

KILLING OF COLONEL IS HELD JUSTIFIED

Oklahoma Oil Man Tells of
Affairs With Wife.

WOMAN ALSO IS HEARD

Army Officer Is Alleged to Have
Embraced and Insulted Mrs.
Day in Her Own Home.

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Husband's Entry Not Heard.

"You don't know what you are saying, I couldn't do that," Mrs. Day testified, she replied to Beck when he urged her to come to his room.

Mrs. Day said she did not hear her husband enter the house when he went to get his revolver.

"I don't know whether I beat his face," she said, declaring she used both hands to fight off Beck's left arm.

Mrs. Day testified she first saw her husband as he descended the stairs with a revolver in his hand.

"My God, daddy, don't do that," she said as he came.

Beck had jumped up from the divan meanwhile and had retreated to another room, she said.

The next thing she said she saw was the body of Beck lying on the floor.

Shot Not Seen, Says Mrs. Day.

"I did not see the shot fired. I did not hear the report," Mrs. Day testified.

"I looked down and saw his lips move," she continued. "I lifted his head, then put his head back down and the blood started out. Then my hands were covered with blood."

Later she testified she wiped the blood from her hands and arms when an officer brought a wet towel.

"There will be people who don't believe," she said brokenly.

After the tragedy she said she moaned:

"I pray that my little girl won't live, that she won't come home."

"What is there for her to live for?" She asked with a gesture of hopelessness.

During the 21-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Day, a student, was at the university of Oklahoma the night of the tragedy.

Beck Declared 'Trusted Friend.'

"When he was struggling with you and he asked you to come to his room, you didn't think he was trying to do anything wrong then," asked County Attorney Hughes, explaining that he wanted to bring out the intent in Beck's mind.

"I didn't think I didn't know," Mrs. Day replied. "What would you think," she questioned.

Mrs. Day said Beck had been a trusted friend. He was the idol of her daughter, who regarded him as a big brother, she said.

She said Beck was not under the influence of liquor the night of the tragedy. Never before, she said, had the army man given any indication that he was other than a "perfect gentleman."

Police Detective Called.

Joe Campbell, police detective, was the first witness called this morning.

A delay of several minutes followed while court attaches attempted to maintain order among the daters.

The crowd in the courtroom, estimated at more than 600, was on its feet, each person standing on his seat in order to be in a position to view the proceedings. An overflow crowd of approximately 1200 was milling and pushing in the corridors.

Campbell, answering questions asked by County Attorney Hughes, testified he answered a call with Patrolman Dick Miller to the residence of Day, which was received at 2:53 A. M. April 4.

They were met at the door by Mrs. Day, he said. County Attorney Hughes obtained from Campbell a description of the position of various pieces of furniture in the drawing room where Beck's body was found.

Shades of the drawing room were raised when the officers arrived, Campbell said.

Mrs. Day was standing by a divan and when the officers entered, said: "Why did they leave me?" Campbell testified.

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