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Coroner Questions Son

The youth was questioned by the coroner an hour after the shooting, and admitted having been in the room, but denied that he fired the shot that killed his mother.

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Judge Monaghan, sworn foe of the drug ring, has been threatened with death if he persists in prosecuting the peddlers of poison.

Believe Letters from One Gang

Postal inspectors, working on the case, believe the letters to the League and the letter threatening death to the judge who has been the drug ring's mercenary foe may be from the same gang.

No Shell in Shotgun

No shell was found in the shotgun when it was picked up later from the floor of the front room.

FIND 'KIDNAPPED' GIRL SLEEPING UNDER TREE

Child, 4, Disappears at Wedding Party and All-Night Search Follows

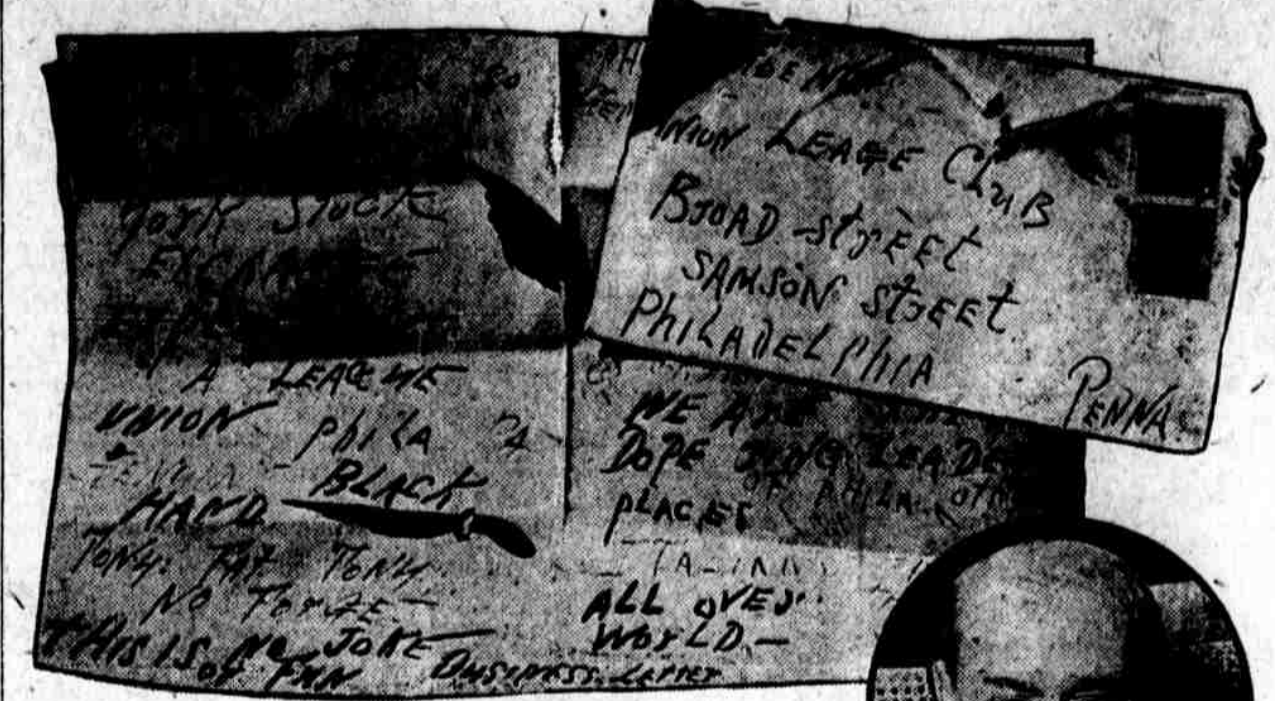
WOMAN'S VIVID HOLD-UP TALE PROVES A FIZZLE

'Highwayman' Simply Stopped Quarrel, She Says Now

Woman Gored to Death by Bull

Huntingdon, Pa., Sept. 12.—Mrs. Ida McGreger, 40, was gored to death by a bull at her farm, four miles from Huntingdon, today.

DEATH TO JUDGE MONAGHAN THREATENED BY 'DRUG RING'; BOMB FOR UNION LEAGUE



Price Put on Jurist's Head, Says Letter—Others Demand \$50,000 of the Union League

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HALTS ELOPEMENT OF SHORE BEAUTY

Mother of 'Miss Florida' Wants Wedding to Take Place in South

BISHOP BERRY WINS FIGHT FOR MOVIES

Defeats Opposition to Screen Productions at Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting

SHOWERS PREVENT NATIONAL TENNIS

Rain Causes Postponement of the Fourth Round Until Tomorrow

KID MCCOY KNOCKED OUT BY CUPID IN NINTH ROUND

Former Pugilist's Romance Wrecked by 'Red Head's' Message

GARY TRAIN WRECK CAUSED BY PLOTTERS

U. S. Bureau Finds Accident Due to 'Malicious Tampering With Track'

SON LOST 20 YEARS AGO RETURNS TO MOTHER HERE

Name Confused When Infant Boy Was Placed in Foundling Institution and Later Sent to Kansas

HELD IN \$15,000 BAIL AS DRUG DISTRIBUTOR

Man Recently Arrested Near House of Correction to Go Before Court

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VENICE CONFERENCE TO WAIT UNTIL BASIS OF DISCUSSION HAS BEEN REACHED

FRANCE, BRITAIN, GREECE AND TURKEY IN TREATY

MEANWHILE PREPARATIONS CONTINUE FOR POSSIBLE DEFENSE OF THE DARDANELLES

By Associated Press

Paris, Sept. 12.—Conversations are taking place between Great Britain and France and the Turkish Nationalist and Greek Governments over the question of arriving at a basis of peace in the Near East.

BOY CONFESSES HE ACCIDENTALLY SHOT MOTHER

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Patrolman Martin J. Hart, of the Twentieth and Buttonwood streets station, was today recommended for dismissal by the Civil Service Commission after he had been found guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer.

CLERICALS ARE WORRIED

The High Commissioner informed Hamid Bey the Nationalist representative, to this effect, and he will call to the attention of the Angora Government.

MONEY-FILLED AUTO IS REPORTED STOLEN

Cigar Company Collector's Visit to Cigar Store Was Costly One

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Alice Thornton Arraigned; Enters 'Not Guilty' Plea

Film Star Involved in Shooting Held for Trial on October 9

Protests Her Innocence and Declares She Was Never Infatuated With Bergen

Hackensack, N. J., Sept. 12.—Alice Thornton, George Cline, motion-picture location manager, and Charles Scullion, his brother-in-law, all pleaded not guilty when arraigned today on indictments charging them with the murder of Jack Bergen, motion-picture stunt actor.

LAST-MINUTE NEWS

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ERRORS ARE FOUND IN P. R. T. VALUATION

Clement Orders Report Submitted to Certified Public Accountants

Public Service Commissioner Clement today ordered that the report made by the city's experts on the valuation of the P. R. T. Company be submitted to certified public accountants to be checked over, with a view to correcting minor inaccuracies.

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PRESIDENT'S WIFE HAS PASSED CRISIS; ANXIETY LESSENS

Latest Bulletin Gives More Encouraging Report at White House

OPERATION DECLARED UNNECESSARY AT PRESENT

Cabinet Session Called Off So That President May Rest

Washington, Sept. 12.—The crisis in Mrs. Harding's condition "seems to have been passed," an official bulletin issued by attending physicians at 9:35 A. M. today said.

The text of the bulletin, signed by Brigadier General C. E. Sawyer, White House physician, follows:

"Mrs. Harding's condition, 8 A. M.: Temperature, 98.8; pulse, 94; respiration, 32. Early part of night, restless. Later part, comfortable. General appearances improved. Enlargement due to pneumonia decreasing. Laboratory findings favorable. Crisis seems to have been passed. Operation deemed unnecessary for the present."

The bulletin was described by members of the executive household as "the best news" that has come from the bedside of the patient since her condition became critical last week. It showed a drop of 1.2 degrees in temperature from normal to normal, while her condition seriously ill. Both pulse and respiration this morning were slightly above last night's readings, but the physicians in attendance have emphasized these might be expected to vary.

Immediately after the morning bulletin was issued there was noticeable a decided lessening of the tension which has existed at the White House and in official circles close to the President and Mrs. Harding.

The Cabinet session today, however, was called off as well as the President's semi-weekly meeting with newspaper men. The Cabinet session today, however, was called off as well as the President's semi-weekly meeting with newspaper men.

Give Optimistic Reports

Early visitors to the White House were given optimistic reports as to the condition of the President's wife.

Secretary Weeks said Mrs. Harding's condition during the night and early today was a marked improvement over the latter part of last week and it was expected that a respite, it was not expected that an operation would be necessary.

Senators from Minnesota and Hale, of Maine, who also called early in the day, received reports as to the patient's condition which they described as most favorable.

The symptoms of increased elimination of wastes through the kidneys noted in last night's bulletin to which attending physicians attached the greatest hope, it had been explained by General Sawyer in discussing the case with newspaper men late in the afternoon. It had given the doctors, he said, a sense of relief they had not felt heretofore.

Although an increase of one-half of one degree in the patient's temperature from that recorded yesterday morning was noted in the night bulletin, at which time it was 100, a pulse registry of 90 showed a decrease of six points since morning and of 20 points since noon. In the night bulletin, it had decreased two points since morning to 28, being nearly normal.

Dr. Charles Mayo, who was called to Washington from Rochester, Minn., for consultation particularly on the surgical phases of Mrs. Harding's case, will leave for home this afternoon or tonight, it was announced at the White House. Dr. Mayo, it was said, feels he can leave the White House since surgical requirements have subsided.

Departure of Dr. Mayo will leave as consultants to Dr. Sawyer, the family physician.

BANKRUPTCY ACTION AGAINST M. M. WOLFF

Broker's Creditors Say He Failed to Deliver Securities

An action in bankruptcy was started today in New York against M. M. Wolff, a stock broker with an office at 1612 Walnut street and offices in New York, Baltimore, Rochester and other cities.

Mr. Wolff lives at 5128 Spruce street. Last June he was critically injured in his automobile at Lawrenceville, N. J. It was feared at first that Mr. Wolff's life was in jeopardy, but he has almost fully recovered.

The involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed by three creditors who charge Wolff failed to deliver securities for which he was given \$200,000. Mention was made of liabilities or assets in the petition.

This belief is further strengthened today, but he was said to be out of the city.

BELIEVE AMUNDSEN IS ON WAY TO POLE

Norwegian Explorer Thought to Have Flown From Alaska

Copenhagen, Sept. 12.—(By A. P.) It is generally believed here that Captain Roald Amundsen, Norwegian explorer, has already undertaken his daring flight across the North Pole from Northern Alaska.

This belief is further strengthened today, but he was said to be out of the city.

APARTMENTS TO SUIT EVERY PURSE quickly by consulting the Apartments column on page 36.—46c.