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WRIGLEY INDICTED IN DEATH OF WOMAN WHILE DRIVING AUTO

Magistrate Is Charged With Involuntary Manslaughter and Intoxication

HE HAD BEEN EXONERATED BY CORONER IN ONE CASE

Magistrate Byron E. Wrigley was indicted by the grand jury today on charges of involuntary manslaughter and operating an automobile when drunk.

The charges grow out of the death of Miss Mary E. Brady, of 722 Spruce street, who was run down by Magistrate Wrigley, driving his own car while drunk, according to witnesses, at p street and Allegheny avenue the night of October 28.

Miss Brady was the second victim of the magistrate's automobile. The other was J. Edwin Taylor, thirty-three years old, 248 Meador street, who was fatally injured last July in a collision between the car which he was riding and the magistrate's.

Wrigley was indicted in spite of an "acquittal" given him by Coroner Knight following the killing of Miss Brady.

The magistrate similarly was "exonerated" after the death of the first victim.

Although "whitewashed" by the coroner in the last killing, Magistrate Wrigley was re-arrested by order of the attorney general, given a hearing and held in \$5,000 bail for the action of the grand jury.

The magistrate will be given a speedy trial in February 17 has been fixed for that date, and Judge Davis will hear the manslaughter case.

Faces Jail and Fine
The heaviest sentence that can be meted out in a case of involuntary manslaughter is a jail term of two years and a fine of \$1,000.

Assistant District Attorney Gordon was present when the case was taken up by the grand jury. All the witnesses who appeared at the coroner's inquest were subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury.

As a precaution Mr. Gordon brought with him a transcript of testimony taken at the coroner's inquest. He let it be known that there would be no "fall out" on testimony, and any one who changed his testimony from that given at the coroner's inquest would be charged on a perjury charge.

Find True Bill Quickly
The grand jury found a true bill without delay after listening to the testimony of those who took the girl to the hospital and the doctors and nurses who attended her.

Magistrate Wrigley's \$5,000 bail bond was continued for his appearance in court.

As soon as the witnesses left the grand jury room, they were taken to the district attorney's office by Mr. Gordon and immediately ordered to make their depositions in the case, which will be taken at the coroner's inquest.

Legion Post Awards Him \$100.00

Frankford Post No. 211, American Legion, awarded the ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR prize for the limpin' lim'rick today. The completed lim'rick chosen by the ex-service men was written by Paul D. Northrop. It follows:—

LIMERICK No. 11

Said Tillie the typist to Flo,
"I shall not have to work long, I know;
Some millionaire's halter
I'll slip on at the altar,
Then ca'moose with the 'deer' and the 'doe'."

There's Another Limpin' Lim'rick Today—See Page 2

HOG ISLAND ENDS ITS WAR CAREER 'MURDER DOCTRINE'

Brush Hands Over Four-Foot Key to Shipping Board Official

SCENE OF ACTIVITY OVER

Benson Praises Brush for Hog Island Work

Washington, D. C., Feb. 4.—(By A. P.)—Please accept my congratulations upon the completion of what is undoubtedly the greatest feat in connection with ship construction in the history of the world, and which should remain as a monument to your initiative, intelligence and energy as long as the republic endures. (Signed) W. S. BENSON.

Hog Island, the largest shipyard in the world, ended its brief but glorious history this morning with a ceremony far more simple than those which had marked any one of the 122 launchings.

The man who transformed a swampy wasteland into a vast war industry, instrumental in the defeat of Germany, handed a key to the yard to a representative of the shipping board, and the shipyard, as such, was officially closed.

Shortly after 11 o'clock, Matthew C. Morris, president of the American International Shipbuilding Corporation, and directing head of the immense enterprise, walked from the administration building accompanied by Frederick Morris, another official representative of the shipping board.

Behind the two men were the loyal associates of Mr. Brush, who worked with him from the time the construction of the shipyard was begun.

Scene of Activity Over
The procession moved slowly to No. 2 gate, the main entrance to the shipyard. As Mr. Brush neared the gate he turned and gazed wistfully over the great yard, with its cranes, masts and the buildings and life machinery. Then he turned away and walked through the gate, while the official followed.

At 11:45 o'clock No. 2 gate was swung shut, symbolic of the official closing of the yard.

A moment later Mr. Brush handed to Mr. Morris a large four-foot key, fastened to a chain by a silver and gold handle, and the inscription "Presented to Frederick Morris by M. C. Brush, Feb. 4, 1921."

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U. S. TO ASK NATIONS TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR DISARMAMENT

Call to Be Issued Soon After Harding's Inauguration, Butler Intimates

ADMIRAL SIMS SAYS WORLD WOULD WELCOME MOVE

By the Associated Press
Washington, Feb. 4.—An international conference to discuss disarmament will be called by the United States, Chairman Butler, of the House naval committee, said today when the committee met to hear the views of prominent naval officers on the subject.

Chairman Butler did not say when the call would be issued, but from his line of questioning of witnesses it was assumed he thought the call would be issued soon after the inauguration of President Hoover.

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Rear Admiral William S. Sims, wartime commander of American naval forces, was the first witness examined by the committee. With Germany's power crushed, Admiral Sims said, all nations could reduce their naval armaments by half with safety.

He added that he believed the nations would welcome a call for a disarmament conference.

Congress must determine national policies before naval officers can formulate naval plans, the admiral said. He added that until he knew what those policies were he would not say whether the United States could afford to have a navy second to any other.

If the navy were maintained purely for defensive purposes, Admiral Sims said, the United States would be safe with a navy half as large as that of any possible enemy thousands of miles away. If, however, the United States intended to rely on its navy for carrying out broad international policies, he said, its sea power should be equal to that of any other nation.

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Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, retired; Admiral R. E. Conz, chief of naval operations; Rear Admirals A. T. Mason, R. T. May, W. F. Rogers, Charles J. Badger, R. H. Jackson and Major General John A. Lejeune, commandant of the marine corps, all of the navy general staff, were present.

Admiral Sims said he agreed with General Pershing that war with Great Britain was "inevitable," but added that he would not abandon the navy entirely under any conditions, even if there were no enemy in sight.

"You can't tell what will come out of Europe," he said. "Nobody is going to take his hand off his gun."

Naval Program Indorsed
Specifically Admiral Sims advised the committee to top up the 1919 building program, particularly the battleships. He added that American submarines were inferior to foreign-built craft and that America was "extremely backward" in aviation development which should be corrected, with stress on building swift airplane carriers for the navy.

The committee will report to the president on the subject of naval disarmament.

LEAFLETS ATTACK ROTAN AS 'ABSENTEE OFFICIAL'

District Attorney Scored for Winter and Summer Vacations

AS 'ABSENTEE OFFICIAL'

An attack on Samuel P. Rotan, as "an absentee district attorney," was made today in leaflets received through the mails by court officials, county detectives and assistants in the district attorney's office.

The printed leaflets, signed by John I. Savat, director of the bureau of municipal information, "discussed the trial of William P. Brines on a charge of murdering Elmer C. Drewes and contended that Mr. Rotan was 'in the orange groves of Florida' during the trial."

The leaflets added that during his absence from office, the district attorney had failed to attend to the duties of his office, and that he had spent his time in Florida.

Members of the district attorney's staff believe the printed leaflets were inspired for political purposes as Mr. Rotan's term expires next January.

Officials who received the leaflets said they never heard of Hays, the "director," is not listed in the directory or the telephone book.

JEALOUS WIFE SEEKS DEATH
Woman Hurt by Attention Husband Shown Party Guest

Following a party in her home, Mrs. Anna Nickolas, twenty-seven years old, of 112 Conarose street, Matanzuk, attempted suicide, the police say, by drinking the contents of a bottle of disinfectant.

The woman's act is laid by the police to jealousy over the alleged attentions of her husband to one of the guests, a young girl named Helen, who departed early this morning Mrs. Nickolas is said to have upbraided her husband for his alleged interest in the young girl.

ACTRESSES HELD IN THEFT
Chorus Girls Under Bail for Alleged Robbery of Another

Miss Anna Barrett, twenty years old, and Miss Barrett, twenty-two years old, two chorus girls, charged with entering the apartment of Miss Lucille Palmer, at a Broad street hotel, and attempting to steal a diamond necklace, were held in \$2,000 bail for court by Magistrate O'Brien, at the Twelfth and Pine streets station, today.

According to the police, Miss Harle and Miss Barrett went to visit Miss Palmer, also a chorus girl, whom they had known for some time. When they arrived at the hotel Miss Palmer was absent, and they entered her room by way of a transom. When they were arrested, Miss Barrett's supply of lingerie was packed, ready for removal from the room. This was the second hearing of the case.

SEVERE QUAKE RECORDED
Tremors 2200 Miles South of Washington Last 1 Hour, 17 Minutes

Washington, Feb. 4.—(By A. P.)—A severe earthquake shock, which began at 2:28 and lasted until 4:45 this morning, was reported by Father Francis A. Tondorf, director of the Georgetown geological observatory. The disturbances were indicated by the instruments as being 2200 miles south of Washington and reached its highest intensity at 3:38.

WOMEN OF ERIE IN ARMS TO OUST MAYOR AND HALT ORGY OF VICE AND CRIME

FALLS 8 STORIES, THEN WALKS AWAY

Heard Building Elevator Inspector Only Broke Few Ribs and Burned Hands

DOCTORS ARE ASTOUNDED

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Outland is in the Hahnemann Hospital, where doctors are holding him for fear of internal injuries. Several of his ribs are broken and he has cuts and bruises of the head and face.

The superintendent got on the freight elevator for an inspection trip. When the car was passing the fifth floor it began to tremble, and Outland found it would not respond to the controls.

As he was slowly passing the eighth floor he managed to get the elevator door open and tried to scramble out. He got clear of the elevator as it passed and hung to the frame of the elevator door. He fell in an effort to swing in, and fell down the shaft.

He had shot downward three stories when he grazed against the heavy steel cable of the elevator and had presence of mind enough to grab it to try to stop himself.

His body was checked with so violent a jerk that his arms were almost pulled from their sockets. Grasping the steel rope, he continued to fall, the friction burning his hands.

The pain of the friction burns was so intense that he involuntarily let go again, and once more fell.

Though he landed with great violence, he was able to get up and walk out of the shaft, which he did quickly, fearing the elevator might come down again and crush him.

He was able to walk into the accident ward at the hospital, and the doctors scarcely could believe him when he told them he had fallen eight stories. He is expected to recover.

HARDING BEHIND SCHEDULE; MAY TRANSFER TO TRAIN
Yacht Victoria Has Trouble With Mud in Indian River Flats

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Examination of the affairs of the association is being made today.

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Gambling and Bootlegging Said to Thrive as Red Lights Shine

MAGISTRATE SLAIN IN RESORT AS CLIMAX

Governor Asked to Send State Police to "Clean Up"

SPECIAL PROBES ORDERED

Grand Jury to Make Inquiry Into Alleged Supineness of Officials

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN

Erie, Pa., Feb. 4.—The most startling conditions that possibly have ever developed in any large Pennsylvania community prevail today in this beautiful city of Erie, with its 100,000 population.

All the clean, decent, law-abiding people are struggling against a combination of city officials who, if allegations made against them and through the local newspapers are true, have had no equal in this state in recent years.

The dope peddlers and road thieves of Philadelphia have their counterpart in other offenses against civilization in the underworld of this city.

Here are some of the principal events that have led up to the situation of today:

Wartime conditions brought the underworld to the front in Erie, with its red lights, gamblers and bootleggers.

By the carelessness or connivance, or both, of its city officials, this element has been in the ascendancy for months. Its polluting hands have reached inside the official circle.

The mayor is charged publicly with incompetence, and worse, and his resignation has been demanded.

Tragedy of the "Death Car"
The city solicitor was held by a coroner's jury charged with driving a "death car" that killed two men, after which he is said to have sped away in the darkness.

Another public official, the leading police magistrate of the city, was shot and killed on Sunday night two weeks ago in a Negro bagnio in the red-light district.

Within the last few days two uniformed policemen were found, according to their superior officer, intoxicated and beating two women in another resort.

A public meeting with a vast overflow, attended by thousands of citizens, has demanded the resignation of the Mayor.

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