

SUSPECT ADMITS KILLING NURSE

Makes Full Confession at Request of Mother.

INTOXICATION HIS EXCUSE

Schermerhorn Declares He Had No Intention to Injure Miss Brymer and Blames Crime on Beer and Whisky. Doesn't Remember Details.

In the presence of his mother and sister, Frank Schermerhorn confessed to the murder of Miss Sarah Brymer, the nurse in Barnes Compton's home at Millbrook, last week. He made the confession to Under Sheriff Hornbeck in the Vassar hospital at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Schermerhorn, who was Compton's coachman, has been in the hospital under constant guard since last Thursday night, when he cut his throat while the officers were seeking him. Monday was the first time his mother has visited him in the hospital.

Schermerhorn, propped up in a chair and with his hands, which had been tied while in bed to prevent further attempts at suicide, entirely free, greeted his mother affectionately. She bent over him, and while the officers stood off some distance the mother counseled Frank to make a full and free confession. He seemed reluctant for a time to do so. Finally, while his mother spoke to him in low tones, he blurted out: "Oh, I did it. I will tell."

Mrs. Schermerhorn swooned, falling on the floor. Under Sheriff Hornbeck picked her up and then, while nurses cared for her, Hornbeck wrote down the prisoner's statement, which Schermerhorn signed. His sister, Mrs. Kilmier, was also present and showed great feeling.

The confession was given to District Attorney Mack, who declined to permit its publication in full but gave out the substance as follows: "Schermerhorn pleaded intoxication for his crime. He declared at the outset that he had no intention to kill or injure Miss Brymer. He told of taking the malds, Alice Dutcher and Mary Farrell, for a sleigh ride the evening before the murder. He drank considerable beer and whisky, and after leaving the girls at the big house he put the horses in the barn and went to his own house and changed his clothes. He says he was so drunk that he remembers indistinctly the subsequent events.

Some time after midnight he remembers he went to the mansion, which he entered through the kitchen, the door of which was unlocked. He made his way upstairs and out upon the porch where Miss Brymer and three-year-old Polly Compton were sleeping. He has no remembrance, he says, of assaulting the nurse or of choking her, but he told Under Sheriff Hornbeck that if it was true that she had been assaulted then he must have done it. He declared, however, that he had no intention of injuring Miss Brymer when he entered the house, and went only to her room to scare her.

With regard to Mary Farrell's story of the appearance of the supposed burglar at her bedside with a dark lantern, Schermerhorn says that he went to the east wing, where the servants' rooms are situated, but he does not remember entering the cook's room or of having a dark lantern. He believes, he says, that he struck a match to find his way to the stairs leading to the kitchen.

With regard to the silverware taken from the Campton house to the value of \$500, Schermerhorn says that he has no recollection of removing it, but he does remember putting it into the stove in his house and then, when the fire did not consume it, placing the charred and bent pieces in the chimney flue.

He says that he has no recollection of blackening his face before entering the Compton house.

Schermerhorn's wife, who has been ill, is still in Vassar hospital, unaware of her husband's predicament. He frequently expresses a desire to see her. Schermerhorn will be well enough to be removed to the county jail in a few days.

More Graft Arrests in Pittsburg.

The hunt for the men "higher up" in the congressional grafting cases of '08 has resulted in the arrest of five of Pittsburg's most prominent men. Warrants were issued and served on the following: Max C. Leslie, the county clerk; a tax collector and county deputy; a State Senator; Wilright hand man; a boss of Pittsburg; Han Flinn, politician; a bribery and bribery charges, conspiracy, and bribery; \$10,000 bail demanded and furnished by Senator Flinn.

Edward H. Jennings, national president of the Columbia National bank of Pittsburg, president of the Pure Oil company, president of the Colonial Trust company, of Pittsburg, and head of the E. H. Jennings Brothers' company; conspiracy; \$10,000 bail furnished by a brother.

Frank A. Griffin, former vice president and cashier of the Columbia National bank, of Pittsburg; conspiracy; \$10,000 bail furnished by a brother of President Jennings.

Frank F. Nicola, head of the monster Nicola Brothers' interests, considered the biggest business man in Pittsburg, and many times a millionaire; conspiracy; Nicola will give bail later.

Charles Stewart, business man and former member of Pittsburg council;

conspiracy; bail in \$10,000 furnished by William Schempp.

It came out that the district attorney claims to have in his possession sworn confessions of perjury from Jennings and of Griffin in that they made false returns to bank examiners and also swore falsely before the grand jury when haled before it to tell what they know about the bribery of councilmen in the Pittsburg bank cases a year or so ago. Leslie, too, is included in this perjury affair, but has made no confession. It is alleged that Leslie acted as the go-between in the deal between the grafting councilmen and the Columbia National bank, of Pittsburg, and that he was paid \$25,000 over the counter of the bank to carry to the grafters.

Miners Will Demand Higher Wage.

The coal miners throughout the United States are preparing to reopen the question of wages after Jan. 29. A demand for increased pay is expected. It may cause a marked increase in the present prices of coal.

The miners declare that they need higher wages because of the increased cost of living. This stand is part of the general movement of organized labor begun by the switchmen and railroad brotherhoods. The movement has already spread to practically all the branches of railroad labor.

"It is true that the mine workers will take up the question of wages," said John Fitzpatrick, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor. "I do not see the necessity of higher priced coal, though, even if the miners get increases."

"When coal which costs \$7.50 a ton in the United States can be bought for \$3.20 a ton in Canada there is something more than the question of wages boosting the price."

Fright Results in Death.

Archie Aderhold, of near Perryville, Pa., was cut to pieces by a Northern Central train at a crossing near Cogan Valley. Fright led to his death, causing him to jump from a sled directly in front of an onrushing passenger train. Fred Aderhold and Harvey Wright remained on the sled and escaped injury. The sled was somewhat damaged, but almost cleared the track before being struck. The crossing watchman, James Hayes, was struck by the sled and severely injured.

Brazilian Ambassador Dead.

Senor Joaquim Nabuco, the Brazilian ambassador to the United States and one of the most prominent of the Latin-American diplomats, died suddenly at the embassy in Washington. Apoplexy was the cause of his death. Although Ambassador Nabuco had been slightly ill for some time, his condition was not regarded by his physicians as serious and his death was a shock to his friends. He was sixty-one years of age.

Convict Heir to a Million.

J. Edward Boeh, who is now serving a seven-year sentence in the state prison at Ossining, N. Y., was amazed when he was informed by his attorney that he had fallen heir to a million dollars through the death of his uncle, J. C. Lounsberry, of St. Paul. Boeh has four years more to serve in prison. He was convicted in 1907 for participating in a big jewelry swindle.

Hen Worth Her Weight in Gold.

The owners of "Lady Washington," the Black Orpington hen prize winner, have refused \$6000 offered for her by H. D. Riley, of Philadelphia. The owners, F. O. Megargee and W. L. Weddman, of Scranton, Pa., declared that the hen was not for sale for less than \$12,000, and not at this price until after the Scranton Poultry Show next week. Lady Washington weighs ten pounds.

Duck Fattened on Nails.

W. S. Rishton, of Bloomsburg, Pa., is satisfied that the duck which he had served for dinner was fattened in a nail factory, for from the craw the cook took by actual count seventy-four cut nails, running from three-quarters to an inch and a quarter in length. All the nails were shiny and the heads were rounded from constant grinding in the craw.

Price of Shoes Going Up.

The price of shoes is going up. The official announcement to this effect was made by the National Shoe Wholesalers' association in Boston. The existing high prices of leather and materials makes the increase necessary. The association's approval of the repeal of the duty on hides was unanimously voiced.

Society Woman Wounds Burglar.

A burglar attempted to rob the residence of Jeremiah Wilcox, situated in the fashionable section of Norfolk, Va. Mrs. Wilcox, who is prominent in society, got her husband's gun and fired. Later a pool of blood was found in the yard, and it is thought the burglar was wounded.

Bride For Chinaman.

Henry Hon, a Baltimore Chinaman, and Carrie Acker, an eighteen-year-old girl of German parentage, were married in Washington, D. C. When the license was applied for the young girl swore she lived in Washington, but later said she lived on the Bellaire road, in Baltimore.

Awarded \$30,000 Damages For Libel.

Jean C. Worcester, insular secretary of the Interior at Manila, P. I., has been awarded \$30,000 damages in his libel action against El Renacimiento, the leading organ of the Filipino Nationalist party.

First Giraffe Born in Captivity.

A male giraffe, said to be the first ever born in captivity, was given birth at the circus winter quarters, Bridgeport, Conn. It has been named Nana.

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