

### MURDER PROMPTED BY LOVE TRIANGLE

#### Divorcee Kills Man and Then Guards Body All Night Before Christmas

#### FORMER HUSBAND TO VISIT SENIOR CIRCUIT JUDGES PLAN FIRST CONFERENCE

Louisville, Dec. 25.—A woman's story of a quarrel, a shot and her vigil from dusk to dawn over the body of the man she killed was being checked up by police here today.

"I killed my friend," Mrs. Clara L. Jones, thirty-two years old, pretty divorcee, announced when she entered police headquarters just after daylight Monday. She was disheveled and hysterical. The men on duty counted her statements.

"Oh, he's dead! I shot him," she said, and then she sobbed. "I left him covered up with his own overcoat. I know he's dead. The house moved for hours," she declared.

This was the first information officials had that O. L. Black, once partner for a Louisville automobile company, had been shot to death late Sunday afternoon in Mrs. Jones' apartment.

#### Pleads Self-Defense

Mrs. Jones said she fired in self-defense. Black, according to her account of the tragedy, became angry when he learned her daughter, Clara, seventeen, was with her and that her divorced husband, C. H. Jones, of Cincinnati, a Louisville and Nashville baggage-master, was to visit the daughter.

Black feared Mrs. Jones would cause a reconciliation between the divorced couple which would be effected through the visits of the father with Clara.

When Black's wife, she declared, "broke up his home and moved me to get a divorce," she pointed to a pistol on a nearby table, she seized the weapon and fired. "I don't know how long he layed there and how long she covered him with his coat and a quilt. Later she placed a sheet of white before the body."

All night long she kept the watch. Never was she able to summon courage to call the police. Three times, she declared, she went to the telephone and then she would cry and say, "Clara returned from a party some time in the night. Later she went to her bedroom and the second time Mrs. Jones simply called to get downstairs and to sleep with her. When morning came the daughter still was unaware of the presence of the body in the room," she declared.

And then Mrs. Jones determined for her former husband to come to her. He refused. It was then she told Clara what had happened and sent her for her father. In the girl's absence the woman went to police headquarters and told her story.

She was charged with murder.

Jones, it was said here, filed suit for divorce four years ago, naming Black as respondent. Later the petition was withdrawn. Mrs. Jones then had suit, charging cruelty and loss of support. By consent, it was said, the suit was not contested. Jones said yesterday he would do anything possible to help his former wife.

Already, police investigators declare, clues have been found in the account of the tragedy as given by Mrs. Jones. Black was shot in the back, P. A.

Larkin, captain of detectives, said. This fact, he claimed, indicated the victim was not taking the aggressor when wounded. Also, his clothes were powder-burned, showing the weapon was fired at close range.

Two other facts also are mentioned. Clara has declared, police say, that she did not sleep with her mother any part of the night. Investigation disclosed, it was claimed, that the bed in the girl's room had not been occupied. The investigators also are at loss to account for the fact that no occupant of the three-story apartment house heard a pistol shot near the time Mrs. Jones claimed the shooting occurred.

#### SENIOR CIRCUIT JUDGES PLAN FIRST CONFERENCE

Taft Calls Initial Session Thursday Under New Law

Washington, Dec. 25.—By A. P. The first conference of the nine senior circuit judges under the recent act of Congress, designed to expedite Federal judicial business, has been called by Chief Justice Taft, to be held in Washington Thursday.

Among those to be the subject of judicial cases Federal District Court is required to report to the senior judge of the circuit court in which he is assigned as to the condition of court business, together with proposed modifications as to methods of expediting and expediting the pending work.

These reports are to be laid before the judicial conference of senior circuit judges presided over by the Chief Justice, and it is expected that some of these suggestions will be reported at the first conference.

#### FEELING BRYAN'S AILEY

Washington, Dec. 25.—The feeling of the public in regard to the Ailey case, it is believed, will be expressed at the first conference of the nine senior circuit judges under the recent act of Congress, designed to expedite Federal judicial business, has been called by Chief Justice Taft, to be held in Washington Thursday.

#### FOUR KILLED IN CELEBRATIONS

Uniontown, Pa., Dec. 25.—Four men were killed at Christmas celebrations in the Fayette County coal fields Sunday and yesterday. One of the dead is Frank Cole, County's police force.

#### Woman Dies at Age of 104

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