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GUEST KILLS MAN AT KEEN'S POND ON SUNDAY; CLAIMS SELF-DEFENCE

Thomas Dolphin, laborer on Delaware & Hudson, was shot and killed early Sunday morning by his guest, Marsden A. Hubbard after former had raised general rough house and threatened to cut his wife's heart out before dawn---Had threatened to kill whole family.

ONE BULLET PIERCES THE HEART

Hubbard, self-confessed slayer of Dolphin brought to County jail Sunday morning, after he had given himself up to Sheriff Kimble--Coroner holds inquest--Stories of neighbors do not agree as to dead man's habits concerning drink--Theory of jealousy exploded---Victim was formerly from Dickson City.

Murderer Given Hearing This Afternoon--District Attorney and Coroner Testify

Lying in a pool of his own blood, which flowed from three bullet wounds on his body, Thos. Dolphin, was found murdered about half past one o'clock Sunday morning by William Jayne on the floor of his home, by his guest of a few days, Marsden A. Hubbard.

The Dolphin home is situated about a quarter of a mile from the Hubbard stock farm between Waymart and Prompton. The body was found lying on the kitchen floor near the doorway leading into the dining room, with three bullet wounds in his body. The man had been dead only a short time when found by Jayne. In one hand the dead man clutched a common table fork. One bullet had pierced the heart while the other two had entered the lungs. The coroner was notified and when he and the sheriff arrived they found everything the same as when left by the family the previous night. Hubbard was at the Jayne home and gave himself up to the sheriff and acknowledged killing the man in self-defense. He offered no resistance and was taken to the county jail in Honesdale.

Threats Heard by Neighbor.

Dolphin was a laborer on the D. & H. tracks and worked on Saturday, coming home at six o'clock. It was said that someone left the house and went in the direction of Waymart and at 8 o'clock a neighbor living across the road, said she heard the remark, "If you do that again I'll put a bullet in you." It was dusk and she could not see very well but could distinguish one man standing in the yard. She said the man apparently wore black trousers and a slouch hat. Nothing more was heard by her at that time. It was learned at the house, however, that during the evening several friends and neighbors gathered at the Dolphin home where a general good time was indulged in and Mr. Dolphin especially seemed in the best of spirits. He had been drinking considerable and was feeling extra fine. The company went home about ten o'clock and as soon as they were gone it is alleged that Dolphin began raising rough house in general. He tried to choke Mrs. Dolphin and smashed dishes and crockery until the family was very frightened. According to Mrs. Dolphin's story he threatened to kill the whole family before morning. He abused and beat the children and threatened to kill his wife if she went up stairs to bed.

Mrs. Leonard stated that Dolphin had chased his wife around the dining room for at least the greater part of an hour between the hours of eleven and twelve, all the time throwing glassware and dishes at her, which she apparently successfully dodged for there were no marks of abuse upon her body. It was about this time that she said Dolphin, tiring of chasing her about the room, ran to the kitchen and came back immediately with a weapon they thought was a knife. While Dolphin was making this disturbance in the dining room, Hubbard got up and dressed and went into the room. When he arrived everything became quiet and after saying a few words and joking awhile he returned to his room. He took his revolver from the dresser drawer and placed it beneath his pillow and lay down on the bed.

Hubbard Had Been Staying There.

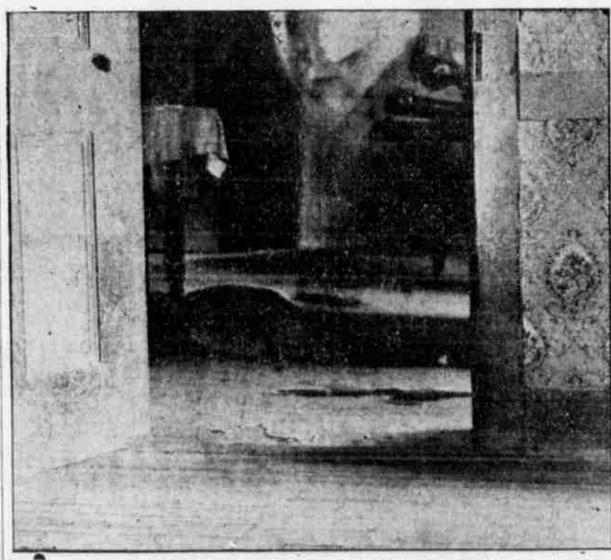
Marsden Hubbard, who is a knitter and machinist by trade, but who had been employed by William Jayne on the latter's farm up to Thursday of last week, had been staying at the Dolphin home since that time, as he claimed a distant relationship with them. The whole family assert that he and Dolphin were on the best of terms and never quarreled with each other. Hubbard had gone to bed soon after the company left the house, but had not disrobed. He had a revolver under his pillow, which he had taken out of a dresser drawer before lying down. About this time in the dining room of the home it is alleged that

Dolphin went to the kitchen and got something, rushed back and went after his wife. She thought he had a knife and tried to protect herself. Dolphin backed her up against the door of Hubbard's bedroom. Mrs. Dolphin screamed. By this time they were in the room near the bed. Hubbard got up on the edge of the bed and getting his revolver from beneath the pillow, fired three shots in the air, it is claimed by him, to frighten the man off. Dolphin came at Hubbard and grabbing him by the shoulder pushed the latter back on the bed. Mrs. Dolphin, with her one-year-old child in one arm and her four-year-old child clinging to her dress, was clutching frantically at her husband's arm with her free hand. Hubbard says he didn't know whether Dolphin had a gun or not and to protect himself and Mrs. Dolphin he fired at the man with the remaining three shots, all of which took effect, but at the last shot Dolphin reeled and cried "O! My God!" and pressing his hands over his breast he ran out of the bedroom

their cries for admittance. The officials gained entrance into the house through the back door which gave way readily to their repeated hammering on it. The scene that was awaiting them was one of great disorder and they found bed clothes and articles of wearing apparel strewn all over the floors of the rooms and broken crockery lying around. On the kitchen floor they found the dead man.

Coroner's Jury Impanelled.

The shooting is alleged to have taken place at about half past twelve and the man was not found until about half past one Sunday morning. Sheriff Kimble and Coroner P. B. Petersen were notified and went out to the place about five o'clock that same morning. The body was found in the same position and a jury composed of neighbors was immediately impanelled by the coroner. They were: Frank Romich, Charles Kagler, Daniel Gunsallous, Edward Moran, Millard Sherwood and William Pennell. About ten



LOOKING INTO KITCHEN OF DOLPHIN HOUSE. THE X MARKS THE SPOT WHERE THE BODY OF THE DEAD MAN WAS FOUND. THE DARK BLOTCHES ON THE FLOOR ARE THE BLOOD STAINS. MURDERED MAN'S HEAD SHOWN ON UNDERTAKER'S TABLE.

and through the dining room, knocking a lamp out of his mother-in-law's hands. Hubbard had jumped out of bed and motioned to the rest to get out as they said they did not know whether they had wounded the man or not. They went to Mrs. Dolphin's uncle, William Jayne's home, near by, on the main road, and after they had told their story to him he went up to the scene of the shooting accompanied by his two sons, Earl and Edward. They found Dolphin lying on the floor in a pool of blood in the doorway between the kitchen and dining room. The dead man still had a firm grip on the fork when found.

Coroner Called.

When Jayne arrived at the house and found the body he decided to call the coroner and inform him of the affair but he did not do so until about half past four o'clock in the morning. Dr. Petersen got in communication with Sheriff Kimble and they at once started for Keen's Pond. The trip was made in the former's automobile and they arrived there soon after five o'clock. When they arrived at the house after much questioning as to its location they found it deserted.

No One in House.

They could not make anyone hear their poundings on the door and

witnesses were called among them being Mrs. Leonard the mother-in-law of the dead man, Mr. Jones and Mr. Newman.

The inquest was held soon after they arrived there and the sheriff went to the Jayne home where he found Hubbard, who offered no resistance and gave himself up. He says that he shot the man in self-defense.

The revolver used in the shooting was taken by the Sheriff but the fork, for some reason, escaped their notice.

Undertaker E. J. Burns and wife, of Carbondale, arrived after the departure of the coroner and prepared the body for burial.

Coroner's Inquisition.

Township of Canaan, July 28, 1912. State of Pennsylvania, ss., County of Wayne. Inquisition taken the 28th day of July, 1912, before P. B. Peterson, M. D., Coroner of Wayne county and upon the solemn oaths and affirmations of Frank Romich, Charles Kagler, Daniel Gunsallous, Edward Moran, Millard Sherwood and William Pennell, six good and lawful men of the county aforesaid, charged to inquire where, where, and by what manner Thomas Dolphin came to his death, and having viewed the remains of the said Thomas Dolphin, and listened to the evidence produced, say that the said Thos. Dolphin came to his death, at his home in Canaan township, county

aforesaid, where the body was found, between the hours of two and three a. m., on the said 28th day of July, 1912, by revolver shots in the hand of and fired by one self-confessed Marsden A. Hubbard; in witness thereof we have placed our hand and seal this 28th day of July, 1912.

Signed,
Detective N. B. Spencer Arrives.

County Detective N. B. Spencer, who was in Lake Ariel at the time, was notified and arrived at the Dolphin place about 11 o'clock. He immediately questioned each of the family as to the exact occurrence there the previous evening and inspected the premises to see if any other clues could be found to give a different light to the affair. The neighbors were all questioned but just the result of his investigations is not known.

The house in which the Dolphin family live is an eight-room frame structure, having three rooms up stairs and five rooms down stairs. The kitchen, dining room and front room adjoin and the bedroom in which the shooting took place leads off from the front room. The house is situated back about one hundred feet from the D. & H. tracks and about a quarter of a mile from Hubbard's stock farm, between Waymart and Prompton.

A complete examination of the premises was made. In the bedroom no bullet holes could be found on the ceiling where they would naturally have lodged if Hubbard had pointed his gun upward and fired to frighten Dolphin away. Only bullet hole was found in the door which was open and stood against the right hand wall of the room about five feet from the floor. One bullet was found on the floor of the room.

Arrested Before.

Thomas Dolphin was arrested three years ago and spent some time in the county jail for cruel and barbarous treatment to his family. He was about 33 years of age and had been married about six years. He is survived by his wife, who is 20 years old and two children, Veronica, four years, and Helen, who is a year old and his wife's mother, Mrs. Lora Leonard. Mr. Dolphin was a native of Dickson City, Pa., and has two sisters living there, they are, Elizabeth, a school teacher, and Sarah, a dressmaker. He also has one sister living in New York. He also has one brother living in Dickson City.

Shooting Took Place in Bed Room.

The room in which the shooting occurred was a small one and was occupied on one side by the bed on which Hubbard slept. The bed took up most of the room and the remaining space was occupied by two small chairs and a dresser. In this small space of about four feet square the three people had struggled while the two small children clung to the mother for protection. Hubbard fought with the thought of freeing Mrs. Dolphin from her husband. Dolphin had Hubbard by the throat and was pushing the man back on the bed. The raised fork in the semi-darkness may have looked to the woman and man like a shining knife or a revolver. They did not know what it was. Dolphin was pressing the man on the bed hard when the latter fired the remaining shots into Dolphin's body. With the last shot the man staggered and pressed his hands over his breast and rushed out of the room.

Family Go to Jayne's.

Immediately after the shooting Hubbard called to the wife and mother and the children to get out of the house. They all went to William Jayne's place up the road a short distance, where they told their story of the shooting. They did not go back to the house to see if the man was dead or not and as they said they did not know the man was wounded.

Neighbors Tell Different Story.

Many of the neighbors were questioned concerning the Dolphin family but none of them could be in-



A PHOTO TAKEN ON INSIDE OF DOLPHIN'S HOME, OF THE BEDROOM WHERE SHOOTING OCCURRED.

duced to state what they think of the matter. The general feeling is, however, that Hubbard had no business at the Dolphin home and should have gone home as it is said that Dolphin was of an extremely jealous disposition.

Was Not Drunk.

Detective N. B. Spencer in an interview with Mrs. Dolphin was told that her husband was not drunk that evening but that he was in his normal condition. A quart bottle evidently used for whiskey was found in one of the upstairs rooms, with about a third of the liquid remaining in it. Spencer's search also produced the razor with which Dolphin shaved himself the previous evening. Mrs. Dolphin also said that her husband was not in the habit of getting drunk.

Jealousy Theory Was Investigated.

Dolphin is a man of about thirty-five years of age and weighs in the neighborhood of one hundred and forty-five pounds. Hubbard is a larger man and is thirty-eight years of age. Whether or not Dolphin became jealous of his visitor is one of the circumstances of the tragedy that County Detective N. B. Spencer is now trying to clear up. The neighbors say that some one left the Dolphin home early that evening for Waymart but who it was cannot be ascertained. They also say that Dolphin is not a habitual drunkard but is irascible and given to quarreling when he did get on a spree once in a while.

Hubbard Tells Same Story.

Hubbard explained the killing to the sheriff and Mrs. Dolphin's story of the attack of Dolphin on her, was corroborated by him. He insisted that he was afraid of Dolphin and fired only when he thought his own life was in danger. He said that he couldn't see what Dolphin had and thought it probably was a gun. Sheriff Kimble and County Detective Spencer are now investigating the case further, having gone to the scene of the shooting Monday morning. They attempted to throw light on the fact why Hubbard, the larger man, should fear Dolphin, the smaller, armed only with a table fork and why the former fired three shots into his victim's body.

Who Left the House?

It was stated by one of the neighbors that some one left the Dolphin home about six o'clock and drove in the direction of Waymart but she couldn't tell just who the man was. It might have been Hubbard or Dolphin and if either of these men, what did he do there? N. B. Spencer went to Waymart Monday afternoon to find out who the man was. The wife and mother at the house stated that neither Dolphin or Hubbard were away from the house that night. Mr. and Mrs. William Jayne and two sons, Earl and Edward, and

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MEN LEAVING NEW YORK CITY

Fear Result of District Attorney Whitman's Investigation in Rosenthal Murder Case--Police Are Trembling in Boots.

(Special to The Citizen.)
New York, July 30.—The entire nation will be shocked when District Attorney Whitman gets through the Rosenthal murder case inquiry. The belief here to-day since the arrest of Lieutenant Charles Becker, and his indictment on first degree murder charge by the grand jury one hour later, has caused fear among the high officials of the police.

District Attorney Whitman made a claim that he would get every one implicated in any way with the Rosenthal murder. Becker, after being placed in the Tombs raved up and down his cell like a tiger. More than 15 well known and prominent men of New York left the city following the arrest of Becker. Many more, it is expected, will leave to-day.

Jack Rose, "Briggle" Weber and Harry Balton, the gamblers who confessed to Whitman, were taken to the 54th street prison last night and guards placed on duty at their cells.

TITANIC GOING TOO FAST

Commission of Inquiry Reported That To-day--Also That Arrangement of Lifeboats Was Improper--Ismay Not Censured.

London, July 30.—The English commission of inquiry into the Titanic disaster, made its report to-day. It is the opinion of Lord Murphy, chairman of the commission, that the Titanic was going too fast when the ship struck the iceberg. That the arrangement of lifeboats was improper. That one lookout was not sufficient. That in the future three or four men should be stationed in the lookout.

Concerning J. Bruce Ismay, the commission reports that he had a perfect right to get on or off the ship whenever he desired. Ismay was not censured.

ENGINE STRIKES HANDCAR

Two Men on Wilkes-Barre & Eastern Railroad Probably Fatally Injured--Ten Others Bruised When Crash Came.

(Special to The Citizen.)
Scranton, July 30.—A handcar on which 12 section hands were riding on the Wilkes-Barre and Eastern Railroad at Suscon, four miles from Moosic, was struck by an engine at 10 o'clock this morning. Two of the men, Frank Rensco and Martin Szola were seriously injured. It is feared Rensco's skull is fractured and that hopes of his recovery are slight. Szola received a broken leg. The other ten were more or less bruised about their bodies.

SUICIDE IN NORTHERN WAYNE

C. E. Williams Shot Self With Revolver in Scott Township Last Friday.

District Attorney M. E. Simons received an affidavit from Justice of the Peace, B. W. Raymond of Sherman, on Tuesday which contained evidence sworn to before Squire Raymond of the shooting of C. E. Williams on Friday last.

Justice Raymond conducted a hearing and took evidence in place of Coroner P. B. Petersen. The following jury was empanelled: Andrew Scott, foreman; W. Early, F. M. Early, A. G. Warner, F. F. Conrad, J. H. Smith.

The jury viewed the remains and claimed that Williams came to his death by a pistol shot fired by his own hand on Friday, July 26th; also that the deed was committed by himself without the knowledge of any other person.

1913 Automobile Tags to be Green.

(Special to The Citizen.)
Harrisburg, July 30.—The automobile tags for 1913 will be dark green with white letters. State Highway Commissioner Bigelow decided upon the color to-day. He also let a contract for 75,000 tags which must be completed by November 3rd of this year. Only 60,000 represents this year's tags, which is 15,000 less than next year's supply.

OH! YOU CELEBRATION!

Siss, boom, bah; Wayne County Celebration, Rah! Rah! Rah!

Won't there be a glorious time, though, the 27th, 28th and 29th of next month. The time of your life, my boy. Everything to attract, please and entertain. Come from your rural haunts. Come from the anthracite vale. Come from the highways and hedges to beautiful Honesdale.

Poor Man to Become Millionaire.

Oscar Yost, a jeweler, of Dunmore, together with four other brothers, will soon become possessors of 800 acres of valuable coal land in Schuylkill county, for which they will receive in the neighborhood of \$50,000,000. They are heirs to the Yost and Girard estates and the settlement has been postponed for 37 years.

Mr. Yost is a hard-working man and owns a small jewelry and repair shop in Dunmore.

Mr. Yost and his son-in-law, Dr. H. M. Houck, also of Dunmore, are interested in other mines, which give bright prospects.



THE ABOVE PICTURE SHOWS THE HOUSE OCCUPIED BY THE DOLPHIN FAMILY AT THE TIME OF THE TRAGEDY. THE HOUSE IS SOME DISTANCE FROM THE ROAD.