

SLAIN WITH A HAMMER, INSANE WIFE IS HELD

Woman Just Released from Hospital Accused of Killing Yonkers Man as He Slept.

(New York Times.) A Sidney Tomlinson, fifty years old, superintendent of construction for Gillis & Georgegan, steamfitters, of 207-9 West Broadway, was found dead in bed in his home at 4 Cornell avenue, Yonkers, yesterday. His head had been crushed by repeated blows with a hammer, found in the room. Mrs. Mary W. Tomlinson, fifty-two, his wife, who had been paroled from the Hudson River State Hospital for the Insane in Poughkeepsie last Saturday, was arrested and held on the charge of murder. The only other person in the house at the time was Richard Young, nineteen years old, a nephew of Tomlinson. Young was exonerated.

The nephew told Coroner Engle and the police that the occupants of the house went to bed about ten o'clock Monday night, each occupying separate rooms. Tomlinson and his wife slept in connecting rooms. Three times in the night, the nephew said, he was awakened by the opening of his door and the entrance of Mrs. Tomlinson. Each time she said that she was nervous and could not sleep. The third time she asked if she could sleep at the foot of his bed, and made a couch for herself on the floor. Young said that he awakened at eight o'clock. Mrs. Tomlinson had left the room. He dressed and looked into Tomlinson's room and found his uncle lying dead on a blood-stained bed. Then he went downstairs and saw Mrs. Tomlinson in the dining room. Frightened, he



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The Tomlinsons had two children. A daughter, Miss Mary Tomlinson, nineteen years old, is traveling as an agent for a publishing house. In Tomlinson's house the police found documents showing that Mrs. Tomlinson had been committed on her son's application six years ago, after she had shown signs of destructive mania. There was also found a letter from Mrs. Tomlinson to her husband begging him to get her out of the asylum. The hammer, which the police found on the floor of Tomlinson's bedroom, apparently had been washed clean, but the police said that they found blood in a crack of the handle. It was a heavy hammer of the sort used by machinists. The son said that in his mother's youth she had shown talent as an artist and believed that she would have had a career had not her domestic duties intervened. According to Tomlinson she became abnormal after the birth of her second child, the daughter Mary, and seemed to hate her husband and children because they interfered with the development of what she thought was her proper sphere. She was held without bail in Yonkers Police Headquarters last night.

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