

### POLICE WILL OFFER MURDER WITNESS

Allege Proof Against Man Held for Killing Two Allentown Women

### EX-SOLDIER IN LEHIGH JAIL

Allentown, Pa., July 27.—Developments came thick and fast today in the effort to solve the mystery of the double murder of Mrs. Charles Davis and Armenia Gorgodian, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Gorgodian, slain in the backyard of their parents' home the night of Sunday, July 11.

Upon petition of State Senator Horace W. Schantz, attorney for Willie McGeever, pugilist and former overseas service soldier, Judge Benninger granted a writ of habeas corpus fixing 2 p. m., Thursday, for the hearing. Senator Schantz contends that the evidence presented against McGeever at the hearing Saturday afternoon is much too flimsy to convict any man of murder even though Magistrate Benninger remanded the defendant for trial. On the other hand, the police declare that at the hearing they presented only enough evidence to cause McGeever to be held and say at the habeas corpus hearing they will put on more pressure. County Detective Herbert M. Bachman made the most startling statement of the entire investigation, saying:

"I saw McGeever with the girls on the night of the murder. McGeever had a witness who saw the girls murdered and the slayer is known."

Detective Bachman said the witness in question is very unwilling to testify for fear of consequences, from which it is implied threats have been made against the person in question. Bachman added that in working up the case to date and charging the crime against McGeever no mistake had been made. According to a statement by City Detective Nixon the revolver used in murdering the girls was found by the police near the crime scene. He says it was in such a position that it could not have been placed except by some one bent on hiding the weapon. It is well oiled and in perfect condition but for some rust on the trigger which the police contend could easily have accumulated in the fifteen days since the murder.

### FATE OF LIGHT IN BALANCE

Abandonment of Barnegat Beacon to Be Decided Today

Barnegat, N. J., July 27.—The chief of the lighthouse service, his engineers, the United States senator from New Jersey, the Beach Haven board of trade and representatives of every resort on Long Beach will visit the Barnegat lighthouse today to see what has been done to save the historic structure. The national government will decide whether the previous abandonment of the lighthouse to the encroachments of the ocean.

Senator Frelinghuysen recently called on the chief of the lighthouse bureau and told him that the engineers were mistaken when they reported that it would take \$1,000,000 to save the lighthouse. The senator said the residents of Barnegat City had raised a few thousand dollars and had built dikes that had caused the beach to make sand in front of the lighthouse under the currents caused by a hook jetty.

### LOS ANGELES AGAIN JARRED

Earthquake Early Today Alarms Prisoners in County Jail

Los Angeles, Calif., July 27.—(By A. P.)—A sharp earthquake shook at 12:02 a. m. today rattled windows in downtown buildings and awakened prisoners in the county jail, who immediately set up a howl to be released.

Reports from various parts of the city, however, show that no damage was done. Guests in some of the hotels were alarmed, but were soon reassured.

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### EDWARDS'S HIGHWAY BOARD BEFORE SENATE

Confirmation of Governor's Appointments Regarded as Extremely Doubtful

Trenton, July 27.—The New Jersey Senate is meeting in special session here today at the call of Governor Edwards to act upon the executive's new state highway appointments. The governor recently named a new board to replace the old commission, which he ousted, giving as his reason his dissatisfaction with its work.

Just before the Senate convened today it was extremely doubtful if the upper house, which is Republican, would confirm the new board, which has a Democratic majority. If the Senate refuses to confirm the board it may continue to act until the sine die adjournment of the Legislature, which will probably be in September. After that the governor may appoint an entirely new membership to the board and this board could serve until the end of the 1921 legislative session even if the new Senate refused to confirm.

If the Senate confirms the new board today the work of building the state highway system, which has been interrupted, can immediately proceed. The members of the new board are John Ferris, Jersey City, Democrat; George Padlock, Newark, Republican; Assemblyman David Young, Towaco, Republican; Walter F. Whittemore, Newton, Republican; George L. Burton, South River, Democrat; William J. Kirby, Somerville, Democrat; and Thomas E. Collins, Elizabeth, Democrat. There is another vacancy on the board yet to be filled.

### Bubonic Plague Case at Beaumont

Austin, Tex., July 27.—(By A. P.)—Another case of bubonic plague has developed at Beaumont, Dr. O. J. Goddard, state health officer, announced, following the receipt of a telegram from authorities there today.

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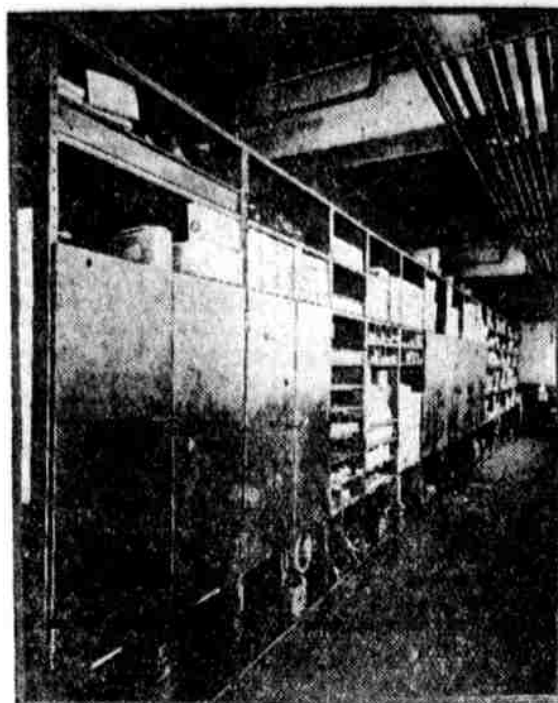
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### DIES OF SLEEPING SICKNESS

Chester County Boy Succumbs After Illness of Ten Days

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five, son of Mr. and Mrs. Parke Seldomridge, of near Barksburg, died. The boy had been ill for ten days. Taken last week to a Philadelphia specialist, he resisted all efforts to restore consciousness, and when returned to his home lapsed into a full coma, in which condition he died. The disease is believed to be an aftermath of a serious attack of influenza.



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