

LOSE PAPERS TO DEFEAT ANNEXATION

FACTS CONNECT MILLER WITH MURDER

Prosecutor Perry Is Positive That He Had a Share in the Killing of Hugh McMahon a Year Ago.

BY T. J. DILLON.

While the case against Peter Miller in connection with the murder of Hugh McMahon as yet may be legally weak, it is morally strong, and every person who has had anything to do with the cases is morally certain that Miller's part in the murder was an important one.

In the first place Miller admits pawing the diamond and watch taken from McMahon's body.

Miller is willing to believe that the murder was committed by his two pals, Smith and Rose.

Miller admits his dealing with these men—taking the diamond and watch to Spokane, and securing the release of Smith and Rose when they were arrested here as bludgeon men.

Miller boasted to Williams of having tried to garrote Herbert Mansfield in Spokane, with Smith and Rose. Smith paid fine for assault. These facts, all admitted by Miller himself, and susceptible of other proof, connect Miller very closely with the McMahon crime.

In addition, there are the plots to kill E. R. Butterworth, E. Sullivan, Capt. Tennant and Herbert Mansfield, which Miller confided to his young accomplice, Roy Williams.

Williams' Story Straight.

Williams tells straight stories from these plottings to kill, with circumstantial and topographical details, the plot to kill McMahon, the plot to kill McMahon, the plot to kill McMahon, the plot to kill McMahon.

These facts taken into consideration point strongly to Miller's participation in the McMahon murder.

Perry Is Certain.

Prosecuting Attorney Perry is morally certain that Miller is the man. Incidentally, Perry puts aside all Miller's charges of police brutality to secure a confession of the Young Men's Association.

Miller's interest in Miller began when it came to light that he had pawned the McMahon diamond and watch, said Perry this morning.

Miller did not have the slightest objection to the burglar's confession, but understood that he had admitted them before I became interested in the case.

I attended the coroner's inquest over McMahon and was satisfied that McMahon had been murdered, and that the only clue we would ever start with would be the recovery of the diamond and watch.

Consequently when I learned of Miller's connection with these I went to see him. I talked with him for three hours, during which he told me of a dozen burglaries, some brilliant escapes and some disastrous incidents.

I paid no attention to these as I understood that he had told them all before. I began my inquiry by asking Miller about himself. He told me that he was born in Germantown, Pa. I asked him where he was at the time of the McMahon murder.

He answered that he was in Seattle and from here as far as St. Paul. He told me that he had a side line business selling second-hand soap.

Miller's Explain Thanking.

Miller was killed on a rainy night, a year ago. I had just been getting Miller located at various points previous to the murder, and then leading up to No. 10, where he was early in November.

At the first time, he could not remember anything. I had made no mention of McMahon whatever. Miller positively refused to remember anything about his whereabouts during the McMahon murder. This was the first time McMahon's name was mentioned.

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Miller Volunteers Denial.

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I suggested that I might get a couple of his friends who could vouch for his memory a bit. This was the first time McMahon's name was mentioned.

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DOCTOR'S FERVID LETTER ABOUT AFFINITY MAY PREVENT HIM FROM GETTING HIS SON

Abandoned Wife of Dr. Janson Making Bitter Fight to Prevent Former Husband From Possession of Their Child.



MRS. JANSON-GEORGE AND SON, Whom Father and Mother Are Fighting for in Court.

"I scarcely know how to commence this letter, for no matter how I word it, it will cause you the greatest sorrow and grief. Like a thunderbolt from the clear sky it will strike you. Regard it as a link in the chain of fate, which has been meted out to us before we came on earth. The time has come when our paths in life must divide. I have found my soul companion, the only woman who can make my life happy—can make me feel that life is worth living.

"I met her in Dresden and we had not been together three days before we felt that fate had destined us for each other. I tried to restrain myself and tried to exercise my greatest self-control, but in vain, I might as well try to stop a whirlwind. The relentless law of Karma had to take its course regardless of suffering and tears.

"Do not attempt to come to me or ask me to come to you. It would only interrupt my studies here and cause unnecessary suffering. Do not appeal to my father love or ask the child to interfere. I cannot change my determination, but it will only add burning coals to my head.

"Do not prejudice our son against his father, but try to screen him from evil tongues from the outside. I only hope that your heart will not be filled with too great bitterness toward me, but that you will always regard me as the best friend you have on earth whom you can turn to for counsel."

The letter above, which tells of the finding of a soul mate and the casting off of a wife, is but one of the numerous marital sensations which developed today before Superior Judge Frater, in the suit brought by Dr. Eliv Janson, a wealthy physician of Seattle, to gain possession of Roderick Janson, his son, from Mrs. Albertine Janson.

Mrs. Janson-George is the woman cast off, the one to whom the above letter was written, and at the same time the woman who when cast off hastened to wed another man, Charles E. George, a prominent attorney and editor of The Lawyer and Banker, of Tacoma. She is in possession of the boy. He was given her to rear when she secured a divorce from Dr. Janson following his finding his soul mate.

And the soul mate, Bodil Hammerich-Janson, the actress found in Copenhagen, now the wife of Dr. Janson, this morning admitted on the witness stand that this was her second venture as an affinity.

Janson Tells His Story.

The narration in court of this strange life story began last Friday when Dr. Janson made an effort to prove that Mrs. Janson-George and Charles E. George, her present husband, were not fit persons to rear his son.

To prove this Dr. Janson brought out the story of love affairs of George.

He secured the admission of the story of the suit brought by Ida George against George for maintenance, in which Ida L. George claims that George was married to her when he wooed and wed Mrs. Janson, following Mrs. Janson's divorce from Dr. Janson. Then today Mrs. Janson-George had her innings.

Weeping copiously and shaking with unrestrained sobs, Mrs. Janson-George told of the sorrow and grief she underwent when she received the letter written by Dr. Janson informing her that he no longer cared for her.

She quit him.

She told of the struggle with herself to let her husband alone and not to cause him annoyance, as he had asked her to do, and she said that after several fruitless attempts to regain his love and affection she willingly bowed to the inevitable.

"I sacrificed all of my pride and my love for my husband, whom I still loved," she said, "and I told him that my only hope was that his son would not grow up and curse him for leaving his mother for an adventuress."

At noon, in the middle of Mrs. Janson-George's testimony, a recess was taken until this afternoon.

Earlier in the morning the present Mrs. Janson, formerly Bodil Hammerich, the Copenhagen actress, testified that she became infatuated with Janson the minute she saw him. And she also admitted under cross-examination that she had been another man's affinity, had been the soul mate of the manager of her theatre for seven years, when she knew that he had a wife living at the time. A child now five years old lives as a result of this "friendship."

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GRACE VAN STUDDIFORD DIVORCES HER HUSBAND

(By United Press.) ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 8.—Grace Van Studdiford, the opera singer, was today granted a divorce from her husband, Charles Van Studdiford, a St. Louis traveling salesman.

ATTEMPT TO CRACK SAFE

AMATEURS BUNGLER ONE JOB AND THEN GET TO ANOTHER OFFICE.

Amateurish safe crackers made an ineffectual attempt to blow the strong box in the offices of the Washington Broom & Woodware Co., at Sixth and W. and Nickerson st., last night.

It is believed that the attempted safe cracking was done by the same persons who demolished the safe in the offices of the Seattle Varnish Co. a few nights ago, which, which successful, was a bungling job.

Evidently disgusted with their failure at the broom and woodware plant, the safe crackers next forced their way into the office of the Great Western Lumber Co., at Third and W. and Ewing st. The outer door of the safe was open and the burglars simply forced the inner boxes open. Nothing but valuable papers were taken.

LAUNCH WRECKED; TWO NEAR DEATH

Mrs. E. E. Caine, widow of Captain Caine, and her son, William E.

Little Pearl Hensen, of Bremerton, was very happy a week ago. With a great big delicious stick of red and white candy, she was crowned with all the happiness of 18 months. She waved the candy in her hand in glee.

Then came a shrill cry of pain. She had thrust the candy into her eye. Her mother, Mrs. Charles Hensen, sent for a doctor, post haste. The doctor looked at the eye. "We want to get her to a hospital at once," he said. "It will be a miracle if her sight is saved."

All week the best physicians in Seattle battled at the City hospital for the baby's eyesight. One eye was taken out. The other was affected. The final verdict was given out this morning. It was one that made husky the voices of even hardened hospital attendants who have seen many scenes of anguish.

"Pearl will never see again," said the doctor. "She will always be blind."

GANG WHOSE METHODS HAVE PUT GEORGETOWN TO SHAME NOW USE COUNTY POOR TO CINCH CONTROL



ARTHUR W. L. DUNN.

SIX ROAST TO DEATH BEHIND BARS OF IRON

Trapped by Barred Windows, Factory Employees Fought in Vain to Escape.

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.—Six of nine men burned to death in a fire which destroyed the celluloid factory of Robert Morrison & Son today, were trapped behind iron-barred windows on the lower floor.

The six victims, being shut in by the flames, struggled insanely at the bars. As the flames approached they were actually roasted to death in the sight of the street. Their horrible cries of agony were heard for blocks away. The work of the fire was so swift, however, that aid was impossible.

With the full realization of their predicament, the utter hopelessness of their escape, and face to face with death in its most terrible form, these frenzied men gave vent to cries such as human ears have seldom heard.

Stout-hearted firemen hardened by years of service, in which they have been in contact with anguish and distress, were sickened by this unequalled exhibition of human suffering.

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Supt. Corson and Georgetown Officials Work Together to Help the "Gang" in Suburb—Men Who Are Not Citizens of United States Are Paid to Vote—Old, Lame and Blind Herded to Polls in Autos—Unique Gerrymander from Hospital to Farm to Help Ward 3, Where the Gang Was Doubtful of Success.

BOOZE IS FREE FOR PATIENTS WHO VOTE

WHY GEORGETOWN SHOULD COME IN

The roadhouses will be wiped out of existence. Cedar river water will be available. Efficient fire and police protection. Free mail delivery. High school privileges. Water for the new school, which otherwise must remain closed. Water will be delivered to the hill residents. Municipal bankruptcy will be averted.

In a last desperate effort to defeat annexation and the moral "clean-up" of Georgetown in the municipal elections to be held in that town tomorrow, the sick and decrepit of the county hospital and poor farm will be herded to the polls and voted as residents of the city. Between 25 and 30 of these county charges were loaded into automobiles and hustled to the city registrar's office last week, some of them too old and sick and infirm to write their own names. One old man, too weak to walk, begged and pleaded to be let off, but Dr. Corson drove him along with the rest, and on the city hall steps when he collapsed the old fellow was picked up and bodily carried into the registrar's office, and his name was written down as that of a bona fide resident of Georgetown.

Today the saloons are crowded and booze is flowing freely. The saloon men, with great braggadocio, boast of having annexation beaten and Slocum elected. Slocum has publicly promised that Georgetown will be wide open when he is mayor.

BY ARTHUR W. L. DUNN.

Look around the county hospital a little while and you'll soon strike the tangled and twisted trail that leads into the realm of crooked Georgetown city politics.

The men who have made the name Georgetown a thing for good people to blush for—who supported the existence of roadhouses in their city till a great tragedy forced them to get under cover—for a while—the men who have played with Georgetown politics for years and swung its city policy—these men have gone to the King County hospital and poor farm for votes—and have got them.

INMATES TAKEN TO THE POLLS TO VOTE—AND PAID TO VOTE "THE RIGHT WAY"—BEER AND WHISKY BROUGHT TO THE POOR FARM JUST BEFORE ELECTION AND THE UNFORTUNATES ENCOURAGED TO GET DRUNK THAT THEY MIGHT FEEL RIGHT TOWARD THE "GANG," FREE DRINKS FOR THE INMATES BEFORE ELECTION AT GEORGETOWN ROADHOUSES—THESE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS DONE WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MEN IN CHARGE OF KING COUNTY'S POOR.

I had not been at the hospital long before I struck the trail of Georgetown politics. I hit it again at night when I walked through Georgetown saloons with Orderly Belcher. They were talking over there—and counting over there—"the pauper vote." I learned of it from inmates and patients at Georgetown.

I was told how 20 patients were moved the year of the last election from the county hospital to the county farm—and the reason.

THE HOSPITAL IS IN THE SECOND WARD, THE FARM IN WARD 3. WARD 2 WAS CONSIDERED SAFE, WHILE WARD 3 WAS DOUBTFUL. SO THE SATURDAY BEFORE ELECTION SUPT. CORSON SENT 20 PATIENTS FROM THE HOSPITAL TO THE FARM. THEY REGISTERED SUNDAY AND DULY VOTED TUESDAY IN WARD 3.

Orderly Belcher told me the story of how he—though not a citizen of the United States—voted at the last election, on the advice of the Georgetown politicians. And was paid \$5 for voting. He told me other things.

"A lot of us from the hospital," he said, "used to go over to Georgetown almost every day and get a skin full. Nobody had a cent, but we got all we wanted.

"The day before the election a couple of politicians over

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BANK CLEARINGS.

Seattle, Clearings today \$2,369,928.58

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