

## EVIDENCE CHAIN TIGHTENS ABOUT HEIRESS-KILLER

Witness Says Defendant  
Carried Pistol Used in  
Lover's Slaying.

By United Press  
FLINT, Mich., Jan. 8.—Helen Joy Morgan, the cultured daughter of a wealthy mother, who gave her love to a thrice divorced garage mechanic, Leslie Casteel, and then killed him because, it is alleged, his ardor cooled, today heard the state pile up additional evidence against her.

Miss Morgan, who claims she shot in self-defense after wresting a revolver from her 230-pound sweetheart, drew a gun on Casteel several months before the fatal shooting in Glenwood cemetery, Mason Seines testified today. It was Casteel's gun, Seines said, and the same one which he later was killed.

Seines, who lived with Casteel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Casteel, and worked at a garage with him, said he was at work one day when Miss Morgan walked in.

### State's Case Near End

"She drew a gun and ordered Les to sit down," Seines said. "Then she commanded me to get out and I got out."

Seines was brought here from Morgantown, W. Va., by the elder Casteel. He admitted under cross-examination that he had been arrested in Terre Haute, Ind., as a suspicious person. He said he was released after a short investigation.

The state, reaching the conclusion of its case against the dark-haired, 27-year-old heiress, counted heavily on Seines' testimony to bolster the contention that Miss Morgan had possession of Casteel's revolver the April afternoon she made the fatal tryst with him. She has claimed Casteel had the gun.

### Phone Call Related

Edward Beuhler, real estate dealer and confidential adviser to Mrs. Carrie E. Morgan, the defendant's mother, was summoned by the state to tell of the telephone call he received from Miss Morgan after she had shot Casteel.

"She begged me to come to her home at once," Beuhler said. "I was busy and asked her to tell me why she wanted me. She said she couldn't answer over the telephone and suggested I prompt her with questions. I did so and learned she had shot Casteel.

"Miss Morgan said she didn't think she had killed him," Beuhler concluded.

### M'GUFFEYITES GATHER

Hear Selections From Old Books at Library Meeting.

McGuffeyites meeting in Cropsay auditorium, Central library, Thursday afternoon were entertained by Mrs. Carrie Swails, Mrs. Samantha Martin, Mrs. Hallie Smith, Mrs. Schultz, Mrs. Nellie Mills, J. H. Newlin, Dr. D. S. Goble, B. M. Ralston and W. A. Mason, all of Indianapolis.

Selections from the McGuffey text books also were read by R. T. Burwell of Bloomington and E. E. Trister, Greenwood.

### Strange Pals

By United Press  
PATERSON, N. J., Jan. 8.—A strange friendship between a small boa constrictor and a white mouse, put in its cage as food for the snake, ended with the death of the mouse, apparently of a broken heart.

The boa was discovered in a bunch of bananas from South America by John Harlick. He placed it on exhibition in his store window, and put the mouse in the cage just in case the snake got hungry.

The boa lay coiled while its small playmate scampered over its back and about the cage.

The S. P. C. A., however, ordered Harlick to remove the mouse. Several days ago Harlick did so.

The mouse appeared to grieve in his adjoining cage, and the boa thrashed about restlessly. Yesterday the mouse

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