

DYING, HE TELLS OF HIS OLD CRIME.

Cincinnati Man Reveals a Secret.

WIDOW SAYS HUSBAND TOLD HER HE MARRIED UNDER FALSE NAME.

Cincinnati, Sept. 9.—After living twenty-eight years under an assumed name, marrying and becoming the father of several children, Frank Hugh Schoales, of Philadelphia, died at the St. Francis Hospital here, recently, confessing on his deathbed that the name of Frank E. Rose, under which he was known and married, had been assumed because he had committed a great crime in Philadelphia, the crime being, his wife assumes, that of murder.

He also told his wife in his dying moments that he desired her to make a thorough search for his son, born twenty-four years ago. The boy's mother, he said, had not the legal claim of wife upon him, and he added, that the discovery of the identity of this woman and his son would result in the explanation of the crime of which he acknowledged himself guilty.

OBEYS DEATHBED INJUNCTION.

In a letter to a local newspaper Mrs. Schoales, now living on the North Side, this city refers to the deathbed confession of her husband, asking that publicity be given the matter, in order that the identity of the son may be discovered. She did not want to make the matter public at first, but her husband had told her before he died to find his son and tell him the truth.

"He said he assumed the name because of the crime he committed nearly thirty years ago," she replied, "but he had always carried two baby pictures, and told me they were of his sister's children, until death was near, and then he told me they were of his son."

WIDOW SUSPECTS MURDER.

"I always suspected that the crime he spoke of was murder," and asked him. His only reply was that it was a great crime. But, looking back over the years, and recalling his many peculiar actions, I cannot but

believe that my suspicion that he committed murder is right. I believe the crime was connected in some way with his son or his son's mother. I have tried not to do so, but the secret of his life was bound up with this son and the mother. Judging from the events as revealed to me during my fifteen years of life with him, the whole trend of the mystery is from events in connection with the son and mother, and I can see no other explanation.

"I think remorse for the crime shortened his life, for as the years passed, and he saw his son was lost to him, and that he would always have to live under an assumed name, he became despondent and downcast. He was suffering from tuberculosis, and his death was from that disease. But he said it was acquired by worry and uneasiness, and that it was the result of his state of mind."

SAID SON WOULD UNLOCK MYSTERY.

"When he had but a few hours to live he said he wanted to tell me he had married me under an assumed name, and that his anxiety was caused by the crime he had committed when a boy 20 years old. He begged me to make every effort to find his son, telling me the boy was now 24 years old, and probably had never been told who his father was. By doing this, he said, I would learn all about the crime which I had better not seek out except by finding the son and mother."

"Since his death I have been in Philadelphia, and found people who knew him when a boy, and some relatives living at 526 Fifth street in that city. They remembered of his leaving home, but none knew of any crime he had committed. His parents have been dead many years, but his brother Daniel J. Schoales, of Philadelphia, died only a few days before my husband."

MAINE MURDER TRIAL.

Elmer L. Keyes Says He Was Led by a Vision to Slay His Wife.

Bangor, Me., Sept. 8.—The third day of the trial of Elmer L. Keyes for the murder of his wife, Isabelle, abounded a dramatic and pathetic incidents. The attorneys who are defending the respondent are making a tremendous fight and are seizing upon every opportunity to score a point.

Early in the day when Keyes was on the stand he lost control of himself entirely when the suggestion that he had struck or choked his wife was made. The spectators were strongly affected when this strong man sobbed bitterly for several minutes, crying aloud the name of his dead wife and applying endearing adjectives. There was a rustle of expectation when Judge Chapman of the Bangor municipal court testified that he had seen Mrs. Keyes enter a private room in the Alpha in company with a prominent Bangor man, but the name was not revealed. As a climax to the day's testimony, Dr. E. B. Sanger, state examiner of insane criminals for Penobscot county, and one of the most eminent physicians in Maine, declared positively that in his opinion Keyes was insane when he fired the shot which killed Isabelle Keyes.

The respondent was first asked by Atty. Gould if he had abused his wife. "What do you mean?" asked the witness. "Did you ever hold her by the wrist?"

"Yes, we were talking one night. I was protesting against her actions. She started to run from the room and I took hold of her wrist and told her she must listen. I released her at once when she said I was hurting her."

"Did you ever strike or choke your wife?" asked the attorney. For the first time during the trial Keyes lost his composure at this question.

"No, sir, so help me God," he gasped, and then sank back on the chair on the witness stand weeping violently and crying:

"Oh, my darling, my darling."

JUDGE CHAPMAN TOLD KEYES OF INCIDENT AT CAFE.

Keyes made a violent effort to control himself, but it was several minutes before he could proceed. He then explained that he and his wife had had some talk of separation, and that on the third Friday of June he went to Judge Chapman to arrange for a divorce. Judge Chapman at that time told Keyes that he had seen Mrs. Keyes go into a private room at the Alpha cafe. That was the first time the respondent had heard his wife's name coupled directly with a man. He learned the name of the man from Judge Chapman, but did not reveal it in court.

Judge Harry J. Chapman testified that Keyes had consulted him on three occasions in a professional capacity about his financial and domestic affairs. Witness said that he went to see Mrs. Keyes at his request to try to induce her to go back to Oldtown to live with him,

but he was unsuccessful. Witness said that on that evening while eating in the dining room of the Alpha he saw Mrs. Keyes come in with a man and pass through out of sight.

On cross-examination, Judge Chapman said the man was considered a respectable man of large business interests.

Dr. Albert M. Jones, formerly in-charge of the Bangor Hospital, where Keyes was taken after the tragedy, and several nurses of the institution were called to testify regarding his appearance there. They said that he acted unnaturally and was in a dazed condition, complained because his wife did not come to see him. The pupils of his eyes were dilated and at times they heard him singing, the words being a mere jumble.

RECORD OF ASYLUM COMMITMENT ADMITTED.

Dr. G. C. Wald of Oldtown said that he had treated Keyes at various times for nervous trouble and at one time advised him to go into the woods for a rest. He saw symptoms of locomotor ataxia and made tests to corroborate his first opinion.

Here the record of the commitment of Sarah Esther Keyes, mother of the respondent, to an asylum, was admitted as evidence. The record which the defence offered contained the statement that while in the hospital Mrs. Keyes was violent, attacked the superintendent and threatened to kill her.

Nettie O'Donnell of Bangor testified that she worked for Elmer and Mrs. Keyes from November, 1904, to February, 1905. She never saw Keyes abuse his wife and observed that he was always at home nights. On the other hand, Mrs. Keyes went out frequently, as often as three or four times a week, and stayed as late as 11 o'clock. Miss O'Donnell was subjected to a long cross-examination but insisted that Keyes did not abuse his wife. She admitted that he had quarrelled with her at times but added "it was only when he had reason to."

Anna Dalton of Bangor and Sadie McLaughlin of Stillwater also testified that Keyes was not abusive to his wife.

Dr. H. E. Clough, a prominent Bangor specialist, testified that he examined Keyes last Friday. He made many tests and was satisfied that he had a diseased brain, probably paresis, but possibly locomotor ataxia.

DR. SANGER'S OPINION KEYES WAS INSANE AT TIME.

Dr. E. B. Sanger of Bangor, state examiner of the criminal insane for Penobscot county, was the last witness for the day, and one of the most important for the defence. Dr. Sanger said that he was on duty at the Bangor Hospital when Keyes was brought there, and examined both his physical and mental condition. As a result of these investigations the doctor said that he was satisfied that Keyes was suffering from brain trouble. "I should say,"

said Dr. Sanger, "that he would be liable to periodical spells of mental derangement, that he is now between two periods, and I should expect that he will have another one."

"Judging from your own observations and examinations of Keyes, and having listened to the other testimony which has been given here, what, in your opinion, doctor, was Keyes' mental condition when he fired the shot that killed his wife?" asked Judge Stearns.

"In my opinion, he was insane," said the doctor, and with this strong testimony for the defence, court closed for the day.

Bangor, Me., Sept. 8.—Rapid progress was made at the second day of the trial of Elmer L. Keyes for the murder of his wife, Isabelle, one of the most beautiful women in Bangor.

The state's testimony was finished, Judge Whiting opened for the defence and Keyes himself began to tell his life story when the court adjourned until tomorrow.

The court room continues to be crowded, the audience including an exceptionally large percentage of women. The features of the day's testimony were the statements of little Hazel Keyes, or the defence and of the respondent in his own behalf.

Hazel, the twelve year old daughter of the respondent, broke down and wept bitterly at the first question. Keyes looked at his daughter when she took the stand, and when their eyes met, she broke down entirely. Keyes then rested his head on his hands, covering his eyes.

The little girl testified that one night when her father came home she heard the noise of a scuffle, and heard her mother say that she would tell the sheriff. Her father replied that he did not care for the sheriff. Through the door she saw her father have hold of her mother by the shoulder and neck.

"Was your father cross to you, Hazel?"

"Yes, sir, he was."

Coming down to the night of the tragedy, Keyes called her into his bedroom, the girl said, leading her by the arm.

"What did he say to you, Hazel?"

"He said, 'Now, Hazel, I want you to tell me truly, was your mother out last night?' and I said, 'Yes, she was.'"

"Did he say anything else?"

"Yes, he asked me to take this watch to remember him by, but I said, 'No, papa, you will need it to tell the time when you go to work.' He then asked me to take care of grandmother when he was gone, and I said, 'I guess so.'"

FOUND LETTER IN POCKET SAYING VISION PROMPTED IT.

Preston H. Strout, an employee of the Bangor General Hospital, where Keyes was taken after the shooting, identified a letter shown him as one which he found in Keyes' pocket. The letter was then admitted as evidence.

It was addressed to L. W. Buzzell of Oldtown, brother in law of Keyes, and in it the writer, claiming to be Keyes, said that he had had a vision directing him to the deed and telling Buzzell what to do with his property and what to do with his children.

The state rested at this point, and Judge Whiting opened for the defence. Judge Whiting admitted the fact of the killing, but said that Keyes had fired the shot while insane and mentally irresponsible. He said that the defence would show that Keyes was insane periodically, that he inherited insanity, and that he had much to turn his mind and unbalance his reason.

Judge Whiting then pictured graphically the pathetic story of Keyes' life, of his sacrifices and his attempts to make his wife and home happy. He said that the wife was untrue, that Keyes was jealous, and with reason.

Elmer L. Keyes, placed on the stand in his own behalf, told of his early love for his wife, and how he had done everything he could to make her married life happy. He had mortgaged everything he had in the world to start her in the millinery business. After this last transaction she became cold to him, and, he believed, unfaithful.

Keyes on the stand, was mild in voice and manner, speaking with a soft but penetrating tone. He was nervous at times. His story will be concluded tomorrow.

JEALOUSY THE MOTIVE, SAYS ATTORNEY FOR THE COUNTY.

County Attorney Patten began his opening for the state at 9:40. He claimed that Keyes killed his wife through jealousy. He said:

"On the Saturday night before the crime Keyes came to Bangor and said that he could cheerfully marry his wife, that he had been married fifteen years and that he had nothing to live for."

Keyes was telling his troubles to a sister in law, Mrs. H. E. Sawyer, when his wife came in. Mrs. Sawyer left town together. Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer went to bed, but were awakened towards midnight by screams coming from the room occupied by Mrs. Keyes. They rushed to the room, where Keyes stood with the smoking pistol in his hand. Mrs. Keyes staggered through the door, and fell dying into her sister's arms.

Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer testified along these lines. Judging from the large number of witnesses called by the defence to show insanity and the elaborate preparations of the state to offer evidence in rebuttal, the general opinion is that the trial will not be concluded this week.

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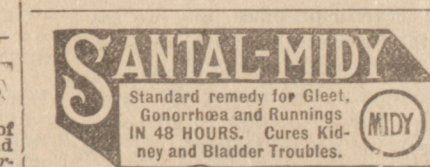
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