went down to the coroner's office and made the same statement I am now making. I told the coroner that I was just about to leave for the east, but would hold myself in readiness to testify at any time I was called for.

The whisky-sour I mixed before dinner was the only drink we had that evening. The cocktail I was mixing at the time the shot was fired would have been our second drink.

ADMISSIONS OF TWO MEN KEPT SECRET BY CORONER

With the direct statements of two men who witnessed the shooting of Mrs. Lorena de la Montanya, Friday night, at last before the public. Coroner T. B. N. Leland is faced with the responsibility of explaining just what reasons prompted him to withhold these facts, already in his possession, while police officials worked to unravel what his silence had converted into a mystery.

The shooting that resulted in the society woman's death occurred Friday evening. Robert G. Hanford and Charles O. Whittemore, the two men who now admit that they were present at the time, declare that they communicated the full details of the tragedy to the coroner early Saturday morning. Leland left later in the day for Santa Cruz, where he spent the holiday.

Coroner Leland buried the secret in his bosom. Chief Deputy Coroner John Kennedy asserts that his chief made no mention of his knowledge of the affair when turning office matters over to him Saturday morning before departing from the city on a pleasure trip. Kennedy was in ignorance of the circumstances, as were also all the subordinates in the coroner's office; the police were in ignorance of the true facts and the captain of detectives worked vainly to bring the matter to light.

Hanford and Whittemore admit that when they reported to Coroner Leland Saturday morning they asked him to save them from publicity.

WHY WAS LELAND SILENT?

Why is it that Coroner Leland remained silent? Why is it that he left the city without throwing what light he could on the affair? Why is it that he allowed the captain of detectives and his men to work in the dark for three days when a single word from him could have solved their problem?

Is it to be inferred that a public official of the city and county allowed the wishes of two millionaires to persuade him to conceal, not only from the public, but from the officers of the law, the plain facts in a case concerning which those involved had deliberately lied at the outset of the investigation?

Or is it to be understood that this same official, rather than interfere with his personal plans for an outing, allowed himself to deliberately neglect for three days on false clues and in the face of statements which he knew to be false?

And is it the sworn duty of a coroner to hide the plain facts surrounding the demise of a person within his jurisdiction or to throw fullest light upon these facts?

One thing is well established. Coroner Leland left town Saturday morning and took with him the secret of Mrs. de la Montanya's death. He did not communicate the vital facts he had learned even to his men. Chief Deputy Coroner John Kennedy said yesterday that Leland did not tell him anything of the matter, and furthermore, in loyalty to his chief, said positively that he did not believe Leland knew anything of the true events surrounding the shooting. Yet Hanford and Whittemore both

MRS. PATTON'S NEW VERSION

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apartment and a competent cook: we can have a little dinner together."

At that time we did not definitely decide to accept that invitation. The invitation was left open, and we were to discuss it later in the afternoon.

"Bird and I were together during the afternoon, and about 6 o'clock she again brought up the question of having dinner at her place. I asked if it would be all right and she assured me that it would—that she wanted us.

I was to telephone to Hanford about the engagement and I did so. He sent a taxicab out to my flat for me and we went to Mrs. de la Montanya's.

It was a very quiet little dinner. There was nothing hilarious about it at all. Mrs. de la Montanya was in the best of spirits. Our conversation was general and on impersonal topics. We sat down about a quarter after 7 and finished about 9, I think it was. About 9:15, I know, she telephoned to a friend, a woman, making an appointment for the next morning. That shows that she could not have contemplated suicide.

After dinner Whittemore and I went to the lounge by the window and sat there looking out over the bay. Mrs. de la Montanya and Hanford were in the next room. They were talking, but I do not recollect what I heard of their conversation. Mrs. de la Montanya complained of indigestion and Hanford suggested that he mix what he called an "Irish sour." He wanted to know if there were any lemons in the house, and the maid came in and said there were not, but there were some oranges. She was directed to bring the oranges and she did.

The next I heard was a little pop, like a firecracker. I turned suddenly and found Mrs. de la Montanya sinking to the floor. I thought that she was acting, and admired her grace as she fell; but in an instant I saw that she was bleeding and Hanford was standing over her.

A Pop Like a Firecracker

"My God!" he said; "what has the girl done?" We all rushed in. We were dazed. We did not know what to make of the situation. It came so suddenly. Then I rushed for the telephone to get a doctor.

HANFORD, MAN OF BIG AFFAIRS, ONCE IN DIVORCE COURT

R. G. Hanford, with whose pistol and in whose presence Mrs. de la Montanya shot herself, is a man of large affairs in the industrial world and a man who has made history in the local divorce courts.

His present wife is the object of what is called "the grand passion" of his lifetime. Regardless of the proprieties, Hanford conceived this grand passion while still the husband of another woman.

Hanford's first wife obtained a divorce. So did the husband of his soul-mate. Thus was the way cleared for a marriage, and this particular grand passion, unlike some others, led to the altar. The present Mrs. Hanford is now in New York.

WAS ANOTHER'S WIFE She was formerly Gabrielle Covalsky, wife of Valdamar Covalsky, a San Francisco dentist. When Hanford saw and coveted her she was playing golf at Del Monte. In her outdoor costume, her cheeks aglow from open air exercise, her soft hair flying in the wind, she made a picture, the enchanting loveliness of which the wealthy mining man could not efface from his mind.

The "grand passion" had its birth there and then. It flourished and flowered apace. Hanford's wife lost all attraction for him. In a little while, so fascinated had he become with the fair golfer, that he was writing Mrs. Hanford, confessing his love for Gabrielle Covalsky. This letter was quoted by Mrs. Hanford in her divorce complaint.

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I knew that there was a house physician at the St. Francis, and I knew the number of the hotel, so I called Dr. Allen.

Hanford stayed until after the doctor arrived. I don't know just when Whittemore left. It was I who suggested that they leave before the doctor came. I did not realize that I would be believed when I said that there were no men present. I did not know that there would be an investigation.

Hanford Assisted Doctor

Hanford stayed to help the doctor. I remember that he went out for some article the doctor needed. Before he left, in the talk after the shooting, he said that he had just taken the pistol out of his pocket and laid it on the table, at the same time warning Mrs. de la Montanya not to touch it.

The next day Whittemore rang up about the case, but I told him to stay away and asked that my story not be contradicted. It is awfully hard in a situation like that to know what to do, but now I realize that the truth should have been told and that if it had there would have been less difficulty.

I told the maid to stick to the story about the revolver having been in Mrs. de la Montanya's room. I was afraid that her story might be broken down. She went out of town until the time for the inquest.

Whittemore was Mrs. de la Montanya's lawyer. He drew up the will for her, which was found after her death in the envelope which he had addressed. She placed great reliance on what he had said.

Mrs. de la Montanya was the most generous hearted and charitable person in the world. People have talked about her, but there was not a word in truth that could be said against her. She was willing to share her last penny with any one, to give the clothes off her back. In fact, she was too generous for her own good. It is a most terrible thing that this might have happened, and that this mystery should have been thrown about it by the fact that those men did not come forward. There was

no reason why it should not have been known that they were there. But everybody may make a mistake at such a time. It is only a hero who doesn't. Now, I am glad I've told all.

"MEN WERE COWARDLY TO LEAVE WOMAN TO FACE POLICE INQUIRY"

Statement of Lucius Solomon, Mrs. de la Montanya's attorney.

"I can't find words too strong to characterize the cowardly actions of Whittemore and Hanford, who were so lacking in gentlemanly instincts and courage that they fled from the house and left that poor little woman, Mrs. Patton, to face the inquiries of the police and a curious public and explain the matter so their names might be shielded and themselves protected. To make their actions worse, they had shortly before been entertained as guests and were accepting Mrs. de la Montanya's hospitality. Notwithstanding this, they sneaked from the house of death, while the blood was yet pulsing through her veins to escape becoming entangled in the case, fearing for some reason to stand up like men and explain the matter.

It used to be that we went to the front and shielded women. Here, however, we find a lone woman un-

ported even by the near presence of those she is protecting, standing between two grown men and the public gaze. One man went to Los Angeles; the other remained quietly, very quietly, in the city, saying nothing to assist the police to clear up the mystery but allowing Mrs. Patton to bear the brunt of the whole tragic affair.

"In regard to Whittemore being Mrs. de la Montanya's attorney, I can only say that as far as I know I have been handling all her legal business and there are several lawsuits pending at date. For that reason I can not see what business he had to transact with her on the night of her death. I believe that he was simply her guest and nothing more.

"By this, however, I do not mean to say that Whittemore never acted as her attorney, for when she was living at Los Angeles I told her to go to lawyers there several times and in addition I know that she had some legal business done in the southern cities that was cared for by attorneys other than myself.

"From the moment I received the news of the shooting I was morally certain Mrs. de la Montanya did not commit suicide. I looked upon the affair as an accident, knowing that Mrs. de la Montanya liked to play at doing things she had no intention of doing. She had no reason to suicide in the first place and when she was in my office the day before she was in the best of spirits. Notwithstanding her extravagance her business affairs were in healthy condition."

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