

THE MOST ASTOUNDING MURDER CASE OF MODERN TIMES

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asked him to go next door and cash this check for me. He was staggered at the size of the check. He told me it was a pretty big check. I told him I wanted him to cash it. I told him I had had some trouble with my family and they were watching me.

Gave Kane The Cash.

Mr. Cimolotti went next door and the paying teller did not want to cash so large a check. Cimolotti told him where I was and he came in. I said: "Go ahead, cash it. I sent Cimolotti because I am busy here."

The teller went back and cashed the check. He gave Cimolotti the money in large bills. The garage owner gave the money to me. I drove in my car down to a cigar store at the south-east corner of Fifty-ninth street and Ninth avenue, where I had agreed to meet Kane.

There are telephone booths in the store. Kane was waiting for me. I passed \$9,000 in cash to him in one of the booths.

Mrs. Horton, the "other woman," vigorously denied that she had ever accepted money from Waite. She was interviewed at the end of an ordeal in the district attorney's office.

"I don't mind answering questions if they will help anybody," she explained, "but to-day they seemed to be asking only the silliest things they could think of."

"They seem to be trying to prove that I accepted about \$9,000 from Dr. Waite or that Mr. Horton did. There is not a word of truth in any statement like that. As there is a God in heaven, I never accepted a penny from Dr. Waite. He never offered me money except once when I was going to take a taxicab he pulled out a \$10 bill and wanted me to take it to pay for the taxi."

"No, thank you, I told him. Mr. Horton gives me all the money I need. I never accepted a gift from him of any kind."

"Then they asked me if I had not been a cabaret singer in Cincinnati and if that was not how I met Mr. Horton. Perfectly absurd! In the early winter of 1914 I was singing in the Metropole Hotel, which had just been opened. Mr. Horton was staying there at the time and he obtained an introduction to me. I was then Miss Tillie Margaret Weaver. We were married in Cincinnati on February 14, 1914."

"I was never a cabaret singer. I never sang in any hotel except the Metropole and that was only for the opening week, but I sang at entertainments and concerts because I was then studying at the Cincinnati Col-

lege of Music and needed the money. I was supporting myself and paying for my musical education.

"They asked me if Dr. Waite told me anything about the impending deaths of his father-in-law and mother-in-law. He never made any remark of that sort to me. He did say on several occasions that they were both elderly and not in very good health, but he always spoke affectionately about them."

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Why is the Peck murder case still a first page story?

In spite of the confession of Dr. Waite and the columns that have been printed about him, the case still bristles with interest.

When Dr. Waite confessed he did not remove the mystery. He merely deepened it. There are many mysteries still connected with it. But the greatest of all is still unsolved. It is Dr. Waite himself.

"The story has the elements of a good fiction story, so rare in actual cases of crime. There will be real mystery in it, without a doubt."

"A confession should have killed the mystery. But it has only opened up a greater—the amazing, unheard-of personality of the chief actor in it himself. It has progressed far beyond the imagination of any fiction writer. No one would dare to write it; no one could have conceived it. It lacks plausibility. Yet it is fact!"

Dr. Waite is still an enigma. Is he sane or insane, a fool or a monster? What can one think of such a man—whose personality seems to have been capable of arousing such strong friendships and enmities?

Has he a Jekyll-Hyde personality really? Was the "Man from Egypt" whom he is alleged to have accused of driving him on in the commission of crime, merely the foundation laid for a defense of insanity? Is that the reason the prosecution is denying it so strongly?

What are the alienists going to say when they examine this remarkable man? Was he unable to distinguish between right and wrong? Or, understanding the difference between right and wrong, was he still unable to restrain himself from doing wrong?

Were his actions, before he knew that his pursuers were overtaking him such as to lead any one to believe that he was insane then? Or has he invented a new kind of insanity?

What is the real explanation of the man? Had he so long committed misdeeds, big and little, that he had grown careless? Did he believe in the almighty power of money to buy himself off, no matter what he did? Does he now think that he can repeat the

performance of going to Matteawan a few years and then being discharged "cured"?

But his sanity or insanity constitute only one of the many scientific aspects of his case. Wholesale murder by germs and poisons, as had evidently been planning indicates a most remarkable genius for crime, one worthy of study by the foremost psychologists.

The paraphernalia with which he had surrounded himself, the boxes of microscope slides, of almost every known disease germ, the test-tubes, carefully sealed, of cultures, many of them unlabelled, the text-books on bacteriology and toxicology, what do they indicate?

Only a closer study of what has been found in his apartment can reveal what was in his mind.

The man was making of a home a laboratory of crime.

And then, as if to confound all that has been discovered, it has been demonstrated by scientists that he actually chose the crudest of methods—poisoning by arsenic, a cumulative poison that is held in the system, that cannot be concealed from a skilled investigator, such as Dr. Otto H. Schultz, even by an arsenical embalming fluid.

What can one think of a person like that which the reports reveal—at once so astute and so superficial? If the carefully-planned, deliberately-adopted methods were discarded for the simpler, more direct, was it from sheer bravado?

These and hundreds of other questions about this curious personality remain unanswered. The confession has not cleared them up. One has only to talk to those who have been connected with the case from the beginning to realize that even they are still searching for an explanation of the man they have unmasked.

Although Dr. Waite himself still remains the foremost mystery in his own case, he is by no means the only mystery.

Into the case has come a most remarkable "other woman," one of the most remarkable that has ever appeared, Mrs. Horton, "the dove among the crows."

Of what sort is she? What light, if any, does she shed on the mystery of Waite himself? It is said that she believes in his innocence still.

Interviews with her, detectives tell me, indicate a most unusual warping of ideas which pass current among most of us. Is she the "amoral" type that some of the interviewers find her? She is second to the doctor only in interest in this case.

The Modern Way.
Teacher—"Now let us take the phrase, 'I was a stranger and ye took me in.' Can anyone make that sentence any better?"
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Zep. Bagged As It Flies Over Salonika

ATHENS, May 6.—An Zeppelin has been destroyed by the French flagship Patrie. It brought down the Zeppelin at 2 o'clock this morning. The airship fell in the Vardar River, near Salonika.

LONDON, May 6.—The British official statement on the destruction of an Zeppelin during a raid over Salonika was issued to-day and reads as follows:

"Vice-Admiral de Robeck reports that on Thursday morning an Zeppelin approached Salonika. When passing over the harbor she was fired on heavily by the fleet and was hit. She came down ablaze near the mouth of the Vardar River. There were no survivors."

Was Married Hour Before Being Shot

DUBLIN, May 6.—Joseph Plunkett, one of the leaders in the Irish rebellion, was married an hour before he was put to death yesterday. He married Miss Gifford, sister of Mrs. Thomas MacDonal, widow of one of the first rebels who was put to death.

Proving Him Wrong
"From your bumps I should say you are a quarrelsome fellow."
"Well, you're a liar, see?—and if you say that again I'll smash yer jaw."

New Hun Subs Has No Periscopes

London, April 28.—The Geneva correspondent of The Daily Express quotes German newspapers as saying that the latest German submarines are equipped with an invention enabling them to dispense with periscopes.

The invention is described as a kind of reflector enabling the boats to fire without coming to the surface so that henceforth it will be impossible to tell whether a ship has been torpedoed or sunk.

Position Assured.
"Her social position is fully assured isn't it?"
"Dear me, yes. She told me the other day confidentially that she had now gotten to the point where she could snub her best friends without injury."

Hun Raiders Get Stung at Lowestoft

LONDON, April 30.—A squadron of German battle-cruisers, aided by Zeppelins and supported by submarines, shelled Lowestoft early Tuesday morning, killing two men, one woman and a child. "Der Tag" at last dawned off the Suffolk coast—that day, to which the officers of the German fleet drink standing, the day when the air and the sea and under-sea war craft of Germany shall sweep out to crush the British Fleet and England—painted the sky above Lowestoft red with the bursting shells from a raiding squadron and the bombs from two Zeppelins which accompanied the ships.

Britain was ready. The German shells which poured in upon the coast town slackened and died as cruisers of the British patrol closed in to the rescue of the attacked town. Up and down the coast, battle-cruisers and their light slaters rushed in to engage the raiders. From cities inland, aeroplanes swarmed upward to attack the Zeppelins, and to drop bombs upon the submarines which lurked behind the German squadron.

The attack was beaten off and the enemy fled, pursued in the air and on the water. Far out to sea the thunder of guns died away. The Kaiser's third attempt against the British coast had been beaten off. Two men, a woman and a child were the civilian dead.

OPPOSITION IN HALIFAX TO THE DAYLIGHT SAVING SCHEME

Halifax Herald: In view of the opposition developing against the daylight saving scheme in Halifax by the workmen, the mayor has called a public meeting for to-night to take place before the council meeting. Those opposed to the scheme will be given an opportunity to express their views. A largely signed petition from the workmen of Halifax was presented to the controllers yesterday protesting against the inauguration of the daylight saving scheme in Halifax, commencing May 1st. The board considered that it would be just as well to give the new scheme a month's trial. The whole matter, however, will be discussed at to-night's public meeting.

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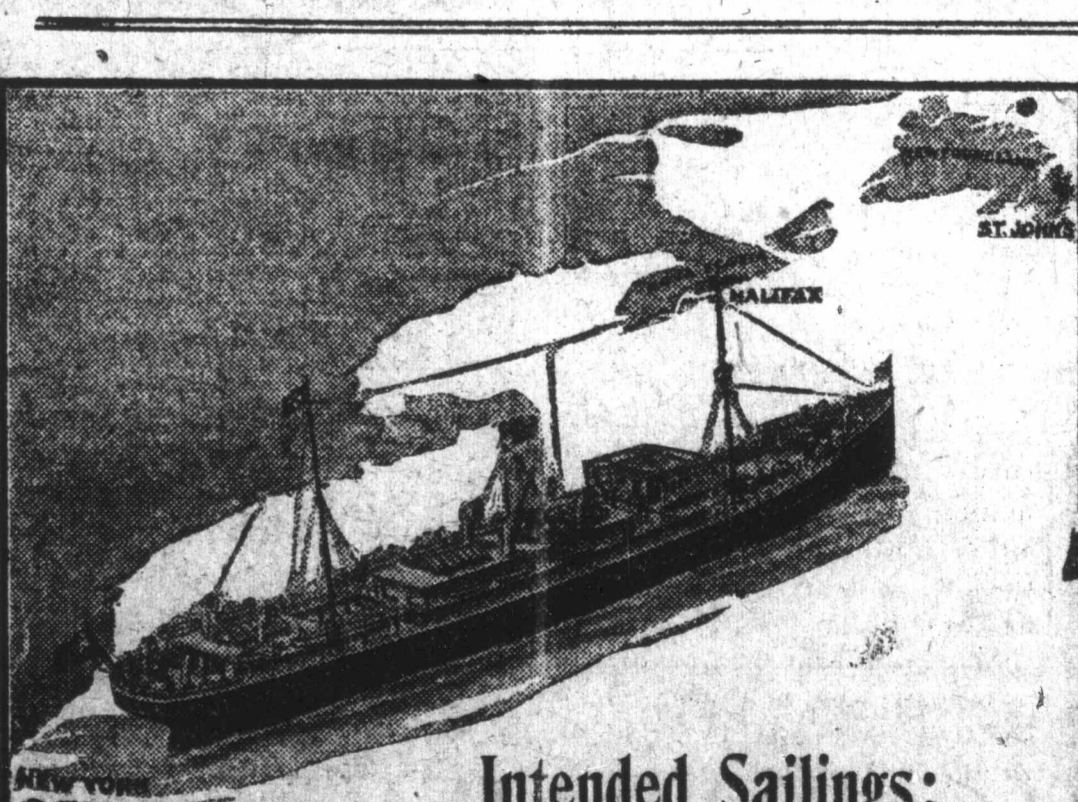
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