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VERY LATEST SWEEP BY FIRE.

A Large Part of a New York Town Destroyed.

An Infernal Machine Found in Berlin.

It Explodes in the Hands of Workingmen.

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COUGHLIN'S TRIAL.

Mrs. Foy Stands a Severe Cross-Examination.

AND DOES IT WITHOUT FLINCHING.

Questions Asked That Lay a Foundation for Impeachment—Two Letters Corroborative of the Witness' Story Introduced by the Defense to Show That She Had Offered to Keep Silent for a Consideration—Sarcasms "Regards to Dan."

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—The Coughlin trial begins to get interesting over the testimony of Mrs. Foy, and the line of questioning adopted by the defense shows that a desperate and skillful effort will be made to break down her story by showing that she is an unreliable witness. The questions asked show this and the sarcasms with which Mrs. Foy denied the implications contained therein will be strong points for the defense if by credible witnesses they shall prove the same implications. The witness denied "before God" repeatedly and occasionally added "It is false," "I never did," "I never did."

Speeches Questions Asked.
Among the questions fired at the witness was whether she had not scolded her husband of being the man who threw the anarchist bomb; did she not declare that she had never heard the name of Alexander Sullivan mentioned in connection with the Cronin murder; except in neighborhood gossip, and other such questions. She had repeated on cross-examination the statement that Alexander Sullivan's name had been mentioned by the conspirators. She was also asked, "Did you tell anything you wished you knew something against Alexander Sullivan so that you could drag him into the case, because if you did you would be made comfortable for the rest of your life?"

Had No Time to Object.
It was a fearful ordeal for a woman, but she stood to her story and answered everything, denying emphatically that she had ever said anything else, and calling on God to witness the truth of what she said. So ready was she to clear herself of the imputations in the questions that the prosecution could not get in an objection before the reply was made, and the defense framed its questions so that only yes or no answers were necessary. There were a few questions which Mrs. Foy gave the witness a letter and asked her if she wrote it and she rather reluctantly admitted that she did.

TWO LETTERS BY MRS. FOY.

They Corroborate Her Story, But the Defense Uses Them.

She had written her mother and she admitted writing it also. The purpose of introducing the letter was to discredit the witness' testimony by showing that she had demanded pay from the "conspirators" and she "friends" as the price for keeping silence, but the letters are directly corroborative of the woman's story to the court. The first is dated "strictly private and in haste," dated Chicago, June 25, 1892, and addressed to Attorney Forrest.

"I say," she said, "and hear of you going to Ottawa in October next. Well, I want to tell you that before that time Dr. Cronin's murder will be no longer a mystery. I am in full possession of all the facts about it, and what is more I am the wife of one of the chief conspirators. I know all of the principals in the murder and have talked with the most of them, and I am going to make a sworn statement of all I know in a very short time unless I get some reward for all I have suffered since that fatal night that I sat up waiting for the father of my children to come home in the morning and then he told he was going to remove a nail to eternity. His dirty story of spy and traitor would not suit me as it did lots of more ignorant people. I know he was a better man than any of the scoundrels that killed him, which I can prove by their own actions."

"As for my husband, he has become a human monster. He has severely ever been a tall, light in his own house since the murder. He has become a drunkard and an outcast, and I have gone through more pain and suffering than I thought any human being could bear. He left the house Saturday night and promised to come in a few hours, but he came at 3:30 o'clock in the morning, and he did the same last night. He knows I won't sleep, no matter how long he is out, and I am in very poor health and poor in pocket and every way. So I have made up my mind to put a stop to it all. I am not going to suffer alone any longer for such an ungrateful bad crowd. I will tell you all I know, and that is a good deal, for they are all bad crowd any way. If you wish to answer me or see me you can do so at once, for I have made up my mind and I am going to do as I say. "P. S.—If you wish to answer me put a personal in the paper, this evening and morning News, to a friend of justice," and I will answer it."

SENT HER 'REGARDS TO DAN.'

But Only Did So in Sarcasm—Changed Opinion of Wing.

The second letter has the same address and is dated a year later, June 21, 1893. It is as follows: "I wish you would ask Daniel Coughlin to speak to some of his many friends in Chicago about my husband, Mr. Andrew Foy, and try and make some change in him. Tell him that he and Susan and Sullivan are not the only ones who have suffered for Dr. Cronin's murder. Tell him Mrs. A. Foy has suffered also, and as you know that I am the only innocent person that has suffered, but I am going to have a change now or I will know why. I talked to you and your friend last summer, but I got no satisfaction, but now I have a chance to take it and I am going to do so."

"So tell Dan that I know all about his visits to my house and Pat Cooney's before and after the doctor's death. Tell him I know all about the murder on Sunday morning at 6 o'clock, for my husband told me when he came home on May 3, and tell him I know what him and Pat Cooney came on Sunday, May 12, for and how I followed them and know all about what they done that night. And I am going on the witness stand to tell it, and my brother is coming to do the same. He knows all as well as me. I can assure you this is no lie, I tell you this time."

"I am going to have some satisfaction for all I've suffered. You talk of innocence and of righting a wrong. It makes me tired. It let me murder free in right."

AN IDLE MISSION.

The Illinois Senator on Political Business Intent

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Those That Tell of the Number of Pieces Sent in the Mails.

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