JEWELRY BARGAIN LED COHEN TO FLAT

Detectives Hold Theory That Murdered Man Went to Buy Gems From a Woman.

SEEK MYSTERIOUS FRIEND.

Investigation Assumes Definite Line, but an All-Day Search Produces Little Result.

From a mass of vague, only half-defined clews that gradually are diverging into their proper lines as the detectives dedicated to ferret out the mystery of the murder of Leopold Cohen, the hotel-man in the employ of Joe Poheim, the factor whose body was found Saturday morning in a vacant flat at 1128 Eddy street, there has come to crystallize a tangible series of links that are related to the murder, and to the finding of the woman sought.

That the investigation has assumed a definite line, with the result that the police have ceased to devote any more time to attempting to learn the identity of a man who was taking a room at 11 o'clock Monday night on Fillmore and Geary streets, P. D. is thought that aside from the murderer, Mrs. J. D. Holmes of 1128 Eddy is the one person in earnest conversation with the murderer, was the last to see him in the victim alive.

That this is an important development, was demonstrated when Detectives Heintz and Gallagher and Sergeant Hoff located and interviewed a man whose name they will not divulge, but who is known to be a friend of the man and a woman entering in the doorway of the vacant flat at the rear of the drive at a late hour Monday night. Although the man was unable to see the shadow of the doorway, the man is described as weighing about 200 pounds, such as was worn by the man seen by Holmes. Also, the voice of the woman was unrecognized, Holmes informed Hoff, although that the speaker was a woman was ascertained.

Detectives James Mackey and Thomas Conlon, who found the card bearing the address "Gonda," 1128 Eddy street, spent much time scouring the Barbary Coast and other resorts in the hope of effort to discover the exact nature of the woman's business, and the exact nature of questionable character.

Detectives Mackey and Conlon sought facilities of jewelry from time to time, to discover whether or not the woman had purchased a ring. Such a purchase, it was believed, would lead to the identification of the man, as the theory that Cohen was lured to the apartment by the woman who had sold him the ring that he would have first started to purchase jewelry as a bargain, but that the woman refused to accept a penny for it, and insisted on returning to her apartment to get the money. When he was confronted with a revolver and ordered to "throw up his hands," Cohen refused, the struggle that cost his life ensued, Hoff declares.

According to Detectives Mackey-Conlon, Hoff and Heintz-Gallagher, who are devoting their efforts to locating further connecting links in the case, it was a pawning, before the fire, and others to the effect that Cohen had purchased a ring.

UNRELIABLE INFORMATION.

Detective Louis Lapiere was added yesterday to the detectives working on the Cohen murder. Lapiere knew Cohen well, and has been able to furnish valuable information. Lapiere is confident that they had seen Cohen later than midnight on the night he was murdered, and that they were talking with a woman. Lapiere cannot remember who had mentioned the fact.

That the woman who had rented the murder chamber came back from and returned to the flat, is the belief of the detectives who are working on the case. Just when this occurred is uncertain, as there is no way of fixing the time of the front door as well as all other doors in the house are left open, and it will be impossible to take the precaution even if the murderer had known that he was told that the woman was returning to the flat.

Coroner Walter Dalton conducted yesterday in the Hills of Morality an inquest concerning the shooting and death of the undertaking partner, Leopold Cohen. Testimony was heard, but only had been recorded. Maurice Cohen, a brother of L. H. Cohen, was the chief witness.

Counsel for Leland, with Deputy Joseph Kelly and Detective Sergeant Hoff, executed the Coroner's warrant and searched the house yesterday morning and exhibited the various pieces of jewelry found there to the witness, the woman's gloves, hairpin, purse, clothing, etc., but nothing identified, as well as the hats found there. The jury consists of H. Hinrichs, Chesbro, B. McGinn, W. J. Hughes, Sr., Edward Dreyfus and A. M. Collins. The inquest will be held on Wednesday morning.

Lieutenant Detective Eddy, detail Detectives Duncan Matheson and Thomas Wright last night had in his walking on Steiner street about 1:30 o'clock Monday morning. In passing the house where the body of the murdered man was found, the two men and woman made the place. He was taken to the City Prison and held incommunicado.

Wright who lives at 1313 Scott street, told Detective Daniel Driscoll that he noticed the man in the disappearance he had noticed Cohen alive in the house, and that he had also noticed those talking to two suspicious looking characters.

Nothing gave the police a good lead in the search, although a search is being made for them.

Detective Driscoll was a fellow-roomer of the murdered victim, and Detective Matheson of the Hall Case, for the last night that Cohen, the murdered man, was seen alive, he was in company with whom he was keeping company.

IS ACCUSED OF FRAUD.

Police Judge Conlan yesterday issued a warrant against Margaret West on a charge of grand larceny, preferred by Sales assistants, C. A. Wilcomb, recently of Los Angeles, but now of this city, and alleges that the defendant swindled him out of $1000 on March 2. Wilcomb, representing that the defendant was a woman who was unfortunate, [illegible]

ANNUAL THINGS AT AUCTION.

In the closed season auction today there are many new comers, things to be was of long standing. Among the latter are Robinson chairs of the finest velour and a good comparative fund finds [illegible] Among the newcomers are the [illegible] Among the newcomers are the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]