

MURDER STORY RELATED

SHOW MAN'S SLAYER TELLS ABOUT PLOT.

Wife of Victim Is Said to Have Been Party to Conspiracy to Kill J. T. Brunen.

(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire) MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., Dec. 13.—The cold-blooded story of how Harry C. Mohr hired him to kill John T. Brunen, instructed him how to commit the crime, drove him to the Brunen home at Riverside on the night of March 19 and later paid for the deed, was related in detail by Charles M. Powell, star witness for the state against Mohr and Mrs. Doris Brunen, wife of the showman, charged with first-degree murder.

While Mrs. Brunen paled, and Mohr moved nervously about in his chair, while the breathless spectators leaned forward in their seats, spellbound by the amazing story, Powell made a clean breast of the crime from its conception to the night he fired the shot through a window point-blank at the man whose wife, he said, knew of the plot.

"When we reached Riverside," the witness declared, "Mohr told me that Brunen was going to New York the next morning and would not be back for three days. He said the job had to be done that night. 'Don't miss, Charlie,' he told me, 'even if you have to use the two barrels. If you miss John will have us all arrested, even you.'"

"I went to the Brunen home. The blinds, Mohr told me, would be closed to hide the light from the yard. I went to Brunen's garage and got the gun (Mohr had bought two shotguns and placed them in the garage, he testified). The train passed. There was a dog in the yard. Mrs. Brunen came to a side door and called the dog. She took the dog into the house.

"Then I heard the second train coming. I had the gun aimed at the window. I would just see his head. I pulled the trigger of the shotgun as the train passed. Then I turned and ran away. I ran down back of the railroad station, where I met Harry in his automobile."

Powell was permitted to testify over the objection of the defense that he was mentally unfit to appear.

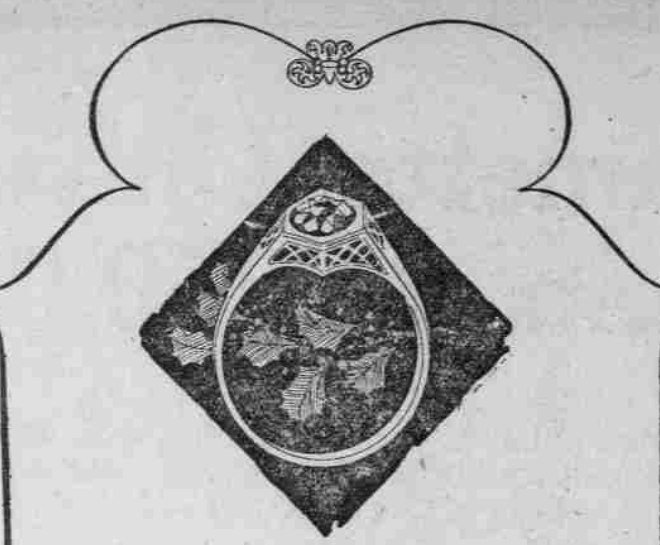
WYOMING "CLARA" HOAX

Identity of Suspect Held Fully Established.

CASPER, Wyo., Dec. 13.—Police authorities here definitely established the identity of the woman held in jail here as Beatrice Craig of Kirby, Wyo., Police Captain Clayton said Tuesday.

He declared that reports given to newspaper correspondents that the woman might be Clara Phillips, escaped hammer-thrower of Los Angeles, had partly as their basis a wish of members of the force to "hoax" the newspaper men. He said the woman would be held pending an investigation into her sanity.

The woman spent the night quietly, refusing to answer questions or to state who she is. The man who left the train with her, but who took a separate taxicab at the station, has not been apprehended.



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