

MARYLAND DEATH MYSTERY DEEPENS

Authorities Today Will Report on Whether Poison Killed F. H. Blaul

HINT WOMEN INVOLVED

By a Staff Correspondent. Cumberland, Md., Sept. 27.—Died Frederick H. Blaul die of arsenical poisoning, and if so, did he take it himself to end his career, or was it administered to him?

The first question is expected to be answered this afternoon, when the report is received from the Johns Hopkins Hospital, at Baltimore, where the examination of the dead man has been sent for.

The second question indicates the suspicion in the minds of the authorities that the death of Fred Blaul may have been cut short by the criminal act of some one with whom he was deeply compromised.

A few years ago he was one of the thriving town's wealthiest residents. He owned a cold storage plant, a wholesale meat establishment and a string of real estate.

Today he is dead. His viscera are being handled by scientists, thinking being traces of poison. His business affairs are said to be deeply involved, and dark rumors concerning his secret life are being bandied about the town where he was once a respected merchant.

Although he had been ill for a week, his condition was not considered serious until shortly before his death on Wednesday morning, telling his wife he was going to his office.

From that time on he was a sick man. Dr. C. H. Brice treated him for several days, according to neighbors, a tremendous commotion at the Blaul home. Screams were heard, it is said, and some of the more excited declare a fire was fired.

The fact that the Blauls have resulted in a dead one separately. Mrs. Blaul began action for a divorce, but there was a reconciliation effected. Women, it is declared here, are placed in the Blaul home. Gifts of motorcars are openly hinted at. Blaul is said to have had business reverses of late.

A woman giving the name of Mrs. Carter telephoned a neighbor of Mrs. Blaul, a Mrs. Eggleston, on Monday night, inquiring as to the condition of Mr. Blaul. The reply was, "We didn't know he was ill." "Oh, yes, he was," replied Monday night.

Coroner Joseph B. Finnan will comment upon the death until he has more information at hand. Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Blaul home on Green street, with interment in Rosehill Cemetery.

The Rev. H. H. Hurl, pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, will officiate. It is understood that the family that no flowers be sent.

Besides his widow, the dead man is survived by one son, Frank H. Blaul.

NAVY EXPERTS GIVE SECRET OF CONSERVING HARD COAL

Householders Advised to Use Finer Grade for Furnace Top Dressing and to Shake Stove Gingerly

There is timely information for the household in a circular issued by the Navy Department on the economical use of anthracite in furnaces and stoves.

The circular is being distributed by the Anthracite Bureau of Information. Referring to the manner in which anthracite fires should be handled and pointing out the advantage of using the smaller and cheaper sizes, the circular says:

"At night, after the fire is shaken down and some of the large coal put on, the fire can be banked for the night by shoveling on a top dressing of No. 1 buckwheat.

"This top dressing tends to hold down the draft and aids in the proper and economic combustion of the coal body as well as the whole.

"In the morning, at least in mild weather, the furnace should be shaken down as usual and fired with some of the regular coal.

"After the fire has begun burning well it can be checked by banking by using a quantity of the fine coal as top dressing.

"The two sizes of coal never should be mixed, but kept in separate bins. The buckwheat should be used only as a top dressing, and should not be used except with the larger sizes of anthracite.

"Always carry a layer of ashes on the grate to prevent the coal from falling through.

"Shake the grates with short strokes—just enough to remove most of the ashes—leave a layer on the grate.

"Then slightly loosen the fire with a poker so that the air can pass through it.

"Allow the fire to burn up brightly; then add a little coal.

"Allow the fire to burn rather freely for about fifteen minutes, then fill the firebox with coal almost to the bottom of the coating door.

"If you change your order or at least part of it to egg and pea or egg and No. 1 buckwheat you will get quicker delivery, as well as save money."

'ALWAYS READY,' HELLO GIRL SAYS

Mrs. Ridge Unconcerned After Quick Action Which Saved Wounded Woman's Life

HEARD MDANS OVER WIRE

Mrs. Catharine Ridge, telephone operator at Bryn Mawr, today modestly discussed her quick-witted action which may have saved the life of Mrs. Mary T. Fleming, of Lancaster pike, Havertown, who was shot through the lungs last night.

The operator, a bride of two weeks, saw a signal light flash on her switchboard and heard low moans coming over the wire from the Fleming home.

Mrs. Ridge notified Dr. C. Atwood Rose, of Ardmore, and then the Bryn Mawr Hospital, the physician reaching Mrs. Fleming's home a few minutes before the hospital ambulance.

Mrs. Fleming, who is fifty-eight years old and the widow of Dr. Elmer E. Fleming, a dentist, was found unconscious with a bullet wound over her heart.

It is believed she shot herself accidentally while handling a pistol.

"It was nothing more than part of the day's work to me," said Mrs. Ridge today as she sought to belittle the praise given for her alertness and quick thinking.

"A telephone operator gets all kinds of calls and persons in all sorts of trouble turn to the telephone for aid, whether it is a fire, a robbery, a riot, or what not. No, I wasn't surprised after I learned fully what had happened. I finished work a few minutes later, my husband and I went to the movies."

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Mrs. Fleming was found lying on the floor of her home with the telephone receiver gripped in her hand. Her son, George R. Fleming, who lives with her, returned home and found her a few minutes before the arrival of Dr. Rose.

A trail of blood led from her bedroom to where the telephone stands. Other members of the family had gone out shortly after dinner, and it is believed that Mrs. Fleming, seeing a roughly dressed man who had been prowling about the neighborhood for several days, went to her son's room and got his revolver.

Police think it exploded while she was examining it. The bullet penetrated the woman's lung and passed out of the body through the left shoulder.

Weakened by the loss of blood and suffering from intense pain, she staggered from the bedroom where the shot was fired, to the telephone in her son's den across the hall, and just managed to remove the receiver before she collapsed.

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CONSIDER NEW P.R.T. LINES

Twining and Transit Engineers Discuss Problems

The next move in city transit is now under discussion between engineers of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company and Director of City Transit W. S. Twining.

"City engineers and engineers of the P. R. T. have been holding conferences recently," said Director Twining yesterday, "but the conferences have been in regard to engineering problems. The Broad street subway appears to be the next general advancement."

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BUS BREAKS GIRL'S LEG

Granddaughter of the Late Harry Wright Hurt in Merchantville

Barbara Wright, fourteen years old, of Merchantville, granddaughter of the late Harry Wright, for many years manager of the Philadelphia Baseball Club, was injured today when a motor-truck struck at a crossway which she was about to board near her home.

The girl was knocked under the wheels and her right leg was broken.

Tree Hit by Car Kills Girl. A tree covered at its base at Ann and Thompson streets by a motortruck yesterday struck and killed Miss Zieff, five years old, of 2913 Ann street.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES. John J. Reilly, 4305 Germantown ave. St. John, and Marie A. Baker, 2928 E. Chestnut st.

Woman in Russia Hopes to Obtain Funds to Come Here. To obtain funds to come to this country with her daughter, Esther, Mrs. Nellie Pruzansky, Odessa, Russia, is anxious to locate her husband, Max Pruzansky, and her son, Morris Pruzansky, who are supposed to be in this city.

PLAN CIVIC CENTER

Bywood Residents Will Boom Community. A civic center for Bywood, one of the thriving communities along West Chester pike, has been planned by residents of the place.

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ALLENTOWN MEN HURT

Three Sustain Injuries When Automobile Goes Into Ditch. Allentown, Pa., Sept. 27.—Three Allentown men are in St. Luke's Hospital as the result of an early morning automobile accident while they were returning from the boxing match at Easton.

Charles W. Ettinger, Allentown fight promoter, suffered a broken collarbone and wrist, while Frank "Pinkey" Haas, was also seriously hurt.

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