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FIRST ACT AT CANTON.

Mrs. George in the Court Answers to Charge of Murder.

DRESSED IN JAUNTY GAY ATTIRE.

She Enters a Plea of "Not Guilty" to the Charge of Shooting the President's Brother-in-Law.

Canton, Ohio, Oct. 16.—Anna E. George, charged with the murder of George D. Saxton, was brought into Judge Hagans's courtroom today in the custody of Constable Charles Henry, to hear the plea to the affidavit charging her with murder. Long before the hour of opening court, the courtroom was filled with men and women, all anxious to see Mrs. George and hear her plead to the charge against her. As she entered the courtroom, she, assisted by the constable, made her way through the crowd and took her seat at the court table. She was clad in a plain skirt, waist and jacket and gaily colored shirt waist, and a pretty hat, trimmed to the season's style. She looked unconcerned and seemingly did not realize the momentous question which she was soon to make answer to in court.

The eyes of everybody in the courtroom were directed to the grand stairway, and when the first round in put in an appearance, and he spent some time in arranging over the physical side of things.

In a few minutes Mrs. George's counsel, Attorney John C. Welty, Mayor Jones, Mr. Hine and James A. Herron, entered the room.

Attorney Welty and Hine took seats on either side of Mrs. George, and Attorney Welty held a lengthy conference, and then asked for the affidavit. This was given him by Justice Hagans, and while it was being examined, Attorney J. J. Grant, a close friend of counsel, spent some time in looking over the criminal laws, and then Attorney Welty said they were ready for the arraignment. He said they desired to waive the reading of the affidavit and enter a plea of not guilty to the charge.

Prosecutor Pomerene said that they had a right to waive the reading of the affidavit, but that the prisoner must answer for herself as to her guilt or innocence. With this statement by the prosecutor, Justice Hagans asked Mrs. George if she was guilty or not guilty to the charge made against her in the affidavit. The lady spoke up clearly, if not disturbed in the least, but in a very weak and scarcely audible voice, answered "Not guilty."

After the arrangement there was some little controversy between the attorneys as to the time for the preliminary hearing.

Prosecuting Attorney Pomerene desired to have the time for the preliminary hearing set for Saturday, on account of expenses in coming from the court every day during the week. Mrs. George's counsel insisted in having the hearing set within the ten days, and then Pomerene named the hour for Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, which was agreed to.

Mrs. George was then taken back to the county jail.

THE CANTON TRAGEDY.

It is Claimed Mrs. George Will Put Up the Plea of an Alibi.

Canton, O., Oct. 16.—President and Mrs. McKinley have been with the Barber house since their arrival here, meeting only members of the family.

Private funeral services over the remains of Mr. Saxton will be held from the Barber residence at 2 o'clock this afternoon, conducted by Rev. D. H. Bridgman of the First Presbyterian church. The President will join the school at 2 o'clock, if no car has been attached to the special train. Mrs. McKinley will remain in the city for a few days.

The night was without incident in the cell of the prisoner, Mrs. George. It is claimed the defense will be an alibi and that the alibi will first be set up in women's garb. A postal card dated Springfield, O., October 15, addressed to the chief of police, Canton, by XYZ, says:

"Blind Tantis and am not sorry for it, with the other cases." has been referred to Mayor Hine. The coroner commenced the examination of witnesses this morning in the case of the jailer, but indicates that his examination will not be concluded for several days.

GEORGE D. SAXTON'S FUNERAL.

The Remains of the Murdered Man Consigned to Their Last Resting Place.

Canton, O., Oct. 16.—The funeral service over the remains of George D. Saxton, held at the M. C. Barber residence at 2 o'clock this morning, were very short and simple.

They were conducted by Rev. O. H. Millard, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, the home church of the deceased, assisted by Rev. Dr. Manchester, pastor of the First Methodist church, to with which President McKinley is a member, in the presence of the relatives and nearest friends. A quartet, touchingly sang a hymn at the request of Mrs. McKinley, and a selection of scripture and Dr. Manchester offered prayer. There were no remarks made by either clergyman, but the service were over the family took their places in the carriages. In the first carriage were President and Mrs. McKinley and Mr. and Mrs. Barber, the relatives and near friends following in other carriages. It took the cortège to the cemetery. Many people gathered about the Barber residence and all along the route, and when the hearse left the funeral cortège in West Lawn cemetery, where the remains were consigned to their last resting place in the Saxton family lot. Here the two local lodges of Knights of Pythias, of which the deceased was a member,