

CLAIMS DOROTHY ARNOLD IS DYING AT HER HOME

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 11.—Dorothy Arnold, missing New York heiress, is not dead.

She was a patient at Dr. C. C. Meredith's "house of mystery" here, and is now dying at her home in New York, having never recovered from the effects of her illness.

These startling statements were made today by District Attorney R. H. Jackson in explanation of the futile search that has been made for the girl.

He declared he had positive information to bear out his statements.

At the Arnold residence in New York the girl's father, Francis R. Arnold, denied she was at home, and reiterated his belief that she was dead.

If Jackson's information is correct the last and most remarkable chapter is added to the story of her disappearance, and a motive is furnished.

The police and district attorney, however, are not working on the Arnold feature of the case against Dr. Meredith, who is at liberty on \$12,000 on a charge of performing an illegal operation on Mrs. Myrtle Allison, and also larceny of her jewels. Miss Lucy Orr, his assistant, is also out on bail.

Mrs. Allison, a resident of Wilkesburg, dropped from sight in March, 1913. Her disappearance in many respects paralleled the swallowing up of Dorothy Arnold.

Search of the drab house on the banks of the Ohio disclosed a fur pony coat of a tan shade, and a black bag. Both are said to have belonged to Mrs. Allison.

Already four persons, one a salesman in a downtown store, have, according to the police, sworn that the coat belonged to the missing woman. Two persons have identified the bag.

Valuable jewelry which was in the woman's possession has not been found. Dr. Lutz, chief informant against Meredith, was positive that

when he turned her over to the physician that he gave Meredith the jewels.

Investigation is also being made of the death of a woman in the hospital March 18, the day after Mrs. Allison, according to Lutz, was removed to the hospital.

Dr. H. E. Welch of Bellevue on March 18 issued to Miss Orr, head nurse at the institution, a certificate of burial for "Mrs. Daisey Davis."

The woman was buried in the United cemetery. Unless the identity of this woman is established to the satisfaction of the district attorney, the body will be exhumed for examination.

District Attorney Jackson said a thorough search of the house had resulted in the discovery of several articles of clothing which belonged to no one in the house. Their different styles, sizes and quantity seem to bear out Lutz's statement that several women had entered the institution, never to be heard of again.

HURRAH! T. R. SHOT SOMETHING

New York, April 11.—Cable dispatches from Brazil indicate that Col. Roosevelt has shot something, but there is a wide division of opinion here today as to what is a curucui, or cururo, or a spalacopus poeppigi—as the prize is variously designated.

Describing the rare specimen Col. Roosevelt is bringing back to Manaus, the Sun declares he has shot a cururo, a "burrowing rodent which lives underground," and explains that its scientific name is spalacopus poeppigi.

The Herald explained today that curucui is a bird "short and stout with dentate bills and the first and second toes are reversed." In color the Herald declares the bird is "shimmering green or brown marked with pink or yellow."

At the American Museum of Natural History nothing was known of the cururo or curucui. The naturalists there never heard of the animal or bird, the secretary said.