

MRS. LALOR ACCUSED OF KILLING HER SON.

Blood-Stained Apron the Evidence on Which the Police Arrest Her. Her Sixteen-Year-Old Boy Locked Up as a Supposed Witness to the Crime.

SOME HIDDEN CLOTHING FOUND. It Belonged to the Younger Brother and Was Concealed in the Deadbed. An Alibi for the Victim's Wife.

If the theory of the Long Island City police proves to be true, the murder of William Lalor, who was hacked to death with a sharp axe while asleep in bed at his home in that city early Thursday morning, will go down into history as one of the most remarkable crimes of the century.

The murdered man's mother, Mrs. Minnie Lalor—a low-browed, peaked-faced woman of forty-eight years, who weighs less than one hundred pounds and is not more than four feet high—was under arrest on suspicion of being the assassin. Her sixteen-year-old son, James, is also under arrest on suspicion that he was a witness of the crime.

These were the only arrests that were made in the case yesterday. Anthony Forstell, husband of the man's sister, Kate; John Fleischhaer, his best friend, and Anna Donovan Lalor, his wife, who were arrested on suspicion Thursday morning, are still in the Queens County Jail, and will be held until the police can throw more light on the mystery.

The detectives discovered yesterday that the blankets of the bed on which Lalor's body was found were turned down and that between them was a little black waistcoat spattered all over with blood.

On the lining were the marks of a blood-stained thumb and forefinger. In the pockets were a brass stem-winding watch and chain, six pennies, a five-cent piece and about two yards of twine, evidently owned by the younger boy. Further search revealed a brown coat and trousers, also spotted with blood. These were found between the mattress.

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION. On the strength of this the arrest of James Lalor was made. He is a pale faced, sharp eyed and sullen boy, small for his age. He was arrested at the home of his sister, Mrs. Forstell, where he lived.

While the police were searching the Forstell home they found an apron belonging to Lalor's wife, which had stains upon one side of it that looked like blood. A crumpled handkerchief smeared with blood stains was found on top of the pile of soiled linen in the wash closet. It had lately been thrown there.

Then Mrs. Lalor was arrested. She was the person who found the body of her son. It was not long after 8 a. m. Thursday when she went to his house, she says, to see if he had ever risen and to notify him of his promise to Forstell to notify the latter's employers that he would be unable to work that day.

The coroner's office is not five minutes' walk from the scene of the murder, and the county jail scarcely ten, but it was 11 o'clock before the police were notified, and nearly 11:30 before Coroner Strong heard of the murder. Instead of notifying the authorities Mrs. Lalor ran to her neighbor's house, and, the police say, she just had remained there two hours before making the next move. The police cannot understand this, and Mrs. Lalor cannot explain it.

Mrs. Ann Dalton, a neighbor, says she saw Mrs. Lalor and her son James leave William Lalor's house at 9 o'clock. They appeared excited, she says, and the mother was holding the boy, who seemed to be protesting.

The police theory is that Mrs. Lalor, who is dependent upon Forstell, feared that he would lose his situation if he did not go to work Thursday without notifying his employers of his illness. For this reason, they think, she went to her son's house, and, finding him still asleep, her notoriously violent and uncontrollable temper was aroused, and she picked up the axe, they suppose, and hacked her helpless son to death.

The physician says that the wounds are those of a woman or a boy or of a very weak man. The blood-stained coat and trousers and waistcoat are those of young James Lalor. The fact that the watch was in the pocket of the vest and the vest tucked between the blankets attracted suspicion to him.

WAS SHE DETECTED BY HER SON? The police say that if the mother committed the crime she was probably discovered by the boy while in the act, and in his attempt to check her, was sprinkled with the blood found on his clothing.

Mrs. Lalor does not know that she is suspected. She thinks she is held as a witness. She was cool and fearless last night as she talked of her son's violent death.

"It was a good boy," said she, "but I have had to support him for several years, and I was hard, I tell you. He had not lived with his wife for some time, and it might have been her brother or sister who killed him. It was a deed of some person who wanted revenge—the work of an enraged fanatic."

"The best blow killed; so, why did they gash him to pieces? He hadn't an enemy in the world, so far as I know, and never did any one harm, I'm sure."

Annie Lalor, the murdered man's wife, who was known by her maiden name, Donovan, has proved an alibi. Her separation from her husband was due, it is said, to trouble with her mother-in-law. She is an illiterate young woman, blue-eyed, red-cheeked and very much frightened. She weeps continually.

The police are now looking for Mrs.

Louise Kruse, the wife of Gustave Kruse, a laborer, who lives at No. 68 Broughton avenue, Long Island City. She is separated from her husband, and has been on very friendly terms with the murdered man. She now passes under the name of Bihrens, and is said to be in Harlem. Her husband says that he lived with Lalor for several months at 46, 171 Prospect street. Kruse has proved to the satisfaction of the police that he retired at 8:30 o'clock New York time and did not arise until nearly 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

FLEISCHHAER HELD AS A WITNESS. The police abandoned all idea that John Fleischhaer was connected with the murder early yesterday. He says he left Lalor in bed early on the morning of the murder and went to the factory of the Archer & Hancock Manufacturing Company, where he works, at Carleton and Flushing avenues, Brooklyn. He says he arrived there at 8:15.

Detectives Kelly and Sheridan, of the Second Precinct, visited the factory yesterday and saw the timekeeper, who said that Fleischhaer did not come through his door and register on Thursday as is his custom, but must have entered late by the side door, a way in vogue with tardy men. Fleischhaer has never done this before. Peter Bree, who works at Fleischhaer's side in the factory, said that Fleischhaer did not get there on Thursday until about 9:15, which he would have had just time to do if he had left Lalor's soon after 8 o'clock.

George Mills, who keeps a feed store in the Dutch Hills neighborhood, says he saw Fleischhaer leave the Monley house at about 8:15. He walked rapidly down the several flights of rickety wooden steps to the street and then paused irresolutely. He had faced down toward the south, but after a moment he turned about and walked quickly in the opposite direction.

Fleischhaer was taken to the scene of the murder early yesterday morning. Nothing had been disturbed. Coroner Benjamin B. Strong, Dr. Hughes, his deputy; Dr. J. Francis Burns, magistrate Ingram and Police Sergeant Wheeler were present, as well as the two detectives who are hunting up the evidence in the case. Each of the seven men in turn tried to get a confession out of the prisoner as he sat by the body of his dead friend. Falling in that, a rigid cross-examination was made, but Fleischhaer could not be confused. He showed emotion. He was sent back to the Queens County Jail to be detained as a witness.

Coroner Strong will hold his inquest today.

GLEASON CLOSES POOLROOMS. Said to Be a Retaliatory Move Aimed at Sanford's Friends.

Among ex-Mayor Sanford's strongest adherents is a politician who keeps one of the largest and most prosperous liquor saloons in Long Island City. About two months ago several poolrooms opened for business over his establishment and in the immediate vicinity, with the result that the saloon has been doing a tremendous business with the visitors from New York and Brooklyn who patronize the book-makers in that locality.

An order was issued yesterday to close up the rooms, and those who were not well known had a hard time getting a bet down. This is looked upon as a move by Gleason's friends and political supporters to stop the increased business of his alleged saloon keeper opponents, as no one familiar with the situation in Long Island City has any idea that the pool rooms will be closed permanently.

The betting fraternity say that those of the "bookies" who have not been identified with ex-Mayor Sanford's campaign will be allowed to continue business.

The Mayor sent for Chief of Police Anthony S. Woods, his arch enemy, during the afternoon. "As I have not yet appointed any Police Commissioners," said the Mayor, "and as I am Chief Executive of the city, I want you to report to me at City Hall every morning for orders."

"The condition of the police force is deplorable. I want all of the detailed and non-detailed officers of the city to appear in their respective precincts, in uniform, within an hour. There are fifty policemen on the force and only twelve of them are detailed. Some of the men have not had a uniform on in five months."

The Mayor further instructed Woods to make out a full report every morning and hand it to him. He also demanded to know why the Lalor murder had not been reported earlier, and ordered Woods to make out a written explanation.

SHERIFF AGAINST CONSTABLE. Trouble on Staten Island Over Seaboard Lumber Company Affairs.

Constable Redmond, of Port Richmond, S. I., a few days ago levied on the belting and machinery of the Seaboard Lumber Company and the Enterprise Building Company, on Shooter's Island, Mariner Harbor. He was acting under the advice of Councillor John Cook, of Port Richmond, who had been retained by several workmen of the lumber company whose wages were not forthcoming, and the seizure was made to protect their interests.

At the time all the levy was made all the property of the company was held by Sheriff Daley, of Richmond County, pending the settlement of a judgment of \$8,000, obtained by the Phoenix Bank of this city. The Phoenix Bank discounted several notes of Lombard, Ayers & Co., now defunct, which the Seaboard people allowed to go to protest. Being unable to collect on the notes, the matter was taken to court and a judgment of \$8,000 was given in favor of the bank. Maston, Nichols & Co., attorneys for the bank, placed the judgment in the hands of the Sheriff of Richmond County for collection, who attached all the property.

Meanwhile Constable Redmond had levied on the property and announced that he would sell the belting and machinery yesterday.

At the appointed time a large number of people were on hand, but the constable did not appear. The Phoenix Bank had obtained an injunction from the Supreme Court and Redmond kept at a safe distance, so that the paper could not be served on him. Later on the day it was said that the sale would take place next Thursday morning.

Sheriff Daley intimated that if Redmond attempted to sell any of the property he would get himself in trouble.

CONVICT MURPHY'S LAMENT. Enraged Upon His Ninth Return to Prison to Find His Knife Missing.

Thomas Murray, a butcher, thirty-five years of age, was received at the penitentiary on Blackwell's Island yesterday for the ninth time. Murray, beside doing eight terms, ranging from a year to three months, at the penitentiary, has also been the guest of Warden Dunphy innumerable times for from five to thirty days. Nearly his entire life has been spent in prison for the past fifteen years.

After being dressed in prison garb yesterday he was assigned to the butcher shop at the north end of the island, where up to the meat for the city institutions is cut up. He had worked in the butcher shop during his previous terms. Before Murray started to work he asked the keeper in charge for his knife, meaning a knife he had used for years, and which he always got back upon his return for a new term of imprisonment. He was told his knife had been broken by another convict during Murphy's last period of freedom. The news enraged him. "It's an outrage," said he, "that a man can't leave this place for a few months without having his tools all broke."

They Indorse Levi P. Morton. The Lincoln Pioneer Corps held a meeting last night and unanimously resolved to indorse Governor Levi P. Morton as a candidate for the Presidency.

MGR. SATOLLI'S ELEVATION. It Will Be Accompanied with Splendid and Solemn Ceremonials.

The Second Prelate to Receive the Insignia of Prince of the Church in Baltimore.

MANY NOTED CATHOLICS EXPECTED. The Ring Which Accompanies the Title of His Church Given Until He Returns to Rome.

Baltimore, Jan. 3.—The investiture of Monsignor Francis Satolli with the beretta of cardinal next Sunday will be one of the most splendid ceremonials that has ever taken place within the walls of the famous old Cathedral of Baltimore. He will have the second prelate receiving there the insignia of a Prince of the Catholic Church and vested with the authority and privi-

leges of a member of the Sacred College of Cardinals and a right to cast a vote for the election of a Pope of Rome, the present primate of the American Church, Cardinal Gibbons, being the first.

To-morrow afternoon Mgr. Satolli will come over from Washington and spend the night at St. Mary's Seminary. With him will come his official household, comprising Dr. Frederick Rooker, secretary of the Apostolic delegation; the Rt. Rev. Donatus Sbarretti, auditor of the delegation and Pappi Aleigate, and Marquis Sacripanti, member of the Noble Guard and special envoy of the Pope.

The prelates who will be present at the ceremonies are most of them expected to arrive in Baltimore to-day. The archbishops who have sent word that they will be here include the Most Revs. John J. Williams, of Boston; Patrick A. Feehan, of Chicago; William H. Elder, of Cincinnati; Frederick Xavier Katzner, of Milwaukee; Michael A. Corrigan, of New York; William H. Gross, of Oregon; P. J. Ryan, of Philadelphia; John Ireland, of St. Paul; P. L. Chapelle, of Santa Fe; Cornelius O'Brien, of Halifax, N. S.; Louis Nazaire Begin, Coadjutor to Cardinal Taschereau of Quebec; A. B. Langevin, of St. Boniface, Canada, and John Walsh, of Toronto.

BISHOPS EXPECTED. The Bishops present will include the Right Revs. John J. Keane, of the Catholic University; A. Van de Vyver, of Richmond; John Moore, of St. Augustine, Fla.; P. J. Donohue, of Wheeling; Louis de Guerebriand, of Burlington, Vt.; John Stephen Meacham, Coadjutor of Burlington; Michael Tierney, of Hartford, Conn.; Missions Bradley, of Manchester, N. H.; Matthew J. Hawkins, of Providence, R. I.; Thomas D. Beaven, of Springfield, Mass.; J. Janssen, of Belleville, Ill.; John L. Spalding, of Peoria, Ill.; Ignatius F. Horstman, of Cleveland, O.; Camillus P. Maes, of Covington, Ky.; John S. Foley, of Detroit; Mich. Joseph Rademacher, of Port Wayne, Ind.; Francis C. Chatard, Vincennes, Ind.; Richard Scannell, Omaha, Neb.; Edward J. Dunne, Dallas, Tex.; Thomas M. Burke, Albany, N. Y.;

Charles E. McDonnell, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Stephen Vincent Ryan, Buffalo, N. Y.; Michael W. Wigger, Newark, N. J.; Henry Gabriels, Ogdensburg, N. Y.; Bernard J. McQuaid, Rochester, N. Y.; P. A. Ludden, Syracuse, N. Y.; James A. McFaul, Trenton, N. J.; Thomas McGovern, Harrisburg, Pa.; R. Phelan, Pittsburg, Pa.; M. O'Hara, Saratoga, Pa.; Maurice E. Burke, St. Joseph, Mo.; James McGoldrick, Duluth, Minn.; M. Marty, St. Cloud, Minn.

At his elevation Mgr. Satolli will not be given the ring which accompanies the title, as has been stated, nor will he be given the title of his church.

These gifts are invariably bestowed by the Pope, and not until Monsignor Satolli returns to Rome will he receive them. The exceptions to this rule have been very rare, the latest being as far back as 1870. Other recorded exceptions were in 1740, 1735, 1535, 1530 and 1670.

The Cardinal's ring is a heavy gold band, set with a sapphire, and inscribed within the circle with the arms of the Pontiff who confers it. The Cardinal's ring is worn as a sign of dignity. Its use probably originated in the twelfth century. It is given to the Cardinals when they are assigned to their churches.

Father O'Connell Leaves Boston. Boston, Jan. 3.—Rev. William H. O'Connell, the new rector of the American Col-

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STEAMER WASHINGTON SAFE. Arrives from Halifax After Having Towed the Disabled Massapequa to Port.

The German tank steamship Washington, from Hamburg, which towed the disabled steamer Massapequa 440 miles into Halifax, reached this port yesterday afternoon. The Washington left Hamburg on December 12 in the teeth of a northwest gale and she herself suffered greatly. On December 20 the steam steering gear gave out, and after being repaired broke again. For twenty-four hours the vessel ran before the gale while hand steering gear was being fixed.

She met the Massapequa on December 26, and the latter signalled that her shaft was broken. In spite of the terrific sea running, a hawser was finally got aboard the Washington from the disabled vessel, and she was towed to Halifax.

Strange Western Ignorance. New York thinks her only rival in the contest for the Democratic Convention is St. Louis. The rest of the country thinks St. Louis is the only city in the contest.



Mgr. Francis Satolli. The prelate who is to be elevated to the rank of Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church, in the Cathedral at Baltimore to-morrow. He will not receive the Cardinal's ring until he returns to Rome. (From his latest picture by a Journal staff artist.)



The Wife and Mother of Murdered William Lalor. Both are locked up in the Queens County Jail. The police are satisfied that the wife had no connection with the crime, and are devoting their attention to securing evidence which will implicate the mother. (Sketched by a Journal staff artist.)