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NIGHT EXTRA

THE WEATHER. Fair and continued cold tonight; low about 10 degrees; Wednesday cloudy; slightly warmer; probably snow.

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NOTE BROUGHT DREWES HERE TO PURCHASE AUTO

Mysterious Missive From Reading Used as Evidence Against 'Billy' Brines

PRISONER LINKED WITH PLAN TO BUY A MACHINE

Roommate of Slain Youth Tells of Chum's Leaving Dartmouth to Come to Philadelphia

DEFENSE LOSES TILTS

Efforts to Keep Testimony From Jury Fails After Long Argument

Facts in the Trial of William P. Brines

On trial—William P. Brines, U. of P. sophomore. The slain man—Elmer C. Drewes, Bristol friend, a senior at Dartmouth College. Found shot to death October 17 on Mascher street near City Line, Oak Lane.

A mysterious letter concerning the purchase of an automobile, which was received by Elmer C. Drewes, the Dartmouth College senior murdered in this city October 17, was offered in evidence today at the trial of William P. Brines, the Penn sophomore accused of the crime.

Where the commonwealth obtained the letter was not disclosed, though it is believed to be the paper about which much has been said from time to time, when his body was discovered in a lonely spot at Oak Lane.

It is said that the letter, which will be one of the turning points of the case against the man who was Drewes' chum, and is now accused of killing him.

The letter was dated October 9 and came from Reading, Pa. It stated that the writer had a car to sell that had run only 1563 miles, at \$1800. The reason given for the low price was that the owner needed cash. The letter was signed "Samuel Magee, General Delivery, Reading, Pa."

The introduction of the letter was only one of several important developments of the second day's proceedings before Judge Ferguson in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, Room 653, City Hall.

Drewes' Roommate on Stand. Another was the introduction as a witness of Howard L. Heath, of Dartmouth College, Drewes' roommate, who told of a conversation with the slain student the day he left college for New York, on his way to Philadelphia.

William A. Gray, attorney for the defense, objected strenuously to Heath giving the substance of a conversation which had taken place between him and Drewes before the latter left.

After both Mr. Gray and Assistant District Attorney Gordon had produced elaborate authorities, the court let Heath testify.

The fellow student of the slain youth testified. Drewes had spoken several times about buying an automobile and had said that "Billy" Brines had mentioned one to him.

The first move in today's trial was to call a sidebar conference over a dispute in evidence. Mr. Gray wished to obtain testimony against the admission of purely circumstantial evidence, and Assistant District Attorney Gordon both admitted numerous authorities to prove their contentions.

Drewes' Clothes Identified. At the conclusion of the conference, which lasted from a few minutes past 10 until 10:30 o'clock, John Graham, district detective of the Branchtown station, took the witness stand.

Graham told of having gone in the district patrol to the scene of the murder. He said he found the body of a young man lying with the head to the north, on the west side of the road. He was dead, with an bullet wound in the forehead.

The witness related that the overcoat lay about the lower half of the body, and that he saw a pocket containing a note which was unopened. Mr. Gordon then went over to a table where a large paper bundle lay. As he unrolled the paper and removed the paper, which crinkled in his hands, every neck was strained to see what the bundle contained. It proved to be an overcoat of dark mixed material, which the detective identified as that found over the body.

A piece of cloth about six inches square had been cut from the coat, and this was believed to be blood stained. It was analyzed and the results also a few feet, from which a square of material had been cut similarly.

"What was the condition of the body?" Mr. Gordon asked. "It was cold, and the joints had stiffened," Graham answered.

Joseph Reeves, also a district detective, gave a description of the articles found in Drewes' pockets. Lieutenant Charles Hornsby, commanding the Branchtown station, read from a typewritten list the articles found on the body. The articles then



MRS. ANNIE BRINES. Mother of William P. Brines, Penn sophomore who is on trial for the murder of Elmer C. Drewes, Dartmouth senior. Mrs. Brines, who is a conspicuous figure at the trial, was overcome by her emotions today and wept during the morning session.

AMAZED AT ARREST ALLENTOWN MAN IN DEATH OF GIRL IN TROUBLE BEFORE

Bristol Youth Accused of Murder of Arline May Stout Asserts His Innocence

Butterweck Said to Have Figure in Triangle Tragedy Ending in Suicide

IS CONFIDENT OF OUTCOME SAID SAFE WAS LOOTED

"I am confident of the outcome of this trouble because I am innocent," Charles Edwin King, Jr., arrested yesterday in connection with the death of seventeen-year-old Arline May Stout, made this assertion today at his home, 230 Mill street, Bristol.

Miss Stout, a student at the West Philadelphia High School, was found dead, October 10, at her home, 5233 Webster street, as the result of a bullet wound. Her body was discovered by her father, Freeman M. Stout, shortly after a visit made by King to the Stout home.

King, a youth of slim build, who shows the hallmarks of recent illness, is amazed by the sudden turn of affairs. He declared today that he did not really know what he is charged with, and that he had never been involved in any of the events which have surrounded the death of Arline May Stout.

The King home at Bristol is cozy and comfortable and the general surroundings are of a high standard. King is a student at the University of Pennsylvania and his mother conducts a little boarding house. Her only boarders at this time are three young women school teachers.

King played with a fox-terrier and smoked a cigarette as he recounted his actions on the day of Miss Stout's death. He declared he was "tamely in love" with Arline May Stout, and that her last day remarked that her death was a crushing blow to him.

Love at First Sight. King said he met Miss Stout last April at a dance in Philadelphia. He said "it was a case of love at first sight," and that they met frequently after that. He was taken ill when he had known each other but a short time and was sent to the Bristol Hospital, where he underwent three operations for appendicitis.

"Arline came to see me at the hospital," said King, "but she was not admitted, and I was greatly disappointed. Later she came to see me while I was still in a wheeling chair at home and the visit cleared me considerably.

Leading gradually up to the day of her death, King said, "I called at the house at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Her mother, father and sister were out. I left there at 6:30 o'clock in the evening, promising that I would call again on the following Wednesday. As I was leaving Arline said she was going upstairs to write me a letter."

"I went to the West Philadelphia station to take the 8:17 train for Bristol. While waiting at the station I called Arline on the phone to say good-by once more. I called several times but she did not answer."

Called on Phone by Father. "I concluded that she had gone out to post the letter to me. I went home and retired early. At 10:30 o'clock that night I was awakened by the telephone. The call was from Arline's father. He told me that Arline was ill and asked me to come in. I went to the house at midnight. Two men met me at the door and questioned me regarding my movements of the day. I thought it strange about it. Mr. Stout asked me upstairs and showed me the dead body of Arline. I was overcome with grief and despair."

Again comparing the tears which filled his eyes King added that Mr. Stout was very kind to me and told me to come often. My mother visited them frequently. Mr. Stout's death and pending suspicion to me I consulted a lawyer and he said there was no reason that I should visit the family and to do so would be to bring dishonor to the family. I had not visited him and I told him it was on account of his strange attitude at the funeral.

At the trial today King testified that he had never seen the man who was charged with the murder of Arline May Stout. He said that he had never seen the man who was charged with the murder of Arline May Stout.

MOTOR LICENSE STATIONS THROUGHOUT STATE URGED

Representative Conner Has Bill to End Delay in Getting Tags

Harrisburg, Jan. 25.—State Representative Patrick Conner, Philadelphia, announced today he will offer a bill making it mandatory for the Highway Department to establish branch offices all over the state for the sale and distribution of automobile license tags.

Conner will be backed in his fight for the bill, which probably will be opposed by the Highway Department, by Richard Wedelin, president of Council; Senator DuBois and Thomas G. Morris, former motor law expert, will aid Conner in lining up necessary votes so the Governor will have a chance to pass on the proposal. Speaking of the bill Conner said:

"These offices should be established in Philadelphia and other cities and towns in the state. Only in this way can we eliminate the delay and confusion which attends the present method of distribution."

"We all recall the difficulties automobilists had at the first of the year, when they were unable to get their tags in time. Drivers were crowded by the score in Philadelphia and the inadequacy of the present system was sharply brought out."

"Why, over in New Jersey, I understand, you buy your tags in the counter in Camden or another place and don't have to stand in Trenton and take a chance of not getting your tags in time to present yourself for a license."

"I am sure automobilists and business men owning commercial vehicles and trucks will be glad to support Mr. Conner and his bill with all the forces at their command. The idea is to make it mandatory on the state Highway Department to establish these branches."

Conner hopes to have his bill ready today.

CHASE ENDED BY SHOTS

Prisoner Admits Being With Crowd That Assaulted Men

John French, of Broad street, Oak Lane, was arrested at 2 o'clock this morning after he had been pursued and shot at several times by Detectives Heller and Waters of the Park and Highways divisions.

French was seen with several other men at Germantown avenue and Venango street. The detectives suspected the men had attacked John Stevenson and his nephew, George, of Tenth and Wallace streets, in front of a restaurant at 3624 Wallace street, early Sunday morning. John Reynolds is in a serious condition at St. Luke's Hospital.

The detectives ordered the men to halt they ran north on Germantown avenue. At Erie avenue four of the men disappeared. The detectives fired at French and he surrendered.

At a hearing before Magistrate Glenn today French admitted he had been with the gang which assaulted the Reynolds. He was held \$500 bail for a further hearing next Tuesday.

NOT BRIDE OF COL. BEATTY

Wilmington Girl Did Not Wed Aviator, Mother Admits

Denial that her daughter had married Colonel George Beatty, former member of the British air force, was made today by Mrs. Beatty's mother, Mrs. Beatty, who lives in Wilmington, Del. last week, on a charge of non-support of a minor child, following a suit filed by the girl's father, William Beatty, assistant clerk in a Wilmington bank.

Mrs. Shaw, up to the present time, has insisted that her daughter married the aviator, and that yesterday she had done so to "stop gossip."

Beatty was arrested on Friday last in St. Louis on the previous charge of non-support, and the additional charges of jumping bail in both Wilmington and Washington.

Mrs. Shaw also denied that the woman with Beatty in St. Louis was her daughter.

ONE SLIP TOO MANY

Banana Peel Expert Finally Slides Into Jail

A pretended fall on a banana peel which had soon money from railroads and traffic companies throughout the United States resulted in the arrest and conviction of a Negro in Camden today.

The peculiar episode of swindle was disclosed to the Camden police in the case of Charles Golden, thirty-five years old, who was taken to the Cooper Hospital Sunday night suffering from alleged internal injuries received in a fall on a Public Service Co. car. Golden was put in a claim for \$10, and his detention resulted following an investigation by the police.

In a confession which Golden made to detectives he admitted having worked the same trick in Milwaukee, Chicago, Los Angeles and other western cities. He also confessed to having stolen \$25,000 from the Philadelphia and Reading Railway and more money from the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.

Today's Developments in National Capital. Senator Calder gave the opinion that the public was misled out of a billion and a half dollars last year by men in the coal business. He appeared before the Senate committee considering his coal regulation bill.

Lim'ricker's \$100 Will Pay Xmas Bills

Here's another fan who has tried and tried for that ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR Prize—and failed. But today she gets it and she's happy. She's going to pay her Christmas bills.

LIMERICK NO. 32

Bill Fisher, who married Annette, Said, "The honeymoon's still on, and yet, She is all right for looks, But, Gee! what she cooks

Doesn't fill me—except with regret."



MISS LORNA D. RUTTER, 1726 N. 18th Street. There's Another Limpin' Lim'ricker Today—See Page 2

FINANCIAL SURVEY OLIVER MAY ENTER OF EUROPE ORDERED PACT WITH GRUNDY

Premiers Order Inquiry With Reference to Austria's Economic Situation

Forces Opposing Crow Forming Coalition Which Appears Dangerous to Sproul Program

By Associated Press. Paris, Jan. 25.—After rejecting a proposal to turn the Austrian financial problem over to the League of Nations, the Allied Supreme Council today decided to appoint a commission to make a thorough inquiry into the economic situation in Europe, with particular reference to Austria.

The commission took this action in view of the opinion of the conferees that, as the Austrian situation involved the economic situation of other allied countries, it was desirable to have it thoroughly investigated by the most competent representatives of the allied countries obtainable.

These representatives it was decided will be Sir Robert Horne, president of the British Board of Trade, Louis Loucheur, French minister of liberated regions; Signor Giannini, the Italian minister of commerce; and other allied countries, including Belgium.

The commission was appointed this forenoon. It was expected to meet here today and to depart for Vienna tomorrow. It was expected to meet here today and to depart for Vienna tomorrow.

Financial Proposition Not Accepted. During the discussion in the council today the general opinion was developed that it was useless to try to do anything for Austria, apart from the solution of economic problems of the neighboring countries, with which Austria's future is bound to be closely connected, and the suggestion from the Austrian section of the reparations commission for an advance to Austria of \$25,000,000 for ten years, guaranteed.

Failed to Appear. De Valera had been living for months in this country prior to his "disappearance" as a member. It was publicly announced that he was residing in an undisclosed place in this country. Harry Holland, secretary of the American Commission for Irish Independence, stated he would produce De Valera at a meeting in New York on Christmas Eve.

But De Valera did not appear at the meeting. About January 1 he was announced the missing president had reached Ireland safely.

Speculation ran around in circles when De Valera's presence in this country was made known. Competitors were so far as to hint that he had reached there in a submarine or that he had slipped to some European port and thence had reached his native country to reappear.

Late last year De Valera was stopping at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York. He was reported today started he had checked out from there November 12.

Officials of the Irish-American Club, 411 Fifth street, New York, today refused to comment on the possibility of De Valera's having slipped from this port on Thanksgiving Day, except to point to a newspaper article of some weeks ago, which said De Valera sailed on November 25.

NEW DISARMAMENT MOVE

Senate Asks Facts on Plan to Halt Building by U. S.

Washington, Jan. 25.—(By A. P.)—A resolution in the movement looking to a reduction of world naval building was taken today by Senator Borah. He introduced and the Senate adopted a resolution calling upon the Senate naval affairs committee to report information whether it would be feasible and advisable to stop American naval building for a period of ten years.

Senator Borah announced he planned to offer later another resolution providing for "investigation of the entire question" of naval disarmament.

Introducing his resolution today Senator Borah said he desired to know whether the Senate committee had given any thought or had any information regarding the subject of reducing naval construction.

Bonfire Sets House Ablaze. The porch roof of the home of Harry Heigebel, 1806 Cambridge street, was slightly damaged by fire before noon today, caused by sparks flying from a boiler in the street. An alarm was sounded and engines extinguished the blaze.

BILL WOULD RIP OUT SCHOOL BOARD FOR ONE TO BE ELECTED

Measure Offered by Senator Gray Provides 11 Members at Salary of \$7500

GIVES WOMEN PLACE BY ELECTION FOR FIRST TIME

Senate and House Start Legislative Work After 3 Weeks

State Senate and House start real legislative work under armistice terminating job bickerings which have occupied three weeks of session.

Almost 200 bills, a new day's record, were launched in the two legislative branches last night. Senate gets bill which would rip out Philadelphia school board and provide for election of members by people.

Another bill asks state commission to participate in plans for 1928 world's fair here.

Representative has measure to force State Highway Department to open branch auto license tag offices in every city.

State bureau to collect and distribute on crime is proposed. Reapportionment program gets start.

Bill of Senator Eyer enabling street railways companies, under certain provisions, to acquire other companies, would pave way for underlying companies to take over P. H. R. T. and end fight on "high rentals."

Senate committee acts favorably on Duix bill amending city charter so short-term bonds can be issued to repave streets and purchase fire apparatus.

By Associated Press. Harrisburg, Jan. 25.—A bill which if enacted into law would almost immediately rip out of office the present Philadelphia school board and substitute an elective board of six men and five women has been offered in the upper chamber by Senator Gray, of Philadelphia.

The Gray bill is only one out of a host of bills which poured into the House and Senate last night. Many of the bills affect Philadelphia particularly.

Senator Gray, discussing his school board bill today said: "I have been moved to introduce this measure because I believe 'the present school board of Philadelphia has significantly failed. It now is appointed by the board of judges. Its authority therefore is delegated authority and it is not directly responsible to the people and it is the only board in the board more responsive to public opinion."

"Public opinion, if able to express itself in direct elections, members of the school board, would not tolerate such a condition as has existed over the selection of a school superintendent."

"The aim of the bill is a large salary to be got there. We are not getting them now."

Gives Women a Place. Continuing Senator Gray said: "You will notice that the bill specifically provides for the representation of women on the school board in equal numbers with men. Women are in politics. Therefore they should be represented on the board."

"Women, certainly, as the guides and guardians of children, are better qualified than men to select members of school directors and in the management of the schools."

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This is the first bill presented to the Pennsylvania Legislature which would elect school directors by popular vote for women. The bill would apply to Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

The Gray bill introduced a sensation among Philadelphia politicians here when it sought the vital significance of the proposal.

Senator Vane declared today to comment on the bill. He expressed strong objections, however, that the Vane forces will not oppose the measure, despite the fact that some years ago Senator Vane fought against the direct election method of choosing members of school boards.

Salaries for Board Members. In this connection there is interesting gossip about the effect that if the direct election method of choosing members of the school board were in force. Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh, former superintendent of schools and former Governor, would be chosen.

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HARDING WILL GO ASHORE FOR GOLF THIS AFTERNOON

Party Will Probably Delay Fishing Until Arrival at Miami

Rockledge, Fla., Jan. 25.—(By A. P.)—President Harding's fishing party, which is expected to reach Vera, Fla., today, is expected to delay its fishing party until after arrival at Miami.

Washington, Jan. 25.—(By A. P.)—Mr. Harding, who is in Washington to visit in connection with the Harding home here, today became a member of the committee of 100 on the suffrage measure which is to be installed in eight states on February 15.

Mrs. Harding also interested her husband that long enough today to attend an informal luncheon tendered by a group of friends. The wife of the President still plans to leave for New York in a day or two, prior to joining Mr. Harding in Florida.