

JEALOUS MAN SLAYS WIFE, SHOOTS SELF

William T. Blair, of Woodbury Heights, Fires Shot as She Prepares Meal

Overpowered by Deputies, He Mortally Wounds Himself With Bullet Through Head

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WOODBURY, N. J., June 26.—William T. Blair, aged 46 years, shot and instantly killed his wife about half-past 2 this afternoon at their home on the Glassboro road, opposite Woodbury Heights, and then, after a desperate fight with officers and several others, turned the revolver on himself and fired, inflicting a wound which will doubtless prove fatal. He was taken to Cooper Hospital, after Drs. Wilson, Clark and Reading dressed the injuries.

The reason assigned for the double crime is jealousy. Blair got off the 2.10 train at Woodbury Heights and walked home. Those who saw him say he was somewhat intoxicated. His wife, about 40 years old, was on the back stoop, shelling peas, and from what can be learned, he walked up and, without any words, shot her through the left breast. The woman staggered about ten yards from the house, and fell dead under a grape arbor. Blair then went in search of his 18-year-old daughter, Mary, but she ran to a neighboring house. A boy about 12 years of age, who has lived with his family for two years, was not at home.

Fires at Friend in Road
Not finding either of the children, he walked to the middle of the road, with his revolver in hand. Harry Vierick, of Wenonah, and Leon Eastlack, came along and were told to stop Blair pointing his revolver at them. They were dumfounded and stopped, until Garfield Wentz came up in his machine. Blair knew Wentz and fired his revolver at him. Wentz turned his machine around, went home and got his gun. There was a battle of shots between Wentz and Blair, who by this time had his front porch. Wentz got behind a telephone pole which shows the marks of several bullets, while the side of the house also shows scattered shots. No "look effect."

Ticket Agent Marvel, at the station, heard the shots and telephoned Sheriff Mead. The latter, gathering several deputies, started for the scene. Two autos were rushed to this city for more men and rifles. These were hurried to the scene. Deputy Pedrick, as soon as he alighted from his machine, rushed into the house, revolver in hand, and Blair evidently realized he would be overpowered. After his revolver failed to go off twice, he again pulled it, this time on himself. It worked, the bullet plowing through his face from ear to ear. Pedrick telephoned for doctors, who hurried to the house finding the woman dead. Blair was unconscious and was hurried to the hospital. Coroner Downs took charge of the case.

Not a normal drive through Woodbury Heights



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