

OPPOSED WOODER KILLS MOTHER OF GIRL SHE HID AWAY FROM HIM

Strangles Woman to Get Girl's
Address; Steals Money to
Pay Fare to Her.

(United Press Local Wire.)
Hagerstown, Md., Aug. 28.—Confronted here today by his sweetheart, Miss Lila Henry, Norman McCleary, aged 23 years, broke down and confessed to strangling the girl's mother, Mrs. Wannie Henry, to death and stealing \$40 from the victim, going to Washington to seek the girl.
Mrs. Henry, McCleary told the police, objected to his attentions to her daughter and warned him to stay away from the house.
Recently Mrs. Henry sent her daughter to Washington to visit relatives. On August 15, McCleary demanded the mother to give him her daughter's Washington address. When this was refused, McCleary waited until night when he returned and strangled his demand. Again refused, he choked the woman to death and finding the address in the house started for Washington, where he was arrested on suspicion.
Until he was confronted today by Miss Henry, McCleary had denied all knowledge of the crime. He is a member of a prominent Hagerstown family.

WEST WILL NAME ANOTHER IF EVANS DECLINES TO ACT

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how to take over the office of district attorney. Everything is being adjusted to himself after he has time to see Mr. McCleary and arrange for the handling of several government cases soon to come to trial.

"I have therefore decided not even to ask for his decision for three or four days yet—perhaps several days." This does not mean, however, that Mr. Evans has told the governor positively that he will accept when the added time extension is up, however, the executive made haste to add.

This decision of the governor's will probably make it impossible for the present grand jury to transact any other business than to report on its findings so far, and give out a statement of unfinished business. The grand jury this morning adjourned after a conference with the governor, in which he made the promise that a qualified prosecutor would be on hand at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. This plan cannot now be followed.

Tom Word Named
In the meantime the governor has announced the formal appointment of Tom Word, Democratic candidate for sheriff, as special agent for the state, to collect evidence for the grand jury and district attorney in the "clean up" campaign. And if W. H. Fitzgerald, Republican candidate for the same office, wants an appointment of the same kind, he can have it, says the governor.

"I have sent a commission to Mr. Word naming him special agent for the state, without salary," said the governor. "This appointment has no bearing whatever on any controversy with the sheriff's office. Mr. Word is not intended in any way to supplant Sheriff Stevens. His powers, however, might be called co-ordinate with those of the sheriff. He will be entirely independent of Mr. Stevens."

"This will give Mr. Word a chance to show the people that a conscientious man can do towards cleaning up the town. Mr. Fitzgerald will have the same chance, if he desires. I shall be glad to name him a special agent if he wants the appointment."

Asked whether he would accept his appointment as special agent, Mr. Word said this morning that he had not yet received official notification of the appointment.

"Until that comes, I do not care to discuss it," he said.
The governor announced his future policy toward the sheriff's office when he said: "I expect from time to time to notify the sheriff's office of violations of law going on, nuisances that exist, which it is his duty as sheriff to suppress, and put it up to him to take care of it. Then if he doesn't do it, there will be time enough for the next day."

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The question came up this morning when Attorney Cameron appeared before Judge Morrow to ascertain what attitude the judge would take in the light of the judge's refusal to consider any question until it was properly brought before him. Cameron then called at the grand jury room and held a consultation with seven members. Following his audience with the jurors, Governor West made his call upon the body. Soon after this, the foreman of the grand jury announced that all witnesses subpoenaed today should return Thursday morning for work. The jury further considered several cases now under investigation.

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formally came up whether or not indictments could be returned without the signature of the district attorney. To this the judge said they could. One indictment was returned. The person indicted is not in custody and it could not be made public. The jury adjourned until Thursday morning.
It was also announced by the presiding judge that no default judgments in divorce cases would be allowed until a district attorney is named and qualified. He also announced that the divorce cases usually heard Friday would not be taken up, unless a legal representative is on hand for the state. The law requires the district attorney to be present at all divorce cases.

Tom Word, one time sheriff of Multnomah county.

step by me. The law makes certain things unlawful and points out to the sheriff his duty.

Cameron Standing Pat.

While all this is going on, District Attorney Cameron, ex-District Attorney Cameron, is standing pat. Mr. Cameron declares that whether the governor's removal order is legal or whether it isn't, he is still district attorney of Multnomah county until his successor has been duly appointed and qualified. In support of this position, he cites a decision of the supreme court, made in 1908, in the case of the state vs. General Compton. In this decision, after quoting section 1, article XV of the state constitution, which provides that "all officers, except members of the legislative assembly, shall hold their offices until their successors are elected and qualified," the law is interpreted as follows:

"The incumbent holds over by the paramount right of tenure, which he is superseded by a qualified successor appointed or elected under some provision of law, and a failure of the particular authority to elect his successor does not create a vacancy in his office."

"That is clear enough," said Mr. Cameron. "According to that decision, there is no vacancy in my office at all, even if the governor's order is legal, which I contend is not the case. But in any event, I am still district attorney until a successor is qualified."

"This point caused the grand jury much puzzlement in the course of the morning. Who to recognize as district attorney, or whether to recognize any one, finally led to the postponement again of hearing of all evidence in cases before the grand jury. Witnesses who had been instructed to appear today were finally sent home and told to come back at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning."

Still another point was involved, however, in which the grand jury finally decided to accept Mr. Cameron's interpretation. This involved the legality of indictments which were reported yesterday before Governor West's order arrived declaring Cameron put out of office.

At the time, the grand jury had found about 19 indictments, two of which had been signed by the district attorney as required by law. Inasmuch as the indictments were found while Mr. Cameron was still district attorney, without any legal doubts, it was finally held that he could sign them as district attorney.

This decision wasn't reached, however, until after the grand jury and Mr. Cameron had held a long session and gone over all the points involved. This action puts the issue of these indictments, at least, squarely before the court.

Governor and Cameron Meet.

An interesting meeting took place in the grand jury witness room when Mr. Cameron, coming outside after a conference with the jury, came face to face with Governor West, who was waiting to go inside.

Mr. Cameron did not see Governor West for a moment. When he did, he smiled roundly.

"Good morning," he said, affably.

"Good morning," returned the governor, just as affably.

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WILL NOT RECOGNIZE EXPENSE BILLS WHICH CAMERON APPROVES

County Auditor, Martin stated this morning that he would not recognize any expense bills coming from the district attorney's office having the approval of George J. Cameron as long as the courts do not recognize Cameron as district attorney. A new appointee to that office recognized by the circuit court will be recognized by the auditor. The salaries of the district attorney's office, except that of stenographer, are paid by the state, therefore do not come through the auditor's office. The stenographer's salary for August has been filed, and was received by the auditor yesterday morning, therefore will be placed on the payroll, as it was in the auditor's hands before the governor issued his proclamation against Cameron.

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