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PHONE IN DESERTED HOME NEW CLUE IN DUAL MURDER

Wired Farmhouse Is Now Believed to Be Trusting Place of Death GUN SHELLS FOUND AT REAR ENTRANCE

Thorough Search, However, Fails to Show That Actual Shooting Occurred There

WEALTHY WOMAN, IN LOVE WITH RECTOR, IS SOUGHT

Bexon-Husband of Slain Chorister and Daughter Eliminated From Inquiry

New Brunswick, N. J., Sept. 20.—A telephone line from the old Phillips house, two miles in the country, regarded by detectives as offering one of the best clues to the solution of the mysterious murder of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Reinhardt Mills.

The wire, attached to an old elm at the back of the house, links the 100-year-old farmstead with the rest of the world. The telephone has never been disconnected, though the Phillips family have been gone since July.

It was reported by a news service that a pad had been found on the telephone stand with the name "Willie Stevens," and a telephone number, Willie Stevens is the eccentric brother of Mrs. Hall. Later the same service issued a correction of the report. The name was "W. A. Phillips," and the number "730-R."

The name and number were scrawled in heavy pencil on a piece of corrugated cardboard. A new angle was given the case this afternoon when a woman who spoke for Mrs. Hall, as a close friend of the family, made the assertion that the minister's body had been robbed of an expensive gold watch, and his pockets almost emptied of money.

She said the family believed the crime was a case of mistaken identity. The family believed, she said, that the murder of Mr. Hall and Mrs. Mills, choir singer and sexton's wife, had been committed elsewhere and the bodies taken to the place where they were found last Saturday.

Investigation showed that the telephone in the old farm house was in the name of William A. Phillips, former owner of the house. The number is New Brunswick 734 R, and the address listed is Easton avenue, the proper address of the house.

Tells of Buying House Samuel L. Levin, real estate man of New Brunswick, explained some of the mystery concerning the house and the telephone. He said he had bought the house in July from the Phillips family, stipulating that the furniture should be left there and the telephone also allowed to remain.



CHARLOTTE MILLS Sixteen-year-old daughter of Mrs. Eleanor Reinhardt Mills, murdered choir singer, leaving the courthouse at New Brunswick, N. J., with her aunt, Mrs. Elsie Reinhardt, after she had been questioned for hours by the County Prosecutor. The aunt is hiding her face from the photographer

Choir Singer's Daughter, 16, Adds Mystery to Murder

Silent, Unemotional in Midst of Tragedy, She, Like Slain Rector's Widow, Stands Out as Strange Figure in Investigation

New Brunswick, N. J., Sept. 20.—Pale, silent, but entirely composed, Charlotte Mills, the sixteen-year-old daughter of Mrs. Eleanor Mills, whose body was found in a secluded spot on the Phillips farm last Saturday with that of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall, emerged from her hours of grilling at the courthouse at the hands of the officials investigating the double slaying.

Holding her aunt, Mrs. Elsie Reinhardt, tightly by the arm, the girl came down the steps, defiantly gazing at the crowd which stood below. As the cameras clicked the curious stares of the passers-by on her pale face, an avalanche of questions was launched in her direction. The girl never flinched. With her arm around her aunt, who muffled her face in her fur, she led the way to a waiting taxi.

Once inside, she leaned forward on the edge of the seat, her hands clasped in her lap, gazing straight ahead, her lips closed, rigidly, but never once did Charlotte speak or change expression.

Dressed in black, with black hood earrings and a black hat, which shaded her eyes, she looked much older than a young schoolgirl. If she was frightened, she hid her fears under a mask of calmness. If terror-stricken, her expressionless eyes and contempt in her gaze were the only emotions visible.

Of the three women concerned in the tragedy the lips of one are sealed by death. The lips of the two others are close, but their eyes tell of the slayings. Both in the slummy weather-beaten house on Chestnut street, where Charlotte Mills lives, and in the big house on the hill, where the wealthy widow of the murdered clergyman is staying in seclusion, there is silence—the silence of sorrow.

'DRUG RING QUEEN,' MISSING, FORFEITS HER REDUCED BAIL

Annie Miller, so-called "Queen of the Drug Ring," failed to appear for trial this morning before Judge McDevitt on a charge of selling narcotics.

The woman's bail had been reduced from \$15,000 to \$1000 last Friday by Judge Finletter over the protests of Assistant District Attorney Gordon, who said he feared she would become a fugitive.

On Mr. Gordon's motion, Judge McDevitt ordered forfeiture of the bail bond and issued a bench warrant for the missing woman. This was at 11:15 o'clock.

Her Counsel Appears Later The Court had passed on to another case when State Senator Salus, of counsel for the accused woman, entered the court. No one had responded for her when the court clerk called her three times.

Senator Salus asked for a postponement of Annie Miller's trial. He said her physical condition was such that he had advised her to go away for a rest. Later he admitted he did not know where she went.

Word of the postponement plea was flashed to Assistant District Attorney Gordon and he hurried into court to oppose the motion.

"When Annie Miller appeared before Judge Finletter she was a well woman," said Gordon. "This sickness developed after she had been released in \$1000 bail. The case was supposed to have come up Monday night, but no reason why she should not have appeared today."

The Assistant District Attorney again moved for forfeiture of the bail and the issuance of a bench warrant, two moves already directed by Judge McDevitt.

Effort to "Railroad" Her Alleged But Senator Salus continued his argument. "Annie Miller should get the same consideration as any other prisoner," he said. "She should not be made the

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French and Italian Troops Quit Asiatic Key Position

London, Sept. 20.—(By A. P.)—Official confirmation was received here today from Constantinople stating that the French had withdrawn their troops from Chanak and that the Italians were apparently doing the same thing.

The British force is remaining alone at that point, which is the key position on the Asiatic side of the Straits of Dardanelles.

BRITISH-FRENCH ACCORD NEAR ON TURKISH PROBLEM

Agreement "Reasonably Assured" After Conference of Curzon and Poincare

Paris, Sept. 20.—An agreement between Great Britain and France on the Near Eastern problem seemed reasonably assured after a two and one-half hour conversation between Premier Poincare and Lord Curzon, British Foreign Secretary, at the French Foreign Office this forenoon.

The two Ministers outlined to each other at great length the views of their Governments, and considerable progress was believed to have been made toward an understanding.

Lord Curzon is understood to have informed M. Poincare that Great Britain would insist upon the absolute freedom of the Straits of the Dardanelles and the Aegean Sea, and freedom by the presence of a large fleet.

The British Foreign Secretary, however, is said to have intimated that the British military effort in the Near East would be confined to the navy, which gave rise to the impression that

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Harding's Strength Shown in Bonus Veto Message

President, Hardened by Industrial Troubles, Reveals Himself in More Positive Role Than Ever Before

Washington, Sept. 20.—The general reaction of the veto of the bonus is that President Harding has dealt the adjusted compensation proposal a smashing blow, and that the writer of the message is a different and much stronger Mr. Harding than the one who has been shifting his position hitherto upon pressing issues.

It is taken for granted that the veto will be sustained in the Senate, although the vote will be close, it will not measure the actual strength of the President in the Senate. Three or four more votes might be had for sustaining the veto if they were needed.

Several Senators who are up for reelection wish to be recorded for the bonus in order to retain the soldier vote in November, but privately they agree with Mr. Harding, and if necessary, would sustain him.

Treasury Deficit Grows Bonus What really kills the bonus, at least for the present Administration, is the revelation in the veto message of the present state of the Treasury. The President writes that the deficit this year will be \$650,000,000.

The paper savings which Congress effected are largely disappearing, and unless improved business conditions greatly increase government income, higher taxes will be inevitable next year. Mr. Harding takes the position that no additional money can be doled out to the veterans unless means to raise it are provided by taxation. And no Congress will face the responsibility of meeting the present deficit and at the same time piling on taxes to pay a bonus.

Moreover, there will be an increase in the anti-bonus forces in Congress at the coming election. The issue has been fought out in the primaries in many places, and generally to the discomfiture of the bonus advocates.

If the Administration wins in the coming election, as is now generally expected, the result will be interpreted as a vote against the bonus. And this will lessen the temptation to seek the soldier vote in 1924 by increasing the veterans' compensation just before the national campaign in that year.

Moreover, Mr. Harding himself is steadily taking stronger ground against the raid of the treasury by the politicians. The writer of yesterday's message is not the usual good-natured Mr. Harding, who says pleasant things and holds out vague promises for the future.

It is a very different Mr. Harding than the one who went to the Senate a year ago and asked for the postponement of the bonus until a more convenient season, when it would be more feasible for the Government to bear the burden of additional pay to the soldiers.

Mr. Harding's weakness has always been that he hates to say no. If he had said a year ago what he says now, the bonus agitation would have been kept within bounds.

But all along he left the impression that he would sign a bonus bill if Congress could provide the means of raising the money.

HOUSE SEEKS TO PASS BONUS BILL OVER VETO

Is Expected to Act on Soldier Measure Early This Afternoon

SENATE MAY DELAY VOTE UNTIL TOMORROW

Leaders Doubtful About Final Test of Compensation Proposal

HARDING'S VETO DEFINITE

Says Congress Should Have Provided Means for Financing Bill

The full text of President Harding's message vetoing the Bonus Bill appears on page four.

Washington, Sept. 20.—The Soldiers' Bonus Bill, vetoed yesterday by President Harding, was to be started today on a second voyage through Congress.

Favorable action by the House was looked for generally, but friends of the measure doubted that they could muster in the Senate the two-thirds majority necessary to override the veto.

The plan was to call up the bill in the House soon after noon and to have a rollcall after an hour or two of debate.

The time of Senate action was indefinite. Some favored the final test of strength immediately after the House vote, but others, and these included several of the Republican leaders, counseled delay until tomorrow. It was their view that with the bonus issue disposed of it would be difficult to keep a quorum for action on important matters awaiting decision before adjournment of Congress.

In his message to the House, President Harding based his veto of the bonus largely on the ground of the failure of the Republican majority to provide financing and the consequent heavy drain it would prove on the Treasury.

He made it clear that the interest on the foreign debt could not be relied upon, asserting that even taking into account such payments as were likely to be received from that source the Treasury faced a deficit of \$650,000,000 this year and an even further shortage in the fiscal year next.

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