

TELLS TALE OF LOVE AND MAN'S DEATH

Jealousy and Self-Defense Plea Entered by Woman in Husband's Death

NICE, France March 12 (Friday) (UP)—Mrs. Fred G. Nixon-Nirdlinger's own story of how she killed her husband, Philadelphia theatrical magnate, was made public by police early today.

Using the jeweled fountain pen which was a gift from her dead husband, the St. Louis beauty pageant winner sat in a cell charged with his murder, and wrote her lurid confession of the elderly Nixon-Nirdlinger's last moments. She shot him after a quarrel Wednesday night in their Riviera apartment.

HUSBAND DRANK

"We dined together," the former Charlotte Nash, widow of her own hand, wrote, "my husband drank wine and whiskey." "Later I went into the bedroom, put on my pajamas and returned to the living room where my husband was working a crossword puzzle. I started to study Italian, when he looked up and said:

"You must have an Italian lover. I revoke and will disinherit your children."

DEATH THREAT

"He then walked into the kitchen and drank some more whiskey. I went into the bedroom and placed a revolver under the pillow of my twin bed because several times before he had threatened to kill me."

"My husband came into the room. He undressed. He said: 'I would kill you rather than let you have an Italian lover.' I answered: 'Have no fears of that sort.'"

WOMAN FAINTED

"Then he started choking me. I grabbed the revolver and fired point blank. He staggered out of the room. I pursued him, firing several times. Then I fainted."

"As soon as I revived, I started a search for the concierge. I fainted again."

"He had been drinking," she cried repeatedly during the questioning of the murder which has shocked the blasé colony along the Azure coast. "He had been drinking; I acted in self-defense."

TELLS STORY

The beautiful 36-year old daughter of a St. Louis doctor wept as she told the sorry tale of jealousy and the growing apart which the great disparity in the ages of herself and her husband nurtured. Its culmination after six years of married life in her killing of the middle-aged theatre owner was described in tragic fashion.

Their two children, four and two years of age, remained in charge of a Swedish nurse today, unaware of the crime. They remain on the Riviera until the trial of their young mother, friends said.

TO RE-ENACT DRAMA

Mrs. Nixon-Nirdlinger will be brought from her cell probably tomorrow morning, for the reconstruction of the crime, in accordance with French law. The law requires that she go to their apartment and re-enact the tragic drama of the shooting.

Her attorney, Maître Louis Gassin, told the United Press that he believed it would be six or eight months before the trial. "This is a clear case of self-defense," Gassin asserted. "The fact that she bought the revolver two months ago does not indicate premeditation. She merely feared that the occasion would arise when she would have to defend herself."

HAS BRUISES

The young wife, widowed by her own act, carried bruises on her throat and neck to prove her contention that the moment she had feared came last night, prior to the midnight shooting which ended Nixon-Nirdlinger's life. She told the police her husband had tried to strangle her and that she shot him to save her life from his jealousy-crazed hands.

The crime was almost the sole topic of conversation along the Riviera today.

Both Nixon-Nirdlinger and his pretty, vivacious wife were described as regular attendants at night clubs along the way Riviera "white way," she often was seen dancing without her husband, it was said, arousing his jealousy.

STUDIED ITALIAN

The young wife in the tale of youth versus old age was studying Italian when her husband came into the room. He flew into a rage, she said, and accused her of trying to learn the language merely because her tutor was a young, handsome Italian. They quarreled, according to the police report reconstructing the crime, and in

History Given of Largest Organization of Business And Professional Women

The National Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs of the United States, under whose auspices National Business Women's week is being observed, March 8 to 14, is the largest organization of business and professional women in the world. It numbers approximately 60,000 members and has approximately 1250 local clubs scattered through the 48 states, with branches in Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands.

Organized in 1915 at St. Louis, the federation has grown rapidly both in numbers and in influence, until the majority of the women in the United States who hold positions of executive importance have become members.

Mrs. Herbert Hoover, wife of the president of the United States, Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, wife of the ex-president; seven of the eight women in the retiring congress, Judge Florence E. Allen, only woman supreme court justice in the world; Judge Nellie Tayloe Ross, first of our women governors.

Shippers Save Thousands By River Boats

SALEM, Ore., March 12. (UP)—Savings of \$2000,000 were possible to Willamette valley shippers who last year transported their produce by river boat, according to Robert McBride, Portland.

Competition from river boats was instrumental in keeping rates of land transportation agencies lower. McBride declared. He said rates were cut approximately \$1 a ton over what they were three years ago before efficient river shipping was possible.

In the past two years, the federal government has spent \$140,000 making permanent improvements on the Willamette, McBride pointed out. Deepening the channel would be most beneficial to shipping, he said. The cost for this work would be only \$500,000 as compared to a cost of at least \$2,000,000 for proposed canalization.

Let Contract On Camp Clatsop

SALEM, March 12. (UP)—Adjutant General George A. White of the Oregon national guard today announced the low bidders for construction of a warehouse and three bath houses at Camp Clatsop, Astoria.

D. Hora, Portland, made a low bid of \$1,947 for constructing the warehouse, and S. I. Odom, of Salem, submitted a low bid of \$13,200 for constructing the three bath houses.

The struggle the wife reached for her newly purchased revolver and shot the love-crazed man who sought to "punish" her.

Nixon-Nirdlinger had two sons by his first marriage, one, Jack, lives in New York. The other, Samuel, is in the theatre business in Philadelphia. The wealthy theatre owner married Charlotte Nash in 1924. She was his third wife. Their married life was not happy at the start, and they were divorced in Paris in October, 1926. They were remarried in 1928.

Sheriff Low To Return Swinney To Face Charge

Sheriff Lloyd Low is expected to return from Portland today with Vincent L. Swinney wanted here on a charge of kidnapping his two children whose custody was given to Swinney and the children's grandmother in Lakeview.

The complaint charges that Swinney failed to return the children to their grandmother's home after his time for keeping them had expired. Mr. and Mrs. Swinney are divorced.

Sheriff Low took William Clements to the state penitentiary where he will serve a two-year term for carrying concealed weapons.

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