

DE SAULLES KILLING DESCRIBED TO JURY

Evidence of Friend of Deceased Clubman Questioned by Accused's Counsel

"COULDN'T HAVE CHILD"

Dead Man Declared Emphatically Former Wife's Request Was "Impossible"

MINEOLA, N. Y., Nov. 23.—Marshal Ward, a close friend of John L. De Saullies, told the jury in the De Saullies murder trial today how Mrs. De Saullies killed her husband when he refused to give up their child, Jack. Ward was the first eye-witness to the actual shooting.

Describing the shooting in detail, Ward said he met the victim of the tragedy the day of the killing at a luncheon in New York at which Dudley Field Malone, former collector of the port of New York, was present.

"I accompanied De Saullies and his father to the box that evening and we had dinner there," Ward said. "Afterward we went into the living room and played the phonograph. Mrs. Degener took little Jack upstairs."

"Mrs. De Saullies stepped into the living room," Ward continued. "Jack walked toward her and held out his hand. I walked toward the mantelpiece."

"Mrs. De Saullies said she wanted to take little Jack home. This De Saullies declared impossible, as it was his day to have the boy," Ward went on. "He refused all of her pleading and stepped away, she said. 'There's only one thing to do,' she said, 'bring a pistol from her room.'"

"I saw her bring a pistol from her room and she fired four shots in rapid succession. I saw De Saullies stagger, Mrs. De Saullies said. 'It had to be done,' she said. 'I had to do it.'"

"Mrs. De Saullies kept her gaze directed down while Ward was testifying. 'Have you ever been convicted of a crime?' Uterhart demanded. 'No,' Ward answered.

Uterhart produced legal papers showing Ward had been jailed for using loud, indecent language and being drunk in Receptor's in New York. 'Does that refresh recollection?' Uterhart asked. 'Yes, but I never was convicted of a crime,' Ward said. 'That was for a fight. I was arrested for fighting in Receptor's and jailed because I couldn't pay a fine of \$10,' Ward protested.

Mrs. Caroline Degener, De Saullies's sister, described the tragedy. She swept by Bianca, ignoring her as she walked to the stairs. 'I was coming downstairs with little Jack,' she said. 'My hand in his. I saw Bianca come in. She said she wanted to see Mr. De Saullies, and I called him. As she entered the living room she said, 'I want my boy.' I then heard shots in such rapid succession I couldn't count them. I think there were four, I said. 'What have you done?' She replied: 'I'm sorry, but it had to be done. Send for the police. I didn't see the shooting.'

Major Arthur De Saullies, father of the slain man, described Bianca entering the room and her demand for little Jack. 'My son said she couldn't have him. He turned away. She said, 'If I can't have him, take this,' and then she fired three or four shots. My poor boy staggered to the porch and fell. We picked him up and put him on a couch where I had been lying."

Mrs. Caroline Degener, sister of De Saullies, dressed in deep mourning, told of hearing the rapid shots and how Bianca informed her that the killing had to be done. Mrs. Degener said the child, Jack, was in the living room of the house a very short time before the shooting occurred there, but that later she found him upstairs. During her testimony Mrs. De Saullies sat unobtrusively in idle meditation.

Mrs. De Saullies preserved her mask of deadly calm even when the little Blauwplated revolver with which she killed De Saullies was exhibited.

The State rested with the testimony of Sheriff Seaman following her arrest. Counselor Uterhart, in his address to the jury in behalf of the prisoner, made it clear that he would try to prove the act of his client was committed while her mind was unbalanced.

After admonishing the jurors to refrain from discussion of the case, the Court adjourned proceedings until Monday, when it is expected Mrs. De Saullies will be put on the stand.

POTATO GROWERS WANT TOO MUCH; LOSE PROFIT

Slump in Prices Nips Farmers Who Refused to Sell Crop for \$1.50 a Bushel

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Nov. 23.—Through refusing to sell sixty and thirty days ago, when the price was \$1.50 and upward a bushel, Lehigh County potato growers stand to lose fully \$500,000, the price today having dropped to \$1 a bushel for firsts and sixty cents for seconds.

While the State Department of Agriculture officially credits Lehigh with 1,644,000 bushels, the crop really is much larger. The drop in price is due to decrease in demand and the approach of freezing weather, when there is danger they will be spoiled unless shipped.

To add to the anxiety of growers, there is a shortage of cars and many now anxious to sell at \$1 cannot ship for lack of transportation.

Colonel Duffy's Widow Dies

LANCASTER, Pa., Nov. 23.—Mrs. Martha Duffy, widow of Colonel James Duffy, of Marietta, is dead at the age of seventy-eight. She was the mother of Captain James Duffy, U. S. A. Another son, Donald Cameron Duffy, died several weeks ago. Her only daughter is the wife of City Solicitor B. J. Myers, of Lancaster.

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MERRITT BUCK This young Philadelphian, a private in the Thirteenth Cavalry, stationed at Fort Riley, Kan., is visiting his home, 1830 Schiller street, on furlough.

WOULD UNITE CHURCHES TO SUPPLY CHAPLAINS

Rev. Doctor Smythe Will Submit Plan to Secretary Baker Today

Plans to supply the army and navy with hundreds of million-dollar chaplains will be submitted to Secretary of War Baker in Washington today by the Rev. Dr. J. Henry Smythe, chancellor of the American University, in Tennessee, whose home is at 2219 Green street. Doctor Smythe's plan is to merge two churches of any denomination whenever they are near one another for the duration of the war.

The call has already been issued for 1,000,000 men," Doctor Smythe said. "This number will soon be doubled. Such a force will need 2000 chaplains. It will cost \$4,000,000 to employ them, but if the two churches were merged, as I have suggested, the salary of one pastor could be maintained and the Government would not be put to this expense."

WOMEN TO ENTER TIGER'S LAIR

Wigwam Mysteries Unveiled at Organization of New Voters

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Tammany is going to lift up one flap of the wigwam this afternoon and let the women see something of the political side of politics when the Women's Auxiliary of the Democratic Fusion Committee of 170, which is the Trojan horse that Tammany wished on the voters in the recent election, will be permanently organized at the Hotel Marlborough.

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WAR PORT BOARD WILL CONTROL HARBOR HERE

Body Will Be Named by Chairman Hurley to Rule Docks

TO FACILITATE EXPORTS

Government Will Soon Have Ships and Is Preparing to Insure Prompt Loading

A war port board is to be established in Philadelphia in the near future. The Shipping Board has recommended the establishment of a committee to be placed in full charge of dock and harbor facilities here with the prime object of preventing congestion of supplies going "over there."

Chairman Hurley, of the Shipping Board, explained that the organization of the committee would be on the same plan as that established in New York, and that its establishment would be left in the hands of the State Committee of Public Safety.

It was explained that essentially similar committees will be formed in all the principal Atlantic ports. In case of overcrowding in New York, Philadelphia must be prepared to undertake the handling of the overflow besides her own shipments.

With Secretary Baker, Mr. Hurley went to New York for the purpose of discussing with Mr. Bush and other experts the question of harbor and terminal facilities in the Atlantic seaports.

It begins to appear fairly certain that the United States will receive all or nearly all of the program of 4,000,000 tons of ships in 1918. To make the ships effective against Germany the harbor facilities of the great seaports and the transportation arteries leading into these ports must be placed in readiness to convey, unload, distribute and embark the millions of tons of food, munitions and supplies which America's new fleet are to take to her armies in the field.

The port war boards to be appointed in Philadelphia and other coast cities will be the agencies charged with eliminating congestion. For this purpose they will be in intimate touch with railroad officials and will instruct them when to sidetrack shipments of designated freight, the railroads to select the holding points. Such towns as Harrisburg and other railroad junctions will be largely used for this temporary storage.

KAISER FAVORS REFORM BILLS Said Also to Have Agreed to Changes in Prussian Upper House

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 23.—Emperor Wilhelm has approved bills for Prussian suffrage reform and for changes in the composition of the Upper House of Parliament. The bills soon will be introduced in the Diet.

FAIR AT NEW CENTURY GUILD

Presentation of Playlet Is Feature of Two-Day Bazaar

The annual bazaar of the New Century Guild will open today at the guildhouse, 1267 Locust street. The whole house has been given over to the fair for Friday and Saturday. It presents a most attractive appearance with its decorations and varied assortment of offerings.

One of the features of the bazaar will be the presentation of the playlet "The Proposed Under Difficulties" by John Kendrick Bunn, by members of the guild, under the direction of Miss Lillian E. Dreby. Two performances will be given each night. A whole floor has been given over to the raffish.

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