

WIFE-SLAYER BEGINS CASE FOR DEFENSE

Henderson Witnesses Testify Trouble Sourced Prisoner.

DEAD WOMAN ACCUSED

Divorce Complaint Charging That Victim Was Unfaithful Is Read to Jury.

Prosecution of Joseph J. Henderson on a charge of murdering his wife closed yesterday after introduction of a dying statement of Mrs. Gertrude Henderson, detailing the vicious attack in which she received fatal knife wounds, and after testimony by witnesses who said they heard Henderson threaten to "get" his wife.

More than a dozen witnesses were produced by the defense before the close of the day to establish the contention that domestic troubles made a morose, sour and brooding man of Henderson, who had been attacked through charges of infidelity and evidence of neglect of the three children of the Hendersons.

Premeditation Is Charged. To prove the claim of the state that the murder was premeditated, three witnesses were called. Curtis Gabbaw, cravat friend of Henderson, testified that he and Henderson met Henderson in the vicinity of Second and Oak streets; that Henderson discussed the divorce suit brought by his wife, and commented: "I don't think I will lose the case, but if I do I will get her before I'll pay any alimony."

John Schiess and Henry Wirth testified that they met the defendant on Garfield street last March and that Henderson said he was looking for his wife.

"I'll get her," he was quoted as saying, and the witnesses asserted that they could see the butt of a revolver peeping from his pocket.

Graphic description of the attack was contained in the dying statement of Mrs. Henderson made in the presence of District Attorney Evans and Miss Lillian Peterson, stenographer, at St. Vincent's hospital shortly before the woman died. It was read to the jury.

Death Threat Made. Henderson came to her home on the morning of August 8 and told her that "her time had come," said Henderson's statement. It continued to detail the whipping out of a revolver, which was pointed at her head and accompanied by threats, a half hour of torture in which she was led to believe death was imminent.

Foundation for the introduction of this dying declaration was laid Monday in the testimony of Dr. Parrish and others to the effect that Mrs. Henderson died of a heart ailment.

Green testified that he watched over Henderson on one shift for three days, and that on the second day Henderson made that remark.

"I asked if he intended to kill her and he said 'Yes,'" said the officer. The policeman denied that there was any attempt at third degree, saying that he did not try to talk to Henderson and did not recall who started the conversation.

The officer said that Henderson also said he went to his wife's house to get her to live with him again and that he took the revolver along "to try to scare her into it."

Husband Fond of Children. Fryda Seegar, 450 Rodney avenue, was a character witness called by the defense. She had lived next door to the Hendersons for three months and testified on direct examination that "Joe was very quiet and peaceful and very fond of children."

She also said that Mrs. Henderson had often left the children alone in the house. On cross-examination by Deputy District Attorney Crumpacker Mrs. Seegar conceded that she had visited the Henderson home but once in her life, that she had never known them socially, was not friendly with the family and, to use her expression, "never neighbored with Mrs. Henderson."

Walter Costello, co-worker with Henderson in the shipyards during the war, testified that he last saw Henderson in May, 1921, at which time he looked different than in the years they had worked together.

"He wasn't as stout as he was," said the witness.

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The shop manager told police detectives that he was the only person who knew the combination of the safe, but when he opened the shop for business yesterday the safe door lay open and the strong box was empty.

About two weeks ago the safe of the Gauthier-King sheet metal works was opened in the same manner and looted of approximately \$75 in cash and checks totaling \$100. As in the case of the barber shop, the other safe had been locked when the shop closed the night before, but the big steel door was open when employees arrived the following morning.

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Second Wing of Hahnemann Institution to Be Started Soon.

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