

WILL ASK SLAYER'S FREEDOM

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PEKIN, ILL., Mar. 13.—(AP)—James Crabb, 24-year-old son of a wealthy banker, who confessed to the slaying of his 19-year-old bride, Betty, claiming the shooting was accidental, was held in jail on a murder warrant today while his family mapped plans for his defense.

FRANTIC LOYALISTS TRY TO HALT ENEMY MARCH TOWARD SEA

Madrid, Feb. 13.—(AP)—The married wife of five weeks was found fatally shot through the right breast in her bedroom in the home of Crabb's banker father, Willis, in nearby Delavan early on the morning of March 1 after they had returned from a gay party given in their honor.

The case had been a mystery. Young Crabb was not arrested until yesterday when he was seized on a warrant obtained by his wife's father, Glenn L. Collock, of Peoria, Ill. He was taken into custody before a coroner's jury had reported its inability to determine the circumstances of the killing and recommended further inquiry.

Some ten hours later Sheriff Goar announced that the mystery had been solved. Young Crabb told him he said that when he and his wife returned from the party they followed, and that the elder Crabb had called two policemen to help him control his son. During the heat of the argument, the sheriff said, young Crabb told him, "I picked up an old-fashioned .38-caliber revolver."

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(By the Associated Press.)
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