

Philadelphia Denies Slaying Partner and Family : Mayor to Act on Vice : Draft Hits Fire Fighting Here : Other News of City

TOMPKINS TOWS CLEAN HANDS IN TRIPLE MURDER

"Before God I'm Innocent," Philadelphia Says, Pacing Ebsenburg Jail

PARTNER'S FAMILY SLAIN Pleads "Not Guilty" When Arraigned for Automobile Crime

George C. Tompkins, Jr., of 6043 Race street, Philadelphia, faces his cell in the Ebsenburg (Cambria County) jail, stating that he murdered his partner in the coal mining business, Edward I. Humphries, of Philadelphia and Carrolltown, and Humphries' wife and child, Edward L. Humphries, Jr.

Meantime county detectives are seeking evidence to complete the chain they have begun to weld around Tompkins.

The last seen of Tompkins and the Humphries family before the tragedy was when they left Carrolltown for Philadelphia in an automobile. Mrs. Humphries wanted to be in Philadelphia to help wind up the affairs of her dead mother's estate.

Sunday morning before dawn travelers on the road between Haverhill and Philadelphia heard shots and discovered the automobile. In it lay the bodies of Humphries' wife and son. A little later the body of Humphries was found in a cornfield not far away. Tompkins appeared presently and declared strangers had held up the party and killed the Humphries family.

He insists upon the truth of this story while the authorities and the relatives of the Humphries family question it.

"HANDS ARE CLEAN" "Before God I'm innocent. My hands are clean of this," exclaimed Tompkins as he pleaded not guilty today when arraigned on a charge of murder in the Ebsenburg jail.

He appeared extremely nervous. He was trembling and his quavered as he declared his innocence.

Detectives found a farmer's son, Russell Luther, who said he saw one man chasing another through a cornfield near the scene of the triple tragedy. The authorities would not say whether or not Luther's description of the men agreed with that of Humphries' relatives. Neither will Humphries say whether or not Tompkins' shoes fit the shoe prints found in the cornfield beside the body of Humphries.

The authorities said they are at a loss for a motive. Business associates of Humphries and Tompkins say the men appeared to be the best of friends, and it appeared as friends when they started off for Philadelphia.

LETTER FROM WIFE But that all may not have been as harmonious as it seems is indicated by a letter from Tompkins' wife, upbraiding him for investing his money with Humphries and Tompkins on one side and some rich men whose names are not given was pending. Others interested in the Newborn company professed ignorance of any such pending trial.

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS UNTOUCHED According to Tompkins' story, mysterious strangers held up the automobile party and drove it out of Ebsenburg, and without warning opened fire on the occupants of the car. Mrs. Humphries and her son fell fatally wounded. Later Humphries returned to the car and was shot. Tompkins did not return until the landings or wherever the slayers were. He carried the bodies in the car.

Tompkins had money and valuables to the extent of several thousand dollars, according to the authorities, and nothing was taken, and this, say the detectives, indicates the murderers were not bent on robbery.

Tompkins says the shots that killed Mrs. Humphries and her son were fired from a .38 Smith and Wesson revolver. The detectives say there were powder marks on the bodies and that a pistol must have been used in the automobile, for in the back of it they found a .38 Smith and Wesson revolver, an automatic pistol and a spring of clip from an automatic pistol.

George D. Humphries, of 2724 West Oakdale street, formerly of Philadelphia, was arrested by Detective Captain Konyak at Philadelphia City Hall today and then went to Ebsenburg to see what he can do toward unravelling the mystery.

"This is the bottom," said Humphries, "and if Tompkins is guilty I will see that he is brought to justice."

Humphries' sister, Mrs. Sarah E. Dean, lives at 2714 Locust street, and Mrs. Mertzman, Mrs. Humphries' sister, at 1207 Columbia avenue.

The wife and mother of Tompkins declared their belief in his innocence. The wife had nothing to say about the letter she is said to have written her husband, in which she urged him to sever his business relations with Humphries.

Tompkins had several cuts on his head and chest, indicating that he was in a personal encounter, though he first said he escaped when the bandits began firing, according to the authorities.

The bodies of Humphries, his wife and his son will be brought to Philadelphia today or tomorrow and funeral services will be held in an undertaking establishment at Eleventh street and Girard avenue. The Humphries' family home here was at 1757 North Twenty-ninth street.

DANIELS WILL WORK WITH GOVERNOR AGAINST VICE Co-operation between Secretary of the Navy, Secretary of the War, Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of the State and Governor Brumbaugh, of Pennsylvania, to force local authorities at Philadelphia to clean up moral conditions surrounding the vice traffic, was reached today. The Secretary made public the telegram he received from the Governor in response to his letter, giving detailed information concerning immoral houses, gambling joints and other illegal resorts in Philadelphia, together with a telegram he sent to the Governor at noon today in acknowledgment of his pledge of hearty co-operation.

Governor Brumbaugh's telegram to Secretary Daniels reads: "Just received. Will act upon civil authorities to abate moral conditions in Philadelphia. Will direct the Attorney General to co-operate as fully as the law of the State permit."

The reply of Secretary Daniels was: "I have received your telegram and it is what I expected from you. I have no doubt that with the closest co-operation we can clean up the vice traffic in Philadelphia. The moral and physical conditions are being taken care of by the State."

in your State for the navy and the marine corps. Secretary Daniels expressed satisfaction today over the offer of Governor Brumbaugh to have the Attorney General of Pennsylvania co-operate in cleaning up the city. When Secretary Daniels was asked: "Just what are the conditions at League Island?" he replied:

"At one time there were pig pens near League Island. They were endangering the health of the men. We were told that we couldn't get rid of them. I appealed to the Governor of the State then, and they were cleaned out. Now we want to get rid of the two-legged pigs, and I have appealed to the Governor again."

Secretary Daniels said he wanted it made plain that in sending his detailed report on immoral conditions in Philadelphia to the Governor instead of to Mayor Smith, he had followed the same course that he adopted with reference to cleaning up vice at Newport, R. I. Furthermore, he said, he would take up all new cases with the Governor of the States in which the immoral cities are located.

Secretary Daniels said that the report that he first complained to the Mayor of Philadelphia before appealing to the Governor of Rhode Island is erroneous.

AUTOMOBILISTS HAVE PARTY; COST, \$3.40 PER

Magistrate at Overbrook, N. J., Is Host to Scores of Pennsylvanians

There was a party over on the Jersey side last night. The host was his Honor the Magistrate of Overbrook somewhere east of Camden, where the best motorist from the point of view of the "skeeter" State is apt to be regarded as the worst, and where apparently the State auto inspectors have raised a thrill for vengeance on all cars bearing only Pennsylvania tags.

At least, was the consensus of opinion among the guests summoned. It was something in the nature of a "pound" party, what that festivity is that everybody was asked to contribute—\$3.40 in the majority of cases. To some the party had all the aspects of a "child's play," but this the host and his aids vigorously denied.

Wary motorists returning from the scene via the White Horse pike early in the morning to avoid the fact-breaking joy-riders were amazed to see standing outside in a modest roadside cottage a pretentious queue of automobiles that extended far down the road. It might have been the "Carnegie" night at the opera. But the most realistic operators have never behaved as did those motorists.

Large gentlemen in suits and dusters were to be seen in groups and urbanely some seemed them with vigor; others looked some whitening them with shoe whitening. Some tied their lights with handkerchiefs. Some held up their hands in prayer, as though they stood in the shadow of jail bars, frantically at her mother in law in her effort to provide blinds for her "dim" moon.

Meanwhile, inspectors blew their whistles wildly and bade oncoming motorists to "feast" thus the noise and excitement grew apace.

"Accident ahead," said the unsuspecting motorist, throwing on as much light as his car could muster. This was the signal for gathering him in the fold, and as the crowd of "pinched" ones assembled, they were invited to their beds in the hotel.

Here sat the magistrate in coatless dignity, a double state on which the names of offenders were written in front of him. By his side sat State Auto Inspector Leigh, of Philadelphia, who said the inspectors who plied explained to all the protesters that the law was the law in Jersey, and that no matter how dim one's dimmers were "if the fraction of an inch over four feet high, the law was being violated."

"I recommended," he named a popular kind of lens with a disintegrated show of good feeling. The question was ignored.

"This isn't anything to the way Jersey drivers are treated over in your State," the inspector vouchsafed.

A belligerent car owner who said he was a member of the "Chamber of Commerce and knew the Jersey laws said the inspectors were exceeding their authority, and spoke in emphatic tones about appealing the case. But when the magistrate declared he would see to it that the law was heeded by his fine.

"Take the case up to Trenton," the inspector said loudly. "You'll get worse than this, and maybe be ordered to keep your car in the State."

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"At 10 o'clock the party had not yet broken up. The guests were still arriving, but from the broad grin on the magistrate's face the entertainment was a profitable one.

U. S. STEAMSHIP GRACE SUNK BY SUBMARINE

Three Lives Lost and Five Injured When Torpedoed Vessel Goes Down

WASHINGTON, July 16.—The State Department today was advised of the sinking by a submarine of the American liner Grace, owned by the Standard Commercial Steamship Corporation, 15 Whitehall street, New York. The submarine was not seen, but the wake of the torpedo was visible.

Three lost their lives when the ship went down—Van Wyck and Anderson, aliens, and E. J. Farrell, of New Jersey, an American citizen. Five others were injured by fire from explosions of the cargo of petroleum, including two members of the armed guard, Hugh Donnelly and George Wilson. The other three injured were aliens.

The injured men have been landed and are in hospitals. The rest of the survivors have been landed in safety.

SNAKE BITES WOMAN IN FIGHT Copperhead Attacks Her in Cellar and Battle Enues

LANCASTER, Pa., July 16.—Mrs. D. F. Postlewhite, of Pequea, was seriously bitten last night by a large copperhead snake in the cellar of the Riverview Hotel after battling with the snake for ten minutes. Her screams attracted men, who killed the reptile. It measured forty inches.

Five Greeks Killed by Ohio Train YOUNGSTOWN, O., July 16.—Five section hands were instantly killed when they were run down by the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie passenger train No. 1, between New Castle and Youngstown, Ohio, early today. The motor car was wrecked.

VICTIMS OF TRIPLE SLAYING



Edmund I. Humphries, a coal mining operator, his wife and their son, Edward L. Humphries, Jr., for whose murder in an automobile near their home in Carrolltown, Cambria County, George C. Tompkins, Jr., of 6043 Race street, who was Humphries' partner, is under arrest.

ITALIAN TOTS MOURN BECAUSE DIRT KEEPS PLAY PLACE CLOSED

Paradise Alley Has to Postpone Debut When City Cleaners Fall Down on Job—Negro Kiddies Dust Their Own Recreation Street

Paradise Alley, which should have opened wide its arms today to some 200 little Italian boys and girls, didn't, because—well, to tell the truth, it was just too plain dirty for the occasion.

According to the schedule of the street playgrounds committee, of which Judge Raymond MacNeill is chairman, Montrose street, between Eighth and Ninth, was to be most official today.

At 9 o'clock this morning Little Italy, which comes in all sizes and in half a dozen different colors, was in the street. The mourning party was joyous—it was galvanized because the death of Montrose street means the life of the little folk who may come and play in its roped-off quarters all summer long and keep out of the way of auto-trucks and street cars.

Miss Beatrice Clinch, the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company's safety first lady, and J. Leonard Mason, supervisor of recreation, came to put the official opening under way. The street was roped off, as was expected; there were flags of America and Italy bravely flying at either end of the barricades.

In place of the sliding boards, the letter board and the beloved balls supposed to dwell within, those who came found piled up garbage, dirt-decked papers and—disappointment.

All of the play apparatus, teachers who are to guide the destinies of the little ones who will eventually enjoy the delights of Paradise Alley, must remain "down cellar" until the street cleaners arrive.

Miss Clinch, who worked hard last year to bring about Philadelphia's first playground, Mr. Mason rushed to the City Hall to see that Montrose street be swept tidy for the little people who are waiting for it.

It didn't help revive little persons aching for seaweed and sliding boards to know that just as soon as ever it is possible the street will be cleaned up and the playgrounds will be opened.

Miss Clinch announced that the official opening would take place tomorrow morning. All was smooth sailing on South Colorado street between Dickinson and Reed, where the other play street opened today. It lived up to schedule.

Some 200 little colored boys and girls came and literally assisted at the resurrection of the play street, which came into being last summer. When it was found that everything was pretty dirty the little ones ran to their homes and got dusters and brooms and cleaned up for the party. All of the apparatus was thoroughly cleaned before the houseworkers got through. Miss Clinch spoke and the play street was officially opened.

WOMEN MERE FRACTION OF CITY'S PAYROLL CHARLEY TAFT STARTS ARMY FRENCH CLASSES

WASHINGTON, July 16.—A tall young man in khaki walked into the office of George W. Zachary, clerk of the Alexandria School Board, today.

"You have a nice large, ten-room schoolhouse in Hume, Va., just opposite the St. Asaph training camp," he said. "I'd like to have it for the soldiers out there. We'll be going to France sooner or later and it will be well for us to learn the language. I want to get up classes in French."

"And who are you?" inquired Clerk Zachary.

"I'm C. P. Taft, one of the soldiers," he replied. "I'm getting an other year's already. I've been promoted to corporal. In the fall he expects to take his examination for a commission."

WOULD HAVE GERMANS IN SHORE HOME GUARD Atlantic City Banker and Hotel Man Calls for Organization Meeting

ATLANTIC CITY, July 16.—Charles M. Spindel, hotel man and banker, today issued a call, at the instance of City Commissioner White, for a meeting of citizens of German birth or parentage to organize one or more units of the Home Defense Guard, which is to replace the National Guard in full action. The call was issued in the city and State. The Elks, Moose and Eagles also are organizing units.

William C. Henry, Democratic county leader, has written to Secretary of War Baker, offering to raise a company of infantry here for service in France.

EDGE LAUNCHES MOVIE CAMPAIGN FOR RECRUITS TRENTON, N. J., July 16.—Governor Edge and Adjutant General Barber started their movie campaign to recruit the New Jersey National Guard to war strength by motion pictures, showing the State camp at Sea Girt in full action. The films will be shown in picture houses throughout the State this week and the schedule for today and tomorrow takes in nearly a dozen cities.

"We have been thinking in every way to obtain New Jersey's quota of over 5000 for the regular army and this is now virtually accomplished," said Governor Edge today. "This campaign for the regular army, which started several months ago, necessarily meant that recruiting in the National Guard, to some extent, has suffered thereby, but we felt our first duty was to the Federal Government units."

CAMPS FOR PENNSYLVANIA TROOPS NAMED AFTER FAMOUS WAR HEROES

General John A. Dix, of New York, Honored at Wrightstown, While Annapolis Junction Cantonment Will Bear Name of General George G. Meade, of Philadelphia

Camp Dix at Wrightstown, N. J., and Camp Meade, at Annapolis Junction, Md., are the designations by which the two army cantonments where the Pennsylvania army of the national army and the National Guard will be mobilized for training.

The names for the thirty-two cantonments scattered all over the country were selected from the names of American military heroes of past wars, including several Confederate leaders, by a board of officers headed by Brig.-Gen. Joseph E. Kuhn, chief of the war college division, Washington, D. C.

Short names were chosen for convenience, and in each case the name selected in that of a man from the section represented by the troops from New York State and northern Pennsylvania will be trained, is named after Major General John A. Dix, U. S. A., and a former Governor of New York State, who during his career held many prominent positions under both State and Federal Governments.

It was while he was Secretary of the Treasury under President Buchanan that he issued the famous command in a telegram referring to the sailing of a schooner from New York against his orders, where he said to Lieutenant Caldwell:

"If any one attempts to haul down the American flag, shoot him on the spot."

BORN IN NEW HAMPSHIRE John Adams Dix was born in Hoscotown, N. H., July 17, 1791. He studied at Phillips Exeter Academy and the College of Montreal. He was appointed a cadet when the war with England broke out in 1812 and was made ensign of the first year. In 1814 he became second Lieutenant of the Twenty-first Infantry and Adjutant the following year. Shortly after he was promoted to aide-de-camp to the department commander, General Brown. Afterward he took up the study of law and was admitted to the bar at Washington. In 1826 he received his first diplomatic appointment as special messenger to Copenhagen.

In 1830 he removed from Cooperstown, N. Y., to Albany, where he subsequently became Adjutant General and Superintendent of Public Schools. From 1845 to 1848 he occupied a seat in the United States Senate. In 1857 he was selected Governor of New York.

At one time during his career he was president of the Mississippi and Missouri Railroad and also president of the Union Pacific Railroad.

He was also a vestryman of Trinity Church, N. Y., trustee of the Astor Library, and was at all times one of the leading men of the nation. He died in New York in 1879.

Camp Meade, Annapolis Junction, Md., is named after Major General George Meade, who commanded the Federal forces at the battle of Gettysburg. GENERAL MEADE NEVER DEFEATED During his two years' command of the Army of the Potomac he never met defeat, and his success culminated in the victory at Gettysburg.

He was born at Cadiz, Spain, on December 31, 1815, where his father, a Philadelphia merchant, had established himself in mercantile and shipping business and was also the United States consul general.

The family returned to Philadelphia the following year and young Meade attended school first in Philadelphia and subsequently in Washington, D. C.

Later he was appointed to the West Point Military Academy, in which he graduated as second Lieutenant in 1835. He was assigned to the Third Artillery, went to Florida and served in the war against the Seminoles, and was then transferred to the regular army.

He was appointed by the War Department in 1837 to the astronomical branch of the survey of the boundary between the United States and Texas. In 1840 he joined the army of General Zachary Taylor in the war with Mexico, was in the battle of Palo Alto, was brevetted for brilliant conduct at Monterrey, first lieutenant, and at the siege of Vera Cruz was aid to General Robert Patterson, of Pennsylvania. He was made captain in 1846.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, in 1861, he was made brigadier general of volunteers and assigned to the command of the Third Pennsylvania Reserve. He was in command at the battles of Mechanicsville, Gaines Mills and New Market Crossroads, where he was wounded and taken home to Philadelphia.

He rejoined the army and was present at the second battle of Bull Run and commanded the Pennsylvania Reserves at the battle of Gettysburg. When General Hooker was wounded at Antietam General McClellan placed General Meade in command of the First Corps.

In 1862 he had two horses shot under him while with his division, but broke through Stonewall Jackson's line. As major general he was given command of the Fifth Army Corps on December 25, 1862. Promotion was rapid through his gift for strategy and army tactics.

COMMANDER AT GETTYSBURG At Gettysburg came the famous battle, when General Meade's decision made the memorable attack on Meade's center. The loss of General Reynolds at the beginning of the action and of General Hancock at the most critical moment being serious misfortunes, Meade received universal praise for his handling of men and the taking of 11,000 prisoners. As a reward, he was commissioned a brigadier general in the regular army.

At a special honor, he was appointed in command of the grand review at Washington at the close of the war. He was subsequently placed in command of the Department of Kansas.

Brigadier General Meade was a member of the American Philosophical Society, the Pennsylvania Historical Society and the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences. He received the honorary degree of Doctor from Harvard University and was one of the Commissioners of Fairmount Park.

He died in Philadelphia November 6, 1872. He was buried in the National Soldiers' Home at Arlington, Va., where his remains were reinterred at the battle of New Market Crossroads.

A superb equestrian statue of General Meade adorns Fairmount Park.

ALL MUST HELP STOP SERVICE MEN'S BOOZE Supt. Robinson Calls Citizens to Report Violations of Law to Police

Superintendent of Police James Robinson urges every man and woman in the city to serve in the capacity of a detective and aid the police to round up unscrupulous persons who are selling to sailors and soldiers liquor dealers are prohibited from serving sailors, marines and soldiers. Despite this law the unfortunates men stationed in this city have been receiving a steady stream of liquor when they want to buy liquor.

"The violations," said Superintendent Robinson, "have reached the point where drastic action must be taken. The police department has organized a special force to check the evil and has assigned several plainclothes detectives to the job of finding the lawbreakers."

Detectives who are working under instructions from the chief officials are on the job, too, but if the work is to be effective the public must co-operate.

In every arrest involving a sailor or soldier, the police have asked the prisoner whether he obtained his liquor, but none of the men have been disposed to tell.

"In many instances the unfortunates have approached civilians, the streets and urged them to buy liquor for them. As a rule the unfortunates man would say, 'I am doing your fighting and want you to buy a bottle of whisky for me. I will give you a bottle of whisky for the average citizen, appreciating the patriotism of the sailor or soldier, grants the request."

"This system must be smashed and to smash it the public must co-operate."

Arrest of a soldier was made today. Samuel M. Turner, twenty-three years old, a member of the First Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard, was committed for contempt of court for selling liquor at a rate price, but later paid a fine of \$10 and costs of \$2.50, thereby gaining his release.

Turner was taken off a trolley car at Ridge and Chestnut avenues by Policeman Cousins, of the Twenty-second street Hunting Park avenue station, charged with creating a disturbance and being intoxicated. He refused to tell who had furnished him with the liquor.

MAYOR IS SPURRED TO ACTION ON VICE

Promises to Clean Up Downtown District After Series of Conferences

MINISTERS OFFER HELP

Calls Citizens to Help Army-Navy Booze Fight

TO STOP the sale of liquors to sailors and soldiers it is necessary for every citizen to do his duty and report violations of the law.

When a citizen sees anything suspicious in a saloon or outside a saloon he should summon to police man or report the incident to police headquarters. The police department has assigned plain clothes men to the work of finding law breakers, but their work will not be effective without the earnest co-operation of the people.

Safeguarding our sailors and soldiers from evil influences is a work that every man and woman in the city must volunteer to do.

JAMES ROBINSON, Superintendent of Police.

Determined action can be expected from Mayor Smith in connection with the vice charges of Secretary of the Navy Daniel Dripps, chairman of the committee on morals of the Public Safety Committee, today after a lengthy conference with the Mayor.

The proposition was put up to the Mayor from many angles. Ward leaders appeared at his office throughout the morning. Sanctioned in the afternoon, the Mayor declared Robert D. Dripps, chairman of the committee on morals of the Public Safety Committee, today after a lengthy conference with the Mayor.

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