The defence was that of insanity. Dr. F. R. P. Taylor, medical superintendent of Hellingly Mental Hospital, stated that he considered the prisoner to be a high-grade mental defective; he had an inferiority complex; and he had "definite symptoms of delusion and persecution." The witness considered that the prisoner probably knew that he was doing wrong legally, but had thought he was doing right morally. In answer to the judge, the witness said that he thought the prisoner knew that he was taking the woman's life. The report does not state whether the evidence of the prison medical officer was given. The jury found the prisoner guilty, and he was sentenced to death.

Rex *v.* Fred Fielding.

This case was tried at Manchester Assizes, on November 5, before Mr. Justice Finlay. The prisoner was charged with the murder of a young woman named Eleanor Pilkington. They had been "walking out" for three years. There was a quarrel between them. Shortly after this the accused went to an ironmonger's shop, and said to another customer, "I am drunk. I have got a murder to do, and have come to buy a knife." On the following night he broke the window of the girl's bedroom. Her father came down, and the accused then said, "If I do not see Eleanor, you will be without a daughter in about a week." Soon after this the accused cut the girl's throat, while they were walking together. He than gave himself up to the police. The defence took the line that the crime should be reduced to manslaughter, on account of the accused's condition as to drink. He was found "guilty," and was sentenced to death. The case came before the Court of Criminal Appeal on December 19. The Lord Chief Justice, in dismissing the appeal, stated that there was evidence that the man had something to drink before committing the act; but it was no excuse for crime that a man was under the influence of drink; it was a different matter if the man was so completely under the influence of drink as to be incapable of forming a criminal intent.

Rex *v.* Enoch George Wilfred Dix.

This case was originally tried at Bristol Assizes, before Mr. Justice Shearman. The accused was charged with the murder of a game-keeper, it being suggested that he shot the game-keeper deliberately, in order to avoid being arrested for poaching. The defence was that the shooting occurred accidentally. The accused was found guilty of manslaughter, and was sentenced to 15 years'

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