

Macon maniac still at large in hospital, say police

The hospital of Macon was on edge yesterday as the hunt for the mysterious maniac, who is believed to have murdered at least 17 women under treatment in the last three years, continued without result.

Police activities yesterday concentrated on interrogating the hospital staff and more especially those who attended the operations which preceded the women's deaths.

The unknown murderer, whose victims were all patients undergoing minor gynecological operations, is believed to have mixed poison with the patients' medicines after the operations.

As far as the police know he is still at large inside the hospital and the pharmacy is being closely guarded.

Another theory is that the maniac came from outside and committed his crimes during visits to the wards.

Meanwhile the hospital is being inundated with calls from families

of other patients who have died in the hospital. The wildest rumours are circulating in the city and every normal death in the hospital is being treated with suspicion.

Dr. Denis, chief surgeon of the Macon hospital, told reporters: "In my opinion, the theory that this is the work of a sadist should be set aside. The fact that the victims were all gynecological cases is not conclusive since 90 per cent. of women's operations in this hospital are of this kind.

"I am convinced the present investigations will lead to nothing," he concluded.—Reuter.

Austria treaty progress

Vienna, Wednesday.—The Four-Power Austrian Treaty Commission finally reached an agreement on procedure at its 21st meeting today. It was decided to start discussing the Austrian oil question tomorrow.—Reuter.