

KARL HAU MAKES MORE ADMISSIONS

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That City.

HAD QUARREL WITH WIFE

But Says He Calmed Her—He and She
Said to Have Planned Suicide
Before Their Marriage.

KARLSRUHE, July 18.—At to-day's session of the trial of Karl Hau, ex-Professor of Roman Law at George Washington University, Washington, D. C., the prisoner, closely interrogated by the Presiding Judge, finally yielded to persuasion and consented to answer some of the questions on which he kept silence yesterday. He admitted sending a dispatch from Paris calling Frau Molitor to that city, an admission that he had previously refused to make. He did so, he said, in order to expedite the case and to do away with the necessity of having handwriting experts take the stand.

Later he told the court that he sent this dispatch after a dispute with his wife because of his alleged relations with her sister, Olga, in order to arrange for the departure of Olga, but the Presiding Judge declared that this was a very weak explanation and not in accordance with circumstances previously related.

A barber of Frankfort testified to making a false beard for Hau, and further, that Hau put the beard on in his shop on Nov. 6, the day of the murder, about noon, and started with his baggage for the railway station. A woman who conducted a confectionery shop in Baden-Baden described as far as she was able to do the appearance of a man wearing a heavy beard whom she saw acting in a distracted manner in front of the Molitor villa between 3 and 4 o'clock. The description in a measure answered that given by Olga Molitor at the trial yesterday of the man who shot her mother in the park on the evening of the same day.

Fellow-students of Hau at Freiburg University gave evidence as to the prisoner's immoral conduct.

Hau Seems Cheerful.

Hau appeared in the courtroom this morning looking as cheerful and confident as yesterday. When the Presiding Judge called handwriting experts to identify Hau's writing in the dispatch sent from Paris calling Frau Molitor to that city, Hau, anticipating the testimony, arose from his seat and said that in order to expedite the case he would admit that he wrote this dispatch. The Judge inquired whether or not he had sent it off, but this Hau declined to answer. He also refused to say whether his wife was aware that this message had been sent.

Philip Uhlig, a merchant of Frankfort-on-the-Main, testified that he saw a man on Nov. 6 in the Frankfort railroad station wearing a false beard and mustache. The Judge here asked Hau to put on a similar disguise, and Uhlig then recognized him as the same man.

Anna Lerch, who left Washington with Mr. and Mrs. Hau in the capacity of a maid servant, testified that when Hau left London to return to the Continent he cautioned his wife to keep his London address secret. The wife asked if she might write to her mother, and Hau replied, "Of course."

C. A. Bratter, a newspaper man of Constantinople, testified that while Hau was in the Turkish capital he played the rôle of a man of wealth. He spent money lavishly, chartered a yacht, organized revels with dancing girls at a hotel, and boasted of his wild life as a student. He claimed to have an immense income, and showed a passion for collecting precious stones.

Says Hau Appeared Crazy.

Frau Müller, a sister of Hau's step-mother, testified that she accompanied Herr Hau, Sr., to London. Upon hearing of the arrest of Hau, she had an interview with him in prison. She found him much altered and in a state of great mental excitement. He gave her the impression of a crazy man, holding his arms rigidly to his sides, and then touching his forehead in a singular manner. She said to him:

"Are you guilty, Karl?"

To this the prisoner answered: "No, I did not do it."

Hau boarded with Frau Müller while attending the classical preparatory school at Treves. She said that he was a good boy and a model student, but that he commenced to show signs of amatory aberrations as soon as he left the school. Referring to Hau's elopement with Lena Molitor, the witness said the couple went to Switzerland, where they were visited by the elder Hau. They soon afterward ran out of funds and were in despair. She was informed, the witness continued, that the couple intended to commit suicide and that Hau had shot at Lena, but missed her heart. Lena then requested Hau to shoot a second time, but the man's courage failed him. They then planned to end their lives by poisoning, but this project also was abandoned. Upon hearing of his son's trouble, Herr Hau, Sr., decided that the couple must marry, go to America, and start life anew. He undertook to assist them financially.

Damaging Testimony.

The testimony given at the afternoon session was considered damaging to the prisoner's case. Dora Metzger, who conducts a confectionery shop in Baden-Baden, testified that on the day of the tragedy, between 3 and 4 in the afternoon, she walked with an escort in the vicinity of the Molitor villa. She noticed there a tall man wearing a heavy black beard, which both she and her escort regarded as false. The man's peculiar behavior attracted their attention. He stood watching the house for a quarter of an hour and seemed agitated. She thought at the time that the man meditated suicide or had something important on his mind. He seemed, the witness said, to be lying in wait for somebody and strolled about in a distracted manner. Once they met, and she looked him in the face. He returned the gaze, but quickly glanced away.

The witness was unable to say whether or not the man was Hau, but she declared that the collar of his overcoat was turned up, as other witnesses had described.

Upon hearing of the murder of Frau Molitor, she said, she had remarked that it could only have been committed by "that man."

Otto Bechter, a barber of Frankfort, testified to making a beard for Hau, who had explained that he wanted to surprise his relatives, whom he had not seen in five years. Hau put on the beard in his shop about noon of Nov. 6 and started in the direction of the railway station, carrying his valises.

A porter by the name of Renschler of a Frankfort hotel recognized on the witness stand a telegram which Hau gave him addressed to his wife in London. Renschler read the telegram at the time, and was struck by the request contained therein to keep Hau's address secret. He thought probably the man was some disreputable bookmaker.

Heard Dispute Between Haus.

At the evening session the court took up the affidavits of Paris witnesses. A waiter in the Hotel Regina swore that he heard a lively dispute between Mr. and Mrs. Hau on the day the telegram was sent to Frau Molitor. The Judge asked Hau if Olga was the cause of this quarrel, and Hau leaned forward, evidently intending to answer, and then suddenly said that he would refuse to answer.

The Judge warned the prisoner that he had better answer the question. Thereupon Hau said that the dispute was the first instance when his wife reproached him with being too intimate with her sister Olga. He, however, calmed her, he said, removing her fears.

Olga Molitor, recalled, testified that Mrs. Hau gave her a similar version of the affair upon her return to Baden-Baden, adding that Hau had fully allayed her fears.

Hau, continuing his testimony, said that this dispute was the cause of his sending the telegram to Frau Molitor to come to Paris immediately. Olga was ill, and the reason for his action was that he wanted to get Olga away as soon as possible. The Judge pointed out the weakness of this explanation, since Hau had prearranged the date of Olga's departure only two days ahead. Hau replied that he was so excited that he did the first thing that suggested itself to his mind.

A number of Hau's fellow-students at Freiburg University testified to Hau's

uncommon intellectual ability, but also as to his moral delinquencies toward women. Several of them swore that Hau did not want to marry Lena Molitor after their elopement.

A teacher named Staut, a friend of the Hau family, swore that the elder Hau told him that his son Karl declared that he never thought of marrying Lena.

The trial will be continued to-morrow.