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**Cliff Sherwood**

# SUICIDE CHECKS MURDER INQUIRY

*Chess Expert Dies of Wound  
After Killing Modiste*

*Hunted Man, Found in Car,  
Expires in Hospital*

*Kin of Two Governors Called  
Mentally Perturbed*

"Checkmate!"

Death, with immutable fingers, slipped across the chess board of life yesterday afternoon and ended the game in which police were waiting to move against Cliff Sherwood, 40-year-old chess expert, for the murder of Miss Gabrielle Andrieux, French modiste, in her home at 1748½ North Wilcox avenue, Monday afternoon.

Sherwood, while police of the Southland were searching for him, shot himself in the head with the same pistol authorities say he used to kill Miss Andrieux. He was found in his automobile at Glenoaks Boulevard and Palm avenue, Burbank, by Burbank police shortly after dawn yesterday. Yesterday afternoon he died in General Hospital without regaining consciousness. Detective Lieutenants Clark and Bryan had been waiting to question him regarding the slaying of Miss Andrieux.

## **POLICE INQUIRY ENDS**

Sherwood's death precluded any further police investigation of the shooting. Murder and suicide was the finis written to the reports filed in police records. No inquest will be conducted.

From acquaintances of the murdered woman and Sherwood the detectives learned the chess expert had been a frequent visitor at her Hollywood home. Lucie Belville, with whom Miss Andrieux worked and lived, told them Sherwood apparently had been paying hopeless attentions to Miss Andrieux. Neighbors of the two women reported they saw Sherwood talking to Miss Andrieux on the front porch of her home Monday afternoon and a few minutes later heard two pistol shots and screams and then saw Sherwood flee from the scene in his automobile.

## RELATIVE OF GOVERNOR

Checking over personal effects of the chess expert found in his automobile, the detectives found newspaper clippings which identified him as a grand-nephew of Phineas C. Lounsbury, former Governor of Connecticut. The clippings, taken from a local newspaper and dated April 26, 1926, told the story of how Sherwood temporarily had halted the settlement of Lounsbury's \$1,000,000 estate by asserting that, under a will left by his grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Sherwood, thirty years ago, he had been made a beneficiary and Lounsbury had been made an executor of Mrs. Sherwood's estate. In Lounsbury's will, according to the clippings, there was no record of this asserted transaction. Sherwood, the clippings stated, had received an income from his grandmother's estate up until twelve years ago.

## ANOTHER HIGH KINSMAN

Records of the contest of the will of Gov. Lounsbury, which finally was settled in 1925, do not disclose that Sherwood was one of the contestants, according to a dispatch yesterday from Danbury, Ct. Relatives of Sherwood, according to the dispatch, live at Ridgefield and Redding, Ct., but they said yesterday he had never lived in Connecticut and that they had not heard from him for many years.

Sherwood was a grand-nephew of two Connecticut governors, for George E. Lounsbury, brother of Phineas C. Lounsbury, who was Governor from 1887 to 1889, also served as Governor of the State, his term having run from 1899 to 1901. Sherwood's grandmother, whose maiden name was Sarah Lounsbury, was the sister of the governors.

## MOTHER IN FRANCE

A recent letter received by Sherwood disclosed that he leaves a mother living in Leiseux, France. Exclusive of this communication police found no other papers revealing the whereabouts of other relatives.

Sherwood, acquaintances told detectives, had been mentally perturbed for the last few weeks. With a monthly income which he derived from some source in the East, he had made his living conducting and writing about chess and checker tournaments. His home address was given as 1026 West Third street on his automobile registration, but it was found he had moved from that address months ago, and subsequently had changed his residence frequently.

Miss Andrieux's parents, according to Miss Belville, reside in Boudeville, France. Miss Andrieux had resided in Hollywood for several years.