

Subconscious Murder Is Theory Of Psychiatrists

World War Veteran Accused of Murder Found When Police and Criminologists Agree That If He's Guilty He Has No Recollection of Crime

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San Francisco, Sept. 19.—Can a person subconsciously commit murder and know nothing about the crime when he returns to his normal self? Police authorities here believe it possible and on this theory they have just tried "Lonesome Harry" McDonald, overseas veteran, poet, philosopher, and strange mental command, against whom circumstantial evidence points almost overwhelmingly as the perpetrator of one of San Francisco's most brutal slayings.

The freeing of McDonald, despite the peculiar ramifications of the case which lead the police to believe him the victim of a dual personality from mental injuries received in the front line trenches in France, probably is without precedent in American police chronicles.

The body of pretty 18-year-old Andrietta Hildebrand, known to her youthful friends as the "buttery girl," was found atrociously slain in her apartment here on August 8. The brutality of the crime indicated it was committed by a mentally unbalanced person. She had been shot, stabbed, choked and terribly beaten over the head. The bed clothes had been wound about her face so that any spark of life remaining would be smothered out.

McDonald was taken into custody two days after the murder when it was found he had been working in the same apartment house as janitor until two days before the crime and that he had been discharged when the slain girl complained of his trying to force unwelcome attentions upon her. A blood stained knife, and several trinkets belonging to the girl were found in his possession.

The alibi which McDonald offered was completely shattered in the police investigation. Further indications that the ex-service man might be connected with the crime were discovered when detectives found a front page of a local newspaper with the girl's picture and the story of her brutal murder pinned to the wall of McDonald's room, with the penciled notation beneath:

"She was a friend of mine."
Coincident with the arrest of the alleged slayer, it was found that he had been a mental patient on two previous occasions and that he had been discharged in both instances as "harmless." A few days prior to the crime he had signed an application for readmission to the Disabled Veterans' Hospital for mental treatment.

Despite his shattered alibi and the strong circumstantial evidence against him, no amount of grilling and third degree methods could force from McDonald an admission of the crime. Each day he sent local newspapers poetic offerings and bits of quaint philosophy, pleading his innocence.

Police detectives, questioning the suspect day after day, with the result, finally came to the unanimous decision that if McDonald committed the brutal murder he did, it while insane and that on his return to rationality he knew nothing about the crime. Psychiatrists called into the case discovered that he possessed a dual personality. From this they agreed with the detectives that McDonald may have committed the murder while in a subconscious mental state but was completely innocent of any knowledge of the crime on his return to normalcy.

Wednesday, on police recommendation, the murder charge was formally dismissed. This, however, doesn't mean the alleged subconscious slayer will be given liberty which might bring a return to subconsciousness and more murders. He was retaken into custody for mental examination, with the probable result that he will spend the rest of his days in a hospital, safe from his subconscious self.

Grafton Love returned to Wake Forest College where he is a senior for this year.

SHOW FOR BENEFIT OF THE BOYS' BAND

The Williams Stock Company will play a week's engagement here for the benefit of the Boys' Band next week beginning Monday in a large tent on West Main street commencing at the opening bill, "Ignorance," with Miss Mary DeGafferally. There will be a change of bill each night with vaudeville stunts between acts, in speaking of the Williams

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NEW ORLEANS IMPORTS GROW

New Orleans, Sept. 19.—(Special).—Imports through this port in July, figures on which have just been made public, amounted to \$15,300,000, a gain of \$3,700,000 over July last year. The chief items were coffee, sisal, oil and bananas. Imports of newspaper paper also showed a strong increase.

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