WIDOW OF RECTOR OUTWITS WRITERS

Long Silence Broken but Traps Are Evaded.

WITNESS STORY DENIED

Minister's Name Declared to Be Unsullied Despite Stories of Relations With Woman.

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present on the Phillips farm on the night of September 15?

A. What comment could I make? Of course, that was not so, and that is all.

Presence Is Denied.

Q. You weren't there?

A. I Certainly was not.

Q. Did you leave your house at any time that night except when you went out with your brother?

A. No.

Q. Will you tell us your movements on the night of September 14 as near as you can recollect?

A. We had our supper about 6:30 and I went on the porch for a little while after that, I had Mr. Hall's little niece with me. His brother was there and Mr. Hall was here at supper time. I stayed out on the porch for a while and then a little later came in with the little girl and played games with her for a while until 8:30 or 8:45, somewhere along there, then I put here to bed upstairs and came down again. It was somewhere along after 9, I should say, and I sat here in the library reading until about 10:30 and then went upstairs and prepared for bed. I waited for Mr. Hall to come in and I went to bed but did not go to sleep.

Q. So between the time that he left the house and the time you went out with your brother in the early morning you did not at any time leave the house?

Q. Have you ever been to the Phillips farm, that you know of in your life?

A. Never. I did not know until later that it was the old Derussy place. As a child I had been there twice.

Q. Mrs. Hall, after you had gone to the church at 2 o'clock in the morning and not having found your husband there, did you take any further steps between that time and 7 o'clock in the morning, notify your friends or inquire of the police, or do anything about your husband's absence?

A. As you all know I walked down past the Mills house to see if by any chance anyone was ill, or there was any light there. Knowing that Mr. Hall had gone out and as he left the house saying he was going to see about this bill (referring to a hospital bill of Mrs. Mills toward which both the rector and his wife had been contributing), but you know all this; I have repeated it many times. I have told you he was going to see about this bill that Mrs. Mills spoke of and I know it was the last thing he said to me and I thought he might have sent word there (Mills' house) where he was going. I went up there to see if there was any light or anything to see if he was there, but seeing no light I came back.

Police Are Notified.

Q. About how long were you absent from the house?

A. It was about 2:30 when I dressed and went out; I came back about 3:30.

Q. From 3:30 until approximately 7 in the morning you took no further steps to find out what caused your husband's absence?

A. I telephoned to the police.

Q. You never left your house except to go to the Mills' home and to the church?

A. No.

Q. Willie was with you when you came back?

A. Yes.

Q. Mrs. Hall, have you seen any of the letters that are supposed to have been written by your husband to Mrs. Mills?

A. Very little.

Q. Are they in his handwriting?

A. I haven't seen them except the one I saw in the prosecutor's office.

Q. Do you believe he wrote those letters?

A. I think it very unlikely that he would.

Q. Did you ever see any letters from Mrs. Mills to your husband or from your husband to Mrs. Mills before this tragedy occurred?

A. No.

Q. Did you know that they were corresponding?

A. I know that he wrote her last summer.

Q. Did you know the contents of any of those letters?

A. No.

All Is Told, She Says.

Q. Did you know anything, Mrs. Hall, which you do not care to tell us for fear you may embarrass somebody that you know? Somebody very near and dear to you?

A. Nothing.

Q. In other words, you are holding back nothing?

A. Absolutely nothing.

Q. Have you any idea of any kind or any knowledge as to who might have done this thing?

Q. I have absolutely no idea, nor have I had, as to the motive.

Q. Did you ever have any feelings of enmity toward Mrs. Mills?

A. None whatever.

Q. Did you ever have a quarrel with Mrs. Mills?

A. None whatever.

Q. You state that you understand or know that your husband wrote to Mrs. Mills last summer. Will you tell how you knew that?

A. The pastor was sending cards to all the parish. Mrs. Mills wrote to me and she said he had sent her cards.

Q. Did you know that he had received a letter or letters from her?

A. I know the two I saw.

Q. Two letters?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you know what the contents of those letters were?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. When you phoned the police on Friday morning why was it, as we understood you merely asked whether there had been an automobile accident and did not report your husband missing?

A. I said my husband had gone out and had not returned. I did not tell the police who I was. I asked if there had been any accident, which might account for his not returning.

Q. Why did not you tell the police who you were?

A. I thought I could get the information without saying more.

Q. You never had any reason to go to Mrs. Mills to protest against anything you had heard?

A. Never.

Q. Was there any enmity between Henry Stevens and your husband?

A. No.

Q. Or Willie and your husband?

A. Never.

Q. Were you ever jealous of Mrs. Mills or anyone else?

A. Absolutely never.

Q. Have you ever fired a gun?

A. Never in my life.

Q. Was it one of Mr. Hall's pastimes to practice shooting?

A. No.

Q. Did he possess a revolver that you know of?

A. No.

Q. Did you ever ask Barbara Tough to keep an eye on your husband and Mrs. Mills?

A. Of course not.

Again asked why she had not mentioned her name when inquiring of the police regarding her husband, Mrs. Hall said she simply didn't think of mentioning it and that it did not occur to her that it would aid the police to know exactly who was missing.

Situation Admittedly Strange.

Q. Did you know at that time that Mrs. Mills also was missing?

A. No, I don't think I knew it when I telephoned, I telephoned before I saw Mr. Mills, I think.

Q. And it wasn't until you saw Mr. Mills that you knew Mrs. Mills was missing?

A. No.

Q. Did you attach significance to the fact that both were missing?

A. I thought it strange, yes.

Q. Did you suggest to Mills that he notify the police?

A. Not that I remember.

Q. Did it occur to you then that they might be together?

A. I hardly know how to answer. The fact that they had disappeared and he had gone to see her—I thought some accident might have overtaken them both.

Q. Did you on the Saturday after Mr. Hall disappeared give Barbara Tough some silk socks of his to wash?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you say anything to the effect that you thought him dead?

A. No.

Asked further about the two letters from Mrs. Mills which Mrs. Hall said she had seen, she declared they merely described Sunday school service. She said Mr. Hall showed them to her, and she insisted there were no terms of affection or familiarity in them.

$20,000 Declared Left.

Mrs. Hall corrected reports that her husband had $40,000 in negotiable securities in a safety deposit vault when he was killed, declaring the amount was about $20,000.

Her questioners next jumped to the so-called "eye-witness" story of Mrs. Jane Gibson, the pig farmer, asking if she could explain why Mrs. Gibson would have told such a story if it were not true.

"I haven't the most remote idea," she declared.

She denied Mrs. Gibson's statement that they had met at a rummage sale, asserting:

"I have never seen her."

Innocence Is Asserted.

"Would you be willing to confront her if it became necessary?" she was asked.

"I would do whatever the prosecutors wish me to do."

"You have no fear in your mind of the outcome of this at all?"

"No. My absolute innocence of any suspicion—I don't see that I have the slightest thing to worry about."

"How many times, Mrs. Hall, did you see Mr. Mills on the Friday?"

"I know of two times. He says he came here in the evening, but I don't remember."

"When you were first notified that your husband's body was found, were you also told of Mrs. Mills' body being found?"

"I think so; I think immediately."

"Had her body been identified at that time?"

"I am not sure, I think so."

"Will you tell us what you thought when you heard they had been found dead together?"

"I had no thoughts. I didn't know what to think."

"What was your immediate reaction?"

"I was so absolutely stunned, I had no thought."

"And then, when that passed, what did you think?"

"I can't tell you anymore than I didn't know what to think."

"What do you think now?"

"I don't know what to think now."

"Mrs. Hall, suppose you had known that the relations between your husband and Mrs. Mills were very intimate what would you have done?"

"What a strange question! Of course, I would have spoken to him."

"Can you tell us just exactly how you have been feeling all during these seven weeks? Won't you just tell us, in your own way, all of your reactions and all of your feelings about all of this; all your searchings, I mean your mental searchings, for a solution?"

"I feel as if I was up against a blank wall. I have no idea what to think."

"You must realize that a lot of people believe you guilty?"

"It seems to me most mysterious that anyone should think such things. I cannot understand it, of course."

"Hadn't you been eager for this opportunity to come out and tell how you stand?"

Solution Declared Wanted.

"Frankly, I have heard so many things in the papers that I feel it is very uncertain what goes into the newspapers at all."

"What has been your general feeling with respect to publicity, not about this case, but all your life?"

"I have all my life avoided publicity in every possible way. There is no one who has led a more retired life."

"There was a suggestion some time past about your offering a reward. Why didn't you do it? This suggestion came to you, I believe?"

"Why should I offer a reward? It would be a most awful thought."

"Just why?"

"Why, to offer a reward to have someone come out and tell of a murder."

"You are anxious, however, that this whole thing should be cleared up?"

"Why, of course."

"But you are not satisfied with what the authorities have done?"

"No, but it seems that they let many things go by."

No Revenge Desired.

"Just exactly what feeling would prompt you to think it would be terrible to offer a reward? Just put it your own way."

"I don't think I can put it in words."

"You want to see the murderers punished?"

"I don't want to see anybody punished. I want to get the solution. I haven't a vindictive feeling to see anyone punished. I think anyone who has committed a murder is not a safe person to have at large, but as far as a vindictive feeling, I have none."

"Mrs. Hall, when you were at the prosecutor's office, did you see one of the letters your husband is alleged to have written Mrs. Mills?"

"Just a newspaper copy of one."

"Was that identical with your husband's writing?"

"I only glanced at it. They showed me a signature of his in the facsimile and I said it looked like it, but I could not guarantee it."

"Did you examine it at all closely?"

"No."

"Weren't you interested in determining whether it was his handwriting?"

"The letters did not seem to interest me at all."

"Or the diary?"

"No."

"Have you read any extracts from the diary?"

"No."

The questioners asked Mrs. Hall to give them her estimate of the character of Mrs. Mills, whom she admitted she knew "quite well."

"I do not like to describe her character at all. I do not think I could," she said.

Going again to the letters and diaries which Mrs. Hall said she had not even read, the questioners asked if she and her counsel didn't think it tremendously important to discover whether the documents were genuine and evidences of intimacy between them.

"I don't even see that that would tell you who was the criminal," she replied.

"You want to find the possible motive for the murderers?"

"Of course I do."

"If your husband were in love with any woman, every person connected with that woman who could shoot a gun might have killed him?"

No answer.

"If the diary and the letters are true, he must have been in love with Mrs. Mills. Do you agree with that?"

"Yes."

"Why haven't you read the diary and letters before?"

"I haven't read any of the papers."

"That is the tremendous point of the whole case so far."

"I had such faith in my husband. If he were here he could explain—he could explain if he were here."

"You would not be convinced that your husband was carrying on an affair with Mrs. Mills even if you saw in the diary intimate details that were known to no one except Mrs. Mills?"

Vamping Not Seen.

"I knew him too well for him to be in love."

"Was Mrs. Mills a vamp? Do you think she was a woman of good character?"

"I do not care to say."

"You do not think she deliberately set her cap for Mr. Hall?"

"I never saw any indication of it."

"Now, what do you think of it?"

"I do not know—I do not know what to think."

"Have you changed your opinion recently regarding Mrs. Mills? I mean by that, covering the period of say six months?"

"I have not changed my opinion of her, unless you speak of the last six weeks. Of course, I have had a good deal to think of in this time."

"Prior to the murder you had not changed the opinion you had of Mrs. Mills for some time?"

"No."

TWO PROMINENT FIGURES IN THE HALL-MILLS MYSTERY

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Top—Mrs. Jane Gibson, who says she saw murders committed. Below—James Mills, husband of murdered woman.

Ex-Klansmen in Convention.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 1.—A convention of ex-members of the Ku Klux Klan opened here today with the avowed objective, according to G. W. Price, former king kleagle for the klan in California, of bringing about formation of a national association of the Ku Klux Klan, a rival organization. "The meeting is no way connected with the old klan," declared Price.

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