

SLAIN RECTOR'S WIDOW QUIZZED AT COURTHOUSE

Mrs. Hall Smuggled Into Building Through Coal Bins to Evade Crows

PROSECUTOR ASKS ABOUT DISCREPANCIES IN STORIES

Heavily Veiled, She Sends Request to Photographers to Take No Pictures of Her

MAY EXHUME SINGER'S BODY

Doctors Disagree Over Wounds She Received—Mills and Daughter Blame Jealousy

By a Staff Correspondent

New Brunswick, N. J., Sept. 23.—Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, wealthy widow of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall, murdered rector of the Episcopal Church of St. John the Evangelist, was taken to the County Prosecutor's office at noon today and closely questioned.

Prosecutor Beckman, of Somerset County; Prosecutor Stricker, of Middlesex County; Assistant Prosecutor Toolan and detectives from both counties combined to subject Mrs. Hall to the first examination she has had in the Prosecutor's office. She was questioned about her husband and Mrs. Eleanor Reinhardt Mills, choir singer slain with him Thursday night of last week.

Mrs. Hall was smuggled into the courthouse through an alley between the courthouse and the jail, then down through a coal cellar and up by an inside stairway, in an effort to evade curious crowds.

Detectives Employ Ruse

For the reason apparently a party of detectives left the courthouse at 10 o'clock in an automobile a few minutes before Mrs. Hall arrived and following newspaper men a very chase to the abandoned Phillips farm, where the bodies of the man and woman were found last Saturday.

After most of the newspapermen sitting outside the courthouse had departed in pursuit of the car full of detectives, County Detective Toolan left the courthouse in a limousine at 11:20 o'clock, followed in a few minutes by County Detective Collins in a second limousine. They went to the home of Mrs. Hall and told her that the county prosecutors wanted to talk to her.

Mrs. Hall protested that she would not go with either of the detectives in their machines. After some argument they agreed to let her go to the courthouse in her own town car. She set out accompanied by her friend, Miss S. Peters, who has been her housekeeper for several days, and by a young woman said to be Mrs. Hall's niece, who drove the car.

Detectives Follow Closely

The run to the courthouse took only five minutes. The detectives followed Mrs. Hall's car closely in their machines, and when her automobile stopped they jumped out and escorted her into the alley way and so into the court house with as little delay as possible. She persons saw Mrs. Hall enter or her examining room.

She is a big, stout woman, but good-looking. Mrs. Hall was dressed in black, and wore a heavy veil. She seemed strong and confident, but her appearance of "collapse" hinted at a letter she had written to the county prosecutor.

Assistant Prosecutor Toolan led the examination after Mrs. Hall had been in the examining room for more than an hour. He said he was not going to give any inkling as to what was going on in the prosecutor's office.

He admitted, however, that Mrs. Hall was being questioned in a distant building, the events of the night of the shooting and followed it. She had not seen Mrs. Mills, believed coffee she drank at Mrs. Hall's home some months ago was poisoned.

Mrs. Hall's car remained parked while the county prosecutors searched the county's length for a motive. The girl who drove the machine left it and took refuge in the home of a friend near by as to avoid the stress of the situation.

Crowd Gathers at Courthouse

The news that Mrs. Hall was in the courthouse being examined, started a crowd in the neighborhood of the courthouse, which Mrs. Hall's attorneys, who were present at the interview, tried to keep well back from. When told that she was being examined, they expressed surprise, and a crowd of about 100 gathered to get into the courthouse.

FAILS IN THREE TRIES AT SUICIDE

Man, 62, Uses Gun, Revolver and Gas—Will Recover

Although he made three attempts today to end his life, using a revolver, knife and gas, George Flynn, sixty-six years old, of 2231 Dickinson street, lives.

He is in the Polyclinic Hospital suffering from a bullet wound in the head, a deep cut in his throat and gas poisoning. Physicians say he will recover.

Worry over lack of employment and the belief that he was getting too old for work so preyed on Flynn's mind that he decided to end his life, police say.

Mrs. Flynn went to a store shortly before noon today and on her return smelled gas. She found her husband unconscious on a bed.

ROBBERS FIRE ON FLEEING AUTOIST

Motorcycle Bandits Foiled in Attempt to Halt Car on Montgomery Pike

When Edwin Saxman, nineteen years old, failed to stop his car last night at a lonely spot near Bryn Mawr, at the command of three highwaymen, he was fired upon and his machine slightly damaged.

Young Saxman, who is the son of Edwin F. Saxman, president of the Saxman Coal and Coke Company, of this city, was on his way from his home in Villanova to Sulgrave, the home of William MacPherson Hornor, prominent clubman, in Bryn Mawr, to take Peter C. Hornor and his brother, Caleb, to a theater.

Near Spring Mill road and County Line, young Saxman saw three men on motorcycles. They stopped as he drew near. Two of them walked to the center of the road and held up their hands as a signal for young Saxman to stop. Instead of complying with their command, he sped up his machine, a Stutz roadster, and raced by at high speed.

THREE BULLETS HIT AUTO

The bullets immediately opened fire on Saxman, but he did not stop. Two bullets pierced the body of the speeding automobile and a third struck a rear tire. Saxman did not stop to change tires.

"I became suspicious of a hold-up when I got close enough to the men to bring them clearly in the rays of my lights and to get a good look at them," young Saxman said this morning. "They were dressed rather shabbily. Their clothes were covered with dust, and all wore large goggles that obscured their eyes. They were riding on motorcycles. I shot ahead as fast as I could."

"I was scared when they began shooting and I heard the third of the two bullets that hit the car," he said in response to a question. "I didn't know just what the next one would do to me, but I concluded in the split of a second as possible and gave more gas to the engine. That car is speedy, so I wasn't within range of their pistols very long."

Shots Fired at Policeman

Three shots fired by the Hadnor Township police resulted in a general search throughout the Main Line district for the bandits.

About one hour later Policeman Winner, of Lower Merion township, was riding his bicycle on Bryn Mawr avenue, Conynwyd, when his attention was attracted to a Ford touring car, containing four men, which was standing near the center of the road. He rode by the car and then, thinking its occupants might in some way be connected with the attempted hold-up, turned his bicycle and started toward the machine.

The automobile lights were turned directly on him as he did so and the machine quickly turned and started in the direction of the city. Policeman Winner's revolver was fired on him with three shots, but he was not hurt.

PLAINTIFF PAYS PART OF DEFENDANT'S FINE

Man Convicted in Auto Collision \$3.50 Shy of His Assessment

Joseph C. Carpenter, 5225 Knox street, was fined \$10 for driving recklessly when he drove his automobile into a collision with Carpenter's "son" at Bryn Mawr this morning, but when the man whom he accused was fined \$2.50, the plaintiff's lawyer reported and paid the difference.

Carpenter charged that Albert Derode, of 4470 Locust street, driving recklessly when he drove his automobile into a collision with Carpenter's at Bryn Mawr and Lansdowne avenues, Bryn Mawr, last night. A motorist said his car was damaged to the extent of several hundred dollars.

At the hearing, Derode agreed to pay the damage. Then Magistrate Albert Earl Derode \$13.50 for reckless driving.

CAN CITY AFFORD PALACE OF JUSTICE? IS JUDGES' QUERY

Want to Know More About Finances Before Passing on Brown Project

AUDENRIED, FINLETTER AND McCULLEN SIT AT HEARING

Hadley Will Be Called at Next Public Hearing, Set for Saturday

The Judges of Common Pleas Court No. 1 want to know if the city is financially able to build a \$5,000,000 "palace of justice" for the Municipal Court before they pass on plans for the building.

That was the desire expressed by Judges Audenried, McCullen and Finletter today after a public hearing in room 446, City Hall, where President Judge Brown's ambitious project was alternately praised and condemned.

Another public hearing will be held next Saturday at 10 A. M., so City Controller Hadley can describe the city's financial condition. Money requirements for the water supply and other necessities are to be considered.

Judge Brown wants work started on the south wing of the proposed "palace" on a Parkway site between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets, facing Logan Square.

Model Is Displayed

A model of the proposed structure, prepared by John T. Windrum, the architect, was displayed in court, together with all specifications, plans and contracts.

The unusual proceeding was based on an old act of Assembly, which gives the Common Pleas Court authority to pass on the buildings proposed for the judiciary. Judge Audenried last spring dismissed a taxpayer's suit which attacked the proposed "palace."

Counselman Dewelin was the principal spokesman of the opposition. He called the proposed building a far departure from the original purpose of the Municipal Court, which was created as a "poor man's tribunal." He said the building would be paid for on such a project as far more needed for the water supply and other necessities.

When Mr. Dewelin completed his argument, William P. Connor, counsel for the court commission, asked if he had not raised the same objections in Council.

That is hardly relevant as we and not Connor are to pass on the plans," interrupted Judge Audenried.

Vaudeville Supports Project

Paul Thompson, vice president of the United Gas Improvement Company and Samuel M. Vaudeville, president of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, spoke in approval of the plan and said only a building of the type designed was suitable for the Parkway.

President Judge Brown, with members of his staff, was in court but took no part in the arguments. With him were Arthur R. H. Morrow and Rice Garland, chief clerks of the Municipal Court. Others there included Richard Wagelin, president of Council; Counselman

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Who Is She?



This girl died in Jefferson Hospital after being found in a drug stupor on a doorstep at Tenth and Spruce streets

FIND GIRL DYING AFTER 'DRUG PARTY'

Unidentified Victim, Succumbs in Hospital After Being Found at Tenth and Spruce

An attractive girl with blonde lobbed hair and modish clothes, died at 10:30 o'clock this morning at the Jefferson Hospital of an overdose of a drug.

Her is the first death directly ascribable to a drug since Judge Monaghan began his campaign against the Philadelphia drug ring.

The police believe she was the victim of an overdose of a drug taken at a "drug party," held somewhere near the central section of the city last night. A young woman was found recently unconscious from an overdose of the same drug, administered by hypodermic needle, as in the present case. In the first instance the girl recovered.

The young woman whose death occurred at the Jefferson Hospital today was found at 1 o'clock this morning on a doorstep on Tenth street near Spruce.

Patrolman Jones saw her huddled on the steps. A black velvet hat was tilted over her face, showing her fair hair, cut off in a "bob" at her ears. She had a brown coat suit, of excellent texture, silk stockings and black pumps.

The patrolman took the girl by the shoulder and tried to arouse her. Her heavy breathing and the bluish pallor of her face showed clearly that she had taken a potent drug. He sent her to the hospital and the case was pronounced one of narcotic poisoning. On the girl's left arm an anchor had been tattooed and the right, apparently, had a similar design.

Stimulants were given, efforts were made to force her to walk about to throw off the effects of the drug, and as a last resort a pituitary was injected to keep her lungs and heart in action. After a long hard battle the girl died.

There was nothing about the girl to lead to her identity, save several photographs of sailors found in her pocket. Police believe that she had been on a "drug party," and had sneaked off to her room in a hotel on an automobile and abandoning her at the first convenient place.

EVERGREEN FARMS WAITERS ROBBED

Held Up by Armed Trio, Who Got \$25 and Watch

Three young men, armed with revolvers, held up waiters at Evergreen Farms, Welsh road, and Besandale road, early yesterday morning and took \$25 in cash and a watch.

The police captured the "gangsters" quarters at 2 o'clock yesterday morning, where they found the restaurant waiters and their employees, who were forced to turn over the cash and valuables in the building.

The young men then jumped in their car and sped away. Guests at the restaurant were not disturbed.

COURT GRANTS PLEA FOR NATION-WIDE RAIL INJUNCTION

Judge Wilkerson Holds Defendants Must Have Had Knowledge of Acts of Violence

TEXT OF PROPOSED ORDER MORE DRASTIC THAN FIRST

More Than 400,000 Members of Railroad Labor Unions Affected

Chicago, Sept. 23.—Judge James H. Wilkerson today granted Attorney General Daugherty's petition for a nationwide temporary injunction against the striking railway shippers.

Judge Wilkerson, in a lengthy review of the case, said the defendants could not deny knowledge and responsibility for the widespread violence which has marked the strike. Partial settlement of the strike, he held, has not affected the right of the Government to obtain a nation-wide injunction.

The court gave attorneys for the defense until Monday morning at 10 o'clock to study the decision and prepare to argue the text of the injunction order which will be signed.

Attorney General Daugherty, on Thursday presented the Government's proposed draft, which is even more drastic than the restraining order now in force.

The order will affect about 270 offices of 400,000 members of the six crafts belonging to the Railway Employees Department, American Federation of Labor.

LIQUOR CASES JAM U. S. JURY DOCKET

Director Davis Says 250 Indictments Await Consideration

Federal Prohibition Director Davis, of Pennsylvania, has reported to Commissioner Haynes at Washington that in this district the Federal Grand Jury is under consideration approximately 250 indictments for violation of the liquor laws.

Included in these are persons charged with using and dealing in "physiological" artificial sweeteners and substituting water for whiskey.

District Attorney Coles says more cases will be presented than ever before have been given a Grand Jury in this district. He declared he will not be able to delay hearings to wait for defendants' counsel.

Director Davis reports the exposure of a ring of liquor law violators charged with manipulating whiskey and sacramental wine permits, who make Chicago their headquarters. He states he is making every effort to run down every dealer in forged or fraudulent permits attempting to operate in Pennsylvania.

FIREMEN SAVE LOAD OF BEER—FOR POLICE

Bryn Mawr Red Shirts Return From Fire, Tongues Hanging Out

A squad of Bryn Mawr firemen saved the cargo of a truck loaded with beer when it caught fire in Montgomery avenue and Spring Mill road, Villanova, this morning.

Just as they had the extinguishers and the barrels and cases piled at the side of the road, and were smacking their lips in anticipation of the party, the truck burst into flames.

The truck was owned by Adam Sikes, of Norristown, and was being driven by John Martin, of Philadelphia. The fire was a short circuit and the machine caught fire. Martin called the firemen, but the police came without being notified.

Harding's Program Hinges on Outcome of Elections

Ship Subsidy and Rail Board Legislation Depend Upon Size of G. O. P. Majority in the House

By CLINTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger

Washington, Sept. 23.—Congress goes away to return right after election, taking only a few weeks' recess. Before it will come on at once two highly important measures on which there exists a great division of opinion, the Ship Subsidy Bill and legislation to give the Railroad Labor Board authority to pass final upon wage disputes.

The fate of these measures, and indeed of the whole character of the next sessions of Congress, will depend upon the result of the coming election. This is said, though it is confidently expected the Republicans will retain control of the House when the votes are all counted in November.

In many ways this is one of the most important congressional elections in years. Shall there be a greater or a less degree of party government in the next two years of the present Administration? Nothing less than that will be decided by the result of the voting in November.

The two measures which President Harding will propose in November are, in effect, party measures. There will be a ship subsidy only if party discipline is strong enough to put one through. There will be public control over labor disputes in the transportation and fuel industries only if some measure of party solidarity is re-established in November.

Conservation vs. Sovietism

One of the Old Guard Senators who refuses to have his name used in this connection described the existing situation thus: "The Republican Party, as we know it, is gone. What we have now is a boarding house in which all kinds of people who do not agree are living. If we are going to have parties, we shall have to get around to a conservative party and an opposition that is bent on sovietizing the United States."

That is an extravagant and rhetorical way of putting it. Defeat embittered the Senator's tongue. The Republican Party is a boarding house, but none of the boarders is trying to sovietize the United States.

All are watching to see what the next election reveals as to the strength of the Republican Party as an organization. The Republican Party under Mr. Harding is definitely swinging toward conservatism. The Supreme Court is being made thoroughly conservative. The use of the injunction in the labor dispute and the move to carry the Senate. They must have a handsome majority in it in order to give strength to the President's program.

If the Republican organization is left dependent upon those lightly bound by party ties for its majority, the disintegration which began in this session will proceed.

The Ship Subsidy Bill will be hard to carry this year. It is unpopular in many sections of the country. If the Republican majority is narrow in November, it will be impossible to get around to a conservative party and an opposition that is bent on sovietizing the United States.

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LOYD GEORGE SAYS PEACE IS BRITAIN'S AIM

Seeks to Prevent Asiatic War From Sweeping Across Into Europe

DEMANDS FREE STRAITS SUPERVISED BY LEAGUE

Turks Plant Field Guns Near Dardanelles—Concurs Troops at Ishmid

FRESH ENGLISH FORCES

French and British Unable to Agree on Message to Be Sent Kemal

Lloyd George says Britain wants free Straits supervised by League and seeks to prevent war from spreading to Europe.

Turks concentrate at Ishmid and bring up field guns from Eszine toward Straits while British strengthen forces.

Kemalists seem to decide whether or not to attempt invasion of Europe. Reports in Paris are to the effect that Great Britain and France will not agree on terms of the invitation to be sent Kemal regarding a parley for settlement of Near-East problems.

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1200-ROOM HOTEL CHURCH FORBIDS FOR CHESTNUT ST. DIVORCED TO WED

Large Subscriptions Made for Establishment to Rise on Site of Continental

Episcopalians Make Exception Only When Decree Is Given for Infidelity

BIG BUILDING BOOM ON NO PUNISHMENT PROVIDED

Larger and more imposing by substantial means are being planned for the new hotel on the site of the old Continental, at Ninth and Chestnut streets, near completion.

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FISH AGAINST FISH

Stuyvesant Won't Vote for Hamilton, Jr., for Congress

Carmel, N. Y., Sept. 23.—(By A. P.)—Representative Hamilton, Fish, Jr., who was re-elected last Tuesday by the Republican voters in the Twenty-sixth congressional district, will not receive the vote of his constituents, Stuyvesant Fish, at the election in November. The elder Fish, in a letter sent to a local newspaper and published today, wrote: "I would not vote for Hamilton, Jr., for Representative Fish some time ago, that, while we are on the best of terms personally, I do not approve of the record he has made in Congress, and shall not vote for his re-election."

Stuyvesant Fish is treasurer of the National Society Opposed to Prohibition, and Representative Fish, during the primary campaign, placed himself on record as opposed to any attempt to liberalize the Volstead act.

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PRINCESS TO DIE AS SPY

Is Convicted of Aiding Japan by Tribunal at Moscow

Moscow, Sept. 23.—(By A. P.)—A woman, believed to be Princess Anna Troubetzkaya, daughter of a Kiev princess, was sentenced to be shot after a trial before a revolutionary tribunal in Moscow yesterday. The woman was arrested in Vladivostok on a charge of espionage in the service of the Japanese.

The Soviet claimed that she had been a spy in the interests of the Japanese Government, but was simultaneously giving information to the Japanese.

SECRETARY HUGHES HOME FROM RIO DE JANEIRO VISIT

Battleship Maryland, With Party on Board, Arrives in New York

New York, Sept. 23.—(By A. P.)—The battleship Maryland, bringing Secretary of State and Mrs. Hughes and their party home from the Brazilian continental exposition, passed Sandy Hook shortly before noon today and steamed into the harbor to anchor later in the Hudson.

Film Villain Shot in Reality

Los Angeles, Sept. 23.—(By A. P.)—Noble Bruce, film character actor, today bears marks from a "villain" he has just acted. He is nursing a flesh wound which he suffered while Helene Clendinning, accidentally inflated when the reel revolved, fired before the camera. He quit real and inflicted a wound in Bruce's side.

Widow of Camden Iron Works Official Leaves \$175,000

The will of Mrs. Helen B. Graves, 117 West Main street, Haddonfield, widow of Edwin Graves, late manager of the Camden Iron Works, was admitted to probate in Camden today.

The estate, which amounts to about \$175,000, is divided among three sisters, Mrs. John Parks, Ocean Grove; Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson and Mrs. Mary MacMillan, of Washington, D. C., and three nephews and a niece, Howell Parks, of Muskogee, Wis.; Sumner Randall, Harold Randall and Mrs. Katharine of South A.

There are additional bequests