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### **ACCUSE WOMAN** OF 5 MURDERS

Mrs. Amy Archer-Gilligan's Case Soon Before Grand Jury

Held Since May; Autopsies on Bodies from Old People's Home Cause New Charges

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 16.—Results of autopsies performed on five of the bodies of those who went from Mrs. Amy E. Archer-Gilligan's alleged "murder factory" to the cemetery will be part of the evidence which Hugh M. Alcorn, state's attorney, will lay before the grand jury. Each of these bodies, it is said, shows traces of arsenic poison. Mr. Alcorn will therefore ask that the woman, who has been held in the county jail since last May for the death of Franklin R. Andrews, be indicted for four other murders.

Since the deaths of inmates of Mrs. Archer-Gilligan's Archer Home for elderly persons first aroused the suspicion which culminated in the arrest of the woman, five bodies of inmates of the home are known to have been exhumed. Others may have been dug up, for secrecy has been thrown about the case by the prosecutor.

Autopsies on Five Bodies

Ironwood, Mich., Sept. 15.—Arthur Waltonen, alias John Lind, who is wanted in New York for the murder of Mrs. New York, in September last, has been arrested here by New York detectives, assisted by Chief Hult of this city. Waltonen confessed to the crime.

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Waltonen, alias John Lind, who is wanted in New York for the murder of the Least Sevent-way was anted in New York for the murder of the shop of 4 East Sevent-was at both of the city. Waltonen or Lind had been employed as a barber here in the shop of Walter Point for the last eight months. Several weeks ago a man from Waukegan, Ill., was shaved by Waltonen, and noticed the scar on his right index finger. This was one of the marks of identification referred to in the circular of the New York police, which was sent to all parts of the country.

The stranger sought local advice and there was some delay while the matter of a reward which hade been offered was arranged through an advertisement in Chicago newspaper.

Waltonen vas detectives, assisted by Chief Hult of this city. Waltonen or Lind had

whom Onne Talas, a servant in Mrs.

Nichols' home at 4 East Seventy-ninth street, New York, confessed he admitted Those upon which it is certain that autopsies have been made are:

Andrews, Franklin 11., died in Archer Home, May 30, 1914. Exhumed May 2, at Cheshire.

Gilligan, Michael W., second husband of the accused woman, died in Archer Home, February 20, 1914. Exhumed July 1, at Windsor Locks.

Gowdy, Mrs. Alice, died December 4, 1914, in Archer Home. Exhumed at Spring Grove cemetery, Hartford, July 17.

Street, New York, confessed he admitted to the house on the night of Sept. 8, 1915. The three men were to rob Mrs. Nichols and divide the proceeds with Talas.

Waltonen and his two companions, Edward Lehto and an unnamed Italian, bound Talas after he had admitted them and then proceeded upstairs, where they strangled Mrs. Nichols and robbed her of her jewelry. Telas confessed, naming the three men. Waltonen is the first to be caught.

Talas was convicted of first degree

Smith, Charles A., died April 9, 1914, at Archer Home. Exhunced at Waterbury, June 21.

Another body was dug Jp about the same time as the Andrews grave was opened. Nothing has been learned concerning the identity of this body.

When the woman, if indicted, will be called on to face trial is not known. This will depend, Mr. Alcorn said, on the rapidity with which the grand jury completes its work. The September term of the court will open on Sept. 19. The jury will not convene with the 21st.

Talas was convicted of first degree murder, with a recommendation for clemency, inasmuch as he had not participated in the strangling: He was sentenced to die in the electric chair, but Governor Whitman, taking into account his previous good record and his ignorance of the probable consequences to Mrs. Nichols which his participation in the crime entailed, commuted the sentence to imprisonment for life. He probably will be an important witness against Waltonen.

Mrs. Nichols was the widow of James Nichols, once a partner in the firm of of the court will open on Sept. 19. The jury will not convene until the 21st.

Meanwhile the woman charged with the cold-blooded murder of old persons placed under her care has been under close examination by alienists ever since she was put in jail. What their findings have been, only Mr. Alcorn knows, and he is following out his plan of saying nothing concerning the case

of saying nothing concerning the case until he lays all his evidence before the grand jurors. In Jail Since May Mrs. Archer-Gilligan was arrested early in May. For seven years preceding that date she had been proprietress of the Archer Home at Windsor, which she established. Numerous deaths which occurred in her institution arous-

which occurred in her institution aroused public suspicior, and the body of one of her patients, Andrews, was exhumed. At that time it was announced that the man had died from arsenic poisoning.

A person charged with murder cannot be released on bail in Connecticut and Mrs. Archer-Gilligan went to jail, asserting that she was innocent. This declaration also has been made by the woman's daughter, who has clump to her loyally through the long ordeal.

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