

STORY OF THE SORROWING MOTHER

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Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 1.—"I'd have choked him to death then as 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 grayer 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! Those 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 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,' be 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.

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. Vessel, of Wheeling, W. Va., and A. J. Scullian, 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 board, charged with disobedience to orders, misconduct and being drunk, 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.

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

Letters written by Scullian 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 Gororan, former Oteen priest, who received them from the national inson officer, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Colonel James E. Miller, medical officer in charge at Oteen, describes the trouble as "a tempest in a teapot." Scullian, 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.

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WINSTON-SALEM LEADS

Number of Permits Issued for New Buildings and Repairs.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 1.—Winston-Salem was leading all North Carolina cities in the number of permits issued for 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, 110.

The value of Winston-Salem's new activities ran second to Greensboro, the amount spent being \$260,835. 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 Brane'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 9,900,000 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 BRANE.

Tiers of Flounces for New Frocks



Sketched are two graceful frocks. One, the long-sleeved model, is intended for practical wear and could be made of fine silk or chambray. The other is more suited to heavy satin or crepe. Both show convincingly that flounces have a high place in winter fashions.

A Tame Fight



Frankie Genaro, American heavyweight champ, won from Carl Twomey of Cleveland after 12 tame rounds. This shows Twomey sprawling on the canvas after he slipped at the end of the 12th round.

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 ex-change, "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 dicta-