

MOTHER DISPUTES VERDICT ON RECTOR

Murder-Suicide Theory De-
clared Wrong.

LOVE SCANDAL ADMITTED

Dead Woman Said to Have Been
Infatuated With Rev.
L. J. Christler.

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dress by him in which he reviewed the work of the pioneer rector in northern Montana and urged that his congregation continue the work he had begun.

Body Taken East.

Mrs. Christler, with Mrs. James Sherry, a Havre resident and an old friend, started at 4 o'clock this morning with Mr. Christler's body for Waterloo, N. Y., his old home. For the three hours the casket remained at the depot Mrs. Christler stood beside the baggage truck, with one hand on the coffin. As it was wheeled out to the baggage car she walked behind it, and not until it was necessary for her to go to the passenger coach did she cease the vigil which she has maintained beside the body of her husband virtually ever since his death.

"I do not believe Margaret did it. I shall not be satisfied until I find out who owned the gun," said Mrs. Pyle tonight. Her reference was to the .38-caliber revolver from which were fired the bullets that killed her daughter and Mr. Christler and which was found in her daughter's hand.

A revolver which Mrs. Pyle identified as one she knew her daughter had carried for six years was found in Mrs. Carleton's bag. It is a .22-caliber, small enough to be concealed in the hand.

"If this gun which we know was my daughter's had been found in her hand it might be reasonable to take that as evidence that she had fired the shots, but this old revolver may have belonged to anyone," said Mrs. Pyle.

"The authorities here were not even going to hold an inquest until I hired an attorney and demanded it, then, when we compelled them to summon a coroner's jury and conduct an investigation, it was hurried through the same night and the public was excluded."

The civil authorities of Havre first announced soon after the tragedy that no inquest would be held, declaring that the case indicated to them that Mrs. Carleton had shot the rector and then turned the weapon upon herself. The motive for the shooting was not explained completely at the inquest, although a physician who had attended Mrs. Carleton, and who had prescribed sleeping powders for her, said that the effects of the poison which it was testified, Mrs. Carleton had taken freely, might have affected her for several hours. Dr. Carl Foss, who was Mrs. Carleton's physician, said that his prescription for her was one commonly prescribed by physicians, an overdose of which would produce a long sleep, even for 30 hours. Awakening from such a sleep, Dr. Foss testified, the victim would be in a haze and not responsible for her actions. He said that such a condition might extend into the following day. Both Dr. Foss and Dr. D. H. MacKenzie said that in their opinion from the evidence Mrs. Carleton was temporarily insane when the tragedy occurred.

The verdict of the jury was that the shooting resulted from "temporary mental derangement on the part of Mrs. Carleton."

Widow Describes Tragedy.
For the first time the full details of the shooting and suicide leading up to the tragedy were recounted by Mrs. Christler, when she testified at the inquest. In a calm, modulated voice, full of feeling, she told the story of the shooting. At times she paused to control herself, yet throughout the ordeal she maintained the steady, clear-headed character of her actions of the past two days.

The jury which heard the testimony viewed the scene of the shooting in the afternoon and reconvened at night to hear all available testimony bearing on the matter. Mrs. Christler was the first witness. She was dressed in mourning.

Returning to her home about 10 o'clock, she was surprised to see a light in the house, she told the jury, and called to O. C. Hauge, a next door neighbor, asking him to stand on his front porch while she went in, entering, she found Mrs. Carleton there, she stated, destroying a picture of Dr. Christler. She admonished her for the act, according to her testimony, and added that Mrs. Carleton seemed anything but in her right mind.

Mrs. Christler told the jury that she finally prevailed upon Mrs. Carleton to leave the house with her. They started to walk toward the business section of the town, she said, and met Rev. Mr. Christler and Rev. Mr. Chapman of Butte. They all proceeded to the corner of Third and First streets, leaving her there while they went to the station with Rev. Mr. Chapman. Mrs. Christler said she would wait for them, the witness testified.

On their way back, which she thought must have been after midnight, they did not meet Mrs. Carleton, Mrs. Christler said, but went on home, thinking she might have preceded them.

They had been home only a short time, the witness proceeded, and she had looked to the furnace and seen that the house was warm, when there was a rap at the door. She admitted Mrs. Carleton, she said. The three went into the living room. Mrs. Christler did not give the jury full details of the conversation, but in answer to a question she said that Mrs. Carleton declared "that I (Mrs. Christler) had no place in Mr. Christler's life."

Asked if Mrs. Carleton made any threats, Mrs. Christler replied "No." Asked if Mr. Christler had said anything that might have angered Mrs. Carleton she said, "No, Mr. Christler was everybody's friend. Mrs. Carleton, the witness stated, did most of the talking.

Rev. Mr. Christler arose and started for his sleeping room. Mrs. Christler testified, and Mrs. Carleton also arose as if to depart. Mrs. Christler said she went to the front door and opened it, with her back to Mrs. Carleton who had followed Mr. Christler.

Two Shots Heard.
Then came two revolver reports in quick succession. Mrs. Christler told the jury she turned just in time to see Mrs. Carleton fall in the doorway of a very small hall lead-

ing into the bath room and into Mr. Christler's room, she testified. Mrs. Christler said she saw that Mrs. Carleton was dead, and stepping over the latter's body she tried to get to Mr. Christler, but he had fallen in such a manner as partially to block the door, she said. She then went to the telephone and asked central to call some doctor and the chief of police, she stated. Mrs. Christler testified concerning the arrival of the doctors, the chief of police and others, and her conversation on long distance telephone with Bishop Faber at Helena, and with Mrs. J. H. Pyle, mother of Mrs. Carleton, who was notified of the tragedy by the bishop.

Mrs. Hague confirmed Mrs. Christler's statement that she had asked him to stand on his porch until she went in the house. He added that she afterward came out again and said, "Everything is all right, Mr. Hague." He retired, and did not know of the shooting until the next morning, he said.

Slayer Seen Sunday.
Mr. Hague said that last Sunday afternoon, returning to his home about 4 o'clock, he had seen Mrs. Carleton trying to get into the Christler home. He also testified that on the night of the shooting, shortly after 10 o'clock, he had glanced out of the window and saw Mrs. Carleton reach up and turn out a light in the Christler home.

Mrs. F. E. Martin, librarian of the Havre public library, and a close personal friend of Mrs. Carleton, described to the jury Mrs. Carleton's condition on the night of the tragedy. Returning from the library between 5 and 6 o'clock to her room in the hotel, where Mrs. Carleton also lodged, she said she went to Mrs. Carleton's room in response to a call and found her in bed suffering from a sort of hysteria. Rev. Mr. Christler was already there, trying to quiet Mrs. Carleton, Mrs. Martin testified.

According to Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Carleton told her that she had taken an overdose of sleeping powders—"three powders"—and had just awakened from a continuous sleep of 39 hours. Mrs. Martin told the jury she had judged Mrs. Carleton's condition to be very bad, and thinking food might help her, went to her own room to prepare some.

Conventions Are Preserved.
Rev. Mr. Christler was still there when she took the food to Mrs. Carleton's room, Mrs. Martin said, but left shortly after that. There was nothing improper in the relations of Mr. Christler and Mrs. Carleton while she was in the room, Mrs. Martin declared.

Mrs. Carleton said after Mr. Christler left that she was lonely, Mrs. Martin said, adding that she induced Mrs. Carleton to go to the Martin room. Mrs. Carleton left her own room about 9 o'clock, the witness said, seeming much improved physically and mentally. She did not see Mrs. Carleton again, she said. Discussing the conversation between them, Mrs. Martin said Mrs. Carleton told her she was extremely tired and nervous as a result of her summer's work. She also talked about her daughter and her future plans, the librarian stated.

Doctor on Stand.
Dr. D. H. MacKenzie testified about answering the call from the Christler home and to taking the revolver from the hand of Mrs. Carleton. He said he extracted three cartridges and one shell from the revolver, and that one shell stuck in the cylinder. The weapon, a .38-caliber, was introduced in evidence. The barrel of the gun gave evidence of recent use, but the cartridges appeared to have been in the weapon for some time.

Dr. Carl Foss, who was the first to reach the scene and who was the Christler family physician, told of finding the bodies and confirmed Dr. MacKenzie's description as to the position in which they lay. It also developed that he was Mrs. Carleton's physician.

About six months ago, before Mrs. Carleton departed for her work on a Chautauque circuit in the east, he had prescribed some sleeping powders for her, giving her a prescription for eight, he testified. One of these powders was sufficient to produce sleep for a period of eight hours, he said. He also stated that he had operated on Mrs. Carleton to correct troubles which had made her extremely nervous. He had thought she was better, he said.

Prescription Is Refilled.
It developed at the inquest that Mrs. Carleton had had the prescription filled repeatedly, and that she had had it filled this week. Dr. Foss told the jury that while the prescription is one in common use by physicians, an overdose such as Mrs. Carleton was said to have taken would produce a prolonged sleep, even 30 hours, and that awakening from it the victim would be in a haze and not responsible for her actions. He expressed the opinion that such a condition might last almost into the next day.

Both physicians testified to the opinion that, from the evidence Mrs. Carleton was temporarily insane when the tragedy occurred.

Chief of Police Moran told of responding to Mrs. Christler's call, and confirmed the testimony of other witnesses regarding events immediately following. He also stated to the jury that shortly before midnight he had met Mrs. Carleton on Third street, where, as Mrs. Christler had testified, she had been left by the Christlers. Mr. Moran said Mrs. Carleton acted very queerly, and he made a discovery, and that she told him she was waiting there to meet some one.

Torn Papers Found.
Mr. Morgan also told of finding torn parts of messages and letters in Mrs. Carleton's room after the tragedy, while previously Mrs. Martin had testified that they had not been there when she left the room. The chief declared the condition of the bodies as found, methods of entering and leaving the Christler house, range of the bullets and other technical details. He expressed the opinion that it would have been impossible for a third person to have been in the little hall at the time of the shooting.

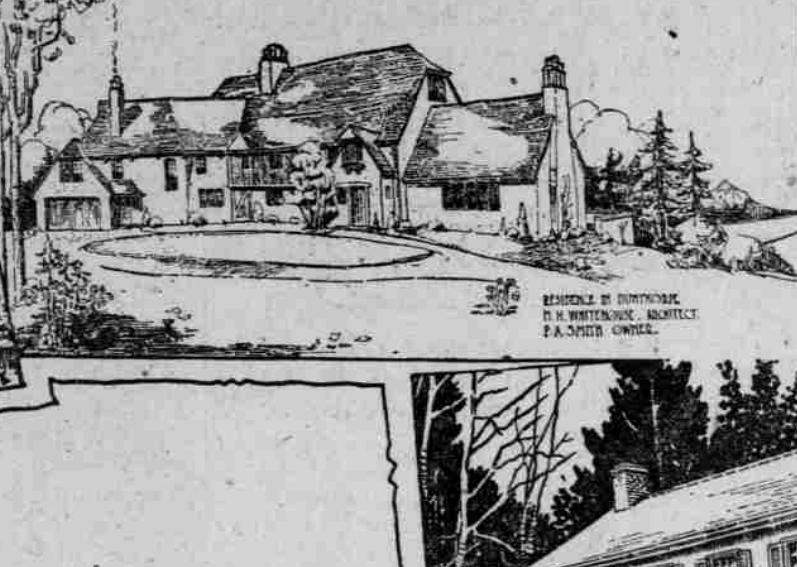
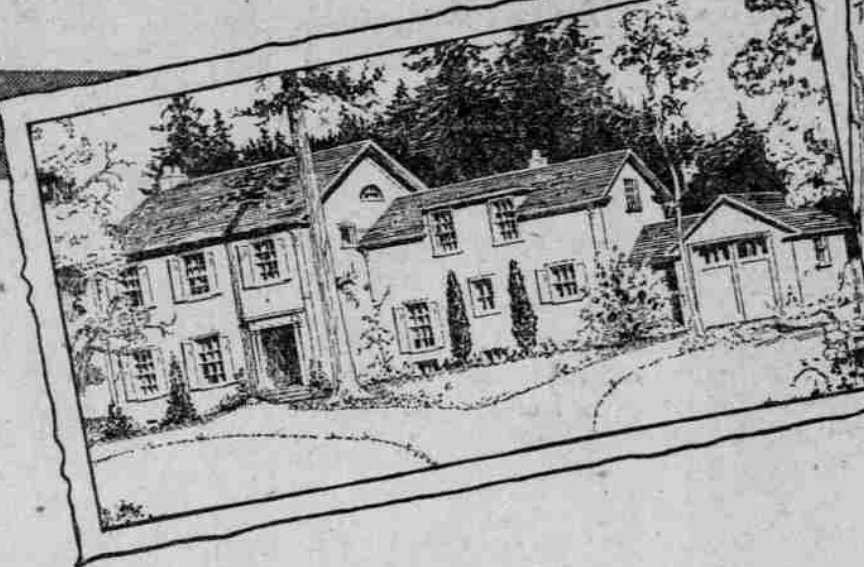
In the opinion of Chief Moran the bullet which killed Mr. Christler was fired from a distance of between two and three feet, since it achieved sufficient momentum to go through the body and lodge in the opposite wall. Its position in the wall, he thought, indicated that Mr. Christler might have been closing the door when she shot was fired.

The revolver which killed Mrs. Carleton was held close to her body, the discharge burning the outer garment and smoking the undergarments, according to the chief's testimony.

Chief Tells Theory.
In answer to questions he said he was convinced from the investigation he had made that Mrs. Carleton had killed Mr. Christler and herself. The copier introduced in evidence clothing of the victim's and the possessions of Mrs. Carleton. In her purse were found about \$50 in money, a number of small articles and several letters, including a letter sent by Rev. Mr. Christler to his wife. Mrs. Christler testified to these as having been on a dresser before the shooting.

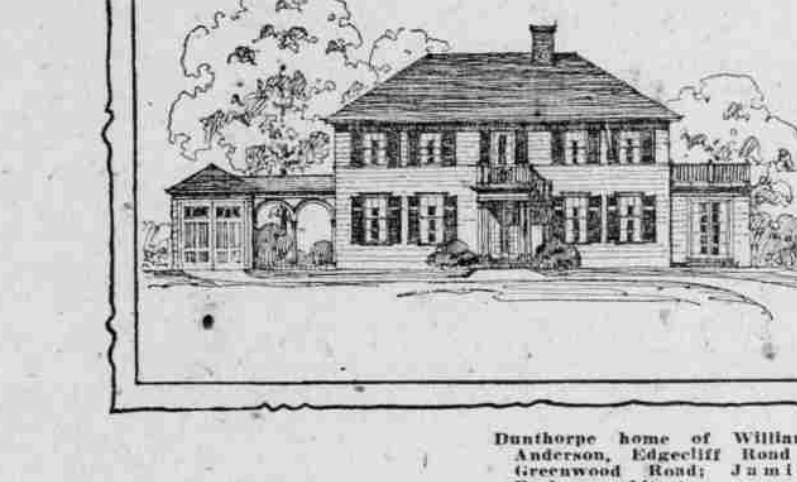
Every detail of the tragedy was gone into by the jury, one of the members stated. Throughout the taking of testimony Mrs. Christler and Mrs. Pyle sat listening. The

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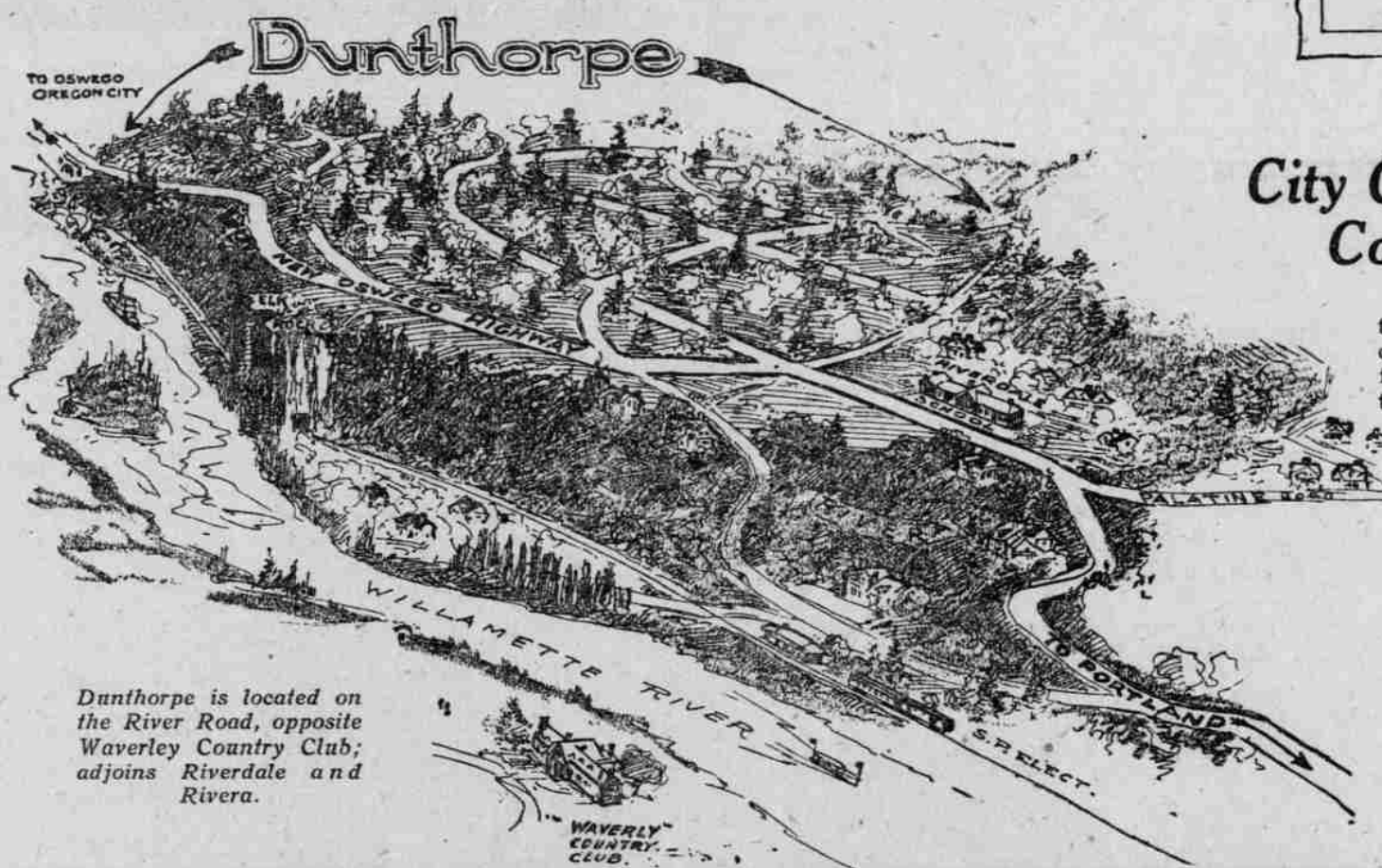
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HUSBAND GOING TO HAVRE
Frank Carleton to Take Charge of Wife's Body.
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 29.—Frank Carleton, formerly a Montana judge, now practicing law in Los Angeles, will leave tomorrow for Havre, Mont., according to relatives here, to take charge of the body of his wife, Mrs. Margaret Carleton, who, according to a coroner's jury in the Montana city, shot and killed the Rev. Leonard Christler and herself.

NORTHERN ITALY TAKEN
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was offered by the liberals, who proposed that Signor Mussolini form a coalition cabinet headed by Antonio Salandra and Signor Mussolini as minister of the interior. This was refused by Mussolini, who insisted that Fascist alone must settle the crisis.

KING WINS OVER SUBJECTS
Rejection of Martial Law Establishes Emmanuel Firmly.
ROME, Oct. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—King Victor Emmanuel established himself more firmly in

the hearts of the people by his attitude yesterday when the ministry presented for the royal signature a decree proclaiming a state of siege throughout Italy. It is announced that the king pushed the decree aside, saying: "These are antiquated measures, not adapted in our times. I will never sign any decree which would place my soldiers in the terrible position of having to fire against my subjects."

NEW CABINET IS AFFIRMED
Mussolini Said to Be on Way to Rome by Airplane.
BY V. DE SANTO.
(Chicago Tribune Foreign News Service. Copyright, 1922, by the Chicago Tribune.)
ROME, Oct. 29.—It is affirmed here that Signor Mussolini has decided to form a cabinet with himself as premier and minister of the interior, Signor Salandra as foreign minister, General Diaz as war minister, Signor Federoni, who is the nationalist leader, as minister of public works.

It is further reported that Signor Mussolini is on his way home from Milan by airplane. He is expected to land in Rome hourly.

LIVING WAGE DENIED
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similar character should be made a secondary consideration and that the prime factor to be considered was whether the rates fixed were just and reasonable, which he said, meant an adequate and living wage under the terms of the transportation act.

He maintained that the law of supply and demand, which operated in private industries to fix the price of labor should not be taken as a basis by the labor board. The members stated throughout the hearing that they should find what should be a just and reasonable wage by computing a family

budget containing the expenses of the average family.

1000 See Klan Initiation.
SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 29.—About 1000 spectators were permitted to attend an outdoor initiation of the Ku Klux Klan in the Contra Costa county hills Saturday night. It became known today. They were allowed to hear the oath of the organization administered.

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