

MRS. PARSONS DEAD, LETTERS INDICATE

**Series of Notes, Apparently
From Kidnappers, Disclosed
by Servant's Attorney**

VICTIM'S BROOCH IN ONE

**Abductors Are Believed to Be
Brother and Sister, Latter
Writing in Remorse**

Benjamin Shiverts, an attorney with offices at 61 Broadway, confirmed reports yesterday that a series of letters now held by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation indicate that Mrs. Alice McDonnell Parsons, who vanished

from her Stony Brook (L. I.) estate on June 9, died of pneumonia one month later in the hands of kidnapers.

Mailed at various points in New York and New Jersey, the letters suggest that the writers are brother and sister, that the sister was persuaded to take part in the kidnapping against her better judgment and that she is now remorseful. Mr. Shiverts believed the couple were well educated.

He said there could be no doubt that the letters were genuine. He admitted there had been crank letters aplenty, but the sincerity of the brother-sister writings was confirmed when one of the messages came in an envelope containing a pearl-and-sapphire brooch. This trinket, Mr. Shiverts said, had been identified by William H. Parsons Jr., the missing woman's husband.

It was also identified, Mr. Shiverts said, by Mrs. Anna Kupryanova-Parsons, the Russian woman who entered the Parsons home as a servant six years ago and eventually became a member of the

family by adopting the name of Parsons and giving the same name to her own son, Roy, who is 11 years old. All the letters, it is understood, were mailed to Mrs. Kupryanova-Parsons at the Parsons estate.

Inspector Earl J. Connelly, the agent assigned by Edgar J. Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau, to take charge of the Parsons case, refused all comment yesterday. From other sources it was learned that the anonymous letters revealing the death of Mrs. Parsons were all turned over to him, along with the brooch. He has also had permission to intercept all mail addressed to Mrs. Krupyanova-Parsons so that no time may be lost in scanning the messages.

As far as Mr. Shiverts knew, none of the letters has yielded any clue to the identity of the writers. It is assumed they used extreme care in handling all the note paper and envelopes used in communicating with Mrs. Krupyanova-Parsons. She is Mr. Shiverts's client.

The attorney would not tell the

contents of the letters in detail. He merely confirmed the report that they contained a great deal of information that could be known only by persons involved in the seizure of Mrs. Parsons. The writings from the sister indicated she feared for her own life and that she was considering taking refuge in Europe.

"One thing is certain," said Mr. Shiverts. "The people who wrote these letters were no thugs, no foreigners. The communications were done in excellent English. Most of them were written in a bold script, on plain white note paper, with green ink. Nor is there any question as to that they knew, in exact detail, the locale around Stony Point."

Mr. Shiverts pointed out that the anonymous letters seemed to support Mrs. Kupryanova-Parsons's story that Mrs. Parsons was spirited away from her home by an elderly couple who went there in an automobile on the pretext that they wanted to look over one of the family's properties at Huntington, L. I.