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**The JANET MARSHALL Case**

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After several months of patient enquiries and several suspected murderers were released in the case, The French Police arraigned ROBERT AVRIL a 43-year old vagrant on the charge of slaying the British schoolteacher Janet MARSHALL late last August. Robert Avril confessed to the crime after a day-long questioning in the local jail, then repeated it before Judge DETRAUX, the examining magistrate.

The murderer admitted that he strangled the 30-year-old teacher with a small rope after she had resisted his advances. Her body was found on August 28. in bushes beside a well traveled road near Amiens. AVRIL was the 17th suspect to be questioned in the case which was thoroughly baffled police despite intense investigation.

Avril had first been suspected because of the theft of one of the many bicycles involved in the inquest. He admitted first that he had taken Miss Marshall's luggage, but he denied at first that he had anything to do with the savage killing which occurred Aug. 26.

On January 12. the reconstitution of the slaying took place in the nude woods and quite a crowd of newspapermen and photographers with local citizen were present on the spot when; in pouring rain, the murderer stood and calmly showed how he strangled the attractive British teacher in a moment of fright because she cried for help when he approached her.

Robert AVRIL was assisted by his defense attorney Me. Marce, oil one of Paris' top lawyers. Judge DETRAUX (thin with turned up brimmed hat, writing notes on his file). A police officer took the role of Miss Marshall in the reconstruction.

While her murderer is calmly giving details to the Police, Janet Marshall is buried in the small local cemetery, a lonely grave without even a name on it.