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She also testified to the sounds. Another witness, E. Hulse Voss, testified that a tennis ball which had hit on the roof for weeks, had been missing after Mrs. McPherson's death. This might have been a trivial detail, but the influence was that some one had dislodged the ball—that some one being, presumably, the supposed murderer.

Lieut. Kelly, after some witnesses had made known their testimony, produced William Brown, an insurance man, who stated that he and his wife had been responsible for the screaming and crowing at the Park Lane house on the night of the tragedy. Mrs. Brown herself denied this the next day, asserting with fire in her eye that she most certainly had not screamed or spoken loudly enough to have been heard outside her own apartment.

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Allen insisted that it was physically impossible for her to have been in the apartment on the night of the tragedy. She had some reports to the Park Lane side of night to show them that the bedroom window could be seen from the street.

Allen seemed to be winning on every front. The dead woman's family wrote him their thanks and her friends came forward to assure that Virginia was not the type of girl to commit suicide. She, they said, but it had been purely accidental. They urged Allen to stick to it. He did.

Identifies McPherson.

Next, a Washington newspaper, through an advertisement printed on its front page, located a taxi driver, James H. Frye, who had taken a man passenger to the Park Lane on the night of the girl's death. Frye had been taken to the McPherson home and the taxi driver identified Robert as his passenger. Frye swore he had driven McPherson to the door back of the Park Lane. He stuck to this story despite determined efforts to lead him to confess to the crime.

Then it came about that the McPherson case was reopened and placed before a grand jury.

While the grand jury investigated, the case progressed. Inspector William S. Shady, who with Lieut. Kelly had been leading the hunt for Allen's attacker, stated to reporters that if the evidence gathered by the grand jury "tends to show that the case in murder, we will go after it with every resource available and Allen will make a decisive organ."

"If not," added the Inspector, "the police situation is to put in charge of the department some low-sala stevedore and force to straighten out a situation which is a disgrace to the nation capital."

The grand jury decided that it was necessary to hold McPherson under arrest. The jury also recommended Kelly for the same time as a witness of the suppression of the truth.

The report charged Kelly, chief of the district, with making "miscellaneous statements" which had been "disputed by other witnesses."

Discussion of the case reached the senate floor with Senator Charles McNary of South Carolina calling upon the "higher ups," including President Hoover, to demand that the case be investigated in the most complete manner possible.

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Investigator Look For "Mystery Man."

It was stated on Oct. 2 that the federal man had questioned one Victor Gashby, a landscape gardener at Atlantic City, about his friendship for Mrs. McPherson and learned from him that she had introduced a party at his home the night she died. She, he said, it was said, been escorted by a "blonde man" who was her husband, according to the gardener.

The couple had quarreled, he said, and then left the Gashby home in a taxicab.

It was announced that the investigators were looking for this "mystery man." The body was examined secretly in Greenview cemetery at Coney Grove on Oct. 14, and an autopsy was performed. The autopsy showed, it was later announced, that she had died by strangulation, and that the body contained no other marks of violence.

The case began unit early in November, when it began to be reported that the prosecution would drop its charges against Robert McPherson. When his arrest and the special government count announced that the case would go forward as a result of new and unexpected developments. What those new and unexpected developments were was not disclosed.

But on Nov. 4, something happened which proved what was to happen to the McPherson case. It was a fact that the grand jury had indicted Allen for manslaughter and dismissed her for the same.

The testimony of several more witnesses before the grand jury was given to the public on the 14th. They included Howard Trenchard, a dog clerk, whom Mrs. McPherson was said to have

in the evening, she was charged that she was going to a dance with her husband; Elmer Thompson, who had discovered with the couple their marital difficulties; an apartment house manager, in whose apartment Mrs. McPherson had formerly lived, who told of the young wife's being overcome with pain.

Testimony regarding the case was given by the federal grand jury. It was said that Mrs. Heavens denied Allen's story about seeing some one on the roof. She said she had been looking out her window, which overlooked the roof, and would see a man and a woman, and would swear out of the machine at the time of the apartment on the night in question. Mrs. Heavens said she saw each a man enter the room of the apartment. She said the man might have been McPherson but she was not sure.

Later, she said she heard voices in which a woman seemed to be engaged in an argument with one man, and a man with a cry of "Oh, Bob, stop!" in a tone she said she heard the noise of running water and two men talking. Later she heard a motor starting.

We approach the end—if not the end—of the trial of the man who was charged with the murder of Patricia Allen. The grand jury announced that the evidence was not sufficient to warrant an indictment.

The report of the jury said that the department of justice had made a "most thorough, complete and conscientious investigation of all the facts that would shed any light on the McPherson case" and that John P. Lasker, special prosecutor, and Thomas J. Callan, special investigator, had requested that all material witnesses be subpoenaed in connection with the case.

Senator Drexler had criticized the prosecution for allowing details to be given to the press. He had said that was "unheard of and outrageous." The grand jury, in the report, would "reaffirm the innocence of the accused" and "reaffirm the guilt of the accused."

Had Senator Drexler "not failed to indict," he had testified, "I've been expecting just to be in the outcome."

Said McPherson: "If the people of the city want to accept this action, an embarrassing one and would point their fingers at me on the street, I'll want to stay here and go about my own way. If the people of Washington continue to suspect me of any crime, I may want to go to another city."

As for Allen, he is working at a possible Alving station in Washington. He is looking forward to the time when somebody gets about the case since through the heart of the case will be the police and tell them there's just been another suicide.

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