

# STORY OF THE SORROWING MOTHER

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Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 1.—"I'd have choked him to death then had I ever thought he would grow up to be a gunman," wailed Mrs. Dora Diamond as she pointed to a baby picture of her son, Morris Barlow Diamond, taken when he was three months old.

Morris, 27, and his brother, Joseph, 21, are in jail, charged with murder in connection with the shooting to death of two bank messengers and escaping with \$43,000.

Six other suspects have been taken by the police who expect to round up a big gang.

Mrs. Diamond sobbed hysterically, beating her head with her closed fists, her black hair streaked with silver, turning gray with grief as one looked on.

"They were both such fine boys," she sobbed. "Never a night passed but Morris would come and tuck the covers around me as I lay in bed. And how Joseph used to smother me with his kisses! These boys couldn't have taken another man's life."

Solemnly, with perfect intonation she unraveled incidents of their childhood climaxing them in a picture of her sons behind prison bars. Then she broke down.

"Where is my daddy?" innocently asks five year old David, motherless son of Morris.

But none will tell him the truth.

David is a bright little chap with blue eyes and blonde hair. He was well-mannered and noiseless as he played with his toys.

"Morris was just like that when he was his age," said David's grandmother. "The son is a replica of his father—can you imagine a sweet boy like that growing to be a killer?"

There are four sisters in the Diamond family. Two of them are strikingly pretty.

"Three of us had to resign our positions as soon as our brothers



MORRIS DIAMOND, HELD IN MURDER CHARGE, AND HIS FIVE-YEAR-OLD SON DAVID, WHO IS THE IMAGE OF HIS FATHER AT THE SAME AGE.

were arrested—and Jane had to stop attending school," said Sally, the eldest.

Yes, but my firm wrote and told me they did not believe my brothers guilty and to come back," broke in Elizabeth.

"People are so cruel," commented Jane, 16, and popular in high school.

Leona, always sickly, has been confined to her bed since the sparkle of joy has been replaced with shadows of gloom in the Diamond household in rapidly growing Bensonhurst, 45 minutes from Broadway.

"Only one month ago I borrowed \$1500 from the West End Bank," said Mrs. Diamond.

Messengers of this bank, just a stone's throw from the Diamond home, were those robbed and killed.

"For 17 years we have lived here—and now we are disgraced, talked about and curiously gazed upon—and all for something I know my boys couldn't have done," said Mrs. Diamond.

She is 52 years old and has been a widow and head of her family for two years.

Morris, handsome and athletic, was a football star in high school.

Cups and trophies—Morris won as a fancy ballroom dancer adorn the mantle in the comfortably furnished and happy home until misfortune wrought havoc.

"A man who has any knowledge of a murder, or is suspected of it in New York, has two paths to follow. He can take his chance with the electric chair—or—'squeal,' he called a 'rat' and be murdered when he is set free. It's death in any case," mused Morris, the eldest of the brothers.

"But I think I'd rather have little Davey grow up to know that his dad was murdered by a revengeful gangster's gun than to have him learn that I was electrocuted."

Joseph, tall, dark and 21, was silent.

## DINNER STORIES

"My good man, you should begin at the bottom and work up."  
"It can't be done in my line. I'm a grave digger."

Wanted: A young man to undertake the sale of new patent medicine. The advertiser guarantees that it will be profitable to the undertaker.

Little Willie was enjoying a play with his kittens on the street when a gentleman passing by asked him the names of his kittens.

"Joe and Jerry," was the prompt reply.

"Why not call them Cook and Peary?" the man then asked.  
"Go on, man," Willie said, "these are no pole cats."

Definite.

Old Colored Mammy: "Ah want a ticket for Florence."

Ticket Agent: "After ten minutes' of weary searching through railroad guides."

"Where is Florence?"

Old Colored Mammy: "Settin' over dar on de bench!"

Representative Harry B. Haves, Democrat of Missouri says:

"There are always two sides to a question. I did not believe that until recently. The utilities committee of a thrifty town in my State permitted the street car company to raise the fare so that the public would get four tickets instead of six for 25 cents. This caused a great storm of protest. An indignant citizen of the community met an old Scotchman on the street and tried to get him exercised on the subject, but failed.

"Well what do you think of it?" he said.

"Of what?" asked the Scotchman.

"Why the utilities committee allowing the roads to collect 25 cents for four tickets instead of six?"

"Fine, I like that," was the reply.

"Like it, why?"

"Because I walk all the time, and now I can save 25 cents by four trips instead of six."

Neighbor Women: So your mother wants to borrow my clothes-wringer, does she?

Tenement Child: Yes, 'cause braver put Kitty's tail in it 'n spoiled it all to pieces, 'n madder says you're a horrid old woman if you don't; but don't tell her I said so, 'n I think you are anyway, so there—where's your wringer?"

A little boy was eating persimmons in school. "Johnny," said the teacher, "are you whistling?"

"Whistlin', hell," said the youngster. "I think I'm pothened."

Useless.

"Now, Mary," said the teacher, "would it be proper to say 'You can't learn me nothing'?"

"Yes, it would," replied Mary.

"Oh!" exclaimed the amazed teacher, "perhaps you will tell me why?"

"Cause you can't!"

Long Winded.

After-dinner Speaker: "Allow me before closing to repeat the words of the immortal Webster—"

Bored Banqueter: "Great Scott! He's going through the dictionary."

Enlightening.

Mrs. Ayres: "Ellen, how does it happen that you never saw finger bowls before? Didn't they use them where you worked last?"

Ellen: "No, mum. They mostly washed themselves afore they came to the table."

Exactly.

"Now, children," said the teacher, "I am going to tell you about the hippopotamus, but you will have no idea what it is like, unless you pay strict attention and look at me!"

With Reservations.

While a revivalist was holding meetings in a certain remote town a convert full of zeal offered himself for service.

"Parson," he declared, "I am ready to do anything the Lord asks of me—so long as it's honorable!"

"Don't you find it hard these days to meet expenses?"

"I should say not! Why, man alive, I meet expenses at every turn."

Mistress: "Mary, your young man has such an air of braggadois about him."

Mary: "Yes, pore lad, he worrks in a livery stable."

Full Dress.

A couple who desired to attend an amateur theatrical left their six-year-old son with some neighbors. The woman, thinking to make a nice remark about the little boy's mother, said:

"Your mother certainly looked nice. She was all dressed up, wasn't she?"

"Yes'm," replied the boy. "She had on ever' thing she got for Christmas, 'ceptin' her percolator."

Employer: "You were discharged last week. What do you want now?"

McGrath: "Didn't the envelope say 'turn in five days'?"

The Doughboy's Sweetheart: "You know, Jimmie, I think it's wonderful how popular you are! Why, you're on saluting terms with every one of the officers at the City Temple."

Buy Christmas Seals.

No tuberculosis in North Carolina by 1933. Let's finish the job. It's half done in ten years. Let's finish it in the next ten.

There were 4,800 deaths from tuberculosis in 1913; there were 2,393 in 1922.

Tuberculosis cost the people of North Carolina one hundred million dollars in 1913; it cost fifty million in 1922.

Fifty million saved in 1922, but still losing fifty million annually. The fight is everybody's fight. Enlist in the fight! Buy a bond or seal. Be ready when canvassers call Wednesday or Thursday.

Oyster culture represents the most valuable fishery in the United States. It employs more than 67,000 persons, drawing wages aggregating about \$11,000,000 a year, and uses vessels and apparatus appraised at \$17,000,000.

Twenty-eight days are required to hatch the eggs of a turkey.

## WINSTON-SALEM LEADS

In Number of Permits Issued for New Buildings and Repairs.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 1.—Winston-Salem is leading all North Carolina cities in the number of permits issued for new building and repairs to old buildings during the month of October, according to the monthly report of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond of activities in the Fifth Federal Reserve District. In the value of new construction, however, Greensboro was leading with a total expenditure during the month of \$378,210. The number of permits issued for new construction in Winston-Salem was 74 and those for repairs, 119.

The value of Winston-Salem's new activities ran second to Greensboro, the amount spent being \$266,837. The val-

ue of repair work at Winston-Salem exceeded that of other cities in the state, the amount expended being \$44,915. Asheville came second with \$29,950.

Asheville alone of the North Carolina cities showed an increase in new construction of more than one hundred percent. October was the first month in which Raleigh was given a place in the tabulations of the Board.

Fenner and Beane's Cotton Letter.

New York, Nov. 30.—Liverpool was influenced by the publication of two bullish crop estimates today sufficiently to carry prices into new high territory. Profit taking was on a tremendous scale, the selling from which was for a time readily absorbed by buying by the trade and Liverpool. For the first time in many weeks there was some short

selling noted, though it was of a timid character, and limited amount, yet the fact that any amount of such selling was going on at all increased the desire to accept some profits.

A crop report by Clement Curtis of Chicago, estimating the crop at 4,900,000 was also given as the basis for some western selling.

Wires were received from the south saying that December commitments had been filled and cotton continued to point its way here for local stock. In the afternoon a block of about 20,000 March was sold when that option passed through 50. It should be remembered that there is a big speculative long interest held in Liverpool as well as on this side and should Liverpool meet our decline further liquidation is likely.

As we advised around the opening we thought profits should be taken and continue to thing some cotton can be kept on hand, using bulges for profit takings.

Liverpool due 22 to 33 lower. FENNER AND BEANE.

From the Outside—\$500 a Day.

Charlotte Observer.

Occupants of automobiles bearing license tags of other States are buying gasoline in such amounts as to yield North Carolina \$500 in taxes every day during the present season. This, of course, is in addition to yields from purely domestic purchases. No more equitable system of taxation could have been devised to pay the interest on our road bonds and maintain highways already built. It is nothing but just that those who use the roads should pay the taxes. They do. Nobody else does. It should be constantly borne in mind that there is not one cent of taxes levied on real or personal property for State purposes. North Carolina's just tax system is being incorporated into the laws of many States. There was a time when North Carolina followed—often afar off—now she leads.

A Remarkable Search For Gold.

One of the many remarkable stories in The Sunday-World Magazine for December 9 is the tale of the tragedy-haunted search for gold along the tributaries of the Amazon. Dr. H. S. Dickey, who tells the story in his own words, was the leader of the little band which defied jungle death and ancient curse alike in their quest for the yellow metal. Most amazing of all, they actually found it, but were driven back by the relentless jungle terrors. Read this fascinating account and six other interesting stories and articles in this issue.

## REV. S. M. DAVIS DEAD

IN BED AT CAROLEEN

Saintly "Circuit Rider" Was Beloved By All and Thousands Knew Him.

Shelby, Dec. 1.—Rev. S. M. Davis, pioneer Methodist preacher, widely known religious writer and one of the few remaining historic "circuit riders" of the state, was found dead in his bed this morning at the home of his niece in Caroleen. The funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Methodist church, this county, by Rev. Z. Paris and Rev. Mr. Hornbuckle, of Caroleen.

Rev. Mr. Davis, who was 76 years of age, became a circuit rider in the combined North and South Carolina conference something over a half century ago. His first charge, which he served for six years, was the Darlington circuit composed of 15 churches. Later he served many charges in the North Carolina conference and later still in the Western North Carolina conference.

Nineteen years ago he was forced to retire from the active ministry, but he never ceased the work to which he devoted his life. His sermons and well written religious articles have appeared regularly in many papers throughout the state.

Stately Man Killed in Auto Wreck.

Albemarle Press.

Mr. Jack Russell, well-known Stanly county citizen, was killed Saturday afternoon as a result of an automobile accident on the Swift Island bridge highway, the accident having been about 8:30 o'clock, his death following in about two hours.

Mr. Russell and his son, Dewey, were going home from Albemarle and stopped their car, a Ford, on the right side of the road. Mr. A. C. Parker, of Albemarle, was coming toward Albemarle and stopped opposite to render assistance to Mr. Russell, whose car was in trouble. Mr. Russell, whose car was in trouble, After the repair had been made Mr. Russell crossed the road to look at Mr. Parker's new car. As he turned to re-cross the road to his own car a third car approached, one driven by Mr. L. A. McFarlan, of Gastonia, and Mr. Russell did not appear to see the car or hear the warning signal.

Mr. McFarlan, who was accompanied by his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Jos. DeLunt, of Gastonia, in order to keep from hitting Mr. Russell deliberately turned to the right and plunged into Mr. Russell's car, which collision resulted in Mr. McFarlan's car turning over and in doing so it pinned Mr. Russell to the ground and injured him so severely that he died two hours later in the office of Dr. J. N. Anderson, where he was taken for treatment. Mr. Russell's hip was completely crushed.

Drunks Cause Some Trouble to Drivers.

Greensboro News.

"The only trouble I had in getting back from Chapel Hill," said a late arrival last night, "was that caused by drunks between Chapel Hill and Hillsboro."

This man, who reached Greensboro after 12 o'clock, stated that it took him four hours to drive the short distance from Chapel Hill to Hillsboro. And it wasn't the road's fault, he added. The road was slick but not dangerous.

But in the line of cars were about a half dozen drunken drivers. No sooner would passengers in cars behind them help these drunk drivers get their cars out of a ditch than back they would go. Each time the whole line would be blocked.

## CATHOLICS AT OTEEN ASK FOR PROTECTION

Veterans at Oteen Hospital Fear the Invisible Empire.

Asheville, Dec. 1.—An investigation of religious prejudices among ex-service men at Oteen hospital has been made by agents of the department of justice as a result of a recent verbal attack on two Catholic patients by two other patients claiming to be members of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, it was learned today.

Fritz Tiedtke, of Philadelphia, and Virgil Tibbets, of Dallas, Ga., were the two patients claiming to be klansmen, and who, it is alleged, insulted and verbally abused the two patients who are Catholics, the reports disclose.

Earl T. Vensel, of Wheeling, W. Va., and A. J. Scullan, of Philadelphia, are the two men who were the parties to which the bitter denunciation of the Catholic Church was directed by the two patients, it was announced.

Tiedtke and Tibbets faced the discharge boards, charged with disobedience to orders, misconduct and being drunk, as it is alleged they were under the influence of whiskey at the time they insulted the two Catholics. Both were discharged, as it was found that travel would not interfere with their health or future treatments.

Vensel was discharged on November 12, the morning after the trouble, at his own request. Scullan was transferred to another ward.

Letters written by Scullan to his "Buddy," whom he says is his brother, in Philadelphia, in which he expressed fear for his life and requested that the police be notified that the Klan had marked him, in case anything should happen, were enclosed to Rev. Father H. J. Gronis, of Belmont abbey, who is stationed at Oteen. They were sent to Rev. Father Gronis by Rev. Father Corcoran, former Oteen priest, who received them from the national liaison officer, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Colonel James E. Miller, medical officer in charge at Oteen, describes the trouble as "a tempest in a teapot." Scullan, it was stated, asked to be transferred to another ward, as he feared for his safety. He was assured by Col. Miller that he would not be molested.

Morgan Sentenced to Serve Seven Years.

Albemarle Press.

Jodi Morgan was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to serve not less than seven and not more than ten years in the penitentiary for the killing of Oral Honeycutt near Oakboro last August, from which verdict he appealed to the Supreme Court. This case was the last of importance to be heard in Superior Court here, court adjourning Friday.

Judge Sinclair heard the verdict Thursday night when the jury reported about 11 o'clock. He pronounced sentence the next morning. The case was heard by hundreds of interested citizens, among whom there was much speculation as to the outcome.

The fact as reported in last week's Press were substantially all the material facts brought out in the trial. It will be remembered that after a disagreement causing hard feeling between the men that they met August 12 on the road between Oakboro and Stanfield, where an altercation took place which resulted in Morgan's shooting Honeycutt. The defendant claimed that he shot the deceased in protection of his own life.

Morgan's wife and little son remained within the railing with the prisoner throughout the trial. He was liberated under \$5,000 bond pending the outcome of his appeal, which is returnable in February.

## THE BALANCE OF POWER



K. of C. Founded in 1882.

The Knights of Columbus, a fraternal and benevolent organization to which male members of the Roman Catholic church, are eligible, was founded in 1882 in New Haven, Conn.

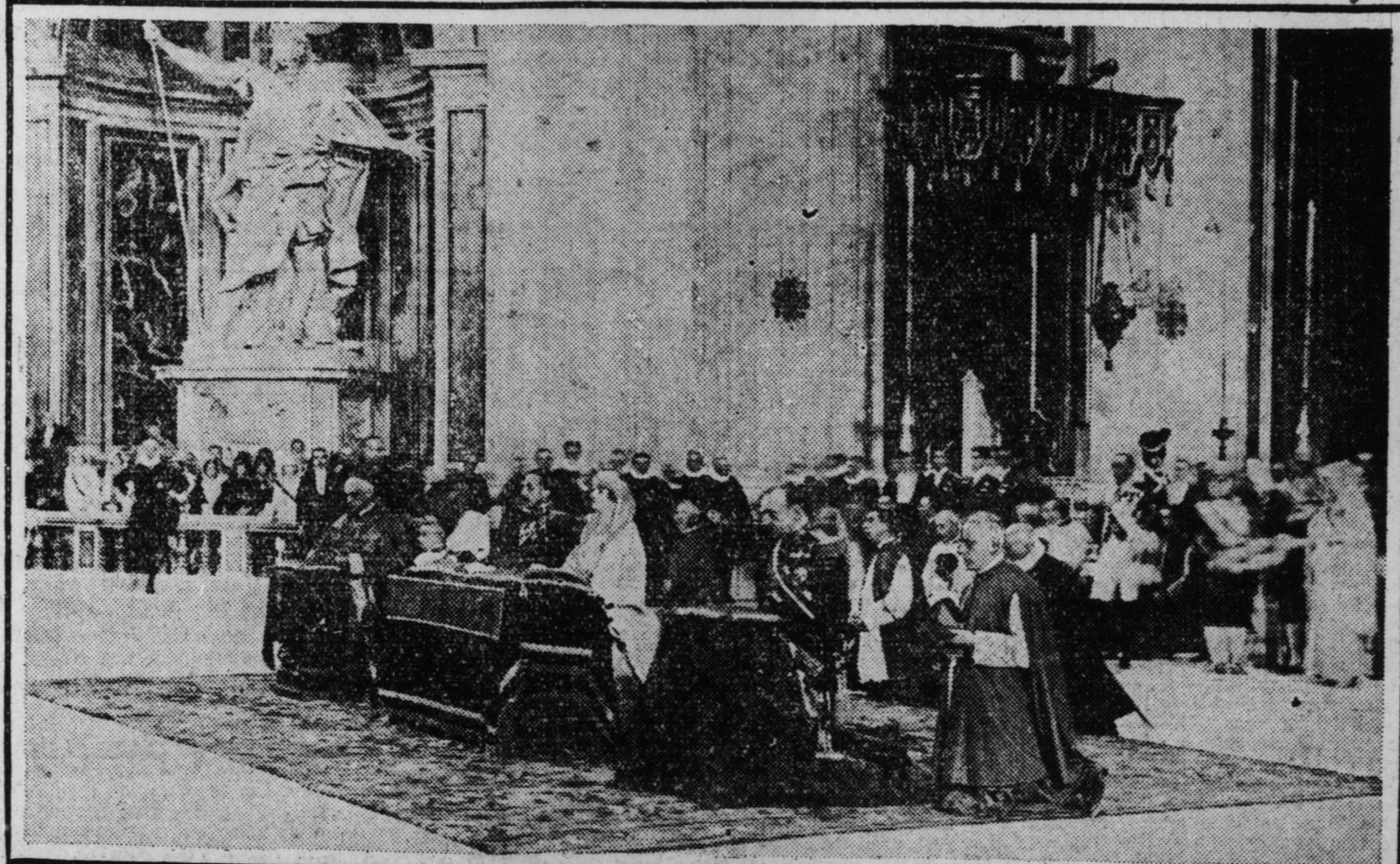
Timely Definition.

"An optimist," observes an exchange, "is one who believes the decorators when they tell him they'll paint and repaper his house in two weeks."

Nature's Universal Law.

The law of Nature is: Do the thing and you shall have the power, but they that do not do the thing have not the power. Everywhere and always this law is sublime.—Emerson.

## Most Remarkable Photo Ever Taken Inside a House of God



This exclusive photo shows their Catholic Majesties of Spain, King Alfonso and the Queen, before the high altar of St. Peter's at the solemn high mass on their arrival in Rome. They are kneeling with Cardinal Merry del Val (on their right) and General Primo di Rivera, Spanish dictator (on their left).