

MRS. VERMILYA IS STRONG IN DENIAL

Woman Prisoner on Stand for Defense Brings Climax in Trial at Chicago.

SMITH'S ILLNESS TOLD OF

No Medicine Given Except What Physician Prescribed, Nothing Put in Water or Coffee, Prisoner Protests.

CHICAGO, April 3.—Testimony for the defense in the trial of Mrs. Louise Vermilya for the alleged poisoning of Richard T. Smith came to a climax today when the woman took the stand. She told of Smith's illness in her home and denied emphatically that she ever gave him any medicine except that which a physician prescribed.

CHICAGO WIDOW, UNDER WHOSE ROOF NINE MYSTERIOUS DEATHS HAVE OCCURRED AND WHO NOW IS ON TRIAL.



MRS. LOUISE VERMILYA.

Other Deaths Cited. It is not merely that Mrs. Vermilya is charged with the murder of Smith, for eight other deaths of a mysterious nature have occurred under her roof since she was surrounded by a sordid drapery of suspicion that has aroused no end of interest in her trial.

The case has been sensational from the outset since last November, when Mrs. Vermilya was arrested on a charge of causing the death of Arthur Bissonecchi, a policeman, who was never in her house. It was then that there came to light the taking off previously of Smith, two of the woman's step-children, three of her own children and two husbands.

Toxicologists found in the stomach of Bissonecchi sufficient arsenic to kill several men, a discovery that led to an exhaustive inquiry into the deaths of the others in the Vermilya house. Most of them died from what seemed to have been gastritis, following violent convulsions.

When Mrs. Vermilya was arrested, amid her protestations of innocence, she became seriously ill with convulsions similar to those which her supposed victims had displayed before death. She was placed under the care of doctors, who asserted that she had tried to commit suicide, and recovered.

Smith Charge Pressed. First, the charge of poisoning Bissonecchi was pressed, but afterward the state placed the widow on trial as the slayer of Smith, the railroad conductor, who, like the hapless policeman, was a lodger in her home. This crime-soaked story has its tinge of romance. It was rumored that Smith was enamored of his landlady and some acquaintances of both went so far as to say that they had been married secretly, but this was never proved. And when Smith was dead and Bissonecchi became the star lodger at Mrs. Vermilya's, it was said that some affection existed between them in seeking for a motive for the wholesale murders. If murders they were, the police discovered that Mrs. Vermilya was obsessed, at times, with serious mental depressions, when she had a passion for talking of death and of dead persons. A Chicago undertaker who had an acquaintance with the widow informed the authorities that she was a frequent visitor at his establishment and displayed a never-ending interest in his work.

BALLOTS FAVOR STRIKE

ENGINEERS VOTING TO UPHOLD OFFICIALS.

Wage Demands Have Been Refused and Conferences Suspended Pending Referendum.

NEW YORK, April 3.—Officials of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers announced today that the balloting of the engineers of the 56 Eastern railroads to determine whether the engineers will strike if necessary to support their demands for increased wages is proceeding rapidly and that the ballots received so far indicate that the men are in favor of a strike. The wage demands already have been refused and further conferences with the heads of the railroads were suspended until the engineers' committee could take a strike vote, which will be announced April 18. The ballots sent to the engineers read in part: "The prestige of the organization is at stake. Are you willing to support those entrusted with the carrying out of the plan of concerted action to the extent of a strike, if in their judgment it is necessary?"

BOLD ROBBERS BEATEN

CHINESE OUTWITS FOUR OF DISHONEST COUNTRYMEN.

Victim Says Check He Is Forced to Write Is No Good Without Lawyer's Signature.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 3.—Three Chinese men and one Chinese woman were taken into custody here today after a bold attempt at robbery in the heart of the business district. The quartet entered the store of Woo Sing, a wealthy Chinese merchant, shortly before noon and at the point of a revolver forced him to sign a check for \$331.17.

Woo told them the check would be worthless unless it were endorsed by his attorney and accordingly they escorted him down town. While the woman waited on the sidewalk, one Chinese outside the door and another in the corridor, the fourth accompanied Woo to the lawyer's office. Woo at once expressed the plot and the four Chinese were taken into custody after a pursuit by the police.

GIRL WILL BE TRIED

Edge's Mother Demands Prosecution of Miss Carver.

MIND ENTIRELY CHANGED

Attaches of District Attorney's Office Surprised—Elder Woman Had Indicated Absence of Desire for Vengeance.

LOS ANGELES, April 3.—(Special.)—As a result of a complete change of heart today on the part of Mrs. Edge, mother of James Edwin Edge, who was shot and killed by Miss Viola Carver, of Tacoma, several nights ago in his office in the Consolidated Realty building and a demand that the son's slayer be punished, District Attorney Fredericks will prosecute the girl on the charge of murder.

The demand of Mrs. Edge that Miss Carver be punished to the full extent of the law came as a surprise to the attaches of the District Attorney's office. They had been led to believe that she would not demand vengeance and would not urge the District Attorney's office to prosecute Miss Carver.

District Attorney Fredericks said today: "We have investigated the various phases of the Carver case and will continue the investigation. Reports came to us that the girl was temporarily unbalanced when she shot young Edge. We were also informed that Mrs. Edge would not demand vengeance nor demand vengeance. She has evidently changed her mind, for now she has informed me that she wants Miss Carver punished."

FEDERALS WIN A VICTORY

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The federals gave chase when Camps retreated. The latter left a rear guard of 400 under Major Quevado to check and harass the federals and to cover his retreat.

As the country is rugged and mountainous, with deep arroyos in which much larger forces might conceal themselves, Quevado was able to retard his pursuers, while Camps returned to the base. Quevado had been sent originally to reinforce Camps, but had only reached Baca, 20 miles from Parral, when he came upon his flying comrades in arms.

Attack Centers on Parral. As the government troops south of Escalon are less of an immediate danger, General Orozco intends to center his attack on Parral. Baca will serve as the new base for this campaign.

General Fernandez reached Baca last night, relieving Major Quevado of a responsibility to which his small force seemed unequal, and consolidating the two columns. General Salazar and 600 men entrained for the same destination today.

The federal main force is reported on their front and a decisive engagement is looked for tomorrow. General Salazar will be in supreme command of the rebels. The country is mountainous and it may take several days to decide the battle.

General Salazar made slow progress today, as he stopped to repair the telegraph wires. General Camps, in his haste to attack, neglected to do this, and when defeated was unable to communicate with his base. The repair work, however, will not prevent General Salazar from being present when the fight begins.

AMERICAN IS HELD AS DECOY

Juarez Officials Want to Entice Police Across Border.

AUSTIN, Tex., April 3.—Powell Roberts, the American arrested in Juarez Sunday, was held by Mexicans apparently as a decoy to entice certain El Paso policemen into Mexico, where these policemen might be arrested, according to an official report to Governor Colquhitt today.

The Governor telegraphed Secretary of State Knox to try to obtain Roberts' release. The report to Governor Colquhitt was from Sheriff Edwards, of El Paso. The Sheriff said Roberts was not a police man, and that he had nothing to do with the search of the "house of one of the rebels who was then living in El Paso and who says the officer stole some money."

Sheriff Edwards' report said that the rebels seemed to be "holding Roberts in an effort to get Texas officers who searched the house to come in person so as to hold them for doing their duty." The Mexicans have refused the officers' affidavits, saying they want the officers to "come over."

WASHINGTON, April 3.—American Consul Edwards at Juarez was ordered today by the State Department to make an investigation and determine on what authority Powell Roberts is being held by rebels at Juarez. The House committee on foreign affairs decided to report the resolution of Representative Smith, of Texas, directing the State Department to make an immediate settlement of the claims aggregating \$100,000 of American citizens against Mexico for killing and injuring Americans on United States soil in the Mexican revolution.

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