

EX-ARMY OFFICER IN ELWELL CASE

Detectives Quiz Man Whose
Wife Was Friend of Bridge
Expert

ADMITS HE OWNS PISTOL

New York, July 20.—According to official announcement last night at the district attorney's office, William Mayhew Washburn, formerly army officer and society man, and a brother of Watson Washburn, one time metropolitan tennis champion, has been questioned in connection with the mysterious murder of Joseph Rowne Elwell. Washburn admitted ownership of a .45-caliber army automatic pistol, it is said.

He was married last October to Miss Elizabeth Clarkson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. L. Clarkson, who had been on friendly terms with Elwell. At the time of his marriage to her, he has told the district attorney's office, his wife received a check for \$200 from the bridge expert with a note requesting that it be expended upon a wedding present.

Washburn denies, according to the official statement, that he ever knew Elwell, but said that on the night preceding the whist expert's mysterious murder his wife, his brother, Frank A. B. Washburn; Mrs. Frank A. B. Washburn and one of his former associates, attended the performance of the Zigfeld Midnight Frolic.

They recognized Elwell, who was seated at another table at the midnight show with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lewis, Miss Viola Kraus and Octavo Figueroa, a South American journalist. Washburn said he was not with the party and gave the district attorney's office an account of his movements on that morning. The questioning was done away from the district attorney's office. Washburn was interrogated last Thursday at a place uptown by Assistant District Attorney John T. Dooling.

Frank A. B. Washburn was present throughout his brother's examination and he talked freely about the incident. He is an attorney with offices at 70 Fifth avenue. Another lawyer was also present.

For some reason that was not explained, the details of this conference were kept secret at the time and even last night Dooling refused to tell where it had taken place or the name of the second lawyer who had been present.

N. Y. BANDITS GET \$10,000

Rob Borden Cashier at Pistol Point and Escape

New York, July 20.—(By A. P.)—Three armed bandits held up the cashier of the Borden Condensed Milk Co. today in the west side and escaped with \$10,000 in cash.

The cashier was on his way to a bank, which was waiting at the curb with another company official. As he opened the door of the office a man stuck a pistol in his face and another grabbed the cash box. The hold-up men ran to a waiting automobile and dashed away.



MRS. WILLIAM M. WASHBURN
Wife of army officer who has been questioned by the New York district attorney's office in connection with the mysterious murder of Joseph B. Elwell, whist expert and racing man

BULLET ENDS BULL'S DASH

Norristown Has an Exciting Time Before Marksman Comes to Rescue

Norristown, Pa., July 20.—A bull being led to slaughter caused excitement here today when, escaping from a herd, it dashed through the streets and sent frightened inhabitants scurrying to safety.

When employees of the Merchants' Meat Co. gave up the attempt to direct the animal's course to the abattoir, Dr. J. R. Carr, a practicing physician, who is an expert shot, was appealed to. His first shot struck the bull in the shoulder and the infuriated animal made straight for the shooter a hundred feet away. A second shot in the head killed the bull when it was ten feet from the gunner.

FILM WORKERS ON STRIKE

Score of Plants Crippled When 2000 Employees Quit

New York, July 20.—(By A. P.)—More than 2000 moving-picture workers employed in studios and laboratories in New York and vicinity went on strike today trying up or crippling a score of film plants.

The reason given for the walkout is the failure of the National Association of the Moving-Picture Industry to meet the demands of the workers for increased wages, shorter hours and recognition of the union. Union leaders threaten to spread the strike throughout the country and include cameramen, machine operators, stage hands and others employed in the "movie" industry.

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MACHINE GUN FIRED ON MOB; ONE KILLED

Attempt of Masked Men to
Lynch North Carolina Negro
Is Beaten Back

TWO WHITE MEN WOUNDED

By the Associated Press
Durham, N. C., July 20.—Reports from Graham, where a mob of masked men last night attacked the Alamance county jail in an effort to lynch three negroes accused of attack upon a white woman, and which engaged in a pitched battle with members of a machine gun company protecting the prisoners, said quiet had been restored today.

Later reports failed to add to the casualty list of one dead and two wounded, all white, and all of whom were declared to have been spectators.

The negroes were taken to Raleigh early today and placed in the state penitentiary for safe keeping. They came on a special train guarded by a National Guard machine company.

Protest Presence of Soldiers
Sending of further military forces to the scene of the trouble was held up pending an investigation of the situation by the state officers as a number of the influential citizens of Graham had protested that the presence of additional militiamen would only serve to fan higher the flames of ill feeling against the machine gunners and the three negroes who are being held in connection with a brutal assault on a white woman last Saturday night.

Captain Marion B. Fowler, who commands the machine gun company, said two efforts were made by the mob to reach the jail last night. The first of these resulted in a battle that lasted three minutes, in which more than 100 shots were exchanged. The last consisted of only a few scattered shots fired

into the jail by the attackers and which were not replied to by the soldiers barricaded in the jail building.

Jim Ray, of Graham, the man killed, was said not to have been a member of the mob. He was fifty feet away from the crowd when struck by a pistol ball. The wounded men are Willie Phillips, of Graham, and Clem Bradshaw, of Haw River. They also were said to have been onlookers.

Concerted Attack Made
The mob that stormed the jail was made up of about fifty men. They surrounded the building and made a concerted attack. Captain Fowler said. As they ran toward the jail they emptied revolvers and rifles at the structure. The soldiers and machine guns had been placed inside the building, and by order of Captain Fowler they returned the fire. The battle lasted for about three minutes. More than 100 shots were fired.

"We used both the machine gun and side arms," Captain Fowler said. The bullets fired by the mob rattled about the jail and through the barred windows. Several shots came dangerously near the soldiers, but none of them were injured, but none of them, when the firing ceased, Captain Fowler ordered his company to discontinue activities.

OIL FIRE MENACES HOMES

Two Blocks of Houses Aflame Near Baltimore

Baltimore, Md., July 20.—Since noon yesterday, when lightning struck two large tanks containing thousands of barrels of crude and light oil at the plant of the United States Asphalt Refining Co., Wagners Point, south of this city, men have been fighting desperately to save surrounding property. Two blocks of two-story houses, homes of workmen, were ignited and many more are in danger.

Burning oil is also flowing toward the Texas Oil Co.'s plant adjoining. The aggregate losses to the companies is estimated at \$700,000.

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"DRY" RAPS PROSECUTOR

Won't Turn Over Alleged Evidence for "Wrist-Slapping Campaign"

Newark, N. J., July 20.—(By A. P.)—Samuel Wilson, assistant superintendent of the Anti-saloon League of New Jersey, today refused to turn

over to County Prosecutor Garven alleged evidence he said he had gathered to show that a "conspiracy existed between county prosecutors and saloon-keepers and race track men to keep New Jersey 'wet.'"

He said it was the duty of the prosecutor and the detectives to detect violations, and characterized Mr. Garven's request as "another wrist-slapping campaign."



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