

WOMAN DENIES CONFESSION

Frightened into Admitting She Poisoned Her Husband, Mrs. Sweetin Says.

MOUNT VERNON, Ill. (By the Associated Press) — Judge Kero today said that the alleged confession made by Mrs. Elsie Sweetin to officers after a night of questioning could not go to the jury as evidence in her trial with Lawrence M. Hight, for poisoning and murdering her husband, William Sweetin.

MOUNT VERNON, Ill. (AP) — On the witness stand Monday for the second time, in her own behalf Mrs. Elsie Sweetin, who with Lawrence M. Hight, former pastor, is charged with the murder by poison of her husband, said Judge Kero that she had signed a confession that she gave her husband poison three times — once in candy, once in oatmeal and once in tomato soup — but declared that it was not true.

"I signed because Hight told me to," she said. "I never poisoned my husband."

"He told me when they left him in the room with me at the Mount Vernon court house that every body believed I had poisoned my husband and that there was a mob forming and unless I confessed the officers would let the mob get me and hang me," Mrs. Sweetin asserted. "I believed what he told me and I signed the confession, but it is not true."

Mrs. Sweetin's second appearance on the stand came in connection with efforts of the state to introduce an evidence the statement she signed.

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The battle of the admission of this document as evidence continued from the early morning session and it was not until the afternoon when Mrs. Sweetin herself was called to the stand.

She told of being questioned all night after her arrest but said she had answered all questions willingly as she thought it she could explain everything. "They would let me go home," it was after Hight, her alleged partner in crime, had been in the room with her that she agreed to sign a statement and she told on the witness stand her version of what happened during the time they remained together.

"He tried to kiss me while we were there but I wouldn't let him," she told. "He told me he would make it all right later. He would go back to his first confession that he had poisoned my husband," she explained, "and I believed what he said. He signed the statement that was written by Mr. Thompson," the witness said. "Frank G. Thompson, who was at that time the state attorney."

Hunt's Letter

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himself when their fighting blood is up. Orderly Hargrove believes he should be commended for the distinguished service given to the hospital in connection with the poisoning of Sweetin, and especially his devotion to duty over and above the call of duty.

And it would seem that not only Hargrove but the hospital in the Washington police department would be among the major casualties in a hospital.

Mrs. Mary Norton of Jersey City, N. J., the first woman defendant to be elected to Congress, died at an old tradition of the House on her first visit there.

Although she will not take her seat until the next Congress, Mrs. Norton was down to Washington to hear a conference on the Senate and as a member of the committee for the purpose of putting on the floor.

Whether actually or unintentionally it is not revealed, but she also died of a heart attack, a condition that has been known to be caused by members of the House.

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