

# MRS. VERMILYEA BLUDGEONED

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unknown assailant had previously been seen in company.

Police and professional theory believe that the elderly woman was struck five times on the head with the hatchet, twice with the sharp side and three times with the dull or blunt side of a newly purchased lather's hatchet. The blood stained hatchet was later found at the rear of Dr. Faulkner's home where it had been abandoned in the flight of the assailant.

### Description of Man

On Monday last an unknown man about 45 years of age, standing 5 feet 8 or 9 inches in height called at the home of Mrs. (Dr.) J. J. Farley, 115 Bridge St., and was met at the door by the maid of the house, Eunice Mountany. The man asked for the whereabouts of Mrs. Nathaniel Vermilyea and upon being informed by Mrs. Farley that Mrs. Vermilyea was not at home he replied, "Alright, Aunt Lizzie, I will call again," and departed hurriedly. Last evening, shortly after 9 o'clock, a man appeared at the side door of Mrs. Farley's home, rang the door bell, the door being answered by Mrs. Vermilyea who had been visiting in a front room with Mrs. Farley and Mrs. J. W. Davison. When Mrs. Vermilyea opened the side door she was heard exclaim "Oh, my gosh," and admitted the man. They immediately ascended the staircase and entered Mrs. Vermilyea's private bedroom where they remained for ten minutes or more. Later they descended and were heard talking as they left the house by the side door. Eunice Mountany, who had met the man on Monday last happened to see the pair start down Bridge St. and is of the firm belief that the man to call on Monday is the same person to have been Mrs. Vermilyea's visitor last night.

The pair were observed walking westward on the south side of Bridge Street by Mr. G. N. Gorman, local real estate operator and seemed deep in conversation. Mr. Gorman, the last person to see Mrs. Vermilyea before she was set upon, stated that she and her companion turned into the professional entrance to Dr. Faulkner's and started to walk towards the house. A moment later Mr. Gorman heard a loud scream and on looking across the street failed to see either of the persons previously observed. Mrs. Vermilyea by this time having sunk to the ground and her assailant being hidden behind a clump of bushes. Prof. V. P. Hunt, Bridge St., and a next door neighbor to Dr. Faulkner, was sitting near a west window and also heard the scream. Peering out of the window, Mr. Hunt stated to police, he saw a dark shadow of a man passing between his house and the Faulkner home. It disappeared in the darkness to the rear. It was at this point that Mrs. (Dr.) Faulkner entered upon the scene, saw a woman lying in front of her home apparently injured and called the police, little realizing that the person in question was her own mother who had been brutally attacked.

### Taken to Hospital

Upon the arrival of the police ambulance, Police Constables Isard, Evans and Arnott immediately placed the woman on a stretcher and on the advice of Dr. Gibson was rushed to the hospital while Constable Isard remained at the scene and started an investigation

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clue and all tips were looked into to the last letter. One angle reported was that the killer's automobile had been abandoned in Prince Edward County. Immediately Staff Inspectors Lougheed and Gardner of Toronto and two members of local police departments went to that centre and all lines of traffic were blocked for hours, but no trace of the car was found.

Reports to the effect that a car bearing the description of the California licensed Buick was seen in Western Ontario but no confirmation of this rumor was given by the police this afternoon.

A check-up of American motor cars entering Canadian ports during the past ten days was made through the efforts of Chief Kidd and his associates with the result that replies in the negative were received from Niagara Falls, Cobourg, Toronto, while Sarnia and Windsor police stated they would immediately confirm anything that might throw any light on the subject. No reply had been received from these points at 3 p.m. today. A thorough check-up of American automobiles entering Canada east of Belleville will also be made in order to unearth some small clue toward the identification of the murderer of Mrs. Nathaniel Vermilyea. In the meantime city, O.P.P., C.I.D., and R.C.M.P. are still keep-

# Week-End Specials

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# The Film "An American Tragedy" Cause of Lawsuit

## Mother of Murdered Girl Demands \$150,000 From Film Makers

Cortland, N.Y., Oct. 5—(AP) — From real life to fiction, and from fiction back to real life is the story of "An American Tragedy."

Twenty nine years have passed since the love affair of Chester Gillette and Grace Brown fashioned the plot for Theodore Dreiser's novel.

Now the novel has lent its name to the trial of Bobby Edwards at Wilkes Barre, Pa., for the slaying of his sweetheart, Freda McKechnic.

Dreiser drew from the records of Gillette's trial at Herkimer for his book from which came the stage play and motion picture.

The romance of the New York country girl who drowned in remote Big Moose Lake is involved directly in a law suit now pending against the makers of the film.

Mrs. Minerva Brown of Norwich, mother of the girl, is suing for \$150,000. She contends that the picture showed her to be slovenly, illiterate, unkempt and neglectful of her daughter. Trial is set for this month.

Grace Brown worked in the shirt factory of Chester Gillette's uncle in Cortland. Together they went for an outing in the lower Adirondack mountains of northern Herkimer county. Young Gillette appeared at the camp of some friends and said the girl had fallen from a boat and was drowned before he could aid her.

She had been struck on the head. She, also, was about to become a mother. Gillette, further, was in love with another girl—a society girl, daughter of well-to-do parents.

Gillette was tried at Herkimer and sentenced to death. He was electrocuted at Auburn in 1907.

ing a constant vigil.

According to the latest police reports today a photograph presented to Miss Eunice Mountany, the maid at the home of Mrs. (Dr.) J. J. Farley and who previously informed the authorities of the mysterious visit of a stranger calling on Mrs. Vermilyea last Monday, was identified by the maid as the man to appear at the Farley home last Monday. The maid also stated that she believed this to be the same man who was seen leaving the Farley home before the hatchet killing occurred. The identity of the person in the picture is known to the police.

### Ferry Dock Searched

Cobourg, Ont., Oct. 5 (CP)— Check up of car ferry records here this morning revealed that no automobiles had crossed over from Rochester or departed from here during the past few days.

Police were asked here to see if a 1930 maroon car, said to have been used by the Belleville hatchet man, had come across on the ferry.

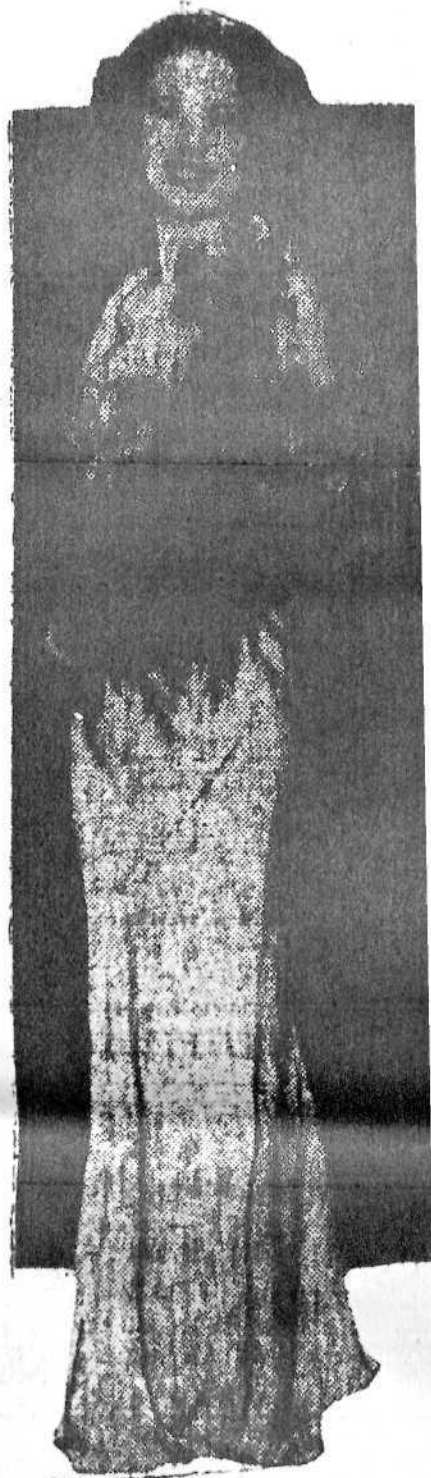
Police also checked hardware store sales to learn if a number six lathing hatchet had been sold recently, corresponding to the description of the one used in the attack on Mrs. Vermilyea but enquiries showed no hatchet had been bought.

### Purchased in Toronto?

Toronto police said today they believed the hatchet with which Mrs. Nathaniel Vermilyea of Belleville was slain last night was bought yesterday at an East End Toronto hardware store.

They said a man entered the hardware store and

## MISS ALL-AMERICA



The all-American girl, "Miss America", title was won by Lou Schmaltz, 17-year-old blonde beauty of New Orleans in the amateur beauty contest finals staged at the Chicago world's fair. Miss Schmaltz competed against beauty queens from all parts of the United States to annex the title.

## Prodigal Daughter

