

## GIRL, 13, KILLS COMPANION, 8, IN FIT OF RAGE

Authorities Undecided on Course Against Young Murderess.

By United Press

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 29.—The confession of a 13-year-old girl that she murdered her younger playmate in an outburst of temper left authorities undecided today as to what action the state would take.

Mary Kavala, 13, of Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y., was held as the confessed slayer of Josephine Waropay, 8, the child whose trussed body was found Sunday behind a clubhouse building.

The murder, which at first was believed to have been a sex crime, was committed by the Kavala girl without accomplices.

District Attorney Frank H. Coyne said on the basis of the confession.

"Mary claimed," Coyne said, "that Josephine had been telling stories about her mother and her family, and in a fit of temper she struck Josephine in the face with a rock."

Then while the child was stunned, she bound her hands with strands from an old mop. She put a rubber band around her neck and tied strands from the mop around the neck. She had found the rubber band which had been cut from the inner tube of an old tire.

"Then she pulled a large sled over the child's body," Coyne said, quoting from the girl's confession. She said she killed Josephine about 4:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon while they were on their way home together.

Mary, a precocious child, was said to have been involved in petty crimes previously.

Coyne said he could prefer a first degree murder charge against the girl and ask the grand jury to indict her, despite her age. He added, however, that he was not certain he would take that step. Mary will be held at a children's shelter pending final disposition.

The murder of the Waropay girl aroused the quiet village of Hastings-on-Hudson to a degree equal to that caused by the case of Helen Vasko, whose parents objected to a court order that one of the child's eyes should be removed to save her from a fatal infection. The Vasko family lived directly back of the Kavals and Waropays.

## BYRD'S HARASSED SHIP SET FOR EMERGENCY

Sea Anchor Keeps Head in Wind While Icebergs Menace.

By United Press

ON BOARD S. S. JACOB RUPPERT EN ROUTE TO ANTARCTICA, Dec. 28.—(Via Mackey Radio).

The flagship of the Byrd Antarctic expedition continued plowing its way among thousands of icebergs today, under gloomy skies.

Admiral Richard E. Byrd, anxious because of the difficulty of avoiding icebergs when the ship's steam dropped Tuesday, has made preparations for emergencies.

A sea anchor was made to keep the ship's head into the wind in event of engine failure and a drill was held in coupling the hand steering apparatus in case the steam-driven apparatus should fail.

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