

Mrs. Harington Takes Stand, Testifies Husband Had 'Rages'

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The climax of Wednesday's Harington trial session came when the court refused to allow testimony designed to show from what spot the bullets must have been fired in order to cause the pattern

of blood spots found on the walls at the head of the bed. At this point Mrs. Harington appeared overcome with emotion. She rose and, at her counsel's request, was excused from the room. Stanley McDonald, ballistics expert of the Multnomah County sheriff's office, was on the witness stand. He had testified that there were no powder burns on Harington's face and that he had made tests which showed the death bullets must have been fired from a distance of 30 inches or more.

Need Pressure
McDonald testified it would require two and three quarters pounds pressure to pull the revolver trigger, single action (when the hammer has been pulled back) and eight and one half pounds, double action. Shortly afterward the state rested and the defense asked for a directed verdict in favor of the defendant, which the court declined to grant.

When Mrs. Harington took the stand she described her husband as a man of violent rages who once pushed her to the floor and kicked her in the stomach six weeks after one of their babies was born.

Alleges Anger
She said she threatened to kill her a number of times and that once when she was trying to call police he ripped the phone from the wall. He tried to push her downstairs at another time, she said, and on another occasion threw a lamp at her.

Earlier, the state recalled Police Chief L. L. Pittenger, who said that when he arrived at the Harington home shortly after the shooting, Mrs. Harington was "the coolest woman I had ever seen."

Tried to Help
She told him, he also said, that after the shooting she went back to the bedroom, took hold of Harington's right wrist and pulled him toward her side of the bed, trying to do what she could for him. Pittenger said, however, she showed concern about arrival of an ambulance and about her babies.

Preliminary defense witnesses included Sam Murphy, watchman at one of Harington mill; Maxine Crosby, who said her son told her Harington had a hot temper, and Al Howard of the check room at the Holland night club, who said that when Harington was there the night of Jan. 27 he had been drinking but was not too drunk to have more.

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