

UMANSKY MURDER SUSPECTS SEIZED

Sensational Capture of Antone and Stefan in Old Hut in Agawam

Three Deputies and Four Springfield Policemen Swoop
Down Upon Rendezvous to Which Alleged Murderers
Had Escaped from Polish Colony in Springfield—
Dastardly Outrage Against Aged West Granville
Woman May Soon Be Avenged

An exciting manhunt, in which three deputy sheriffs and a detail of four Springfield patrolmen participated, resulted in the capture in Agawam today of two Poles who the authorities believe are the men who committed the murder of Mrs. Rose Umansky, the aged woman whose dead body was found in a well on her son's farm in West Granville on Wednesday.

The two prisoners were caught in a hut by the officers and were brought to the Springfield police station, to be later taken to Westfield to be arraigned in the District Court of Western Hampden.

The men will be charged with the murder of the aged woman, and one of the prisoners has admitted to the police that he is the man, whose picture is in the hands of the authorities, as one of two men who were at the Umansky home only a short time before the crime was committed.

The search for the men and their arrest was conducted under direction of Gen. E. P. Clark, sheriff of Hampden County, who acted upon information furnished him by the Springfield police.

The first information that was had locally that the men who were sought by the state police as the murder suspects were in this vicinity came yesterday afternoon to Capt. J. H. Boyle of the Detective Bureau. Capt. Boyle was informed that two men answering the description of the alleged murderers had been stopping at a house in the Polish colony on Sharon street in this city. Inspectors Ratche and Costello were detailed on the case and they found that the suspects had been at the house, but had left Springfield before the inspectors had arrived.

Daughter Locates the Poles.

It appeared from what the inspectors were told by the members of the local Polish colony that the men had been traced to this city by Mrs. Jacob Yarmatzky, a daughter of the murdered woman, who found them here and identified them when taken into the room where they were. She created a scene by accusing them of the crime, and the two men finally made good their escape, leaving Springfield on the 4:22 o'clock car yesterday afternoon for Agawam. The police were at once notified of the disappearance of the men, but the local authorities could not get any trace of them after boarding the Agawam car. It was learned by the local police that the two men had been drinking heavily while here and that they had spent money freely.

Capt. Boyle communicated at once with Deputy Sheriff Harry S. Hartley of Granville, who had the case in charge, informing him of the discovery of the local clue. This morning word came to the Springfield police from Agawam to the effect that two Poles were shooting up the town in the vicinity of Shoemaker lane. As the location of the trouble was outside of the jurisdiction of the Springfield police, Sheriff Clark was notified and he at once took the case in hand.

Gen. Clark Details Deputies.

Deputy Sheriffs Studley, Wade and Leyden were dispatched at once, and Sheriff Clark, realizing that the men who were wanted were probably armed, determined to send enough men to surround the hut that was used by the Poles as headquarters for their shooting operations. Patrolmen Kennedy, Quinlivan, Ward and Rathbun were delegated by Chief W. J. Quilty of the Springfield police to assist, going as citizens to cooperate with the deputies.

The officers went in automobiles, making a fast run to the hut, which is located near the farm of Edward S. Wright. The hut is near the woods, and it was feared that the Poles would make an attempt to get away by making a break for the woods. The hut was surrounded by the officers and the deputies entered the enclosure, capturing the men and placing them under arrest.

Detectives Scour Countryside.

Both Detective Bligh and Maj. Mackay of the state police spent all last evening in the woods in Granville and West Granville. It was learned late

last evening that the two Poles had gone in the direction of Springfield. Deputy Sheriff Hartley of Granville said that the men sought were not far away and it would be only a question of a few hours before they were surrounded and captured. This theory proved to be correct. It is known that the Poles had friends in and near Agawam and early this morning the detectives and deputy sheriffs made a beeline for Agawam and waited for their quarry. They had little trouble in tracing the suspects to West Springfield and thence to Agawam, where the capture was finally made.

Although suspicion from the first pointed towards the two Poles, the state police investigated other clues and many interesting facts about the Umansky home and household were learned. It was learned that Mrs. Umansky would have been married next week had she lived. The bridegroom-elect is a Jew known as Polokoff, who makes his home in Canaan, Conn. Mr. Polokoff owns a farm at Canaan and he is considered a very respectable citizen. It is understood that Godel Umansky and his wife were opposed to the approaching wedding and looked with disfavor upon the bridegroom-to-be.

Although Mrs. Umansky was about 65 years of age, she had looked forward to her wedding with much interest and was very fond of her future husband. For years Mrs. Umansky had saved her wages which amounted to about \$120. This sum together with two cows and two heifers made Mrs. Umansky very popular and she was considered one of the wealthiest Jewesses in West Granville.

Godel Umansky admitted that his mother and his wife had many family "jars," although they were never of a serious nature and the family lived together as happily as any one might expect.

Insurance Policy Phase.

Another phase of the case is the fact that there were two insurance policies issued on the life of the murdered woman. One was an ordinary policy for \$500 on which a premium of about \$8 had been paid February 27. The other policy was an industrial one issued at the Westfield office of the Prudential Life Insurance Company. It is believed that the latter policy has been allowed to lapse. While many facts of the case pointed strongly to members of the Umansky household knowing more about the crime than they cared to relate to the state detectives and the newspapermen, it was hardly believed any one of the Umansky people would have committed the crime and then deliberately thrown the body into the well.

Family's Story Corroborated.

The story as told by Mr. and Mrs. Godel Umansky was corroborated in nearly every particular by Sam L. Kaplan, a boy about 18 years of age, who is now employed by Jerry Rivera of Tolland and who was formerly employed by Mrs. Umansky in picking berries. Kaplan said that Mrs. Godel Umansky was at Tolland on Wednesday morning and remained until about noon at the home of a Mrs. West in

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