

YOUTH SOUGHT IN SLAYING OF RICH MOTHER

Quarrel Over Gambling
Debts Believed to Have
Led to Crime.

CHICAGO, Aug. 24.—Every known acquaintance of Harry Hill, suspected of killing his wealthy mother in Streator, Ill., was under police surveillance today as additional circumstantial evidence was revealed tending to link the youth with the crime.

Detectives advanced the possibility that Hill had committed suicide by jumping into Lake Michigan when he learned yesterday afternoon that his mother's body had been found buried under the floor of the cellar of her home in Streator, Ill., one of the show places of the town.

A warrant formally charging young Hill with the slaying was issued today by State's Attorney Russell Hanson of La Salle County.

From evidence gathered by investigators in Streator, Hanson today advanced this theory of the shooting.

Quarrel Over Money

"Hill and his mother had been quarrelling about money matters. We know of five checks, amounting to between \$250 and \$150 each, on which Harry either forged his mother's name or signed them 'per Harry Hill.' They were cashed between July 22 and Aug. 13.

"On the latter date, Hill registered at a hotel and stayed there two days. It is probable the shooting was committed a day or two before that time.

"The slayer evidently waited until Mrs. Hill had gone into the basement of her home. As she ascended the stairs to the first floor, according to indications, the slayer fired a shot from behind which struck her behind the ear. The bullet lodged in the wall but had been removed.

Buried Under Foot

"Then the body was dragged across the cellar into a remote corner and buried.

"Hill stayed around town a few days and then left for Chicago. He told every one who questioned him, including Alice Sawyer, whom he was to have married next month, that his mother was out of town.

While evidence was being gathered against his son, Dr. H. C. Hill, divorced husband of the dead woman, employed two attorneys to assure Harry of a fair trial if he is captured.

Known as 'The Fish'

The boy, whose habitual gambling losses earned him the title of 'The Fish,' is known to have spent Monday night with a friend in Chicago. Since then a city-wide dragnet has failed to divulge his whereabouts.

Another theory was drawn from the remarks of William Brydges, the friend at whose home Hill stayed. Brydges told police Hill had said his mother threatened to disinherit him because of a proposed marriage.

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terceded recently when the youth was threatened with prosecution for cashing forged checks. Two of the checks, one for \$400 and another for \$1,200, were forged on Mrs. Hill's name, it is said.

Woman Executive

Discovery of the body was not made until a week after death because of the eccentricities of the woman. Until questioned by his father as to her whereabouts, young Hill had proceeded with the tenor of his ways. The physician, becoming uneasy by the evasive answers he received, sought police aid.

With Dr. G. A. Bicus, a professional associate, and police, Dr. Hill entered the home. In the cellar they found a pile of bricks, which the physician said had never been there before.

Digging into the loose earth beneath it, the body was found, face downward, with the arms crossed over the back, dressed in an apron-like gingham dress.

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SAYS MOVIES STOLE STORY; ASKS MILLION

Hollywood Widow Sues De Mille on Copyright Charge.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 24.—One million dollars is the amount of damages asked by Mrs. Joan Armstrong Alquist in her suit against Cecil B. De Mille, motion picture producer, and others, charging infringement on her copyright with their production of "King of Kings."

Mrs. Alquist, a 69-year-old Hollywood widow, declared her book, "The Winding of Mary of Madala," was held for four weeks when she submitted it to De Mille in 1924. The motion picture is virtually identical with her book, she charges.

RECLAMATION IS DEFENDED

Jardine Charge Expected By
Interior Department.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Instead of resenting remarks that Secretary of Agriculture Jardine has been making against reclamation work and irrigation farms, officials of the Department of the Interior say that they expected them.

One official declared Secretary Jardine was playing to the farmers of the Middle West and East when he said money should no longer be spent in reclaiming arid lands.

"Reclamation is not subsidizing the irrigation farmer," said P. W. Dent, acting reclamation commissioner. "It is developing desert lands so that they will produce crops."

"Irrigation farming is more expensive than ordinary farming and those raising crops on reclamation projects enjoy no advantages over the farmers of the Middle West and East, who live on land made tillable by nature rather than artificial means."

Dr. Hubert Work, Secretary of Interior, says the Interior Department is not seeking to promote any new reclamation projects, but is anxious to complete those it has already started. This completion work will take ten years.

Chile Names Ambassador
SANTIAGO, Chile, Aug. 24.—Carlos Davila's nomination as ambassador to the United States has been approved by the Senate.

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Wabash (Ind.) Minister
Also Denounces Modern Dances.

By Times Special
WABASH, Ind., Aug. 24.—Take it from Rev. Forrest A. Reed, pastor of the South Side United Brethren church here, that it may be the fast, recklessly driven car that causes physical harm, but it is the parked auto that wrecks morals.

Addressing a sermon to young women, in which he assailed the modern dance along with parked cars, declaring that in the face of today's opportunities for sin, "The wonder is not that some young people go wrong, but that so many escape."

Of the modern dance, Rev. Reed said: "It is a reversion to the lowest practice of savage people and different from any previous generation of American life. In all circumstances and in all stations, it tends to weaken that which is worst in those who participate. I am not declaring that every girl who dances

is immoral, but I do declare that the tendency of the modern dance is to take off the fine edge of the modesty of both young men and young women."

HE LEARNED ABOUT WOMEN FROM THREE

Man, 71, Held at Jeffersonville on Bigamy Charge.

By Times Special
JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Aug. 24.—"I'm broke; the women have got all my money."

William A. Genes, 71, prisoner in the county jail here, is talking. He faces a charge of bigamy and a divorce suit filed by his third wife, Mrs. Rose Genes, 60.

Relating his troubles with women, Genes said his first wife died and that his second wife, Mrs. Monica Richardson Genes, obtained a divorce March 1, 1926, with \$5,000 alimony. In his own defense, the prisoner says he has lapses of memory due to effects of a blow on the head when a child.

FAMILY OF MISSING MAN APPRECIATE AID

Wife and Children Still Hope James Condon Will Return.

James H. Condon, 60, of 755 Luett Ave., missing since Aug. 2, has not been heard from, but his wife and five children the oldest of whom is 15, continue to hope for his return. The house in which the family lives is mortgaged heavily, and the household furniture also mortgaged, is in danger of being taken from the mother.

The Saturday Night Club has sent \$7.35 and three unknown donors have sent in sums bringing the total up to \$14 for aid of the family. Mrs. Condon has expressed much appreciation.

"I certainly want folks to know that their interest lightens my burden," she said. "I am also thankful to The Times for letting folks know about Mr. Condon. Maybe somebody will recognize him and let me know."

Boys Hear Schortemeier
By Times Special
PERU, Ind., Aug. 24.—"The greatest thing in life is true mastery of yourself," declared Frederick E. Schortemeier, secretary of State, speaking on "Education" at a Rotary Club meeting here at which sixty boys were guests.

The United States has 133 physicians to every 100,000 persons, according to a recent survey. In England there are 92, in Germany 51 and in France 53 to each 100,000 of population.

DECREE IS HELD UP

Chaplin Settlement Threatened by \$35,000 Difference.

By United Press
LOS ANGELES, Aug. 24.—The \$2,000,000 Chaplin divorce today was threatened with legal dissolution over a thrifling \$35,000.

Charles Chaplin, the movie comedian, miscalculated the amount of receiver's fees for the Chaplin community property and the burden of the debt falls on his former wife, Lita Grey Chaplin.

Attorneys for Mrs. Chaplin said the amount, \$35,000 was too much for her to pay. Meanwhile, the interlocutory divorce decree is being held up by the court.

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