

MAMIE BRANNIGAN'S SLAYER INDICTED.

Aaron Halle Will Be Tried for Murder in the First Degree.



AARON HALLE, MAMIE BRANNIGAN'S SLAYER.

QUICK RECORD IN THE MURDER CASE.

Murder committed May 17.
Murderer arrested May 17.
Held for coroner May 17.
Arraigned before coroner 10.30 A. M. to-day.
Held for the Grand Jury 11 A. M. to-day.
Indictment found 12 noon to-day.
Will plead to indictment 10.30 A. M. to-morrow.

Aaron Halle, who shot and killed Mamie Brannigan, the beautiful young salesgirl in Reinhardt's dry-goods store, at Third avenue and Eighty-sixth street, last Thursday morning, was held on the charge of murder by the coroner's jury this morning.

An hour later the Grand Jury found an indictment against him for murder in the first degree.

Halle will be arraigned before Judge Cowing in Part I, General Sessions, tomorrow morning at 10.30 o'clock, when he will plead to the charge.

A heartbroken mother, with reddened eyes and tear-stained cheeks, sat in the library of the coroner's office in the Criminal Court Building this morning and listened to the tragic details of the death of her daughter.

There was hatred in the look the mother gave the murderer as he entered the room, but Halle, cool and impassive, returned the glance with utmost indifference and with no show of pity for the woman he had shot and killed.

With Mrs. Brannigan were Katie, an eighteen-year-old daughter, and her son, Daniel, half-brother and half-sister respectively of the murdered girl. All were in tears.

It was after 11 o'clock when the inquest began before Coroner Hart and Jury.

SHAMMING INSANITY.

When Halle was led into the inquest room by Detective Carroll he was vigorously putting a cigarette. The witness-stand index and forefinger of both hands plainly told that he was a cigarette fiend.

Carroll showed his prisoner to a chair near the coroner and where the members of the jury had a good view of him. His eyes dropped to the floor, where he kept them riveted, while his face assumed a listless expression. For twenty minutes he sat, never once moving a muscle.

Apparently he was playing the sham insanity part with studied effort. His interest in the design of the carpet on the floor continued throughout the examination.

LAWYER DESERTS HIM.

Mr. Levy was unable to be present and a Lawyer Simpson of his firm asked for an adjournment until the counselor appeared.

Assistant District Attorney Forbes Stanness objected because an adjournment meant that the case would likely have to go over until the October Grand Jury.

Coroner Hart declined to grant a postponement.

Lawyer Simpson then announced that he protested against a continuation of the case and withdrew, leaving the prisoner without counsel.

"The prisoner is charged with a most horrible and shameful crime," said Mr. Stanness, "and we desire to prosecute the case without any unnecessary delay."

The first witness was Isadore Wiesner, of 18 East Eighty-ninth street.

A member of the dry-goods firm in whose place Miss Mamie Brannigan was killed.

"Tell the jury what you know of the shooting," said the coroner.

"I saw Halle come into the store, go up to Miss Brannigan and talk to her. Then I heard a shot. Halle had a pistol in his hand."

"Did you see him firing the shot?" was asked.

"Yes, I ran up to him; he said: 'If you come near me I'll put a ball in you, too.' He then fired a second shot, and in a few minutes he died."

Policeman Thomas Kelly, who arrested Halle after the shooting, was next called. He told of entering the store and finding the prisoner with the smoking revolver in his hand.

"How did Halle look when you first saw him in the store?" asked the Assistant District Attorney McIntyre.

"Unconcerned," replied the policeman. "He was perfectly cool and handled me over the revolver in a matter-of-fact way."

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