

SHEARER INSANE, SAYS WIFE'S KIN

Grandmother of Woman Slain in Locomotive Tragedy

TAKES CHILD TO NEW YORK

By a Staff Correspondent. Williamsport, Pa., July 21.—The only person who might reveal the real cause of what police officials regard as the most amazing double play in Locomotive County's history left here this morning for New York.

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Thought He Was Losing Mind. "I believe I am losing my mind," he said when he returned from work and took great delight in saying nasty things to his granddaughters.

Called Murder and Suicide. The official conclusion in connection with the tragedy is murder and suicide. The bodies of Shearer and his wife were found in Locomotive Creek near Bodine, twenty miles from Williamsport, shortly before 7 o'clock Wednesday evening, by a party of motorists.

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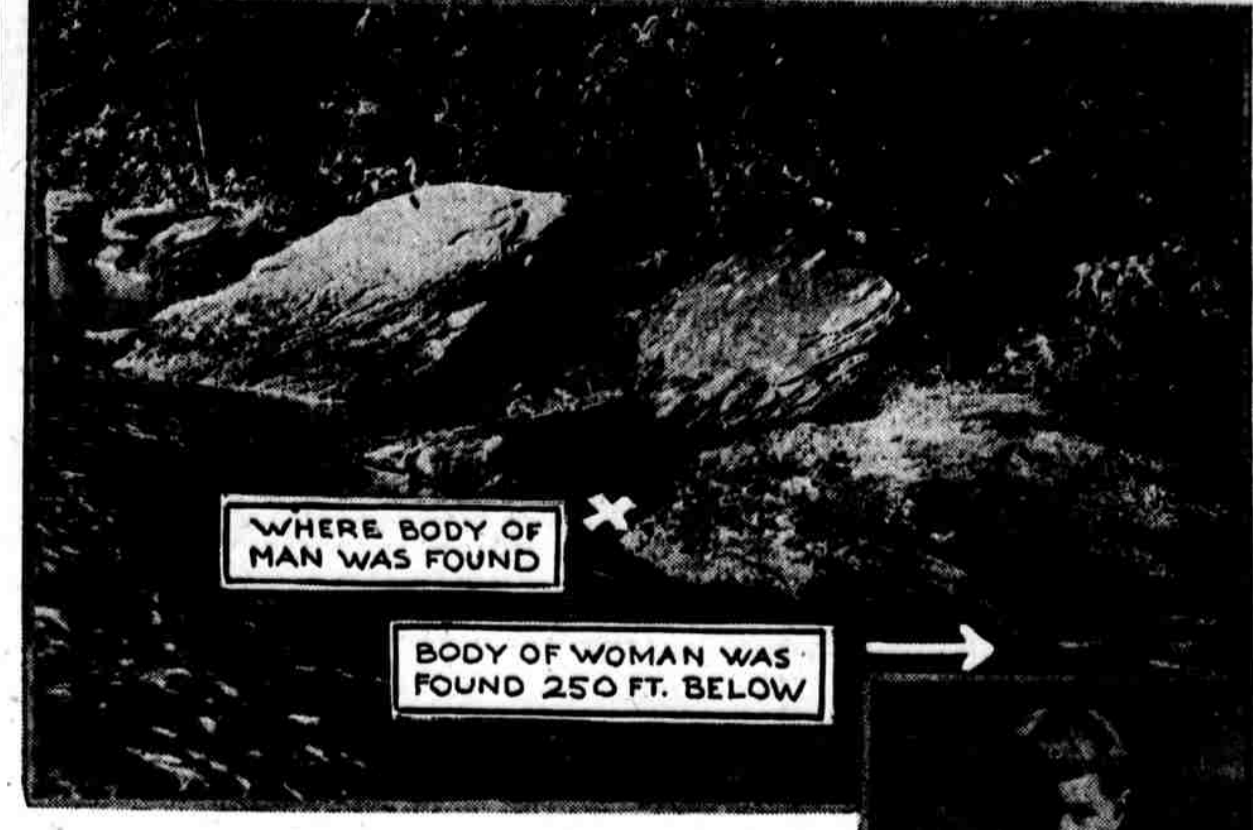
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MURDER SCENE AND CHILD WHO BARED IT



GIRL KILLED, THREE BOYS HURT IN ACCIDENTS

Overturn of Express Wagon Throws Child Under Cart

A three-year-old girl was instantly killed when a small express wagon with which she was playing overturned, throwing her beneath the wheels of a city garbage wagon, and three small boys were seriously injured by automobiles near their homes last night.

The girl, Sarah Kelly, 4412 Lancaster avenue, was dead when she was removed from under the wheels of the wagon. Her body was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital, William Harris, Negro, Forty-second street near Green, was the driver of the wagon.

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FIGHT ON RECTOR MAY GO TO COURT

Charges of Vestrymen of St. Jude and Nativity Get Denial

Instead of resigning from their positions as vestrymen of the Church of St. Jude and the Nativity, Eleventh and Mount Vernon streets, as requested by a majority vote of the congregation, the six vestrymen who yesterday started open warfare against the Rev. James C. Crosson, rector, may start legal proceedings to remove the minister.

This was intimated today by F. J. Smith, secretary of the church, when asked to make public the charges the vestrymen were holding against Mr. Crosson, in the absence of C. William Spess, accounting warden of the congregation and leader in the fight against the rector.

Such as this institution is a corporation under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania," Mr. Smith said, "whatever charges we have to prefer against Mr. Crosson will be made in the usual manner."

The church is the corporation," he said, "and the vestry is supposed to represent the church, not misrepresent it. The corporation, which is the church, has gone on record in this question by supporting me in this controversy. As for resigning, I don't intend to take such a step now or in the near future. I have received many messages of support from members of the congregation in the last twenty-four hours."

The other vestrymen are D. A. Knight, A. B. Melville, G. E. Skirne and E. J. W. Warner. They have no official recognition as yet on the county committee. In addition to urging the women to go, buy politically in the interest of the Republican ticket, Mrs. Melick also will point out to them the necessity of organizing political clubs.

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PURSUE GINSBERG PROBE

W. R. Nicholson Must Explain Charges of Influence

William R. Nicholson, Jr., secretary of the Law Enforcement League, will be asked to explain his charges that money and political influence played a part in the parole by Judge Quigley of "Izale" Ginsberg, dope peddler.

Judge Quigley, who came here from Center County, and after a public hearing revoked the Ginsberg parole and sent the dope peddler back to prison, had served notice on the Law Enforcement League and the father of William R. Nicholson that the case will be reopened as soon as young Mr. Nicholson returns to the city.

By way of reply to Judge Quigley it was intimated that Mr. Nicholson would maintain that he was misquoted, and that he did not imply that money and political influence played a part in the parole of Ginsberg, or upon former Judge Patterson, who recommended the parole of Ginsberg.

William R. Nicholson, Sr., said today he had heard from his son, who wrote from Michigan. "The letter," said Mr. Nicholson, "came from Michigan. My son may merely have stopped there for a short time. He did not say where he was. He knows nothing about the Ginsberg matter. I suppose the matter can wait until my son returns. He said nothing about the date of his homecoming, but I expect him in about ten days."

Mackinac Island is a summer resort at the head of Lake Huron, within the Michigan borders, and about 320 miles by water from Detroit.

Several Philadelphians included in Will of John Jameson, of Illinois. In the will of John Jameson, former Mayor of Aurora, filed for probate in Bloomington, Ill., yesterday, several Philadelphians received bequests varying from \$500 to \$3000. The will disposes of an estate of \$135,000.

Following are the bequests made: Jennie E. Myrick, Philadelphia, \$3000; Mrs. Sara E. McNichols, Philadelphia, \$500; Mrs. Smith, daughter of Mrs. Jan Spratt, Philadelphia, \$2000; Mary E. Spratt, Philadelphia, \$3000; Bella Coleman, Meadville, Pa., \$3000; Mrs. Margaret Brangan, Philadelphia, \$500; Annie Chambers, Ocean City, N. J., \$500; Mrs. Lizzie McCauley, Philadelphia, \$500; Anna McCauley, Philadelphia, \$1000; Anna Pierce, Monaca, Pa., \$1000; Ed. Robinson, Aurora, \$800; Alice Bonar, Aurora, \$800; Mrs. Anna Worley, Aurora, \$1000; Old Ladies Home, Aurora, \$1000; First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, \$500; Mrs. Matson, West Philadelphia, \$500; Jennie Chambers, Ocean City, N. J., \$500.

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GRANDPARENTS WIN DANCING PRIZE

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Copestick, 2019 Summer St., Are Best Waiters at Parkway

SHE TAUGHT HIM STEPS

To the persuasive strains of an old-fashioned waltz, Harry Copestick, sixty-one years old, and his wife, Jennie, fifty-eight, of 2019 Summer street, danced on the Parkway last night and won first prize.

"And I never was so surprised in all my life," said Mrs. Copestick, as she laughingly told about it today. "It was nice and cool last night and we said to Dad that I wanted to go over and have a dance."

"So away we went. It is the first time we have ever danced over here, and Dad and I were dancing around when we were asked to go in the contest. I sort of didn't want to, but my mother went, and I never seen so many people before in my life."

"But Dad put his arms around me and said, 'Come on, Jen, we can do just as good as any of the others.' Guess I forgot about the people when we once got going. Made me think of other days when Dad and I were keeping company."

"The other boys and girls did the new-fangled steps. We don't know those, but I like the plain waltz better. In anything I've seen the others doing."

Mrs. Copestick is not very tall, has gray hair and blue eyes which half close as she laughed. "You know, I thought Dad to dance with me and we went together. I lived in Germantown. One time we went to a dance and I wanted to dance, but Dad said he didn't know how. So I got him off in a corner and showed him the steps."

Mr. and Mrs. Copestick have eight children and five grandchildren. "Every time the phone rings, I expect it to be one of my sons. I can just hear them, too. They'll say, 'Mother, what have you been doing?'"

"But I don't care," she said. "I declare I'd like to frame the \$5 for the first thing we ever won."

Miss Marguerite Walz, in charge of the Parkway dancing, had Mr. Copestick for a partner last night. There were so many excellent dancers last night that it was extremely difficult to choose the best, she said. "But I danced with Mr. Copestick and he most certainly does dance very well."

To Wed Clubman



MISS FRANCES HAGY of Lansdowne, whose engagement to H. C. Yarrow, Jr., of 2022 Walnut street, has been announced.

Engagement of Clubman to Lansdowne Girl Surprises Friends. Society was pleasantly surprised today at the announcement of the engagement of Harry C. Yarrow, Jr., son of George R. Yarrow, of 2022 Walnut street, to Miss Frances Hagy, sister of Mrs. Ralph R. Hays, of Lansdowne, who made the announcement.

The bride-to-be now lives with her sister, Mrs. Harold Ogden, at the Ogden home on Lansdowne avenue. She is twenty-three years of age, domestic and yet "full of pep," according to her friends. She was graduated from Birmingham Seminary, this State, and has traveled extensively.

Miss Hagy said today that the marriage would take place soon, but that it would be a quiet affair, due to the fact that Mr. Yarrow's mother died recently.

Friends and relatives of Mr. Yarrow expressed surprise when informed of the engagement last night. In club circles it was said that "Harry has never been considered a seasoned bachelor."

Depart When Mistresses Are Taken to Public Institution. When Dr. J. A. Beck, Gloucester health officer, went to the home of the Misses Isabella and Mary Hartwell, Powell street near Third, today to remove the effects of the two aged women taken in charge by the health authorities, he found that fourteen of the twenty cats once kept in the establishment had departed.

Those remaining, according to Dr. Beck, are John, Jim, Harry, Allen, Alonzo and Harris.

According to a motorist, four of the cats were seen ambling along a road just outside of Gloucester yesterday, bound in the general direction of Westwood.

PENSION 11 CITY WORKERS

All Have Been in Service Twenty Years or More. Eleven city employees were placed on the pension list today, having been twenty years or more in the municipal service.

They are: Peter R. Diets and Ezra Hutchinson, guards in the House of Correction; Robert Robinson, George Bennett, Moses Ballantine, William Joffers and Kennedy McNeal, of the Water Bureau; Thomas T. Haines, a carpenter; Louis Pfleger, a fireman; John McCabe, a boiler inspector; and Harry F. Barber, of the Court of Common Pleas.

They will receive monthly amounts varying from \$41.81 to \$93.47.

Chester Plant Said to Have Failed for \$1,000,000. Judge Johnson, of Media, today appointed E. Wallace Chadwick, a Chester attorney, and Howard M. Lutz, a Media attorney, as receivers for the Thurlow Steel Works, of Chester.

During the hearing Frank G. Moorehead, one of the attorneys for the defendant company and also representing some of the creditors, informed them that the Thurlow Steel Company was insolvent to the extent of \$1,000,000. The company was organized during the war, making munitions. Shortly after the signing of the armistice the company failed.

Admitted to Bail on Attack Charge. Harold Atkinson, a Negro, of Media, was admitted to \$2000 bail today by Judge Johnson. He is charged with an attack on Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton.

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BOY'S BODY IN RIVER Drowned Child in Bathing Suit May Be Philadelphia. The body of an eleven-year-old boy, clad in blue bathing trunks, was found in the Delaware River this morning between National Park and the Red Bank sanatorium by men walking along the river bank. The boy was of dark complexion and wore a silver ring on the middle finger of the right hand. Inasmuch as no boys have been reported missing from the neighborhood, Coroner David Brewer, of Woodbury, Coroner the body in charge, thinks that the boy may be one of many Philadelphia boys who bathe in the vicinity.

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