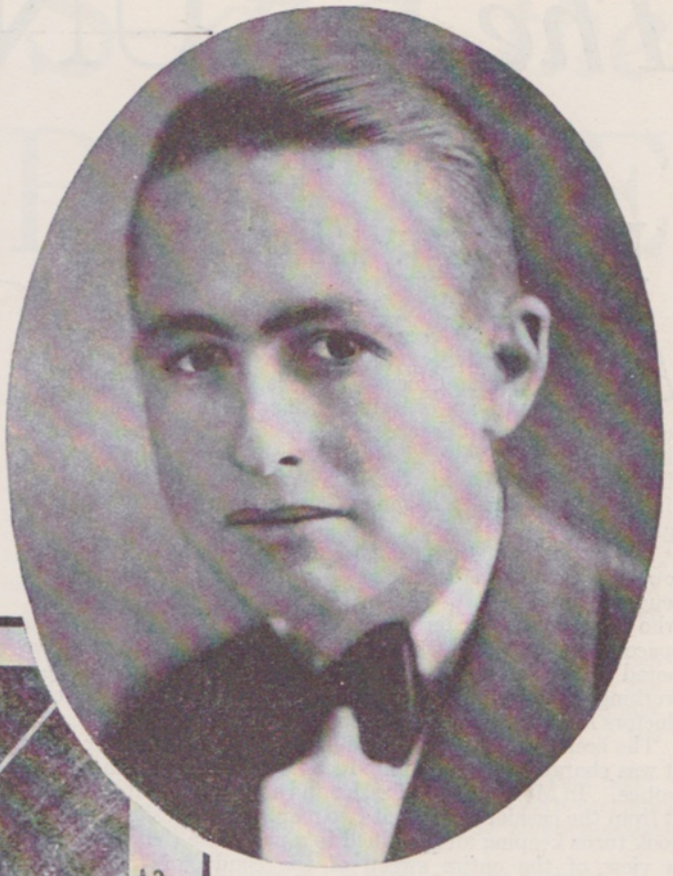
The police discovered that the telephone wires throughout the house had been cut.

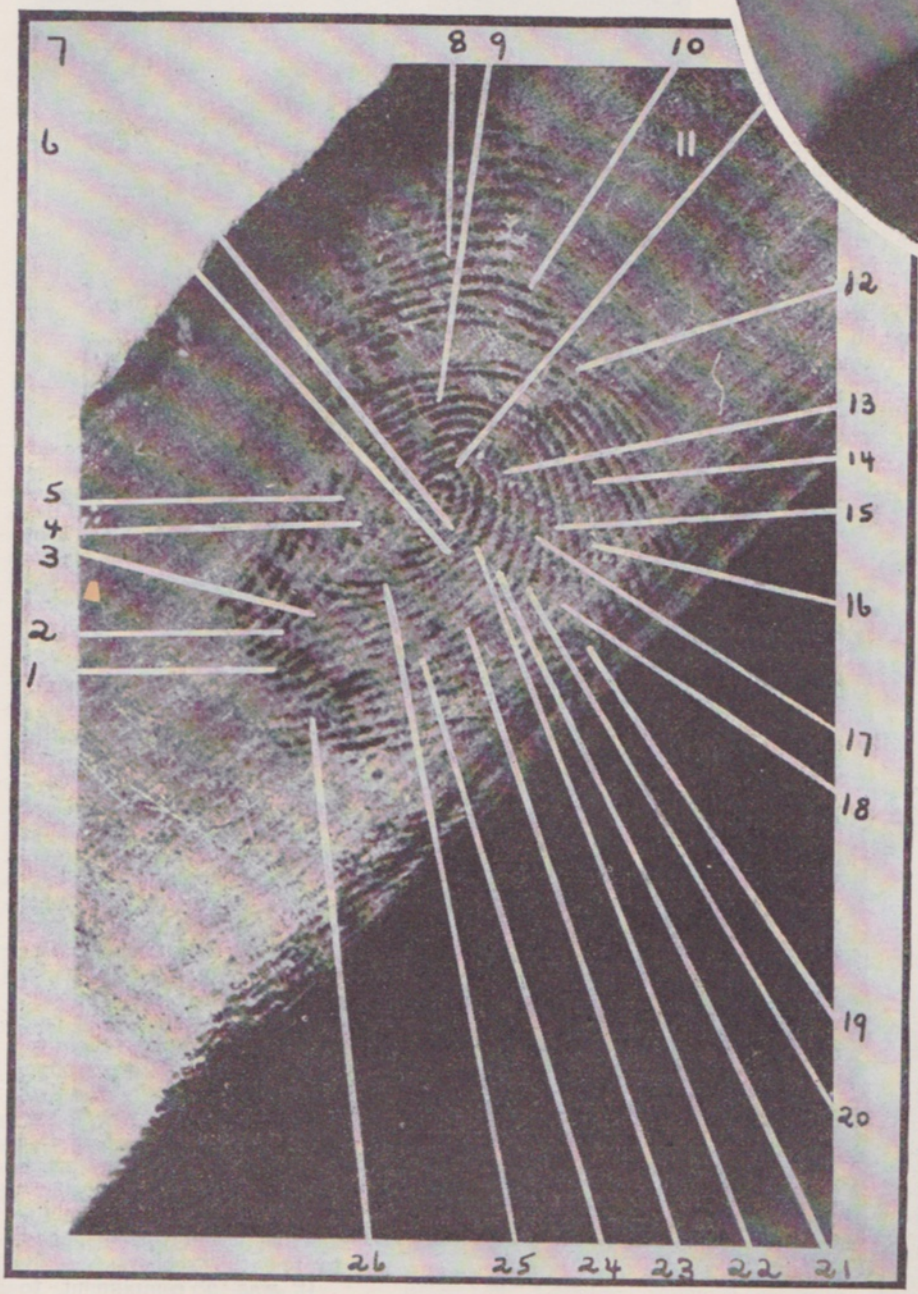
While the detectives were questioning Doctor and Mrs. Hatch and Mr. Freeman, Officer F. C. Frederiksen, of the finger-print bureau, went through the usual procedure. He sprinkled a dark powder on the light woodwork of the closet door where he had found finger-prints, took a small piece of white paper, wrote the words, "Shooting, 4-9-27, 2149 Echo Park Avenue," thereon and pasted the paper alongside the finger-prints. He then placed the finger-print camera over the prints and the paper, extinguished the light in the bedroom, and snapped the camera.

WHILE it was not absolutely necessary to extinguish the light, Officer Frederiksen did this for the reason that the camera protruded slightly over the edge of the door. A dark area appeared on the photograph of the print when it was developed which later became the subject of much controversy.

Unable to find but two prints, one of which was so blurred that it could not be considered evidence by an expert, he returned to the station and removed the plate holder from the camera. He put the plates in his pocket and turned them over to Lieutenant Howard L. Barlow, well-known finger-print expert, at 8 o'clock that morning.



Joseph Choate, youthful Deputy District Attorney, who successfully prosecuted the case against the Hatch suspect, the finger-print and the voice recognition being the keystones of his efforts



A photograph of the edge of the clothes-closet door from the Hatch home, showing the latent finger-print of the killer, developed so that it is readily comparable with that of the suspect shown on the opposite page

Lieutenant Barlow is one of the twenty-six hundred or more officers of the Los Angeles Police Department and he is a most interesting personality. I consider him one of the greatest authorities on latent finger-prints in the United States. He has acquired this knowledge by many years' hard work which has been concentrated upon single finger-print identification.

LIEUTENANT BARLOW'S definition of a latent finger-print is, "a finger-print that is hidden, concealed, invisible, until developed with powder that contrasts in color with the object on which the print is deposited, whereupon it emerges from its latent state and becomes visible."

As soon as Lieutenant Barlow received the plates from Officer Frederiksen, he took them to the police photographer and had them developed and printed in his presence. This is the way latent finger-prints are handled when found at the scene of a serious crime. Then the expert began the endless checking.

In the meantime the police were rounding up suspects and bringing them in for investigation and possible identification.

One suspect was found with a gun in his possession. His description tallied with (*Continued on page* 103)