

GREAT PUBLIC INTEREST IN DE SAULLES MURDER TRIAL

**Woman Charged with Killing her Husband
Takes the Stand in Her Own Behalf--
Her Story Sounded Like a Tale Out of
Some Book--Thinks There is no Such
Thing as Happiness in the World.**

Fredericton, Nov. 27. — The real trial of Blanca de Saulles began yesterday morning when she took the stand in her own defense on the charge of having shot and killed her husband, John L. de Saulles.

The detailed telling of that story, which her attorney, Henry Uterhart, drew from her question by question is one cornerstone of the evidence which will be offered in her defense. Aside from any elaborate theories as to the causes which may have affected her mind—the effect of a blow on her head in childhood, a sunstroke suffered at Deal a year or so after her marriage, a peculiar mental condition lately discovered by her physicians—all these things are psychologically of little weight in the arguments for and against her justification as compared with the story she told of her life.

As she told it yesterday in that curiously impassive, muffled way which has characterized her through the trial, it sounded like a tale out of some book. One of those books which tell of the aggravation and persecutions which life piles on some poor, faded people, except that in a book someone or some turn of luck always rescues the unhappy lady.

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In her story, which was that of her life, she sketched in a series of short answers a slow disillusionment. The little girl who came incongruously enough out of the Sacred Heart convent at Rochampton into a complex life that would have proved too great a trial for an older and more sophisticated woman, had finally to decide, as she wrote in one of her letters read in court, that "happiness was evidently not meant for anybody in this world." A harsh decision for a person only 21 years old.

Story Carries Weight.
Yesterday, of course, was told only her side of the story, but that story seemed to carry weight. The stage was set properly for the telling. All the advertised aspects of the case, which had not been over-prominent in the days of mere jury drawing were out in full force yesterday. Motor cars filled the roadside, and their owners from the choicest sections of Long Island filled the corridors in the court house. There were plenty of persons who had business at the trial, but the great majority was there to see what was going on. There were well dressed young men and well dressed young women from the countryside; there were others who bore the stamp of Broadway and whose fashions and furs dared anybody to go them one better and there were sober townspeople who were drawn to the scene simply by curiosity.

Tale Reaches its Climax.
In the face of this motley crowd Blanca de Saulles went through the record of her married life down to the sudden crash which made that telling necessary. She told of the meeting with de Saulles at her home in Chile, of the subsequent engagement a few months later and trip to Paris with her mother, where she was married to the young American. From the time soon after her marriage when her husband expressed disappointment in the comparatively small amount of her securities her married life seems to be a succession of small slights and little neglects, finally growing to unbearable insults.

Wherever she was living, usually at his own arrangement, de Saulles found it inconvenient to be, and the young girl who was strange enough to American ways found herself with an American husband whom she hardly ever saw. At first the loneliness of her life was made bearable by her belief in the claims of his business, but even that excuse was denied her as the suspicions of his infidelity were

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Describes "Purgatory."
All this, added to the threatened possession of her child after the divorce, were so many more bits of suffering—"a purgatory" as she called it—which seem to have made the shooting only the logical end. For the casual observer the most unnerving part of her experiences appear to be the continual unsettling of her life in the first years of her marriage by some new plan of de Saulles. She had no permanent home in which most young brides glory, and if she were in Europe, de Saulles cabled her to come here, and if she were here, he would cable her to come to Europe. Back and forth she went from Europe to America and in America back and forth from his relatives in South Bethlehem to seaside resorts and city hotels, until she finally settled in a

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London, Dec. 3.—A Canadian officer who returned here today from France and who visited headquarters while there, states that voting has been going on for two days, and reports that the feeling is excellent among the troops, who expect a large return for the Union government. He anticipates that the troops will go strongly in support of the government, and instances a French Canadian unit, which is voting solidly for conscription. "Polling proceeded briskly today," said an official at the administrative offices in London, "votes being taken at the rate of fifty an hour in some centres, a surprisingly quick result considering the intricacies of the ballot paper."

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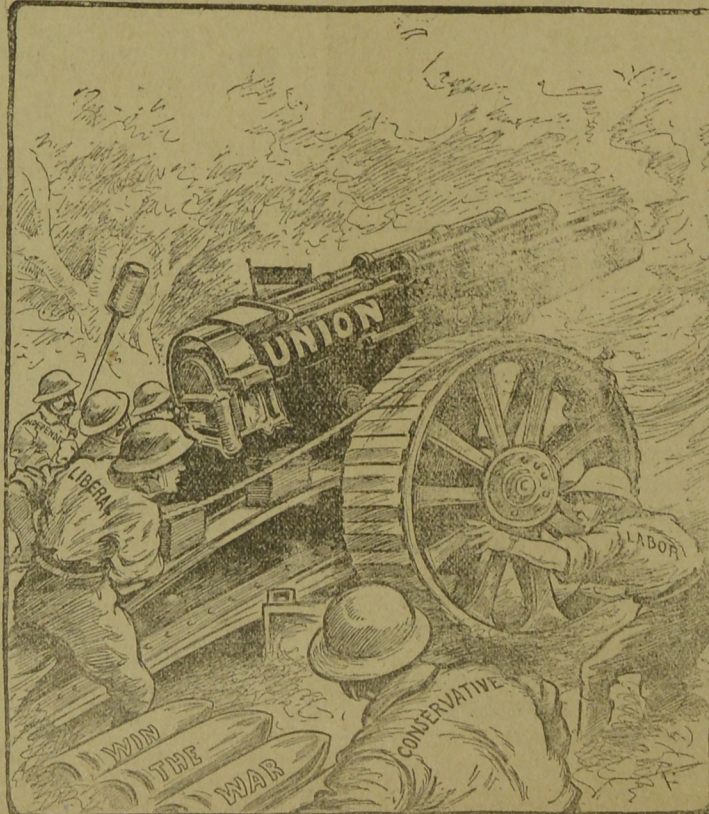
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