

DEATH MAY SEAL ASSAULT MYSTERY

Gustav Schmaal, Victim of Beating, Fights for Life in Camden Hospital

NO CLUE TO SUICIDE

Mystery still envelops the discovery of Gustav Schmaal, sixty years old, beaten at his home in Billingsport, and the subsequent finding of the body of the caretaker, hanging from a rafter in the barn back of the house.

Schmaal is in the Cooper Hospital Camden, in a critical condition. Since he was taken there after he was found yesterday he has not regained consciousness. It may be the identity of the man who attacked the old man in his home and beat him unmercifully will remain unknown.

No possible notice has been advanced by authorities for the beating, although they have offered a possible solution that Schmaal was beaten by the caretaker who, believing him dead, then committed suicide. They hope to be able to get the story of the attack from Schmaal.

The caretaker's identity is unknown. For the last two months he has been living at Schmaal's home. This report is the best of knowledge of neighbors of the man.

Schmaal, who has been living at Billingsport, virtually alone for many years, was found in the bedroom of his home by a man who went to the house to deliver milk. Schmaal had been felled with terrific blows on the head. His skull was fractured, and from surrounding circumstances, authorities believe he had been lying there unconscious for hours.

It was after discovery of Schmaal's unconscious form that an investigation was made of the premises and the caretaker's body found hanging in the barn behind a pile of hay.

The theory advanced by police is that Schmaal and the caretaker had a quarrel and the latter attacked his employer and left him for dead. It is believed when the caretaker saw what he had done he went to the barn and hanged himself.

BRYN MAWR DRUG STORE HELD UP BY ARMED MEN

Three Dapper Bandits Get \$100 and Motor to Safety

Three young men held up and robbed Fred Riegner, a clerk in Prickett's drug store, on Lancaster pike, Bryn Mawr, and took \$100 last night after they bought cigars and the clerk's neck was turned to make change for a bill. Just when they were leaving, sixteen-year-old Owen Murray, an errand boy in the store, entered. He had the experience of a gun being poked in his face, and being ordered to go to the back of the store and stay there.

Riegner says each of the men took a different direction when they left the store. Police believe they met a square or so away and made their escape in an automobile parked in the house. Just as Riegner was about to close the store for the night the men entered. He says they were young and well dressed. Each bought several cigars and one tendered a \$5 bill in payment. The clerk turned to the register and, just as the drawer opened, he was poked in the back with the barrel of a gun and told: "Don't work so fast, young fellow."

While one covered him with the gun the others went to the register and took the money.

CLEARED OF DEATH CHARGE

Two Men Acquitted of Blame for Fatal Poolroom Row

John Mullin, 3230 North Chancery street, and Frank Brady, 627 North Thirty-second street, were acquitted before Judge McAllen today on charges of manslaughter, following the death of Walter Mosley, November 22, 1920, in a fight in a poolroom at Thirty-second and Chestnut streets. Mosley was assaulted and died two days later.

Gets \$2500 for False Arrest

In Judge Finletter's Court today Glad Serlick recovered a verdict against Milton Stern for \$2500 damages for false arrest. It was alleged that in August, 1920, the defendant, who is in the automobile business, had Serlick arrested on a charge of the larceny of a car and fraudulent conversion.

Heads Vassar Drive



MRS. H. A. LOGAN of Moylan, Rose Valley, chairman of Philadelphia locality in Vassar endowment drive

ROBBER SETS WOMAN AND HOUSE AFIRE AND ESCAPES

Balked in Search for Money Thug Nearly Causes Fatality

"What are you doing here?" exclaimed Mrs. Julia Gray, colored, when she found a Negro ransacking her room on the second floor at 4237 Fairmount avenue at 7 o'clock this morning. "I'm looking for money," said the robber; "give it to me quick."

"There's no money here," replied the woman. The robber did not answer, but rolled some newspapers into a torch, lit it and ran around the room, applying it to everything inflammable he could see. He yelled Mrs. Gray's screams with a punch, stepped out the rear window to a shed roof, and made off down the alley.

Neighbors who heard Mrs. Gray's screams and saw the smoke curling from the second-story window turned in an alarm. The firemen arrived in time to find the unconscious woman out when her clothes were just beginning to smoulder.

JOB GIVEN OPTOMETRISTS

Mayor Tells Convention to Cure City's Political Slight

The twenty-fifth annual convention of the Pennsylvania Optometric Association today was opened at the Adelphia Hotel today with more than 500 members from all sections of the State attending.

After welcoming the delegates and mentioning the beauties of the city, seen by many, but realized by few, Mayor Moore said, "I hope you will be able to help the eyesight of those people living here who believe Philadelphia can be governed by vice, corruption and contractor rule."

TO DISCUSS CITY U. PLAN

Dr. Conwell to Be Heard Today by Board of Education

The plan of Dr. Russell H. Conwell, president of Temple University, to have the city establish a free university will be taken up by the Board of Education today.

At a recent special meeting of the Finance Committee of the board the proposition was discussed with Dr. Conwell present. At that time he said he would like to go before the board as a citizen and not in his official capacity as university president, to discuss a plan that might give Philadelphia an institution of the highest type.

Some members of the Finance Committee suggested that the proposition be thrashed out in the Finance Committee before it was presented to the board, but it was decided that if Dr. Conwell wanted to bring the matter up immediately he could do so.

FINE FRAMING PAINTINGS CLEANED AND RESTORED THE ROSENBAUGH GALLERIES 1320 Walnut Street

SPRING CITY FIRST OF CRIMES PLANNED

Five Captured Bank Bandits Confess Phoenixville and Pottsville Were Next

SIXTH THUG LEFT CAR HERE

A carefully laid plot to rob banks in Phoenixville, Pottsville and other towns was confessed today by five prisoners in the West Chester Jail who were caught yesterday afternoon after they had held up and looted the Spring City National Bank of \$15,000.

A sixth bandit who aided in the hold-up escaped. He is known to have come to Philadelphia.

He drove the car in which his confederates traveled to this city and abandoned it at Twenty-sixth and York streets.

This automobile, a five-passenger touring car, was stolen Sunday night from Sidney H. Bayersdorfer, it having been left standing in front of his home at 1631 Diamond street.

The bandits, according to Chief of Police Williams, of Phoenixville, today, left their wives in Detroit, where they lived, and came to Philadelphia. They confessed, the chief said, that the plot to rob the banks was hatched in this city a week ago last Sunday. They bought automatic pistols and arranged to steal a car at some convenient time. They told police officials they then carefully looked over the ground at Spring City.

They also looked over three banks in Phoenixville, they admitted, and had plans carefully laid for the robbing of these banks as soon as the excitement over the Spring City robbery had died down. Pottsville was next, they said, since there having been carefully inspected also.

They considered to be planning far enough ahead. At the conclusion of these jobs, they said, they intended to make another little tour of inspection and map out some more banks to plunder.

All Seemed Easy

It all seemed so easy, and the effort at Spring City was so perfectly timed and executed that the men hung together after the hold-up and went to the boarding house of John Mason, 512 High street, Phoenixville, to divide the loot and prepare to carry out the next step in their campaign. There the five prisoners at West Chester, after they had told almost all they knew, curled up in their cells and went to sleep. They steadfastly refused to implicate Mason, whom the police suspect of knowing more about the crime than he is willing to admit, although he gave the first alarm that resulted in the capture of the men.

The prisoners refused also to give the name of the sixth bandit, who drove the big blue touring car in which they traveled.

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Hold-Up Causes Sensation

The looting of the bank by the bandits, who were unmasked, was a sensation that stirred this section and towns many miles away. In a few minutes after the bandits had driven up near the bank, five of them had stepped out of their stolen machine, three entered the bank and were joined some time afterward by two companions, and before any one had a chance to stop them the hold-up men, after breaking up a directors' meeting and threatening to kill the bank president, had looted the vault and fled with revolvers drawn.

A throng of pedestrians who stood outside the bank while the bandits entered out the packages of money did not realize what was going on, so quickly was the robbery accomplished.

With a roar the bandits' machine drove away in the direction of Phoenixville. Inside the bank the directors and Horace Heiland, the paying teller, reached for the nearest telephone. In a few minutes Sergeant Stillwell and Corporal Hughes, of the State police, Constable George Campbell and Williams

and Evans, State troopers, reached the bank. They had been there but a few minutes when the telephone rang. Edward Brownback, president of the bank, took off the receiver, listened a moment and then said to Sergeant Stillwell: "I think this is for you."

A man on the other end of the wire told Sergeant Stillwell to come to 512 High street, Phoenixville, "right away."

Sergeant Stillwell and his detachment of police made the trip in a few minutes.

They had no difficulty arresting the five men after surrounding the house. The prisoners talked in a foreign language. Four revolvers and several knives were found in the place.

The men described themselves as Marcellino Palermo, Francesco Bartali, Joe Salvo, George Stewart and Charles Gianni.

All but \$2200 of the stolen money was located in various parts of the boarding house on High street.

A suitcase was found to contain \$6500 in gold pieces and banknotes wrapped in wrappers of the Spring City National Bank. In other parts of the house \$1300 was found. About \$2000 more is said to have been found hidden in the socks of one of the men who had secreted himself in the attic. He was the last of the five men to be captured and probably would have escaped had not Sergeant Stillwell ordered members of the party to return to the house, after they had gotten outside, and make a further search for the stolen money.

'PEACEFUL PICKETING' O. K., SMYTH REPORTS TO MAYOR

Cortelyou is Told to Have Police Allow Such Activities

Peaceful picketing is to be permitted by the police, according to an opinion sent Mayor Moore today by City Solicitor Smyth, and transmitted by the Mayor to Director Cortelyou.

The Mayor sent Smyth a reported opinion in a New York Court that "picketing is unnecessary," and that "picketing and the posting of sentinels are done as war measures. Our laws and institutions will not permit the waging of private war in such a manner." The Mayor asked the City Solicitor how far, in his opinion, peaceful picketing might go.

Smyth replied that the New York decision went further than the Pennsylvania Courts would be willing to go. "If picketing consists of nothing more than being peacefully upon the highways, without any of the incidents above indicated or others of a similar character, I do not think the public authorities should take such action," Smyth said.

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BLANKET LIFE NET SAVES TWO AT FIRE

Patrolmen Rouse Sleeping Couple When 61st and Thompson Streets House Burns

WILD LEAPS PREVENTED

Two persons were saved from possible death by fire at 2:15 o'clock this morning by two patrolmen from the Sixty-first and Thompson streets police station, who employed a blanket as a life net.

The wagon from that station, with Patrolmen Stillwell and Colless aboard, was returning from a call when attention was attracted to a dull glow in the cigar store of Samuel Gross, at 1434 North Fifty-fourth street. Just as the patrolmen left the patrol to investigate the lower floor burst into flames.

The policemen knifed on the doors, but it was several minutes before they could arouse Gross and his wife, who lay over the store. By the time that they were awake escape on the stairs had been cut off by the flames.

Stillwell ran and turned in an alarm, while Colless stood against the frightened couple not to jump. Gross and his wife, half blind with smoke, were standing on the window ledge preparing to leap for their lives.

When Stillwell returned the two patrolmen took a heavy blanket from the wagon.

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The policemen carried her to the wagon and then went back for Gross. He, too, hung by his hands and dropped safely into the blanket.

Mrs. Gross was taken to the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital. Gross suffered bruises, but was treated at his home.

The damage to the store and dwelling is about \$1500.

ASK REPRESENTATION

Labor Union and Railroad Men Want to Be on Unemployment Body

Mayor Moore today announced he had received requests from the Central Labor Union, the affiliated crafts of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway and from the District Council of Plasterers and Cement Finishers for representation on the Chamber of Commerce unemployment committee.

The Mayor referred the requests to Ernest T. Figg, chairman of the Industrial Relations Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

BACK FROM WAR TRAGEDY

Miss Grace Walker Just Missed Seeing Fiance Alive in France

After three years' work as a Red Cross executive in Poland and Russia, Miss Grace H. Walker, 5827 Wisconsin avenue, has returned home. Now she has taken up the work of the Welfare Federation, similar to that she did abroad.

Miss Walker spent some time in France as a volunteer worker in hospital during the war. Her trip to France was instigated by the news her fiance had been wounded. After a search she arrived at a dock in time to see the ship carrying him back home just disappearing. He later died at Camp Dix.

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JEWELED BRACELETS Diamonds - Emeralds - Sapphires - Rubies

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For an appointment for personal interview, please reply by mail, only, giving short resume of your experience, age and telephone number where you can be reached on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings of this week.

THE NATION'S BUSINESS

Chamber of Commerce of the U. S. A. 815 Mills Building Washington, D. C.

GLASS

Copper Store Fronts

A well-known firm of architects in one of our large eastern cities recently insisted upon the use of the Zouri Safety Key Set Indirect Screw Pressure Sash and Bars for the store fronts in a prominently located building because they combined strength and attractiveness with safety.

We are the sole agents for Zouri Copper Store Front Construction.

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