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WOMAN ESCAPES GALLOW'S BY SMILE
Men Jurors Say Mrs. Phillips' Sunny Ways Led to Compromise

HER OWN SEX PITILESS

By Associated Press
 Los Angeles, Nov. 17.—Men members of the jury which found Mrs. Clara Phillips guilty of second-degree murder for beating Mrs. Alberta Tremaine Meadows to death with a hammer, were quoted today as admitting Mrs. Phillips' smile saved her from the gallows. He it not been for the defendant's smile she probably would have been convicted of first-degree murder, without a recommendation for clemency, thus making death the only penalty, they said.

Mrs. Phillips seemed to study them, one at a time, and to flash frequent smiles at them while she turned an apparently stonel back to the spectators crowded in the courtroom, they were quoted.

"And she has the most appealing smile I ever saw," was the way one juror was quoted.

"But the women jurors were not affected by it, it was stated, as all three favored a verdict which would have sent Mrs. Phillips to the gallows. They found a compromise was necessary to avoid a disagreement.

"While the defense planned to ask for a new trial Monday, the time set for passing sentence, which may be a period of years from ten to life, the State counsel said they had no comment to make on the verdict.

"One newspaper reporter quotes Mrs. Phillips as saying: "I don't know whether I killed Alberta Meadows or not, but if I did, it was for mother-love. Armour L. Phillips, my husband, is my only baby, and when I realized he was being taken from me I fought and fought and fought so I might have him always."

Plan \$100,000 Gymnasium
 Williamsport, Pa., Nov. 17.—The Board of Managers of the Williamsport-Dickinson Seminars has ratified the decision of the Special School Committee for the erection of a new gymnasium at a cost of about \$100,000. Plans for a large auditorium, in connection with the gymnasium, have been dropped for the present. The cornerstone of the gymnasium will be laid at commencement exercises next June, which will mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of the institution.

SOBBING BRIDE QUIZZES PRISONER
Young Mrs. Samuel Grossman Asks Husband Why He Fired Fatal Shot

BYSTANDER WAS KILLED

While awaiting a hearing today on a charge of killing Louis "Benjetsky" Samuel Grossman, a prisoner in the Central Station cellroom, was visited by his bride of seven months who wept as she asked him why he fired the shot.

Benjetsky, owner of a candy store at 925 South Fourth street, was struck in the heart yesterday by a bullet which police say was intended for Pasquale Ancone, a former pugilist known as "Young Kid Broad."

"Mrs. Grossman read of the shooting in a newspaper last night. She hurried to City Hall, but was not permitted to see her husband. He returned at 6:30 o'clock this morning and, after a two-hour wait, was admitted to the cellroom.

The young woman sobbed when she saw Grossman. She tried to embrace him but the bars prevented. After talking to him for a few moments she left and retained a lawyer. Grossman has a room at 782 South Fifth street.

Grossman is said to have fired at Ancone because the latter had struck Myer Grossman, a brother of the defendant. Ancone ran into Benjetsky's store and as Grossman fired again, police say, Benjetsky fell.

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GAS VICTIMS ARE BURIED
2000 Persons Attend Keogan Rites in West Chester

West Chester, Nov. 17.—The joint funerals of Frank, Thomas, Alice and Mary Keogan, victims of gas poisoning early Sunday, when a shoe thrown by Thomas Keogan at their home, 131 Nields street, disconnected a tube on a gas stove, took place yesterday and was attended by about 2000 persons.

High Church, of which all the victims had been members, by the Revs. H. C. Schuyler and John McFadden. During the procession from a private chapel to the church the street was closed and more than 200 automobiles were in line. The church was crowded to the doors and many people remained on the sidewalks. Floral tributes covered the caskets.

LATEST RACING RESULTS

MARLBORO—First—Be Trueman, \$3.40, \$3.00, \$2.80, won; Silks and Satins, \$4.00, \$3.00, second; The Girl, \$2.80, third. Time, 1.03. Auntie Em, St. Angelina, The Sheik, Cumshaw and Olive May also ran.

POLICE PROBE MAN'S DEATH FROM GAS
 Joseph McCadden, 29 East Abington avenue, Chestnut Hill, was found dead from gas poisoning at his home early this morning, according to the police. Detectives are investigating the circumstances of his death, it was said at the Coroner's office.

YOUTH DYING AFTER SHOOTING HIMSELF
 Charles Stubbs, twenty years old, is dying in St. Luke's Hospital following an alleged attempt to commit suicide at his home at 1927 North Garnet street. Dependency over inability to find work is said to have caused the youth to shoot himself.

MAN SENT TO ASYLUM FOR THREATENING HARDING
 Judge Samuel M. Shea, sitting in a lunacy court in Camden today, formally committed Frank M. Hill, of Camden, to the Trenton Asylum. He is said to have threatened the life of President Harding and other high government officials.

ANDY GUMP FIGURES RECOUNT BUT SAYS FIGURES CAN'T LIE

But if They Do Congressman-Elect Asserts He Has Some Prevaricating Numerals of His Own in Reserve

"Gloom in a large package arrived at the camp of Congressman-Elect Andy Gump today, and when the bundle was opened it routed all the sunshine hanging around the place.

In the bundle was a little hat and a small collar. It was accompanied by the following ominous note: "On account of your stingy majority of thirty-seven votes there will be a recount. When it is finished you'll be able to wear this little collar and hat because you will shrink even in your own opinion."

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Andy turned and glowered upon his campaign manager, who sat sputnik-like in a corner.

"What the— what the— who— Where—is—When—?" gurgled Andy, for he couldn't locate his voice immediately.

"Be calm," counseled his manager. "A close decision always needs a recount."

"Is the voice of the people to be choked off?" thundered the congressman as he chewed at his cigar.

"Was the election all lost nation? What kind of a campaign manager are you, eh? Can't you dig up a paragraph out of a law book showing that accounts belong to the dark ages. Are you going to twiddle your thumbs and let them take my desk away from me down in Washington. Do you?"

"Silence," shouted the manager, and he gave Andy a look that was a lesson in histrionics. When the candidate cooled somewhat, the manager added: "Don't you know that a recount sometimes brings more votes to the fellow who's already won. Don't you know that I have men planted right in the skin dug out?"

"I guess they'll try to count me out by algebra," sneered Andy; "these magnificent mathematicians can turn a sixty-three upside down and make it look like thirty-nine when its on my side of the ledger. I used to be a weaker man and I'm somewhat of a lightning calculator, myself."

"Yes, and I can do a little fancy work with figures too," said the manager, as he lighted a fresh Gump cigar.

Andy lapsed to glance at a horse racing picture which adorned the wall. It gave him an inspiration.

"When you win by a nose," he exclaimed, "it's just as good as the length of the Sahara Desert. If they try to shake me out of this I'm going to blow down some tents and kick up some sand myself. I'm a nasty Arab when the explosives blow the wrong way."

"It's just a skink trick," He ran and lost," commented the manager.

REMOVAL OF PASTOR FROM HIS PULPIT IS AUTHORIZED

Clash Between Boston Presbytery and Congregation Disclosed

Special Report to Evening Public Ledger
ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 17.—The Executive Committee of the Presbytery of the Church of the United States last night instructed Moderator John C. Hays and Stated Clerk Lewis S. Mudge to take whatever legal steps may be necessary to remove T. Edgar Curtis from the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church of Brookline, Mass.

The action of the Executive Committee disclosed a year-old clash between the wealthy congregation of the Brookline church and the Boston Presbytery, which, it is now declared, will ultimately be aired in court. The church property, it was stated, may be taken from the congregation, a majority of which thus far has stood resolutely behind the minister.

Rev. Mr. Curtis, it is stated, was formerly a Congregational minister in England, and in accepting the call to the Brookline church failed to comply with the Presbyterian rule, which requires a year's probation before being ordained and thus becoming eligible to accept a charge.

MAN DIES GAME

Train Victim Asks for Cigarette Going to Operating Table

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 17.—In the City Hospital last night with his legs off and below the knee—he had been run down by an express train—Clarence Moore, thirty-three, married, and the father of four children, asked for a cigarette. The hospital people were then taking him into the operating room.

The man's request was complied with and he calmly puffed at the cigarette while preparations for an operation were being made by the surgeons and nurses.

"All right, let's go," he said when the other one was ready. The man died shortly after the surgeons finished operating upon him.

FIRE THREATENED ASYLUM

Flames in Beaport Workshop Controlled After Hard Fight

QUINCY, Nov. 17.—(By A. P.)—The Beaport Insane Asylum, where Alford Delorme, former priest, is confined for the murder of his half-brother, caught fire today.

The blaze started in the workshop in the rear of the main building. The institution is one of the largest of its kind in the Dominion.

The fire was brought under control after a hard fight and did not reach the main building.

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