

MRS. MILLS FOUGHT BITTERLY FOR LIFE

Fled After Slayers Killed Rector, Hid in Bushes, but Was Found by Flashlights

THEN DRAGGED TO DEATH

By a Staff Correspondent
New Brunswick, N. J., Oct. 28.—Amplifying her recounted eye-witness account of the slaying of the Rev. Edward Hall and Mrs. Eleanor B. Wheeler, Mrs. Jane Gibson asserted Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Jane Gibson asserted Mrs. Mills was dragged to death and killed after the slaying of the rector.

The woman also declares that she returned to the old Phillips farm four hours after the murder and that she saw a woman dragging one of the bodies and weeping bitterly. She said it was the same Mills. She said it was the same woman she saw when the numbers were entered.

According to the amended version of the double crime given to the authorities by Mrs. Gibson, the obese singer cast into a tangle of bushes after a shot had been fired into the head of Dr. Hall, her companion.

Dragged Back to Hall's Body

The elegantly dressed Mrs. Mills, who had hunted for Mrs. Mills, was discovered, loathed her, and dragged her back to the spot where Dr. Hall's body lay. Three shots were fired into her head as she struggled to get away. The author of the deed used the revolver.

Mrs. Mills had been handled roughly.

Mrs. Mills told Deputy Attorney

General that she returned to the scene of the murder out of curiosity and because she had dropped one of her stockings during her flight or nakedness after the murder.

A State trooper was on guard at Mrs. Gibson's farm today and turned away would-be visitors anxious to gain a glimpse of her.

Judge W. G. Baier, of Haddonfield, and a teacher near the Superintendent High School, said to-day that he believed the woman farmer was overwrought.

Mills Glad Arrest Is Near

James Mills, husband of the murdered woman, who left last night that no arrest could not come too soon to his taste, appeared to be pleased that the investigation at last appeared to be making headway.

Found last night in the cellar of the Church of the Ascension, the Evangelist, of which he is the rector, Mills was struck by a knelling wood against the wall and was slitting with his twelve-year-old son Daniel, who was tossing the wood to his father piece by piece from a wooden bin.

The sexton said that his daughter Charlotte had gone to Paterson early in the morning with wife and mother Mrs. Mills. Neighbors had told him that Mrs. Mills had left with Mills earlier in the day when Charlotte had brought the children of the trip, but Mills said, "We won't talk about that."

Questioned about his views of Mrs. Jane Gibson's eye-witness story, the rector said he had no idea of what actually happened now, but said, "It took us to get through with it to make out to me. The sooner they take this arrest the better for me. I wouldn't go through this again for \$10,000 for some one else's dirty work."

Relations Platonic, Mills Says Now

Mills said he had been thinking a great deal of late about the relations between Hall and Mrs. Mills. At those when their letters between the couple were published, Mills said he received a letter from his wife which had been sent along by the son of Mr. Hall, a new pair of glasses, "so he could be found that she didn't believe her husband had written the letters and diary attributed to him," Mills said last night he had gone back to the original opinion that the relations between his wife and the rector were not platonic.

"I've been doing a whole lot of thinking about this case, and I can't believe there was anything wrong. The rector treated me too white. They might have been very good friends, but I don't think it was anything more than that. She was a woman who liked company and all that sort of thing, so that's what I said. The letter doesn't count. I know my wife better than anybody."

Widowed Brother's Address

When Mills was asked for the address of his brother Henry he said, "You don't want to see Henry. He doesn't know any more about this than a man in California, and he won't talk to newspaper men. He thinks too much has been printed already."

Then he weakly poked the fire in the furnace and tossed several shovelfuls of coal into the heater with the comment: "Between here and the school, I guess I have done my share of shoveling," and then, as an afterthought:

"Say, you've said there was a starch box in the basement where they used to put their letters. I have looked right in box for that box and haven't been able to find it."

He was referring to the private practice office and have been established by Mrs. Mills and Dr. Hall as a medium for the exchange of notes and other communications.

As he closed the cellar door Mills stood for a moment and looked straight ahead into the darkness.

"Why did all this have to happen?"

Reported Missing

Mary Mandel, seventeen years old, 450 Wall street, 5 feet 4 inches tall, 100 pounds, dark complexion and dark hair, and wearing a black dress with fur trimmings, short green coat, black belt, black shoes and stockings.

Joseph Laufer, nine years old, 2050 North Fifth street, 4 feet 2 inches tall, 60 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, short brown suit, dark cap, black shoes and stockings.

Anthony Mascare, thirteen years old, 1805 South Fifth street, 5 feet 4 inches tall, 100 pounds, light complexion and dark hair, blue eyes, brown coat, black cap, black shoes and stockings.

Harry Cline, fifteen years old, 110 South Third street, 6 feet tall, 180 pounds, dark complexion and dark hair, blue eyes, brown coat, gray trousers, brown cap and shoes.

Adam Sokolsky, forty years old, 604 South Water street, 5 feet 6 inches tall, 180 pounds, dark complexion and dark hair, dark clothes, black derby hat and black shoes.

They wandered over the lane, which played so big a part in Mrs. Gibson's graphic story of the shooting, never getting out of sight of the crab-apple tree under which the bodies were found. Later the troopers brought the unidentified girl back to town and she disappeared with the girl in their car.

TILDEN STILL IN HOSPITAL

Agents Say Plumber Compelled Wife to Peddle Whiskey

When Federal prohibition agents arrested Ida Silverman, a plumber of Fifty-ninth and Market streets, they say they found whisky bottles hidden in the side of a baby carriage containing a seven-month-old baby. Agents McNamee and Tilden, who have been forcing Mrs. Stevens to tell them the name of the journey which they have made with the girl in their car,

In connection with the mention of a corroborating witness, a charge of circumstantial evidence in the appearance of the case of notorious witness, a girl of twenty-one and considerable good looks, who in company with State troopers, passed an hour near the scene of the murder.

Whence this girl came and whether she departed remained a mystery yesterday. The troopers admitted they had taken her to the beach and had taken her to the Phillips' home at the direction of Mr. Morris, they declined to say the progress of the journey which they had made with the girl in their car.

Samuel Farber, sixteen years old, 1805 South Fifth street, 6 feet tall, 120 pounds, light complexion, dark hair and eyes, blue coat, blue trousers, light cap, black stockings and black shoes.

Robert Fitzgerald, thirteen years old, 8509 Livingston street, 4 feet 6 inches tall, 80 pounds, light complexion and hair, brown coat, brown trousers, dark cap, black shoes and stockings and brown shoes.

Joseph M. Dostie, fifteen years old, 1805 Calowhill street, 5 feet 7 inches tall, 120 pounds, light brown hair, blue eyes, light complexion, medium build, gray coat, blue trousers, light cap and black knitted tie, tan shirt and collar, black shoes and stockings.

WIDOW AND MURDER VICTIM



Mrs. Eleanor Reinhardt Mills (without the hat), who was murdered by the Rev. Dr. Edward Wheeler Hall on the night of September 14, and Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall (wearing hat), widow of the slain rector, who has been identified by an alleged eye-witness as being present when the double killing was committed.

HALL-MILLS MURDER PROVES WEIRD, CONFLICTING MYSTERY

Bewildered Prosecutors Run Round in Circles as Inscrutable Slayer Calmly Watches Ghoulish Comedy

By a Staff Correspondent

New Brunswick, N. J., Oct. 28.—At all the weird Alice in Wonderland mysteries that have caused the collective spine of the country to creep, the New Brunswick Hall-Mills murder takes the palm.

Case-hardened crime reporters, dizzy heads, bewildered prosecutors run around in circles. And the murderers or murderers, or somewhere, insertable, watching the ghoulish comedy.

A clergyman, head of an aristocratic Episcopal parish, killed the woman he loved. They were found hanging from a simple tree. She was of humble origin, a slightly built affair to be expected, neither rich nor fair, frequently end in grief and misery.

But the clergyman's eyes were cruelly closed, his hand was placed in an affectionate pose on the woman's shoulder, as they lay dead.

His spectacles were perched jauntily upon his nose. His whitening card read, "I'm in the name of humanity."

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