

TRIED TO KILL MAN TO MARRY HIS WIFE

Letters to Desperado Show
Friendship with Wife of
Sheriff Who Shot Him.

SHE WAS MATRON OF JAIL

Believed That ex-Convict Was Mur-
derer of Wealthy Colorado Druggist
—Woman Figured in Plot, Too.

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., March 15.
—Samuel Barkwell, the desperado who
was killed Friday by Deputy Sheriff Sco-
field, whom he attempted to assassinate
in order that he might marry Mrs. Sco-
field, as the Coroner thinks, is believed
to have been the assassin of Otto Feh-
ringer, a wealthy druggist of this place,
who was killed Feb. 19.

There was a woman in the Fehringer
case also. Her name is withheld, but she
is well known in Colorado Springs, and
was known to both. Fehringer himself
was a widower and quite wealthy. One
theory is that the two went by appoint-
ment to a solitary spot and exchanged
shots, Fehringer being fatally wounded.

The Coroner's investigation has justified
the killing of Barkwell by Scofield as an
act of self-defense, but a photograph of
Mrs. Scofield and several letters from her
written to Barkwell and found in his
trunk indicate a cause for quarrel between
the men.

The Coroner says these letters contain
terms of affection and show that the re-
lations between the two were very inti-
mate. The photograph was sent to Bark-
well and the letters written to him after
his jail term of six months expired last
June.

Barkwell was a trusty and Mrs. Sco-
field was matron. The two were much
together. After his term expired Mrs.
Scofield appeared on several occasions in
his company. Mrs. Scofield, who is
twenty-five years her husband's junior,
is 28 years old, which was Barkwell's
age. She was Miss Jennie McClelland of
this city before her marriage to Scofield
ten years ago. She is very attractive
and the mother of two children, a boy
of eight and a girl of three. With their
mother they left a week ago to visit her
father, Thomas McClelland, at Los An-
geles, Cal.

The letters do not show a knowledge
of any plot by Barkwell to kill her hus-
band, or any intention to enter into any
wrongful relation with Barkwell. Sco-
field did not suspect his wife and ac-
counted for the attack on him because
of his efforts to unravel the Fehringer
murder mystery.

Barkwell asserted that he knew who
the murderer of Fehringer was, and had
proposed to Sheriff Grimes to disclose
this fact in consideration of half of the
reward. Scofield had been detailed to get
this information.

The two had met at Scofield's home,
where the disclosure was to be made,
when the tragedy occurred. He is said
to have deserted his wife and two children
in Kansas City, Mo., before coming here
two years ago.

PEARLS HELD BY CUSTOM MEN

Dealer Didn't Declare Them Because
They Came from This Country.

Among the passengers who landed yes-
terday from the American liner New York
was G. B. Umsted, an American dealer in
pearls, who went abroad in January to
dispose of a quantity of American pearls.
He brought about \$8,000 worth back with
him. He had a Consular certificate to
show that the pearls had been taken out
of the country and therefore were entitled
to enter free.

Mr. Umsted did not declare the gems
he brought back. They were contained in
a package which he carried. Special cus-
toms Inspector Donoghue saw the pack-
age and examined it. It was then that
the dealer declared that he had had no
intention of smuggling and showed his
Consular certificate. The Acting Deputy
Surveyor ordered the pearls sent to the
Public Stores. They will be returned to
Mr. Umsted when he proves they are of
American product.

Ten dressmakers and milliners came in
on the New York with trunks containing
the Easter styles. They declared their
dutiable goods, but under the rule that
all trunks containing more than \$500
worth of dutiable goods must be ap-
praised, thirty trunks and boxes were sent
to the Public Stores.