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STEVENS WILL NOT BE MURDER 'GOAT'

Mrs. Hall's Brother, Off to Hunt, Links Himself With 'Bushy-Haired' Man

SCHNEIDER ON TRIAL TODAY

By a Staff Correspondent

New Brunswick, Dec. 5.—Henry Stebens, brother of Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, left today for a hunting trip at Greensboro, N. C. Before his departure he expressed disgust at the manner in which the authorities had investigated the Hall-Mills murder, and said the investigators appeared to be more anxious to find a "goat" in the case than to get the real murderer.

The departure of Stevens for the South and the trial today of Raymond Schneider, who discovered the bodies of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills, revived interest in the case here.

Mrs. Gibson's "Bushy-Haired Man"

"I certainly do not want the investigation to be dropped. Naturally, I know that I am under suspicion, and I suppose that I am looked upon by some as 'the bushy-haired man' referred to by Mrs. Gibson. I want the investigation to be pushed to the limit and the guilty parties brought to justice. But I don't believe the authorities are very anxious to push the investigation.

"It looks to me as if they simply wanted a goat, and the first person who came along who looked as if he might be drawn into it was the goat. They simply tried to bend their evidence to building up a case against me. They were not really looking for the facts in the case."

Asked how he felt when he heard that the Grand Jury had failed to return an indictment, Stevens said:

"Naturally, we were very much pleased that the Grand Jury did not indict my sister, Mrs. Hall. Not that we had the slightest apprehension in regard to her or myself.

"But we were under a great strain, of course, because the return of an indictment even though unjustified, would have carried with it a most disagreeable publicity and other unpleasant circumstances.

Will Not Go Abroad

"However, I'm not at all pleased that the case appears to have come to a standstill. I want to see the guilty parties brought to justice. I am leaving today for a brief shooting trip in North Carolina. This is an annual affair. I have been making this trip with a number of friends for the past twenty-five years. I will be away about two weeks and the authorities will be able to reach me at any time.

"However, I have given up my plans for going abroad this year, and do not want to appear to be running away from the authorities. Since the case is likely to be brought up again, I will remain here so that they can reach me at any time. I will probably remain in New York this winter, although my wife and I may take a brief run down to South America in March for the Brazilian exposition."

Schneider is charged with perjury as a result of his accusation against Clifford Hayes. After asserting that he saw Hayes commit the murder, Schneider subsequently confessed there was no truth in this charge and no basis for it. As an excuse for his strange action Schneider said he was browbeaten and given the third degree by the detectives in the case.

SANTA TO GET MONEY MEANT FOR BOOTLEGGERS

Magistrate's Appeal to Christmas Spirit Touches Prisoners

The Christmas spirit and an admonition from Magistrate Lindell today made pledge signers of several "drunks" brought to the Germantown police station.

During the last few week-ends about twenty-five men have been brought to the station charged with drunkenness. This morning Magistrate Lindell looked at the men ranged in front of him, and asked one prisoner how much he paid for a drink.

"Fifty cents," replied the man.

"Fifty cents," repeated the magistrate. "Don't you think you could spend your money to better advantage than that?

"Its almost Christmas time," he said, "and think of the happiness you could bring to some little girl who has always wanted a doll, or the comfort you could give some boy who has no gloves to wear and whose hands are chapped and raw from the cold.

"There are children starving and cold, who have no shoes to wear, and yet, with liquor at 50 cents a drink, you go out and get drunk."

Several of the men's hands slipped into their pockets as they fingered the money they had left, and the clink of the coins sounded faintly like the tinkle of Christmas bells.

The magistrate's appeal made a deep impression on them, for they signed the pledge—literally as well as figuratively, with the added memorandum that they would contribute to some of the Christmas projects the magistrate had suggested.

THREE DIE IN CAMDEN FROM AUTO ACCIDENTS

Woman and Man Hit by Speeding Cars—Driver Pinned Under Wheel

Three persons died today in Camden hospitals from the effects of injuries sustained in automobile accidents yesterday.

Valentine Kuhlen, thirty-one years old, 6450 Glenmore avenue, Philadelphia, died this morning in the Homeopathic Hospital from a broken back. He was injured yesterday when the machine he was driving collided with a motorbus, overturning and pinning him beneath the steering wheel. No arrests have been made, Camden detectives having ascertained that the collision was due to reckless driving on the part of Kuhlen.

Mrs. Bridget Ansley, sixty years old, died in Cooper Hospital from internal injuries. She was struck by an automobile on White Horse Pike, near her home in Kirkwood, N. J., last night. The car did not stop.

The third victim was William Neville, forty-seven years old, of Somerdale, N. J., who was hit by an automobile on White Horse Pike yesterday. The driver of the machine was arrested and is under bail.

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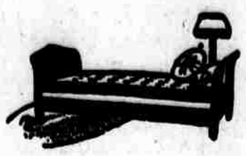

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