

Pitiful Details Of The Patterson Murder Case

Denver, Nov. 18.—A beautiful woman, her wealthy admirer who bestowed gifts and the young athlete whom she married for love and later shot, form the dramatic personae in the story that will culminate when Mrs. Gertrude Gibson Patterson goes on trial for her life. Monday, charged with murdering her husband, Charles A. Patterson, son of a well-known Chicago family, Emil W. Strauss, millionaire Chicago clothier and clubman, who, Mrs. Patterson says, "bought me for \$15,000" from the husband, may or may not come here to testify. Speculation on this here provided the sole subject of conversation in Denver today.

Both the attorneys for Mrs. Patterson and Special Prosecutor Horace C. Lester made statements today declaring themselves confident. Mrs. Patterson reiterated her opinion that, when the whole truth is told, the jury will acquit her. She spoke in calm, subdued tones, but it was plain to see that she was agitated by mental strain. She looked several years older as the result of her two months' imprisonment in the county jail.

The old story of the young girl who is taken up by the millionaire to be educated abroad is told again in this remarkable case. Strauss played the part of the millionaire, and Mrs. Patterson was the little country girl. He was traveling on business when he first saw her in a little Missouri town.

Gertrude Gibson—Mrs. Patterson—was then a mere slip of a child, with great brown eyes and a pretty oval face. Strauss was attracted by her beauty. He told of wealth and what a social life she would have if she accepted him as her protector. He promised to educate her abroad—to give her all the fine things of life to which she was entitled. And the ungrateful child said yes.

Years changed the girl into a beautiful woman, and when the millionaire left Chicago and finally called for her at her school in Paris she was no longer a child. There was a debt to pay and she says she paid it.

The wife's story, fully substantiated by the fact that Strauss became her protector. They traveled together and the millionaire lavished gifts upon her. He frequently registered her at hotels as his wife, and when she received her remittances and letters under the name of Mrs. Strauss.

But three years ago Gertrude Gibson had reached the fullness of beautiful womanhood. She was then twenty-seven years of age and her life of luxury and her studies at Paris had given her grace and charm. She was visiting relatives in Chicago and went with a party to a skating rink when she met young Patterson, four years her junior. He had been a football player, was handsome and popular among young people in the Englewood suburb of the big middle West city. She was attracted by him and he in turn became interested. They were introduced.

The young woman forgot about Strauss. She went to Los Angeles and then wired Patterson to join her there. They were in love. She asked young Patterson to marry her, so the friends of the dead man declared. They went to Mount Carmel by the sea and were married. They returned to their hotel in Los Angeles.

The bridegroom, in the hotel, overheard his wife asking for the maid of Mrs. Strauss. He was puzzled and, when he asked her on the bridal night, she broke down and told all the truth. As she sobbed out the confession of her past the husband forgave her and they started with fair play on both sides to share life as man and wife.

Illness overtook the young husband and it developed into pneumonia and then into consumption. The man and the wife became poor. Times were when they did not know where the next meal was coming from. They struggled along, and ever in the mind of the wife was the memory of the wide and deep and well-

filled purse of the man to whom she had sold herself as a girl. Now, as a wife, she might sell herself to him once more. And, if her story is true, she did, or rather her husband sold her to him.

"Mr. Patterson forced me to sell my electric, and the \$600 I got for it went to him," she declared. "The club he held over my head was my disgrace, the slavery into which he had sold me."

The amount which she said Strauss paid the husband was \$1,500.

"He threatened to make it all public," she said, "and to save my people I bought him off."

"Then he demanded more, and when I refused, he filed his suit for \$25,000 for alienation of affections against Mr. Strauss. I was heart-sick. I knew the disgrace that would be brought upon me and my family, and I decided to kill myself. I wrote, though, to Mr. Patterson, to ask him to come to me, that we might talk things over. I thought I would dissuade him from prosecuting the unjust suit. So I wrote him a note, and then I phoned to find out if he'd see me."

"My suggestion was that we go to the sanitarium, because there is a nice park there where we could sit and talk, but he said he would prefer to meet me at the Richtofen Castle. I went there. I told him what a terrible thing I was doing, and he said that if I would deed to him my bungalow, he would let me get a divorce without a contest and never mention Strauss' name to me again."

"Willingly would I have paid that price to be rid of the awful worry of the thing, but I had bought him off before on same such agreement and he had never kept his word. I knew that when I gave him anything I had in the world he would turn on me again. Then I did the only thing that was left to me—I killed him."

"I have told my story," she cried. "It seems a strange, unusual one. Well, in my heart, I believe it is the old story of other women, at least in the chapters leading up to the final tragedy. They keep their sorrow hidden beneath smiles and laughter. Fate wrongs mine out."

Thus it can be seen from Mrs. Patterson's story that her line of defense probably will be in the nature of an "unwritten law" plea. Another argument that is expected to be advanced is that of temporary insanity.

A diary kept by the dead Patterson, which will be exhibited in court, is expected to figure prominently in the defense. It so far substantiates the story told by the unhappy young woman, in her declaration that her husband sold her into slavery for \$1,500, that her lawyers believe it alone would cause her to go free.

Although Patterson had filed suit against Strauss for alienation of his wife's affections, his diary corroborates the wife's story that he knew she was in Europe with Strauss during January and February, 1909.

The following are excerpts from the diary:

February 18, 1909. (When Patterson said in his court complaint that he thought his wife was in St. Louis visiting her family)—gee, it must be an awful long way from Europe. Seems like a million miles to me.

February 24, 1909.—Gertie expected today; Daily News reports ship aground; awaiting some word and worrying until my head is queer.

February 25, 1909.—Hurrah! Best news of the world! Gertie is coming on a flyer.

The prosecution is said to depend largely upon proving much of Mrs. Patterson's story to be untrue. Prominent lawyers declared today that it is their opinion that, if Mrs. Patterson can make a jury believe her testimony and the prosecution cannot shake it, she will be set free. The consensus of opinion in legal circles is that the entire case hinges on a question of veracity, unless the millionaire Strauss takes the stand.

For the amount of interest shown by the general public, the Patterson

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M. MYER



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Good Roads For Statesville, N. C.

Special to The News.
Statesville, Nov. 17.—A movement has been inaugurated in Wilkes county to build a good road from North Wilkesboro to the Iredell county line, in the neighborhood of Lovelace, and Mr. H. H. Horton, president of the Wilkes County Good Roads Association, has written to Statesville for information regarding Iredell's purpose to build a good road to the Wilkes county line to connect with their proposed highway. Mr. Horton says the Wilkes people are very anxious to get an outlet south into the National Highway, and will take whichever route seems best and will offer most assistance. Mr. L. W. Lunsford, of Lovelace, is now raising money by private subscription to improve the road from Lovelace to North Wilkesboro and a road can be built from Lovelace to the Iredell line at little cost. A good road from North Wilkesboro to Statesville would be a great advantage to these two towns and to Charlotte and other towns south and there is little doubt that Iredell will arrange to have one of her roads now being built through North Iredell to connect with the road proposed by the Wilkes people. Should this be done there would be a direct line of good road all the way from Charlotte to Jefferson, via Statesville and North Wilkesboro. A movement is now on foot to resurface the turnpike from North Wilkesboro to Jefferson and put in operation a regular passenger and freight motor truck between the two towns.

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By Associated Press.
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Mr. Kountz recently returned from the east where he was taken ill and up to yesterday was reported as improving. Yesterday he suffered a relapse.

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No. 29—Ar. Atlanta 10:30 A. M. Central Time.
No. 29—Lv. Atlanta 10:45 A. M.
No. 29—Ar. Birmingham 4:00 P. M.
Northbound:
No. 30—Lv. Birmingham 9:30 A. M.
No. 30—Ar. Atlanta 2:30 P. M.
No. 30—Lv. Atlanta 2:45 P. M., Central Time.
No. 30—Lv. Charlotte 11:20 P. M.
No. 30—Ar. Danville 3:18 A. M., Eastern Time.
No. 18—Lv. Danville 3:30 A. M.
No. 18—Ar. Richmond 8:40 A. M.
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