

PLOT TO MURDER WIFE RELATED BY WOMAN DETECTIVE

(By United News)

Washington, July 8.—Testimony in the case of Chester A. Snow, millionaire patent attorney, and Edna P. Acker, woman detective, charged with conspiracy in a plot to kill Mrs. Chester A. Snow, today developed a picture of the fascinating social whirl in Washington.

Mrs. Snow, the principal witness, told how she was led by Mrs. Acker into the company of distinguished men and women of "aristocratic tastes."

Then Mrs. Snow told of an alleged confession by Mrs. Acker, who said she had been employed as a detective by Snow and had planned to bring about Mrs. Snow's death. Three methods of death were considered, Mrs. Snow said she was informed. One was by poison, one by a "staged" automobile accident and a third by throwing Mrs. Snow off a cliff.

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Mrs. Snow told of the friendship first developed with Mrs. Acker, who she knew as Mrs. Mayo. They frequented numerous exclusive hotels and clubs together about Washington. She was introduced to prominent members of the social set, members of congress and of the diplomatic corps, she said.

On one of these occasions she was presented to Representative James M. Good, chairman of the house appropriations committee, and had dinner with him at the Washington hotel, she testified. Mrs. Acker called the congressman "Jimmy," she said, and he knew a place out in Maryland where they could get a "wonderful chicken dinner."

SMOKE AND DRINK
Mrs. Acker was described by the witness as a woman of unconventional habits, Gypsy-like and Bohemian. She enjoyed Mrs. Acker's company as well as that of her companions, introduced as Mr. Broderick and Mr. Eder, "men of artistic tastes," whom she was expected to "like." Mrs. Mayo smoked cigarettes and drank at these dinners, Mrs. Snow stated, as "Mrs. Mayo" had told her that she was a writer and at that time was producing a play in New York.

At their dinner parties and tea dances they always drank "something," Mrs. Snow testified, but no attempt was made on any of these occasions to drug her or "put her out of the way."

Once Broderick became very cordial and confided in her that his name was not Broderick at all. At this time he whispered as he was leaving her, "Better watch your step."

HER LIKINGS CHANGED
On the day the plot was revealed through the admission of Mrs. Acker, Mrs. Snow said, Mrs. Acker called on the telephone asking to be allowed to see her as she had something important to say. Mrs. Snow summoned her attorney. When Mrs. Acker arrived she embraced Mrs. Snow and exclaimed,

"My dear, I have come to tell you the most horrible plot to kill you." Mrs. Snow said she thought the whole thing was a joke at first, but her attorney, H. E. Davis made notes of her conversation, she testified, and carried the matter to court.

WETS AND DRIES TRYING TO FORCE COX DECLARATION

By Herbert W. Walker

Dayton, Ohio, July 8.—(U. P.)—The prohibition issue is fast coming to the fore in preliminary plans for the campaign of Governor James M. Cox, the Democratic nominee.

Dry factions of the party, it is apparent from telegrams now being received by the Ohio governor, are bent upon forcing him to declare for the present drastic prohibition laws. Anti-prohibition forces have started a counter-offensive, thus making Cox a storm center.

No inkling of what W. J. Bryan, with the backing of the Anti-Saloon league, intends to do about the Cox candidacy has been received, but the governor is the one leading Democrat who has sent no congratulations.

Although the prohibition question is becoming so important that it is certain to be a main topic of discussion of the big conference of party leaders, Cox apparently is not worried over developments. Cox expects to send a reply soon to the demand of Richmond P. Hobson and the Anti-Saloon league that he declares opposition to any change in the Volstead law.

According to his close friends, Cox will state he proposes to enforce the Volstead law as long as it is on the statute books, and that any change in its terms can come only through a "damper" congress.

Man, 83, Is Held on Statutory Charge

Andrew Montag, 83 years of age, owner of a shoe shop at Seventeenth and Umatilla streets, was arrested by Inspectors Glose and Watkins Thursday afternoon, on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a 13-year-old girl. He will be tried in the court of domestic relations July 16.

Form—Mayor Visits
Vancouver, Wash., July 8.—Milton Evans, former mayor of Vancouver and now of Drain, Or., has been a business visitor.

HARDING AND HIS BACKERS DISCUSS CAMPAIGN PLANS

By A. O. Hayward

Marion, Ohio, July 8.—(I. N. S.)—Conferences opened today at the Harding headquarters that are expected to shape the early work of the Republican national campaign.

National Chairman Will H. Hays and Harry M. Daugherty, pre-convention manager for Harding, came to discuss general campaign matters with Senator Warren G. Harding, the Republican nominee.

T. Coleman Du Pont, national committeeman from Delaware, chairman of a special committee to arrange the notification ceremonies, is expected here to perfect plans for the reception of the Republican party leaders who are to attend and to get started properly the visiting delegations that are to inaugurate the "front porch" campaign.

Senator Albert B. Cummins of Iowa will arrive Saturday to present to Senator Harding campaign suggestions borne of the experiences had by Senator Cummins in his hard fight in Iowa for renomination for the senate. The Iowa was fought bitterly by the labor leaders because of his support of the anti-strike legislation in connection with railroad employees.

General Leonard Wood, contestant with Senator Harding for the Republican nomination, is coming to consult with Senator Harding.

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