

### ADD TO EVIDENCE AGAINST MARTIN

#### Fifteen Witnesses Pile Up Circumstantial Facts in Wolff Murder Case.

### TELL OF TWO OVERCOATS

#### Woman Also Declares She Lent Revolver to Accused Day of Crime and Defense Has Much to Overcome.

By the examination of 15 witnesses to the Circuit Court yesterday, the state developed these points as tending to fix guilt on Edward Hugh Martin for the murder of Nathan Wolff.

#### Wore Long, Dark Coat.

When Martin was arrested a few days after the tragedy, he had on a long cravenette raincoat.

Wolff, the victim, owned such a coat and wore it the day of the murder.

Martin attempted to cast this coat aside after reading in the papers that he had been accused of the crime.

#### Defense May Have Strong Card.

To those who have been attending the trial it appears that the state is making out a strong case. It seems hard to understand just how Martin will explain all these circumstances. But his lawyers say they are sure of their grounds. The fact that vigorous cross-examination of many important witnesses is not engaged in seems to indicate that the state has some strong evidence on its own part.

### Can Alibi Be Proven?

Interest in the defense that will be offered is increasing as the state's chain of circumstances is made daily stronger. How will an alibi be proven? Mrs. Martin will not be placed on the witness stand, the lawyers say. So it is not likely to be contended that she was home. Patrolmen who testified about the gory shirt being picked up in North Portland were asked on cross-examination as to the number of saloons thereabouts and the number of fights that occur in these saloons.

#### Witnesses Make Bad Error.

"Do you know this defendant Martin?" Fitzgerald asked.

"Yes, I've seen him around," said the witness.

"Which one of these men here is Martin?" pursued the prosecuting attorney with easy confidence, indicating Martin and his three lawyers, Jeffrey, Fouts and Ahlrose.

Mrs. Grubb was the most important witness of the day. She described in details of lending Martin a 24-caliber revolver at 4 P. M. on May 1. She said that he called at her home the day before the murder and wanted some oil to lubricate his revolver, advising her to get it from the hardware store.

### RECORD IN DIVORCE-GETTING

#### Mrs. Otto H. Kulper Freed From Husband in 15 Minutes.

A new record for speed in divorce proceedings was established in the Court-house yesterday when Mrs. Otto H. Kulper secured a decree from Otto H. Kulper, former Pinkerton agent. The time consumed in expediting the proceedings was just 15 minutes.

The complaint was filed at the Clerk's office at 11:35 o'clock and at 11:50 o'clock the decree was signed by Judge Bronaugh. Infidelity constituted the sole grounds as set forth in the complaint. The only witness beside the plaintiff was Claude E. Beer, a detective, who was employed by Mrs. Kulper in procuring evidence against the defendant.

Kulper did not appear in court, but was represented by his attorneys, George Joseph and Bert E. Haney. Coover & Stapleton appeared for the plaintiff, Mrs.

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records alone and testified that there was a heavy rainstorm at the hour of the murder.

A. H. Dougherty, a cigar clerk at First and Morrison streets, said he heard a report between 6 and 7 o'clock on the night of the murder. He went outside and looked about, but saw nothing and concluded an automobile tube had burst. His place is only a short distance from the Wolff pawnshop.

Herman Levitt, clerk at the Nathan Solomon pawnshop, corroborated previous testimony about the meeting of Max Drey and Martin in the pawnshop. He said that in going to his home at 222 Second street, he saw Martin and Drey seated on a bench in the Plaza block examining the shirts which Drey had for sale. He saw the shirts were striped and said the gory garment displayed in court looked like one of the shirts.

Ben Lynch, of 244 Fourth street, said he was present when the rifle and coat were found in an old coupe in South Portland. He said he was painting the vehicle. His attention to the objects in the end of the coupe was called by a stranger. He had never seen the man before and hadn't seen him since. This is the gun said to have been stolen out of Wolff's pawnshop and the coat said to be Martin's.

### Tried to Leave Coat.

"I asked him if he was guilty and he said 'no,'" Arquette said. "I advised him to give himself up to the police if they were looking for him, and he said he would do so. When he was leaving he left a long dark raincoat lying on a bed. I called after him and told him he had forgotten the coat and he then picked it up and carried it away."

M. H. Mook, 183 Sixteenth street, told of buying Martin's revolver between 10 and 12 A. M. the day of the murder. He was a clerk in a pawnshop at the time and let Martin have \$7 on the gun.

Ida Patrus, keeper of a rooming-house at 124 Seventh street, said Martin appeared at her place a short time before his arrest and rented a room, paying 50 cents for it. He was carrying the overcoat in question and an umbrella at the time. She identified an overcoat and umbrella presented in court as similar to those Martin carried.

Detective Hellyer described the arrest of Martin at the Patrus rooming-house. He said the prisoner was very nervous and much excited. The overcoat was presented to show that these articles belonged to Wolff. It is known that many of Wolff's friends will be called on Monday and possibly Mrs. Wolff will be asked to identify the overcoat as having belonged to her husband before his death.

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Kulper was formerly Miss Frances Way, of St. Helena, and was married to Mr. Kulper in January, 1908.

### SAYS REED STOLE HIS WIFE

Richard Kruger Brings Suit for Alienation of Affections.

Richard Kruger yesterday brought suit in the Circuit Court against William Reed for alienating his wife's affections. Damages are asked in the sum of \$30,000. Reed is an aged bachelor and possesses considerable means. He owns a handsome home at 381 East Thirty-eighth street. Since Kruger's departure for San Francisco, more than a year ago, he declares his wife has made her home with Reed.

Prior to that time the Krugers lived at East Forty-third and Holgate streets, where, the complaint says, Mrs. Kruger was well provided for. The husband claims in the complaint that since the birth of their son, Fritz, his wife has not been mentally sound, and that during his absence in California, Reed induced her to leave her husband's home and take up her residence in his bachelor quarters. The Krugers were married in Berlin in 1896 and they have one son, Fritz, aged 12.

### SECOND ESCAPE FOR ADLER

Alleged Swindler Has Another Indictment Dismissed.

Through an omission in the indictment charging Adolph Adler with exporting money from Sig Sichel, the former escaped trial for a second time. Judge Morrow sustained a demurrer to the indictment, which had been filed by the grand jury. The trial jury had been sworn and Adler's attorney then demurred to the indictment, on the ground that it did not charge that the threatening letter had been delivered to Mr. Sichel. Judge Morrow ruled that this omission was fatal to the indictment, and ordered the case dismissed. The case is to be investigated by the grand jury and a third indictment returned. Adler was ordered taken back to jail until the case is again called.

The first indictment was dismissed by Judge Cleland, because it did not show the nature of the threat alleged to have been made to Mr. Sichel.

### ALLEGES ARM WAS BROKEN

Mrs. Rosa R. Merlo Sues Oregon Electric for \$10,350.

Mrs. Rosa R. Merlo yesterday filed suit in the Circuit Court against the Oregon Electric Railway Company, the Willamette Construction Company and W. S. Barstow & Co. Damages are asked in the sum of \$10,350. Mrs. Merlo is the owner of 40 acres of land in Washington County, and alleges that in July last, when the railway company was constructing its line to Hillsboro, workmen tore down her fence and committed other acts, and when she protested, one of them struck her, breaking her arm. She asserts that by reason of the assault her general health has been affected. Mrs. Merlo is represented by W. D. Fenton and the firm of Dolph, Mallory, Simon & Gearin.

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