

CORONER RAPS OFFICE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY

KNIGHT HINTS ROTAN COVERS UP GUILTY MEN

Clashes With Prosecutor's Representatives at 5th Ward Inquest

THREE WITNESSES REFUSE TO TESTIFY

Maloney, Sullivan and Clark Decline to Take Stand and Answer Questions

MASCIA HELD FOR KILLING

Knight Fails to Hold Commonwealth Witnesses as Accessories in Fifth Ward Crime

Hostilities between the offices of District Attorney Rotan and Coroner Knight flared up this afternoon at the inquest into the death of Acting Detective George A. Eppley, slain by imported New York gunmen in the 'Bloody Fifth' Ward primary election.

Coroner Knight, a Vere-Smith political leader, accused the District Attorney's office, which is prosecuting murder conspiracy charges against Mayor Smith, of imposing silence upon three Coroner's witnesses—Samuel G. Maloney, head of the Val O'Rourke Detective Agency bureau and two employees, Michael J. Sullivan and James Clark.

Maloney, Sullivan and Clark are held to hold as accessories before the fact three men, who, likewise, accused of murder conspiracy because they brought the three here, and the police in the Commonwealth's principal witnesses against the Mayor.

Assistant District Attorney James Gay Gordon, Jr., pointing his finger at Coroner Knight, declared that he resented the accusation. In reply to a query from the Coroner he asserted that no evidence in his possession showed that the men could be held as accessories.

The outcome was that "Butch" Scugelia (Mascia), the man who killed Eppley, was held by the Coroner on a murder charge by the Grand Jury, his right to stand as a witness, however, was denied.

The sudden flare-up jolted what was hitherto occasional wrangling over minor witnesses, apparently a cut-and-dried probe into the actual case.

Sullivan was held for a hearing before Judge Brown, sitting as a committing Magistrate, and ordered Sullivan to take the stand.

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Michael J. Sullivan, the go-between in the political murder, was next called as a witness. His attorney, Harry D. Wescott, stepped up and said, "I advised my client not to say anything or testify in this case."

Coroner Knight then started hostilities with the District Attorney's office. "I don't understand," he said, "Have I the power to ask these witnesses questions relating to the murder of Detective Eppley?"

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Counsel for Sullivan informed Coroner Knight that Sullivan had been arraigned before Judge Brown, sitting as a committing Magistrate, and that Sullivan had already been held for court.

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"I refuse to answer on the ground that it may incriminate me," Sullivan replied.

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HOOVER ARRAIGNS RETAILERS FOR HIGH COST OF FOOD

FOOD ADMINISTRATOR HOOVER puts the high cost of food directly up to the retailer. In a lengthy statement issued at Washington he says:

1. While wholesale prices have been reduced, retail figures either remain stationary or have been advanced; that \$50,000,000 retailers have balked the Government's efforts to stabilize the cost of living.

2. Inaugurate a system by which the wholesale prices of principal staples shall be published in every consuming center every day, so that the public may know what the retailers are paying for their stocks.

3. Gather reports on retail prices from 700 cities, average them and make public at regular intervals. Let the public decide whether the retailer is playing fair or whether it is necessary to regulate him by law.

4. The food administration considers that, subject to co-operation from the farmers and the retailers, the corner has now been turned in high prices and that most of the essential commodities should, one after another, continue to show reduction between now and the end of the year.

5. Beef already shows some tendency toward reduction in wholesale prices, but these have not been so far reflected in the prices quoted by the retailer. The price of beef at the packers' door is 14 1/2 cents per pound, as compared with sixteen cents in the month of July, while the average retail price of round steak in 796 cities is thirty-one cents per pound, against twenty-seven cents per pound in July.

6. Beet sugar prices are being controlled by the manufacturers upon a basis that should reach the retailer from 8 to 8 1/2 cents per pound, depending upon the locality. The rise in retail prices of sugar during the last three days in the eastern States is solely due to the advancement of these prices by retail dealers in the face of a short supply.

7. The price at the leading points varies from \$1.50 to \$2.80 per 100 pounds, depending on the section where grown and the cost of getting them to market. The price, which is somewhat higher than at this period last year, is due to a tendency on the part of the producer to hold the potatoes for higher prices than last year and to the temporary inability of the railroads to furnish equipment sufficient to move from many sections the quantity available at this time.

FRENCH REPULSED, BERLIN REPORTS

Germans Assert Vauclore Mill Attacks Failed, but Paris Claims Success

BERLIN, Oct. 18.—Summary repulse of French attacks north of Vauclore mill (Chemin des Dames) and intense British artillery fire were reported in today's official statement.

"In Flanders there was intense artillery fire north of Soissons and also formidable use of munitions on the eastern portion of Chemin des Dames," the statement said.

"Twelve enemy airplanes were downed, six of these being in a squadron of bombing planes which attacked Roulers and in Delmünster."

PARIS, Oct. 19.—Numerous detailed operations were successfully carried out by French troops on the Chemin des Dames, the French official report declared today.

When the name of James I. Clark, the "man with eggshells," was called, his attorney, Thomas J. Minnick, Jr., stepped up and said:

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DRAFT BRAINS OF U.S., THEME OF EDUCATORS

Utilization of University Men's Technical Powers Discussed at Meeting

DREXEL SILVER JUBILEE

Utilization of the brains and technical training of college and university professors, graduates and students in furthering the military activities of a nation at war, along lines never dreamed of during any previous war, was the theme of a conference of more than 100 presidents of educational institutions, scientists and Federal officials which began this morning at Drexel Institute.

Reports presented at this morning's session showed that this mobilization of especially trained men marks the dawn of a new era in the training offered by higher institutions of learning and in the relations between them and the Federal Government.

The conference incidentally signifies the twenty-fifth annual convocation of Drexel Institute, whose president, Dr. Hollis Godfrey, is a member of the Advisory Commission of the Council of National Defense.

In opening the conference, Doctor Godfrey pointed out that the duty laid upon the advisory commission by the Administration was to watch the lines back of the line of battle, and asserted that as a result of the recommendations offered by the educational authorities for mobilizing the technical abilities of the nation every administrative department of the Government was now far more interested in educational matters than a year ago.

"NEW IDEA RESULT OF WAR," said he, "far greater emphasis is now laid upon the duty of the American college and university than ever before. This means a new era, in which the knowledge of the trained man is to be put to better account, as well as his ability to act as a leader of men."

Doctor Godfrey drew a lesson from the United States from the example of the American universities of Great Britain, which, although they had emptied their halls when the call to war came, had let their men go to the trenches instead of utilizing their knowledge for their country.

A survey of the plan of activity recommended by the committee on engineering education in the advisory commission, and in part already put into effect, was presented by Dr. Samuel P. Capen, executive secretary of the United States Bureau of Education.

After reviewing the various steps in the early history of the city's transit development program, Mr. Fluck summed the situation as follows:

Mr. Fluck charged the ex-director with having changed his transit program frequently for political expediency. He charged also that back of his self-claimed efforts for the good of the public there had been a political ambition, and according to statements appearing in the newspapers of this morning, Mr. Taylor believed his opportunity had about expired.

In prepared speech, forty-one pages in length, Mr. Fluck reviewed the history of the entire transit development program from the year 1913 to the present date. His attacks against Mr. Taylor and what he characterized as "the obnoxious Taylor lease" were scattered throughout his presentation.

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WEDGERS

QUICK NEWS

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS

Fourth Laufel race, 1 1/4 miles—Crimper, 119, Butwell, \$6.50, \$4.20, out, won; Ticket, 117, Shuttinger, \$4.40, out, second; Hausler, 115, Robinson, out, third. Time, 1:45 3-5.

Second Lantonis race, 3 1/2 furlongs—Lady Luxury, 107, Gentry, \$3.00, \$3.10, \$2.60, won; Breezy, 107, Dreyer, \$8.40, \$5.80, second; Pretty Baby, 112, Lohant, \$7.40, third. Time, 1:11.

POLICE TO CANVASS LIBERTY LOAN SUBSCRIPTIONS

Police throughout the city were instructed to make a house-to-house canvass in the interest of the second Liberty Loan this afternoon. The police are being furnished with pamphlets setting forth the advantages of subscribing to the loan and also with subscription blanks.

WOMEN CRUSHED AT LIBERTY LOAN RALLY

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—Several women fainted today when crushed in a crowd at a Liberty Loan rally in Wall street opposite J. P. Morgan's office. This led to a wild report that there was a riot.

AMERICAN AVIATORS REPORTED TRAINING IN ITALY

ROME, Oct. 19.—According to the Giornale d'Italia, numerous young American aviators are training in a small town in southern Italy. The men are housed in special concrete buildings. It is said, and the Italian instructors are well satisfied with their progress.

DETROIT CAFES FALL BACK ON BROWN SUGAR

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 19.—"War sugar" fills the bowls in Detroit cafes. This is not a new variety, but just plain brown sugar, used as a last resort, when restaurateurs failed to get any white or lump sugar.

WORKERS STICK TO POSTS THROUGH FIRE

Many employees of the Willard-Wright Company, manufacturers of silk bandages, 1512 North Myrtle street, stuck to their posts today when fire was discovered in the basement of the plant. The damage was estimated at \$50.

DOG FANCIER SUES FOR TERRIER'S BOARD

Aif Belmont, dog fancier, show expert and the owner of kennels at Devon, Pa., has brought suit against William F. Kolin, 1306 Chestnut street, to recover an account of \$275, alleged to be for boarding and caring for Kolin's fox terrier, at \$2 per week, from February 8, 1914. The case is entered in the Municipal Court.

SEVERE STORM TO HIT CITY TONIGHT

The most severe storm of the season is scheduled to hit Philadelphia late tonight, according to the Weather Bureau. It is headed from the Great Lakes and traveling eastward at express airplane speed. Warnings have been ordered displayed on the Atlantic coast. The storm will start with a light rain, due this evening. Tomorrow it will be here in full blast, with a drop of about twenty degrees in temperature and high wind. It is not scheduled to last more than twenty-four hours.

TRAIN AND TROLLEY INJURE TWO

John Harrington, thirty-four years old of Baltimore, a brakeman, is in a critical condition after being struck by an engine in a tunnel near Thirty-sixth street and Gray's Ferry road. Sam McDowell, twenty-eight, of 1427 South Twenty-eighth street, was dragged more than fifty feet when hit by a car while riding a motorcycle on Twenty-second street. His condition also is serious. Both are in the Polyclinic Hospital.

EXPLOSIONS SCARE SUBURBANITES

A series of shocks that shook houses in Chestnut Hill and Torresdale shortly after ten o'clock today, gave rise to a report of an explosion similar to that which occurred at Glenstone, N. J., Monday, ending the lives of four men. It was learned to be without foundation, the concussion resulting from blasting near Bristol to facilitate the construction of a shipyard in the process of erection there.

BLOCK OF \$1,000,000 FIRST LIBERTY BONDS SOLD

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—The largest transaction in United States war bonds was made on the New York Stock Exchange today when a block of \$1,000,000 first Liberty Bond \$3s was sold at 97 7/8-100. This sale, exceptionally large in itself, is by far the largest single turnover of the initial United States war issue.

SECRETARY LANE'S CONDITION IMPROVING

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane, who is at his Washington home suffering with an attack of grip, was resting easier today. He was taken ill while making a trip in the interest of the Liberty Loan.

AUSTRIAN REGIMENT VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—An Austrian regiment, with officers at its head and carrying their own arms, has surrendered to Rumanians along the Russo-Rumanian front, according to cables received today. The report stated that the regiment was composed entirely of Mohammedan Serbs from Bosnia. The colonel declared that they were all Yugoslavs and surrendered voluntarily in order to enlist in the Yugoslav regiment now being formed out of the reorganized Serb army.

CALLS ON MEXICO TO TAKE STAND WITH ALLIES

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 19.—A call for Mexico to join the Allies was sounded in the Chamber of Deputies today. Deputy Manuel Garcia in a speech declared that the Allies are fighting for democracy and against supreme autocracy, and in view of what has happened in Mexico during the last half a dozen years, Mexico should take her stand on the side of the Entente Powers.

ARMY TO LOCATE HOSPITALS AT DESERTED POSTS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—The War Department will soon announce full details of the plan to convert posts, now deserted by regular troops who have been dispatched abroad, into hospitals, winter quarters for specialized branches of the service and other military uses. The posts in the South are now being utilized for special purposes, but those in the North soon will be available for use by reason of their southern occupants either being ordered abroad or sent to the warmer climate of the South.

SNOW INTERFERES IN CANADIAN WHEAT FIELDS

WINNEPEG, Canada, Oct. 19.—Snow and sleet have held up threshing all over the prairie provinces, but four-fifths of the crop, however, is in elevators or en route to the East. Fall plowing is under way very generally.

PARENTS SAVE CHILD'S LIFE FROM FIRE

Quick action by his parents saved the life of Louis Massell, four years old, of 1654 South Chadwick street, who was burned early today while playing with matches at his home. The child's clothing became ignited and his mother smothered the flames by wrapping him in a rug. Louis Massell, the boy's father, then carried him to St. Agnes's Hospital.

RUSSIAN U. S. WAR EMBARGO LIFTED

PETROGRAD, Oct. 19.—The embargo on exports to the United States, which was imposed on account of the war, was lifted today by the Minister of Finance.

BRITISH PLANES BOMB GERMAN AIRDROME

LONDON, Oct. 19.—British naval planes yesterday bombed the Vaansener air-drome with satisfactory results, an Admiralty statement announced today. All British machines returned safely.

SLAVS ABANDON NAVY BASE; MAY MOVE CAPITAL

Evacuation of Big Depot at Revel Formally Announced

RUSSIANS ALARMED BY ENEMY'S DRIVE

Plans Made for Transfer of Seat of Government to Moscow

FOE HAS GREAT FLEET

At Least 70 Warships, Including 10 Dreadnoughts, Massed in Gulf of Riga

PETROGRAD, Oct. 18.—Evacuation of Revel, Russia's great naval depot just at the entrance to the Gulf of Finland, was formally announced today. Petrograd may be abandoned as the capital of Russia.

"On account of the strategic situation," caused by the menace of a German advance from the Gulf of Riga, it was formerly stated today, the seat of the Russian capital from Petrograd, probably to Moscow, was being prepared for by the Government. A special "evacuating committee" had been named to make all plans for the removal of the capital.

The personnel of this committee included M. Tretyakoff, president of the economic council and a member of the cabinet; M. Palchinsky, president of the committee on National Defense, and Minister of Public Welfare Kishkin.

Germany has a vast naval force around the Riga Gulf. Official reports today gave the total strength of the enemy's fighting craft there as ten dreadnoughts, ten cruisers, fifty destroyers and eight or ten submarines.

"Two enemy battleships, it was announced today, had been sunk in Moon Sound." "On Wednesday noon the enemy landed on Dago Island near Serru village," the statement concluded.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—In the absence of official dispatches the Russian embassy withheld comment this afternoon on the report that the Russian provisional Government has ordered the removal of the capital from Petrograd to Moscow. The move was not unexpected, however. Removal of the capital has been looked for ever since the German drive against Petrograd got under way.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 19.—A big naval battle for the control of the Baltic is imminent.

A large section of the Russian Baltic fleet, which took refuge in Kasnar Bay after the Russian battleship Slava was sunk in Moon Sound, is preparing to make a dash past the German gun-of-war guarding the western entrance, according to a dispatch from Petrograd today dated Thursday night.

In the Russian fleet, it was reported, are between eighteen and twenty-two ships, including battleships, cruisers, gunboats, torpedo-boats and submarines.

The Germans have a far superior fleet in the Gulf of Bothnia, with the ultimate object of bottling up the Russian Baltic fleet, which now lies inactive at Kronstadt, in the Gulf of Finland, 200 miles northeast of Riga Gulf. Kronstadt is the sea defences of Petrograd.

Evacuation of Revel, if confirmed, would appear to indicate even greater menace to Russia by the German Baltic Sea fleet than its victories so far reported have indicated. Revel is the first of the naval bases, which a hostile fleet, intent on penetrating the Gulf of Finland, would encounter. It is only 500 miles from Petrograd. Before the war Revel was classed as a naval station of the second class, but under the Czar's regime it was strengthened and re-fortified.

Transfer of the capital from Petrograd to Moscow has frequently been considered by the new democratic Government. At the time of the last German drive on land around Riga it was formally stated that such a step was planned. Appearances more than a month ago of a formidable German fleet in the Baltic and reports of an impending naval offensive against Petrograd caused a revival of the report. Democratic leaders have since the very start of the war repudiated the Moscow move suitable for the capital than Petrograd.

Just why these should be any immediate fear of danger to Petrograd from the German fleet is not clear.

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity: Rain tonight, followed by much colder; Saturday partly cloudy and colder; moderate variable winds, becoming fresh northwest.

For eastern Pennsylvania: Rain and much colder tonight; Saturday partly cloudy and colder except: rain to north east portion; fresh northwest winds.

LENGTH OF DAY Sun rises 6:14 a. m. Sun sets 4:59 p. m. DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES

CHESBUT STREET High water 10:15 a. m. Low water 10:15 p. m. PENNSYLVANIA AT RAIL STATIONS

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The Continuation of the Story "Germany, the Next Republic?" by Carl W. Ackerman

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