

MURDERS WIFE WHO THREATENED TO LEAVE

West Indian Shot Woman at Their Home in Camden, Then Turned Revolver on Himself

Angered because his wife Anna declared she was going to leave him, Adolph Walker, 27 years old, a West Indian, shot and killed the woman at their home, 906 Coates' alley, Camden, yesterday afternoon. Then the murderer turned the revolver on himself and shot himself in the left temple. Walker was taken to the Cooper Hospital, where it was stated that his chances for recovery were slight.

Just before lapsing into unconsciousness, Walker was able to gasp out the following statement to Chief of Police Gravenor:

"My wife deceived me. She went out all last night and didn't come home until 7 o'clock this morning. We had a quarrel about it and then my wife told me she was going to leave. She said she was going to kill me first and then I went upstairs, got my revolver, went down and shot her. Then I shot myself."

It was shortly before 1 o'clock that those living in the immediate vicinity were startled to hear two revolver shots. Little attention was paid to the occurrence, however, until Charles Olden, of 520 Spruce street, the side of whose home borders on Coates' alley, saw Walker lying in the middle of the small thoroughfare. He managed to rise to his feet, although there was a gaping wound in his head. He was just about to speak when Policeman Matlack, who had been apprised of the shooting, took him in custody, subsequently sending him to the hospital.

Police Captain Stanley and several officers went to the house in which the Walkers lived when they found the woman lying on the kitchen floor dead. She had a bullet wound through the right temple. There was every evidence that Walker and his wife had been desperately struggling before the shooting. A table was upset and broken dishes were scattered all about the place. According to the police there was a woman in the case and the quarrels resulted from the murdered woman's jealousy.