

MACON HOSPITAL

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anything wrong. The matron, Mme Demussy, told reporters that in her twenty-hour examination by the police nothing emerged to suggest foul play. The chief surgeon, Dr. Dennis, here with Inspector Gourmand, of the Surêté (Paris Scotland Yard) said his conscience was clear. To Mme Balligand

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who fled in panic from the hospital last winter, reporters ^{then} turned their attention.

Commissioner Police ~~Bureau~~ Bascou and ^{other} scientific experts ^{investigated,} joined

~~in the investigation, so far without result. Macon and~~

All France ^{is} ~~is~~ intrigued by the mystery of ~~_____~~ ^{Macon} hospital.

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The town of Macon is feverishly excited since the discovery of 17 tragic deaths in the hospital. The gates are closed, particularly against curious and indiscreet journalists.

But Mme. Demussy, the matron, is unable to escape their curiosity, any more than Dr. Denis, the chief surgeon.

M. Gourmand, the Director, is much distressed by the poisonings.

Despite the attempt to stop photographers the pharmacy where the drugs were prepared does not escape their attention. Denied pictures in the hospital they climbed the gates and took pictures of the Mayor of Macon, who is anxious to solve the mystery.

The hospital is not far from the cemetery where the victims are buried.

M. Chemarin, a peasant and husband of the last victim, was the means of starting the enquiries into the scandal.

Professor Griffon, poison expert, is investigating the cause of the deaths.

Police Commissioner Bascou assisted by Inspector Vincent is working on the case day and night and after a dramatic, close interrogation of Mme. Demussy (Matron) at the police station let her go in absence of any proof of guilty.

The tragic hospital has not yet yielded its secret, which is why the celebrated Commissioner Bascou has come to Macon. Commissioner Valécaille has joined in the enquiry and hopes to solve it and restore Macon to its natural tranquillity.

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