

THE WEATHER											
Snow tonight and Saturday; slightly warmer tonight with lowest about 20 degrees; increasing northeast winds.											
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR											
8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
16	17	20	21	22	23	23	23	23	23	20	19

ARTHUR ROSIER UNDER FIRE AT MURDER PROBE

Maid Says He Told Oscar's Wife of Alleged Philandering With 'Jerry'

SLAIN MAN'S BROTHER DENIES STATEMENT

Mrs. Rosier, Held Without Bail, Faints in Her Mother's Arms

COUNSEL IN BITTER CLASHES

Slayer Informed in Hospital Husband Ran Around With Typist, Witness Avers

'Me? I'm Busy,' Said Tailor, Double Murder at His Door

A little thing like a double murder apparently cuts only a small quantity of ice with William Miller, 137 North Eighth street, who works in a tailor shop in the building where the Rosier shooting occurred. Miller testified that he heard shots, that Mrs. Rosier came screaming down the stairs, crying that she had done the shooting. "But me, you see," explained Miller to the coroner. "I'm busy. I couldn't interfere. So I say: 'I'm busy.' I shut the door."

Arthur Rosier told Mrs. Catherine Rosier that her husband, Arthur's brother, was too friendly with Mildred Geraldine Reckitt, according to testimony at the Rosier inquest today.

John R. K. Scott, Mrs. Rosier's chief counsel, pilloried Arthur Rosier. "I am going to show who is the Iago in this case," shouted the attorney for the defense.

"We are going to prove an accessory," continued Mr. Scott. "We are going to show Arthur's continual urging, telling Mrs. Rosier about the conduct of her husband."

Mrs. Rosier, who shot and killed her husband, Oscar, an advertising man, and Miss Reckitt, his stenographer at Rosier's offices, 1314 Walnut street, last Saturday, was held without bail for court by Coroner Knight at the end of the inquest, which lasted three hours.

When Coroner Knight, ordering Mrs. Rosier to stand up, said: "I commit you to the county prison to await the action of the Grand Jury in the deaths of Oscar Rosier and Mildred Reckitt," the young woman fainted in the arms of her mother. She was revived in the coroner's office and then taken back to the Moyamensing Prison.

Sensational Grilling

The severe grilling of Arthur Rosier by Mr. Scott was the most sensational feature of the inquest.

But Arthur Rosier denied, in spite of every attempt to trap him into an admission, that he had said anything to Mrs. Rosier that would inflame her against her husband.

A succeeding witness, however, a maid employed for a time in the Rosier home, testified that she had many times heard Arthur Rosier advise Mrs. Rosier to get a divorce.

The witness said she had heard Arthur Rosier tell Mrs. Rosier that her husband was too friendly with Miss Reckitt.

Another witness, an intimate friend of Mrs. Rosier, testified that Mrs. Rosier had told her that Arthur had said his brother wanted Arthur to be caught in a compromising situation with Mrs. Reckitt, so Oscar could get a divorce.

This same woman friend of Mrs. Rosier testified to having gone to stay with the young wife, at her own request, while her husband was away, to protect her from any possibility of being compromised in this manner.

It was testified also that Mrs. Rosier said to her friend that she had met Miss Reckitt, had asked her to break off her friendship for Rosier, and that the girl had promised she would.

"I Was Intoxicated"

In addition to this another witness said Mrs. Rosier had exclaimed to him, directly after the shooting:

"I was intoxicated. While I was in the hospital three months ago when my baby was born, they (her husband and the girl) were running around together. When I came this afternoon I caught them."

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THREE STUDIES OF MRS. ROSIER, SLAYER



FOREIGN CARDINAL MAY BE NEXT POPE

Factions Disagree on Question of Rapprochement With Italian Government

PRELATES REACHING ROME

By the Associated Press. Rome, Jan. 27.—With the body of the late Pope Benedict lying away beneath the flagstones of St. Peter's, the interest of the Sacred College and the Vatican household turned today to the election of his successor. A conclave has been called for February 2 to choose the new pontiff.

The question of a rapprochement between the Church and the Italian Government enters into the elections. A thorough canvass of opinion in the Vatican shows that there is a party, or those advocating closer relations with the Government, are virtually deadlocked with the irreconcilables, or those opposing the first ballot as a vote on the number of votes each faction can muster. A two-thirds majority is necessary for election.

Benedict Policy Approved by 20
Twenty-nine cardinals, headed by Cardinal Gasparri, the Camerlengo or acting head of the Church, are known to favor continuation of Benedict's policy, which was understood to have been directed toward a resumption of relations with the Quirinal, twenty members of the Sacred College are thought to be just as strictly opposed, while nine are classified as neutral.

The attitude of the American Cardinals—O'Connell, of Boston, and Dougherty, of Philadelphia—is unknown at the Vatican, but the opinion is expressed that, unless a compromise is reached, a foreign Cardinal will be elected Pope. The majority enjoyed by the Italian members of the Sacred College is so evenly divided that the officials admit all depends upon the attitude of the foreign Cardinals.

The boom for Cardinal Maffi, Archbishop of Pisa, who was mentioned as favored by the Government, appears to be on the decline, while Cardinal Gasparri and Cardinal Archbishop Merry Val, respectively heads of the pro-party and the irreconcilables, are acknowledged by their supporters to have little chance of being elected themselves.

Laurent Now in List
The candidate of the Gasparri party is Cardinal Ratti, of Milan, while Merry Val's faction, after voting for the Italian, respectively heads of the pro-party and the irreconcilables, are acknowledged by their supporters to have little chance of being elected themselves.

KERN RESIGNS AS HEAD OF PENN TRUST COMPANY

Allentown Banker Retires to Avoid Prejudice Against Institution

Allentown, Pa., Jan. 27.—On account of his being in Europe and to avoid prejudice against the institution, which charges are being circulated about his connection with the sale of the Rosh Magnet Company, Martin E. Kern, who is in Paris, has resigned as president of the Penn Trust Company, Allentown, Pa.

When the campaign was first launched against Mr. Kern several days ago the bank took notice and invited inspection which was made by representatives of the clearing house. The clearing-house representatives went over the books until 3 o'clock in the morning and found the bank safe and sound, with adequate assets to protect its depositors. Among the heavy deposits is a \$2,500,000, and its standing is unquestioned.

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At the upper left, Mrs. Oscar Rosier, who killed her husband and his stenographer, Mildred 'Jerry' Reckitt, is shown with her mother, Mrs. Sue Reid. On the right she appears with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ralph Chappelle. Below is a single study. The photographs were taken at the inquest today.

DAVIS PROMISES REAL DRY STATE

Rutter Becomes Acting Assistant to Chief—Duncan Leads Enforcement Forces

VIOLATORS WARNED EARLY

The first official act today of the Rev. John T. Davis, new Federal Prohibition Director for Pennsylvania, was to name as his acting assistant Samuel L. Rutter, formerly associate director.

Dr. Davis announced that his name alone will appear on permits for the withdrawal of liquor from bonded warehouses. Heretofore the permits have been signed jointly by Rutter and by William C. McConnell, who resigned as Director.

"Bootleggers will be driven to the wall and 'moonroom' drug stores will be forced out of business," Dr. Davis declared, in announcing he will clamp the lid tightly on liquor withdrawals and permit the present system under which physicians and druggists now obtain liquor permits will be reorganized, the new official stated. A check-up on all distilleries in the State will begin at once, he said.

Director Davis reached his offices in the Vandam Building, Tenth and Chestnut streets, on the stroke of nine. He was greeted by Mr. Rutter, who has been the actual head of prohibition enforcement in Pennsylvania since he virtually superseded former Senator McConnell.

Davis and Rutter on Cordial Terms
Davis and Rutter appeared to be on cordial terms. They chatted for a few minutes after a hearty handshake and the Director then made clear the policy he plans to follow. He said Harvey L. Duncan will remain as provincial enforcement agent for this district.

"The best talent of the office will be applied to a rigid enforcement of the law," Dr. Davis said. "In order to do this most thoroughly, I solicit the co-operation of all good, true, loyal Americans."

"In a short time I will call on all police departments of the State to assist in making prohibition a reality as is contemplated by the Eighteenth Amendment."

So Tight It'll Squeak
"The bootleggers who are operating now will be driven to the wall. If people think the lid on liquor withdrawals is clamped tight now, I can promise them that the lid will be clamped even tighter. I intend to look the lid so perfectly that there will be no chance for unmanufactured liquor to leave bonded warehouses."

"A thorough check-up on distilleries in the State will begin at once. Next week I intend to make an inspection trip through my field, and I will look over all the offices and the men."

"Say for me I'm glad to be in Philadelphia," he continued. "I expect to be here for a long time. The first few days I will go around and get acquainted. I don't know yet whether I will make my headquarters here or in Harrisburg."

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ZELL GOES TO CELL BOASTING OF STOCK MARKET PLUNGING

Says a Little More Time Would Have Proved Him Justified

EATS RICH MEAL AND THEN STARTS HIS 22-YEAR TERM

Perhaps the outstanding character-istic of Charles D. Zell, embezzling banker, who arrived here today from Lancaster to begin a twenty-two and a half year term in the Eastern Penitentiary, is his frankness.

Zell, in his cell at the County Prison in Lancaster last night, spoke boastfully of his "averagings," as he enthusiastically terms the speculations which brought him crashing down.

He showed a rather vainglorious pride of his memory for abstract facts of ac-countancy, and said that only the cir-cumstance that his percentage of mis-takes was a little higher than calcula-tions had provided for had brought him ruin.

Zell solemnly gave his word that he had made it possible for the depositors of the Agricultural Trust Company, which lost \$200,000, to be returned "a hundred cents on every dollar."

Bank to Reopen
Under a new charter and under the revised name of Agricultural Trust and Savings Company, the bank is to be re-opened shortly. Zell says that this will be within a fortnight and that it will be largely the fruit of the co-op-eration he has given to the State Ex-aminers since his arrest on June 25.

"That," said Zell, "will be vindica-tion." He appears to think that a pardon will follow in short order. Then, he says, he will return to Lancaster to build again his own life and the life of his family. He counts on the "under-standing" and good will of the neigh-bors, who were his depositors, and the upright record of his early years here to make this a triumph in regenera-tion.

Zell is a man of forty-five, stocky, smooth-spoken, with a strong promi-nent nose, loose flabby jaws and deep set, unfathomable eyes. Last night his face was covered with three days growth of stiff dark hair.

Linen Soiled
He wore a fashionably-cut suit of striped duck stuff, but revealed at his throat the upper portion of a rather soiled union suit. His shirt and col-lar he was saving for the morning. He spoke without diffidence or hesi-tation. His voice betrayed a faint lisp and a trace of the Pennsylvania Dutch dialect to which he is heir.

"I asked," said Zell, "what if the fig-ures I gave the investigators were dis-tinged or questioned in any way, to be given the chance to correct what I said or to prove it from the figures in the books and from obtainable facts. Not once was this necessary. Every state-ment that I made was certified cor-rect."

Basketball Scores
Catholic High 15 19-34
St. Joe Prep 9 11-20
Northeast High 13 19-37
Frankford High 13 11-21

Additional Racing Results
NEW ORLEANS—Sundays—Belle Hill, 8-5, 7-10, 1-4, won; John A. B. 12-1, 3-1, 3-1, second; Tiana, 2-1, 7-10, 1-4, third. Time, 2:04 1/5. Dabobob II and Harvest King also ran.

VARE PLEDGES AID TO WOMEN CANDIDATES
Women candidates for the Legislature will be supported by the Vermont Republican organization at the May primary, Senator Vane announced today after a two-hour conference with Mrs. Barclay H. Warburton, Republican State Committee vice chairman.

SECOND ARMS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD
WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—A resolution providing for another conference between representatives of the five Powers, to consider rules of warfare was agreed to today by the permanent committee of the Arms Conference.

FARM CONFERENCE INDORSSES WATERWAY PROJECT
WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence waterway project was endorsed today by the National Agricultural Conference.

SNOW TONIGHT!
Coming as Temperature Begins to Rise

LONG SHOT WINS
New Orleans, La., Jan. 27.—Honora Blue paid 12 to 1 in winning the opening race here this afternoon. The winner was followed to the wire by Archib and Grumpy Lee, and was ridden by Jockey Seobie.

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PITTSBURGH POLICE AND BANK ROBBERS IN PITCHED BATTLE

Bandits Escape After Being Cornered in House—Gordon Spread Around Streets

CRAFTON CASHIER SLAIN; CLERKS LOCKED IN VAULT

Bandit Alarm Given by Boy Radio Operator and Girl

Pittsburgh, Jan. 27.—(By A. P.)—A boy amateur radio operator who saw the bandits enter the First National Bank of Crafton today and heard the shot which killed the assistant cashier hastened to his home and sent out a brief description of the robbers, together with the fact of the robbery.

When one of the bandits pointed a pistol at her head and ordered her to "line up against the wall," Miss Margaret Grier, one of the bank clerks, pretended to swoon and threw out her arm in such a manner as to touch an electric button controlling the burglar alarm. Instantly the bell sounded in the Crafton police station.

By the Associated Press
Pittsburgh, Jan. 27.—Five men walked into the First National Bank of Crafton, a suburb, six miles south of here, this morning, and after killing Harold T. Cross, assistant cashier, forced five clerks and a woman customer into a vault.

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Within an hour after the robbery a party of city detectives on their way to the bank met an automobile filled with men on the North Side. The order to stop was answered by a fusillade of shots, and the car kind of going.

The detectives lost a little time in turning, but soon overtook the bandits, who abandoned their car and scattered. They dashed into buildings in the vicinity of Pennsylvania and Irwin avenues, with the detectives close at their heels.

While some of the officers followed the fleeing robbers, who were answering their firing shot for shot, others took charge of the car and found what they believed to be all of the loot stolen from the bank.

Fire From Windows
Meantime the bandits had run through the buildings facing the street, and out of the back doors into the highways and alleys. They were so closely followed by the great crowd attracted by all the available reserves on the North Side, and motorcycle men from the downtown district, that they took refuge in a house on Pennsylvania avenue.

Stationing themselves at advantageously located windows, they opened fire on the police, who prepared to enter the building. A great crowd attracted by the firing gathered in the vicinity and watched the battle.

After an exchange of shots between the house and the policemen in the street, firing from the house slackened and finally ceased. Investigation revealed that the bandits had escaped and made their way through the yards of the Pennsylvania Railroad yards. A cordon of police was thrown around the entire section by George McCandless, Director of Public Safety, who with Police Superintendent J. M. Conroy, town, took command of the policemen who had been ordered from their beats in all parts of the city. Two men and a woman located in the restricted area were taken into custody and detained for examination.

The automobile used in the robbery was taken to Central Police Station, where it was held until the rear had been riddled with bullets. It contained two pistols of heavy caliber, and the package, believed to be the loot from the bank. Also in the car were four overcoats and a hat. One coat bore the mark of Garber & Laughlin Company, Cleveland, and the hat appar-ently had been sold by Frank D. Bond & Co., of Erie. It was a black derby and lined with the band were the letters "T. E. L."

Every Street Guarded
Director McCandless said that the police lines had been extended to cover all of the lower North Side section, every street being guarded. Detectives were then ordered to take up their orders to sweep the district thoroughly. The police held to the theory that the bandits have been unable to break through the lines, and are hidden in a house in the section.

The bandits, unarmed, were armed with automatic revolvers. They spoke excellent English. The Crafton bank employes said:

"Work fast and shoot to kill if they don't obey your orders," were the words uttered by the leader of the gang, a gray-haired man, as they entered the bank. Most took fire from his waist, as did the other employes, to find they were all covered by pistols. The leader then sent two of his party to the vault room, where he could fire one of the bandits shot, suddenly reached for his pistol, but before he could fire one of the bandits shot him through the head.

Disregarding his body as it lay on the floor, the leader drove the whole party into the vault, worked quickly, and then won left the bank, taking with them all the cash in sight and the securities. The robbery occurred at 9:50 o'clock.

\$180,000 Robbery in Mississippi
Hattiesburg, Miss., Jan. 27.—(By A. P.)—The Grant Motor Company, of this city, was robbed of \$180,000 in bonds and securities early today by two men who held up the night clerk.

Woman Dies From Burns
Johnstown, Pa., Jan. 27.—(By A. P.)—Miss Theresa Marsdi died in a hospital here today from burns suffered last Wednesday when her dress ignited from a torch she was using to thaw frozen pipes.

MARDIAN GRAB NEW ORLEANS
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