

GRAY PUTS BLAME UPON MRS. SNYDER

Confession Read at Murder Trial Accuses Woman.

'INTENSE LOVE MAKING'

Threats Also Weapons, Man Declares.

BULLETIN

By United Press
LONG ISLAND CITY, N. Y.—April 27.—Edgar Hazleton, attorney for Mrs. Ruth Brown Snyder, failed this afternoon in an attempt to have the Snyder-Gray murder case declared a mistrial. Hazleton made a motion to withdraw a juror and end the present hearing.

By United Press
LONG ISLAND CITY, N. Y.—April 27.—Henry Judd Gray "blamed it on the woman" when he made an alleged confession to the murder of Albert Snyder.

Gray's confession went into evidence today at the trial of himself and Mrs. Ruth Brown Snyder for the Snyder murder and it revealed an absorbing story of a man who admitted that his own will had given way to dominance by the will of a woman. The woman was Mrs. Snyder, the statement said.

Used Threats

"I absolutely refused at first and with some veiled threats and intense love making, she reached the point where she got me in such a whirl that I didn't know where I was at," read the confession as it charged Mrs. Snyder with inspiring the murderer.

At another point it said:

"I will say, to use the slang, she did me pretty hard for a while."

Gray charged that Mrs. Snyder made several attempts to end her husband's life, before the murder. Twice, he charged, she gave Snyder sleeping powders and turned on the gas, in hopes of killing him, but each time Snyder escaped.

Checked Faltering

The confession charged Mrs. Snyder with actual participation in the murder. Gray said that after he struck Snyder with a window weight Snyder clinched with him and grasped his necktie.

When Gray faltered, the confession said, Mrs. Snyder stood by and told him that "this thing has absolutely got to go through."

Then the statement said that if there was picture wire found around the neck of Snyder's body, it was tied there by Mrs. Snyder and not by him.

GROCERY CLERK BANDIT VICTIM

Found in Dazed Condition in Store.

Detectives questioned John Schwier, 23, of 32 N. Chester Ave., at city hospital today, hoping to obtain information that will lead to arrest of two young bandits who are alleged to have beaten and robbed Schwier early today.

Schwier, a clerk at the W. A. Bevis grocery, 3324 E. Washington St., was found in dazed condition at the store by Michael Mercurio, 423 S. New Jersey St., a fruit peddler. Edward Orme, 2520 E. Tenth St., bakery wagon driver, arrived at the store and they called police.

Lieut. Fred Drinkut and emergency squad, questioned Schwier and from his incoherent story pieced together the facts that the bandits came into the store at 5:45 a. m. and struck him on the head. They took \$8 from his pocket. His empty purse was found on the floor. The telephone wire in the store was cut, but Bevis said the store money was intact in the cash register. Schwier said the two drove up in a Ford

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SCHOOL STRIKE AT NEW ALBANY IS CALLED OFF

Pupils Return on Plea of Principal They Sought to Save.

By Times Special

NEW ALBANY, Ind., April 27.—Students of the New Albany High School "today called off their two-day strike on the advice of Principal Charles B. McLinn, whose reappointment they had demanded."

More than 700 students, practically the entire student body—left their classrooms Monday morning when they learned the school board had refused to rename McLinn, principal for twenty years.

Monday and Tuesday, the students paraded the streets with the high school band bearing banners and shouting they would not return to school until McLinn was re-appointed.

Parents, the alumni association of the school, and citizens in general supported the pupils.

The school board remained adamant. Members said McLinn would not be named.

Tuesday afternoon McLinn called the leaders of the strike. He advised them to call it off.

"We'll put it up to the student body," the leaders finally agreed.

This morning the students marched to the city library.

There were speeches by the leaders, advising their return and promising that citizens would carry on their fight to secure McLinn's re-appointment. McLinn also spoke.

All but one student—Morris Smith—voted to return. Then they marched back to school.

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Will Remembers Churches

By Times Special

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., April 27.—Three churches here, the First Methodist Episcopal, the First Presbyterian and the First Baptist, will receive \$5,000 each by the will of Samuel Laughlin, who died here recently. Other beneficiaries are: Hanover College, \$10,000, and a church and Sunday school organization in Ireland.

Fall From Auto Fatal

By Times Special

MUNCIE, Ind., April 27.—Funeral services were held today for Vinton L. Nickey, 28, of Gaston, who was fatally injured when he fell from an auto driven by George R. Thomas.

FOR FLOOD SUFFERERS

Indianapolis Chapter, American Red Cross, asks persons who desire to contribute to the fund for relief of Mississippi River flood sufferers to fill out this blank and forward it with the contribution to:

AMERICAN RED CROSS,
100 War Memorial Bldg.,
77 N. Meridian St.,
Indianapolis, Ind.

I am sending for the Mississippi Valley Flood Sufferers' Fund.

Name
Street
City

Make checks payable to Frank D. Stalnaker, Treasurer.

50¢
For Your
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THOSE OFFICERS BROKE RUTH'S BEAUTY SLEEP

Maurine Watkins Tells How Snyder Case Defense Views That Confession Made in Bed.

By Maurine Watkins,
Author of "Chicago."

NEW YORK, April 27.—The jury looks puzzled and dazed. Who is on trial—Ruth Snyder and Henry Judd Gray, or the officers and assistant district attorney, who obtained their confessions?

It's very confusing. The indictment, as they vaguely recall, contains the names of the former, but for hours and hours the latter hold the witness stand and are the butt of defense attack.

And, with what crimes they are charged! Speaking rudely to lady beauty nap to ask questions—Naughty, naughty Mr. Daly of the district attorney's office, didn't mamma ever teach you it was rude to ask questions of a lady, even if she did sashay weight her husband and seen him with chloroform?

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REFUGEES HELD ON RIVER SPAN

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ly 10,000 refugees quartered in Vicksburg and vicinity.

Close guard was kept over Negro refugees on the outskirts of the city after labor agents were found trying to induce the Negroes to go there to return to plantations when the flood is over.

COMPENSATION PROPOSED

By United Press

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 27.—The peaceful bayous of St. Bernard Parish, just outside of New Orleans, are to be flooded through an intentional break in the levee in order to save New Orleans from inundation, Governor Simpson of Louisiana announced.

Some day, long hence, when jurors need be neither literate nor illiterate or eccentric, the status of confessions will be clearly and unmistakably defined.

But at present they're documents a police officer has to get in order to clear his books; documents that the suspect is glad to sign in order to hush that stinging, buzzing mosquito questioning that constitutes the modern third degree and documents that are instantly repudiated upon the entrance of the defense counsel as obtained under duress, violence, threat or promise of reward or immunity.

And the law holds that any such attendant circumstance immediately invalidates the statement, however true it may be.

Confessions Defined

Their chief value—confessions, not defendants—is that they enable the State to gather evidence. Their chief danger is that their admission to the jury may be grounds for appeal and reversal.

Hour after hour they quibble and fight.

Finally, it's read. Ruth Snyder's statement—and, curiously enough, for all her attorneys' objections, it's the best defense she'll ever have.

Even though read by Prosecutor Newcombe, who is most assuredly not sympathetic, it rang out with a strange simplicity and sincerity that touched the heart. The crime was hideous, the slayer callous, but certain phrases, certain sentences pain a poignant picture:

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