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**SLORAH
GUILTY**
As Charged Said the Jury and Recommended Him to Mercy of the Court.
WILL HANG THE FIRST OF MARCH
Unless Appeal is Granted Which Counsel Has Asked.

HE TAKES SENTENCE CALMLY
And Betrays No Sign of Weakening—Outcome of Trial a Surprise to Many.
"Guilty as charged, with a strong recommendation to mercy!" was the verdict of the jury in the Slorah murder trial last night, and the death sentence followed this morning.

When the hearing of the Slorah case was resumed yesterday afternoon Susie Vernon was called by the prosecution in rebuttal. She was asked by Mr. Wade if she had ever administered any blows to Pearl Mitchell. The question was objected to by Mr. Bleeker on the ground that it was not a question in rebuttal and was sustained by the court.

Dr. Hurdman was called and testified that he had attended to the wounds upon the head of Slorah immediately after the affair, and that he did not think it possible that the deceased could have shot herself in the head and neck. His opinion was that after firing the shot which took effect in the neck, it would have been impossible for her to have remained capable of any act of volition or locomotion.

Dr. McArthur was called and gave an opinion corroborative of that expressed by the previous witness.
J. S. Levine who said he had been a furrier off and on for 34 years, testified that the fur cape worn by the dead woman at the time of her death, had been in use from three to five years. It was made of Persian lamb and electric seal. The singeing of the lining as referred to by previous witnesses, he thought might have been done at the time the cape was made by a hot iron used in pressing. He stated that if a bullet had passed through the Persian lamb skin of which a portion of the

cape was made, a large hole would have been torn.
Nathaniel Rhinehart, who had also been a furrier for many years gave evidence on the fur cape and said that the holes in it might be bullet holes and they might have been torn.
Constable Henry Joyce testified that he had had 20 years' experience with fire arms from artillery down to pocket pistols. He said that if a revolver were fired in close contact with a yielding surface, the result would be the making of a very large hole. He had experimented Saturday evening by firing against a piece of moosehide backed by a pocket handkerchief which in turn had behind it a piece of military blue cloth and again behind this a piece of beefsteak. The result was a very large hole in all the materials. The shot had been fired in close contact. At six inches the half on the moosehide had been burned and the bullet hole had been much larger than the ball.

This testimony closed the case and after an adjournment for dinner court again assembled to hear the argument of counsel. The courtroom was more crowded than at any previous time during the trial when Attorney Bleeker began his argument to the jury. He accused the crown prosecutor of having violated his duties. He cited authority which he adopted as his own opinion that the crown prosecutor had made the trial a struggle for professional pre-eminence rather than with any thought of doing justice to the prisoner. The attorney, after thus setting forth his estimation of the tactics of his opponent, said that here was a man not only accused of taking the life of a human being, but that being was his wife with whom the evidence showed him to have been in love. It was hard for the prisoner to understand why he had been accused of this horrible crime. The evidence, he said, did not in any way go to show a motive.

He cited cases wherein people had been convicted and executed on circumstantial evidence and long afterwards proven innocent.
He deduced from the experiments, the results of which had been produced in evidence, the theory that had the revolver muzzle been pressed tight against the material fired at instead of merely touching the ends of the hair, the bullet hole would not have been nearly so large as it was, and that there would have been no surface burning, but on the contrary the effect would have been precisely the same as that seen on the collar of the cape worn by Pearl Mitchell at the time of her death.

Leaving this matter the speaker came down to the morning of the tragedy and reviewed the case from beginning to end, dwelling at length upon what he considered the inconsistencies of the testimony of Susie Vernon and skillfully picking out the more vulnerable points in the theory advanced by the crown.
After a most able and eloquent appeal to the jury from numerous standpoints the attorney for the defence closed his plea, after having spoken nearly two hours.

Mr. Wade, in opening his address said: "I do not apprehend, gentlemen of the jury, that I am expected to defend the police force and myself from the attacks of my learned friend by all the power of rhetoric and eloquence. My learned friend proceeds, of course, to demolish circumstantial evidence; to cite cases wherein it has been found wanting, and to show you why you must not give it credence. He also tells you that you must not give credence to the testimony of an eye witness."
Then he proceeded to call into question the attributes of character attributed to Slorah by his opponent; to show that he had lived upon the earnings of "box rustling," and to apply all his well known power of satire and sarcasm to the picture drawn of Slorah's character by Mr. Bleeker.

After dwelling for sometime upon the character of the prisoner in the box whom he characterized as being the lowest type of humanity who ever came before an intelligent jury charged with a heinous crime, Mr. Wade analyzed the case as evidenced by the facts adduced by the testimony for the crown, and altogether laying aside the evidence of Susie Vernon, made a remarkably strong plea for conviction on the showing of the circumstantial evidence brought out in the course of the trial, and by the pure force of deductive reasoning.
He very gracefully paid a compliment

to the opposing counsel by saying that he had most consummately and with the utmost care constructed a very plausible theory in the interest of his client. He closed after having talked well for an hour and three-quarters.
Justice Dugas then charged the jury after paying their patience, in the interests of good citizenship, a tribute by saying that the prisoner's case did not come under the head of other cases wherein great provocation such as self-defense could be shown. The prisoner was either guilty as charged, or innocent. Briefly, though with clearness and the conciseness bearing the stamp of care and the closest attention to the case, he summed up the matter, overlooking no detail, and leaving out nothing having any bearing of importance.
Referring to the testimony of Susie Vernon he warned the jury that they had no right whatever to reject her testimony on any ground other than that of extreme excitement at the time which led her to believe she saw things which she did not. No grounds of character were sufficient to warrant the jury in rejecting her evidence.
At five minutes past eleven the case was given to the jury who returned to consider it, and during their absence there was the usual speculation as to what the verdict would be, many expressing their belief that it would be one of acquittal, but when 25 minutes after leaving the courtroom the six men whose duty it was to render a judgment in the case, silently filed back to their places, everyone knew from the short length of time they had been out that the verdict must be one of awful import for the prisoner at the bar.

"Gentlemen of the jury, have you arrived at a verdict?" asked Clerk McDonald, and the crowded courtroom held its breath as R. P. McLennan arose and replied: "We have. We find the prisoner guilty as charged, with a strong recommendation to mercy."
All eyes were turned on the being most deeply interested, but if any one expected him to give any sign of what he felt they were disappointed, as James Slorah, whatever else he may be, is either a man of iron nerves or without them utterly. Not by so much as the quiver of an eyelash did he betray that he had any interest whatever in the matter, as he quietly sat and chewed a toothpick and looked on, and had he not been conspicuous by being in the prisoner's box none would have known that the words spoken by Foreman McLennan had reference to him.
To many, especially those who had not followed the evidence closely, the verdict was a great surprise, and last night after the courtroom had poured its crowd back into the town, many indeed were the expressions both of surprise and sympathy heard on every hand. The town was all agog with the news, and a great deal of speculation was heard as to the next step in the case, which a great many refuse to look upon as either closed or hopeless.

One thing seems certain and that is, if any further legal steps are possible which require money, Slorah's friends will produce it for him and welcome, as notwithstanding the evidence against him, they refuse almost to a man, to believe in his guilt.
Owing to the lateness of the hour last night at which the case closed, Justice Dugas deferred sentence till today.
The courtroom was crowded when the orderly called the court to order this morning, the crowd having been drawn thither by the knowledge that James Slorah would, in all probability receive the death sentence, unless something of an unusual nature occurred, the air being filled with all sorts of rumors, one of them to the effect that an appeal was going to be taken.
After the judge had taken his seat, and the manacled prisoner had been

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**PERJURY
ADMITTED**
By Susie Vernon Who Now Says She Saw All of Slorah Tragedy.
SHE IS STILL GREATLY EXCITED
And When Questioned Denies and Implores by Turn.

HER HEAD WAS NOT COVERED
As It Is Said She Told a Juryman all About It Before the Verdict Was Rendered.
Susie Vernon has made a statement which amounts to a confession of perjury in the Slorah murder trial finished last night.

Rumor had it this morning that she had last night made a statement to one of the jurors before the verdict was rendered, which, in effect, was that when she stated that her head was under the pillows and that she had seen nothing, she stated what was untrue, as she had seen the whole affair from beginning to end, and that she had seen the fatal shots fired by Slorah.
Immediately after the death sentence had been passed upon Slorah this morning Susie Vernon was called upon at her room in the Holborn and asked to make a statement of the facts as they were.

She declined to talk and was much agitated in her manner. At times she denied in toto the statement, and again pleaded extreme nervousness, and asked for further time before being pressed for an answer.
"As a matter of fact," was asked, "did you or did you not, see this whole tragedy as has been said you admitted you did?"
"You know I did!" exclaimed the woman in low intense tones, betraying her excitement.
When pressed for particulars she tossed her head and said:
"You are neither judge nor jury and I do not have to answer your questions."
"Certainly not," was said, but the public is busy with the story now and want the truth.
A sarcastic smile played about her lips, when the public was mentioned, and then she suddenly changed her expression for one of bitterness and replied:
"I refuse to have anything to say concerning the matter."
"What did you mean when, in answering the question just now as to whether you had seen the whole affair or not, you said: 'You know I did.'"
"Did I say that?"
"Yes."
Then she smiled, and immediately changed her whole attitude to one of supplication as she said:
"Please, O please, do not quote me as implicating anyone else! It's awful—terrible."
"Come back and see me tomorrow."
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